

Society update

We continue to move forward with the chapel project. We have submitted our business case to BTC (Bourne Town Council) and are awaiting their acceptance of it, following which we will receive £5,000 from BTC.

We are still awaiting first sight of the proposed lease, which we expect within the next month as this is currently being scrutinised by BTC before passing it to us for consideration.

We are currently applying to the Charities Commission for registration as a Charity, we are hopeful that this will be achieved before the end of the year.

Our timetable suggests the signing of the lease by the end of 2008, however this is dependent on the lease being accepted by us, and the delays at BTC are putting this date in jeopardy.

Publicity

Recently we have had charity stalls at the Corn Exchange and on the Thursday market. We have used these to make the society visible to the town and increase awareness of who we are, and what we represent. Our next stall will be on the Thursday market on December 4th where we will provide mince pies and mulled wine, come along and see us. (see separate article)

Cards

Town councillor and committee member, Helen Powell has produced some cards for sale to benefit the Society, these are in two designs, original artwork by Helen, and these can be purchased on our stalls etc. and wherever you find us!



Inspection of chapel

On Monday, 13th October, Mr. Ed Morton, managing director of The Morton Partnership, a London based firm of consulting structural engineers, specialising in Historic Buildings visited the chapel and carried out an inspection of the building. This company was recommended to us by the Victorian Society and we were pleased to welcome Mr. Morton to Bourne. His report is very favourable to our project and indicates much less work than expected, this will mean much less required funding and a shorter time span for the project. Mr Morton is a consultant engineer to English Heritage, and an Expert Advisor to the Heritage Lottery Fund, we are very fortunate to have a report by this well respected, and established firm.

Christmas Tree Festival

We have been invited to enter a tree into the "Christmas Tree Festival" to be held at the Methodist Church, on the 29th and 30th of November. It is an excellent way of promoting BPS, and Helen Powell has kindly agreed to decorate an artificial tree on our behalf. We will promote ourselves by having leaflets etc. around the base of the tree. Stewards are provided by the church, but responsibility for the tree remains with us, if anyone feels that they would like to do an hour or so over the weekend to perhaps talk about BPS, please contact Cynthia Graham on 01778 422097. This is a very popular event with a very large number of trees representing all aspects of Bourne, come along and see the trees and have a snack while you are there.

Chapel History

If you know of pictures, photographs, or historic information on the cemetery chapel, we would be interested to hear from you - jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk

Dates for your diary

28th November - Member evening and talk -
Wake House, North Street.
29/30th November - Christmas Tree Festival -
Methodist Church, Abbey Road.
4th December - Market Stall - Mince pies and mulled wine -
Bourne Thursday market

September members evening

Members enjoyed an enlightening evening provided by Alford Town Council representatives, council leader Cllr Grant Allen, and Town Clerk Jennie Cooper. It put a whole new light on fund-raising, and positive approach!

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for an ordinary committee member, due to the resignation of a serving member, due to personal change of circumstances. If you are interested in getting involved as a committee member, please contact Jack on 07960 569358

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Conservation Area

It is our intention to assist in the upcoming Conservation Area survey which will be carried out by SKDC. Bourne has not applied conservation area conditions to our town, as a glance down North Road will tell you, however the area also needs to be enlarged, as many important buildings are not currently included in the defined conservation area, the cemetery chapel for example. If you would be interested in helping with this work, please contact Jack Slater on 07960 569358 or any committee member.

Ostler Fountain

You may have seen in the press recently that BTC has decided to spend up to £25,000 on renovating the Ostler Fountain, we are very pleased that they are doing this, however many questions must be asked about the circumstances surrounding this decision, taken in August but only recently publicised. As we understand it, BTC has legal responsibility to maintain the chapel, however it has no such responsibility over the fountain, why then was no money spent on the chapel, when a BTC commissioned survey said it was urgently required, only £5,000 was available for us to take on the chapel, and yet, the very next month, the Finance Committee approved spend of up to £25,000 on the Ostler Fountain! There was a town survey over the chapel which BTC must maintain, yet no townspeople survey over a large spend on the Fountain .. strange indeed.

As a preservation society, we, of course support the renovation, but we must raise questions about the methodology of BTC, and the lack of consultation over siting of this lovely monument.

Website

Don't forget to keep up with our website, where you can find out what is happening, when it happens, also to check on meeting dates and events. The website is dependent on input from members and please send any input you have, or would like to see to chairman@bournepreservation-society.co.uk

We will grow the site soon with more information on our town and the villages around it. If you, or anyone you know, would like us to focus on your village, please let us know, and we will work with them to put it on the website.

December Market Stall

On December 4th, we are having a market stall, between 9am and 12 noon, to promote BPS with leaflets etc., and also, in true Christmas spirit, we will be serving mulled wine and a mince pie. It will be another opportunity for us to talk about our Society and it's aims.

I would like to ask members and committee to provide one dozen mince pies each please. Any leftover mince pies will be sold for BPS funds. Please contact Cynthia Graham on 01778 422097 to let her know that you will assist us, and she will tell you when to provide them, and where.

The Wellhead in October



Society Clothing

We have available polo shirts and fleeces, in the Society colours of Bottle Green, with an embroidered gold logo as shown below

Polo's are £14 each, Fleece is £25, ladies and men's sizes.



Enquiries to 07960 569358

Newsletter

We are always looking for ideas and opinions, this is your newsletter, please submit any items which you think others may be interested in, especially old pictures, or articles about Bourne, which we will feature in the newsletter, and on the website, remember to visit the site regularly, and please provide feedback on it to us .. www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk