

Welcome to the latest edition of the Society newsletter, we hope that you will enjoy reading it.

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**Chairman's comment.**

I am happy to report that things have become a lot more active since the last newsletter. In September the Society arranged a presentation to Bourne Town Council, by Ian Rice, Projects and Development Manager for the Architectural Heritage Fund ([www.ahfund.org.uk](http://www.ahfund.org.uk)) and Liz Bates, Historic Buildings Manager at Heritage Lincolnshire ([www.lincsheritage.org](http://www.lincsheritage.org)). The presentation highlighted the work of both organisations and the way in which they support, and work with groups such as ourselves. Bourne Town Council commented that the day had been 'very valuable' and 'time well spent'. Six members of the council attended the presentation at the headquarters of Heritage Lincolnshire, in Heckington, near Sleaford. A way forward with the project has been identified, and the first meeting with BTC took place on Tuesday 13th October, a further meeting is arranged for 20th November. This was a good meeting and there appears to be a new spirit of co-operation between both groups, which we very much hope will continue and grow. The Society is currently forming Bourne Preservation Trust, as a private limited company, limited by guarantee, and registered as a charity, we hope that this will be completed before the end of the year. We are always looking for members who have particular interests or skills related to historic buildings, and if that happens to be you, or you know someone who may fit that description, we would like to hear from you.

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On 3rd September we had a stall at Bourne Thursday market, and, as is traditional for us, the weather was not good. It was a useful morning however, chatting to the public and publicising the Society and its aims.

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**Dates for your diary**

**19th October** - Members night (see above) - Wake House, North Street, Bourne - 7.30pm

**19th October** - Committee meeting - Wake House - 9.00pm

**16th November** - Members night (Dr. Michael McGregor - Historic English Canals) - Wake House, North Street, Bourne - 7.30pm

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**Next Member Meeting**

Come along to Wake House next Monday, 19th October, at 7.30pm, and hear Martin Hill OBE, Leader of Lincolnshire County Council, tell us about 'Life at the Top'



All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2

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**Chapel update**

If you have been keeping an eye on the website, you will be aware that the roof of the building has been repaired at a cost to BTC of £777.50, which means that the building will once again be watertight, especially important at this time of year as we approach winter and the inevitable wet and windy weather, both of which are bad news for the roof in its current fragile state. We will, of course, keep an eye on the building to ensure that any further issues are reported to BTC as quickly as possible in order that they can maintain the buildings condition.

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**Chapel Project update**

During the past two months we have been consulting with potential users of the re-opened chapel, and the reception we have been given has been most encouraging, with total support from those visited so far and a commitment to use the building and the packages that we have suggested. We also visited Stamford Cemetery chapel, meeting with Stamford Town Council's cemetery manager, Carol Garwell, and two of the cemetery support staff. This was a very useful visit, giving us an insight, and useful information, on running such a building. These meetings have provided us with a greater understanding of the project, and we thank those involved for giving us their time

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## Abbey Church Charities Fair

On 19th September we had a stall at the above event. Shoppers appeared to be in smaller numbers than last year, but it was a good morning for us, and at least in the Corn Exchange we were not subjected to the usual abuse by the weather that we seem to encourage on market appearances!

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## Chapel History

If you have, or know of, pictures, photographs, or any information on, or knowledge of, the cemetery chapel, those who worked in it, or those remembered in it, we would be interested to hear from you.

[jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk)

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## Last month's members night

Terry Barnatt provided an entertaining night for members as he explained the intricacies of glass engraving, a wonderful skill, and, as usual, a much more involved process than you would think. Terry brought along samples of his work, and a good night was had by all.

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## News in the area

You may be aware that in Lincolnshire currently, there are three chapel restoration projects, in existence. Last month we reported that we would be meeting with the groups involved in similar projects in Holbeach (council), and Boston (group), unfortunately CVS do not seem able to get the other groups together. We may decide to arrange this meeting ourselves directly, as we feel it will be a useful exchange of information. We appear to be the group which has made most progress so far, however the council group in Holbeach have an obvious advantage .. money!

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## Any budding authors out there?

Have you an interest in producing, or helping produce a book, about historic Bourne. Contact us for a chat.

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## Forthcoming Publicity & Fund Raising events.

### Christmas Tree Festival

at Bourne Methodist Church, 27-29 November

Come and see our entry at this popular event.

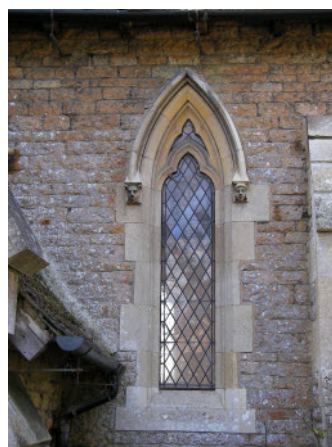
### Bourne Market, Thursday 3rd December

**Bric-a-Brac Stall**, publicity, and a Christmas surprise!  
9-12.00am

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## What now for the Society

The formation of Bourne Preservation Trust (BPT) signals a slight change for the Society, however at this time both groups will continue to exist. BPT will be a buildings preservation trust and the necessary objects of the new company will be focused more on



buildings, which, after all is why we are here, we were formed to restore and re-open the chapel, and have indicated our wish to carry out the same operation on a second building in the town. We also, however have an interest in amending the town's conservation area, together with various other interests. Your committee will be resolving

the way forward over the next few months, and of course you will be the first to know of any changes to our structure. It will not affect members, or member nights, these will continue in the same manner as is current. We hope that you are satisfied in seeing the Society move towards the goal that we are all members to achieve, that of re-opening the chapel .. It moves ever closer.



Heritage Lincolnshire's pilot project '*Heritage at Risk*', documenting historic buildings, sites, and open spaces in our county, is nearing completion, and the funding bid for the full project is in place with Heritage Lottery, and has been well received by them. The main project will run from 2010-2012, and if you would like to find out more about becoming a Heritage Steward and how take part in this project, get further details from the Society on 07825 515394, or direct from Heritage Lincolnshire on 01529 461499, mention our name if you call them direct.