

BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWS

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Plans for homes next to Red Hall

Hot on the heels of the inspectors decision to refuse planning permission to build on the The Croft in North Road, came plans to build 121 homes on the former railway site next to the Red Hall. Site owners Wherry and Sons Ltd have already applied for planning to relocate its factory and the Let's Play facility to Cherryholt Road, opening to way for existing buildings (with the exception of Grahams and the pre-school) to be demolished and replaced with homes. The plans have been prepared by prospective owners Stamford Homes and include a block of flats on an area very close to the historic Red Hall, a grade 2 listed building. Through its vice chairman Bob Fuller, the society has in its objections to South Kesteven District Council. The Society feels Bourne has already far exceeded its allocation for new housing. It is only a year ago that Wherry's demolished the former railway goods shed - an important part of the town's railway heritage.

The Victoria Cross - Tony's latest talk

Civic Society member and local military historian Tony Stubbs was guest speaker at our February meeting. Speaking on the Victoria Cross. Tony told a packed meeting about the history of the medal and looked at some of the recipients, including our own Charles 'Shadder' Sharpe, their actions and memorials. This was another of Tony's most interesting talks and we look forward to welcoming him back at a future date.

Exhibition Talk

Our chairman Brenda Jones and her husband and committee member Jim gave a talk on the Worth Project to members of the Ladies Dinner Club on Tuesday March 14th..

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What's On

Thursday April 20th (7.30pm)
John Honnor will talk about A Project in Spalding

Saturday April 22nd opening of the Worth Exhibition at Baldocks Mill at 12 noon. *Invitations for members included in this delivery*

All meetings at Baldocks Mill unless stated otherwise

Kay remembered

It is sad to record the death of another supportive and long-standing member of the Society, Kay Lambert. Our thoughts are with her widower Danny and the family.

Bourne to bloom

Brenda and Jim Jones are representing Bourne Civic Society on the newly formed Bourne in Bloom Com-

Constructive Year Reported

A very constructive year was reported to the Society's 28th annual general meeting on Monday 20th. In its annual report the committee gave a full review of the year, including: The offer and subsequent long term loan of the BRM trophies made possible by members of the Owen family; Renovation and repainting of the windows and doors which was completed prior to the opening of the extended exhibition in the Raymond Mays Room.

Jim Jones work on the water wheels and the delays to the Society's plans to generate electricity because of the low water levels encountered in 2005 and early 2006.

Committee members work in updating the inventory, and its electronic storage by Bob and Lynnette Fuller.

The continued support of journalist and local historian Rex Needle and Dr Michael McGregor to raise funds for the Society Preparation of a Walk Around Bourne booklet and a fly leaflet promoting Baldocks Mill by Jim and Brenda Jones.

Membership secretary Lynnette Fuller had increased membership by eight. The sad loss of several loyal and long serving members during the year was recorded

Dr Robert Fuller undertook a shop front guide report on the Society's behalf, which received praise for its content and suggestions.

A Society representative had attended all Bourne Town Council and Centre Management Partnership meetings Representations at The Croft planning enquiry which led to the refusal of planning permission for the site which was deemed to be part Greenfield.

Gordon Lacks preparation of the society's website

www.bournecivicsociety.org.uk which received more than 400 hits in the first four months and Jonathan Smith taking over responsibility for regular newsletter.

Secretary Robert Kitchener's work with East Midlands civic societies.

The Society has lodged its objection to, and will appeal against, the loss of its discretionary rate relief.

In addition to the regular opening between 2 and 4pm at weekends the centre was open for the four Heritage Open Days with an exhibition of mile-stones. Turnpikes and toll-roads prepared by Joyce Stevenson. Tribute was paid to the volunteers who man the heritage centre, greeting visitors, directing them around the exhibitions and answering questions about many matters. Chairman Brenda Jones' determination to get the Charles Worth Gallery up and running. This has involved not only Brenda, but a team of seamstresses (making the two replica dresses) Luke Ochrombel (painting the backdrop) Jim Jones (the secure glass cabinets and display lighting). The exhibition will be a splendid addition to the heritage centre is to be opened on April 22.

Elected were chairman Brenda Jones, Robert Kitchener, Robert Fuller, Alan Jones, Don Fisher, Lynnette Fuller, Jim Jones, and Bill Smedley.

Gallery to open soon

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Brenda and Jim Jones, Luke Ochrombel and Chris Moxley (responsible for the painted back wall street scene of Bourne Market Place) and the team of ladies making the dresses, our Charles Worth Gallery will open on Saturday April 22nd