

BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWS

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A day at Retford

A party of members took part in the EMASA (East Midlands Amenities Societies' Association) Away Day at Retford - guests of the town civic society.

The day included visits to a theatre run by volunteers and a hospital which is now an almshouse for men.

The group also enjoyed a walk around the town and a visit to the museum.

Like Bourne Civic Society, the Retford group is trying to improve the town environs.

Traditional skills under spotlight

A group of members had an enjoyable evening at the home of David Ellis in Ryhall where he spoke about Collyweston slates and roofing - and how they get them out of the mine.

This is a traditional method of roofing used extensively in Stamford and the surrounding area, although it is less common in the Bourne area - although it is used on Bourne Eau House, Baldocks Mill, the Red Hall and Chapel of Rest.

It was interesting to hear how winter frost was used to help split the stone into slates and that the different sized slates have their own names and location on the roof.

Members also enjoyed looking round David's wonderful garden with its fascinating sculptures.

We now look forward to our next meeting at Baldocks Mill on September 25 when member Arthur Lightfoot will give a talk entitled Porridge with Humour.

Any news?

Contributions (in the form of articles of 50-100 words please) for the next newsletter should be emailed to bournecsnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk or delivered to Jonathan Smith at 71 North Road, Bourne, Lincs, by September 14. Thank you.

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What's On

August - no meetings

Monday September 25 - Arthur Lightfoot will give a talk entitled Porridge with Humour

Wednesday October 25 - Judy and John Smith will tell us about the running of their grocers shop

Sunday November 26 - Lunchtime drinks and nibbles at Brenda and Jim Jones' home

December - no meetings
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Tuesday January 16 - Gilbert Smith will give us an interesting talk on Stamps
Monday February 5 - Eileen Green, editor of the Stamford Mercury, will talk about her work

Monday March 19 - Annual meeting
All meetings on the top floor of Baldocks Mill at 7.30pm unless stated.
Members and friends welcome.

More visitors at Baldocks Mill

The opening of the Worth Gallery has heralded a welcome increase in the number of visitors to Baldocks Mill on Saturdays and Sundays between 2 and 4pm (with additional temporary opening on Fridays).

Our chairman Brenda Jones is delighted with the increase in numbers, particularly the ladies who can enjoy the fashions of yesterday in the Worth Gallery while the men enjoy the Raymond Mays Room.

Several groups are visiting the Mill during the summer and Brenda and Jim Jones have given two talks on the Worth Project, with more in the pipeline.

We are delighted the trustees of The Len Pick Trust have agreed to again support the Worth Project. A £500 grant was received towards the cost of the first replica dress and a member of the trustees was among our guests at the Worth Gallery opening.

This second grant is for £2,500 which will be used to improve the display - including the creation of a second replica Worth dress.

A few new exhibits have been added to the local history display on the top floor of the mill, including a number of gifts. A number of Raymond Mays/ERA/BRM items have also been donated to the Society.

Our thanks to the donors.

Lincolnshire's lost villages

We were delighted to welcome David Start, director of Heritage Lincolnshire back to Baldocks Mill as our June speaker.

David looked at the Lost Villages of Lincolnshire. But what and where are they? and when and why were they deserted?

A village is a group of houses (traditionally mud and stud cottages which leave little or no remains), with roads linking it to other villages (etc), a church (often the only visible sign), a manor/hall or castle and signs of farming - in medieval times ridge and furrow strips.

Amazingly there are 200 lost villages in Lincolnshire, include Braunsell, Calceby, Sempringham, South Cadeby, Calcehorpe, Gainsthorpe, Adewells (which was near Bowthorpe in the hamlet of Manthorpe, parish of Witham-on-the-Hill), Goltho and Riseholme.

The causes of the disappearances include:

- * Monastic takeover (11th and 12th century)
- * Climatic variations (13th century)
- * Black Death (1349-1351)
- * Enclosure and sheep farming (c1350-1550) and
- * Emparking (17th - 19th century)

So next time you are driving through the Lincolnshire countryside think about the history which probably lies under your feet and around you.

In Bloom judging

Our chairman Brenda Jones and her husband (and committee member) Jim went around with the Bourne in Bloom judges on July 5.

The result will be notified in September.

Brenda and Jim represent the Civic Society on the town's In Bloom committee.

This is the first year Bourne has entered the competition and we will be interested in the judges' comments when they become available.