



BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th June

Life and Culture in

Sierra Leone.

Brian Lewis

At Baldocks Mill

7.30pm.

The last talk by Jim Lewis was well attended

Next Motoring Event in Bourne
Classic Car and Motor-Cycle show

On Sunday 9th June 2013-
This year is the 10th Anniversary of the show staged by The Bourne Motoring Group.

50th Anniversary celebration of the Porsche 911.

Bourne will again be entered into the "Bourne in Bloom" Competition. We hope to do well.

The Civic Society will play a part. The mill is the start for the tour, the judges always look around the mill after their refreshments.

Bourne was a feature in the May edition of the Lincolnshire Life. They gave the town a good write up

We have been sent pictures of major road works in North Street Bourne. 1970.

The whole of the street was closed to traffic. They had the watchman's huts sited along the street while the work was carried out.

Could Bourne cope with this in 2013 ?



Snow in 1947

We have had a number of bad winters. This year 2013 has not been good. We can look back at 1947 to see what it was like around Bourne. We have been told that the snow in parts of some areas near Bourne, was as high as the windows of a double-decker bus.

Pictures sent from a lady who lived in Bourne in 1947.



Peter and Vivien have been promoting the Heritage Centre, especially the Raymond Mays collection as they go around all the Motoring Racing Venues in the country and taking the Green R M Book with them.



A lady from Market Rasen has sent the Society many books and papers regarding Raymond Mays. Her father inlaw, a Mr Smith was a surveyor who worked in and around Bourne and was a keen Motor Racing follower.

A man from Australia visiting Britain came to the Heritage Centre and was very impressed with our exhibition on Raymond Mays. He runs a web site in Australia. For classic cars. Charles Rogers. www.historicracing.com.au



The family of Charles Worths mother has recently visited the town. She was Mary Ann Quincey and they were trying to find information about her.

Ancient milestone defaced by REX NEEDLE

There are few reminders left around Bourne that the name of this town was once spelled without a final "e" but among them is an ancient milestone on the A151 West Road on the way out of town to the Great North Road and can be seen on the right hand side just before reaching the Stamford turn.

For years it has been in a dilapidated condition, chipped, weather worn and leaning to one side, yet still a part of our heritage. It has recently been restored, set straight and painted in white with black lettering, but apart from the cosmetic work which has been reasonably well done, someone has clumsily added a final "e" to the two embossed inscriptions of the name BOURN, thus destroying its historic value completely. This appears to be the work of Lincolnshire County Council, the highways authority, and is most certainly a case of official vandalism.

The name Bourn was changed in the late 19th century when the final "e" was added to distinguish it from Bourn in Cambridgeshire because there had been some confusion between the two places as a result of the growing popularity of the postal services and the railway age that brought the widespread movement of goods and passengers around the country. It was approved by a public meeting at the Town Hall in June 1893 when the GPO, the railway authorities and the local newspapers were notified immediately and it has been in use ever since.

The West Road milestone is one of the last reminders of the old name and to deface it in this way is to cock a snook at our history and is tantamount to scrawling graffiti over the Town Hall or the Red Hall. Lincolnshire County Council now has a duty to remove the incongruous addition and restore the original spelling on this small but significant relic of our heritage. After all, we do not have many of these wayside markers left and those we do have should be preserved in their original condition wherever possible.

Our Mission Statement

It is the aim of the Society to make sure that new developments are of the highest possible quality and developers are made aware of the issues surrounding their schemes. Good design is only possible through a full understanding of any scheme's environment and urban context. We seek to safeguard our existing heritage and the many listed buildings from demolition or neglect.