



# BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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### **Obituary**

**Pat Cavath** Ex BRM mechanic. He took part in the Racing Legends on BRM and Graham Hill

### Visiting Groups in February

A group of bus enthusiasts from Nottingham visited the Delaine bus depot. And came to Baldocks mill for a talk on the history of The Delaine bus Company by Mr Peter Moore.

### U3A group

Had a talk on churches in the Bourne area. By Mr A. Stubbs.

### Visit Lincolnshire

With the opening of the new look castle, home to an original 1215 Magna Carta.

From the 1<sup>st</sup> April a new shuttle bus service.

[www.visitlincolnshire.com](http://www.visitlincolnshire.com).



### Meetings

Hereward the Wake  
By  
Don Chiwell  
Tuesday 21st April

Baldocks Mill 7.30pm

Thursday 21st May

Quintinshill  
A Wartime Railway Tragedy  
By W Peasley  
Baldocks Mill 7.30pm

### Planning Application

Bourne United Charities have applied for building permission to South Kesteven Planning Department, to develop the Saw Mill side of Baldocks Mill into a display area and archive storage area.

### School Membership

This year the Society introduced a new membership category for schools. We are delighted that three of our local schools, Bourne Westfield and Bourne Abbey Primary Academies, along with Bourne Grammar School, have decided to join. It is hoped that this will encourage more of our youngsters to visit the Heritage Centre.

We are grateful to Westfield Primary Academy for lending us some of their children's art work for display in the mill room.





R.M. before the British Empire Trophy, Brooklands, July 1935

Pressing his body left against the sliding of the lumpy track. Note the roller accelerating pedal. Besides preparing the team cars the Bourne works were busy building a 1.5 litre ERA for Prince Bismarck of Siam. A present

from his cousin and guardian, Prince Chula, which arrived, based at the eleventh hour on his 21st birthday. This was just in time for the Dapper Grand Prix where he joined Scammell and a Bourne team of three ERAs. ■

Picture of Raymond Mays in his ERA. The driving force behind the ERA and BRM racing cars from Bourne, Lincolnshire

By Dr Michael McGregor  
 Book Can be purchased from Bourne Heritage Centre.  
 21 South Street Bourne Lincolnshire  
[www.bournecivicsociety.org](http://www.bournecivicsociety.org)

**British Empire Trophy  
 Brooklands  
 July 1935**

**Brooklands**

Brooklands, the site of the world’s first purpose-built racing circuit, has secured help from the Heritage Lottery Fund to complete its redevelopment plans.

The banked circuit near Weybridge, Surrey, which is also one of the UK’s most significant sites for pioneering work in aviation and engineering, will use the grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for its Brooklands Aircraft Factory and Race Track Revival Project. The project will transform the Museum’s Grade II- listed Second World War Wellington Hangar into The Brooklands Aircraft Factory; build a new annexe to house more of the museum’s historic aircraft; and restore the Finishing Straight of the circuit.

The Brooklands circuit was opened in 1907 and marked the start of organised motor racing in the UK. Within a year, early experiments in aviation were also taking place. From there, Brooklands rapidly evolved into a centre for the development and operation of racing cars, motorcycles and aircraft. The first British Grand Prix took place at Brooklands in 1926.

Vickers- Armstrong erected many buildings on the track, of which the Museum’s Wellington Hangar was one. Built in 1940 on top of the Finishing Straight of the racetrack, it was used for the assembly of Wellington bombers. It now houses a Wellington recovered from Loch Ness in 1985 and restored at the site, one of our members in the civic society Mr Dennis Winsor, was involved in the lifting of the Wellington Bomber from the bed of Loch Ness in 1985.

**BROOKLANDS**

Circuit opened in 1907



**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 of 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.