



BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Next Meeting
Bourne's Auctioneer
Colin Young
Wake House
Monday 18th September at
7.30

Monday 16th October
Brenda and Jim
Talk on Bore Holes and Natural
Springs

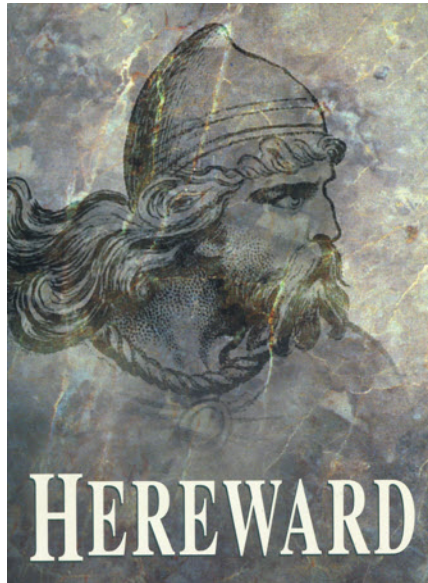
Garden Party at the home of
Brenda and Jim, on Friday 7th
July . Had a good turn out on a
lovely summers evening.

The last meeting at the Town
Hall was very well attended.
During the meeting it was
revealed that the deeds were
back in the hands of the Bourne
people. There will be a Formal
hand over to the Trustees of the
Town Hall. The first event at
the Town Hall will be an Art
Exhibition by the children of the
Bourne schools. Planning
Permission has now been given
to go ahead with the new plans.

Items of clothing which can be
used at a future Exhibition have
been donated to the Heritage
Centre. Also toys and games
from the sixties.

A group came for afternoon tea
to the mill and were shown an
old "Down your way" film of
Bourne ,which was enjoyed.

Heritage Open Days
September 7th 8th 9th 10th
2.00 to 4.00 pm
The 7th September will be a
Talk in the evening 7.30 at
Baldocks mill
About Hereward the Wake
and the newly formed
group WakeHereward.



Bourne Neighbourhood Forum
met and discussed many items
attaining to the town plan.
Civic Voice has supplied a
document on Collaborative
Planning for the whole of the
country.

**Volunteers are needed to
help with manning the
mill as Bill will be out of
action for a while when
he has his operation.**

A team of people from the
Civic society, lead by our
Chairman Brenda Jones .
Scraped and wire brushed and
painted the Church walk
railings, black and gold. This
was completed in time for the
Bourne in Bloom event.



Keeping Bourne tidy
SKDC are launching "The
Big Clean in all the towns
and wants business's and
households to get
involved. The society
have been cleaning all
around the mill area for
many years and think this
is a wonderful idea.
We are all about CIVIC
PRIDE.

Cuckoo Bush cottage

By Rex Needle

We protect our large and important buildings for posterity yet the smaller ones, the cottages where the people lived, brought up families and died, have in the past been demolished indiscriminately despite the part they played in our social history. Strict planning regulations now protect our ancient properties but in past years many mediaeval cottages around were bulldozed out of existence to make way for new developments and our heritage has been diminished accordingly, one of the famous being the 18th century Cuckoo bush Cottage, a quaint and attractive thatched property which stood at what was then an isolated spot in North Road.

During the 19th century, this delightful property was owned by Edward Briggs whose son had emigrated to seek his fortune. They lost touch when Mr Briggs died he wanted him to inherit the cottage, writing in his will dated 1874; "Whereas about fourteen years since, my son and only child Edward Briggs went, as I believe, to Australia, and I am not aware whether he is now alive", the point of this clause being that if his son should prove to be dead or could not be found within two years, the property would then be inherited by his two nieces who live in Osbournby

The executors of the will made exhaustive inquiries and found that the son had emigrated to the United States and not to Australia as his father had thought but although they advertised for information about him in newspapers such as the New York Herald and the Washington Evening Star, their investigations drew a blank. By this time, the necessary two years had elapsed and so the deeds of the cottage were handed over to the nieces who sold it at public action held at the Angel hotel on Thursday 15th march 1877 when it was bought for £190 by Thomas Hardwick, a farmer, of West Street. The cottage was subsequently let to various tenants but had by now achieved some fame and even became the subject of an Edwardian picture postcard called A bit of Old Bourne. Copies were posted all over the world but sadly its days were numbered and the building was eventually demolished to make way for an access road to the care home Digby Court which opened in 1965 in what is now Christopher's Lane, although the name persists because many older residents still refer to it as Cuckoo Bush Lane.

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Archive photograph from 1905

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.