



BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

February 2018



Registered Charity No 512420

We welcome new members Mr Vaughan Willoughby and Mr Nigel Chubb.

February Meeting
Speaker will be Mr Brian Lawrence.
Talk Bourne and Morton.
Monday 19th February
7.30pm. Wake House.

Monday 19th March
A.G.M

Any member wishing to join the committee or to be nominated as an officer can obtain a form from the Society's Secretary, Bill Peasley. Completed forms should be returned to him by the 12 March.

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John and Sheila Scholes a loyal and long standing members of the Civic Society, have now left the area. John manned the mill. He worked on the maintainance of the mill.

EVENTS CARD

There is a small error on the events card ; the Social Evening in July is Friday 6th not 7th.

PLEASE NOTE

Thank you to all members for your subscriptions being paid so promptly

The Society is Forty years old this Year.

We are staging a Photographic Exhibition. Opening on Saturday 10th March . All members invited. The Town Mayor and his consort will open the exhibition.

**The exhibition will be open all week 2pm to 4pm
40year Celebration cake**

Are there any members with photographs of that time who could lend them or copies .

We had a good attendance of members for our first meeting of 2018. The speaker Jonathan Smith (member) taking on the Bourne to Sleaford railway line. The journey started at Bourne's ticket office the Red Hall, along Coggles Causeway over the Abbey lawns onto Dyke and Morton stations, Rippingale onto Sleaford. All the station houses were well designed, all had similar designed brickwork, woodwork. On the journey Jonathan had found many new photographs to show.

The January addition of The Lady had an article on Charles F Worth. The article did not mention that Charles Frederick Worth was Born in Bourne and christened in the Abbey Church. The editor has been made aware of the facts.

Bourne Motor Club
An evening of nostalgia for BRM given by The Bourne Motor Club at the Corn Exchange on Thursday 14th December. The Chairman of BMC was the question master for the evening together with three ex BRM mechanics, Dick Salmon, John Sismey, Ben Casey. The BRM team covered the era from 1950's through to 1970's. The evening started with Dick Salmom covering the years 1950's up to the Graham Hill years. Graham Hill was Dick Salmon's favourite driver. John Sismey was next for the question and answer session, he spoke about the racing in South-Africa, the World championship. His favourite driver was also Graham Hill. BRM team won the BBC sports team of the year trophy in 1962. The gas turbine (BRM-Rover) racing at Le mans. BRM in many ways where at the forefront of motor sport they were first to put cameras on the cars. Ben Casey the last mechanic on stage his era the 1970's. Pedro Rodriguez was his favourite driver he was also his mechanic. Ben saw many changes in the styles of racing cars from the original BRM cars. The Heritage Centre brought along trophies of those nostalgic years.

Anxious Moments at the Dutch Grand Prix



The tension is to be seen in their faces. Bette Hill, with her lap chart and stopwatch, stands with Cyril Atkins, the BRM Chief Mechanic. They watch anxiously for Graham Hill and his BRM to come into view and complete the lap. The race is the Dutch Grand Prix of 1962. Betty has left the pit counter where she has throughout been timing and keeping a lap chart for the BRM Team. Graham is about to win his first Grand Prix. And win he did and later won the 1962 World Championship too.

The Bourne Civic Society is fortunate to receive donations of photographs featuring the town's racing cars. In most cases the photographer's identity is unknown but this time the photographer has been identified as Jesse Alexander, a motor racing photographer of considerable note. He came to Europe from America in the mid 'fifties to travel around the continent reporting on and taking photographs of motor races. Several books of his photographs have been published and are well worth seeking out by enthusiasts of the 'fifties and 'sixties motor racing period. He and Denis Jenkinson of *Motor Sport* became great friends. They first met through the Porsche 356 car. They both had one to travel around the continent for their reporting duties.

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Article by Peter Puterrill

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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.

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