



# BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

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The Society is pleased to welcome new member Nick Owen, a member of the Owen family who have been most generous to the Heritage Centre over many years in loaning the BRM cups and supporting the mill in many ways. Work is still ongoing at the mill so we can open next month. We have been sorting out all the Raymond Mays Trophies and putting them on display. We are looking at having a monitor in the mill displaying images of what we have on show.

The government is concerned about high streets and what has happened to them so watch this space and see what they are planning to do.

Civic Voice is still watching how planning is going in the whole of the country and does not want houses being built just anyhow. Their motto is for building beautiful houses which are pleasing to the eye and not slums of the future.

The Society keeps in touch with other Civic Societies and they all have the same problem. No young people joining and lack of volunteers to do the jobs, and in our case to man the mill when we open. We are fortunate to have a band of wonderful helpers who do man the mill and help with the jobs.

This year we have not been able to meet up but we try and keep in touch with our members through the newsletters and emails. If all had been normal we would have had a Royal British Legion Exhibition on this month as they are 100 years old

In August we are planning a Black and White Photographic Exhibition, so we hope that will start on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and go on for 2 weeks and the mill will open every afternoon.

### The Bourne Chronicle

The Bourne Chronicle is one of a number of books written and researched by Rex Needle who sadly passed away earlier this year. Below is a selection from the book, highlighting events from 50, 100, 150 and 200 years ago.

1971:

- Health Centre opens in St Gilbert's Road to centralise doctors' surgeries.
- Heating system installed at the outdoor swimming pool.
- Jack Wand takes over hardware and electrical shop in North Street.

1921:

- Bequest from Thomas M Baxter finances Lady Chapel in the Abbey Church.
- New grammar school opens in South Road with temporary wooden classrooms.
- Survey of the weekly street market shows 62 stalls occupying 225 feet.
- Congregational Sports Club founded, mainly for bowls and tennis.
- Bourne Town Band re-formed (disbanded in 1939).
- Woman dies from sleeping sickness after 35 days.
- Several water boreholes dry up after prolonged drought.

1871:

- Bourne Temperance Club playing soccer matches against local teams.
- Smallpox outbreak among a family living in North Road but all recover.
- Joseph Flatters, church bellringer and town bandsman, emigrates to Canada.

1821:

- Town Hall built after being financed by public subscription.

Copies of The Bourne Chronicle can be purchased from Bourne Heritage Centre, 21 South Street, Bourne PE10 9LY for £5.00 (plus postage and packaging by post). Cheques should be made payable to Bourne Civic Society.

## The Principality of Monaco and Bourne - The Connection

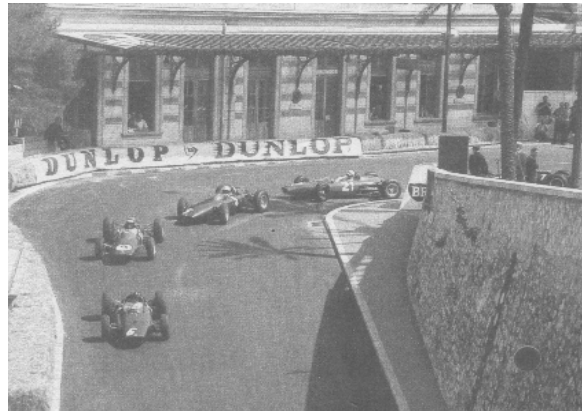
In the month of May Bourne's BRM Motor Racing Team regularly left the town taking their cars to Monaco to compete in its Grand Prix Motor Race. These races were run on a circuit made up of the streets of the Principality. It included a tunnel and a long run along its harbour front. The first of these Grand Prix races was held in 1929. They were organised by the *l'Automobile Club de Monaco*. The circuit has changed little since then. A major addition being the safety barriers erected around most of the circuit. At least two drivers with their cars had ended in the sea in recent years so those barriers would have been welcomed by them. They escaped with little more than a good soaking. That first race in 1929 was won by an English Man, Grover Williams. He was driving a Bugatti 35B.

In the years, 1963,1964,1965, 1966 and 1972, the BRM Team returned with the Winner's Trophy. For the first three of those victories the team's driver was Graham Hill, who also won the World Championship in 1962 along with the BRM Team. In 1966 BRM's winning driver was Jackie Stewart and in 1972 the driver was the French Champion, Jean-Pierre Beltoise. That, sadly was to be the team's last Grand Prix victory. The BRM team ceased racing in 1976 leaving an enviable record In Monaco' s list of winners of its Grand Prix.

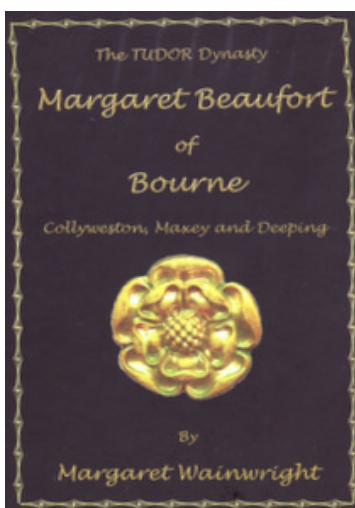
Not a bad achievement for a motor racing team from Lincolnshire and, in particular, one from a small market town as Bourne

This photograph, taken at Graham Hill in his BRM ahead followed by Ritchie Ginther, next driving a Ferrari. They are the Station Hairpin. The 1972 Beltoise's victory was circuit. He finished ahead of driving in the wet. They both other competitors.

Peter Putterill



Monaco in 1963, shows of Jim Clark driving a Lotus also in a BRM. John Surtees is leaving what was then called photographer is not known. In achieved on a rain-soaked Jacky Ickx, a noted master of were over a lap ahead of the



New Book

Margaret Beaufort by Margaret Wainwright  
Will be on sale at Baldocks Mill

### 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.