



# BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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We start with sad news as 3 of our long standing members have recently died. Anita Chipperfield one of the first when the Civic Society started. Carol Atkins whose husband Mike was our Chairman when we opened the Raymond May's room and sadly died soon afterwards and also Maureen Sibborn a good supporter of the Society

The Society held the AGM on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March and chose a new President and it is James Jones MBE one of our long standing members.

The committee was voted on block and so stay the same as last year.

Chairman Brenda Jones

Vice Chairman Lesley Patrick

Treasurer Jonathan Smith

Committee members are Jim Jones Diana Bell Anthony Jennings Steve Giullari

The Society still needs a Secretary

Malcom Scrivens talk held in February was well attended

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April we have a talk by Richard Bailey and he will tell us about his 50 Happy years in retailing.

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May Michael Gilbert will give us a talk about Making a living in the Medieval Fens.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June will be the visit to Rippingale Railway Station, also on this day there will be the "Picnic in the Park" which is run by the Town council. The mill will be open from 10am.

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Civic Voice are still trying to make high streets more attractive and want Civic Societies to come up with ideas. Some ideas have come up to turn empty shops into homes for people and also convert over shops into flats so more people will be living in the towns to bring them to life, especially in the evenings.

The Bourne United Reformed Church is to close. It was established in 1846 and had a good congregation for many years but sadly not so now in 2024. In 1911 the church was altered and the reopening ceremony was performed with a silver key by Sir George White who was a former President of the Free Church Council.



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