

BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE VERY BEST FOR 2025
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS**

Members old and new

We were sorry to hear of the passing of one of our long-standing members, Freda Danby. However, we are pleased to welcome new members, Andrew Bubb and Michael and Marita Cann.

Subscription Renewals

From 14th January 2025 Lloyd's Bank will be charging the Society £1 for each cheque that they process. We are sending out subscription renewal letters earlier than normal this year, in an attempt to avoid these charges. Charges do not apply to payments made by bank transfer, so please consider using this method if you are able.

Payments should be made into this account:

Name of account: Bourne Civic Society

Sort code: 30-98-02

Account number: 01698202

Please use your membership ID number as reference. This can be found on your subscription renewal letter.

Cash payment is also welcome!

Community Award

Jim and Brenda have been given a Community Award for their work in the town.



January and February meetings

Our first meeting of 2025 is on Monday 13 January when Peter Dobson will continue his talk on Charles I.

Len Causton will share with us memories of his working life as a policeman on 17 February.

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Charles Worth Anniversary

Plans continue to be made to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Charles Frederick Worth in October next year. The Society will take part with a display at the Heritage Centre.

Civic Voice

Civic Voice is to have a new Top Executive as Ian Harvey is to move on. We wish him well in his new appointment. He has worked hard for Civic Voice and he will be a difficult act to follow.

The Government is committed to building lots of new houses but we need them to be in the places where people want to live. And that is in towns and cities. So many empty properties could be used and they are in the right places. We should not be building on farmland and taking the land out of production.



We do not want to see houses boarded-up when so many families are needing homes to live in. Disused shops, offices and even old mills can be turned into flats. Years ago, many people lived in the Town Centre.

Remembering BRM

In the December edition of Discovering Bourne magazine that comes through our letter boxes was an article about the 75th Anniversary of the BRM 16. The Heritage Centre has a whole room devoted to Raymond Mays starting with the ERAs and then on to the BRMs which attracts many petrol heads from all over the country.

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