



BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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President James Jones MBE



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The Heritage Open Days in September went very well. Donations and visitor numbers were up on last year. Very many thanks to all who manned the mill and special thanks to Chris Carr who joined us on Saturday 7th dressed as Margaret Beaufort in authentic period costume. She proved a great attraction and visitors were keen to hear of Margaret's connection with Bourne and Chris's knowledge of period clothing.

Chris Carr in period costume as Margaret Beaufort

First Meetings of the Society

The Society's first committee (right)

The Society was formed over 40 years ago and held early meetings in the Red Hall due to Baldock's Mill not being in a fit state for members to meet there. It was damp and very cold. Later on heating was installed and meetings were held there for a number of years. More recently meetings have been held in Wake House as the 33 stairs at the mill were too much for many of our members. The Red Hall kept a number of the Society's documents in safe keeping for which we are very grateful.



Charles Worth Anniversary

A meeting was held recently to discuss plans for celebrating the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Charles Frederick Worth in October 2025. The Civic Society, Wake House, The Town Hall, and other groups were invited. Local schools were also involved. It is hoped that the celebrations will be a big occasion. Plans are in the early stages but the many positive ideas have already been suggested. We will keep members up to date next year as plans develop. These will include a display in Baldock's Mill.

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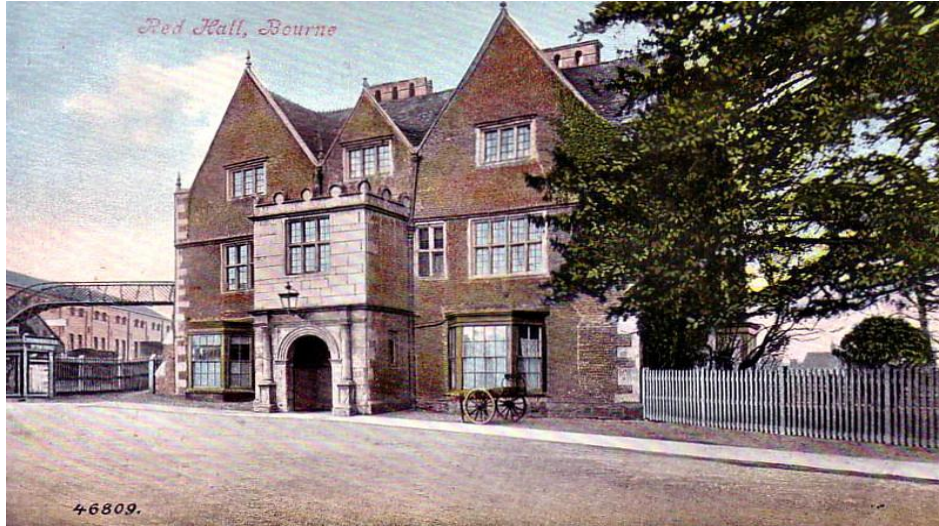
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The Red Hall during the time of the railway

Monday 21st October: Our very own Jonathan Smith will give a talk about “The History of The Red Hall”

Monday 18th November: Ken Wainwright will update us on what is happening at Rippingale Railway Station

Both meetings will be held at Wake House starting at 7:30pm.

There is no meeting in December but the Heritage Centre will be open at weekends until 21st and 22nd

An article that appeared recently in ‘Discovering Bourne’ explored the history of the Klondyke and how it came about. It included the story of Ada Cole and how her discovery of seeing live horses being shipped abroad led her to build a model slaughter house in Bourne that was established in 1928. It continued in use until 1973, although nothing can be seen of it as it lies under a modern housing estate. Another small part of the history of the town.

A group of Engineers from Perkins visited the Heritage Centre one afternoon for a look round. They were impressed and enjoyed their visit.

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