

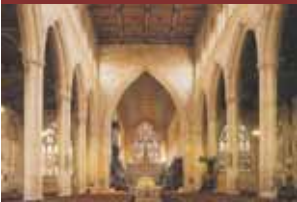
BOSTON STUMP

700

Years of History

A year of events
celebrating the history
of Boston and its
world famous church

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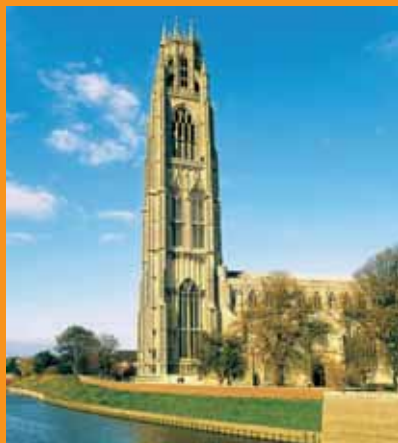
Welcome to 700 years of Boston Stump

THE EXHIBITION

OPEN APRIL – DECEMBER
FREE OF CHARGE

The exhibition has been designed to offer information and interest to everyone of all ages. Genealogists, historians, teachers, children and anyone with an interest in the past, present and future of this historic town.

Along with the exhibition, there will be the added bonus of the flower festival, an opportunity to view a copy of the Magna Carta, on loan from Lincoln Cathedral and many other attractions - read on to find out more!



THE SOUND of MUSIC

Throughout the year we have a packed schedule of music events - from choirs to bands to soloists, there is something to suit all tastes! Some concerts are free of charge and open to the general public, some are ticket only. With limited space, it is wise to book early as tickets will sell like hot cakes!

CAFÉ CULTURE

Tea and Cakes

Speaking of hot cakes, why not come in and enjoy our homemade cakes and other goodies. What better place to meet your friends, take a break from shopping and catch up with the latest gossip! Check out the exhibition while you are there and find out what people were gossiping about 700 years ago!



'700 YEARS OF HISTORY' EXHIBITION

OPEN APRIL – DECEMBER 2009

Sponsored by Chattertons

The exhibition will be in place throughout the celebrations, although it may need to be moved or elements removed when larger events take place. There will be a wealth of information available to everyone, whatever your interests, covering the town, the port, the famous people of Boston, local trade and the architecture of the town.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CHILDREN'S SERVICE

SUN 8th FEBRUARY 2.00pm

The annual Lincolnshire County Council Children's Service featuring youth music groups from around the county is open to all.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

SAT 14th MARCH 7.30pm Tickets £5

We welcome Lincoln Cathedral Choir to the Stump to commence our year of special musical events. One of the finest Cathedral Choirs in the country, will perform a programme of music to suit all tastes.

Sponsored by three Boston Masonic Lodges - Harmony, Franklin and Lindis



'700 YEARS OF HISTORY' EXHIBITION

LAUNCH 27th MARCH

OPEN APRIL - DECEMBER 2009

Entry to the exhibition is free and will be open daily between Easter and Christmas 2009.

Come and see how the church was built and how it has effected local, national, and international history. Listen to the people who have helped to make the church one of the most important parish churches in the country.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SERVICE

SUN 10th MAY 3.00pm

The Royal British Legion in Lincolnshire will hold a Service of Re-Dedication. All 59 branches from Lincolnshire will be invited to attend with their standards. The Legion's National Chaplain, the Bishop of Manchester will attend.

EDUCATION

There will be plenty of information available to all including literature for school children whether with parents or teachers. Multiple academic subjects are covered to engage and entertain all. There will also be hand outs, activity sheets and competitions.

ART EXHIBITION 'NIGHT & DAY' BY T J CONEY

MON 11th - FRI 15th MAY

Local artist and painter T J 'Jack' Coney who has been painting landscapes and townscapes in acrylics for 25 years will be exhibiting in the nave of the Stump between the 11th and the 15th May 2009. The exhibition entitled 'Night and Day' will be his first in the Stump. Pictures will be on sale during the exhibition with a share of the receipts being donated to the Restoration and Development Appeal.

PONTARDDULAI MALE VOICE CHOIR

SAT 16th MAY 7.30pm Tickets £10*

One of the finest male voice choirs to visit Boston. Internationally known and winners of fourteen first places at the Royal National Eisteddfod of Wales and two first places at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod. Join us for a performance that will raise the roof, receipts will go to Boston Stump Restoration and Development Appeal.

THE MONUMENTAL BRASS SOCIETY STUDY DAY

SAT 30th MAY £18

The Monumental Brass Society is organising a study day focusing on the brasses, Flemish incised slabs and other medieval monuments in the church which has what is perhaps the most important medieval floor of any English parish church.

Contact Miss Sally Badham FSA,

Dawn Cottage, Purrants Lane, Leafield, Oxon OX29 9PN

SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERTS

SUN 31st MAY 3.00pm

Young Musicians in Concert - showcasing local talent

First in a series of Sunday afternoon concerts with retiring collections.

MAGNA CARTA ON DISPLAY

From MON 1st JUNE until end of AUGUST

For three months Lincoln Cathedral's copy of the Magna Carta will be on display in the church.

So come along and see what is probably one of the most important documents in English history.

Supported by Ecclesiastical Insurance

BOSTON SINFONIA CONCERT

SAT 6th JUNE at 7.30pm Tickets £10*

The Boston Sinfonia presents a programme of well known numbers from *La Boheme*, *Die Fledermaus* and *The Merry Widow* sung by Lincolnshire's Helen Winter of Scottish Opera. The concluding work is Elgar's every popular *Enigma Variations*.

FLOWER FESTIVAL PREVIEW

EVENING

TUES 16th JUNE 7.30pm Tickets £7.50

Be the first to see the magnificent arrangements created by local flower clubs and stroll around the flowers accompanied by live music. Ticket price includes refreshments.

'700 YEARS OF HISTORY'

FLOWER FESTIVAL

WED 17th JUNE - SUN 21st JUNE Entry £5

For five days in June the church will be filled with thousands of flowers depicting the 700 years of the churches history. This event is not to be missed.

ST BOTOLPH'S DAY FESTIVAL SERVICE

WED 17th JUNE 5.30pm

On St Botolph's Day we look forward to welcoming the Bishop of Lincoln, as the guest preacher at our service. Please come and join us.

FRIENDS of BOSTON STUMP AGM

FRI 19th JUNE 7.00pm

The Friends of Boston Stump will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the church at 7.00 pm. This meeting will include the inaugural St Botolph's Lecture (John Taverner and his Time) All are welcome to attend.

TASTES of LINCOLNSHIRE

FOOD MARKET

SAT 20th & SUN 21st JUNE

After visiting the Flower Festival come along and buy

the best food Lincolnshire can offer at the Tastes of Lincolnshire Outdoor Food Market.

FESTIVAL SONG EUCHARIST

SUN 21st JUNE 10.30am

21st June will see the culmination of our Flower Festival. We are delighted to welcome a former Bishop of Grantham and the recently retired Bishop of Truro, Bishop Bill Ind as our guest preacher. Everyone is welcome.

FESTIVAL SONGS OF PRAISE

SUN 21st JUNE 6.30pm

St Botolph's own special 'Songs of Praise' featuring the Boston Choral Society with local school choirs and presented by the BBC's Roger Royle.

SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERTS

SUN 28th JUNE 3.00pm

Organ Lollipops - played by the Stump Organists (Big Screen Presentation).

Second in a series of Sunday afternoon concerts with retiring collections.

PARK SCHOOL CONCERT

AND CELEBRATION

THURS 2nd JULY 10am

The pupils of Park School will be performing their own celebration of the Stump's 700th Anniversary by organising an event that all are welcome to attend.

LINCOLNSHIRE YOUTH SYMPHONIC WIND BAND

FRI 3rd JULY 7.30pm Tickets £10*

The ever popular band consists of students from across Lincolnshire who attend a mixture of weekend and Saturday rehearsals. As well as concerts throughout the county they undertake foreign tours and in 2008 they paid their second visit to Spain. They will be joined by the Boston Youth Pop Choir.

This concert is being promoted by the Lincolnshire Provincial Social Committee.

SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERTS

SUN 12th JULY 3.00pm

Choral Concert - with the Stump Choirs.

Third in a series of Sunday afternoon concerts with retiring collections.

HISTORIANS

We aim to offer a wide variety of interesting and engaging information both within the exhibition and the literature available. With strong links to both American and Australian founding history, there is no shortage of material for historians, genealogists, researchers or simply anyone with an appreciation of the past. The history of the Church forms a central focus which inevitably spreads to include the people responsible for the trade, port and architecture of the whole town. Book ahead if you would like specific information or to visit the parish library of St Botolphs.

BOSTON ART GROUP SUMMER EXHIBITION

SAT 1st AUGUST - MON 31st AUGUST

The Boston Art Group will be holding their summer exhibition in the Stump throughout the month of August. So come along and see the magnificent pictures on show, many by local artists.

GUILD OF VERGERS' FESTIVAL

THURS 10th SEPTEMBER

Vergers from all over England and Wales will be meeting at the church for their Canterbury Province Festival.

SUMMER SUNDAY CONCERTS

SUN 13th SEPTEMBER 3.00pm

A Celebration of Song - featuring some of Boston's leading singers.

Fourth in a series of Sunday afternoon concerts with retiring collections.

FESTIVAL CHORAL CONCERT

SAT 26th SEPTEMBER 7.30pm Tickets £10*

Boston Choral Society presents the premiere of a new composition specially written for the anniversary by Brian Quinn, their Musical Director; a setting of the 'Gloria' for soloists choir and orchestra. Society members are joined by singers from choirs and music groups from the Boston area.

BELL SIMULATOR

During September come and see how the bells are rung and then try it yourself. School Parties welcome. To book ring Tom Freeston on 01205 350153

'700th ANNIVERSARY DINNER'

WED 7th OCTOBER 7.30pm Tickets £40

This will be the fourth dinner, held in the nave, in aid of the Restoration and Development Appeal. A four-course dinner followed by a speaker will make it an evening to remember. Tickets will be limited so please book early.

Sponsored By Ringrose Law

CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL

by JAMES O'DONNELL (Big Screen Presentation)

FRI 9th OCTOBER 7.30pm Tickets £10

We welcome organist James O'Donnell. James is Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey and has performed all over the world. He has appeared at the Proms and with some of the country's leading orchestras and ensembles.

ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC LINCOLN AREA FESTIVAL SERVICE

SUN 11th OCTOBER 5.30pm

The Stump welcomes church choirs from across the Lincoln diocese for an afternoon of singing, ending with a special festival service. Candidates successful in the Dean's and Bishop's examinations will be presented with their awards.

CELEBRITY PIANO RECITAL by JILL CROSSLAND

TUES 20th OCTOBER 7.30pm Tickets £10

British pianist Jill Crossland pursues a flourishing concert and recording career. She performs throughout the UK, including regular appearances at London's South Bank and Wigmore Hall. Her 2008 engagements included St George's Bristol, Fairfield and Blackheath Halls, The Sage, Gateshead and the Leipzig Gewandhaus. *This concert is promoted by the Boston Concert Club.*

A MUSICAL MISCELLANY

SAT 7th NOVEMBER 7.30pm Tickets £5

Come along and join in this popular community event and listen to the Salvation Army Band playing some favourite tunes. A raffle is to be held during the evening. Refreshments included in ticket price.

NORPRINT COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE

WED 9th DECEMBER 7.30pm

Once again local company Norprint are holding their carol service at the Stump. Come along and share with us those well known carols and celebrate Christmas in the traditional way.

LINCOLN CO-OPERATIVE CAROL FESTIVAL

THURS 10th DECEMBER 7.30pm Tickets TBA

Celebrate the festive season with a combination of local brass bands and school choirs along with traditional carols & readings.

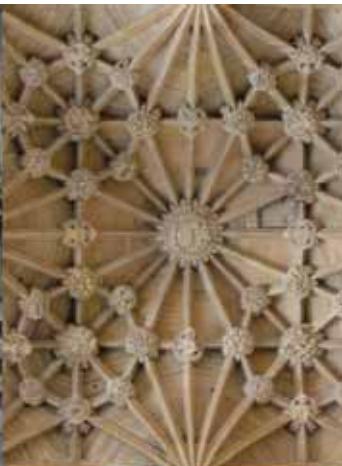
Tickets available from Lincolnshire Co-operative foodstores from the end of November 2009. Proceeds from the concert to Macmillan Cancer Care.

Ticket Order Form

To order tickets, please complete this form below

		Qty	£/event
14 March	Lincoln Cathedral Choir	£5	_____
16 May	Pontarddulais Male Voice Choir (£12 if purchased on the door)	£10*	_____
6 June	Boston Sinfonia (£12 if purchased on the door)	£10	_____
16 June	Flower Festival Preview Evening	£7.50	_____
17-21 June	Flower Festival	£5	_____
3 July	Lincolnshire Youth Symphonic (£12 if purchased on the door)	£10*	_____
26 Sept	Festival Choral Concert (£12 if purchased on the door)	£10*	_____
7 Oct	700th Anniversary Dinner	£40	_____
9 Oct	James O' Donnell Organ Recital	£10	_____
20 Oct	Jill Crossland Piano Recital	£10	_____
7 Nov	A Musical Miscellany	£5	_____
Total cost of order		£	_____

See over to complete form



OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER | TICKETS

Please complete your details on the form below:

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ payable to **Central Bank, St Botolphs, Boston**

Would you prefer to receive further information by email or post

Tick here if you do not wish us to hold your name on computer.

Once complete please return this form to:
Boston Stump Festival Office, 1 Wormgate, Boston, Lincs PE21 6NP
Telephone 01205 362864 Email festival.boston@virgin.net

For further information and up-to-date news visit the Festival page on our website at: www.parish-of-boston.org.uk/anniversary

Alternatively you can purchase tickets online at:
www.parish-of-boston.org.uk/tickets

BOSTON TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

Nearest Tourist Information Centre:
 The Haven Gallery, 2 South Square, Boston
 Telephone: 01205 356656
 Email: ticboston@boston.gov.uk
 Website: www.boston.gov.uk
 Open 7 days a week 10am - 4.30pm
 (closed Tuesdays during school term time)
 Seasonal variations may apply

TRAVELLING TO BOSTON

Boston is a great blend of the past and the present. Brimming with history and a wealth of heritage, it also provides excellent facilities for today's visitor. Take the time to explore it's fascinating streets and unique fenland landscape, and you will be truly rewarded!

Boston has major road links via the A16 (Grimsby, Peterborough), the A17 (Kings Lynn, Newark) or the A52 (Nottingham, the Midlands) & the A1/M1 motorway is within easy reach. Trains to the main East Coast lines at Grantham also connect Boston to the rest of the country.

THE

White Hart

HOTEL

1-5 High Street Boston
 Lincolnshire PE21 8SH
 Tel: 01205 311900
www.whitehartboston.com

The White Hart Hotel boasts magnificent views of the Stump. With 24 well appointed bedrooms, a public bar and restaurant serving hot and cold beverages and locally sourced traditional food, you'll be hard pressed to find a better place to stay or relax in Boston.

LEGEND

Tourist Information	Vehicle Restricted Area
Parking	Public Buildings
Toilets	Hotels / Guest Houses
Church	Park
One Way Streets	

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SCHOOL BOOKINGS

Please contact (min) 4 weeks before your preferred visiting date. We try to arrange the provision of one steward per 10 students. **Please supply a staff contact name and tel number when requesting a school visit.** There is a small booking fee.

Tower Climb

For a separate charge of 50p per pupil, your party can enjoy a fantastic trip up the church tower. A camera is advisable in order to capture the stunning views of the town and beyond. Those with good lenses will be able to see the tower of Lincoln Cathedral on the horizon. Please make sure sufficient supervision is provided by your staff for this activity especially if small groups are specified for each trip. Please allow 45 minutes for this excellent tour.



If available the Church Hall can be used for pupil/student lunches, for leaving bags etc, to do work or shelter from inclement weather!

Children & Disabled

Part of our exhibition is dedicated to activities suitable for all ages and abilities with an emphasis on learning through play. Puzzles, games, stamps and quizzes form the basis of an activity centre which will keep everyone amused (or just the children and the 'young at heart' while the adults enjoy a relaxing coffee.) Wherever possible, we have endeavoured to include activities and facilities suitable for disabled people of all ages. As you can appreciate, there are some activities which are unfortunately unsuitable such as climbing the tower, however webcams will offer a birds eye view without the challenging climb!

Please Note: We only receive funeral service arrangements about a week in advance and these usually have to fit in with crematorium timings so this could mean the details of your visit may need to change at short notice.

GROUP BOOKINGS

Please contact (min) 5 weeks before your preferred visiting date/time to enable us to arrange the provision of stewards. We aim to split your party into groups of 10 people to give all a chance to be involved.

Parish Library

If members of your party wish to visit the Library please enquire at the time of booking, there is no extra charge.



Tower Climb

If all, or part of your group wish to climb the tower, an extra charge of £3 per person applies (£1 for children). The climb of 209 steps can be quite taxing so it is not advisable for those with a health condition who might find the climb too arduous. Please allow 45 minutes for this excellent tour.

Guided Tours

Tours last on average an hour and usually take place during the day only, although small groups may be accommodated during the Summer evenings if staff are available. (please note: the shop, library and tower are not usually open during the evenings.)

Please ensure you supply the group organiser's name, address, business, home or mobile telephone number.

Group Refreshments

Please enquire for price per head if refreshments are required. *Check openings times on next page.*

FACILITIES

Disabled Access

The Church is, as far as possible, accessible for wheelchairs except for the Library (24 steps) and the Tower (209 steps). Tower climb not suggested for those with health problems.

SOUVENIR SHOP/REFRESHMENTS

Open 10am - 4pm

The Shop stocks a large range of gifts. Our reasonably priced refreshments include tea, coffee and homemade cakes. *(Tour Organisers and Coach Drivers qualify for 10% discount on all purchases from the Shop.)*

GUIDED TOURS

A minimum donation of £3 per person. Average tour time 1 hour.

PARISH LIBRARY

Visits can be arranged, please enquire at the time of organising your group booking.

TOWER CLIMB

£3 per person (£1 per accompanied child)
50p per pupil on school visit.

TOILETS

Limited toilet provision in the Hall.

DAILY OPENING TIMES

Church	9am - 4.30pm
Shop/Refreshments	10am - 4pm
Parish Library visits can be arranged,	
please enquire.	

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services

8am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Sung Eucharist
6.30pm	Choral Evensong

Weekday Services

Tuesday	9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday	10.30am Holy Communion
Saturday	9.30am Holy Communion

EMAIL & CONTACT DETAILS

Contact the Festival Office

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Boston

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PE21 6NP

Tel: 01205 362864

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