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BTT Members,

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The Board values your feedback and contributions.

BTT AGM – Diary Date

Please note the AGM will be on Tuesday, October 14 2025 at the Unitarian Meeting House (doors open 6.30pm for 7pm start).

Following the AGM, Emmerson Critchley will present a brief talk about the renovation works his company have undertaken to the Gregg's retail unit on Abbeygate Street.

The BTT Board of Trustees look forward to seeing you.

Dear Member

Welcome to our summer newsletter providing a brief insight to the activities which the Board have been undertaking in recent months.

Our conservation training for students at West Suffolk College has made great progress with the PoDs (Prototype of Design) under the close shepherding of Emmerson Critchley. The students and staff are currently on their summer break and we look forward to a new autumn term and the many activities which we are proposing for this coming period.

Behind the scenes we still continue to work hard with the Bury St Edmunds Rail Station Group to address long outstanding repairs needed to the former Station Master's House. We also objected to a Listed Building Application made by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited seeking to demolish the historic Water Tower and continue to monitor the situation.

The consultation with the community by Greene King regarding their relocation from the town centre continues. We have contributed to the conversation through the community group established under the chair of Peter Riddington. The Group's views are beginning to coalesce around the intended uses of specific parts of the site and these have been outlined to

GK. Feedback and further information is awaited. The relocation of the brewery is an important and historic change to this part of the town centre and the Trust intends to remain an active participant in the consultation.

Finally, you will have seen from our headline banner that we have a very exciting talk coming up at our AGM on the extensive conservation works undertaken on the Greggs unit on Abbeygate Street. I do hope as many of you as possible are able to attend the meeting.

Many thanks for your continued support and do please let us know if you have any matters you would like to raise.

Jonathan Lloyd, Chair



SOUTH AFRICAN WAR MEMORIAL

In recognition of the restoration works to the South African War Memorial in the town square The Bury St Edmunds Town Trust has been awarded the annual Rod Rees Architectural Award,

RENOVATED: The South African War Memorial

Certificate of Excellence by the Bury Society.

Jonathan Lloyd Chair of the Trust attended the Society's annual general meeting where Chair Martyn Taylor made the presentation.

Jonathan Lloyd comments "The Trust is delighted to receive this award from the Society, which recognises the Trust's continued efforts to help

maintain the heritage assets of the town. We are particularly grateful to the Town Council and an anonymous donor for funding the works.



We would also like to thank the Churches Conservation Trust for preparing a fascinating report on the history and significance of the Memorial and to Richard Rogers Conservation for the works they so carefully undertook."

The Trust were previous recipients of the award for their restoration works to 11 High Baxter Street.

For further information regarding both these schemes and the Town Trust visit:

<https://burystedmundstowntrust.org.uk/completed-projects/>



Jonathan Lloyd (left) receiving the Award from Bury Society Chair, Martyn Taylor



Archive: the South African War Memorial is unveiled

WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE



BTT Board Member Emmerson Critchley has been supervising WS College students on the timber-framed PoD.

By the end of the academic year, all the timber framing has been completed up to the wall-plate, including the mullion windows.

The rafters have been cut and housed out ready for installation.

Students will get Phase 2 underway early in the new academic year when they will be employing lime plastering, pargetting and daub skills.

The Trust thanks Emmerson for his work on this project and the sponsorship he has secured to forward this important experience for WSC students.



WSC students working on the timber-framed PoD (left, above and below)



REMINDER: Membership Fee Change

As those of us who attended our AGM in the autumn will remember, one of our members asked us to consider the inequality in membership fees between single and dual members.

Over the years we have seen a change away from communicating with our members by post to contacting the vast majority of you by email. This means that printing and postage costs are no longer a factor when looking at our membership structure. Therefore, the board has decided to make an amendment to our membership categories for new members. From now on we will no longer offer dual membership for new members. Instead, we will have a flat annual membership of £12 per person, if two people prefer to pay together, one payment of £24 will be due.

For existing members, we will maintain your status as dual members and there will be no mandatory increase in annual fees, but we would be very grateful if you do decide increase your payment to £24, from the current £18, with effect from January 2026.