



## APRIL MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

**Advanced Notice of the April Meeting, April 20<sup>th</sup>: 'Desert Island Discs'**. Members have been invited to select their favourite record and say why. This will be to be compared by DJ Owen Brookes from Harborough FM. A chance for members to go back in time and 'dig' out their music favourite!

**Little Bowden Society Open Day – Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 2pm, at the St. Nicholas Church Hall.** We will have a stall with a rolling film show, society memorabilia, second-hand quality book stall, a vintage 1950's Hornby Rail Layout and refreshments will be available.

We would like it manned on a rota by members to talk about the society, promote the society and hopefully gain new members.

**If anyone is interested in helping out, please contact the Chairman, Alan Window on 467896 or email [alan1938.window@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alan1938.window@hotmail.co.uk), or myself, [awcherrington@gmail.com](mailto:awcherrington@gmail.com), 07730797658.**

### **Our other events so far for 2022 -**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>: 'National Open Gardens'**. The Guest Speaker is Mrs. Joanne Woodcock of Westbrooke House, Little Bowden, who opens her garden to the public on a regular basis through the National Open Gardens scheme.

**June 15<sup>th</sup>: Visit to the Welland Valley Vintage Traction Club., Glebe Road, Little Bowden.** A chance for a return visit one of the 'hidden gems' of little Bowden. This will be organised by one of their members, and ours, Phil Baildon.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>: Visit to the Market Harborough Theatre with Supper.** Another local 'gem' which will be organised by our own Vivien Window.

**There will be no meeting as usual in August.**

### **On-going matters involving the society -**

**Flooding on the Little Bowden Recreation Ground** – As reported at the March Monthly Meeting, Councillor Peter James had recently contacted the Secretary. 'Regarding flooding I am pleased to say that the Multi Agency Group held a meeting on 22nd February 2022. 'I was very pleased to see that progress is now being made with several hotspots identified where there is concern regarding flooding. These have been flagged up following flow modelling and it is proposed that these will be checked out in more detail with site visits.

It is my view that some engineering will be required to better manage surface water flows and that funding bids will be required to do this. I will keep you updated.'

**Bellfieds Lane and Scotland Road, road markings** – A reported at the March Monthly Meeting, Councillor Barry Champion contacted the Secretary on March 15<sup>th</sup> as there had at last been some movement. The Traffic and Signals Team Manager for the Leicestershire Highways Department had written to Councillor Champion stating. 'Whilst we cannot install bend warning signs at this location, we will install road narrows

signs either side of the bridge at the most appropriate locations. The team are drawing the plans up and will order these works at the same time as rationalising the signage on the entrance to Bellfields Lane as this is cluttered with signage, some of which is hidden behind other signs.

**Little Bowden Green Tree Meeting 28 March 2022** – Chairman Alan Window represented the society at a meeting organised by the HDC and the St. Nicholas PCC to determine a suitable and best location for the 'Queen's Tree' which the Council were willing to plant on the Green.

The tree is described as an Acer campestre Queen Elizabeth.

Several restrictions had to be taken into account when choosing the best location - not alongside Rectory Lane, away from the Scout Hall, not in the location where the river authority requires annual access to the 'Jordan' with equipment for river clearance activity and not in the 'middle' of the Green preventing the playing of games.

A site close to the pathway between the Church Hall and Scout Hall, grass was chosen. This position is in line with the recently planted Cherry Tree and adjacent to the sign "Please do not drive on the grass".

More details will be available when known.

**Monthly Meeting tea and coffee rota** - Anyone still wishing to volunteer and help please contact Sheila White on 440982.

**Monthly Charity Raffle** - Alec Hodgson asked if anyone had surplus gifts they would like to 'regift' please donate them to our charity.

Regards, Anthony Cherrington, Secretary. 06/04/2022  
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