



## MAY MEMBERS NEWSLETTER

**Little Bowden Society Open Day** – This was held on Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 2pm, at the St. Nicholas Church Hall. – The Open day was held to promote the society and gain new membership. Attractions were a stall with a rolling film show, society memorabilia, a second-hand quality book stall, a plant sale and a vintage 1950's Hornby Model Layout. Refreshments were also available.

There was a steady stream of visitors throughout the day, including our County Councillor, Barry Champion and one of our HDC Councillors, Peter James.

The event was deemed a success in gaining 17 new members and promoting the work of the society.

The Committee would like to offer sincere thanks to members Lesley Milsom, Pam Aucott and Carol and Alec Hodgson for their help on the day.



One of the attractions of the Open Day that gained a lot of interest from the young and the 'young at heart' was Phil Baildon's Vintage Hornby 1950's model railway, as you can see from the photo one young person is about to embark on their journey as a 'model railway controller'.

(Photograph taken with permission of the parent)

**April 'Desert Island Discs'.** A warm welcome was given at the April Meeting to our host for the evening, DJ Owen Brookes, from Harborough FM. Those members who could not attend missed a really enjoyable and informative presentation by DJ Owen, with anecdotes and an eclectic mix of members favourite music and their reasons why for choosing them.

### Upcoming Society Events:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Society visit to the Welland Valley Traction Club, Glebe Road, Little Bowden.**

This event has been brought forward from the June Meeting, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at the invitation of the Traction Club, and will be open from 6.30pm to 9.00pm.

All four sheds will be open, and there will be other visiting vehicles. There will be a Club BBQ with food, drinks, and plenty of people to tell us about the exhibits. Anyone interested in attending please contact Phil Baildon, who is organising this event. Although this is a free event, donations to the Traction Club would be gratefully received. **Phil can be contacted on 01858446300.**

**May Meeting, May 18<sup>th</sup>: 'National Open Gardens'.** The Guest Speaker is Mrs. Joanne Woodcock, also known as Mrs Joanne Drew, 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>: Interactive Games and Social Evening.** Due to the success of the March Guest Speaker, Mr. Alan James Window, on the subject of 'History of Games', an interactive games evening will be organised by our Chairman, Alan Window, and Committee member, Kevin Millard. It will also be a social evening for members to get to know one another. Those of you who attended our September Opening Meeting after Covid, will remember the successful 'Taste the Difference Wine Experience' organised by Kevin Millard and his wife Irene.

**July 20<sup>th</sup>: Visit to the Market Harborough Theatre with Supper.** Another local Market Harborough '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 –** Councillor Peter James advised that progress is still 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.

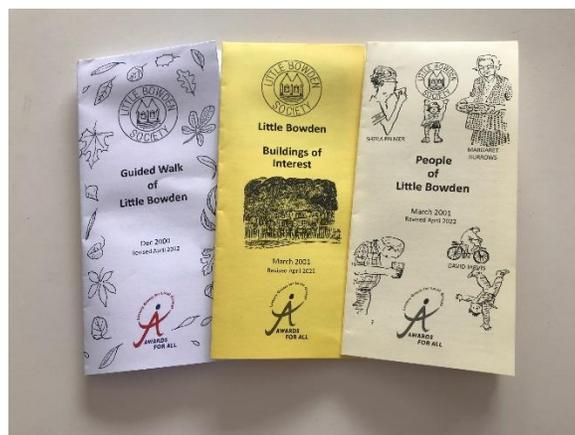
**Bellfieds Lane and Scotland Road, road markings –** Councillor Barry Champion advised that he is still monitoring the progress of the signage on the entrance to Bellfieds Lane and the narrow road signage under the rail bridge.

**Little Bowden Green Tree Planting –** Chairman Alan Window has reported that the tree planted by the HDC to the St. Nicholas PCC and the Society to commemorate the Queens Jubilee has been recently done. The tree is described as an Acer Campestre Queen Elizabeth.

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

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

**Little Bowden Information Leaflets –** Back in 2001, the society, with sponsorship, published various leaflets about Little Bowden. These have now been updated and reprinted, and are on sale at £1.00 each, or 3 for £2.00. These will be on sale at Monthly Meetings or from the Committee Members.



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