



# BOURNE CIVIC SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

June 2019

Registered Charity No 512420



**New Member**

**Julia Lister**

**Next Meeting at  
Warners Printers**

**There are limited numbers  
for this visit.**

**Please inform Brenda if you  
are going to attend**

**17th June at 7.00 at Warners  
Print Works.**

**July Social**

**Friday 5th July at 7.00pm at  
64 Stephenson Way**

**For catering please inform  
Brenda**

### TOWN COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

Bourne town council is again looking for a worthy group or individual.

After launching its Community Champion Award several years ago, the time has come again to find another.

The Town Council seeks someone who deserves an award, who deserves recognition for their work in the local community, or the time they have dedicated to volunteering and being an inspiration to others. For a nomination form email [clerk.bourne](mailto:clerk.bourne@btconnect.com)

[etc@btconnect.com](mailto:etc@btconnect.com) or call the Town council on 01778 426123.

### Brunel was worried about Litter in 1842

He was one of Britain's greatest engineers, a man of ingenuity and daring whose achievements are still in use.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel was also ahead of time, according to letters he wrote in which he expressed views about the environmental impact of building modern Britain.

The remarkable and extremely rare letters were found by Roger Henley, a retired engineer, Most of the correspondence, among old maps and charts at Bristol port.

The 15 letters were written between 1832 and 1846, the period during which he was appointed engineer of Clifton Suspension Bridge, launched SS Great Britain, and completed the Great Western Railway.

Most of the correspondence, which have been given to the SS Great Britain Trust, is from Brunel to directors of the Bristol Dock Company and addresses the problem of the city's floating harbour becoming laden with mud, causing large vessels to run aground. Writing in 1842 he expressed concern that the "abuses of using the float as a common receptacle for rubbish have immensely increased". Mr Henley said "They didn't stand out until I got to the bottom of the first letter and to my amazement realised it was signed IK Brunel.

### WATCHING THE CAMERAS

Councils have been told by the Department of Transport to rip down pointless road signs that clutter streets and confuse motorists. And they are quite right. Because a whole swathe of road signs have become completely irrelevant over the last few years, the ones without cameras on them.

In the old days, if I came to a no-left turn sign or a no-entry, I instinctively obeyed it out of respect for the law. But then they started to enforce some of them with cameras. This created, in my mind, a two-tier system. Some no-entry roads became "less no-entry than others" If they were not bothering to enforce it with a camera. I reckoned, they did not really mean it. So now when I see a sign I glance around for the camera and if there isn't one, I simply ignore it. I get everywhere much quicker and have terrible accidents only occasionally. So get rid of all camera-free signs, then get rid of all cameras, and we will be back to exactly where we were in the good old days, everyone doing what they are told for all the right reasons.

Bourne Civic Society are members of Civic Voice



## Marlboro - BRM

Niki Lauda . 1949 – 2019

Andreas Nikolaus Lauda  
Niki Lauda was born in  
Vienna in 1949

The scion of a well-to-do family of Austrian industrials. Lauda had struggled from the start to realise his racing dream. He was disowned by his father when he told him that he wanted to become a racing driver instead of joining the family business. In 1972 he took part in all 12 races in the F1 World Championship. He won his first championship points for the BRM team.

Teams:-

March, BRM, Ferrari, Brabham, McLaren.

Wins; 25

Championships: 3 (1975, 1977, 1984.)

### Visitor to the Raymond Mays Room

Old friend of Pedro Rodriguez came to see the Trophies, that he had won when driving for BRM  
D.W.Sizp.

Niki Lauda joined Bourne's BRM motor racing team in 1973, after driving for the March Team in 1972.

Niki impressed many by his driving, despite his BRM letting him down from time to time. Louis Stanley, who was in charge of the team at the time, was committing it beyond its resources hoping to impress its new sponsors, Marlboro. The Ferrari team had also noted Niki's talent as a driver and offered him a drive for the following year. An offer he readily accepted. He won his first two of his three World Championships with the team.

His third Championship came in 1984 when he drove for McLaren, having been tempted out of retirement by Ron Dennis, the team's owner in 1982. He offered him a deal he could not refuse.

Niki Lauda will always be remembered for his leaving hospital six weeks after his bad accident in the 1976 German Grand Prix. He received bad burns and lung damage when his car caught fire. Injuries he had not been expected to survive. He left to take part in the Italian Grand Prix, having first to find a larger crash helmet to go over his heavily bandaged head. He finished fourth in the race. Even so Enzo Ferrari had little faith in his future ability to drive. How wrong he was.



### Niki Lauda

Cup won by Niki Lauda at Zolder in 1973. This gave him his first ever championship points in a BRM.

### Our Mission Statement

It is the aim of the Society to make sure that new developments are of the highest possible quality and developers are made aware of the issues surrounding their schemes. Good design is only possible through a full understanding of any scheme's environment and urban context. We seek to safeguard our existing heritage and the many listed buildings from demolition or neglect.