

The LOWDOWN

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We now have a light at the end of this long tunnel, so stay focused safe and above all positive. I know it's going to be hard to motivate yourself and help others you know who are struggling, but a friendly ear can be a lifeline. I am always here for guidance and extra support.

Guy Lennon, Resident Counsellor at Flawless Hairdressers

IMPORTANT BUS INFO!!

The new bus stops are at the Mount Owen end of New Road by Quick Row, and the New Road cul de sac outside number 81.



The Church is alive and Zooming!

"What's happening with the Church?" is what people are asking me at the moment. The Church is alive and active, but just not in our beautiful building at the moment. The "church" is actually the people, not the building, and we live in this community, and are part of this community and involved in all sorts of activities. You probably have somebody living very close to you who is part of the "church" in all its different forms and varieties. One of the things we are all missing is meeting and seeing other people, having a chance for a chat, and to see a smiling face, especially if we are having to stay at home most of the time. Since the first Lockdown in March the church has been on Zoom. I had never heard of Zoom before this, but now we do lots of things on Zoom, as families and friends but also as the "church". If you would like to come and have a look at what happens, then do please to contact me or someone that you know is connected to the "church":

01993 851 222 or janice.collier@hotmail.co.uk Unfortunately, we cannot put the links up on the website etc in the public domain because some naughty people have high-jacked gatherings and have behaved in very naughty ways!



branch of WI, volunteers were required to form a committee to ensure the effective coordination and administration of the Bampton Belles. Throughout the rest of 2019, members enjoyed talks from interesting speakers and the pleasure of demonstrations such as National Trust gardening, antiques and wreath making, followed by a Christmas party. The Bampton Belles continued to meet in the Bampton Pavilion until the first National Lockdown in March 2020.

Bampton Belles WI

I wonder how many people now living in Bampton are aware that our Village Hall in the Market Square was once the WI hall. Sadly, with declining numbers due to various factors such as age and people moving away, and the building needing maintenance the WI ceased. The hall was taken over by the Parish Council and is now a well-used building at the centre of village life.

The Bampton Belles WI was formed in July 2019 after the Oxfordshire WI Federation began to look at the possibility of creating a new WI in the village. As this was a new

Even though the current situation has prompted all WIs to cease monthly meetings with members, the Bampton Belles committee continues to remain proactive, having a monthly committee meeting via zoom to plan future meetings and ways to keep our members engaged until our group meetings can resume. The most recent being a small Christmas parcel, a questionnaire and newsletter updates.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Bampton Belles WI or would like any further information, please use the following email:-
bamptonbelleswi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk



Janet Rouse

Visual storyteller · 11 Jan ·

I've been trawling through my old photograph albums and at last I've found a few showing shops and a pub that are no more. This shows Temples the hardware store and Spar which is now the Co-op. [Dave Taylor](#) I bet you can give the model of the cars and therefore roughly the year?



*'No, not a disco. This is a
24-hour vaccination site
for the elderly'*

VACCINATION STORY

FROM JULIE ANN GODSON

On 7 January 1886, Joseph Hiatt of Hook Norton was brought before the magistrates for failing to have his 2-year-old daughter Annie vaccinated against smallpox. A comfortable High Street draper and outfitter, Hiatt was represented by his solicitor who informed the magistrates that Mr Hiatt was a conscientious objector against vaccination, and was unlikely to change his mind.

The Bench made an order for Annie to be vaccinated within 14 days. Most resistance against vaccination was a reaction to its compulsory nature than to the vaccination itself. It was in this context that the phrase "conscientious objector" first came into common parlance. Once compulsion was withdrawn resistance dwindled, and smallpox was eventually eradicated in the 1970s. That's... er... 90 years...

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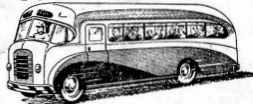
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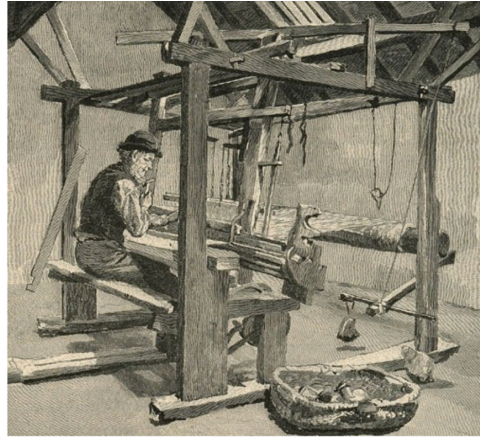
GARAGE

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'ON THIS DAY IN OXFORDSHIRE'

"On 23 February 1811, an inquest took place on the body of a well-dressed man who had been found drowned. The local paper reported: "He appeared to be about 40 years of age, was decently dressed, and had on a brown coat with a black velvet collar, yellow swansdown waistcoat spotted with black, corduroy breeches, yellow and red silk handkerchief round his neck, and a blue woollen apron round his waist. In his coat pockets two or three handfuls of flock, and in his waistcoat pocket two Bank of England one pound notes, and one Wootton Bassett one pound note, and a few halfpence; but nothing else was found to assist in tracing out who he was or from whence he came." Taken together, the samples of flock (wool) and the blue apron may denote the man's occupation as a weaver. The pound note



from Wootton Bassett is a reminder that, until the mid-19th century, commercial banks were able to issue their own banknotes, and notes issued by provincial banking companies were the common form of currency outside London. The mystery gentleman was buried at Bampton church two days after the inquest."

Visit www.julieanngodson.com

'On This Day In Oxfordshire' by Julie Ann Godson is available on Amazon.

DUTTONS SHOP

The original Duttons shop. George Dutton on the left was not really much good as a shop keeper, his heart wasn't in it but he was very good with figures and ran the Midland Bank which was inside the shop. When the bank moved next door, George ran it and sold Duttons to William Matthews, who is the 15 year old boy in this picture. Bill Matthews is his son and lives in Bridge St aged 90.



Teresa Curtis

For those of you that used to have your post delivered by Teresa and were wondering where she is, after 23 years of service with Royal Mail she has now retired!

Teresa has lived in the area all of her life and for most of that time she has lived in Bampton.

Her career started with Royal Mail as a casual but she loved it so much that she decided to take on a full time position.

Teresa is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and visiting their favourite places in Cornwall and Dorset (when restrictions allow!), but for now you will probably still bump in to her on her daily walks around the village, however she will no longer be averaging 30,000+ steps per day.



We wanted to thank Teresa for all of her years of service, particularly in 2020 when her and all of her colleagues worked tirelessly throughout the pandemic.

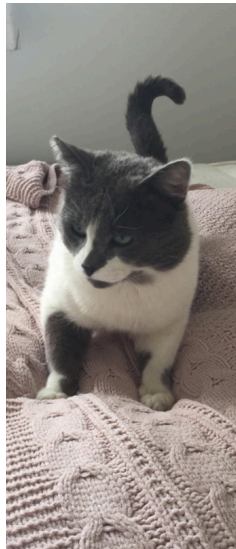
If you would like to send any well wishes to Teresa then please feel free to send anything to isobel_goves27@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you Teresa for all of your years of service from your family and everyone you have delivered to over the years.

Happy Retirement Teresa!



KITTEN PHOTOS
From Kris Baughan



James the Cat

James is a 12 year old boy with a wonderfully grumpy face! He recently disappeared for a couple of days, very unusual for him but then re-appeared and of course being a cat wondered what all the fuss was about

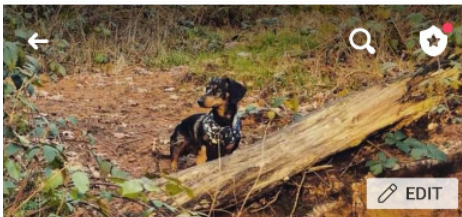
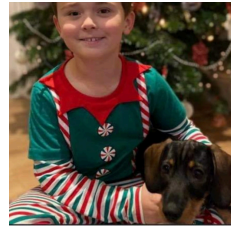
- Thank you Lyndy Dennis for the photo and the story!

SAUSAGE DOGS OF BAMPTON

There's a new local Facebook group in town..... 'Sausage Dogs of Bampton' I, like many others during this time, have been enjoying getting outside and taking walks around the wonderful area in which we live. I'm lucky in the fact I have a little four-legged companion called Betty to accompany me and yes, her legs may be short but boy can she walk! She is of course a Dachshund (pronounced Daks hund). I have always been a lover of this breed after both my grandma and aunties owned them when I was growing up and Betty is aptly named after my Grandma.

During the summer we happened to bump into another Dachshund whilst out on a walk. When restrictions have allowed, we have enjoyed some lovely walks together and Betty has made a new friend. Recently we could not help but notice lots of other Dachshunds trotting around Bampton and so I thought it was about time there was a local group where owners could come together to share advice, stories, photos and meet for walkies-when its Covid safe of course! Within hours of launching the group there were thirteen members! I cannot wait until we can all meet up for a Sausage roll, sorry I mean stroll together soon!

-Laura Thornton



Sausage Dogs of Bampton >

I started the new year by setting up a Bampton Sausage Dog Group on Facebook called 'Sausage Dogs of Bampton' after spotting so many Dachshunds around the village and in a matter of hours had 13 members! I've attached a photo which includes a picture of my own Dachshund Betty which you are welcome to use. If you would like anymore info please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- Best wishes Laura Thornton



Photos: Annie Jenkin

Nature Watch

Goldfinches tucking in to the Lavender heads in our garden on this misty frosty morning. Mike Eason (Aston and Cote FB)



Male Great Spotted Woodpecker in my apple tree.



Maurizio
Fantato



Photos from a winter walk from Jenny Philpott

MESSAGE FROM WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



As the shielding programme is paused and people start to return to work, we know that many of you will be feeling anxious about the changes taking place. We want to reassure you that West Oxfordshire District Council, along with a wide range of charities and community services, are here to help.

If you or someone you know is worried and needs help, please call the Council on 01993 861077 or send an email to:
community.support@westoxon.gov.uk

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New College Oxford at sunrise. Photo by Miles Young, Warden of New College, taken from the Warden's Lodgings.

Announcements

The Bampton Village Community Shop

The Bampton Village Community Shop is now accepting grant requests from Bampton (and surrounding villages) Clubs, Societies and Charities. The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday the 29th February 2021. An application form is attached or I can send out a hard copy on request. When the form is completed please forward a scan or a photograph of the completed document by email to npthorpe@btinternet.com. You may, if you wish, send a hard copy to Nick Thorpe at Westbrook House, Bridge Street, Bampton OX18 2HA. You will be notified of the decision of the disbursements committee by email towards the end of March - with funds being transferred to the nominated bank account soon after. Could I please remind you that a grant request for a specific purpose is more likely to succeed than one for 'club funds' or similar. Would you also please complete all relevant boxes on the form. This is especially important with the cash held at the bank. 'Savings account' should include all accessible cash including COIF or deposit funds. For more information please contact Nick Thorpe on 07768 035458 or by email.



Bruce Haskell on Bampton Facebook page: 'Can I take this opportunity to thank the amazing staff of our Bampton Co-op? As far as I'm concerned each and every one of you is front line and appreciated. 9 months in you are all still smiling, still helping and staying strong. Thank you!!'

Hidden Gardens

Sunday 13 June 2 - 6 pm

Happily we have all been enjoying our outdoor spaces this year, with many hours spent tending our gardens, with this in mind a date has been chosen for Hidden Gardens. Please put this in your diaries, go out and visit the Garden Centres which are open throughout lockdown - and get ready! Further details of the Garage Sale and Hidden Gardens will be delivered to your door in the new year. In the meantime enjoy this winter sunshine and do get in touch if you have any queries.

Hidden Gardens Team

Angie 01993 851095 Jo // 01993 850947

Aston Repair Depot

We are aiming to remain open during the forthcoming lockdown. We will do our best to support our customers to the best of our ability in both a commercial and social capacity during these anxious times whilst exercising all precautions necessary to keep everyone safe. Take Care, Andy Ball and his team. 01993 850305

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- Monique Liddiard

Arts & Crafts



WEST OX ARTS

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If you have lived in or around Bampton for some time you will probably know about West Ox Arts, but if you are new to the area you may wonder what that big building is, in the middle of the town, opposite the Co-op. It looks

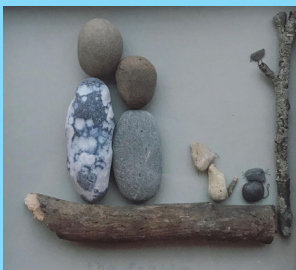
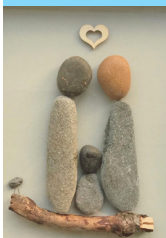
like a Town Hall and was in fact built for that purpose, opening in 1838. Since then it has had several uses including a spell as the local fire station, with space for the fire engines downstairs.

For nearly 50 years the upstairs has housed West Ox Arts, a local art society dedicated to promoting art in West Oxfordshire. We hold regular exhibitions and if you were allowed in now you would see our latest show – a Members Exhibition, which includes paintings, ceramics, textiles and glass, all produced by members of the society, most of them from the local area. We put this up in the autumn and had hoped to open again after Christmas, but of course the lockdown rules prevent this. Everything is frozen in

time – our excellent staff are furloughed, our many volunteers are having a well earned rest, and all the exhibits are sitting there unappreciated.

We hope to be able to reopen in May for Oxfordshire Art Weeks, and if so do come-entrance is free.

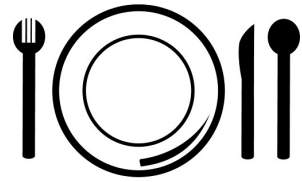
For details of opening times and exhibitions please see the website, www.westoxarts.com. - Jenny Smith



LITTLE COTSWOLD STONES

So we are Little Cotswold Stones, started by three creative sisters over the first lockdown as a way to amalgamate business and their love of art. We create framed handmade gifts for every occasion and are busy working on our valentine's artworks. We can be found on Facebook and Instagram.

Food & Drink



Hello all, firstly I hope everyone is keeping well and as safe as can be.

I am Ashaa, the proud founder of Spicy Bites. As a recent resident of Aston Bampton, I soon came to realise we lack a variety of authentic Indian tastes within the local vicinity.

I have therefore taken it upon myself, with encouragement from the local community, to share my upbringing and culture through authentic homemade hearty dishes.

I have an ever-growing passion for cooking and producing delicious Indian food. I will be creating an exciting array of vegetarian

and non-vegetarian dishes so you can enjoy a curry the way it should be, from the heart!

A carefully selected menu will be created weekly, consisting of one vegetarian dish and one non-vegetarian dish, along with delicious accompaniments to be made available at the end of each week.

All orders will be for collection only.

With support from such a strong community, I truly believe I will achieve my goal of providing regular, and more frequent, spicy bites.

Please visit the Aston and Cote Facebook page for the most up to date information.

I look forward to meeting and seeing all you lovely people soon.



Paintings by Pip Shuckburgh WOA. OAS



99 SQUADRON CARRY OUT RUNWAY OPERATIONS TRAINING IN LOUISIANA USA

99 Squadron took the next step in developing the aircraft's Semi Prepared Runway Operations (SPRO) capability during training based in Louisiana, USA. During this training, the entire crew experienced first-hand the complexities of operating in this type of environment and learnt how best to prepare both aircraft and personnel to deliver safely, when called upon.



SPRO is a latent capability of the C-17, which involves operating from runways constructed from non-permanent materials,

such as gravel, dirt or even packed ice and snow. Normally, aircraft of the C-17's size would require much longer, wider and smoother surfaces to operate from, but the C-17 was designed with this kind of capability in mind. Developing a UK C-17 SPRO capability allows the RAF to exploit the existing capability of the C-17, opening up a new area of operation for Defence now and for the future.



Stacey Evans, Media and Communications Officer | RAF Brize Norton



Yvonne painted the lovely cover of our last issue! See more of her paintings and for commissions and greetings cards and more, see her Facebook page -

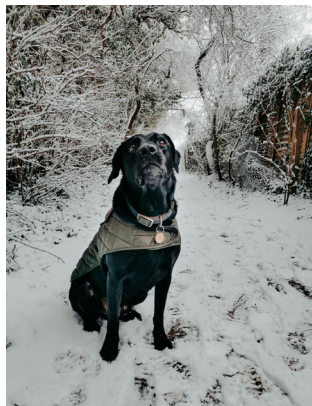
Yvonne Lay, Cotswold Artist & Creator

Wildlife Paintings

by Yvonne Lay
of Shilton



Bampton in the Snow!!



Bampton (and Bertie) in the snow.



Jessica



Alexander Phinbow (age 10)



James Fallows



Alex and Harry



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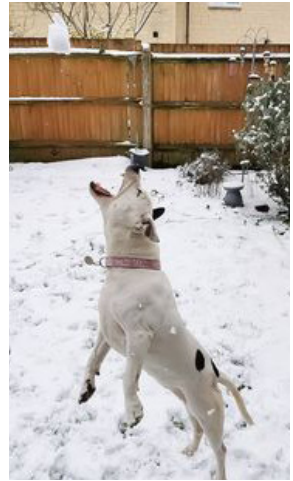
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