

# The LOWDOWN

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Thank you Janet Rouse for the great photo!

Meet our new  
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## THE LOWDOWN IS RECRUITING!

We're looking for volunteers to help with the writing and designing of the Bampton Lowdown! We need:

**MICRO REPORTERS** to be our eyes and ears in your area and to send in stories, information, photos and any other contributions.

**GRAPHIC DESIGNERS** to help with the design and layout.

We'd love to hear from you! Email  
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# BAMPTON FIRE STATION

## RECRUITING NOW

**BAMPTON'S FIRE STATION IS RECRUITING  
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[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters)  
**SEE OUR SPECIAL REPORT ON PAGE 8!**

This photo speaks a thousand words ..  
the CCPA's (Chandler Close Party  
Animals..) presented the Lowdown with  
£84 raised at their (responsible) street  
party on 30th August - fantastic!!



For me, this says everything about our  
wonderful Bampton spirit.

Huge thanks to you all, especially to  
Irene and Sarah!

*Adam*

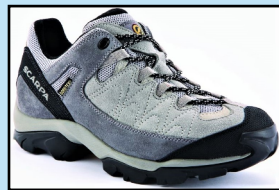
## MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSOR, PODIATRIST JANICE MONTGOMERIE

**PODIATRY NOW.** Podiatry is the modern name for Chiropody. We have added knowledge about how the foot functions and how abnormalities can affect the rest of the body. Insoles and orthotics can provide relief from painful problems and relieve pressure on knees, hips and the back.

Footwear tips for Autumn. During the lockdown we were all encouraged to walk for health and fitness. We need to keep this up! Now is a good time to reassess our footwear. Heavy hiking boots are not necessary in this relatively flat area, but a good pair of walking trainers/shoes is invaluable.

To help you find a pair with the right fit and plenty of comfort, here are some ideas. Good all-rounders are Merrell, Salomon and Scarpa. For wide feet consider Keen or Meindl. If you have long toes Meindl are particularly good. For narrow feet Asolo is worth a look. If your feet don't fit a mainstream brand, then look at Altberg.

I have recently purchased a pair of Scarpa GTX Vortex walking trainers. These have Goretex waterproof linings and excellent shock protection. Probably the best feature for me is the deep chunky sole which gives fantastic grip on the loose surfaces and muddy ground around Bampton.



If you are unsure about your new footwear, come to the clinic at the end of the morning and I will happily check the fit for you.

### HAPPY WALKING!

## Considerate Construction Contractors - not?!

Following the start of the **Bampton Meadows** construction works, some of our readers approached us regarding inconsiderate truck drivers heading in and out of the site in the early mornings. There were eloquent comments on Nextdoor, the online neighbourhood platform: *"I too was the victim of the flipping lorries, bad corner just before Aston from Bampton lorry whizzing round on MY side! I ended up in the ditch - Gggrrrr...!!"*

Inconsiderate driving in our already congested and ill-maintained roads is a serious problem, more so if this involves very large vehicles. We decided to investigate, writing to **Taylor Wimpey's** PR Agency. Their response: *"We are sorry that construction traffic delivering to our Bampton Meadows development is causing some disruption to local residents. Following recent feedback from residents, we have written to our contractors and suppliers to reinforce that heavy goods vehicles must not deliver to the site before 8 am and must only use the approved delivery route from the A40 via Witney Road. We are committed to working considerably and responsibly and would like to thank local residents for their cooperation while the works continue."*

At least we now know that construction traffic is limited to the hours of 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. We also now have the contact details of the Senior Site Manager, Matt Harris. There was no reply when we called, and as the Agency's response came just hours before closing this issue we will find out more for our October issue. Meanwhile, we urge you to contact us with any feedback, and we will act on it!

**thelockdownpress@gmail.com**



## The Annual Collection for The Children's Society

We are approaching the time of year when I usually collect in all your kind donations.

However, this year I'm not happy about visiting so many homes or counting all that cash. Actually....most people have less cash available because they have been using their plastic and several friends have already planned to give me a cheque.

Therefore, may I ask you all to keep your boxes till next year, when hopefully we will be out of lockdown, or send a donation to The Children's Society, Bumpers Way, Bumpers Farm, Chippenham, SN14 6NG.

Sadly, Covid has made many situations worse for vulnerable children, isolated, worried about friends and family or, worse, trapped in abusive homes. Your help is even more necessary than usual, please help if you can. **Thank you. Pauline Hawkins 851066**

**The  
Children's  
Society**

**No child  
should feel  
alone**



Bampton sadly lost our wonderful postman Richard Godwin recently. Born in Oxford in 1968, Richard was raised in Ducklington, spending most of his life in Witney. Starting out as a builder, he joined the Post Office just over 20 years ago.

A passionate music man, Richard spent his spare time collecting vinyls and CDs. A fan of the Beatles, Queen, Oasis and many more, his taste was eclectic, encompassing many genres and decades.

Richard also loved his Hobgoblin real ale alongside dark rum. His love of rum meant he enjoyed the Caribbean during his time off! An avid Crib player, Richard was a prominent member of the West Witney Team.

The Lowdown joins all of Bampton in offering our condolences to his family. He was much loved in the village and his memory will live on for everyone he touched during his rounds. Rest in Peace, Richard.

## MESSAGE FROM BAMPTON AID NETWORK

**BAN goes to sleep!** After six months of operation, Bampton's own Covid 19 support group is going into hibernation and from 4pm on Friday 18th September the BAN number 07946 1292638 will no longer be answered. We are calling it hibernation just in case there is an increase in demand again but for the moment, with over 750 jobs undertaken, it is really good news that we can wind down.



Rest assured that we will continue to collect and deliver prescriptions for those that we have considered vulnerable and these will have been contacted by us directly.

**A VERY BIG THANK-YOU** to all our volunteers for their generosity of spirit, kindness, humour and resilience. It makes you proud to be Bamptonian!



# ~ BAN VOLUNTEERS GALLERY ~

On the 10th March 2020, Jess Egerton, a member of The Society for the Protection of Bampton (founded 1993 "to improve the quality of life for the people of Bampton"), emailed Trevor Milne-Day, Chair of the Society for the Protection of Bampton.



Trevor



Jess

"I feel we should make up a bunch of volunteers who would do shopping, run errands or pick up prescriptions."



Catherine Foster



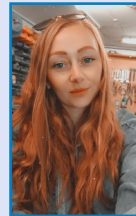
Monica Tudor



Claire Scott



Samantha Poole



Kelly Holding



Cathy Plimmer



Abby Wilkinson



Sarah Morley



Rosemary Stables



Rachel Harris



Alma Tumilovicz



Sue Greenwood



James Jamieson



Jeremy Gray



Ali Shrimpton



Annie & Robin Jenkin



Shirley Towney

There are many, many other wonderful Bampton Aid Network volunteers - they know who they are and more importantly so do all those people who they helped throughout the Lockdown and since.

From everyone in Bampton  
... thank you!



## NATURE WATCH



*Grass Snake and Frog*

*Photo: Charlotte  
Taylor-Smith*

## GOLDEN PHEASANT.

Smaller than a pheasant, the male is very brightly coloured with a yellow crown and lower

back, dark wings and upper neck, red underparts and long finely barred tail. The female is paler brown than a female pheasant. It is a shy bird, keeping to dark, dense woodland. Roosts in trees at night. Eats leaves and buds, insects and spiders. UK breeding: 50-100 pairs.



*Photo by Anthony Morris, Farmoor*



**Locally-based bespoke birdwatching experiences by arrangement.**

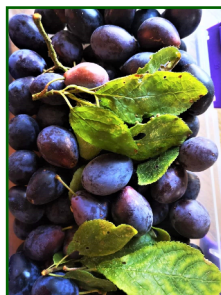
Birdwatching experiences locally and further afield. Magic Moments With Birds offers dedicated birdwatching outings for those who want to discover more of the superb birdlife of our area and beyond.

At the end of our time together my aim is that you leave with memories of an exceptional encounter with nature and a desire to discover more about our wonderful birdlife. Join up for news of regular outings online or contact **Andrew Mann** for tailor-made trips.

<https://www.meetup.com/Magic-Moments-With-Birds/>

**Tel: 01993 358063 email: [magicmomentswithbirds@gmail.com](mailto:magicmomentswithbirds@gmail.com)**

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*Cyclists from  
Swindon enjoying  
the Bampton Bank  
Holiday sunshine!*

*Damson picking at  
Bampton Castle.*

*Photo: Annie Jenkin*



# Catching up with: The Bampton Firefighters

The Lowdown spent an hour at Bampton Fire Station and here's what we learned about this fantastic service! Our thanks go to Dougal, Luke and Arnie for their time and knowledge!



*Blue-Lighting for The Lowdown!*

**FACT:** All our Firefighters are trained to get from being asleep at home to being fully kitted up and **on the road** in the Fire Engine in **5 MINUTES** - awesome!



Kit Room at Bampton Station. The White Helmet belongs to the Emergency Response Commander (ERC). Each call-out must include a minimum of four Firefighters including the ERC (The ERC can not be the driver who wears less kit to drive and so is slower to react on arrival at the scene).

**FACT:** Bampton Fire Station has had the highest proportion of female Firefighters in the area - and they want more!



*L-R: Dougal, Arnie and Luke in their full gear.*

There are currently 9 Firefighters at Bampton Fire Station and they are actively recruiting more personnel (Carterton also have one Fire Engine but 18 fighters). All of our Firefighters are part-time and work a variety of hours (which are very flexible.) There is one full-time Station Manager, Paul Harding, who covers Bampton, Carterton and Witney.

All Firefighters undergo full training which includes Basic Courses, BA (Breathing Apparatus) Proficiency and Advanced First Aid. Further training is required for vital additional skills such as Engine Driving (HGV + level plus Emergency Response Skills) and Hydraulic Cutting Equipment ('jaws' which tear through metal in car roofs etc to reach traffic accident victims).



*Just some of the equipment carried in the truck.*

## DID YOU KNOW...??!!

Every Wednesday from 7-9pm the Bampton Firefighters have drills - and during that time you can turn up at the Fire Station to find out about being an On Call Firefighter. No call, no booking, just rock up and they'll be there, waiting to meet you! Check them out on Facebook at @Bamptonfirestation



**WEST OX ARTS - ART FOR ALL!** West Ox Arts offers exhibition space for local and emerging artists, gives support for the arts and provides opportunities for learning and development.

West Ox Arts, based in Bampton, is a not-for-profit organisation with the objective of promoting knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the arts in West Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties. We rely on the generosity of our volunteers, staff and trustees to showcase new, emerging and established artists, and to curate inspiring exhibitions in our Bampton Gallery. We are proud of our inclusive, open membership policy, which gives everyone, whatever their art, craft, skill level or interest, the opportunity to participate.

We are excited to announce our first exhibition since lockdown when we re-open on Saturday 17th October 2020: **Celebrating Creative Work!** This is an Autumn and Christmas WOA Members Show which will run from Saturday October 17th for 9 weeks.

**Web: [www.westoxarts.com](http://www.westoxarts.com) Email: [gallery@westoxarts.com](mailto:gallery@westoxarts.com)**



## Activities for Older People

### Activity number 9: Thigh Strength



This activity helps strengthen the muscles on the front of your thighs. These are the powerful muscles used when you get up from the chair, going up and down steps and which provide strength to your knees when you're walking.

- Sit in your chair - your back can be resting into the chair.
- Lift one foot up from the floor until your knee is straight. Keep your toes pointing upwards.
- Hold for a count of 5 then slowly lower your foot back to the ground.
- Do 10 with each leg

If it feels too tricky to start, reduce the length of time you hold the position and reduce the number of repetitions. As you get stronger you can then gradually build this up.

Need more? Increase to 3 sets of 10 or add a small ankle weight, then build up the number of repetitions again.



We're much more likely to stick to an activity if it's part of our routine. Try doing this during the advert breaks if you're sitting watching TV!!

**Safety:** Dizziness, sickness or excessive tiredness are signs to stop exercising and wait for symptoms to settle. Warning signs to stop exercising and seek urgent medical attention include sudden onset of rapid palpitations, reduction in exercise capacity, dizziness, severe breathlessness or chest pain.

**Thank you to Tracy Barnett** for providing essential health and movement home-based exercises. Tracy is a Chartered Physiotherapist and a qualified Strength and Balance instructor. In non-COVID times Tracy runs a class in Bampton Village Hall on behalf of AGE UK.



## Laying it on in The Lanes!!

Annette Gillibrand wrote in to the Lowdown: 'We have enjoyed entertaining the folk in The Lanes during the Lockdown and Thursday was our last regular Thursday spot so we organised some additional entertainment with friends Dave and Di Holmes from Hull "Sundown" who encouraged everyone to get involved and sing along. We also had a rare treat as Gerry Lisi entertained us with 'Nessun Dorma' and 'Bring Him Home' from Les Misérables'.

**Fabulous!**



### THE BIG BIRDS ARE BACK ...

Six U.S. Air Force B-52 Stratofortress bomber aircraft from the 5th Bomb Wing, Minot Air Force Base, North Dakota, arrived Aug. 22, 2020, at RAF Fairford for a long planned training mission where the aircraft will conduct theatre and flight training across Europe and Africa.

*"B-52s are back at Fairford, and will be operating across the theater in what will be a very active deployment. Our ability to quickly respond and assure allies and partners rests upon the fact that we are able to deploy our B-52s at a moment's notice," said Gen. Jeff Harrigan, U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Air Forces Africa commander. "Their presence here helps build trust with our NATO allies and partner nations and affords us new opportunities to train together through a variety of scenarios."*

Ongoing planned bomber missions showcase the Air Force's ability to continue to execute flying missions, sustain readiness and support our allies and partners, regardless of any external challenge to include the current global COVID-19 crisis response or other current events within Europe and Africa.

Sue Wrigglesworth: *"This should provide some interesting viewing over Bampton.....!"*

**NEVER FORGET THE LITTLE PLEASURES IN LIFE.**

**WE ARE ALL STEPPING INTO THE UNKNOWN. IT IS OKAY TO BE AFRAID.**

**THE FUTURE IS WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IT.**

**A SMALL POSITIVE THOUGHT WILL ALWAYS OUTWEIGH A NEGATIVE.**

**STAY FOCUSED AND SAFE EVERYONE.**

Guy Lennon, Resident Counsellor at Polished. [www.guylennoncounselling.co.uk](http://www.guylennoncounselling.co.uk)

## ~ Lowdown Odds & Ends! ~



'I think a **Book Exchange** would be good. It's ideal, being central with seats nearby to sit and rest ,especially for older members who will be walking to it from around the village. A real village asset! I have run several book exchanges in pubs etc and they are easy to look after, all it needs is for someone to check maybe weekly to remove tatty or excess stock as you always get more in than out. Maybe one of volunteers from charity shop could keep eye on it and take excess stock to sell in the shop.. I am working full time so can't help but wish you all the best whatever you decide.' Barbara Dickinson

**Meet Clanfield's oldest resident!** Born in Witney in 1920, **Ruby Horne** has spent all her life in the local area, attending Witney Methodist school until the age of 14. During World War Two she worked as a machinist at the Early Blanket Factory, living at the factory in Mill Street.

Meeting her future husband Tom at the pictures in 1937, Ruby married in 1941 at Witney Church. After the birth of their first child, Diane, they moved to Clanfield and have lived at Mill Lane since 1948.

Tom sadly passed away in 2011, but remaining in the surrounding area are their 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

With over 150 cards to celebrate her 100th birthday, it's clear to everyone that Ruby has lived an amazing life with many stories to tell. We wish Ruby many more wonderful years to come, and hopefully when it's safe to do so, a party she definitely deserves!



**FUNDRAISING FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY!** 'After learning that their Grandmother had, during lockdown, descended into full-blown dementia and had to be moved in to a home, my daughter Abi decided that the family should rise to the challenge set by Alzheimer's Society and cycle 100 miles to raise support. I have attached a photo of the band of jolly cyclists on their triumphant return (Jeremy a friend of my daughter's, Jeremy my son, his fiance Caterina, my niece Emily, my daughter Abi and my husband Pete - I was following in my car with the energy supplies of course!) who set off this last Saturday (15th August) on a 100 mile cycle ride to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society and their support for people suffering from Dementia.

Their route took them from Weald Street through Asthall Leigh, Bibury, Tetbury, Malmsbury, Meysey Hampton, Southrup and home and they cycled a total of 104 miles in approx 7.5 hours. So far, they have raised £1,900 and climbing. It was a fantastic day and the weather was surprisingly kind! A great achievement by all of them.

I know that this terrible condition affects so many these days, and has such a dreadful knock-on effect so this story might be relevant to your readers.' **Monica Tudor**



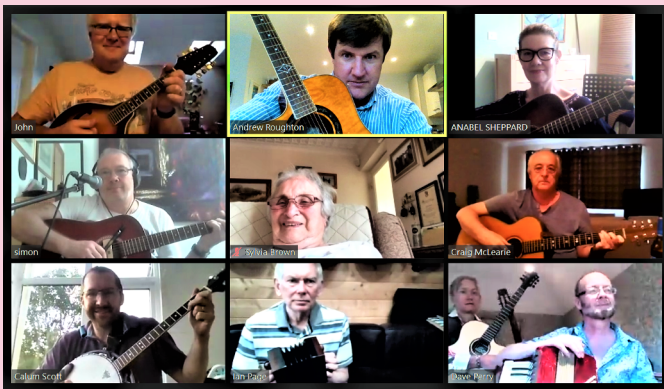
# BAMPTON FOLK CLUB



## UPDATE FROM ANDREW ROUGHTON!

I'm happy to report that Bampton Folk Club continued virtually each week throughout the lockdown. Our Zoom sessions weren't always musically perfect, but they were enormous fun, helped us keep our sanity, and something vaguely close to a social life.

Here's a screen shot from our session on 24th May!



Now, thanks to the careful planning and generosity of Mike and Glynis at The Romany Inn, who have erected a wonderful marquee in their spacious garden, musicians have been able to meet in

person each Sunday evening. We still have to maintain social distancing, instruments remain unplugged, and audiences are not yet permitted. However, the interaction, collaboration, and fun for club members has been increased tenfold since returning to the pub each week.

And, in October, pending updated government ruling, Bampton Folk Club hope to be performing with 'Singing for Fun' at an NHS Charity Fund Raiser at Bampton Methodist Church. Date and time to be confirmed.



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## **BAMPTON LOWDOWN LITTER PICKING EVENT** **on Saturday 26th September** **at 10:30 from the Village Hall!!**

**Bin bags will be supplied at the meeting point (normally by the bus stop in Market Square). You will need your own high-viz vest (very inexpensive). We recommend litter picker and gardening gloves!**

**Full details on the Lowdown Facebook page!**





The Witney MODernists paid us a special visit on Sunday and showed off their wonderful AGS Modena and LexMoto Milano bikes! Starting from Buttercross every Sunday at 11am, they just cruise! Around 20 members, fancy joining them? Check out their Facebook page, they're recruiting..... Thanks Craig and everyone for coming!



Lowdown reader **Liza Henly** has asked us to publish a piece about two great Bampton August traditions, both Covid cancelled ... Here you are Liza, thank you for getting in touch!



**Don Rouse** tells us: *'What a shame that the SPAJER's traditional Donkey Derby had to be cancelled as a result of the Covid 19 troubles. This is a very unique event that the Spajers have honed to a fine art. Many organisations have tried to copy us and have failed to achieve the standard that we have acquired over seven decades.*

*In the early days the riders rode 'bare back' but now our riders, who are the children of our supporters, participate in complete safety.*

*We were hoping that by the Bank holiday Monday the restrictions would have been relaxed enough for the event to take place. But as the Donkey man pointed out, he would not be able to touch or secure the riders on the Donkeys!*

*Being the 'ever optimists' the Spajers are hopeful that next year's event will be run on Monday 30th August so mark it in your diary now!*

## BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB



Bampton Gardening Club was first founded in the 1840's and has always proven to be a popular event with the local community; there are classes for adults and children to enter, ranging from flowers, produce, culinary delights and much more.

It was such a shame that due to the current Covid-19 virus we were unable to run the Annual Show and monthly coffee mornings; we are hoping things will change so that we can resume next year.

The Club is always looking for new members to join the committee, and any helping hands are always welcome to help with the coffee mornings and Show Day.

On behalf of Bampton Gardening Club, we look forward to welcoming old and new members next year. **Richard West**



## HEALTH AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES

### Bampton Surgery

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Monday – Friday: 8.30am - 6.30pm

Saturday and Sunday: Closed

### Bampton Healthcare Ltd Pharmacy

Tel: 01993 851961 **Back to Normal Hours**

**Mon -Fri 9am to 1pm, 2pm to 6pm**

**Sat 9am to 12noon**

### Bampton Post Office

Mon-Fri 09.00- 17.30

Wed CLOSED

Sat 09.00 - 12.30

### Bampton Aid Network

Helpline 07946 192638

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 4pm

### Bampton Parish Council

Tel: 01993 851870

[www.bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PRIMROSE FARM LAMB

We are a small, start up business that specialises in lamb and recipes that pair well with the different cuts of meat. All lamb has been locally reared and produced in Bampton. Collection from Bampton or we can deliver within 5 miles of the village.

Tel: 07444089960

Email: [Primrose.farm@outlook.com](mailto:Primrose.farm@outlook.com)

Web: [www.primrosefarm.co.uk](http://www.primrosefarm.co.uk)

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Email: [gracebonner1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gracebonner1@hotmail.co.uk)

Facebook: @thesafepawssitters

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### NO.19 BAMPTON BUSES

#### Announcement from Pulhams

*"We are delighted to inform you that from 1st September 2020 we will be taking over the 19 Service from Witney to Carterton serving Ducklington, Standlake, Brighthampton, Aston, Bampton, Clanfield, Black Bourton and Alvescot. We will be offering new vehicles with on board Wi-Fi, USB charging points and contactless technology."* See the new timetable at

<https://www.pulhamscoaches.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Pulhams-19-Timetable-Sept-2020.pdf>

**NOTE: the bus will follow the old route in Bampton via Bushey Row and stops across from Duttons up from the Horseshoe, not in Market Square.**

### FREE BUS TO TESCO SUPERSTORE IN ABINGDON

every Friday and stops to pick-up in the Market Square, Bampton, outside the Village Hall at approx 10.20 am. Leaves Tesco for the return trip at 12.30 pm and drops off at the Market Square. Full timetable available at <https://www.carterton-tc.gov.uk/> but note the bus does NOT wait so best be there early!

### MOLLIES DINER

Mollie's are extending Eat Out to Help Out into September! Monday to Wednesday throughout September. Book at [www.molliesmotel.com](http://www.molliesmotel.com)

### ASTON COMMUNITY SHOP

[www.astoncommunityshop.co.uk](http://www.astoncommunityshop.co.uk)

Opening hours: Mon – Saturday 08:30 – 14:00 Sunday 09:00 – 12:00

### NUTMEG & THYME

Food delivery service. Plant based/gluten free food, aiming to be as inclusive and accessible as possible. Fresh, wholesome and delicious food with no compromises made on quality, nutrients and flavour, using only non-refined, ethical ingredients. [emilyweir44@gmail.com](mailto:emilyweir44@gmail.com)

## BAMPTON 'CHARITY' SHOP - BACK IN BUSINESS!

Since the Bampton Village Community Shop re opened in July we have been very well supported by people both coming in to buy and with generous donations. It seems lots of you have been having a de-clutter during lockdown! A big thank you goes to the hard-working team of volunteers who have made the opening so successful and to the customers for their support.

Everyone is happy to see the shop open again and people have been very sensible with the volume of donations they bring in on Friday afternoons. Customers have willingly adhered to all the safety measures in place and the introduction of contactless payment has been a great success.

There are some fantastic bargains to be had in the shop at the moment so if you haven't been in yet, we hope to see you soon!

**Open: Tues, Weds, Thurs 10am – 4pm,  
Fri 10am – 1pm and occasional Sat mornings.**



*Francine, Jenny & Pearl in PPE!*

## KIDS CORNER *Where's that naughty Belle?!!*

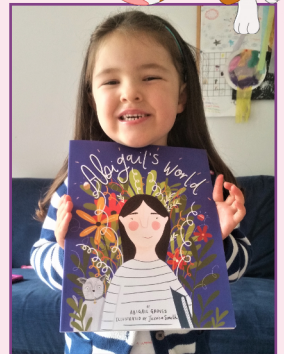


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**Niamh Walsh** is our latest winner, here she is with her special book!! Mum Sally told us: *"Niamh is just about to start school and loves being read to, so this would be a lovely addition to our collection!"*



***Thank you Abi!!***



**Baker**



**Ralphie**



**Rollo and Pinot**



**Edie Puss**



**Alfie**

**Send us your  
PET PHOTOS!!**



## **SPONSOR AN ORGAN PIPE**

### **@ St. Mary's Church Bampton**

The original organ was installed on 25th April 1812 at a cost of 460 guineas. The pipe organ was built by William Gray in 1812, then rebuilt and enlarged in St Mary's in 1870 by Gray & Davison.

Our aim was to restore this beautiful musical instrument to its former glory and to equip it for 21st century use.

Following extensive renovation, the organ is now being reinstalled in the church...

Our fundraising, so far, has been very successful and we thank all those who have contributed to that success. However, we still need to raise £121,000 to complete payment for the work.

To achieve that, we are now extending the first release of pipes for sponsorship and offering further opportunities to sponsor an organ pipe, either for yourself; in memory of a loved one; to celebrate a marriage; a birthday; a baptism or an anniversary - even as a Christmas present!

In addition to a certificate of thanks and recognition, names of sponsors and those for whom they may be sponsoring, will be recorded in a special Memories Book, which will remain on permanent display in the church.



**Pipes of various sizes are available  
at a cost of £5, £10, £20 or £50**

## I would like to sponsor:

Number of pipes:  @

£5.00

£10.00

£20.00

£50.00

Gift Aid

Name:

.....

Address.....

.....

Post Code.....

Contact Number .....

Please complete your choice of wording for the certificate and Memories Book:

Your name(s).....

In memory

of .....

**OR**

To celebrate the occasion of .....

.....

.....



## How to Pay

If possible, please make your payment by BACS. The bank details are as follows:

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Bampton CCC</b>
<b>Sort Code</b>	<b>40-47-07</b>
<b>Account no.</b>	<b>10132306</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Donor <u>Name</u> + Organ</b>

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