

BUSH TELEGRAPH

Dear Members & Volunteers,

How wonderful to be writing to you as we look forward to meeting again soon and, all being well, to the re-opening of Bush Club fully in September. You will see, later in this newsletter, that in the meantime we are planning some informal coffee mornings in late June and early July, once all restrictions are lifted.

It has been a long road and, at times, a difficult one as we have missed seeing our loved ones or getting together with friends. However, there have been some happier times (musical afternoons in The Lanes!) and I think we can all agree that the Bampton community, as well as neighbours, friends and local family have done a great job in helping us through. I know that many of you are grateful to Annie and her team for her meals and to the BAN volunteers who have collected shopping and prescriptions. What a fantastic village this is!

We have enjoyed keeping in touch with you all throughout the past months and very much look forward to being together again.

With very best wishes,

Suzy & the Bush Club team



EXCITING NEWS

BUSH CLUB IS BACK!

We are pleased to announce that we will be able to get back to meeting up for Bush Club on Wednesday June 23rd.

To start with we won't be operating a full Bush Club but we are able to get going with a series of a 'Cuppa & Chat' mornings from Weds 23rd June and for three Wednesdays after that.

Come along from 11.00am - 12.30pm and enjoy a really good catch up with each other. We'll provide tea, coffee, homemade cakes and biscuits and maybe some sandwiches too.

We will set up tables inside and outside (weather permitting). If you need a lift please let your Bush Club contact know when they call or phone

KATE HOWLETT on 01993 850361

**'CUPPA & A CHAT' DAYS - WEDS
June 23rd, 30th, July 7th, 14th
11.00am - 12.30pm**

100 YEARS YOUNG

Former Bush Club member Ruby Riches celebrated her 100th birthday in February. Ruby, a resident at Rosebank, was able to mark the special day despite lockdown restrictions.

Elizabeth Martin, another regular at Bush Club, has always been a close friend of Ruby and Elizabeth was fantastic in organising the community to mark the special day.

Ruby had over 100 cards and received gifts, phone calls and the all-important card from the Queen.

Rosebank Care Home Manager Vanessa said "it was a joyous occasion and we are extremely grateful to Elizabeth and our amazing Bampton Community which has shown so much kindness and love towards Ruby on her 100th birthday."

Ruby, a former head teacher at Clanfield CE Primary School, received a video message from the school's current head Kim Rogers wishing her a happy birthday, while the children also created a presentation filled with videos and pictures in celebration of Ruby's special day.

Ruby was overjoyed by the community's efforts and said "I have been thoroughly spoilt by everyone. I have enjoyed my day enormously!" **MANY HAPPY RETURNS RUBY**



Ruby Riches celebrates her 100th birthday with her card from the Queen.

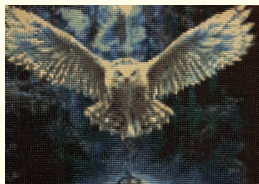
DO NOT FORGET TO TELL FRIENDS ABOUT THE BUSH CLUB NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME

SHARRON'S NEWLY DISCOVERED TALENTS



Sharron O'Donnell has taken up a new hobby in lockdown - Diamond Painting.

It is a relatively new art form where it breaks images down into patterns, very similar to cross stitch. You can create unique art with extra sparkle using colours and embellishments. If you have access to the internet you can search it. It's a whole new world!



Sharron says "I have done these over the lockdown and really enjoyed it. Like all of us, I have been struggling in these horrible times with not being able to see anyone so I have tried to keep busy day to day".



"I can't wait to see all my friends at back at Bush Club hopefully it's not going to be long now. I hope everyone is OK? Please stay safe and keep well".

Some examples of Sharron's Diamond Painting.

MIKE & GLYNIS OFF TO PASTURES NEW

Sadly Mike and Glynis at the Romany Inn are leaving Bampton and moving on to pastures new. We are sure all the members and volunteers would like to thank them for all their help and support for the Bush Club over the years and the wonderful takeaways you have been enjoying more recently. They will be very much missed.



We wish them health and happiness for the next part of lifes journey together.

SAME DAY AS THE GARAGE SALE SO WHY NOT MAKE A DAY OF IT!

HIDDEN GARDENS OF BAMPTON

SUNDAY JUNE 13th 2pm- 5pm

Over 25 Gardens you don't normally get to see!

GARDENS MAPS & TICKETS FROM THE MARKET SQUARE
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BAMPTON VILLAGE GARAGE SALE

IN AID OF BAMPTON LIBRARY

SUNDAY JUNE 13th
10am-2pm

Garage Sale Maps £1.00
available from 9.00am on the day
from the Market Square

OTHER NEWS

It's not just our members missing Bush Club. Our huge team of volunteers are missing it too. What have people been up to during the latest lockdown? Here is some news.

Look who arrived at Grace and Tom's house during this lockdown, Chocolate cocker spaniel puppy called Rolo.



Joan Radband celebrated a birthday recently and had a wonderful surprise from her grand-daughters Lisa and Jessica. They made her this amazing birthday cake.



BAMPTON CHARITY SHOP OPENS AGAIN

The charity shop is now open again after lockdown and has lots of lovely things to tempt you. Donations can now be taken just on Friday afternoons between 1- 4pm. Two bags only please.



DOWNTON ABBEY IS BACK

You will all be pleased to hear that there will be another Downton Abbey film to be released on Dec 22nd. this year.

We will definitely book another trip to the cinema for the Bush Club.

They are coming to film in Bampton just for one day in early summer. Something to look forward to.



ANNIE'S MEALS - A BIG THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING US

When the pandemic hit, Annie and Robin Jenkin sprang into action and began cooking meals to help their fellow villagers in need: the elderly, the vulnerable, NHS staff working long hours, etc. Friends initially volunteered to help cook but Annie found it tricky to fit in all of the organising of the menu, the shopping, cooking and delivering, as demand rapidly grew, so Jess Egerton, a coordinator for BAN (Bampton Aid Network) helped to organise and recruit additional helpers to support them.

The cooking team consisted of Julie and Richard Smith, Gilly French and Jeremy Gray, Jane and Robert Chapman, Raine Kirk-Manerba and Lorna. Diana Alcock, Massy Jamieson, Penelope Kettle and Nicky Pease. Rachel Harris and Catherine Foster telephoned the villagers each week to take their orders for meal choices, then organised the delivery team.

The delivery team leaders were Shirley Townley and Rosemary Stables, with Deborah Pike, Manja Uglow and Natasha Sirley supporting. The meal scheme ran throughout the pandemic delivering over 2,000 meals and ensuring people in the village were supported and cared for.

I hope I have included everyone but apologise if I've missed anyone.

Rachel Harris



Annie & Robin



Rachel, Rosemary & Shirley

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN SOMETHING NEW ...

During lockdown, as I'm not very good at doing nothing, I have been learning and experimenting with the Photoshop programme on my computer.

As I have many photographs from my travels both in the UK and abroad I have selected some of my favourites and designed a range of cards, notecards and thank you cards. I got a bit carried away and printed quite a lot of them so I will sell them in sets to raise money for the Bampton Village Community Shop which will benefit lots of worthy causes in Bampton and beyond.

I have also designed cards and vouchers for personalised gifts for individuals using their own images which I am happy to do if it's not too complicated! I can also produce prints or posters of any of the images in the range.

Jenny Chaundy 01993 850918



WORK STARTS AT THE OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Work is finally underway on the Old Grammar School, home to Bampton Library and Bampton Community Archive.

A new staircase is being installed to allow the opening up of the fantastic upstairs room which hasn't been accessible since the early 1960's. The Vesey Room down stairs and the Library will also be having a complete makeover.

When it re-opens it will become a great community hub with a full programme of exhibitions, events, talks, workshops and more.

For more details about the project

www.bamptonarchive.org/old-grammar-school-renovation



The room upstairs which has been inaccessible since the early 1960's.



If you have any memories relating to the building over the years or know something about its history we would love to hear from you. Contact: Jenny Chaundy 01993 850918

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**IF YOU ARE STUCK FOR SOMETHING TO DO WHY NOT
HAVE A GO AT OUR SPRING WORD SEARCH?
FIND THE 18 FLOWERS HIDDEN IN THE GRID.**

PETUNIA, DAHLIA, PRIMROSE, LOBELIA, DAFFODIL GERANIUM,
FUCHSIA, BEGONIA, CROCUS, LAVENDER, DAISY, COSMOS, LUPIN,
DELPHINIUM, AGAPANTHUS, BLUEBELL, PEONY, AQUILEGIA.

BUSH CLUB SPRING WORD SEARCH

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