
Personal announcements

Obituaries

By Fenella Gray

Jonathan Phillips

Jonathan Phillips was a true Bamptonian, although not having been born in the Village, but he helped so many people, young and old, during the extended time he lived amongst us. He was on the Parish Council for many years, and only retired from the District Council a few years ago. Jonathan was a Major in the Army during the 2nd World War and belonged to the Royal British Legion, where he was Vice President for many years.

The amount of good he did for the Village will be of benefit to the Villagers for generations to come. For instance, he was the major orchestrator in the development of the part equity scheme which has allowed young people of the Village to be able to afford a mortgage and buy a house – notably in Pembroke Place.

He also gave a lot of his time to many organisations, who will no doubt greatly miss him; and if you needed someone to fight your cause, if he thought that you deserved support to get round the bureaucracy, he would do it. Of course, he was supported by his wife Susan, who herself has also been a champion of many good causes in the Village, and I know the people of Bampton would like *The Bampton Beam* to pass on their thanks, and their condolences to the Phillips Family.

May Dunlop Morton, of The Deanery, Bampton, who died on February 5, left £348,936 net. She left £500 each to the NSPCC, Dr Barnardo's and the National Trust.

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ALLISON. — Suddenly on April 8 1994 Robert (Bob) aged 74 years much loved husband of Kathleen, will be sadly missed by all the family and friends. The funeral service will take place at St John's Chapel, Oxford Crematorium Friday April 15 at 3.30pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The Cardiac Research Trust Fund may be sent to Reeves & Pain, 19 Fairfax Centre, Kidlington, OX5 2PB. Tel 371159.

Death of Mr. J. E. Bunce

The death occurred last week of Mr. Joseph Edward Bunce, of 12 Pike Close, Cricklade, and formerly of West Hill Lane, Cricklade, at the age of 91 years. Mr. Bunce came to Cricklade from Coleshill, Faringdon, 16 years ago, to reside with his daughter.

The funeral took place on Monday at All Saints' Church, Coleshill, the service was conducted by the Rev. B. J. M. Thackeray, Vicar of Great Coxwell and Coleshill.

Family mourners were Mrs. E. Little, Mr. and Mrs. C. Church, Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitham, Mr. and Mrs. G. Ashby, daughters and sons-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. R. Little, Mr. and Mrs. H. Church, Mr. and Mrs. C. Seagroatt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Seagroatt, grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. A. Gerring, nephew and niece, Edie, Rosie, Joan and Wendy, nieces; Mr. B. Read; Mrs. Leach, Mr. G. Twin; Miss K. Williams; Mr. Williams; Mrs. Nikin, Mr. E. Hicks. Owing to illness Mrs. E. Townsend was unable to attend.

Floral tributes were received from:

Mary and Ted; Emily, Roy and June; Annie and Gale; Dolly and George; Emmy; Ted, Marge and family; George and Thelma Carol and Malcolm; John and Jackie; Rosie, Arthur, Mary and Fred; Rose, Emmie and Edie; Aunt Mary, Joan and Wendy; Mr. and Mrs. Peck; Mr. and Mrs. Wood; Mr. and Mrs. Goddard; Mr. and Mrs. Pinnock; Mr. and Mrs. Handy and Glyn; Mabel (Cheltenham); Miss Giles, Mr. Giles; Mrs. Dobbs.

Bampton loses 'a smashing old chap'

One of Oxfordshire's oldest residents has died aged 101.

He was Mr Oswald Bartlett, of Field Cottage, Bampton, whose 76-year-old wife, Doris was at his bedside when he died on Wednesday week.

The Rev. Derek Frost, Vicar of Bampton, who conducted the funeral service yesterday described Mr Bartlett as "a smashing old chap, a lifelong Christian and churchgoer."

He was a member of an old Witney family and began his working life in the 1890s as an apprentice with the Oxford Electricity Supply Company. At the turn of the century he moved to the Kensington and Knightsbridge Electricity Supply Company and was there until he retired in 1939.

His first wife, Maud Joslin, died during the First World War and is buried in Brize Norton cemetery where Mr Bartlett will be buried after the funeral service at Bampton.

DEATH OF MR. A. TIMMS

Mr. Arthur Timms, who started the timber and builders merchants firm in Brize Norton over 30 years ago, has died aged 66.

Mr. Timms of 'Camelot', Station Road, Brize Norton, started the business selling second-hand timber from Brize Norton airforce base when it was run by the Americans.

It is now a thriving company run by his two sons and employing 11 people.

Mr. Timms made many contributions to the village. He helped design and supply materials for the cricket pavilion and recently made a substantial loan to help build Elderbank Hall in Brize Norton.

He died after collapsing in his garden on July 14. He leaves a widow, Kathleen, and two sons Phil and Jeffrey.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1978



*Bampton couple die
as car and coach
collide head-on*

Three killed in fog crash



Scene of the triple fatal crash at Burford.

DENSE freezing fog claimed the lives of three people and injured many more in Oxfordshire. Today Thames Valley police appealed for drivers to: "Slow down and light up."

Even in this morning's freezing conditions, with visibility cut to 50 yards, motorists were still driving "too fast, too near the car in front and with only

sidelights showing," said the spokesman.

On the A40 at Burford yesterday a coach and a car collided head-on and three people in the car died. They were an elderly Bampton couple and their friend, from Shrewsbury, who were in a blue Colt Sigma car travelling towards Burford.

The couple were Mr Frederick William Robinson, aged

68, and his wife, Hilda, of Hedgefield, Buckland Road, Bampton. Police are not releasing the name of their friend until relatives have been told.

Mrs Robinson had recently suffered a stroke. They had lived in a caravan in the village and only recently moved into a newly-built bungalow. She was a member of the Women's Institute in the village.

Triple death crash riddle

A MYSTERY crash which killed a car driver and two passengers happened because the driver inexplicably drove on the wrong side of the road, an Oxford inquest was told yesterday.

Frederick William Robinson, 68, his wife Hilda, and their cousin Mrs Nellie Green, 74, died instantly when their car crashed head-on into a 47-seater coach on December 18.

They had been to Gloucester market, and were returning to the Robinson's home at Hedgefields, Buckland Road, Bampton, on the A40 Burford to Cheltenham road.

PC John Jarman said the three were trapped when the car became embedded in the front of the coach, and had to be freed by firemen. They were certified dead at the scene.

The coach driver, Mr David Osmond Brown, of Parkstone, Dorset, said there was some fog, so he was travelling at 30-35 mph, with dipped headlights. He saw the car coming towards him, so he decelerated,

It just kept coming, and did not swerve or brake at all. He braked violently.

There was no alcohol in Mr Robinson's blood, and neither vehicle was defective. It was a straight stretch of road, near the Cirencester turn.

The coroner, Mr Thomas Gardiner, recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Car was in wrong lane — crashed

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Only two of the 16 coach passengers were injured.

The coach driver, Mr David Osmond Brown, of Parkstone, Dorset, said there was some fog, so he was travelling at 30 - 35 mph, with dipped headlights. He saw the car headlights coming towards him, so he decelerated, thinking the car would have plenty of time to get back onto its own side of the road.

But it just kept coming, and did not swerve or brake at all as he braked violently, throwing passengers out of their seats.

The inquest was told there was no alcohol in Mr Robinson's blood, and neither vehicle was defective. It was a straight stretch of road, near the Cirencester turn.

The coroner, Mr Thomas Gardiner, said: "Whether by misjudgement or some other reason we don't know about, the car did cross into the wrong lane and the collision occurred."

16/3/79

Two Bampton Sisters and their Companion Die in same week

MISS MARGARET OATES

The death occurred at her home at Fleur-de-Lys on Friday, March 21st of Miss Margaret Oates at the age of 82.

Miss Oates was the eldest daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Oates and had lived in Bampton all her life.

She was one of the founder members of the Bampton Women's Institute. She also took a keen interest in folk dancing and was a pioneer of the Bampton Folk Dancing Society. She was an accomplished needlewoman and up to the time of her death was still "smocking" little dresses for which she was so well known.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's Church on Tuesday and was conducted by the Rev. G. West before the interment in Bampton Cemetery. Beautiful floral tributes were received from the W.I. In gratitude and appreciation of a Founder member who did so much for the Bampton Women's Institute.

In loving Memory from Lil With love from Dr. and Mrs. McCartney Eileen and Michael Hall Sara and Katrina. In Remembrance from Freda. In Affectionate memory from Mrs. Shanding Smith. With Sincere Sympathy from L. Reynolds. With Sincere Sympathy from Mary Savoury. In kind Remembrance from J. and M. Roberts and Peggy. In loving Remembrance from Anna Bliss. From the Bampton Folk Dancers, Happy Days. In loving Memory from Gertrude Williams. In loving memory from Mrs. Rose and Faith. In loving Memory from Mrs. Uwins. With kind remembrances from K. and C. Stephens. With Deepest sympathy, Cyril and Marion Clark. From Mrs. Henly and family. In memory of an old friend Jennie.

MISS DOROTHY OATES

The third Bampton resident who died was Miss Dorothy Oates, sister of the late Miss Margaret Oates and younger daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Oates. She passed away the same day as Miss Brooks (March 24th) at the age of 80.

Miss Dorothy Mabel Oates was a masseuse for more than 20 years and was at Rochampton and other hospitals. Due to retire at the outbreak of the 1939 war, she volunteered to carry on and also to work for the Red Cross. Afterwards she helped locally until her recent retirement. She was a member of the Women's Institute.

The funeral of Miss Brooks and Miss Oates took place on Thursday March 27th at St. Mary's Church and was conducted by the Rev. G. West, before the interment at the Bampton Cemetery.

The floral tributes were as follows

In Remembrance from Lil. In most sincere appreciation, Phyllis Colvile. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts and Peggy. In loving Remembrance from

Anna Bliss. From Mrs. L. M. Reynolds. From Mrs. P. Green. With deepest sympathy from Miss Hobson. In remembrance from Freda.

Witney Gazette
April 4th 1958

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DEATH OF MISS MARTHA MINNIE BROOKS

The death occurred on Monday, March 24th at her home at 'Fleur-de-Leys', Bampton of Miss Martha Minnie Brooks at the age of 96 years.

At the age of 17 years, 79 years ago, Miss Brooks, who was born at Lechlade, came to Dr. and Mrs. Oates as nannie and as the children grew older she became their dear friend and companion and all 3 were very attached to each other and have lived together all the 79 years.

Witney Gazette April 4th 1958

img215 - An article from the July 2012 issue of The Beam. An obituary for Jonathan Phillips. He was a Parish and District councillor, a Major in the army in WWII and was vice president of the Royal British Legion.

img219 - Newspaper cutting August 23rd 1982 re the death of May Dunlop Morton who lived at The Deanery with friend Marjorie Pollard. She left £348,963 with £500 each to NSPCC, Dr Barnardo's and the National Trust.

img220 - Newspaper cutting - the death of Robert (Bob) Allinson April 8th 1994 aged 74 husband of Kathleen. Bob carried the cake for the Francis Shergold Morris team for many years.

img221 - Newspaper cutting - the death of Joseph Edward Bunce aged 91. Joe was landlord of the Swan Inn in Buckland Road before Mr & Mrs Sollis.

img222 - Newspaper cutting - the death of Oswald Bartlett of Field Cottage (by Sandfords Field) aged 101. His 76 year old wife Doris was at his bedside. Rev. Derek Frost took the service and described Joe as "a smashing old chap, a lifelong Christian and Church goer".

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img227 and img227a - 2 Newspaper cuttings 16-3-1979 - the death of Frederick William Robinson 68 and his wife Hilda from Buckland Road and one other person in the car with them in a collision in thick fog on the A40 near Burford.

img230 - Newspaper cutting April 4th 1958 - two sister and their companion who lived together, all died in one week. Miss Margaret Oates was the eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Oates. She was a founder member of the Bampton Women's

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