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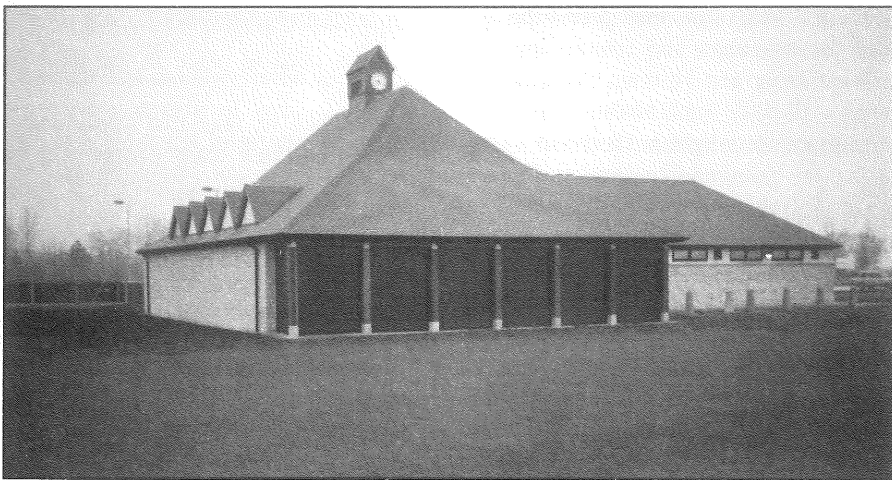
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## AT LONG LAST THE NEW PAVILION IS OPEN

Rapid progress has been made throughout the winter months on the building of the new Pavilion at the Recreation Ground. The contractors - Wensley Builders - are to be congratulated on the efforts made to

third phases, which comprise the laying of a trim trail, and extensive landscaping of the Recreation Ground, should be completed within the next 12 months. When all three phases are complete, the



try and complete the project on time, notwithstanding the problem which arose in January due to the very high water table. This showed that the septic tank, which had been purchased several years back, would not be adequate; rain water was flowing from the drainage arms back into the tank, rather than the other way round! This meant that arrangements had to be made to get the Pavilion linked into the main drainage system, and unfortunately this has taken some time, and caused a delay to the completion. Notwithstanding the slight delay, everyone who has seen the facilities have praised the development. The Pavilion is but one phase of the three-phase project, funded primarily by the Lottery, but with a very welcome contribution from West Oxfordshire District Council. The second and

*The New Pavilion*

meanwhile, however, an 'Open Day' was held on Saturday 3rd April, to give the villagers an opportunity to see the facilities.

Although the Pavilion will be primarily used for sports activities, it will also be available for functions such as wedding receptions, wedding anniversaries, and so forth. With the extensive car parking facilities, and acres of space for children to play if they get bored, it is hoped that the Pavilion will be much in demand.

In the interim, until a permanent phone line is established, bookings can be made through **David Hawkins, on 01993 851066.**

Further information on the hiring of the facilities can be found on page 13.

## The Recycling Bins

With the advent of the Landfill Tax, fly tipping is becoming more and more prevalent. This, as you will have noticed, has affected the lay-by just outside Bampton on the Clanfield Road. West Oxfordshire District Council, is responsible for clearing abandoned vehicles from the site, and for the operation of the bottle and paper banks. Oxfordshire County Council Highways owns the site, and is responsible for keeping the lay-by clear and free from fly tipping. This nuisance is now costing them a great deal of ratepayers money to clear, and it is essential to catch the culprits. The District Council cannot, at the time of writing, actually get to the paper and bottle banks to empty them, and is going to ask the Parish Council to re-site them. The Police are also trying to help. Please keep your eyes open and report any illegal dumping, and let's hope we can catch the people responsible for the fly tipping.

## There's a special feature in the centre pages for you!

In the centre pages of the next 5 issues of the 'Beam', there will be 5 separate maps, which will show all of the public footpaths in the Parish. This is the first time the 'Beam' has used colour, so this is an important event. Many of the footpaths are ploughed over, have been muddied by cows, or are overgrown and therefore hard to locate. The maps will show the official legal footpaths, and will hopefully help Bamptonians find the paths we are all entitled to use. The maps will be in the centrefold so that they can be prised out for ease of use. Eventually it is hoped to make the maps into a booklet. Ann Norman, Jo Lewington, and Gillie Marsh did the drawings, and Ralph Norman did the computer work. We hope that the maps will help Bamptonians better enjoy the countryside.

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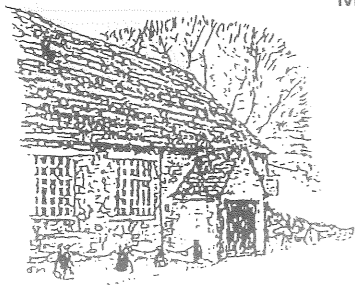
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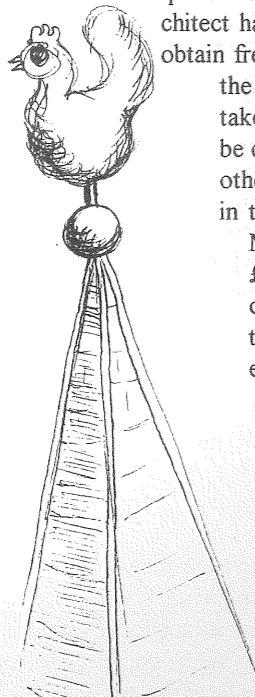
The Annual General Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 8pm on Monday 26th April.

All residents of Bampton, over the age of 18 are entitled to attend and vote.

No major renovations or re-decorating have taken place during the year, but there is an ongoing programme of maintenance. Now that the Market Square garage building has been demolished, it is hoped that there will be an improvement to the damp in the kitchen wall. The Committee will keep in close touch with the developer to see that any adjoining guttering and downpipes, etc., will be properly sited. Once the damp problem is solved, the kitchen will be re-decorated.

The Committee is very pleased that the Bampton Baby Club is able to hold its weekly meetings in the Hall, as it is under-used at this time of day during the week. It is also the type of use that the Committee would like to encourage, as it is of benefit to the Community as a whole. A Table Top Sale in February raised £157.50 for the Hall funds. The Committee would like to thank all those who supported this event, and in particular the Mothers' Union, which donated a generous proportion of their raffle profits to the Hall. Thanks are also due to Christine Greaves for her conscientious work as Lettings Officer, and to Annette Minto for her efficient cleaning, which is very much appreciated.

The W.I. has generously provided 10 small folding wooden tables to take the place of the very old rickety card tables - no more slopped cups of tea! Many thanks for this donation.



teaser. Ten more Ann Manly prints of the Highmoor Brook ford have been sold. There is a framed copy displayed at 'New 2 You' if anyone would like to see this very appealing view of Bampton. There are still some signed and numbered copies available from Jonathan Phillips.

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S, BAMPTON

St. Mary's PCC has now given the go ahead for the repair and conservation of the West Door and Norman Door of the Church. Happily, no further structural problems came to light in the latest Quinquennial Inspection. The architect has been instructed to obtain fresh estimates so that the work can be undertaken. We hope it can be completed before another winter passes, and in time to celebrate the Millennium. A further £2,500 has been received from The Historic Churches Preservation Trust towards the work.

Local fund raising has continued. The Christmas Quiz eventually raised over £200. Our thanks to the Wearne family for compiling this ever popular holiday

## BAMPTON MARKET SQUARE PROJECT

By Julian Johnston

Readers will be aware that the attempt to raise sufficient money to purchase the site of the old Market Square Garage has sadly failed. The cheques counted by the Bank Manager on 25th February amounted to £96075. Subsequent 'late payers' totalled a further £4200, bringing the total to the incredibly impressive figure of £100275. This is a remarkable amount from a small diverse community and we should all feel very proud even though we were not successful. A total of 204 cheques were received thus mirroring the total voting forms returned.

Grants from the Oxfordshire Environmental Trust and from the the Millennium Commission - even if they agreed - would not have been in place in the time scale available.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those many people who have given me enormous support and encouragement over the past six weeks. I am deeply grateful to them, and particularly to those who pledged their very generous amounts - large or small. I would also like to thank all the distribution staff of the 'Beam' who twice were asked to take my letters around in abominable weather.

What the future holds for the site is anyone's guess. If the development as planned goes ahead, it is not for the want of trying to prevent it. Nearly 500 people signed Mr. Kynaston-Pearson's petition; this number, and the amount that people pledged, must surely indicate the community's disapproval of the proposed development.

## Bampton Town Hall Hiring

After many years, Mrs Hilda Pickard has decided to retire from the job of Lettings Officer. The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her sterling work over the many years she has filled the post.

Until such times as the position is filled, please contact Mrs B Safford, Tel: 850776 to book the hall.

## BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### TRAFFIC CALMING

The road painting has been finished, but some work is still necessary to repair peeling paint. As the work comes with a guarantee, the contractors will be doing the repair work at their own expense. Planting along the verges is still outstanding, but it is hoped to complete the work for the spring.

Initial feedback is that the variety of traffic calming measures undertaken, is having a positive effect in reducing speeds, especially with visitors to the Village.

### ROSEMARY LANE

Several residents of Rosemary Lane have complained of the high traffic speeds down this narrow stretch of road. The lane is used as a short cut between Church View and Market Square, and notably by people of the Village. The Council has investigated what measures, if any, it could take to address the situation - such as making it an 'access only' road, or erecting signs declaring that the road is unsuitable for traffic. For legal reasons however, it has been concluded that it is not possible to impose traffic orders on the lane. Given the genuine concerns of the residents of the lane, the Parish Council would very much appreciate the co-operation of Bampton residents in avoiding using the lane except on foot.

### MILLENIUM

In line with the Millennium Action Committee's request for various Bampton organisations to take on, and find funding for, various projects, the Parish Council has agreed to do the following:

- Install new Notice Boards in the Market Square for all to use.
- To investigate the feasibility of having a Bampton WEB-Site on the Internet, and, if affordable, to establish it as soon as possible.
- To investigate how best to provide a bus shelter opposite the Romany Inn. All agree that this is badly needed.
- To administer the sponsoring of trees by residents of all ages in certain areas of the

Recreation Ground. Final details will be printed in the August edition of the 'Beam', however, a couple of ideas being considered are as follows:

### £5 - Sponsorship

This will sponsor a small tree in one of the 3 acres being planted with 2 to 3 foot high trees. No names of individuals will be attached to the tree.

### £10 - Sponsorship

This will sponsor a larger tree being planted in an area near the Tennis Courts with 4 to 6 foot high trees. The sponsors name would be attached to the trees support.

### MILLENIUM

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Millennium Action Committee on the progress made so far, and hope that each of the Bampton organisations will accept the challenge of taking on one or more projects.

### CHANGE OF THE GUARD AT BAMPTON

PC Bill Oddie will be leaving us shortly, after policing Bampton, and the surrounding areas, for the last 3 years. He will be replaced by an old friend, PC Steve Patrick.

The Parish Council would like to thank Bill, on behalf of us all, for his dedicated approach to his work, and in keeping Bampton safe for us all.

And Bill, good luck in your new assignment.

We should also like to say a big **welcome back** to Steve. Let's give Steve all of the help and co-operation possible to allow him to do his job effectively, and keep Bampton safe and peaceful.



## Thames Valley Police Report

by PC Bill Oddy.

A positive approach to target people who were suspected of involvement in crime was begun this year; this involved search warrants, visibility stop checks, and working with other agencies such as Customs, and D.H.S.S. investigators. We have used technical equipment to help increase intelligence. People who continue to commit crime, cause disorder, or drive while under the influence of drink will be targeted in 1999.

Twenty-one children took part in the National Proficiency Scheme during last summer. During the week the children learned how to maintain and ride their bikes safely. After dark, I will be out and about trying to catch people without lights! A set of lights costs £10. A fixed penalty will cost £20!!!!

### A Typical Police Officer's Week.

Officers work 40 hours per week, on various shifts. Half of my hours run between 6pm and 3am.

I cover 11 villages, with 50% of my time being spent in Bampton. I am often called upon to police demonstrations at Hillgrove Farm, or Royal Visits at Windsor.

I deal with crimes, traffic accidents, alarms, enquiries from other forces, all firearm applications, licensing applications, and warrants issued by courts. I have implemented structured safety programmes at four schools, and I liaise with the parish, district, and County councils on various issues.

I focus my foot and mobile patrols to specific areas, and carry out preventative random checks - for instance if there were a spate of egg throwing reported in Bushy Row, during the evening, then I would visit the area randomly to try and prevent recurrence. Please keep the information on incidents coming in, and I will continue to target your problem.

I hope that this helps to explain why you "never see a police officer".

### CRIMESTOPPERS. 0800 555 111

Call free if you have information about any crime. You do not have to give your name, and you may even receive an award. *Finally, thank you for your support during the last 3 years. I hope you all have a safe and peaceful 1999.*

# Proposed development behind church view

By Mike Balmer and Martin Landray

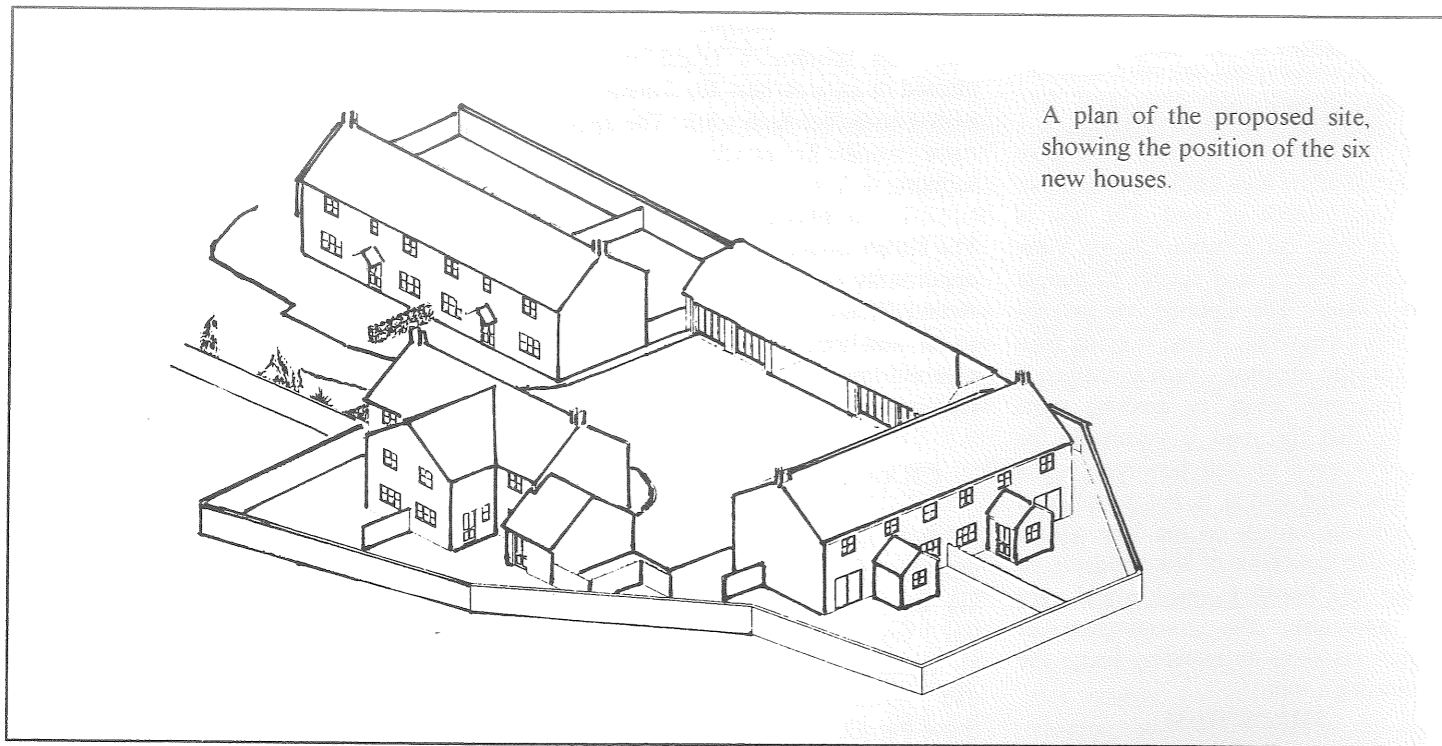
The former school playing field behind the Bush Centre has finally been sold to a local developer by Oxfordshire County Council. The site has outline planning permission for residential development. The new owner, Cover Construction Ltd, has submitted a planning application for six, two-storey residential dwellings to West Oxfordshire District Council.

The proposed development will have profound implications not only for residents

existing walnut tree, which is a significant local landmark, and has nostalgic memories for many who attended the school.

- The proposals represent an over-development of the small site and will overlook and dominate the surrounding properties.
- The development will considerably increase traffic levels in the surrounding streets, and substantially reduce parking space for the Youth Centre and Bush Club.

thetic heart of Bampton. The current proposals are not designed to fulfil the housing needs of the local community but to maximise profitability for the developer. To date the Planning Office has received over 40 letters of complaint from concerned Bampton residents in addition to letters from organisations such as the Parish Council and the Church View Residents Association. We are very grateful to all those who have written letters objecting



A plan of the proposed site, showing the position of the six new houses.

of adjacent properties, but also for residents of the surrounding streets, and for users of the Bush Centre and Youth Club. The proposal raises a number of important concerns.

- The proposed development is not in sympathy with the character of the surrounding conservation area.
- The site has significant historical interest, being in one of the oldest parts of Bampton. Contrary to the requirements of the outlining planning permission, the current proposals make no provision for an archaeological survey.
- The plans include the felling of the

- Most worrying of all, the proposal sets an undesirable precedent for the development of a much larger area, including the school playground and perhaps demolition of the school building itself, which is not listed.

On many of the above issues, the proposals are in direct conflict with the local planning policy produced by the West Oxfordshire District Council in 1997. Whilst new development is both necessary and unavoidable in Bampton, we have a collective responsibility to object to inappropriate proposals, and to prevent the gradual erosion of the historic and aes-

to the proposals. In particular we would like to thank Martyn Bishop and Gilly Marsh of BEWG, and Earl Donoughmore of the Society for the Protection of Bampton, for their support and helpful advice. The application is due to go before the WODC Planning Committee in early April, although it is possible that the developer may choose to withdraw at this stage and submit an amended proposal. If this is the case, WODC will request public comment. It will be important that a large number of letters of objection are sent, even if you objected to the original proposal.

# NEWS FROM THE BAMPTON MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

The Open Meeting held on Monday 1st February was very well attended. Many interesting ideas were put forward, and the Committee is now busy reviewing them to see which ones will be taken forward. One of the ideas was to enable Villagers to purchase a tree to be planted somewhere in the village, at a site to be decided. Anyone purchasing a tree would also be entitled to write something in a 'Remembrance Book', which would thereafter be preserved and held for posterity.

### Parish Council Undertakings

As part of the celebrations, the Parish Council has agreed to purchase a new permanent Notice Board for the village. It will be installed in the Market Square. Also to be provided by the Parish Council is a Bus Shelter, to be built next door to

The Horseshoe. Plans for this have already been drawn up.

A WEB-site for Bampton is also being looked into with the help of Alan Oliver and a separate committee set up by the Parish Council.

### Woodland Project

A large project of planting a new 20 acre wood behind the Recreation Ground in Buckland Road was also discussed at the meeting. The Woodland Trust are able to arrange grants of approximately 65% of the total costs for such projects, which would leave the Village needing to raise £25,000 to £30,000 to allow the project to go ahead. The proposer of this project has undertaken to approach various parties to determine if funding can be arranged in order to allow the project to proceed.

### Mosaic for the Millennium

As its contribution to Bampton's celebrations, West Oxfordshire Arts Association is planning a pavement mosaic for the area outside the Town Hall, near to the large tree which serves currently as the local notice board.

The three proposed themes which are to be suggested to the artists are:

- Morris Dancers.
- The Castle
- The Beam (the tree from which Bampton probably got its name).

One or more of these suggestions might be incorporated into the final design.

If you have any other ideas of how Bampton might be represented visually in this medium, please contact Ernest Rosengard (Chairman of the W.O.A.A), Tel: 850276 before 21st April 1999.

### Special Events

The Bampton Town Football Club is holding a **Fun Football and Fete, on Saturday 1st July**, in the Football Field, Buckland Road. If anyone is interested in helping or supplying a team, please contact Vicky Smith, Tel: 851683.

### Millennium Mugs

To order Millennium mugs, please use the form below.

## BAMPTON MILLENNIUM COMMITTEE

We would very much appreciate it if you would fill in this form, cut it out, and place it in The Beam Box in Abbey Properties. This is to help the Committee to find out how many children between the ages of 0 - 16, will be entitled to receive a free Bampton Millennium Mug. The plan is to have the mugs available for presentation on January 1st, 2000.

Name of child/children 1. .... Age .....

2. .... Age .....

3. .... Age .....

Address of Family .....

Name of person/s who would like to purchase a Millennium Mug .....

Address of Applicant/s .....

If there is not enough space on this form, please attach another piece of paper to it with the necessary details. Many thanks for your time. Don't forget to place it in the box at Abbey Properties.

### Market Square Garage, Bampton

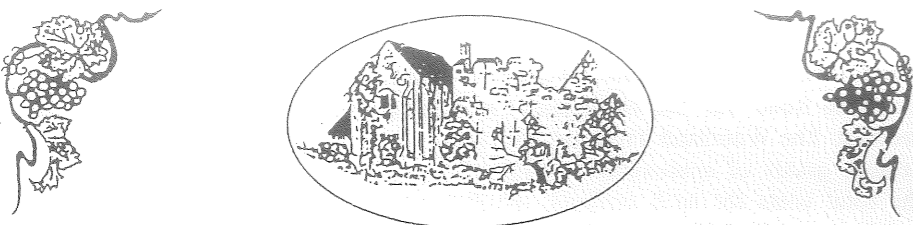
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### VOLUNTEER LINK-UP

Volunteer Link-Up is a local charity serving Witney and surrounding villages, which matches people who have some time to spare, with those who are in need of help. They are in urgent need of volunteers to mow grass and tidy pensioners gardens.

Lots of requests for help have been received already this year, but the number of people offering to help is at an all-time low.

Volunteer Link-Up is anxious not to disappoint the worried pensioners, so if you would be able to give a few hours to help please contact them Tel: 01993 776277. The Volunteer Link-Up office is open from 9am - 1pm, Monday to Friday, and is on the first floor of the Methodist Church buildings, 10 Wesley Walk, Witney.



### WITNEY AND DISTRICT CARERS

Shaun Woodward, MP for West Oxfordshire, has joined forces with the Carers' Centre and the Witney Gazette to honour the work carried out by the increasing number of carers in the area.

The very first Carers' Hearts of Gold was launched at the Marlborough Hotel in Witney. The aim is to raise awareness as to the role played by carers, sometimes juggling the pressures of a job, children, and caring at the same time. Some are just children themselves, looking after family members.

At the Awards Ceremony on the 13th June, which will be hosted by Shaun Woodward, Esther Rantzen will be presenting Hearts of Gold awards to carers representing the full range of caring situations. Over the next few weeks the Witney Gazette will carry profiles of a variety of carers, and will be highlighting the good work of the Carers Centre in Witney.

The Carers Club meets on the last Wednesday of the month in the Methodist Church Centre, from 1pm - 3pm. It is a lively supportive group - exchanging information and news, enjoying talks and demonstrations and occasional outings.

Helen de Salis is at Witney Community Hospital, Consulting Room 3, Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 9am - 1pm, Tel 01993 602943 or Tel 01295 264545. Please call in and see Helen for advice and information, or just to talk. Home visits can be arranged - ring to make an appointment to suit you.

### Alpha . . You remember!

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Folk from Bampton came, enjoyed it, made friends, and are so glad they made the effort. Perhaps you missed the last one but would like to come to the next one which starts with a delicious hot supper and local chat on Wednesday 21st April at 7pm.

Do come . . . perhaps with a friend?

Give Dave or Jan a ring on Tel: 01993 850046.

Pause for thought

### LOOKING

by Anon

I don't look back: God knows the fruitless efforts,  
The wasted hours, the sinning, the regrets,  
I leave them all with Him who blots the record,  
And mercifully forgives, and then forgets.

I don't look forward: God sees all the future,  
The road that, short or long will lead me home,  
And he will face with me its every trial,  
And bear for me the burdens that may come.

I don't look in: for then I am most wretched,  
Myself has nought on which to stay my trust,  
Nothing I see, save failures and shortcomings,  
And weak endeavours crumbling into dust.

But I look up into the face of Jesus . . .  
For there my heart can rest, my fears are stilled,  
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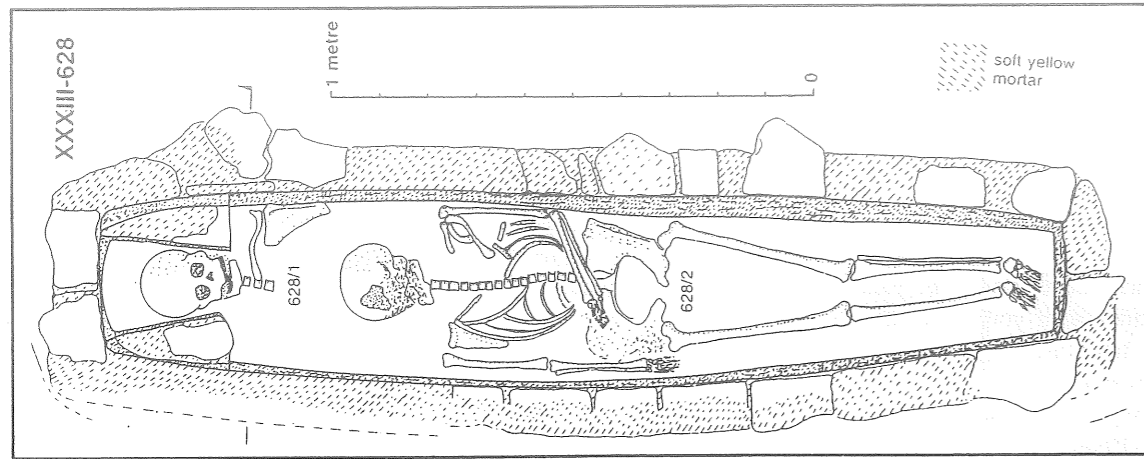
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# BAMPTON CHURCHYARD: THE LATEST DISCOVERIES

By Dr. John Blair

Many readers will have noticed, and perhaps visited, the small excavation on the south side of the chancel during the first two weeks of August last year. This was a 'rescue' exercise, prompted by a scheme to

rubble (see drawing). The cist was slightly bow-sided, equipped with a head-recess, and rendered around the inside, to give the impression of a stone coffin. Of the original body, only the skull and a few associ-

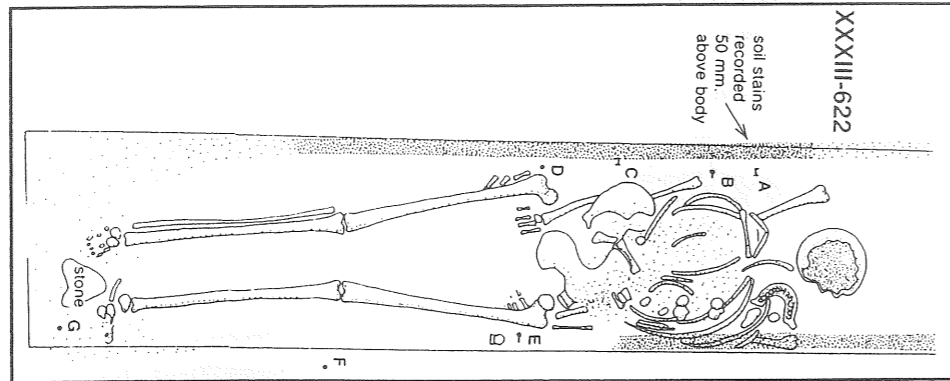


equip the church with a toilet, but in the event, it made an unexpectedly fruitful addition to the picture of the early churchyard built up from previous work.

The density of graves was exceptional, even for Bampton: there were at least eleven burial phases, six of them apparently pre-dating the building of the chancel around 1160. The earliest, probably of the eighth or ninth centuries, were dug into what turns out to be the east-facing slope of a natural mound on which the church was built. Multiple inter-cutting layers of pre-Conquest burials are normally only found in towns: the find suggests not only that the area around the east end of the church was at the heart of the early cemetery, but also that the pressure for space was unusually intense. Some minster cemeteries expanded their areas in the late Anglo-Saxon period (for instance, locally, Shipton-under-Wychwood); at Bampton this option was for some reason not taken, and use may have intensified correspondingly.

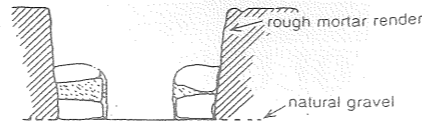
The third burial 'generation' included a remarkable feature which roused great interest among visitors as it gradually emerged from the soil; a burial in a cist or imitation coffin, carefully built of mortared

ated bones remained, the rest having been evicted to make way for a secondary burial. Tombs of this kind (though not bow-sided) became common in England during the twelfth century, but the Bampton example can scarcely be later than c.1000. Much closer parallels are known throughout the early middle ages from France, including some bow-sided ones of



the ninth and tenth centuries. It is bizarre that a small trench in Bampton Churchyard should encounter this apparently unique Anglo-Saxon example of a European burial type, and the radiocarbon results are eagerly awaited.

Two phases on was another unusual burial, this time in a straight-sided wooden coffin of which a very clear stain remained in the soil (see drawing).



The bones of the upper skeleton were tumbled and disarranged, suggesting that the body may have been in an advanced state of decay at the time of burial. This odd phenomenon has been widely observed in tenth- and eleventh-century graves: does it indicate some otherwise unrecorded burial rite? Just above the north-west corner of the coffin, the grave-fill contained a small iron bell. Whether this was associated with the coffin is unclear; if so, it would be another

unique find for this period. Above this burial, a dump of clean earth seems likely to represent a building-up of the naturally sloping surface, maybe when the chancel was built in the twelfth century, as an eastwards extension from the earlier nave. As always the Parish authorities gave every possible help, and I am most grateful to everyone who dug, especially Roger

Cole for his heroic trowelling. It was gratifying to see so much local interest, and I hope to be able to present the results more fully next year in a lecture and perhaps and exhibition.

# A SUNDAY STROLL

By Bill Govier



Sandfords Field



The Ford

Bampton-in-the-Bush has changed so much that it is hardly recognisable as the picturesque little town where I was born and grew up.

Thankfully it has not all gone. One day last summer, armed with my camera, I took a walk around my old childhood haunts, and found a few views that took me straight back to the early 1940's.

A beautiful old thatched cottage can be seen from Sandfords Field, and it has not changed one bit - not even a TV aerial to spoil the feeling of being back in short trousers, and playing ball games right there in what used to be the school playing field. A stream, which can be seen from the

footbridge in Cheyne Lane, is exactly as I recall it, even though the bridge itself is now concrete, and not the rickety old wooden structure of those days gone bye.

How many Bampton residents know where to find a ford in the Town? Alright, I know it's only for agricultural use, but it is there, and is still used today.

There is another special place that used to be known as the 'swimming hole'. This spot is now home to a pair of swans, so I will not give away the location. Anyway, back in 1942 it was a popular summer meeting place, although our little gang of ten-year-olds were forbidden to enter the water because our parents were convinced

we would all catch poliomyelitis. To be certain we kept out, we were not allowed bathing trunks or towels. However, schoolboys are nothing if not ingenious. It was wartime, and with so many sandbags around, we were sure a few would not be missed! With the bottom corners cut off, they made great makeshift swimming trunks; but boy, did they scratch the skin! However, now suitably dressed, we would fearlessly leap into the water - which on a good day would almost reach to our waists - and afterwards, a few old rags and the sun soon dried us off. Luckily none of our gang caught polio! Ah, Happy Days.



The stream from Cheyne Lane



The swimming 'ole

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,  
 A big thank you and well-done to the parish Council for implementing my traffic calming scheme. However, to be affordable, the scheme is just the minimum which the Parish Council must review regularly. Traffic increases in the past 12 months alone and rat-running of huge lorries, especially along Buckland Road, shows there is more to be done. Bampton residents have pushed for comprehensive traffic measures for well over 10 years, in which time they met resistance from the authorities, while traffic problems increased. It took this long and around 16 months of personal effort to get a scheme underway. It is a long, slow process but it can be done.

I am now starting a pressure group to tackle the issue of large lorries. If anyone wants to help, please contact me Tel: 850588. The idea is to pass details of lorries (who are not delivering) to the parish Council who, hopefully, will write to the companies concerned. This is effective elsewhere.

In addition, please can the Parish Council consider budgeting for calming measures in New Road including the urgent school warning signs. Also we probably need a formal traffic survey to be carried out as soon as possible which could act as guide for continuing improvements.

Yours faithfully,  
 Roger Howard,  
 'Fleur De Lys', High St, Bampton.

Dear Editor,  
 Market Square Project  
 Now that the dust has settled and the village has been unable to raise the huge sum required, I would like on behalf of the Parish Council and, I'm sure, on behalf of the whole village, to thank and to congratulate Julian Johnson on running an excellent campaign to try and stop the 3 storey building from being built. We on the Parish Council have been objecting to the plans for over 4 years and have been surprised that Bampton residents had not objected previously - only a handful of private objections had been sent

to the District Council. Most residents, I believe, never really thought the garage would ever be pulled down. What a shock it was in December, therefore, when the bulldozers arrived!

So what can we do at this late stage? Firstly, representatives from the Parish Council will approach Western Counties developers to see if there is anyway they can reduce or modify the severe impact of the huge 3-storey building. Secondly, we will continue to develop our plans to improve the Market Square. Graham Haslam already has a number of interesting ideas which, when endorsed by the Parish Council, will be put forward on display in the Town Hall for scrutinising by all interested residents. Please watch out for notices advertising the display.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 David Hawkins,  
 Chairman Bampton Parish Council.

Dear Editor,  
 Once again we have someone trying to change something in dear old Bampton; now it's the Station Road under review. At least, while it remains Station Road, it lets us know that we once had a station. One of the many things Bampton has lost from its past.

I have many happy memories of the station and the 'Bampton Flyer' as, I expect, have many more Bamptonians. Wouldn't it be nice to hear the train whistle once again. It would be interesting to know what Brize Norton people who live in Station Road think, and what they would call it if it were changed?

I think things should be left as they are, and not altered just because Mrs Rushforth wants to change her address.

Yours,  
 Freda Bradley,  
 Colville Close, Bampton.

Dear Editor,  
 I was born in Bampton, although not so long ago as some of the real old Bamptonians who are still around. Yet I felt very hurt when I read that someone wanted to change the name of Station Road. What else do they want to change? They have already given 'new names' to School Lane, Slaughter House Lane, Pudding Corner etc.; oh I could go on and on. Why can't people who come into these villages be content with the original

names? I grew up with the old names, and when people stop and ask where so and so is, I have to stop and think it's probably an old road having had its name changed.

If people don't like it why live there? I'm proud to be a Bamptonian and if I lived in Station Road I would be proud of that as well - at least I would know who had used the road before me!  
 Yours,  
 Mrs Rail, Bampton.

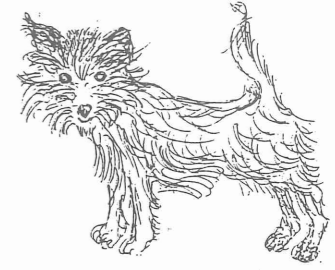
Dear Editor,  
 The previous edition of the 'Beam' contained a letter from Mrs Rushforth suggesting that Station Road be renamed. The idea is ludicrous! There is quite enough change to contend with already in the modern world. Her perception of a Tony Hancock/Railway Cuttings image suggests an element of snobbery to me.

The station may have gone, but many roads are named after features which no longer exist. This gives interest and historical perspective to a place. Must everything which no longer has contemporary significance be renamed?

In any case I do not think that the authorities would readily agree to a change of name without good cause since it would involve expense and inconvenience, not least to residents and businesses in Station Road.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Mr G. Soames, Primrose Lane, Weald.

*These letters are in reply to a letter published in the December's edition of The Beam. We received a few more, but for Ed's eyes only!*

**OBITUARY**



The 'Beam' is sad to report that "Pansy", the 'dog of the month' in the 'Beam' of August 1997, died on February 22nd last. She is sadly missed.

# THE BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

## BAMPTON BOYS F.C.

by Mrs Linden Burley, Vice Chairman B.B.F.C.



The Bampton Boys U11 Football Team

Good news for all boys between the ages of 15 and 16, a new Under 16's team is being formed and will be playing in the 99/00 season. If you would like to play, please contact the Club on the telephone number given at the end of this article.

Currently the Under 11's are doing well, the team being formed initially from a plethora of boys. The present squad consists of 17 players who display great team spirit. The team has had its ups and downs' in the League, but remain mid-table with the promise of a good start to the 99/00 season.

After a slow, steady start to the season, when the Under 13's team

was only managing to win every other game, in November their fortunes turned around. Since then, the team has not lost, winning eight matches and drawing one. Not only are they beating most league opposition, the team also enjoyed a most successful run in the K.O. Cup, losing to Witney Town in the semi-final. For a small village team, this has been a fantastic effort from all the boys.

The Under 16's were promoted to the A-League this season, and have done very well. They will finish mid-table. Not a bad feat for their first taste of the A-League.

The next event planned, is an evening of mini-soccer for boys and girls of ages 8, 9 and 10, on April 8th at 6pm, at the Recreation Ground. The club is acutely aware that this age group is not being catered for, and have tried, unsuccessfully, to start a team for this age group in the past. We are hoping that one or two parents will take the initiative and organise a team for this age group. The club is fully committed to helping anyone taking on this job and will provide anything that may be needed. Let's hope in the next issue of the 'Beam', we can report that a new team has been formed.

On May 15th the Annual Trophy Night will take place in the new pavilion. An evening that is always well attended and enjoyed by all.

The club's AGM is on the 7th July at The Talbot Hotel in Bampton. Unfortunately, this event is not generally so well attended, but we sincerely hope this year more parents will attend. Mrs Mandy Bowman, secretary, will be resigning after many years of excellent work for the club, and we are very sorry that she is leaving. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her most profusely, for all her help and hard work over the years. We should also like to thank Andy Bowman for his supportive role over the years in more ways than we have room to mention. Michael Wooloff, Treasurer, is also resigning due to pressure of work. So as you can see, the club is in desperate need of help in many areas. We will also be losing Mike Whalley, a founder member of Bampton Boys, who has always been enthusiastic and hard working, with the good of the club always foremost in his actions and deeds. Mike has been involved in boy's football for many years, and will be sorely missed, but I am sure he will keep in touch with the club and, who knows, he may miss it so much that he may well return at a later date. Finally, the club is grateful to everyone involved in the pavilion project, and would like to say a big thank you to all concerned. This facility will make life easier for everyone at all levels, and the club is looking forward to using these facilities in the coming 99/00 season.

## Girls and Boys Under 10's Football

by David Hawkins

### What does the future hold?

I write as Chairman of the Boys Football Club, because I am dismayed that possibly a hundred or more Bampton girls and boys under the age of ten are not getting a chance to play in the younger-age team that we on the committee have been anxious to encourage.

Most residents will be aware that we have 3 very well supported boy's teams at the U11's, U13's and U16's levels, with 3 very good pitches, multi-sport facilities for practice, and the new excellent changing facilities in the Pavilion. Why then can the village not produce just 2 managers and a few assistants to run an Under 8 and an Under 10 team? Surely many parents realise that their children are missing out on this critical stage of developing basic soccer skills, and learning to work together as a team. Children at this age would play only in friendly matches and most likely in 7-a-side games, so that they are fully involved throughout the match.

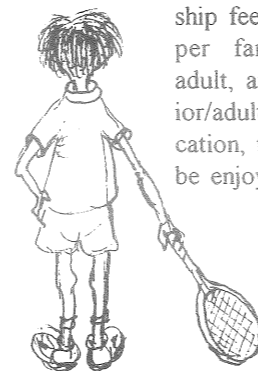
What we need is for a few parents to come forward and start preparing for the 99/00 season. The existing Boy's Club will help financially to get some new teams started, and we will also provide 'hand me down' kit and soccer balls. Please turn up at the 'Talbot Inn' on Wednesday 5th May at 8pm - which is our regular committee meeting - to discuss the way forward. Your children may not get a second chance!



## BAMPTON TENNIS CLUB

By Debbie Landray

Bampton Tennis Club is hoping to attract new members for the coming year. We are lucky enough to have two of the best hard courts in the area, and with the membership fees frozen at £50 per family, £20 per adult, and £10 per junior/adult in further education, the facilities can be enjoyed at very reasonable cost.



We are holding our own Tennis Club Open Day on Saturday 17th April from 2pm - 6pm. This will provide a great opportunity to start the playing season (if you haven't already done so) and to meet other members. There will also be the chance to have a look inside the new Recreation Ground Pavilion, and a light buffet will be served for a small charge.

Club nights are every Thursday from 6.30pm commencing April 1st, so please come and join us. As the season progresses we are hoping to set up a separate club night for juniors. This year we are producing a contact list to make it easier for members to arrange games if they so wish. We will also be playing informal matches against other local clubs with a view to entering teams into a league. The Annual Tournament will take place in the summer. In previous years this has been an enjoyable afternoon spent playing tennis in a competitive yet friendly environment.

If you are interested in joining the Tennis Club, please contact **John Williams (membership secretary), Tel: 850680**, for a membership form and/or further information.

### BAMPTON ARCHERY CLUB

We meet every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm at the Recreation Ground starting from April. Indoor archery will be available in the new Pavilion. For further information contact, **John Hill, Tel: 850513 or Adrian Nowell, Tel: 831683.**

## BAMPTON-IN-THE-BUSH CRICKET CLUB

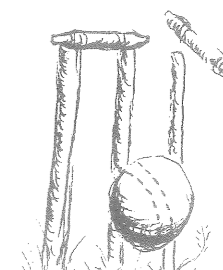
It's the time of year once again that we will start to hear that lovely 'thunk', as leather hits willow, and think of sitting in the sunshine enjoying a cricket tea, while watching the peaceful game of village cricket.

We now have the artificial wicket waiting for us to play, and a few friendly matches have been booked already. We can also provide bats, cricket pads etc., so don't worry if you haven't any cricket gear.

Unfortunately, Bampton Cricket Club are urgently in need of new members, both playing and non-playing of any age and ability.

The club would also like to hear from any boys or girls, interested in forming a youth team.

If you are interested contact **Alan Clarke, Tel: 850201 or Bill Godfrey, Tel: 850014.**



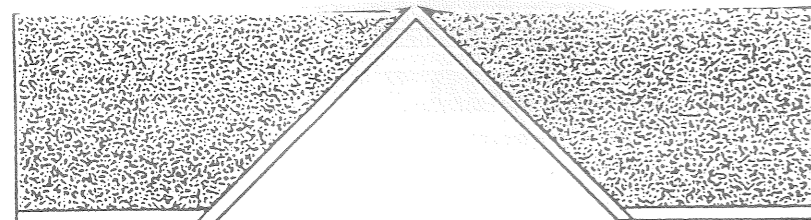
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## BAMPTON'S ENVIRONMENT WATCH GROUP

By Mrs Bruce-Mitsford

The recent dilemma over the Market Square site has generated considerable discussion about the conservation of Bampton's environment, sometimes informed, sometimes inaccurate. A conversation between a BEWG member and another revealed that there is considerable misapprehension about BEWG'S part in confronting this issue. So it seemed appropriate to devote this entry in the Spring edition of the 'Beam' to give a brief resume of BEWG's origin, primary objectives, and the way these are put into practice.

BEWG came into being in the late summer of 1989, when the owners of the last two dwellings on the east side of Aston Road discovered, by mere chance, that a planning application was being submitted to the West Oxfordshire District Council to erect a small industrial unit, adjoining these properties, and abutting on to the Green Belt land between Bampton and Aston. So incensed were these residents by this project that they decided to mount a campaign of opposition. To achieve this, they studied the plans and made themselves familiar with planning laws and procedures - which include the right of Bampton residents to express their views on planning applications affecting the village. Fortified with this knowledge, they drafted a petition and personally visited households in the village to explain the problems and canvas opposition, either through signing the petition, or writing on their own account to West Oxfordshire Planning Department.

The support was positive and permission was refused. However, the issue brought home the need for a system that would routinely monitor planning applications affecting Bampton. A Steering Committee was formed to look into how this could be organised, and a public inaugural meeting was held, where a proposal was considered to set up a permanent committee. Its constitution was outlined, an Executive Committee of 4 officers and 6 members was elected, and 80 members were enrolled.

The various objectives were described, the first of which was reviewing applications

affecting Bampton. The Committee was challenged very shortly afterwards by an application to build a sizeable retirement complex in the grounds of Folley House. Such a development would seriously impair an important view of the village's eastern edge across the Shillbrook. Since then, planning issues have continued to be a major focus, with a member of the Executive Committee reviewing all plans for new developments of, or substantial alterations to, buildings, and/or natural sites. The findings are then reported to the Committee which then decides by vote whether to recommend to the West Oxfordshire Planning Department (a) unqualified approval, (b) modification to parts of the plan, or (c) outright refusal. In the latter instance, members of BEWG are circulated with details of the plan, the grounds for the Executive Committee's decision, and what to do if they wish to submit their own views to West Oxfordshire. This is purely an information exercise and no pressure is put on members to support the Executive Committee's position. Executive members attend the monthly meetings of West Oxfordshire District Council Lowlands Planning Committee, as non-participating observing members of the public. This enables them to keep abreast of the situation.

Another important facet of planning, is the occasional Public Inquiry which takes place when the District Council refuses planning permission, and the applicant appeals to the Secretary of State for the Environment against the decision. BEWG attends these events and is permitted to speak on the issues under consideration. A recent example was the Public Enquiry held in January 1998 into the development of 25 houses along Station Road, where the Bampton District Councillor, Chairman of the Parish Council, the Society for the Protection of Bampton, and BEWG all spoke against the scheme. In this case the presiding inspector also did not support the proposal, and the project was abandoned.

This strong emphasis on planning and development which is the major environ-

mental threat in today's countryside throughout the United Kingdom, may create the impression that BEWG does not march with the times and is generally opposed to anything new. This is an incorrect perception, and probably stems from the fact that controversial issues in planning inevitably receive much publicity (e.g. the recent Market Square problem), whereas other beneficial help or intervention may not be generally known.

In the decade since it started, BEWG has generated a number of other activities with a more obviously positive bias, such as its systematic surveillance of the 37 footpaths around Bampton. Twenty-five members each have responsibility for walking a particular path twice a year, reporting any damage, poor upkeep or illegal blocking. On occasions, more active involvement is required as in the case of Hoskins Barn Path off the Buckland Road. This path had been closed to walkers by the then owner of a house along the path. BEWG initiated an application to the West Oxfordshire County Council designating the path as a public Right of Way. It was necessary to have written evidence from at least 12 people that they had continuously used the path for over twenty years. By the use of a questionnaire, followed by door to door inquiries, more than 80 people were found to have used the path over the necessary years, including 54 over 30 years, and 4 for over 70 years. This evidence boosted our case and the path was designated a public Right of Way.

A new activity related to footpaths is the scheme to set up a complex of bicycle tracks around Bampton to save enthusiastic cyclists from having to face the busy traffic on the main roads. A committee has been set up to organise this ambitious project and to date two areas have been selected. The first is along Buckland Road, using the grass verges from the Recreation Ground to Tadpole Bridge. The second is along Mount Owen Road to Curbridge via Lew. They will be surveyed by Sustrans, the national body promoting cycle tracks, by the end of March. Sustrans has been very supportive to Bampton's efforts and is doing the work free of charge. When completed and in use, the West Oxfordshire District Council will maintain the bicycle tracks.

This venture has been adopted by the Parish Council as one of Bampton's Mil-



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lennium projects. A gratifying spin-off from BEWG's effort, is that Buckland has followed suit and is developing its own track.

BEWG also has an educational side and mounts four lectures a year illustrating aspects of environmental conservation. Over the past year these have featured the work of the Royal Commission for the National Monuments of England, the Lost Manor of Wyck near Faringdon, the work of Sustrans, and the varied tasks of the Council for the Protection of Rural England. The millennial year started with an especial bang, when Freda Bradley - who comes from a very long established Bampton family, and has been a member of the Executive committee since 1991 - gave an illuminating account of growing up in the 1920's. Supporting her was Don Rouse who gave an equally interesting account of farm-work at that time. Freda is preparing a book on her childhood in Bampton.

A different venture has involved the Primary School helping pupils to become aware of their environment and its interesting features. This has been achieved over the years by providing nesting boxes, constructed by a BEWG member to hang in recently planted trees, and providing prizes for a painting competition depicting Spring, or a feature of Bampton. A study picnic for children and teachers of the senior class was also organised in Knapp Farm Meadow - a two acre field being cultivated as a natural meadow by the Shillbrook. A treasure hunt for flora and fauna was organised, picnic lunches were provided, and a discussion of the problems in keeping an old style field going conducted. This led to a subsequent visit by BEWG members to the school to see the work the children had put into the project, and which revealed a high degree of understanding of the issues involved, a genuine concern for conservation problems, and a variety of suggestions for dealing with them. It had been hoped to make this an ongoing project, but sadly Frances Deane, who owned the field, died unexpectedly, and the field has not been available since then. BEWG, however, maintains an ongoing interest in the field, and, if the opportunity arises, the project will re-established as a memorial to Frances. For more information contact **Jo Lewington Tel: 850947.**

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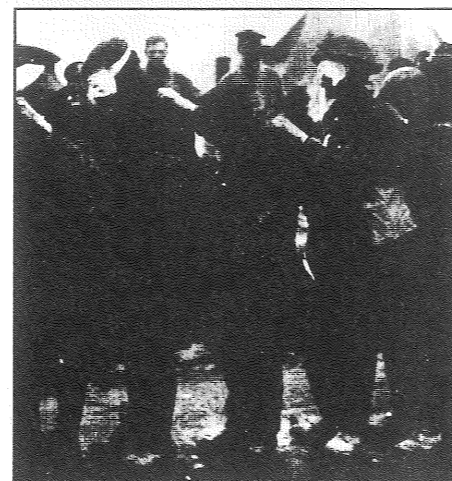
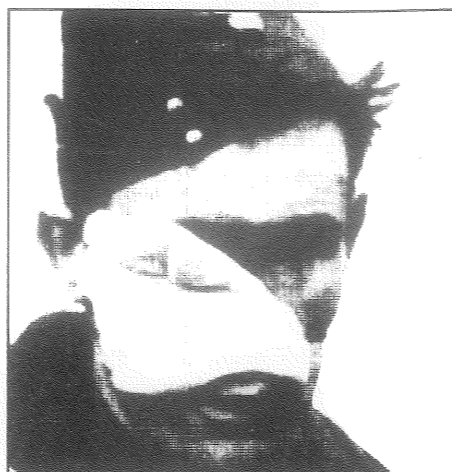
This year is the fifty-fourth anniversary of the end of the Second World War. However, for our older St Dunstaners, it is just another reminder of the frightful adjustment they had to make to the terrible tragedy of sudden blindness all those years ago. For most people, it is hard to imagine what it must be like to be without sight, let alone for fifty-four years or more. Our younger blinded men and women (some of whom are in their early 20s) still have this awful prospect ahead of them.

Over thirty years ago, St Dunstan's stopped fund raising as it was advised by the Charity Commissioners that there were sufficient funds for the foreseeable future. Sadly, this has not proved to be the case. Higher costs and falling income have forced us to seek public support once again. This is due to the intensive nursing which some of the elderly patients now require and also to the never-ending intake and unprecedented needs of the very severely handicapped younger men and women. In addition, many ex-Service men and women become blinded in later life.

Anybody who is an ex-Service man or woman, and who is significantly visually impaired in both eyes, and is not already known to St Dunstan's, is encouraged to get in touch with us at the earliest possible opportunity.

Our second application for Government funding was turned down, as was our application for assistance from the National Lottery. St Dunstaners gave their sight defending the freedom of their country. Please help so that we can continue to assist blind ex-Service men and women. Any support you give will be

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For further information contact Fund Raising Department, **Greville Malet Tel: 0171 723502.**

### BUSH CENTRE

The club meets every Wednesday in the Scout Hut in Church View, and caters for 40 pensioners. We provide tea, coffee, and a hot meal, and for many this is the only day they have away from their homes during the week. All helpers, cooks and drivers are volunteers.

We encourage our members to play games, and take part in activities. We raise our own funds for outings to places of interest, theatre trips, and to pay for speakers. For more information please contact

**Joan Granville, Tel: 850407 or Vera Allport, Tel: 850411.**

### BAMPTON EXHIBITION FOUNDATION

The foundation exists to maintain the Old Grammer School building (now the Library) and to provide financial support to young people residing in the Ancient Parish of Bampton, Aston, Lew and Weald. The financial help is for young people who would like to participate in any academic or sporting course or activity of educational value which would otherwise be beyond their means.

We try to offer a bursary of 50% of the amount required. Anyone who feels they qualify (or knows of someone who may do so) should contact, **Roger Snow, Tel: 850113**

### BAMPTON BRIDGE CLUB

The club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30pm - 10.30pm. Duplicate bridge is played on the 1st, 3rd and any 5th Tuesday of the month. Rubber bridge is played on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. The annual subscription is £5 with a charge of 75p per session. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact, **Mrs Joan Granville, Tel: 850407.**

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Secretary - Mrs Margaret Smith Tel: 850729

The amount raised in 1998 was £7,916.15. Many thanks to all who gave their time to help raise this money.

Fund Raising Events for 1999

March 27th - Easter Coffee Morning 10 - 12am, Village Hall

June 24th - Cream Teas 2 - 4pm, Village Hall

September 25th - Coffee Morning, 10 - 12am, Village Hall

November 17th - Christmas Bingo, Bush Centre

December 17th - Christmas Country and Western Dance, Social Centre, Carterton.

We are looking for more people to join our committee. If you are interested contact **Margaret Smith Tel: 850729 or Doris Cleaver Tel: 850682.**

### BAMPTON BADMINTON CLUB

Bampton Badminton Club has started up once again in the Village Hall. We are playing every Tuesday morning 10am - 12am. We will be very pleased to see any

players, beginners to experts. Please come along or contact **Judy House Tel: 851406.**

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### BAMPTON FIRE STATION

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Unfortunately, more crew are still needed to make it completely safe for all of us to sleep soundly in our beds. Weekends and night shifts have enough cover, but we do desperately need crew for the weekdays. It is not only Bampton that has the shortage, but Oxfordshire in general, and indeed some Fire Stations have had to be closed.

We need Bampton Fire Station, so please do think about it seriously, as it's you the villagers who are needed to keep it open. White collar business men, bricklayer's, agriculturalists, housewives, shopkeepers, publicans, teenagers looking for work, (look good on your CV), in fact, anyone between the ages of 18 and 45 years of age, reasonably fit, and who live within 5 minutes of the station can apply.

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If you are interested, contact **Station Officer Andy Marrant, Tel: 01865 855261;** or you can attend Bampton Fire Station on any Wednesday evening, where **Sub Officer Brian Kew, Tel: 850815** will give you more information.

### BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre has suffered a serious blow to its funding, with a sudden and inexplicable decision by Oxfordshire County Council to withdraw our annual grant. Although there is no immediate danger that the Centre will close, the financial reserves that have been carefully built up over the years to provide for improvements in furniture and equipment, will now have to be used for current expenses. Unless the County Council reverses its decision, or unless alternative

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funding can be found, then it must be expected that the reserves will be exhausted in approximately two years time, and closure will then be inevitable. The Youth Centre Committee is most grateful to the Bampton Welfare Trust who have kindly stepped in with a generous donation to help over the current year. We are also grateful for the continued support of the 250 Club. Without the help of these two organisations, the situation would already be critical.

We will be holding another Charity Lambing Open Day at Foxbury Farm on Sunday 11th April 1999, from 11am until 4pm. If any organisation would like to have a Charity fund-raising stall, or a trade or craft stand, please give me a ring. In line with our policy to donate to 'child related' causes we will be dividing the money between The Thames Valley Police Junior Country Watch, The Meningitis Trust, and Springfield School, Witney. Space permitting, everyone is very welcome. Contact Colin Dawes, Foxbury Farm, Burford Road, Brize Norton, Tel: 01993 844141.

### BAMPTON PUMPKIN CLUB

1998 ended with the outlook for the club looking a lot better than it did at the start of the year. A successful October Weigh-In raised £799.00. The Annual General Meeting, held on 8th December, was well attended, and a further seven people came forward to be elected on to the Committee, raising the total to 14 committee members. The club also distributed the Christmas money to all 387 Bampton pensioners on our list. If you know of a pensioner who does not receive money from the club, then please contact a committee member and pass on details.

The 1999 May Street Fair is going ahead, planning for the event commenced in January and is well advanced. The intention is to try to bring in more 'traditional' entertainment and to place more emphasis on craft and charity stalls, whilst not altogether doing away with the more general type of stalls seen in previous years. If you have any suggestions, advice, criticism, or you are prepared to help out in any way, please let the Committee know. The new Committee for 1999 is: President - Jim Gascoigne, Chairman - Nick Thorpe, Treasurer - Mike Wooloff, Secretary - Dave Close, General Members - Jenny Chaundy, Ashley Sturgess, Sheila and Helen Walker, Edie Foreshe, Sharon Broughton, Bob Smith, Paul Featherstone,

and Billy Main. Unfortunately, the Committee is to lose its valuable treasurer in September. Is there anyone out there who is prepared to give up a few hours a month to keep our books straight? If so please contact one of the above Committee or Dave Close, Tel: 210023.

**THE PUMPKIN CLUB BINGO**  
Eyes down every Monday evening in the Bush Centre at 8pm. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Sharron Tel: 850922.

We would like to pass on our best wishes to Edie Foreshe who has been in hospital since January. Get well soon and hurry up and come home as everyone misses you.

**THE BURFORD SINGERS**  
'The Burford Singers' first concert of 1999, will be an in-the-round dramatisation of J.S. Bach's St John Passion, to be held on Good Friday, 2nd April, in Burford Parish Church at 7.30pm. The soloists will be James Gilchrist (Evangelist), Henry Herford (Christus), Patrizia Kwella (Soprano), James Bowman (alto), Darren Abrahams (tenor) and Roderick Williams (baritone). The conductor will be Brian Etheridge.

Reserved tickets, and any further information, can be obtained from **Brian Etheridge at the Burford Gallery (01993 822305)**. Tickets are priced at £10 (students £5).

**SPRING BANK HOLIDAY**  
**Saturday 29th May**  
The SPAJERS are holding The Annual Shirt Race. It starts at 7pm with the fancy dress competition, then moves swiftly onto the Junior Race, and then to the real 'beer-drinking' Senior Race. Don't forget there's a raffle and tombola in the Town Hall.

**Monday 31st May**  
The three Bampton Morris Dance teams come out to dance all day around the village. At 5pm visiting teams join in and a good time is had by all!!!

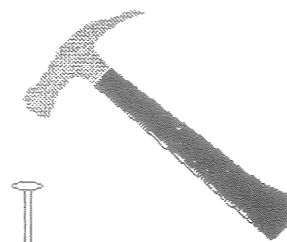
At 11am The May Garlands are judged in the Market Square. Copies of how to make these garlands can be obtained at the Primary School.

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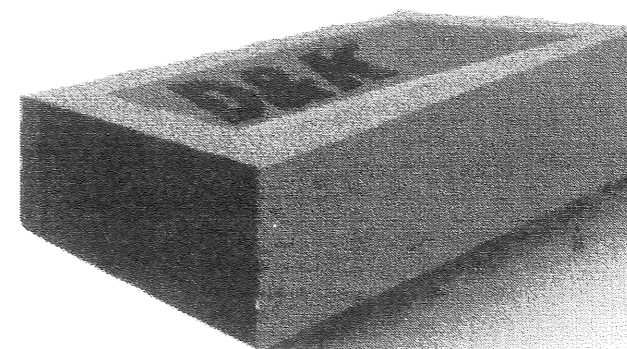
## SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BAMPTON

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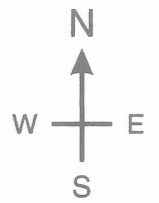
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# Circular Walk by Plantation and Ham Court

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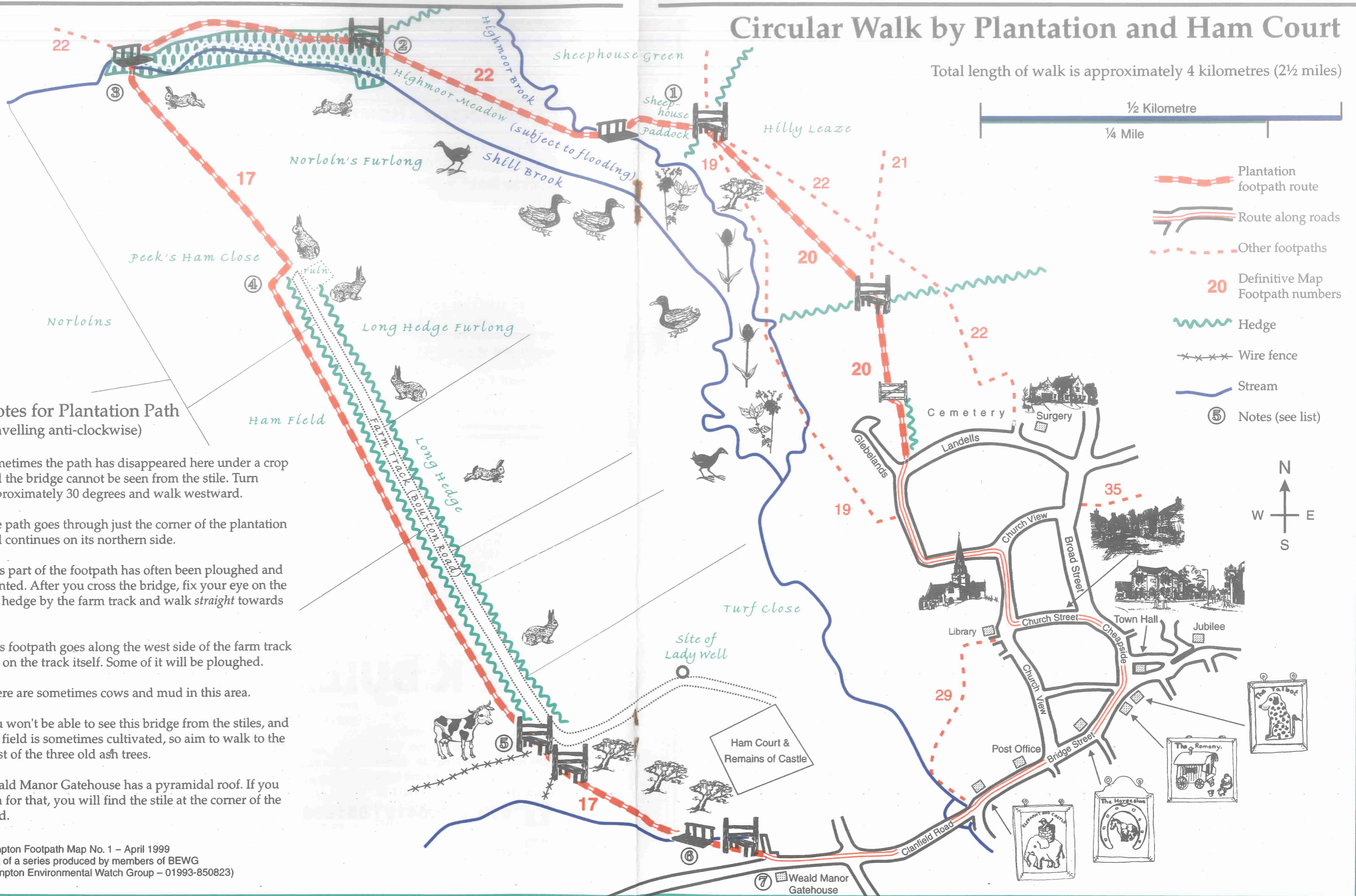
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- Hedge
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## Notes for Plantation Path (travelling anti-clockwise)

- ① Sometimes the path has disappeared here under a crop and the bridge cannot be seen from the stile. Turn approximately 30 degrees and walk westward.
- ② The path goes through just the corner of the plantation and continues on its northern side.
- ③ This part of the footpath has often been ploughed and planted. After you cross the bridge, fix your eye on the tall hedge by the farm track and walk *straight* towards it.
- ④ This footpath goes along the west side of the farm track not on the track itself. Some of it will be ploughed.
- ⑤ There are sometimes cows and mud in this area.
- ⑥ You won't be able to see this bridge from the stiles, and the field is sometimes cultivated, so aim to walk to the west of the three old ash trees.
- ⑦ Weald Manor Gatehouse has a pyramidal roof. If you aim for that, you will find the stile at the corner of the field.

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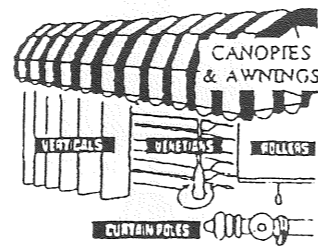
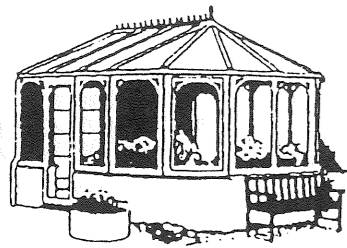
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## BIKE PATHS

by Jo Lewington

Two routes for bike paths are planned - the first to Witney, and the second to Tadpole Bridge, and then on to Buckland.

The County Council has agreed to allow us to create bike paths on the verges on the road where necessary. They have also agreed to be responsible for maintenance in the future.

SUSTRANS, the national bike routes organisation, has agreed to carry out all our survey work and costings for FREE. The survey work will be finished by mid-April giving us a professional document which we can use for fund-raising.

The route to Witney will go up Mount Owen Road, turn left at the Yelford Road to join the A4095 near Lew. That part of the route is relatively traffic free and will require only that the County Council puts up signs defining it as a cycle route. Beyond Lew, the cycle path will go on to properly constructed tracks along the verges, to join the Witney bike system at Curbridge. The bike route from Bampton will be constructed totally along the verges.

The overall cost of the project will be in the region of £100,000 (we won't know exactly until we get the Sustrans report in April). A second cycle path group has been formed in Buckland who will be fund-raising for the route beyond Tadpole Bridge.

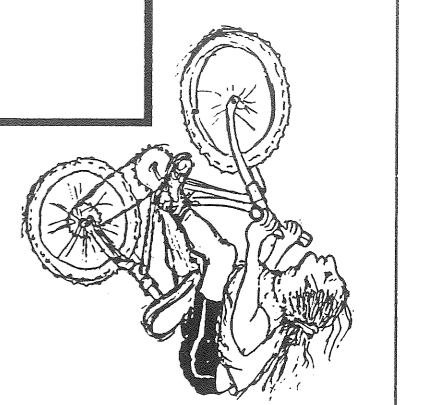
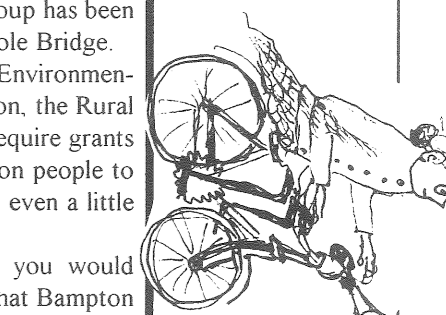
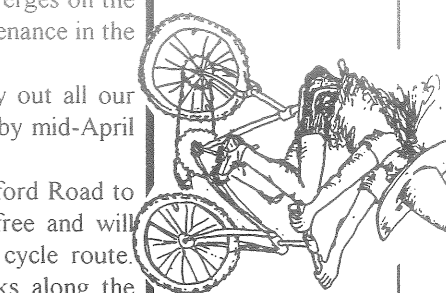
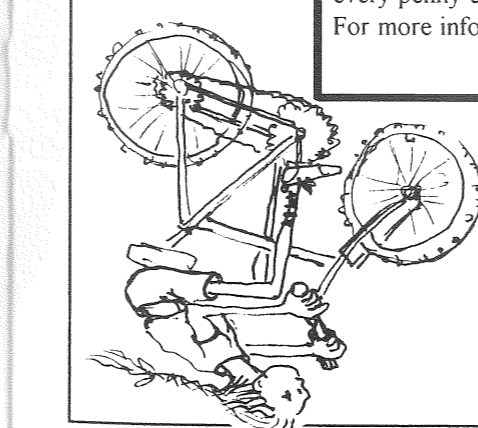
We shall be looking for funding from Landfill Tax, Sports Lottery, The Environmental Action Fund, The Heritage Lottery Fund, the Countryside Commission, the Rural Development Commission, and from Europe. Almost all these sources require grants to be matched by local fund-raising efforts, so we will be asking Bampton people to help. Whatever you give will be matched by funding from elsewhere, so even a little contribution becomes significant.

Perhaps if you pledged something to improve The Market Square, you would consider donating for the Bike Paths Project. How wonderful to know that Bampton children could cycle in safety - or our old people come to that, or our fitness freaks or our fatties, or... or... or.....

### Please Help

We are now starting serious fund raising. This is part of Bampton's Millennium effort. The Members of the Bike Path Committee are all giving up their time free so that every penny collected goes directly to the creation of bike paths.

For more information please contact, **Jo Lewington, Tel: 850947.**



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Other dogs toilet is best given a wide berth, and this issue raises another point:-

The state of some of the verges in Bampton is quite disgusting. There are clearly insufficient poop bins in the village, but nevertheless there must be many people that do not clear up after their dogs. You may be interested to know that W.O.D.C. introduced a bye law last July that gives them the right to prosecute offenders (or at least their owners!), with fines of up to £1000, and there was a recent case in Bicester, where Cherwell DC successfully prosecuted an owner for dog fouling. So dog owners- let's start clearing up our village. As a start OSCAR will give free poop scoop bags to any OSCAR customer who asks for them!. SCOOP THAT POOP and let's keep our environment clean!

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If entering by phone, please retain grid for verification if you are a winner.

## STRAYING FROM HOME

Did you know that after 7 days stray dogs become council property if not claimed? The good news for them is that in the local area, they are likely to be re-homed, if the original owners cannot be found. Nationally, however, it is believed that 15% of strays are put down, either for humanitarian reasons, or because a new home cannot be found. As more and more cats and dogs get lost or stolen every year, there is an increasing need for quick methods of identification for those animals that are found. But collars are easily removed and tattoos may be altered, so what's the solution?

Microchipping is a quick and inexpensive way of identifying animals, and most importantly, once a chip has been inserted it cannot be removed. A national database ensures that when a lost cat or dog is found, it can quickly be returned to its rightful owner. The chip itself is the size of a grain of rice, and easily implanted under the animal's skin.

Lou Tyack, of the Oxfordshire and Cotswolds branch of the PetSearch lost animal service says, "Microchipping is an excellent idea. Ideally I'd like to see every animal microchipped, it would make our job a lot easier and save a lot of heartache for the owners."

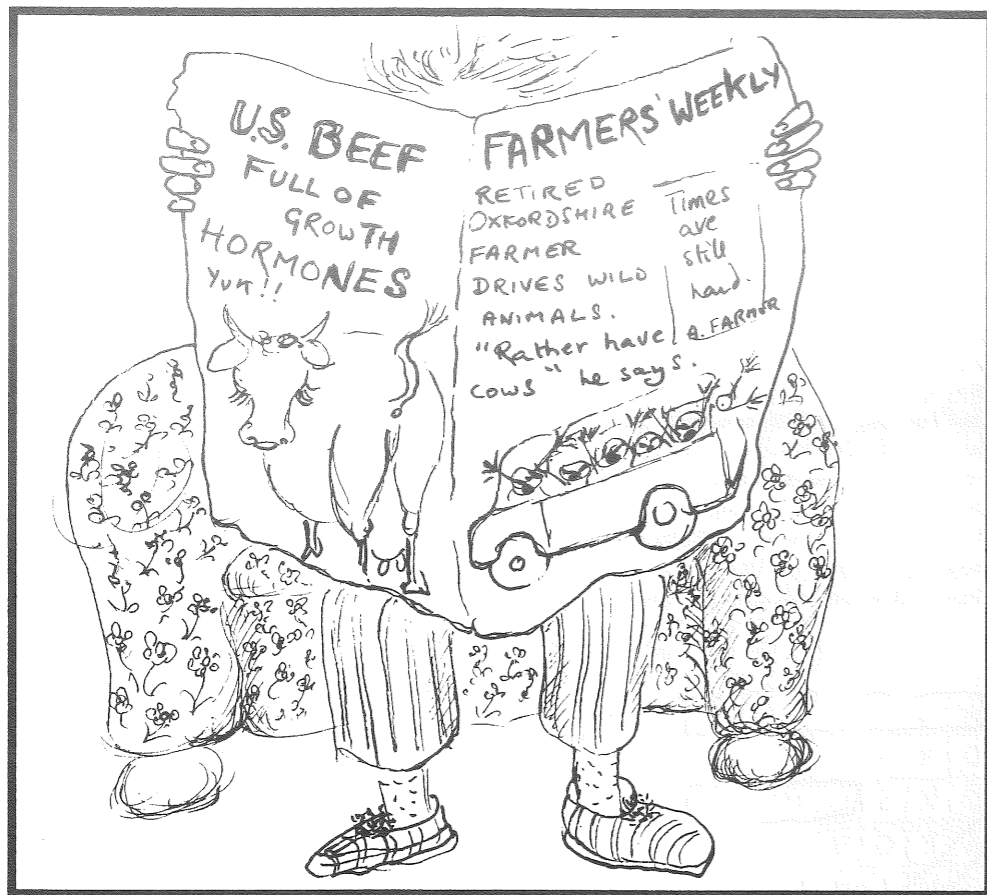
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# OUT OF WORK FARMER - TURNED AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

by Don Rouse

Your Agriculture Correspondent has now achieved his lifetime ambition; he has made the centre page spread in the Farmers Weekly. Well, that is a little bit exaggerated - the photo was actually placed in the corner of one of inside pages! For those of you who have been inspired by my agricultural renderings, and have now subscribed to the Farmers Weekly to keep abreast of farm happenings on a weekly basis, as opposed to waiting for the next edition of the Beam, you will know that the photo was used to 'enhance' an article on 'Early Retirement'. Looking at the photo again however, I would

Weekly reporter, I realised how lucky we were to sell up at a time of our choosing,



not be surprised if it actually made many farmers resolve to stay on in there! However, I thought that, if the subject is good enough for the Farmers Weekly, then it just might be good enough for 'Beam' readers! So, for this article, I thought I would write about 'how it was for me' - although I must admit that it has been a long time since anyone actually asked me that question. I am also aware of several Bamptonians, not connected with agriculture, who are themselves contemplating early retirement; and I therefore thought that perhaps there just might be something 'in it for them' if I wrote an article on retirement - although I realise that no two people of their circumstances are alike. During the interview with the Farmers

as opposed to being forced into selling because of the economic climate that I have been writing about these last eighteen months. We were also very fortunate that the incoming farmer did not need to purchase the Farmhouse, thus enabling us to carry on living in this lovely place that has been our home for the last forty years. What a terrible shock it would have been to the system if we had had to move out of the house, as well as selling our one hundred and twenty individually named cows.

Having said that, nothing could have prepared me for the change in life's routine. Many people say they are going to do this, that, and the other, when they retire, and certainly for the first few months you wonder how on earth you ever found time

to go to work! But then you realise that there are seven days in a week, and fifty-two weeks in a year. Suddenly, all of those jobs you had lined up to do, haven't taken as long as you first thought - especially if you have always been a very busy person, and been used to doing things at a breakneck speed. Given this situation,

I must admit that the first eighteen months for me was absolute hell. I kept asking myself what I was going to do for the rest of my life? I needed a purpose, and while I was already involved in a fair amount of voluntary work, that was not the answer. I no longer wanted anything to do commercially with animals - and that realisation was quite a shock to me. I just felt that I was in a total vacuum.

Then I started to 'fantasise' - a dangerous thing to do at times - about what I had

dreamed of doing when I was a child. One of these was to drive 'buses'. So off I went to the 'Rollright School' for Bus Drivers, and, armed with a fifty-seven seater, they let me loose in the City of Oxford. It was great fun, and I must admit that I am now more aware of how and where I park my car in the streets not to inconvenience other drivers.

Equipped with my P.C.V. licence, I started to drive school buses for £5 per hour - that was a great improvement on farming! Trying to control a busload of children, was just like handling a bunch of Bulling Heifers - great if you succeeded. I'll keep the name of the school a secret in case the parents try to sue me for liking their children to a herd of young animals, though I'm sure many bus-drivers can

# The Countryside Issue - Hunting

By Mrs J. van den Berge

relate to the situation. But I found the routine of this work a bit like milking, twice a day every day, and I realised that I wanted none of it. So, it was to 'Private Car Hire' driving I turned to - known as Taxi Driving to the likes of most of us, but West Oxfordshire District Council insist it is called the former. You must phone me, not hail me - and I thought I was getting away from bureaucracy! I must say, I am enjoying it very much. It's great to have a captive audience to talk to! Well let's face it, the passengers can't do much about it when you're bombing along motorways at seventy miles an hour can they? Meeting lots of lovely people, mainly Bamptonians, enables me to keep up with what is going on in and around the Village. Dead nosy Taxi driver's are!

On the domestic side, it is a whole new ball game. To start with, you have a lot more time together; brilliant, but, surprise-surprise, no matter how fantastic a husband you are - and it's only my modesty that stops me including myself in this category - you find your wife getting fed up with you being under her feet most of the day. Well, I suppose even the best women can have too much of a good thing!

On the farming scene, which of course is what I am meant to be writing about, I note with enthusiastic interest that two educational authorities, with private sponsorship, have re-introduced free milk into primary schools. In my view, it should never have been taken away in the first place. It gives the youngsters a good start in life. All that calcium from a natural source, gives them good strong bones, and healthy teeth. That is not farming hype, it is scientific fact! And I am sure that the costs will be less than would otherwise have to be spent on dental care.

I see the Americans are now desperately trying to export their beef to this country. If they succeed, I sincerely hope that the ever-discerning British shopper will avoid it like the Plague. They are still using 'hormone growth promoters', that we stopped using ten years ago. What is more, they are also using a hormone on their cows to enhance milk production by one third. This practice was offered to British farmers several years ago, but they, to their credit, turned it down. So please everyone: **Buy British**

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In reply to Joan Holkar, from London, who occasionally visits Bampton, I have never heard of anyone going hunting to see an animal killed, but if it is killed, it is an instantaneous death. There is no question of an animal lingering, maimed or suffering, as may happen with, for instance, shooting or snaring. Who is going to follow a wounded fox to its distant lair if their shot misses? When hunting, few people see, or are even aware, of a kill, but at least at the end of the day they know that the quarry is either dead or alive and not left suffering.

Miss Holkar has only to read a few hunting reports, or follow hounds herself, to realise that there is an infinite amount of skill (and therefore interest) involved in hunting. Scenting conditions are seldom ideal, which can make finding, and, often pursuing, extremely difficult. Often more than one fox, or hare, is afoot, and then it is difficult to keep all the hounds together on the line of the original quarry. Many skills are required from the hounds, which do not have the same turn of speed as the animals they pursue, and also from the person controlling them, who cannot predict where the hunted animal will be found, or go.

For those following, whether on foot or horseback, there are the challenges of knowing and getting to the right place to see hounds working; for those on horseback, just to keep up is often a chapter of personal hazards. Clothes worn for hunting have developed over the years to be weatherproof, practical and to blend in with the countryside. Red coats are worn only by a few, particularly the hunt staff, who need to be readily identifiable, even when covered in mud.

I hope that Miss Holkar, and any other interested persons from London, will find the opportunity to see for themselves what is involved in following hounds, as so much opposition to hunting is founded on ignorance, albeit often well-meaning. This season's hunting is now drawing to a close, until the autumn, to respect the breeding season.

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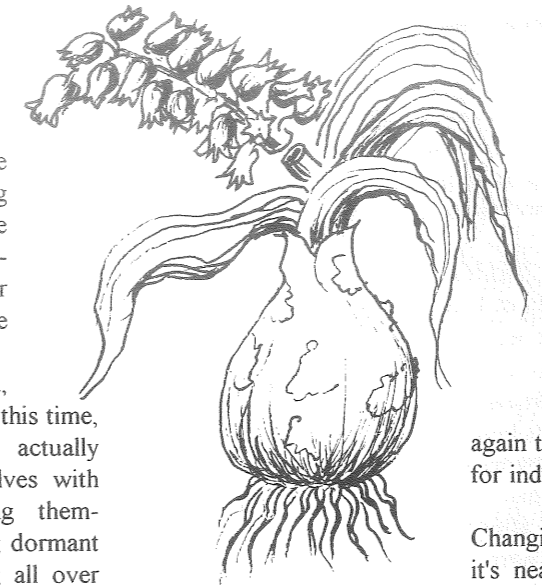
## The Gardening Page

By Edie Bindweed

### BULB AFTERCARE

Now that the time of the daffodils and hyacinths, etc., is nearly over, it's time to think about looking after the bulbs. Most people, me included, are tempted to just cut down the dead untidy mess, or dig out the bulbs - and throw them away - to make way for the summer bedding plants - but we should have the patience to do a proper job, and preserve them.

Below the ground, much is going on at this time, and the bulbs are actually replenishing themselves with food, and fattening themselves up for a long dormant rest; before starting all over again next spring.



For bulbs to continue to give us their best over many years, they need as much care and attention after flowering as they do before. There are two main things to remember.

Firstly, remove the dead flower heads as soon as possible to prevent the bulb using up all the energy which it should be putting back into the bulb.

Secondly, and most importantly, let the stalks and leaves die down naturally making no attempt to cut them off early, nor tie them into tidy looking bundles. This way the bulbs get the maximum chance to develop under the ground.

You can if you like, give your bulbs a real treat by watering their leaves, after flowering, with a fertiliser like 'phostrogen'. By doing this, four or five times, at ten day intervals, while the leaves stay green, you should get a really good display of flowers next year.

If you cannot wait that long, you can lift them gently out of the ground, still complete with leaves and all, and plant them in

a trench deep enough to cover them and let them die down naturally.

You can do the same with bulbs planted in pots if you want to. Or if you would rather, after flowering finishes, continue to water, and keep them in a bright sunny position until they have withered away.

Then, after drying, they can be planted outdoors in the autumn, ready for flowering in the spring. Inside bulbs should not be used again the following year for indoors.

Changing the subject, it's nearly time for the hanging baskets to be thought about once again. If you have a greenhouse it's an excellent time to get started in planting up and hardening off your plants gradually.

Getting the water right is the key to success with hanging baskets, sometimes it means watering up to three times a day. If your basket has unfortunately dried out, the best way to overcome this, is by submerging the basket in a container filled with water. This allows the peat to absorb the water once again, and continue to bloom for the rest of the summer.

Some of the hanging baskets and window boxes in the village centre really look beautiful, especially when they have reached their height of flowering.

Don't forget that the Gardening Club has a competition for hanging baskets, window boxes, and private gardens, etc. The day for judging is Wednesday 14th July. You can register for these at the Gardening Club Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th June.

### BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS

We are about to start holding the Garden Club Coffee Mornings once again. The first one is being held on Saturday 10th April, in the Village Hall 10am - 12 noon. At this Coffee Morning you will be able to pay your subscriptions; unfortunately, they have had to go up this year - Members £3.00 and Senior Citizens £2.00. Subscriptions can also be paid via Abbey Properties in Bampton, if you cannot make any of the Coffee Mornings.

Also the schedule for the show will be available to collect at the April Coffee Morning. Hopefully this will give everyone plenty of time to decide what they need to plant in their garden for the oncoming show in late August.

- Forthcoming Coffee Mornings**
- Saturday 10th April
  - Saturday 1st May
  - Saturday 5th June
  - Saturday 2nd October
  - Saturday 6th November

All are held in the Town Hall 10am - 12 noon. We have the usual raffle, plant table, cakes and refreshments. Everyone welcome, gardeners or not!

- Forthcoming Trips and Talks**
- Sunday 9th May - Malvern Spring Show
  - Wednesday 12th May - Talk by 'BLOOMS' Flower Shop, Carterton.
  - Sunday 23rd May - Exbury Gardens
  - Sunday 20th June - Hatfield House Festival of Gardening
  - Sunday 26th September - Malvern Autumn Show
  - Wisley - Autumn - TBA
  - Sunday 28th November - Cribbs Causeway, Bristol Christmas Shopping.

All these visits start from The Market Square, Bampton at 9am, unless otherwise notified.

We have already had one visit in February to Clarkes Village in Street. Lots of happy feet walking around Bampton now!!

**Annual Garden Club Show**

After listening to members comments we have moved the show forward this year by two weeks. The date for the diary is Saturday 28th August (Bank Holiday).

## BAMPTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

### The New Committee for 1999

**Chair** - Chris Horne  
**Vice Chair and Fund-raising** - Bernadette Goves  
**Treasurer** - Nikki Payne  
**Secretary** - Anna Pitt  
**Enrolment Secretary** - Claire Box  
**Rota secretary** - Lesley Paintin  
**Catering Officer** - Rita Lewis  
**Fees Secretary** - Fiona Godwin  
**Other Members** - Lisa Hancock, Sonya Paige, Cathy Shuttleworth, Lindsey Townsend, Corrina Tanner, Tina Claridge.  
**Supervisor** - Tracy Prior  
**Assistant Supervisor** - Monica Owen and Sarah Radband  
**Play Helper** - Karen Williams

We are continually looking at ways of improving our pre-school provision to meet the needs of children and parents. Recently, responding to local needs, we have reduced the age of admission to 2 years and 9 months, and the minimum number of sessions a child is required to attend has been lowered to 1. At the present time we are investigating the possibility of increasing the length of the session from 2 ½ to 3 hours.

As a member of the pre-school Learning Alliance, we are taking part in their national campaign 'From Playdough to Plato' to highlight that pre-schools matter - to children, to parents, and to communities. The pre-schools emphasis on a play-based curriculum offers children the best chance to gain the essential skills that will equip them for school and for later life.

Parents and carers have been supporting their campaign and sending slips to local M.P. Shaun Woodward asking him to recognise the importance of pre-schools in his constituency, and to support the on-going campaign to keep pre-school open for all under fives.

We have arranged for Mr Woodward to visit our pre-school, and, to celebrate the campaign, we are holding a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' on the 12th May at 11.30am. All under fives and their parents/carers are welcome.

If you require any information or an application form, or would like to arrange a visit to our pre-school, please contact **Tracy Prior, Supervisor, Tel: 01993 210016, or Claire Box, Tel: 01993 851573.** Alternatively, please feel free to call at the playgroup during opening hours.

## BARBS' LESS BOUNCY BABES

I'm sure that some of you have noticed in and around Bampton quite a few ladies who take up a little less space than they used to. This is all due to Barbara Broome who has opened a Slimming World Group in Bampton. There are about 40 ladies and 2 gentlemen registered at the Class and most are doing very well. The group in the photograph have lost 17 ½ stone between them.



Slimming World is not only about losing

weight but learning to eat healthily - which most of us fail to do. At Slimming World you are not pressurised into being a certain weight; you decide what is comfortable for you, and go for that target.

The class is held on Monday evenings 6 - 7pm at the Bush Centre, and we are a very friendly bunch. Anyone who feels they would like to lose at least half a stone are more than welcome to come along. It costs £9.90 for the first class and £2.95 each week after that.

So, if you have a hot date on some beach this summer, or a special occasion for the Millennium celebrations, and you would like there to be a little less of you, come along and join us.

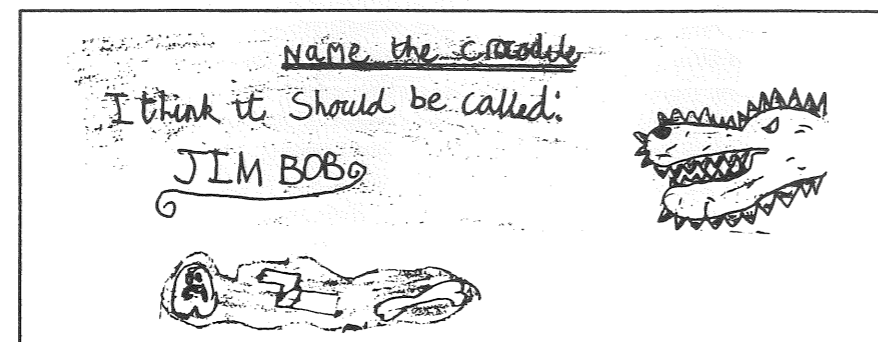
**For further information contact Barbara Broome, Tel: 01993 850461.**

## NAMING THE 'METAL CROC' COMPETITION

Instead of sitting in a garden somewhere here in Bampton, this crocodile is now a much happier crocodile as he has just received his new name.

Emma Walker of 12 New Road, Bampton, is the winner of the competition with the name **Metal Micky**.

The runners-up were Peter Boys and Kevin Farrell. Each will receive an Easter Egg - kindly donated by Metal Micky's guardians - which they can collect at



## LETTERS TO: AUNTIE BEAM

*Everyone's a little bit wary at the moment of what the 'Millennium Bug' might do. I received a letter in the post which informed me of the general emergency list 'to survive' in case the Millennium Bug does hit the country, and the end of the World comes.*

*If it does come, we Bamptonians should be ready for it if we've stocked up with what the experts say we should!!*

### y2k List

#### General

Bikes - plus a puncture kit.  
 Toolbox.  
 Hot water bottles.  
 Blankets, duvets.  
 Bed socks.  
 Candles.  
 Lighters, Matches, Torches - spare batteries.  
 Paraffin lamps - and spare wicks.  
 Stove - calor gas, paraffin.  
 Suitcase wheels - to lift heavy goods.  
 Fuel, coal, logs, calor gas, paraffin etc.  
 Firelighters.  
 Charcoal.  
 Seeds - vegetables (no hybrids).  
 Sewing materials.  
 Carpet Sweeper.  
 Radio.  
 Good Scissors.  
 String.  
 Sellotape.  
 Parcel/plastic tape.  
 Plastic sheeting - (can be used to collect dew).  
 Thermos flasks.  
 Large plastic bags.

#### Food and Drink

Water - bottled, or sterilise bottles ready to fill from the tap.  
 Water purification tablets.  
 Rain Vat - drinking water must be boiled at least 10 minutes.  
 Well - areas of high water table can dig a well in garden for washing, plant watering etc.  
 Food Storage - plastic containers to avoid weevils especially in cereals.  
 Cling Film.

Honey.  
 Sugar.  
 Salt.  
 High energy foods - mars bars.  
 Wines & Spirits.  
 Powdered milk.  
 Long life milk.  
 Long life fruit juices.  
 Rice, Couscous.  
 Pasta - spaghetti, noodles.  
 Ryvita - type products.  
 Dried foods - instant mash, packet soup etc.  
 Dried fruit - apricots, raisins.  
 Bean Sprouts.  
 Oil - Olive-oil keeps well.  
 Nuts - sealed bags with dried coconut/banana.  
 Tinned - meat, fish, tasty sauces.  
**TIN OPENERS**  
 Flavourings - Oxo, Marmite, tomato puree, stock cubes, herbs, spices etc.  
 Pet Food.

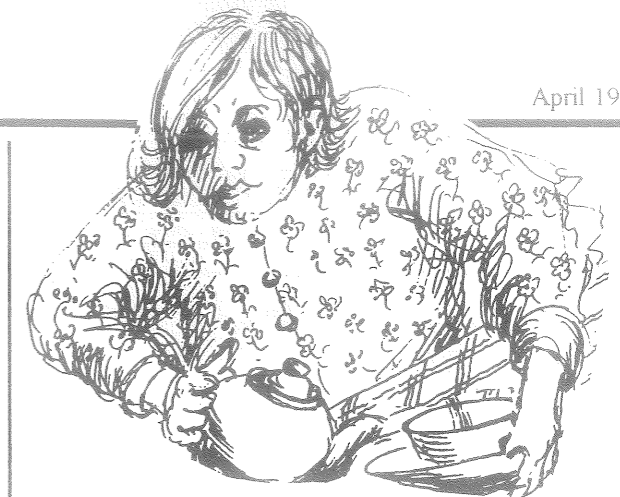
#### Health and Hygiene

Stock up on all personal medicines and antibiotics, if possible.  
 First Aid items - Aspirin, Paracetamol, stomach upset remedies, plasters, bandages, dettol.  
 Bleach.  
 Soap powder.  
 Washing-up liquid.  
 Vitamins/Minerals - especially Vitamin C.  
 Personal hygiene - toothbrush, toothpaste, loo rolls, soap, deoderant, shampoo, baby wipes, feminine hygiene items, shaving items - spare blades, shaving foam etc.

*My goodness, I'll need to build a new room on to my little cottage to store all this stuff.*

*What about you?*

*I believe that as long as you've got your teapot to make a pot of tea, you'll do alright - that's my feeling concerning the Millennium Bug (what is it anyway, we didn't have such things when I was young). Tea was always called for in times of trouble, and still is by most families., Even on the television you constantly hear "make a pot of tea" on the British 'Soaps'. By the way, I heard a little rumour that the new Millennium does not actually start until 1st January 2001. Has someone made a mistake? Come to think about it,*



*If you would like to write to Auntie Beam the address is Auntie Beam, c/o The Cotton Club Bridge Street, Bampton, Oxon. OX18 2HA. She will do her utmost to answer as many of your queries as space allows. Auntie Beam wishes to say that she cannot give out personal replies.*

*when I was at school, we started counting to 100, at '1', and ended with '100'. So the last number in the series is '100'. That would mean that the last year in a Century, or a Millenium, must end with a '00', and therefore 2000 is the last year of this Century - and Millenium - and 2001, the first of the new!*

*Does this mean that we will have two celebrations for the new Millenium, when someone finds out the error?*

*What a shame it rained for The Trade Fair. All that hard work organising it, and then down comes the rain and spoils it all in five minutes. Father Christmas told me he didn't see too many children there either, so he had to make a guess at what you all wanted in your Xmas stockings, on Xmas Day.*

*Anyway, I just thought I would write a line in the 'Beam' to say thanks to all on the Committee for a super - albeit wet - evening. I know a lot of work goes into organising all such activities in Bampton, but we are all very grateful for the efforts of all of you.*

*Everyone must be having a quiet time at the moment - or perhaps the Market Square Project has been the focus of attention - but I haven't received any letters, or queries for this edition.*

*However, it would appear that most of us must be happy about the 'dog-walkers' - all the new 'poo-bins' in place, and being used!*

*How nice it feels to have peace and quiet in the village!*



# THE COOKERY PAGE

By Gilly French

## MAIN COURSE

### SALADS

#### Caesar Salad

This great American salad was invented in 1924, allegedly from the contents of his larder at the time, by Caesar Cardini, who ran a restaurant in northern Mexico. It is delicious.

#### For the dressing

- 5 anchovies
- 1 tspn crushed black peppers
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup freshly grated parmesan
- 1 egg
- 3 tspn red wine vinegar
- 2 tspn lemon juice
- 2-3 cloves garlic
- 2 tspns dry mustard
- 1 tspn celery salt
- 3 dashes Tabasco
- 3 dashes Worcester Sauce.
- 1 cup = 8fl oz.

#### You also need

Hearty french or Italian bread, diced for croutons.  
Romaine/cos/little gem lettuce.  
Authentic Caesar Salads are made with raw egg, but if this doesn't appeal, you can boil one for one and a half minutes only (i.e. it should still be runny).  
Combine anchovies, pepper, and olive oil in a blender until smooth. Add the parmesan. Measure and reserve 1/2 cup for the croutons. Place the remaining dressing ingredients in a bowl, and whisk in anchovy mixture, followed by the egg. Combine the reserved anchovy mixture with the bread in a dry cast-iron pan and cook until golden and crisp. Wash and dry the lettuce and break into bite-sized pieces. Place in salad bowl along with dressing and toss well. Add croutons, toss again, and serve.

#### Pear and warm chicken salad with concentrated yoghurt dressing

This recipe is from Sarah Freeman's *The Best of Modern British Cookery*. It might seem a bother to make the concentrated yoghurt, but it's worth the effort. Serves 4.

#### Ingredients

- 1 lb mild, wholemilk yoghurt.
- 1 small, preferably free-range, chicken or 4 pieces on the bone.
- A little butter
- Salt and pepper
- 2 little gem lettuces
- Small bunch of chives
- 1/4 cucumber
- 1 lb waxy new potatoes
- 6 tbspn olive oil.
- 2/3 tspn chilli powder.
- 11/2 tbspn red wine vinegar.
- 2 small firm (e.g. under-ripe) conference pears.
- 2 medium sized ripe avocados
- Cheese-cloth/jelly-bag

Drain yoghurt by turning it into a sieve lined with the cheesecloth and set over a bowl; leave for 4 - 6 hours until very thick. Roast chicken. Cook the potatoes; drain. Chop cucumber and lettuces. Make the dressing: beat the oil into the yoghurt, add chilli powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt, and stir in the vinegar.  
Peel both types of pear and chop into 1/2" cubes along with the chicken. Mix with the dressing and pile in the centre of the serving plates. Very finely chop the chives and sprinkle over the top. Arrange lettuce and potatoes around edge of the plate and serve.

#### Salad of lettuce heart, egg mimosa and pine nuts

This great favourite of ours comes from the Roux brothers, *Cooking For Two*, although it feeds at least three! It is much nicer than it might sound and highly recommended.

#### Salad Ingredients

- 1 small lettuce
- 1 small bunch watercress
- 1 hard-boiled egg
- 1 ripe avocado
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 1 tspn mustard seeds
- 1 oz. pine nuts, lightly roasted

#### Dressing

- 6 tbsps olive oil
  - 2 tbsps white wine vinegar
  - 1 tspn Dijon mustard
  - Salt and pepper
- Wash and dry the lettuce, cut into quarters, refrigerate. Wash and dry watercress. Separate the white and the yolk of the egg, rub separately through a wire sieve, refrigerate. Halve avocado and remove stone. Using a melon baller, scoop out as many balls as possible. Roll in lemon juice. Mix together vinaigrette ingredients, season to taste.  
Arrange lettuce quarters in a wide, shallow bowl or on a large plate. Place a little watercress between each piece. Roll avocado balls in mustard seeds and arrange them in the centre of the bowl. Pour over the vinaigrette and sprinkle the whole salad with alternate lines of egg white, egg yolk and pine nuts.

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## Bampton Youth Club

### Opening times of The Youth Club

*Tuesdays - 6.30pm - 8.15pm. Juniors 10 - 15 year old*

*Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm. Seniors 15 - 21 year old*

### Activities Provided include the following:-

*Pool, table tennis, darts, indoor/outdoor football  
coffee, snacks, chats and music.*

*We also have informal discussions on any topics.*

*Over the next few weeks DJ's Shane and Morris  
will be with us playing their disco music*

**We would like to wish all our Members and Volunteers a  
Happy 1999 Easter.**

**For more information contact Gary Tel: 851913**

# BAMPTON YOUTH CLUB

*By Gary Gummer*

1999 has started very well for the youth club!

**First...**we are very proud to announce that Sarah Constable, who runs the Junior Club on a Tuesday night, has been awarded 'Volunteer of the Year' by the Council for Voluntary Action. Sarah was put forward for the award by Jonathon Philips in recognition of the hard work and enthusiasm she has brought to the club, first as a volunteer, and now as the appointed paid youth worker in charge of the Junior Youth Club. She picked up her award on 18 February from the Bishop of Dorchester in Oxford, and was given wide coverage in the local press and on the radio! Well done Sarah.

**And then...**late in 1998, we were awarded a grant from West Oxfordshire Youth Committee, to put toward buying a computer for the youth club. This, in addition to the £280 we raised from the Car Boot Sale last September, together with a generous donation of a hard drive from Gordon Graylish of Intel Pentium Processors (Swindon), and a monitor from the Gray family, and a donation of £112 from the Elephant and Castle (as part of their Christmas Draw), and a donation of £50 from the Small Business Federation in Bampton, and a £50 donation from a local farmer, the youth club will soon be able to boast that we have a bang-up-to-date computer. Young people attending the club will have the opportunity to expand their computer skills, a valuable commodity in today's work environment.

**Then...**Abbey Properties, who were upgrading their photocopier, donated their old one to the club - we will be using the photocopier for our posters and leaflets.

I would therefore like to thank every one who has helped the youth club in any way over the past year - all donations are very, very welcome and are helping the club help the young people of Bampton

**Finally,** I would again like to thank all our

volunteers for helping out with both Senior and Junior nights - without them, the club would not be able to survive. If anyone else would be interested in helping us out, then please let either myself or Sarah know (our phone numbers are below). I would also like to thank the Bampton Youth Club Committee for all their help and encouragement over the past few months.

### Senior Youth Club

*By Gary Gummer*

Thursday night is Senior night, the club is open from 7.30pm to 10pm and it caters for young people aged 15-21. We offer pool, darts, table tennis, football (inside and outside when the weather is OK), golf (on a machine!), coffee, snacks, chat, music and informal discussions on any topic. At present, there is an added attraction with a fortnightly visit from Shane and Morris, two very capable DJs, who will soon be working in the Oxford Coven nightclub, but want to practice their skills on us first.

This year's trips away from Bampton will be Paintballing in the Cotswold woods, and, if there is enough interest, a weekend away somewhere.

### Mural?

In conjunction with the Junior night, It is hoped that this year will see a new revised edition of the mural on the Youth Club wall. A design by a local artist, Peter Clark, has been formulated, which will incorporate cartoon themes to include Southpark and The Simpsons.

**Gary Gummer Tel: 01993 851913**

### Junior Youth Club

*by Sarah Constable*

Bampton Junior Youth Club runs on a Tuesday evening between 6.30pm and 8.15pm, and caters for an age range

between 10 and 15 years. The club is well attended with over 40 members. There is an attendance fee of 40p per night for every child. We are also open during the school holidays (volunteers permitted).

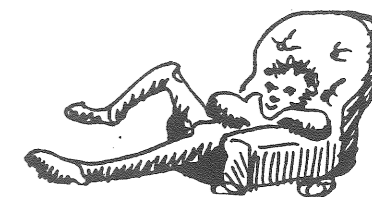
Each young person has the opportunity to participate in many games and activities, such as pool, table tennis, hockey and football. There is also music and a television inside the club. Weather permitting, we also run a number of activities outside, such as rounders, outdoor football and other ball games.

We are currently in the process of organising trips to Thorpe Park, the Oasis Swimming pool in Swindon, and the Oxford Ice Rink. We also hope to arrange inter-club football matches against other youth clubs, and we are planning a dance concert with the young people for the public. Fund-raising is also something that we hope to do more of over the next year, such as Car Boot sales, Table Top sales, etc. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the club, please contact myself or Gary. We also want to decorate the youth clubroom.

I would like to thank the following individuals for their time and enthusiasm; without their contribution as volunteers the club would not be able to function. They are: Luke Hopcroft, Liam Main, Mary Williams, Elaine Townsend, Hannah Shuker and Debbie Mayo.

If anyone would like to contact me for any reason, then please do not hesitate to ring me on the following number.

**Sarah Constable Tel: 01993 850236**



## BAMPTON CLASSICAL OPERA PRESENTS

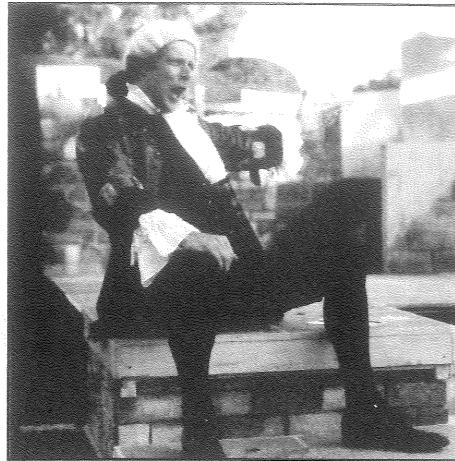
### 'NINA'

By Paisiello.

The first two weeks of July always see frantic activity at the historic Deanery, Bampton. The long-suffering owners and their gardener are usually to be found with secateurs or spades in their garden. In time vans, and perhaps a tractor arrive, and a strange conglomeration of objects are unloaded onto the lawns - large staging blocks, dozens of music stands, a few portaloos, and a beautiful harpsichord (the 18th century forerunner of the piano). Yards and yards of cables soon criss-cross the grass, lights are mounted on tall stands, and for three or four days a group of singers are to be seen performing strange antics as weeks of preparation gradually come together in the final rehearsals for Bampton Classical Opera's annual production.

This summer will see the seventh summer opera, and the event is now well known with a loyal and appreciative audience drawn from far and wide. The Company uses young professional singers and concentrates on some of the rarities of eighteenth-century opera, a policy which is unique amongst British companies. The 1999 Opera will be *Nina* by the Italian composer who was much admired by Mozart and Rossini, Giovanni Paisiello. Paisiello wrote over eighty operas and *Nina* was probably his greatest success: two hundred years ago productions were common in theatres across Europe, with audiences everywhere touched by the sentimental fate of the heroine - at the first performance, given in the open-air at Caserta in Italy in 1789, it is recorded that the ladies leaned out of their balconies, crying "Fear not, your love will appear" as *Nina* sang her great love aria in the first act. Last summer, the international star, Cecilia Bartoli, performed the opera at the Zurich Opera, and La Scala Milan is mounting a production in the autumn. The Bampton performances, in a new English translation, are perhaps the first in this country since the early nineteenth century. *Nina* is best described as sentimental comedy, in which the heroine (played by

Michelle Harris, who thrilled the audience and critics with her dynamic performance



Henry Herford in 'Don Giovanni'  
Bampton Classical Opera 1997.

in last year's opera) has lost her reason through the death of her lover Lindoro in a duel. Rejecting her father, the Count (the renowned baritone, Henry Hereford, who played the wily manservant Pasquariello in the 1997 *Don Giovanni*), she withdraws into her own inconsolable world. But then an unexpected visitor arrives.....

If you're cautious about attending opera, why not give Bampton Classical Opera a try. The music is delightfully tuneful - Mozart said, "Whoever seeks for light and pleasurable sensations in music cannot be recommended to anything better" - the garden setting is idyllic, and the atmosphere is unusually relaxed. Bring a deck-chair and a picnic and let us provide an evening's entertainment unlike any other. The performances of *Nina* will be in the Deanery Garden (or in the church, if wet) on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th July.

Tickets priced at £16 per person, (numbers of which are strictly limited) will be available from 17th May from Abbey Properties in Bampton, or The Music Stand in Witney Tel: 01993 851876.

## BAMPTON METHODIST CHURCH

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Friday	CLOSED
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Don't forget the Robert Vesey Room is open during Library opening hours, You can enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and browse along the books in a friendly atmosphere. W.O.A.A. also have small exhibitions of paintings, sculptures, etc., on display.

The Robert Vesey Room is run by W.O.A.A. on a voluntary basis, so if you are interested in meeting people and having a break from the house, please contact **Barbara Daw, Tel: 85149.**

## WEST OXFORDSHIRE ARTS ASSOCIATION NEWS AND EVENTS

The Gallery, Town Hall, Bampton, Oxon. OX18 2JH. Tel: 01993 850137  
Opening hours during exhibitions  
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Membership fees - Single £12, Family £20, Student £5.



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### OXFORD ART SOCIETY'S MEMBERS' SHOW

Painting, Sculpture, Drawing and Prints

Selected work from Oxford's most prestigious Fine Arts Group

The Gallery will be open continuously including lunchtimes, Sunday mornings and Mondays,

Bank Holiday Monday 31st (Morris Day) from 10.30am to 4pm.

Please note: The Exhibition will open on Saturday 15th May to co-ordinate with West Oxfordshire Artwork

The Private View/Reception will be on Sunday 16th May 11.30am to 2pm.

All West Oxfordshire Arts Members are invited.

13th to 27th June

### TEXTURED IMAGES

Richard Dack and Ann Norman

Richard Dack works in mixed media on paper to produce richly textured images that are evocative recollections of his experiences of wild and remote landscapes.

Sunday 20th June, 10am - 4pm, Composition with Richard Dack - This interesting workshop will present the basic knowledge of how to structure your pictorial content into a balanced and unified whole.

Ann Norman uses handmade ropes to produce expressive works of texture and colour  
Saturday 19th June, 10am - 4pm, Make a Ply-split Basket with Ann Norman - An opportunity to make colourful ropes and use them to create a small rope basket, using the newly researched techniques of Ply-splitting.

Both workshops W.O.A member £20, non-member £25. To book contact Liz Bryant Tel: 01993 704345

### West Oxfordshire Arts Association Highlights of November, December, January and February

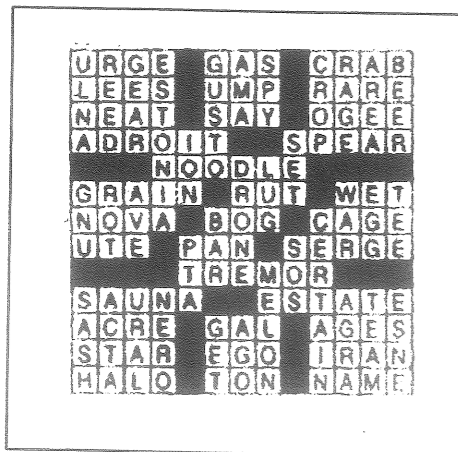
This period began with one of West Oxfordshire Arts' biennial highlights - namely 'Images of Elsewhere' - an exhibition of over 90 paintings by Ann Manly and Dennis Harrison covering such diverse places as the valleys of the Lot, Dordogne, and Cele in France, Venice, Greece, the Lake District, and East Anglia. All these illustrated their inimitable touch with landscapes, and their high standards of craftsmanship, and sales were brisk.

In December, 'Gifts in the Gallery' provided an excellent venue for aesthetic, interesting, and often reasonably priced Christmas presents. Assembled, they turned the Gallery into a veritable fairy palace.

After closure in January for refurbishment the Gallery opened in February a changed place, with improved heating, and new ceiling lighting, which has enhanced the aesthetic effect, as well as providing better light for exhibits. The watercolour and acrylic paintings by Salma Caller, exhibited from February 7th to the 21st, RedearthBluesky, both benefited by, and did justice to, this enhanced environment - they illustrated the contrasts of earth and sky, day and night, moon and sun, in a glowing range of bright sensuous colours depicting elegant buildings and natural scenery.

In January Philip Hicks, who is an active member of W.O.A., had an exhibition at the David Messum Gallery in Cork Street. The paintings on view were mainly of sheep, which has been a major focus for him since relocating from London to Bampton.

**Solution to  
BEAM CROSSWORD**



December 1998

The Beam Team would like to donate £5 to Cancer Research as thanks to Mr Bill Govier for the crossword in this edition of The Beam.

Thank you to all those who took part and the winner of the £5 for Decembers crossword is:

**A. Minto,**

**25 St Mary's Court, Weald.**

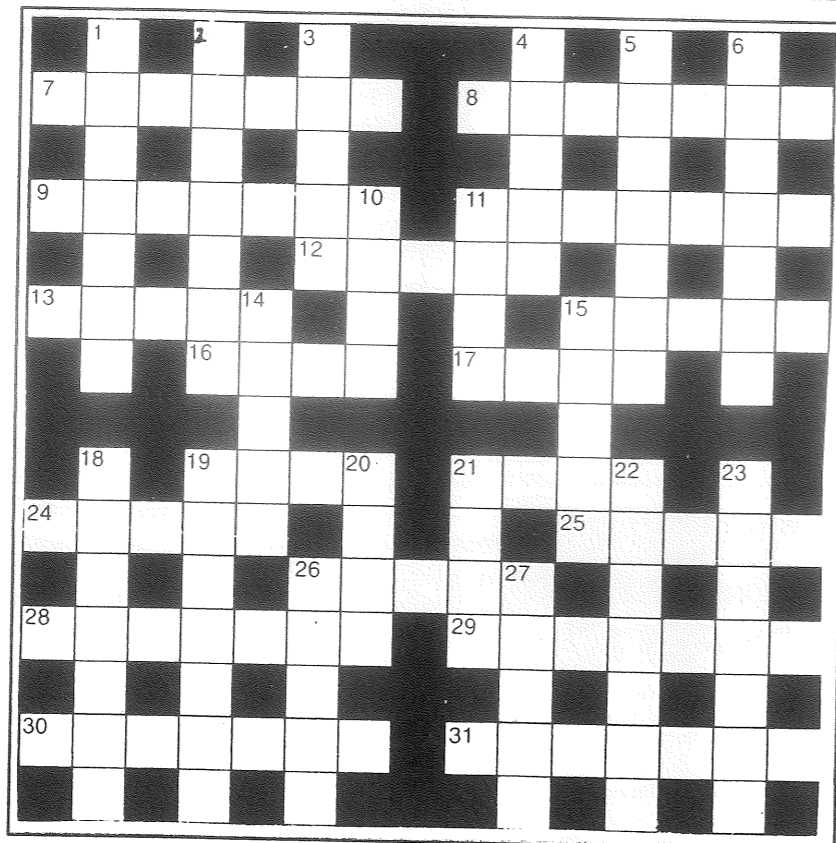
Well done to everyone who took part, and good luck with the new crossword.

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**THE BAMPTON BEAM'S CROSSWORD**



**Across**

- 7. Trudge
- 8. Give life to
- 9. Dissecting Knife
- 11. Record of money matters
- 12. Rugged
- 13. Sham attack
- 15. Rich yellow-brown in colour
- 16. Any pulse used as fodder
- 17. Pitcher
- 19. Strength, vigour, energy
- 21. Boundless
- 24. Power
- 25. Heather
- 26. Make punctures
- 28. To take back
- 29. Hermit
- 30. Awkward
- 31. Supplier of food

**Down**

- 1. The windpipe
- 2. Fondling in the manner of doves
- 3. Doorkeeper
- 4. Gully
- 5. Person of learning
- 6. A long, narrow flag
- 10. Rich soil
- 11. Recurring malarial fever
- 14. Characteristic
- 15. To comb out
- 18. Far off
- 19. A king of ancient Egypt
- 20. A long-eared rodent
- 21. Moral weakness
- 22. A long net for fishing
- 23. Disperse
- 26. A table utensil
- 27. South African native village

**Bampton Memorial**

I received a good response from you on the Memorial here in Bampton. In the August edition of the Beam I shall, hopefully, be able to tell you some of the history behind it. Special thanks to Mr Edwards and Mrs Brabben, who have supplied lots of information.

**Diary of Forthcoming Events**

**April**

- 10th Gardening Club **Coffee Morning** Town Hall 10am - 12am
- 11th (- 2nd May) W.O.A.A. **Material Matter** The Gallery
- 11th **Foxbury Farm Open Day** 11am - 4pm
- 17th Tennis Club **Open Day** Recreation Ground, Buckland Rd 2pm - 6pm
- 26th A.G.M. **Village Hall Committee**, Village Hall 8pm.

**May**

- 1st Gardening Club **Coffee Morning** Town Hall 10am - 12am
- 3rd Pumpkin Club **Annual May Street Fair** 10am
- 9th Gardening Club **Trip to Malvern Spring Show** Market Square 9am
- 12th Gardening Club **Talk Blooms** Village Hall 7.30pm
- 15th (- 5th June) W.O.A.A. **Members Exhibition** The Gallery
- 29th Methodist Church **Coffee Morning** Bridge St. 10am - 12am
- 29th **SPAJERS Annual Shirt Race** Market Square 6.30pm
- 30th Methodist Church **Trinity Sunday** Mr R. Glithero 11am
- 31st **Morris Dancing, Garlands and Craft Fair** Market Square

**June**

- 5th Gardening Club **Coffee Morning** Town Hall 10am - 12am
- 13th - 27th W.O.A.A. **Textured Images** The Gallery
- 24th Cancer research **Cream Teas** Village Hall 2pm - 4pm

**July**

- 1st Bampton Town Football Club **Fun Football and Fete Day**
- 16th - 17th Bampton **Classical Opera 'Nina'** The Deanery

Please let me have your contributions to the 'Beam' before the next Deadline - 2nd July 1999

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Insert: **STEVE'S TRAVEL EYNESHAM** (Service 18) runs every Monday to Saturday between Clanfield and Oxford via Bampton, Aston, Standlake.

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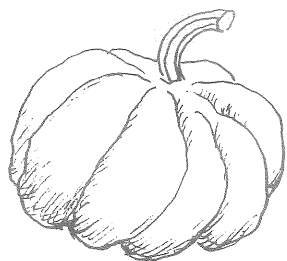
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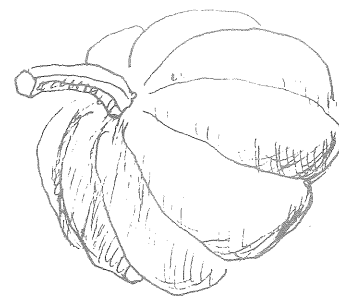
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