

# THE BAMPTON BEAM

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## TRAFFIC CALMING BUILD OUT SAGA CONTINUES

*By David Hawkins, Bampton Parish Council*

Just when we thought that the 4 road closures planned for June and July would allow the much delayed build-outs to be completed, two County Councillors made the surprise decision to suspend this much awaited project.

Beam readers will be well aware that surveys conducted within the village have shown that the main concerns on traffic matters are excessive speed and overuse of our roads by HGV's. Three years ago we asked OCC Highways for help in solving these problems and they employed a consultant to specially design build-outs for each of the 4 Bampton entrances. We were told that the project had received funding and that work would start in November 2004. The start was then delayed until February last with an expected completion date of end of March.

Residents will be well aware of the catalogue of stops and starts that have plagued the project since February

and the Parish Council was asked in May to publicise the case for 4 road closures to get the project completed in a safe and efficient manner.

Then to our complete surprise, the Parish Council were told in mid June that Councillor David Robertson, who



*The Buildout/Chicane at Station Road  
Physical Barrier  
Slows down car in both directions*

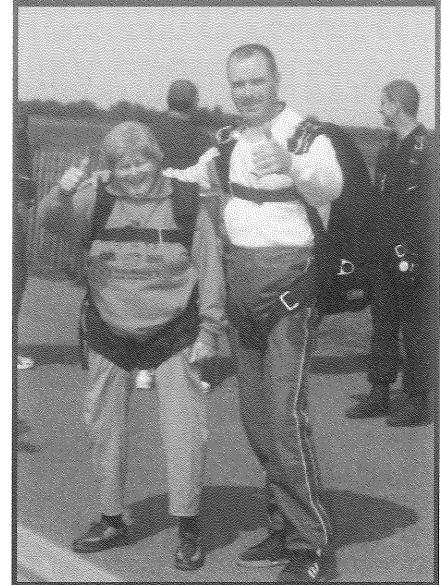


*The Traffic Activated Sign at Clanfield Road  
The two cars have activated the sign meaning  
they are over the 30mph speed limit.  
The Beam Team watched 10 cars over a  
3-minute period and all activated the sign.*

looks after OCC Highway matters and Councillor Don Seale - our local representative - had held an on-site meeting without inviting anyone from the Parish Council and had decided to suspend the project. They decided that a "Traffic Activated Sign" (TAS) would be installed on the Clanfield Road entrance and that traffic speeds would then be compared over the next 2 months to see whether the build out on Station Road or the TAS on Clanfield Road was the most effective.

Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to the electronic TASs we would like to see them introduced as well as, not instead of, the planned build-outs. The TAS has no

## Hilda Kent Does Us Proud!



*Photo Courtesy  
Roger F.J. Kerswill Photography*

*See inside for Hilda's remarkable  
feat!*

photographic capability, does not display the speed of oncoming traffic and is uni-directional. Traffic leaving the village on Clanfield Road continues to accelerate rapidly from Emmie's onwards. Drivers approaching the build-out on Station Road, on the other hand, are being much more cautious and are slowing down in both directions.

We understand that a decision will be made by OCC Highways in September on whether the remaining 3 build-outs are completed. Please make your views known to any of your 11 Parish Councillors (telephone numbers on the Market Square notice board) and also Councillor **Don Seale Tel: 01367 250226**. The Parish Council view remains that unless cars and HGV's are *physically* slowed down, they will continue to rat-run at high speeds through our narrow streets.

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**The Annual General Meeting took place in the Village Hall Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005.**

The Bampton Village Hall Management Committee is made up of representatives of the various organisations who use the Hall plus five elected members; three other members may be co-opted if needed.

The Committee for 2005/2006 is as follows:

Mr Alan Dunbar	Parish Council & SPAJERS
Mrs Jean Howell	Elected
Mrs Susan Phillips	Elected
Mrs Lis Banham	Bridge Club
Mrs Margaret Bishop	BEWG & WestOxArts
Mrs Pauline Smith	Bampton Drama Group & Bampton Classical Opera
Mrs Lynne Borrett	Bampton Ladies Group
Mr Michael Wooloff	Elected
Mr Dennis Bambury	St. Mary's CCC
Mr Philip McFarlane	Bampton Gardening Club
Mrs Judy House	Badminton Club
Mrs Rosa Snow	Bampton Baby & Toddler Group
Mrs Sarah Hughes	Bampton Pre-School Playgroup

**Chairman's Report on 2004 activities**

A tribute was paid to Vera Allport whose sudden death was a great shock to all her many friends and colleagues. As the representative of the Bridge Club and the Bush Club she had been a stalwart supporter of the Village Hall Management Committee for many years and will be very much missed.

The Hall has had another good year with reasonable lets and no serious problems and the regular bookings during the week continue to be well supported. We

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The final draw for 2004/2005 was made at the AGM and the annual prize of £250 was won by ticket number 078 Mrs Carole Newland.

Winners for the new year which started in April are:

April	£25	047	Mrs P Fowler	Broad Street
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May	£25	166	Mrs S Brooks	St Mary's Court
	£15	144	Mrs D Cleaver	Broad Street
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	£15	243	Mr F Godwin	St Mary's Court

would like to take this opportunity to thank both Martin Barrett, Lettings Officer and Glyn Silman, who does the cleaning, for their hard work and reliability.

A new venture **Movies on the Move** takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of alternate months.

The first film **'Ladies in Lavender'** was shown in May. It was a great success with an audience of 62. The July date has been postponed to **Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>** for technical reasons and will be **'The Magic Roundabout'**. As it is a suitable film for small children the showing will be at 4.30pm instead of 7.30pm. The film to be shown at 7.30pm on **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September** will be **The Aviator** with Kate Beckingsale and Leonardo Dicaprio.

**The Licensing Act 2003**

**The Licensing Act 2003** is now in force and the Village Hall is in the process of converting its existing Public Entertainments Licence to a Premises Licence. This is a complicated procedure particularly with the addition of the Sale of Alcohol. There are two options that the Management Committee could take

- a) to rely on the 12 Temporary Events Notices (TENS) that are allowed each year at a cost of £21 per event or
- b) to include the sale of alcohol in the Premises Licence at a cost of £100 per annum - for this the Hall has to appoint a Designated Premises Supervisor who holds a Personal Licence. The Committee is grateful to Alan Clarke of The Horse Shoe, who runs most of the bars in the Hall, for agreeing to act as the DPS. It therefore seems sensible to include sale of alcohol in the Premises Licence. Anyone wishing to have a bar in the Hall will have to notify Alan Clarke beforehand.

**Christian Aid Harvest Supper Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September Recreation Ground Buckland Road Tickets £10 From Chris Ruck Tel 852010**

**BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

*By David Hawkins  
Bampton Parish Council*

**Highways Issues**

The Parish Council has been addressing a number of important highways issues during 2005 and these were discussed fully with OCC Highways experts at a recent meeting in Bampton.

We also took the opportunity to take the Highways officials to all corners of the village to highlight our serious concerns. In summary these are:

**Broad Street** - A request to Highways to cost a number of options to improve parking and to resurface the damaged and worn pavement area.

**Build Outs** - How to best resolve this thorny issue now that the workmen have downed tools because of health and safety issues. They have highlighted aggressive driving by HGV and car drivers passing the various sites. As we go to print in mid June, OCC Highways are trying to resolve the impasse so that work can start as soon as possible. It will need road closures for 2 or 3 days at each of the 4 entrances to Bampton so that the contractors can complete the work quickly and safely. The first road closure is planned for 15 June and the remaining three early July. We have been assured by Highways that the 'build out' concept is the most effective way to reduce vehicle speed in Bampton.

**Traffic Calming in New Road** - Highways have recommended that 2 flat top ramps be built in New Road as a means of reducing traffic speed. The Parish Council has had many requests for this measure and has been putting money aside towards our 50% of the costs.

**Buckland Road** - Highways have taken note of our concerns about the dreadful state of Buckland Road and have already repaired the verges on the section from the Recreation Ground to Tadpole Bridge.

They have also promised to resurface the section from the Aston/Buckland Road junction down to Fishers' Bridge and to repaint the road markings. This work is planned for early sum-

mer 2005. They have also agreed to smarten up the triangle of land at the Aston/Buckland Road junction which is a mess at the moment.

**Adoption of Rosemary Lane/Primrose Lane** - Following our request that Highways examine what the Parish would need to do before either or both of these lanes could be adopted by the County, we were surprised and delighted that Rosemary Lane has been adopted by them for some time!! This means that its upkeep will be paid for by the County. The news about Primrose Lane is not so good. Some £100k of work would be needed (funded by residents) before. However, they have assured us that repairs to pot holes etc will take place on an opportunity basis.

**New Parish Council Chairman**

Having given 12 months notice that he would be standing down as Chairman in May 2005, David Hawkins handed over the post to Jackie Allinson.

David wishes to thank all his fellow councilors and the Parish Clerk for their hard work and tremendous support during his 8 years in office. Jackie, who was Chairman between 1986 and 1994 and Vice Chairman since then, agreed to accept the post only until the Parish Council elections in May 2006.

**Picnic Glade**

Some of the young trees planted on the Recreation Ground in the late '90's have been thinned to provide a picnic glade next to the cricket ground. It is hoped that Bampton residents will take full advantage of these facilities.

**Cricket Wicket**

The Council has replaced the artificial wicket damaged by joy riders with a superior wicket in time for this cricket

season. The wicket has been cordoned off to try and deter the joy riders.

It is hoped that our village team will make full use of this excellent facility. Certainly they have done well to raise £1000 so far towards the wicket.

**Fund Raising by Pre School Playgroup**

The Council were pleased to hear from the fund raising committee that they have raised £40,000 of the £70,000 needed for the new reconditioned building. They hope to raise the remaining funds from a grant from DEFRA. The Parish Council donated £500 towards the new building fund.

**New Play Equipment for Pembroke Place Playground**

The Council has approved the purchase of new play equipment for infants. Hopefully the units, which will cost £2,500, will be in position by the school summer holidays.

**Bampton Youth Club**

Oxfordshire County Council is now recruiting two new Youth workers for the senior Youth Club and hope to reopen it in September.

Thanks to the Parish Council promising to contribute £2200 this year and to the money already received from The Bampton Welfare Trust, Exhibition Foundation and the Church and the Youth Centre's own funds. The Management Committee is now able to pay for two Leaders for the junior Youth Club for one year, which the County Council will shortly recruit. This means the Management Committee must now start fundraising to pay for these Youth Leaders to stay for future years.

We do need a junior Youth Club and the youngsters have told us this and were very disappointed when Dawn Woodcock left.

It would be extremely helpful to have volunteers from the Senior Youth Club to assist with the Juniors.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Shelley Vaisey at the Allendale Youth Centre, Carterton Tel: 01993 842416.

**The new telephone number of The Clerk to the Parish Council is: 01993 851476.**

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## Neighbourhood Police Team

No less than 8 policemen were in The Market Square on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June to listen to concerns of local residents and to help those completing questionnaires. This was followed by a well supported meeting 2 days later in the Village Hall when the whole Neighbourhood Police Team gave a presentation on the Governments latest proposals for Community Safety Partnerships.

Chief Inspector Dennis Evernden, who is the local police area Commander, explained that they are trying to set up Neighbourhood Action Groups in each of the larger villages so that the police receive a very clear idea of local concerns and then focus their efforts to address the most serious of these.

The 4 main concerns from this recent exercise were;

- Traffic Issues – Speeding and HGV's being the main concern
- Young people loitering
- Never seeing Policemen walking the village
- Minor damage

Inspector Nick Deacon, from Carterton, explained that the next step is to set up the Neighbourhood Action Group in Bampton (a group of residents and police advisers) who will take this partnership idea forward.

There is a possibility of a Police contact point being set up in the village centre. The telephone number to ring if you have concern is **Tel: 0845 85555**, but for emergencies you should ring **Tel: 999**.

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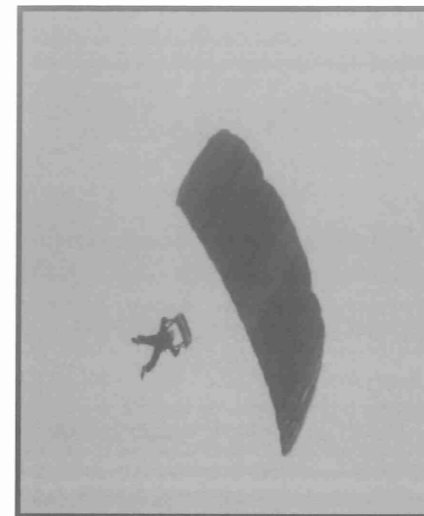
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## The Hilda Experience!!

Written by Fenella Gray

Being 89 does not necessarily mean you can't still do what you have always wanted to do – does it? Hilda Kent found out it didn't. What is it they say in that advert: 'When was the last time you did something for the first time?'  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June, was spent waiting



The descent

for the telephone to ring to say the parachute jump was on, but the weather, unfortunately, thought differently that day.

Come the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup> June, the sun was shining brightly and the long awaited telephone call came, the jump was on, please be at Weston-on-the-Green at 12.00 hours. Members of 'The Beam Team' – Fenella Gray and Sarah Oliver - who were helping to organise the jump for Hilda, then jumped into action themselves, and got Hilda organised. When we arrived, our local photographer, Roger Kerswill, was also waiting for us to record the occasion.

Flight Sergeant Steve Thomas met us and took us into the Flight Lounge, where we all enjoyed a good cup of tea - which even Hilda managed to drink! Hilda then dealt with the necessary paper work, then we all settled down to watch a short video of what she was about to undertake. The lady on the video was still smiling at the end of it, which kept the confidence

levels up! We then all followed Flight Sergeant Thomas to a large hanger where Hilda had to go through the series of moves which she would be doing once she was out of the plane. I think at this moment she wondered slightly "what am I doing here?", but Flight Sergeant Thomas' main concern was on the landing, where Hilda had to keep her legs up high and not land on her feet! He worked out with her that she had to grip hold of her trousers and pull her legs up that way - the photograph placed in the Cotton Club window shows Hilda doing as she was told, and although it's not a very ladylike pose, it worked!

We had quite a long wait then, because there were several RAF army parachutists who had to jump first, taking priority over us because the previous week's bad weather had put them behind schedule on their jump training.

But at long last, we heard over the tannoy that Hilda was needed at the collecting point. Off we all went, Sarah, me, Roger with all his cameras, and Hilda's friend, Miss Wylie, complete with her walking frame! We had to go through the hanger which was now full of young Army chaps folding their parachutes up, and they all shouted and applauded Hilda. A good send off!

Hilda then left us to put on all her gear, and duly returned with parachute, helmet all in place, ready for the off. She was then led away to board the plane which was to take her up to around 12000ft (2+miles) along with several members of the Falcon Team.

The plane took off fifteen minutes later and climbed until it was just a pin-prick in the sky, and that's when the Air Control man shouted they were just about to jump. Roger readied for action with his battery of cameras and lenses. We bystanders couldn't see anything for several minutes but gradually they came into view, and then Hilda was down on the ground, still smiling and ready for another go! We finished the afternoon off with Hilda receiving her certificate

and flowers in the flight lounge from Flight Sergeant Steve Thomas and watching the video, which the RAF

cameraman took of the whole experience.

This year the RAF Parachute Regiment has adopted The Bush Club as their chosen charity and is giving us 4 free parachute jumps. The volunteer each have to raise a minimum of £400 in sponsor money in order to do the jump. Hilda raised over £1000 with



The end result, Hilda still smiling

her jump, and has donated it to The Bush Club.

The Bush Club would like to thank Hilda very much for taking this very brave step and achieving something she had always wanted to do – and helping the club with much needed funds.

Louise Gray (the Ed's daughter) is now waiting for the telephone call to come through to say it's her big day. Louise has already raised over £400, and so again we would like to say a big thank you to her for supporting The Bush Club.

Last but not least we should like to say a very big Thank You to the RAF Parachute Team, and especially Flight Sergeant Steve Thomas, for making it all possible.

*We still have 1 place left if anyone is interested in helping The Bush Club with a sponsored jump - and 6 months left to do it in!*

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## Bampton Pre-School Playgroup Building Appeal

By Clare Rednall

With just 3 months to go before part of our building structure was to be condemned, it is with great delight we report that we have reached our target for the new building.

A builder is lined up, and, if all goes smoothly, there should be a new improved building on site ready for the new academic year. A grant of £20,000 has been received from the County Council, and DEFRA have promised us a further £30,000.

We have received generous donations from local charitable organisations and have continued to raise money ourselves, taking us to our target of over £68,000. We would like to thank all our supporters locally, including, amongst many others, St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's Ladies Lunch and the Parish Council as well as to the individuals who have promoted our cause or just stopped to buy a cake.

Just because we have reached our target, though, it does not mean that we are no longer in need of your support. Pre-School is a registered charity (No. 1059218) and relies upon its own fundraising and your generosity to boost the fees received for each child and keep running from day to day.

We also have further costs associated with the erection of a new building – our boundaries will need to be replaced with new fencing and our outdoor play area tidied after the site is cleared.

The Fundraising Committee would still be delighted to receive donations

sent c/o 16 The Pieces, Bampton. Please continue to support our fundraising activities throughout the year or why not buy some of *Clare's Clay Creations* from the Cotton Club, or contact direct on Tel: 851955 – look out for forthcoming seasonal ranges too.

In mid October we will be celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We will be hosting a party and fundraising event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October which will be a chance for the Village to celebrate with us together - please look out for our publicity and do come and join us. We would also be extremely pleased to hear from former pupils and anyone who has memories of the "early days".

At the end of term we will be very sad to see Sarah Radband leaving us. She has served Playgroup so well for seven years. We are very grateful for all she has done for our children and for those that have already passed through. Nevertheless, as with all farewells, we also look forward to the future under her replacement, Debbie Wiles.

*The Beam Team would like to congratulate the Pre-School for this magnificent achievement.*

*The Pre-school team and the children worked extremely hard to raise the funds, and it just goes to show what can be done with a bit of effort.*

*Read elsewhere in this edition of the effort that Hilda Kent made to raise funds for the other end of the spectrum - The Bush Club.*

## Memories of School Life at St Mary's School in Witney

By Mrs Jo Pizzey

My father was a twin and one of thirteen children born into the Delnevo family. I am the youngest of his 3 daughters. We moved from Oxford to Witney when I was 11 months old, to set up a fish and chip shop in the West End.

My Grandfather already owned a fish and chip shop in Corn Street, which is now the Delnevo electrical shop. We lived above our shop in the West End for 10 years.

I went to St Mary's School during the war - when I was 4 years of age and stayed until I was eleven. School leavers then went on to either The Batt School or Henry Box, which was then called The Grammar School.

My first teacher was called Miss Pratley, her classroom was at the rear of the school, and it had its own small playground. I remember entering the school by walking down the side road coming in by the back gate - this was to stop us little ones being trampled on by the over excited older children! My class had sole use of this small playground, where we felt very safe. I clearly remember the outside toilets. If we needed to go, we would have to see Mr Wiggins. He gave you two sheets of toilet paper and no more! The toilets seemed very high when I was first at school and I would have to climb up to get to the seat! The backs of my legs used to go numb with the cold and I would run back to the classroom rubbing them to get them warm again.

My next teacher was a Miss Barnes who was a very formidable woman. She rode to school each day on her sit up and beg bicycle. It was fascinating to watch her dismount. She would slow right down, gently slip from the bike and come to a dignified halt. She was very strict and rarely did you see her smile. Our classroom was heated by a coke burning stove, which

smoked, and we would all try and waft it away and start to cough at the same time. Miss Barnes would stand and look intensely annoyed and open the door. I don't know which was worse, smoke in our eyes or being frozen.

There was no canteen at our school so we had to line up outside all carrying our gas masks and walk in crocodile fashion down town, to behind the Methodist Chapel. Here we went into a wooden building where we climbed the stairs and were given a hot meal. I hated these meals, food supplies were short during the war, so they did the best they could, but as soon as I was old enough, home I went for my dinner.

My favourite times at school were dancing in the big playground. We practised dancing around the maypole and even had visitors once come to watch us dance the 'sailor's hornpipe'.

At age eleven I went on to The Batt School and left on my fifteenth birthday. I tried hairdressing for a year but didn't like it much.

I then met and married Dennis - 50 years ago now, when I was 17 - and my life was centred around being a mother to our two wonderful sons.

Gary the eldest is the new Pastor at Kings School Church, New Yatt, David the younger has the Fishmonger's business at Millets Farm.

*This article was first written for St Mary's School magazine in Witney, but we thought it would bring back lots of memories to the elder village members. We would like to thank Jo Pizzey for letting us use it in this edition of The Beam.*

*It has got me thinking as here in Bampton a few families like my own were taught by Miss Farmer and Miss Hobbs who taught our parents as well. Not many people can say that.*

*If you have any old memories you would like to have published in The Beam, please put them on paper, written or though the E,mail system, in fact, any way you like and we will try and put them in future issues. Old memories are the most interesting to read, especially village families.*

*The Robert Vesey Room has its exhibition of Bampton families—do try and pay a visit - The Ed.*

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### Welcome to West Ox Arts

West Ox Arts is a registered charity (no. 266542), part-funded by West Oxfordshire District Council and Bampton Parish Council, and staffed by volunteers, except for its part-time administrator.

West Ox Arts is dedicated to

- Promoting participation in and appreciation of the arts and crafts in West Oxfordshire
- Supporting the area's artists and craftspeople

WOA Membership is open to everyone and new members are always welcome.

Benefits include:

- discounts on WOA lectures, life classes and workshops
- invitations to private views
- regular mailings of the WOA events guide
- discounts at local art suppliers
- reduced commission rate for exhibitors

Membership fees Single £15, Family £25, Student £7.50

Administrator Olivia Thornton is usually in the gallery Tues-Thurs 10am -4pm.

### Robert Vesey Room at Bampton Library

#### Exhibitions

The Robert Vesey Room Opening Hours are:

Monday & Thursday 2.30-4.30pm and Wednesday & Saturday 10am-12pm

If you would like to book this exhibition space for a month please contact Ailsa Matheson on 01993 851004. The only charge is 20% commission on sales.

#### Are you sitting comfortably?

WOA always needs volunteer sitters to look after the exhibitions. It's a great way to meet like-minded people and to see each exhibition.

If you could spare a couple of hours a month to support WOA in this way then please contact the Administrator Olivia Thornton for the gallery, on 01993 850137.

Or for the Robert Vesey Room, Barbara Daw on 01993 851491.

**If you are interested in the arts and would like to join West Ox Arts please ring the Gallery on 01993 850137 for a membership form or call in during opening hours**

**For details of exhibitions, leaflets are available at The Gallery, and details are published on the Bampton Website.**

### WEST OXFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

By Graham Haslam

In June on a very warm summer evening a barbecue was held in Holly Tree House by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Brian Ferguson. It was a lovely evening with lovely surroundings to walk in and enjoy. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Brian and his wife for letting us use such a lovely location.

We organise fun events for everyone throughout the year, also there is a discussion group which meets to consider key matters of policy.

Anyone who is interested please contact, **Graham Haslam Tel: 01993 851014.**

## BAMPTON FAIR

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18<sup>th</sup> August - 20<sup>th</sup> August

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## NEW'S FROM ST MARY'S

### MUSIC IN COUNTRY CHURCHES' CONCERTS

Music in Country Churches was founded 17 years ago, with the



The Brownies welcoming HRH Prince Charles on his recent visit to Bampton.  
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Prince of Wales as Patron, to provide music of the highest standard in rural churches and to help keep them in good repair, and they held two superb concerts here in St. Mary's on the 27/28 May, with the Prince



HRH Prince Charles greeting everyone after the concert.  
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present at the latter.

Both concerts were fully attended, and we heard Imogen Cooper's magical interpretations of Schubert and Chopin on the Friday and the English Chamber Orchestra's playing of late 19<sup>th</sup> century English classics, including Vaughan Williams's 'The Lark Ascending', on the Saturday. How lucky we were!

We don't yet know how much the Concerts raised, but the proceeds will in due course be coming to the Church, and will be a valuable addition to the roof appeal funds.

Our thanks go to everyone in the Village who helped to make the Concerts such a success. We are also conscious of the disruption caused by them to the Shirt Race and to the Flower Festival, although we had no control over the dates of the Concerts, and we are most grateful for the tolerance shown by everyone affected.

**PIMMS AND CANAPE PARTY**  
Taking advantage of the Marquee for the Concerts, this party took

place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. This again was a great success, and raised £958 for the Roof appeal - many thanks to all who came and to the many helpers.

### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The usual House-to-House Collection raised £1866.26, plus a further £336.44 from Gift Aid donations - much the same as last year. Very many thanks to all concerned. There will be a Christian Aid Harvest Supper on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Recreation Ground.

### CHURCH ROOF APPEAL.

The Church fabric has to be inspected every 5 years to check on its condition, and the inspection in 2004 revealed that the roof was likely to need attention. Regrettably, this has now been confirmed and it is likely that the whole of the roof will have to be replaced over the next 20 years, with urgent repairs required to the south pitches of the roofs of the Chancel and Nave within the next 2-3 years.

The current estimate for the immediate work is some £166,000. The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust has already pledged £10,000 towards this sum; we have applied to English Heritage for a substantial grant from them, and we shall be applying to other national and local charities in the coming months. However the major responsibility for this work rests on the local church and community, and we shall be expected to make a major contribution ourselves if we are to save this magnificent building for future generations.

## Bampton Welfare Trust

Charity No. 202735

*The Trustees may make gifts to the needy in Bampton, Aston, and Lew - as far as their funds allow - to relieve sudden distress or sickness, help with travelling expenses*

*to hospitals, provide fuel and food for the sick.*

The Trustees also assist the local primary schools, playgroups and clubs for the elderly in that area.

**Trustees:** The Reverend D Lloyd, Dr M Perry, Mrs R Colville, Mrs J Haslam, Mrs J Newman, Mr C Rouse, Mrs S Phillips, Mr G Wiltshire & Mr G Mills (Aston), Mrs A Grinsell (Lew).

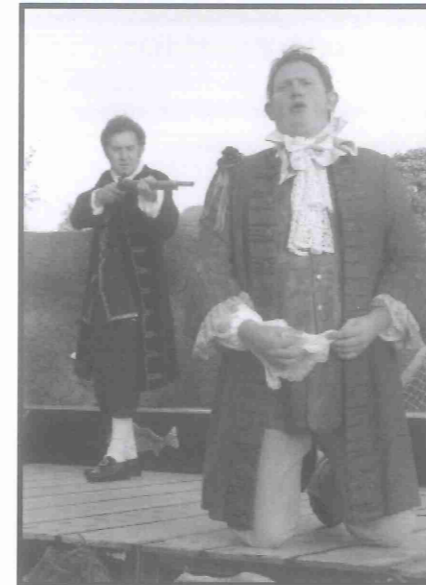
**Clerk to the Trustees:** Mr D Pullman,

Mill Green Cottage, Bampton, Tel: 01993 850589.

**Welfare Officer:** Mrs J Newman,

Leofric House, 81 New Road, Bampton, Tel: 01993 850755

## BAMPTON CLASSICAL Opera



### A CLOSE SHAVE

Nicholas Merryweather who took the title role of the Barber of Seville in the 2004 Bampton production

### A CLOSE SHAVE

One of the top 10 operas is certainly *The Barber of Seville*. The escapades and disguises of the dashing Count Almaviva as he tries to woo the lovely Rosina, locked up and guarded by a crotchety old guardian, Dr Bartolo, who has designs on her himself, have delighted audiences since 1816. But whilst Rossini's immortal masterpiece is probably always being played somewhere in the world, who now has heard the once equally famous predecessor of 1782, by the great Neapolitan composer, Giovanni Paisiello? Enter 'the ever-resourceful Oxfordshire-based Bampton Classical Opera ..... a gifted and uproarious company' (according to the American journal *Opera News*)! On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Bampton's own professional opera company - which now enjoys a national and even international reputation - presents Paisiello's uproarious and melodious *Barber of Seville*, in the beautiful Deanery Garden. Such is the reputation of the company, that the production has been invited to perform at the

### Local people get a 'Taste of Tourism'

Local people in the Witney area who are looking for tourism related employment are taking advantage of a new 5-day training course called, 'A Taste of Tourism'.

Tourism South East is delivering the training through the Tourism Better Business Scheme in conjunction with West Oxfordshire District Council and the Witney Job Centre.

The course focuses on essential skills needed for employment in hotels, leisure facilities, tourist attractions and local pubs. It has the support of local employers such as Blenheim Palace and the Witney Lakes Resort, who are both offering job interviews for those who have successfully completed the course.

The first successful candidates are being awarded certificates at a presentation lunch on 18<sup>th</sup> May at the Marlborough Hotel, in Witney. As a celebration of their success, they are being given free tickets by Cogges Manor Farm Museum, to prove that working in the tourism industry is not all work and no play!

Cllr Tony Walker said, "This is an excellent course which not only covers essential skills, but also gives potential candidates an insight into tourism related employment.

The Council is pleased to support this initiative which can only further improve the tourist industry in the District."

The course is accredited through the Open College Network, and offers modules in customer care, food hygiene, health and safety, telephone skills and communication skills.

Members of the public interested in this course should contact **Debbie Rouget Tel: 01865 392411.**

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## THE BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

Buckland Road, Bampton.



### The Tennis Club

Summer is upon us again and with it Wimbledon and the tennis season! Bampton has its own friendly, low-key club which meets at the Recreation Ground on Buckland Road, and we'd love to see more people coming along to join us.

Bampton Tennis Club's two clubs nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Benefits to members include being able to pre-book and use the tennis courts throughout the year. We will once again be holding a number of tournaments. These will include a 'Roaming Tournament' where players are able to try out their skills on village courts, as well as monthly doubles tournaments which are scheduled for Sunday afternoons at the Recreation Ground. In addition to this we have had a number of adult friendly evening matches against local teams. We are also hoping to run coaching sessions for both juniors and adults this season.

Membership fees remain at £25 per year for adults, £50 for families, £10 for students and £5 for juniors.

For further details contact Karen Easterbrook, Membership Secretary, Tel: 01993 850772, e-mail membership@bamptontennis.org.uk or turn up and see us on a club night. See you on court soon!

### Other Sporting Activities

**Bampton in the Bush Cricket Club**  
Contact Alan Clarke Tel: 850201  
The Horse Shoe, Bridge Street.

**Bampton Archery Club**  
Chairman: John Hill Tel: 850513.

**The Horseshoes Football Club**  
Chairman: Alan Clarke Tel 850201  
Manager: Bill Godfrey

**Bampton Gun Club**  
Sec: Debbie Holifield Tel: 01451 822327 or Trevor Gardner Tel: 850950.

Clay Pigeon Shooting:  
Sunday 10-12am

**Bampton Weightlifting Club**  
Chairman: Don Rouse Tel: 851480  
Sec: John Davies Tel: 702266.

**Bampton Badminton Club**  
Enquiries: Judy House Tel: 851406  
Meets every Tuesday 10 - 12am  
Bampton Village Hall.  
The above is the latest information the 'Beam' has on contacts for the various sports.  
Sport clubs, if the information is incorrect, please advise The Beam Team in time for the next edition!

### VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE IF YOU USE THE RECREATION GROUND

#### While using skate park

Minor accidents continue to occur on the Skatepark because of the lack of protective clothing. The Parish Council ask all parents to insist that their children wear the appropriate clothing.

#### Insurance Liabilities

Residents using the Recreation Ground to practice golf, fly kites or model aircraft or even hitting cricket balls should note that they are responsible for third party liability should an accident occur.

Whilst the Parish Council has ample insurance should it be at fault - for example if a slate falls off the roof of the pavilion - we expect all users of the excellent facilities to have their own insurance.

Consider including this cover in your home contents policy. Dog walkers should also have insurance.

### THE PAVILION

The Pavilion, with its large social area, changing rooms, referees' facilities, kitchen and bar is for hire by members of the public for all varieties of functions such as wedding receptions, birthdays or anniversary parties. The Multisport court can also be hired for games or practice sessions for floodlit tennis, basketball, and netball.

#### Some General Hire Prices

**Pavilion**  
08:00 - 13:00 : £40  
13:00 - 18:00 : £40  
18:00 - 23:59 : £80  
Whole Day : £160

**Football Pitch** : £25 per game  
**Changing Facilities** : £10  
**Multisport** Bampton Residents £10.00  
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For more information on charges and facilities for hire please contact:  
**Ray Willis Tel: 01993 852483 or Mobile: 07766 264684**

### OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Top young sports or arts achievers now have the opportunity to be awarded for their achievements by West Oxfordshire District Council.

The Achievement Awards scheme rewards individuals with cash of up to £300, while the Higher Achievers Award, with rewards of up to £1500, is given to those select few who clearly excel in their chosen discipline. Both are available to anyone aged 14 and over, who has a home address in West Oxfordshire.

"So if it's a residential course, some equipment or a prestigious audition you need to get to - this may be your chance to get a little extra help", advises Cllr Tony Walker, Cabinet Member for Cultural Services.

Achievements are judged by a high level of commitment and dedication. Applicants must be able to show how the award will help them 'make a dif-

ference' to their arts or sporting practice.

Application forms are available from Cultural Services on 01993 861080. The deadline is 27<sup>th</sup> September 2005, but early application is advised.

For further information contact:  
**Carys Davies / Patrick O'Donnell**  
**Publicity Office**  
**Tel: 01993 861615 Mobile: 07771 965360.**

### BUSY SUMMER FOR ROADSHOW

This summer promises to be busy for the District's Sports Roadshow. More youngsters will get the chance to take part in a range of sporting activities on their doorstep. The Road show will be bringing sporting activities and games closer to homes as part of the Summer Events Programme for 2005. The range of sporting activities includes soccer, rounder's, kwik cricket, parachute games, relays, all suitable for children aged 7 - 14.

For more information on the venues of the Road show, or to request a copy of the Summer Events Programme 2005, contact the Sports Development Team **Tel: 01993 861080 or email cultural.services@westoxon.gov.uk**

### CARTERTON HEALTH WALKS

We walk from the Town Hall, Alvescot Road Carterton at 10 am on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

There are two trained volunteer walk leaders at every walk. The walks follow risk assessed pavement routes, which last about 30-40 minutes. On Mondays refreshments are available at the town hall and Thursdays we go to the WI hall for coffee.

Further details available from **Margaret Tinner Tel: 01993 842156.**

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The Under 13s

### Bampton Football Teams

By Peter Lewin

I would like to bring to the attention of the Bampton people, just how well our football teams have done this year, as can be seen as follows:

Under 8s	5 <sup>th</sup> in their League
Under 9s	2 <sup>nd</sup> in their League
Under 9s: Cup	Knocked out in Semi-Final
Under 10s	4 <sup>th</sup> in their League
Under 13s	Champions
Under 13s: County Cup	Runners Up
Bampton Mens	Champions

All our teams across the age groups had an excellent season, but a special mention should go to the under 13s side. Under the management of Chris Boot, they were worthy champions, winning all 18 league matches. A superb effort by players and coaching staff alike.

As one very successful season concludes the club is already actively planning ahead to the next one. For this coming season we are expanding the number of teams somewhat, with representation in the following age groups:

- Under 8
- Under 9
- Under 10
- Under 11
- Under 13
- Under 14
- Under 15

All the teams will be playing in the Witney and District Youth Football League as well as several cup competitions along the way.

#### Junior Section of Bampton and Buckland FC Committee 2005-6

Chairman	Philip Walker	Philip-Walker@softwareimaging.com
Vice-Chairman	Martin Landray	Martin.landray@cts.ox.ac.uk
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	U10	Eugene Doyle
	U10	Jeremy Greeves
	U11	Ellis Bardsley
	U13	Philip Walker
	U14	Chris Boot
	U15	Jim Wheeler

If local boys are interested in joining us or to find out more please contact me, **Andrew Squires, Junior Club Secretary Tel: 01993 852278.**

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### DO JOIN NOW

Send your membership fee of £2 each (£1 for OAPs) for the period up to December 2008, to  
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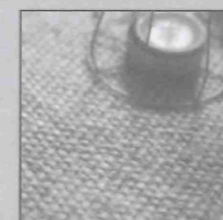
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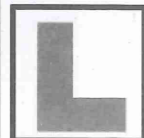
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contact **Angela Irvin Tel: 01993**  
**210096 or E-mail**  
**angy.Irvin@tesco.net**

## May Garlands

Winners of the May Flower Garlands  
Corinna Marie Newland Memorial  
Prize : Lucy & Rebecca Box and Re-  
becca Jenks

### Highly Commended

2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Ader, Jessie Grimwade,  
Neoma & Esme Fisher

3<sup>rd</sup> Alice & Isobel Landray, Elizabeth  
& Jennifer Pitt, Fay & Amy Tanner,  
Megan Smith

We would like to say a big thank you  
to all who entered in this old tradition  
of Bampton. Many thanks especially  
go to Ruth Wheeler who every year  
makes sure this special garland tradi-  
tion goes on. Ruth puts a lot of hard  
work and worry into making sure no  
one forgets!

Many thanks also to Mr & Mrs Jona-  
than Phillips for continuing to sponsor  
the competition.

*Photographs on centre page.*

## Volunteer Link Up

If you have a car of your own getting  
from A to B is no problem but people  
who have no car or live in areas with  
little or no public transport can have  
real difficulties. This is especially true  
of elderly people who need to get to  
health centres, podiatry appointments,  
hospitals or shops. We are in need of  
more drivers to enable us to meet  
these needs.

If you have a reliable car, clean driv-  
ing licence and a few hours each  
month please contact Pat, Ruth or  
Caroline at **Volunteer Link-Up Tel:**  
**01993 776277** for more information.  
Volunteer drivers receive 38p per  
mile expenses.

### Or Pop In and Visit

If driving is not for you then you may  
like to pop in on elderly, lonely or  
younger disabled people who can't  
get out much and need a bit of com-  
pany from time to time. Some would

## NOTICE BOARD

love to be pushed out in their wheel-  
chairs on sunny days.  
Our office is open Monday to Friday  
9am -1pm in the **Methodist Church**  
**Centre, Wesley Walk, Witney.**  
**Email: westoxonvb@freeuk.com**

## Helen & Douglas House Hospice Care for children and young adults

Friends of Helen & Douglas House  
have a new scheme set up across Ox-  
fordshire and beyond. For more infor-  
mation contact **Joanna Mitchell Tel:**  
**01865 794749 or email**  
**jmitchell@helenanddouglas.org.uk**  
**or website**  
**www.helenanddouglas.org.uk**

## Bampton Drop-In

Held at the Methodist Chapel every  
Monday from 12pm, where all are  
welcome.

Don't suffer those Monday blues.  
When you've done your washing up  
don't just put your feet up with a cup  
of tea. Instead, why not come and join  
us at this local facility for a very rea-  
sonably priced lunch, where you will  
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warming bowl of home-made soup,  
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potato, followed by home-made cake,  
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So come along and enjoy this friendly  
informal gathering where you will  
very soon want to make it a regular  
date in your diary.

## Bampton Bridge Club

The Club meets in the Village Hall  
every Tuesday, 7:30 pm to 10pm.  
Duplicate Bridge is played on the 1<sup>st</sup>,  
3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month..  
Rubber bridge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues-  
days. The annual subscription is £5  
with a charge of £1.00 per session.  
New members are always welcome.  
For more information contact, **Joan**  
**Granville, Tel: 850407.**

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## Bampton Exhibition Foundation

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Old Grammar School building (now  
the Library), and to provide financial  
support to young people residing in  
the Ancient Parish of Bampton, As-  
ton, Lew and Weald. The financial  
help is for young people who would  
like to participate in any academic or  
sporting course or activity of educa-  
tional value which would otherwise  
be beyond their means. Anyone who  
feels they qualify (or knows of some-  
one who may do so) should contact  
the Correspondence Secretary,  
**Marion Dowding, Bay Tree Cot-  
tage, Rosemary Lane, Bampton,**  
**OX18 2NF or Tel: 850167.**

## Bampton Ladies Group

We are a group of Ladies who meet in  
the Village Hall on the third Wednes-  
day of each month at 8pm. Our aim is  
to have a variety of light-hearted  
talks, demonstrations and outings. If  
you would like to come along, the  
first visit is free. Further information  
from **Joan Farthing Tel: 851206.**

## The Bampton We Have Lost *by J. L. Hughes-Owen*

It is hoped that the reprint of this book  
will now be published in May 2005.  
Those who have ordered copies of  
this history of Bampton at a discount  
price prior to publication have not  
been forgotten and we thank you for  
your patience. Names can still be  
added to the lists at Temples and the  
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*May Bank Holiday Monday*



*The May Garlands : Winners Rebecca & Lucy Box & Rebecca Jenks*



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*Another Great Weekend in Bampton*

**Thank you to the  
Emergency Services**

My family and myself would very much like to take this opportunity to thank the emergency services for their extraordinary bravery and exceptional help with regards to the collapse of my mother; Sharron Foreshew of 64 Pembroke Place on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2005. The emergency services were called at 7am by myself after the my mother collapsed. The fire brigade was first to arrive within what appeared to be seconds. I have no doubt that without their help neither my brother nor I would have had the chance to say our goodbyes as sadly my mother passed away peacefully at the John Radcliff Hospital later that night. I understand that there is a new programme for the emergency services which involves all of them working as a much closer team. As far as we are concerned, this programme is greatly needed by the general public. It will make an unexplainable difference to many lives, as it did ours. We cannot thank and encourage you all enough. Our deepest gratitude to all that helped. Many thanks from all the Foreshew family.

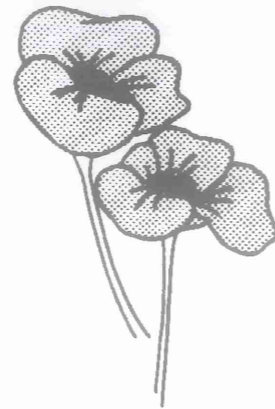
**Tribute to Sharron**  
*By Ruth Wheeler*

Sharron was born in Bampton into a loving family. She was a happy-go-lucky person, kind and thoughtful. Sharron was always helpful to everyone, she could never see anyone stranded and was always ready to give a lift in her car which was her treasure. She helped in every function in Bampton raising money especially for the Pumpkin Club. Sharron loved children and spent lots of time in her earlier days being a Nanny or babysitting. She told me she had looked after about 156 children in that time. Sharron idolised her two sons, Alistair and Duncan and kept open house for any of their friends. Sharron was a wonderful friend to me, one you could trust and confide in. Although she was ill and in constant pain she never let it get her down. I shall always remember her as a great character of Bampton Loved by all, God bless her.

**Inner Strength**  
*By Judy Dent*

If you can start the day without caffeine or pep pills,  
If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,  
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,  
If you can eat the same food everyday and be grateful for it,  
If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,  
If you can overlook when people take things out on you when through no fault of your own something goes wrong,  
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,  
If you can face the world without lies and deceit,  
If you can conquer tension without medical help,  
If you can relax with liquor,  
If you can sleep with out aid of drugs,  
If you can do all of these things,  
**Then you are probably the family dog!**  
*Many thanks for the poem, any more budding poets out there, do send them in via the Cotton Club.*

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## The Gardening Page

By Edie Bindweed

Hasn't the weather been warm and the gardens been to hard to do anything with at the moment, so I have been going though some of my mail and found this article about home composting?

So what does home composting mean to us gardeners, beginners or experts? Composting is a great way of getting rid of most household rubbish, which decays back into the soil.

In fact 60% of our kitchen waste from an average kitchen bin can actually be recycled into a useful resource for the garden.

Reducing rubbish mean less unsightly smelly rubbish bags outside ones house on bin collection day, but more importantly reducing rubbish is good for our environment. By composting our kitchen waste we are taking waste away from the landfill sites which take up a lot of valuable space in our countryside.

Years ago most villagers had their own compost bin where they put their weeds etc, they also had bonfires where they burnt wood and cardboard waste in fact, anything which could burn got burnt, then the ashes would end up in the compost bin. Unfortunately we cannot always have bonfires so the next best thing is our own compost bin. Nowadays you can put card, paper, tissues, cotton, teabags,

coffee granules and filters, egg cartons, pasta, rice bread as well as all the garden waste into your compost bin. The idea is that you start thinking like a worm, as they are the heroes of the compost bins.

Worms wriggle and eat their way through the delicious delicacies which we throw away, and turn them into lovely nutrient rich soil improvers, which the garden soil thinks is heaven.

To help you start home composting, take advantage of the Oxfordshire Local authorities compost bin offer, which has been going for five years now. They have two sizes £10 for the small bin suitable for singles or couples or £15 for the large bin suitable for families. The bin can be delivered straight to your home or you can fetch your own from participating garden centres.

For more information contact **Katie Zabel Oxfordshire Council's Waste Reduction Officer Tel: 0870 8443006.**

Before I go I would like to say a big thank you to all those people who opened their gardens for the Hidden Gardens on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. There are some lovely gardens well and truly tucked away behind the front doors of houses in Bampton. It makes me feel proud to have lived all my life in Bampton where so many people take such genuine care with their gardens. Many many thanks again, one more thing did anyone spot the fairies?

### Gardening Club News

The schedule has been sent out to members for the show on 27<sup>th</sup> August in the Village Hall. Please do try and enter, as I know there are plenty of budding gardeners from the Hidden Gardens of Bampton exhibition. If anyone needs a schedule contact **Fenella Gray Tel: 851653**. Don't forget judging of the Bampton Only competition is between Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

**The Next Trips**

- Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>** : Weston - Super - Mare
- Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** : Clarks Shopping Village for the shopaholics
- Friday November 4<sup>th</sup>** : Return to Bridgewater Carnival. This is a late night early morning trip.
- Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>** : Another trip for the shopaholics this time to Blackbush Market and the Festival Place Shopping Centre at Basingstoke.
- Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>** : A visit to Cadbury Garden and Leisure centre at Congresbury. A truly chocaholics dream.

**The Next Short Holidays**

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October**: Blackpool Illuminations.
  - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November**: Shopping Trip to France.
- For details on any of these trips or holidays please contact **Ellen Tel: 01993 843985**.

## Green Garden Waste Trial to Start

A trial scheme for a new green garden waste collection service has started in West Oxfordshire.

The trial consists of a chargeable wheeled bin service which residents can subscribe to and have their garden waste collected from their homes. It is taking place in: Long Hanborough, West Witney, Freeland, North Leigh, Stonesfield, Combe, Woodstock, Eynsham, Finstock and Charlbury.

"Following the results from a recent consultation which told us that the majority of West Oxfordshire householders would like a green garden waste collection from their homes", says Cllr David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment. "It can be difficult and time consuming taking garden waste to the tip, and this service will make recycling easier and more convenient."

The trial scheme starts at the end of June and runs until early December 2005. If it is a success the Council will consider a further green waste collection scheme. Taking part in the trial will cost £17 which includes fortnightly collections and the hire of a 240 litre size wheeled bin.

Once garden waste has been collected it is taken to Worton Farm in Cassington where it is recycled into compost. Compost collected helps to replace the use of peat based compost thus helping to conserve UK peat bogs and their endangered species. It will also divert as much waste as possible from landfill sites. As garden waste decomposes in a landfill site methane gas is produced as a by-product, and this contributes to global warming.

It will help with the drive to further increase recycling rates too. Last year the introduction of a weekly recycling collection and an additional black box for each household led to a dramatic increase in recycling. It is obvious that there is a huge commitment and enthusiasm from residents for this."

The compost from Worton Farm is sold to the public at most recycling centres e.g. Ardley, near Bicester.

For further information contact:  
**Carys Davies / Patrick O'Donnell**  
**Publicity Office -Tel: 01993 861615**  
**Mobile: 07771 965360/**  
*Hopefully Bampton will be next!*

## Let's Get Bampton Fit!

By Calum Taylor

Bored of the same training regime? Not started one yet? Or just fancy doing something with variety every week? Classes are at the new gym, it costs less, the program changes weekly and it's in the environment of what everyone wants to achieve optimum fitness and fun!

There are many different classes out there from body pump, which is a purely freeweights class brilliant for toning and strengthening, to salsarise, where you can dance your way to fitness with all the moves coming from Cuba.

Depending on what you want to achieve, timescale and what exercise you are interested in depends on what class would be suitable for you. Here are three write-ups of the most popular classes out there today.

If you are the type of person that would be interested in a less intense and a more relaxing type of workout then Pilates might be what you're looking for:

### What is Pilates?

PILATES is an exercise method that targets the deep postural muscles, building strength from the inside out and rebalancing the body.

PILATES will improve your posture, achieving the perfect balance between flexibility and strength. Based on a well-constructed philosophical foundation the core of PILATES is "awareness of your own body" and is built around 8 core principles.

Maybe you're interested in biking or running there are plenty of running

clubs around as well as spinning classes.

### Spinning

Spinning classes are a very popular exercise class that can help you, bum fat, build and tone muscles and increase aerobic strength. Spinning classes are performed on stationary bikes in a gym or studio. The instructor starts the class with a warm up and then takes the class through a series of exercises ranging from hill work to sprint races. The class is a good cardiovascular work out, is great for toning muscles and is excellent for fat burning.

Spinning classes last between 45-60 minutes; they are not advisable for those who are unfit.

### Boxercise

If you're generally stressed, looking for quick results and lots of fun then non-contact Boxercise is the perfect class for you. Boxercise classes mix traditional boxing moves with an aerobic session. Boxercise is an excellent, fun way, to lose weight, burn fat, tone muscles and improve fitness. Boxercise provides a good full body workout and cardiovascular workout.

The Boxercise class mirrors a traditional aerobics class with warm up, core aerobic workout and cool down. Boxercise provides the benefits of boxing, including upper body and abdominal toning.

Every other station includes a bag or a kicking shield so that there is plenty of chance to de-stress!

For a list of classes and how they can help you achieve your goals please call **Calum Tel: 0771 7125326**

## THE HOMOEOPATHY CORNER

By Margaret Chanter

### Hay Fever treatment: Thinking ahead

Homoeopaths consider that hay fever is symptomatic of a underlying lack of well-being, with a close connection to asthma and eczema. As such, in order to reduce annual attacks and create real improvement in health, remedies need to be chosen for you on an individual basis. Although it may seem early in the year to be thinking about hay fever, ideally treatment to strengthen the defences of the body should start before the symptoms of hay fever erupt in full force with the appearance of flower and grass pollens later in the year.

### How Can Homoeopathy Help?

Homoeopathy means the treatment of like with like. What can happen when you cut an onion? Watering, irritated eyes, a runny nose, sneezing and sometimes a stinging throat. The remedy **Alium Cepa** is made from the onion and is used in the treatment of hay fever with these classic signs and sensitivity to the odour of flowers. If a substance has the power to produce symptoms in a healthy person, it has the power to act curatively on those symptoms in someone who is unwell. Whilst individual treatment is the most effective, the following remedies offer temporary, symptomatic relief during the hay fever season and are generally available in your high street chemist and health store. It is important to select the one which most closely matches your symptoms. (This is not a comprehensive list.)

**Arsenicum:** Burning, profuse, watery nasal discharge with sneezing. Person is anxious, restless, often asthmatic. Worse time around midnight. Tickling in nose as bad after sneezing.  
**Carbo Veg:** Sneezing with constant violent crawling and tickling in nose. Ineffectual desire to sneeze. Lachrymation and biting pain in and above nose. Suffers from heat; chilled by cold; sweats in hot room.

**Kali Phos:** Itching in posterior nostrils. Sneezing at 2 am. Eyes burn,

sting, swim in tears. Tongue coated like stale brownish liquid mustard.  
**Natrum Mur:** Squirming as from small worm. Watery, acrid discharge from eyes and nose. Severe nasal discharge. Waking with headache. Loss of taste and smell. Cough from tickling in throat pit. Worse in sun; desire for salt; better at seaside.  
**Nux Vom:** Prolonged sneezing. Excessive irritation in nose, eyes. Sensation as if great heat near face. Itching extends to larynx and trachea. Very irritable and chilly.  
For further information, appointment or a more comprehensive free leaflet on Remedies for Hayfever contact your village homoeopath, **Margaret Chanter: Tel: 01993 851675.**

## The Cookery Corner

By

Emma Deacon

It is becoming clear that British people are becoming more adventurous in trying foreign and exotic foods, even in traditional Bampton! So to celebrate, I have been



researching the new 'in' thing to be eating at the moment, so the people of Bampton can try cooking it! Mexican is becoming a new favourite and many people are eating chicken, vegetable, prawn and steak fajita's, simply buying a pack from the super market and adding vegetables etc. This is a very expensive way of preparing this meal but I have to admit it is convenient when you don't have the time.

For an extra special addition to this meal you can serve with refried beans - you may have seen them tinned in supermarkets.

This dish is easy to make yourself so instead of buying the expensive tins give it a go; not only will you save

your pennies you'll have a much healthier and tastier dish... .....no Mexican meal is complete without it!

### Refried Beans

For four people

1 tin of red kidney beans

1 onion, finely chopped

1 garlic clove, chopped

1 small dried red chilli

1 bay leaf, crumbled

A drop or two of olive or sunflower oil

Salt

50g tomatoes, skinned (by placing in bowl full of boiling water for a minute and then peeling) and chopped  
Grated cheddar cheese (optional)

Fresh herbs to garnish, and add flavour (I think coriander is delicious with it)

1. Drain and wash the kidney beans. Place in a large, heavy saucepan with enough cold water to cover. Add half the onion, garlic, the chilli and bay leaf. Cover, bring to the boil and continue to boil for 15 minutes and then turn down and add the oil and simmer for another 20 minutes, adding water if necessary.
2. Heat some more oil in a frying pan with a medium to low heat and saute the remaining onion and garlic for 10 or so minutes until soft but not brown, then add the tomatoes and stir often for 5 minutes until the mixture is thick.
3. Add a ladleful of beans and their liquid to the mixture and cook over a medium heat, mashing with a potato masher to make a heavy paste. Repeat, adding 1 table spoon of oil from time to time until all the beans have formed a creamy paste. Then this wholesome dish is ready to be sprinkled with grated cheese and torn herbs and eaten by you!

### Blueberry Cheesecake

Anyone interested in healthy eating will be going crazy for blueberries at the moment.

They are a very underrated and underused fruit, but being so utterly good for you it is criminal to avoid them. They are crammed with the cancer fighting antioxidants that are found in broccoli, but there are twice as many

found in the wonder berries!

As well as sprinkling on cereals and mixing in with natural yogurt, a recipe that every one will find irresistible is blueberry cheese cake, yum. This is how you make it.

500g ricotta

2 large eggs

75g sugar

150g natural yogurt

3 tablespoons of lemon juice and

grated rind of a lemon

2 tablespoons plain flour

2 teaspoons of vanilla essence

2 egg whites

150g natural fromage frais

As many blueberries as you can cram on top! Fresh are best but are expensive but frozen or canned are available.

### Crust:

125g digestive biscuits, crushed

2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon (optional but nice)

15g butter, melted

1 egg white

Start with making the crust by mixing the crushed biscuits with the sugar, cinnamon and the melted butter.

Whisk the egg white in a separate bowl until it is light and frothy. Stir the egg white into the crumb mixture. Press the mixture into the bottom of a 9-inch spring form tin.

Bake in a preheated oven 190°, gas mark 5, for 7-10 minutes until lightly browned. Allow to cool.

Put the ricotta and whole eggs in a blender or food processor and blend until smooth.

Beat together with the sugar, yogurt the lemon and rind, flour and vanilla essence until well mixed.

In a separate bowl beat the egg whites to form soft peaks and then fold into the mixture.

Spread over the crust and bake for 50-55 minutes until the centre is firm to the touch.

Run a knife around the edge of the cake to loosen it and leave it to cool. Remove the sides of the tin, cover the cheesecake and refrigerate for at least 2 hours or overnight.

Just before serving, spread the top with fromage frais and cover with the all important blueberries - indulgent but also brimming with goodness.

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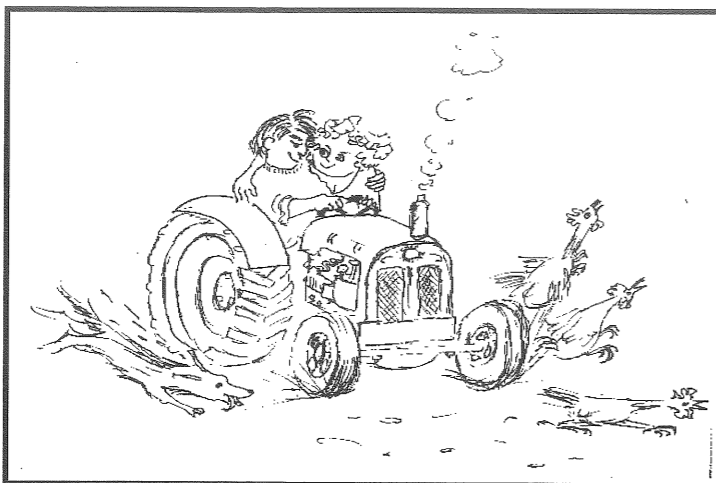
By Don Rouse

They say selling and moving house is one of the most stressful experiences in life, supposedly second only to bereavement. Well when you have lived and loved living in the same house for forty-six years you can understand some of the strains and stresses that Mary and I have been going through these last few months. It certainly feels like bereavement as well.

For the actual move we thought that we would call in the 'Professionals'. All that heavy lifting and humping heavy boxes seemed a bit formidable even for a retired weightlifter. But the prices quoted for moving the two hundred yards to our new abode worked out at £5.00 a yard! When I was taxi driving the best prices I could achieve was £1.50 per mile! So needless to say I resorted to good old farming methods to achieve my goal.

When mum and dad moved us from Somerset to Weald back in 1943, it was in a proper removal lorry, but after that our moves were all done the farming way. In 1948 we moved to New Road using a cattle truck belonging to Central Garage - they did wash it out with Jeyes Fluid first! Then in 1955 when we moved to Backhouse Farm, it was tractors and trailers covered with an old canvas rick sheet so that people could not see what we had or didn't have - as well as keeping things dry of course. Then when Mary and I moved to Lew in 1959 it was like something from the Wild West. The cows were walked from Weald up through Bampton along New Road, up Mount Owen and into University Farm followed by Mary and I in an old caravan pulled by an even older Land Rover. So it was no hardship for us to resort to farming methods for our latest move. So armed with my old Subaru pick-up truck, a 1974 tractor and trailer and my good old faithful 1970 JCB to do

the heavy lifting we did it for less than 10p a yard! Mind you none of this would have been possible without our wonderful family and friends working like Trojans to help us. And before you ask, I am not contemplating setting up in business to undercut the professionals! Looking back over those sixty years of moving up and down and around Bampton people still have the nerve to remind me that I am not a true Bamptonian. Ah well I suppose I can't have everything. Though from where I am now living I shall enjoy looking down on you all in Bampton for the rest of my life, and if I live here as long as I lived in the last



house, I shall be one hundred and eighteen before I move! How is that for optimism? (*Hope you keep the articles coming then Don!* - Ed.) I am sure that comments on the traffic calming measures on the approaches to Bampton will be well covered elsewhere in the Beam, as it certainly is the current serious issue affecting Bampton. As a regular user of the Station Road approach, it certainly affects me. So my first comment is, who ever dreamt this one up? Certainly no one with any idea about driving would have stuck it right on a bend! My approaches to Bampton Councillors were met with a similar response as to when one asks a group of teenage boys as to who has made a rude smell. 'It wasn't me!' (*Not quite true Don! It was a decision by the*

*Parish Council after the OCC proposed the chicanes as the best method to reduce traffic speeds in the Village - see elsewhere in the 'Beam' - Sub Ed.*)

We have resident in Bampton Mark McArthur-Christie. All the national news papers, television and radio seek his advice and comments on driving matters as he is the spokesman for the British Drivers association. Yet nobody on the Council thought of asking him for his views before they started, so we are left with an 'accident waiting to happen' syndrome. If the council cannot come up with anything better than what we have now, could they please give me a call and with the help of my JCB we can push it all to the side of the road and get back to some kind of normality where no accidents happened. (*The chicanes were proposed by the highway professionals in OCC. We all know that professional opinion can differ, but it's the OCC footing to bill for the chicanes, and hence the Parish Council agreed with the OCC proposal - Sub-Ed.*)

It is great fun watching all the bickering going on within the EEC. The French politicians saying how everything should be run their way, the French people along with the Dutch saying they do not want anything to do with it. Mind you I can see where they are coming

from, they do not want Tony Blair to ruin their agriculture system like he has ours. But Tony being a Townie is determined to ruin rural affairs world wide, so I am quite happy to share him with the rest of Europe - they have had it too good for too long. Perhaps then British farmers will enjoy having a real level playing field. With all this bickering and Tony Blair doing his six months presidency, I am sure that the whole of Europe will soon want to get back to basics, which is what we voted for all those years ago. Free trade with one another whilst maintaining our own autonomy. Since my last 'Beam' article I have had many comments about the amount of rubbish that is being dumped in our countryside. I know

that some of our farmers have elected to become countryside stewards. But that does not mean that they have to clean up behind people who are too lazy to dispose of their rubbish in the appropriate way.

One of our farmer readers has suggested the name 'Box Tickers' as an alternative to the name farmer - re. my article in the last 'Beam'. Evidently farmers have to fill in reams and reams of questionnaires by ticking boxes on mundane and stupid subjects. If he refuses, his money is withheld. So it is obvious he is going to tick boxes! Some of the stupid questions are: 'Have you checked your rat bait stations recently?' Well of course he has if he wants to keep the rats in check.

'Have you calibrated your Fertiliser Spreader?' Well my knowledge of Farmers is that they are very careful not to put too much fertiliser on. I didn't say 'tight' I said careful! What gets my goat is that someone is being paid to check all these ticked boxes. Someone who probably thinks that milk comes from a plastic container in Sainsbury's and their idea of a Fertiliser Distributor is a Burst Condom!

As I have said before, for every farmer working 24/7 there must be at least ten people employed working a thirty-six hour week to look after them. What a crazy world it has become. I am so glad that I have retired.

## SPAJERS NEWS

This is one of those times when it is a real joy to give our SPAJERS report. Our youngsters are really making things go with a Zing.

Our quiz night in April was once again a sell out. It was just a pity that the invaders from Black Bourton took the 'Brains Team of Bampton' award for the second year running. They did have ITV's Simon Garrett in their line up. Though having said that one of Bampton's teams had the BBC's Pippa Shay! Dare I say it was one of those occasions when Beauty was beaten by the Beast? Sorry Simon, my wife thinks you are lovely! But then her taste was always suspect!

What a wonderful success our Village Garage Sale was. Apart from one 'renegade' house the whole Village pulled together to create a wonderful

community spirit which was noted with envy by many of the visitors who had come to see what it was all about. And having so many people wandering about in our streets created the perfect traffic calming measure!

Many of our local charities have reported raising a lot of money for the day's work. It never ceases to amaze me just how many Bampton people work for so many different charities and they used the day to raise money for the benefit of others. We were certainly blessed with good weather. Congratulations and thanks to Mathew and Jackie Green not only for the concept of the Village Sale but also for all the hard work that they both put in to make it work. We shall certainly be doing the same again next year so make a note in your diary now. It will be Sunday April the 30<sup>th</sup>. Let's hope that next year we will get every Garage Sale joining the SPAJERS in their venture.

People trying to latch on to our venture without making a donation to the SPAJERS will be named and shamed! The Shirt Race went extremely well considering that it clashed with a visit by HRH the Prince of Wales to a concert in St Mary's church. During the run up to the events I felt extremely proud to be part of Bampton. Everyone, from the Princes Equerry, the Lord Lieutenant, Rev. David Lloyd, the concert organisers, St Marys' Church councillors, Thames Valley Police, all agreed to work together with the SPAJERS to ensure that both events could operate with as little disruption as possible. So many times I have seen problems happen in a community because of a clash of dates. All it needs is either a mention in the 'Beam' of your intentions, or an awareness of what is traditionally an organisation's annual event - you can also check the Bampton Website, since it lists the annual events, with rough dates - such as Whitsun, August Bank Holiday etc.

On this occasion it was the Vicar's awareness that alerted us to the problem. Thank you for that David; as I have said a good time was had by all. The Race itself was well attended, there being just one problem. Some groups were using water bombs to enhance the fun. But these can be a bit frightening for little children and sen-

ior citizens who find themselves involuntary caught up in the 'affrays'. So next year, water bombs are banned! Alex Forrest did a wonderful job with the presentations and the judging of the Fancy Dress parade. She was ably assisted by her Grandfather, Mr George Collins. Whether Mr Collins will ever admit it or not I do not know, but it was him that was responsible for bringing us 'Rouses' to Bampton way back in 1943. No report on the Shirt Race would be complete without saying thank you to those residents of the now defunct pubs who help us to maintain our traditional route by supplying us with drinks. I would like to say a special thank you to PC Steve Patrick, who works well beyond the call of duty to assist us with the smooth running of the Race, especially this year with the difficult conditions of the Royal visit. Though he did say that he has never had so many policemen in Bampton before to assist him!

Our next venture is the Barn Dance being held in the Langdale Hall Witney on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. But that will probably have happened by the time you read this.

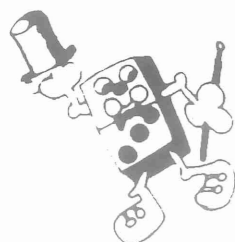
One venture that I know you can help us with, is the Donkey Derby on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August. We are always looking for sponsors of the Donkeys. £10.00 will get you your own Donkey and give you a chance of winning a bottle of Whisky. We are always needing produce or bottles for the appropriate stalls, as well as help on the day to run some of the many stalls that we hope to have. But most of all we need you there on the day to participate in our Junketing.

The Wednesday after Donkey Derby Day will see all of the SPAJERS enjoying the fruits of their committee's labours. I mean the annual outing. At the time of going to print the venue is unknown, but by the time you have read this your invitation should be with you.

To qualify as a SPAJER you must have lived in Bampton for a minimum of six months and be of pensionable age.

If you do not think you are on the list and that you would like to be, then just phone Jeff Dando - or get a friend to phone for you. **Contact number for Jeff Tel: 850643.**

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## Bampton Environmental Watch Group

By Ralph Norman, Chairman

BEWG had a good turnout of members at our 2005 AGM on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the election of the Executive Committee took place. Eight ordinary members plus the following four officers were elected:

**Ralph Norman (chairman);**  
**Helene Grygar (vice-chairman);**  
**Martyn Bishop (honorary treasurer);**

**Sally Proctor (honorary secretary).** Following the formal business, Ken Betteridge gave an excellent illustrated talk on "Wildflowers of Oxfordshire".

In April we welcomed a number of visitors who joined members at our open meeting when we had an enjoyable and informative talk with slides about the Oxford canals from Mark Davies (a local historian and author). Future open meetings scheduled for 2005 are:

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July** a talk about the new Chimney nature reserve by Lisa Lane;

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October** sees the return of Martin Way to give a talk titled The Home Front. The meetings will be in the Village Hall at 8:00 pm; everyone is welcome, members free, visitors £2. (Please note that our open meetings have now moved from Wednesdays to Thursdays.)

**Dates for 2006 are:**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (AGM)**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

**October date to be confirmed.**

Spring has seen an increase in planning applications although there have been no major new proposals of significance within Bampton.

In March there were five retrospective applications for the old mushroom farm site at Black Bourton. Although not in the Bampton parish, these proposals generate additional HGV traffic through Bampton. BEWG, our parish council and SPB submitted objections.

I'm pleased to report that the four most significant proposals (two HGV



operations and two builders storage operations) were refused by WODC. The lesser proposal (caravan storage) was allowed.

March also saw the results of the Littlemead site appeal, for the proposal to build 10 dwellings there (at the junction of the High Street with Aston and Buckland Roads).

Unbelievably, despite an exceptional number of objections on strong planning grounds, the inspector found in favour of the appellant and gave permission for the development to go ahead.

There are three other approved developments of interest. Work on the shop front adjacent to Londis was completed and the hoardings, which have been a long-standing eyesore in the Market Square, have finally been removed. Work is in progress on three one-bedroom flats behind Londis. Work is in progress for eight low cost dwellings on the back-garden land between New Road and Pockocks Close.

At the time of writing this report the saga of Bampton's buildouts continues unabated, with all work stopped. These traffic calming measures were welcomed when originally proposed by OCC but the ensuing farrago has been neither calming to our traffic nor to our residents. Instead, they have just become a source of frustration and much concern that they are an accident waiting to happen.

We will not be able to truly judge their effectiveness until they are fully completed and have been in place for a while, with all the "correct" road markings and signage.

The latest estimates from OCC are for work to recommence mid-June and for all four to be completed by the end of July.

When you read this I hope that these new estimates prove better than all the previous ones and our worst fears have been allayed.

Finally, when this issue of the Beam is published we may well have the inspector's report (expected in June/July) on the public inquiry into the proposed WODC Local Plan 2011.

This report will include the inspector's recommendations related to the possible 50 dwelling development proposed for New Road.

Whatever he recommends, the final decision will rest with WODC who are likely to publish their final adopted version of their plan towards the end of the year. If you have access to the Internet, you can find information on progress for the inquiry at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/LPiNews.cfm](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/LPiNews.cfm) and for the local plan itself at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning/planpolicy.cfm](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning/planpolicy.cfm)

If you would like to know more about BEWG or would like to join us please contact the **Membership Secretary, Ann Norman Tel: 850823, or email [bewg@sagaman.co.uk](mailto:bewg@sagaman.co.uk)**. You can also see our entry on the Bampton web site at [www.bamptonoxon.co.uk/bewg.htm](http://www.bamptonoxon.co.uk/bewg.htm)

### A DANGER EVERYONE NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF

Common Ragwort (*Senecio Jacobaea*) is an obvious weed in July to August when it grows up to 3 feet tall and produces a large bright yellow composite flower head but it is poisonous to all animals and as such is a listed weed.

Due to the high risks involved with this plant being eaten by animals, made into hay etc a new Bill has become law to reinforce the need for its control.

The Ragwort Control Act came into force on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2004 as an addition to the 1959 Weed Act. A code of practice regarding ragwort control has been produced and this will be admissible in evidence in enforcement proceedings under the Weeds Act 1959.

It is this time of the year when we should be working to clear our land of ragwort in its early rosette stage. This can be done easily by spraying it with a herbicide or alternatively with a natural non-toxic environmentally friendly spray called Barrier H.

During July and August the British Horse Society ragwort clearance volunteers will also be working throughout Oxfordshire hand pulling the plant where it has managed to keep grow-

ing. They believe in keeping our county a safer place for animals and humans and would welcome any help that can be offered. If you think you can help or require more information please contact me on the number listed below.

#### Important Points to remember about common ragwort; Ragwort is easily identified.

1. The plant produces a rosette of green jagged edge leaves in early summer and then grows up to 3 feet with a woody slightly red stalk with bright yellow flower heads. Mature plants pull easily but all plants must be burnt or bagged up securely and taken to the local council land fill site.

2. Never allow animals to graze where ragwort has been sprayed until all the plants have rotted into the ground.

3. Always wear sturdy waterproof gloves, cover arms and legs to avoid contact with the plant. A facemask should be used to avoid inhalation of the ragwort pollen.

4. Remember ragwort retains its poisonous properties whether growing, sprayed or dried in food. There is evidence of the poisons being recording in the food chain.

There is the possibility that anyone who has registered with DEFRA for the single payment scheme may have their payment reduced for non compliance of the Ragwort Bill if they allow ragwort to grow on their land.

#### Important telephone numbers

Should you see ragwort growing in areas controlled by the following authorities please contact them giving the exact locations of where you have seen it.

On the sides of motorways or trunk roads call the Highways Agency Tel: **08457 504030**

If growing beside railways or on the embankments call Network Rail Tel: **08457 114141**

For all other areas of ragwort you see call the Department of Environment Food and Rural Affairs Tel: **0117 9591000**

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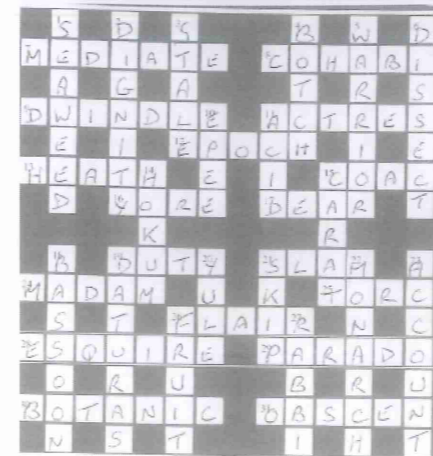
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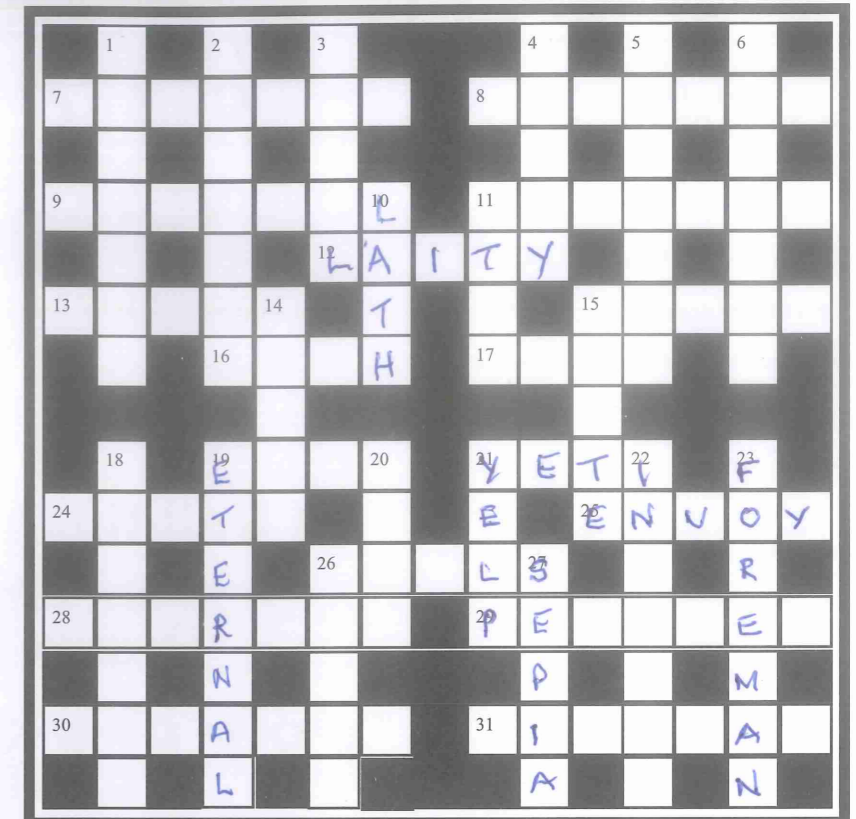
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#### CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Shine with intermittent light
- 8 Supply, furnish
- 9 Licentious
- 11 At the utmost limit
- 12 As distinct from the clergy
- 13 To consent
- 15 Sacred images
- 16 Reckless, impetuous
- 17 Long-eared rodent (genus lepus)
- 19 A pocket-case for needles
- 21 "Abominable Snowman"
- 24 A pledge of fidelity
- 25 A diplomatic agent
- 26 To cook by simmering
- 28 A small musical instrument
- 29 A young 17 across
- 30 Yearbook

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1 Feathers collectively
- 2 Two-wheeled toy
- 3 Existing in a wild state
- 4 One deputed to act for another
- 5 Immoderate greed for wealth
- 6 Unshakeable in purpose
- 10 A thin strip of wood
- 11 Engrave using corrosives
- 14 Third planet from the sun
- 15 Angered, enraged
- 18 Tourist, day-tripper (slang)
- 19 Everlasting
- 20 A very small quantity
- 21 Howl, yell
- 22 To exasperate, provoke
- 23 Chief person on a jury
- 26 Behave in a cringing, underhand way
- 27 Brown pigment taken from cuttle-fish


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<b>July</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup>	Barber of Seville, Bampton Opera, Deanery Garden
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ceilidh, SPAJERS + Woodpecker Band, Langdale Hall, Witney, 8pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	BEWG Meeting Village Hall 8pm
<b>August</b>	
18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bampton Fair, Market Square and High Street
21 <sup>st</sup>	Outing to Weston - Super - Mare, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	L'Infedeltà delusa, Bampton Classical Opera, Westonbirt School, Gloucestershire
27 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club Annual Show, Village Hall, Open to Public 3pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Donkey Derby, SPAJERS, Sandfords Field
<b>September</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nicholas Martin in Concert, Carterton Social Centre, 3pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Aid Harvest Supper, Christian Aid Appeal, Recreation Ground
20 <sup>th</sup>	L'Infedeltà delusa, Bampton Classical Opera, St John's, Smith Square, London
24 <sup>th</sup>	Autumn Sale, Cancer Research UK, Village hall
<b>October</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Outing to Clarks Shopping Village, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9pm
7 <sup>th</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup>	Short Break to the Blackpool Illuminations, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising event, Bampton Pre-School
27 <sup>th</sup>	BEWG Meeting Village Hall 8pm
29 <sup>th</sup>	Barn Dance, St. Mary's, 7.30pm
<b>November</b>	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Outing to Bridgewater Carnival, Gardening Club, Market Square, Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Shopping Trip to France, Gardening Club, Market Square
13 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Day, Market Square 10.45, St. Mary's, and The Methodist Chapel (Evening)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-Christmas Bingo, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
19 <sup>th</sup>	Outing to Blackbush Market, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9pm
<b>December</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quiz Night, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
4 <sup>th</sup>	Outing to Cadbury Garden & Leisure Centre, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Drinks, WOCA, Venue TBA
16 <sup>th</sup>	C&W Dance, Cancer Research UK, Carterton Social Centre

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