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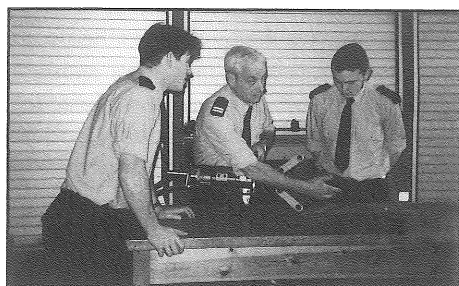
## FIRE STATION THREATENED?

Bampton Fire Station could close if more recruits cannot be found.

Thirteen retained or part-time fire fighters are needed for the service to be fully functional. Today there are only seven. This means, on average, for two or three hours each day the local crew cannot turn out. A few months ago a fire in Bampton had to be dealt with from Witney. In a house fire with people trapped those extra few minutes could make a life and death difference.



*Bampton Firefighters*



*Sub Officer Brian Kew explains it all!*

Sub Officer Brian Kew says, "the situation's been made worse recently because several people have had to retire. Now every time the alerter goes off, I have to think if we can respond or not. The existing members give all the time they can, but sometimes it is not enough". Sub Officer Kew has only three years of service left himself.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Potential recruits can be men or women aged between 18 and 40. You must be physically fit with a desire to do something to help your community. You need to be able to get to the station within five minutes of an emergency call out, so working locally is essential, and your employer must be supportive - you will be called away at a moment's notice and might not be back for several hours.

Volunteer fire fighters are paid. There is an annual retainer of about £1,000 plus call out fees.

Sub Officer Kew says, "I've thoroughly enjoyed my twenty-eight years. It is very rewarding".

If you are interested in becoming a fire fighter please call **Brian Kew at the Fire Station or at home - 850815; or Andy Monant - 01865 842999.**

### MILLENNIUM

### What

### Millennium?

It has come to the attention of the Bampton Beam that a "millennium" is to be celebrated all over the world in three years time. Is this the village where time stands still? It may be. Requests for ideas about how Bampton should celebrate or commemorate provoked a mighty six responses.

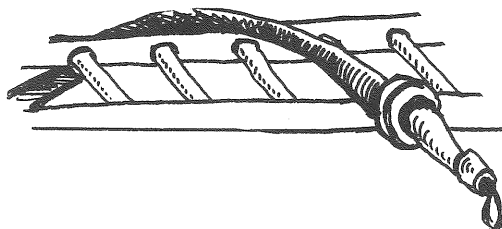
Two suggested a service in the church; one thought a tea party in the churchyard first would be appropriate - the other that a stained glass window be installed by public subscription reminding us it is two thousand years since the birth of Christ.

One suggestion asked for a commemorative, long-lived tree, for example a yew, to be planted in the surgery grounds "where it might avoid being vandalised".

There was a plea for millennium allotments to be provided by the purchase of the field next to the existing ones.

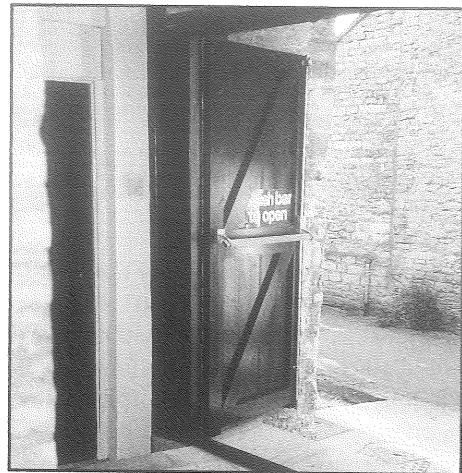
A fifth pleaded for a cycle path through the village to improve safety, particularly for parents taking children to school, and to encourage more of us to get out of our cars.

The transport theme is echoed in the final returned slip - which admittedly has two suggestions on it. One for the provision of a village mini-bus and driver to take people to Oxford in the evenings for theatre/cinema outings. The same person wants bins and notices to make Bampton a dog mess free zone. Ah, but it might take more than one millennium to achieve that!



## BAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

For those who have not seen it for themselves, the Committee is delighted to report that the improvements to the rear access of the Hall have been completed. The Committee would like to express their sincere thanks to Mr Gilbert Marsh for his



The new doors opened into Rosemary Lane.

time and expertise in preparing the plans and overseeing the work. Mr Neville Woodley won the contract for the job, and put it in hand immediately and completed the work in record time. We hope that the direct access from kitchen to annexe will be helpful for all catering. The AGM took place on 11th April and was attended by members of the Commit-

tee, Miss D. Thomson, Miss K. Wylie, Mr & Mrs P. Dainty, Mr J. Phillips, Mr E. Lee and Mrs J. Huck. As well as the representatives of Bampton organisations the following were elected on to the committee for 1997/98 Susan Phillips, Micheal Wooloff, Hilary Bevan and Chris Ruck. Alan Dunbar was elected Chairman at a short meeting following the AGM. The draw for the annual super-prize of the Bampton '250 Club' took place at the AGM and was won by Mrs Willis of Landells. All tickets for 97/98, have been taken and there are four names on the current waiting list. The Bampton 'lottery' provides an income of £750 to both the Village Hall and the Youth Centre. Susan Phillips would like to thank all those who support it and the "collectors" without whose conscientious help it could not be run.

## BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB

by Chairwoman - Lin Edgar

The next big event for the Club as I am sure you will already know, is the Annual Show. As this is to be the 25th Anniversary we intend to expand the Show to include a Dog Show and Fete. The main show will take place in the Youth Centre, with refreshments and Gardening Club stalls in the Bush Centre. This will also house a live snake exhibit, (courtesy of Cotswold Wildlife Park) and a snake related competition for the children. A dog show is to be staged on Sandford Field and schedules are currently available for

this. The field will also be the staging for a Car Boot Sale and many varied Table Tops and Charity Stalls. I feel sure you will agree that there is something for everyone to be enjoyed on this day so mark Saturday 9th August on your calendars. Schedules for the Flower Show, Dog Show and applications forms for stalls are available from the Post Office, Abbey Properties, Midland Bank, the Library or from any committee member. Richard Briers is to open the proceedings and this promises (weather permitting) to be a very lively event. If you would like to help in any way on the day or would like to make any donations i.e. cakes, tombola prizes etc., please contact a committee member, we are always short of helpers for the stalls on the day and it really can be great fun.

If you have not yet returned your cups from last year, could you please do this as soon as possible. A big thank you to all our members for your continuing support. Enquiries regarding the Flower Show should be addressed to the Show Secretary Yvonne Taylor Tel: 01235 868864 (after 4pm.) and further information on the coach outings and evening talks can be obtained from Jan Webb Tel: 851533, or Lin Edgar Tel: 851770.

The next coach trip is to Hidcote Manor Gardens and we hope the weather will have eased by then to make this another success. The coffee mornings continue to provide a regular monthly meeting place for both new members and old friends.

## BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council is now up to full complement, with Tony Hughes joining in May. Tony has lived in the area for 4 years. Following careers in the Royal Navy and Wiltshire Constabulary, he is now self employed in the village. He is an active member of the Small Businesses Association.

### UPDATED LIST OF COUNCILLORS AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Chairman -	Mr D. Hawkins	Mill Green, 851066
Vice Chairman -	Mrs J. Allinson	The Hermitage, High St. 850368
	Mrs. E. Chambers	Karibu, High St. 850392
	The Earl of Donoughmore	The Manor, Broad St. 850231
	Mr A. Dunbar	3 Bushy Row, 850207
	Mr J. Gascoigne	21 New Road, 850119
	Mr R. Howard	2 Fleur de lys, High St. 850588
	Mr T. Hughes	10 St Mary's Court, 851458
	Mrs C. Jones	The Bungalow, Buckland Rd, 850456
	Mrs J. Newman	81 New Road, 850755
	Mr R. Norman	Sagaman, Aston Road, 850823
District Councillor	Mr J. Phillips	Haytor, Lavender Sq. 850321
County Councillor	Mr S. Hayward	64 Corn St. Witney
Clerk/Treasurer	Mr J. Ackerman	Seagrove, 41 Well Lane, Curbridge, 703595
Dep Clerk/Secretary	Mrs B. Sapsford	Cotsway, Church St, 850776

### Traffic calming measures

Since November 1996 two independent surveys have been carried out by the Police and the Area Engineers Department. The parish council prepared two reports. Stage 1 of the report covered policing measures based on those most successful elsewhere. Stage 2 produced costing of Stage 1. The parish council has asked for a detailed plan to be drawn up showing all the proposals. The plan and Stages 1 and 2 of the report will be made available for public inspection and your comments will be sought. When and where this will take place will be publicised at a later date (please refer to the Parish Council Notice Board and local press), hopefully in August 1997.

### Proposed Development in Station Road

This planning application for 15 large houses in the field immediately on the right as you leave the village was previously refused in 1996 but resubmitted in April. The application was again rejected, unanimously, by the Parish Council on the grounds that the access road would create a traffic hazard on the approach to the village. The type of housing proposed

tion of the County Council who have the matter in hand.

### Police Liaison Meeting

The Parish Council is arranging an open Police Liaison Meeting. This has not been finalised, but it is hoped to take place in September in the Village Hall, when you will have the opportunity to put any concerns directly to the police.

### War Memorial

In the last few years it has become common practice for some teenagers to climb on the War Memorial. Why? We don't know, they never used to. All sorts of rubbish is left behind and the whole area looks a mess. The Parish Council, inspite of their best efforts, find it impossible to keep this area tidy for more than a few hours.

Older members of the community find this very upsetting, especially those who fought or lost family members in the wars. We would ask that if you see teenagers on the War Memorial, explain to them it is sacred and to "please get off".

### Charge for Road Closures

Further to the article in the Oxford Times of 20th June 1997, the Parish Council have investigated the matter further. They have been assured that the charges ranging from £175 - £300 are not applicable to the type of road closures we endorse at May Day and Spring Bank Holiday. Charges for road closures only apply for major construction work by contractors, not when the roads are closed for pedestrian safety such as the Street Fair and Shirt Race.

### Parish Council Minutes

By popular request minutes of Parish Council Meetings will now be available in the Post Office as well as the Library. Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Stevens for allowing this. Do read the minutes and keep up with what is going on - better still come along to Parish Council Meetings and find out first hand. Dates and times are posted on the Notice Board at the Town Hall. The regular monthly meeting usually takes place on the second Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. If you have any concerns regarding the Parish contact your local councillors. If we don't know what the problems are we can't begin to help.

would also not be readily affordable by young people of the village who need homes.

### Mercury Close/Pembroke Place Playgrounds

Considerable work has taken place this year providing new equipment and safer play surfaces. In future it is proposed to publish separately the cost of repair work to damaged equipment in the playgrounds.

### Sports Pavilion, Buckland Road

Planning approval has been obtained and progress is being made with the preparation of a Lottery application. If all goes well we would hope to start building the pavilion in spring 1998.

### Use them or Lose them campaign

The Parish Council has launched this campaign to support local businesses in the village. They are a vital source of employment at the very heart of village life. Other ideas for posters or publicity would be most welcome.

### Pavements areas - New Rd, Bridge St, Queen St, Broad Street

Concerns regarding the poor condition of footpaths have been brought to the atten-

## BAMPTON BILL

by Andy!

It's our Anniversary today! And it's heartening to know that through ALL these years....



...the missus has endeavoured to 'keep me in the Life-Style that I was accustomed to!





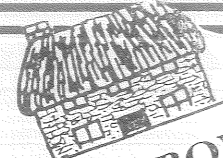
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**DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS**

*from Jonathan Phillips District Councillor*

**County Council Budget.**

As most of you know Oxfordshire County Council has set a budget 6 million pounds above the cap. Although it has been told by the new Government to stick to the cap, it is appealing against this decision. In case this fails, several Libraries are now under threat of closure and the County is looking to see where else it can make savings. Already District Councils are being asked to contribute to the running costs of the County Museum in Woodstock and WODC may have to take on the costs of Cogges Farm. A few years ago Bampton Youth Centre had 75% of its running costs paid by the County Council - this year it will only receive 40%! More and more Parish and Town Councils are having to precept for items that used to be paid for by the County Council i.e. traffic calming measures, street lighting, provision of Youth Workers. If the County Council loses its appeal over the cap, new council Tax demands will have to be sent out at a cost to us of nearly £500,000!

**West Oxfordshire Local Plan to 2001.**

The District Council has now reconsidered the Local Plan in the light of consultation. Minster Lovell complained vociferously over the proposal to put 140 houses in New Minster and has been besieged by developers wishing to put even more houses in this historic Chartist Settlement. I am glad to say this has been rejected along with developments in Aston, Bampton, Curbridge, Eynsham and North Leigh. Interestingly, Oxfordshire County Council, which is the Strategic planning Authority for the County, has stated that large scale developments in the rural areas of West Oxfordshire are "unsuitable". This means basically that such developments would encourage commuting by car into Oxford on the already inadequate road system. This is a very encouraging turn of events for this district particularly as we start to look at where to put houses up to the year 2011. Will the County, as a result of this, reduce the number of houses to be built in West Oxfordshire rural areas in the period 2001 - 2011?

**The Future Management of West Oxfordshire District Council.**

It has been a year of change in West Oxfordshire District Council. We have a new Chief Executive - Geoff Bonner; and Chief Financial Officer - Angela Muir; a new Chief Environmental Officer - Paul Lancaster; and, just over a year ago, a new Chief Planning Officer - Andrew Tucker. Until recently the councils key object was to keep its expenditure under tight control and the levels of Community Charge/ Council Tax as low as possible. This has had a significant impact on council management culture:-

- (a) Service provision by and large has been confined to meeting statutory obligations. There has not been any major development of the sort of discretionary activities such as leisure provision and environmental activities adopted by other councils.
- (b) The council has a very cautious approach to financial matters with expenditure being strictly limited to meeting identifiable needs.
- (c) The council has tended to see its role in the local community primarily as a provider of services. It has not thought it necessary to assume the permanent community leadership role favoured by other councils to address wider community concerns or to build partnerships within the local community.

As a result of this tight financial control many other councils could well be envious of West Oxfordshire's situation with good services, good staff, expenditure under control, resources available for growth and a real opportunity to plan for the future of the council and the community. Pressure has grown for the provision of better leisure facilities together with the desire of the public to recycle and protect the environment in West Oxfordshire. All these things have a cost for which we, the Council Tax payer, will have to provide. In our review we must keep this in mind but not destroy the enviable position in which we are at present. Yes, we can undoubtedly do more, but caution should be the order of the day particularly as the County Council is asking the District is asking the District Council and Parish and Town

Councils to pay more for services they have previously provided without in any way reducing the proportion of Council Tax which it demands.

**Neighbourhood Notification.**

*(West Oxfordshire Observer - April 1997)*  
It is hoped to start this for all planning applications in West Oxfordshire on 1st July 1997. Please let us know how this works. Is it an improvement on the present arrangements and is it worth the considerable extra cost?

**Oxfordshire Village Shops Association.**

Oxfordshire Rural Community Council has now set up a Village Shop Association in West Oxfordshire with a launch in mid-March which was attended by more than 50 people. Walker's Crisps, Terry's Suchard gave presentations and staff from the Oxford branch of Bookers were also present.

The Association want to stress to rural village shopkeepers the benefits of joining and attending meetings. Already buying deals and promotional offers have been made and the meetings are an excellent chance for shop keepers to exchange ideas. I hope all will take advantage of this great initiative to try and help our village shops.

If you value your local shops and services, use them on a regular basis not just in an emergency - **otherwise they will not survive for you to use all.**

For further details of the Association please contact **Katherine Critchley-Salmonson at ORCC Tel: 01865 883488.**

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# THE RECREATION GROUND



## BAMPTON BOYS F.C.

by Mrs Lindon Burley, Manager Under 14's.

Bampton Boys F.C. held their fifth Annual Trophy Night at the Village Hall on May 17th. The Hall was packed with over 70 excited boys aged 7 to 15, plus parents and friends, who were equally as excited! After a superb buffet supper the Awards Ceremony began. Each team member received a named trophy. There were also four special awards per team. The winners were as follows:-

### Under 8's, 9's & 10's

**Manager's Player** - Thomas Duffy, **Most Improved Player** - Micheal Bird, **Players' Player** - Jason Trinder.

### Under 11's

**Manager's Player** - Charles Deacon, **Most Improved Player** - Fraser Cooper, **Parents' Player** - Chris Hickin, **Players' Player** - Tristan Taylor.

### Under 13's

**Manager's Player** - Robert Hook, **Most Improved Player** - B.J Cordy, **Parents' Player** - Danny King, **Players' Player** - Danny King.

### Under 14's

**Manager's Player** - Joe Coutts, **Most Improved Players** - Nathan Andrews, Matt Smith and Jonathan Quainton, **Parents' Player** - Robert Whalley.

### Team of the Year decided by the Chairman

The Under 14's Team managed by Mike Whalley and Fred Knight.



The Club fund raises throughout the year, but providing trophies for 80 boys, plus replicas of the main awards, costs an awful lot of money and we are extremely grateful to local businesses who very generously sponsor the evening.

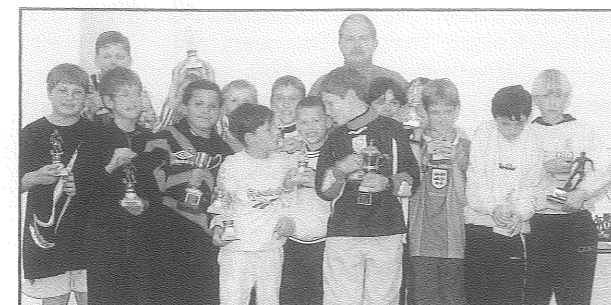
Our next main event is the **Two day 11 a-side Tournament and Fun Day 30th and 31st August** at the Recreation Ground, Buckland Road. More than 300 boys will be taking part over the two days and the football promises to be very exciting and entertaining. Please come along. There will be refreshments, plus a barbecue and other attractions. This event is very important as it is the Club's main fund raising event of the year, and all monies raised go towards the running costs of the Club, e.g. hire of pitches, multi-sport, referees fees etc, thereby keeping the weekly subscription down to £1. per week.

If you would like to help in any way towards the continued success of the Club, please do not hesitate to contact **Mike Whalley Tel: 850048** or **Lindon Burley Tel: 850793**.

**The Club is in desperate need of a Treasurer. If you would be interested in this position, please contact any club member as soon as possible.**



Under 9's



Under 11's



Under 13's



Under 14's

## BAMPTON IN THE BUSH CRICKET CLUB

After a gap of several years the re-formed Bampton in the Bush Cricket Club made a come back on Tuesday 3rd June against a team from Letcombe Regis.



The twenty over match umpired by the chairman of Bampton

cricket club, Alan Clark was a close encounter being won by Bampton with 4 wickets and one over to spare.

Letcombe batting first made 120 for 9. D. Broome and A Green soon made in-roads into Letcombe's batting with N. Gray and G. Pridham also among the wickets. Also a fine run-out from J. Shuker and K. Joyce. Slight confusion mid-way through when spectators noticed Bampton had twelve fielders!

P. Shepherd and J. Broome got the Bampton innings off to a good start with a partnership of 30 runs. Further good batting came from S. Godfrey, A. Green and P. Gray, before Bampton's Captain J. Morcombe hit the winning runs to see Bampton home.

Anyone of any age or ability interested in playing cricket, or children wishing to play during the summer holiday please contact **Alan Clarke, Tel: 850201**.

### Don't Forget . . .

#### Bampton Tennis Club

Anyone interested please contact any of the committee:

**Chairman: Di O'Brien Tel: 850188**

**Secretary: Marion Evans Tel: 850796**

**Treasurer: Debbie Landray Tel 850939**

**Membership Sec: John Williams Tel:850680**

### Also . . .

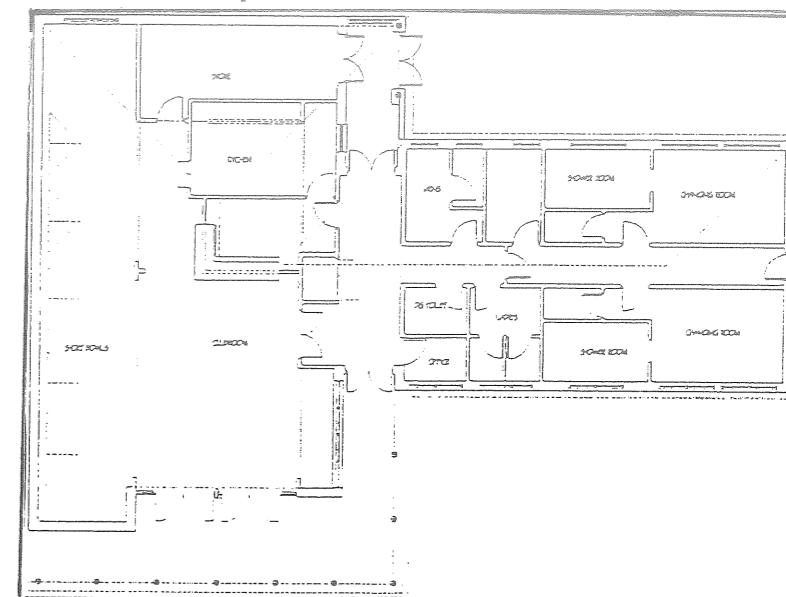
#### Archery

Archery is held every Wednesday evening at 6pm. Further information contact **John Hill Tel: 850513**.

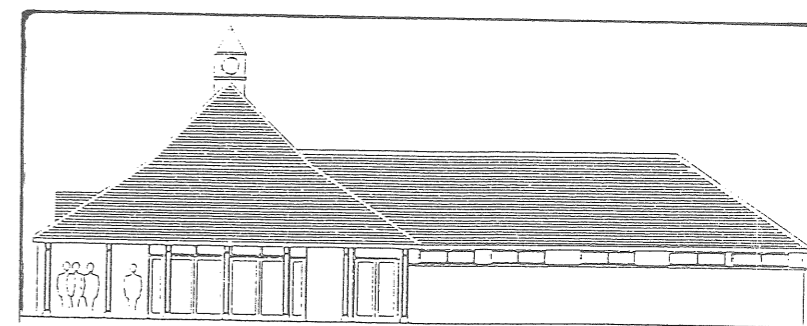
## PROGRESS FOR BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

by District Councillor Jonathan Phillips

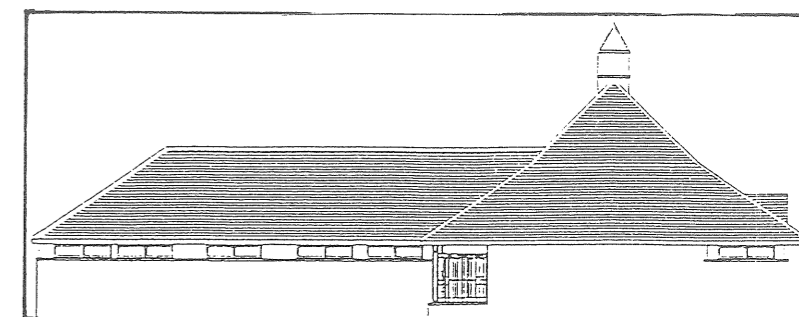
The designs for the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, Buckland Road were approved by West Oxfordshire District Council on 20th May. We now have to raise the money required to build it from the National Lottery, District Council and relevant charities. This much needed asset with changing facilities, indoors bowls and archery will be of real benefit to Bampton and the surrounding villages and hamlets in the southern part of West Oxfordshire. Anyone wishing to hire the floodlit multi-sport area for football, basketball or netball games or training during the 97/98 season should contact **Phil McFarlane Tel: 850433**. It is very popular particularly for football training on weekday evenings in the winter but there are a few periods still available.



Pavilion plans approved by W.O.D.C.



South elevation of Pavilion



North elevation of Pavilion





**WITNEY AND DISTRICT CARERS CLUB**

My name is Helen de Salis and I am the new Carers Support Worker for the Witney area. I have worked in a caring capacity for some years, most recently as a School Matron and Home Care Organiser. I am busy updating my knowledge of the benefits system and finding my way around the local area. I am at Witney Community Hospital, Welch Way every Wednesday morning, 9.30 - 11.30am, do call in for a confidential chat about your situation, or Tel: 0345 125546 and arrange a visit at home. The Witney and District Carers Club meets on the last Wednesday of every month at the Methodist Church Centre, High Street, Witney, 1-3pm. Call in for a chat and coffee.

**New volunteer project gets underway at the Carers Centre.**

A new volunteer project, funded by the National Lottery and co-ordinated by Jenny Magee has just got underway at The North and West Oxfordshire Carers Centre. Jenny who has worked on several volunteer projects during her career aims to recruit volunteers to help with all aspects of work done by the carers centre. With more volunteers the centre can reach out to more carers. Jenny will also be looking at ways of increasing services to carers with the help of volunteers.

The Carers Centre is looking for volunteers with a little time to spare to be Carer Information Contacts in their local area and volunteers to help with reception and office jobs at The Carers Centre in Banbury. Training, support and out of pocket expenses are offered.

**Interested in finding out more?**  
Contact Jenny Magee Tel: 01292 264545.

**OXFORD BROOKS UNIVERSITY**

We are currently undertaking a survey to determine the services needed by people either experiencing or caring for people with progressive illnesses. The findings from this survey will be used in determining

ing future policy and initiating and changing existing services. We would be very grateful if anyone interested in taking part in the study would come forward. We are particularly interested in hearing from people who have cancer, cardiac disease, respiratory diseases such as bronchitis, and neurological conditions such as Motor Neurone Disease (MND) or Muscular Sclerosis (MS). Those interested in taking part in the study can contact the study team Tel: 01865 225370. Participation involves an interview with a qualified and experienced nurse. The study has ethical approval from the Nursing and Allied Professions Research Ethics Committee (NAPREC), reference number 1214.

All participants will receive further information about the study and be asked to give their consent. Sue Duke MSc, BSc(hons), RGN, RNT, PGDE, ONC, Lecturer Practitioner School of Health Care Oxford Brooks University.



**FOXBURY FARM OPEN DAY**

We had over 2000 visitors and as all the expenditure related to holding the Open Day was sponsored this year we are able to distribute all of the gate receipts to charities in the local community. The excellent weather contributed to the great success of the 4th Lambing Open Day. Gate admissions and donations totalled £3030. Thanks to very generous sponsorship of the event, Farmer Colin Dawes has distributed £3000 to the following charities and organisations.

- Carterton and RAF Brize Norton St. John Ambulance £1000
- Brize Norton county Primary School £1000
- 1st Standlake Sea Scouts £ 300
- NSPCC £ 200
- 1st Brize Norton Brownies £ 200
- Oxfordshire Fire Service Benevolent Fund £ 75
- Brize Norton Rainbows £ 75
- Brize Norton Pre-School £ 75
- Burford Pre-School £ 75

This brings the total amount raised by Foxbury Farm in the four years they have been holding their open days to £8790.



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## WHAT NEXT? THE VICAR'S STORY ....

The Reverend Lloyd takes time out of his busy schedule to talk to Linda Mills.

The Reverend David Lloyd is playing it long. He moved into Bampton last August, and became our vicar the following month. He has in fact five parishes to care for, - Aston, Clanfield, Lew and Grafton as well as Bampton. One senses that he is getting to know the communities, and that his ministry will reflect their needs. The tall spire of St Mary's may dominate the physical landscape, but there are also an awful lot of people to get to know

.....  
The Reverend Lloyd answers a few questions put to him by Linda Mills.



### Why did you choose Bampton for your ministry?

We were living in Bishops Stortford - commuterland, if you like - and we wanted a move to the country. We looked at the parish profile for prospective applicants, and we liked what we saw. In other words, a peaceful place, but active, and with sufficient resources to interest our two young children.

### How have you been received?

We have enjoyed a very warm welcome. My wife has settled into her full-time job, and our children are happy at school. Vicarages these days are designed so that the study is slightly apart from the main rooms - so even though I work from home, we can enjoy a normal family life!

### How do you see the Church's role in this rather secular society?

I feel that it is important to represent the church in village life. People can then choose whether to be interested, and to the degree that suits them. For this reason, I have an open policy on performing marriage and baptism services. Naturally, I would prefer the participants to have a Christian commitment, but I will not exclude those who are not able to give this.

### What is your position on the ordination of women?

I am personally in favour of the ordination of women. I do understand that some of our congregation felt unable to accept a female vicar, out of principal and tradition.

I would not expect people to go against beliefs they have held all their lives. I am happy to say that I think a future congregation would accept a woman as their vicar. However, I have no intention of leaving yet!

### How are you hoping to develop the ministry in this parish?

I am trying to ensure that all ages and social groups are represented in church life. To this end, we have revived the Junior Church, and have a Family Service on the second Sunday of each month. I am developing links with the Youth Club, and continue to offer services in local sheltered housing developments.

### What are your Links with the local C. of E. Primary School?

I contribute to assemblies fortnightly at Aston, Bampton, and Clanfield schools. I am also involved as a parent. Our younger son attends Bampton school, and the elder is at Henry Box in Witney.

### Can you tell us something of your own history?

Well, I'm from Wales originally, although I've travelled quite a bit. I taught for five years before coming to Bampton.

### How do you relax?

One of my main interests is Drama. I've performed in lots of things and it's a real regret that rehearsals simply don't fit in with the flexible working hours of my job. In the meantime, I read and birdwatching keeps me happy!

### In conclusion?

I hope to meet as many of you as possible

during the year ahead. Do look out for publicity about events, and do feel free to come to church even if you haven't attended any services for some time - we will be very pleased to see you.

### Church of St Mary the Virgin, Bampton

#### Forthcoming Events:-

- 1. Saturday 13th September**  
Annual sponsored Bike-Ride in aid of Oxfordshire historic churches. Bishop Paul Burrough will be co-ordinating this important fund raising event and we hope this year there will be more participants, and even some younger riders. Sponsor forms will be available in the Church from the beginning of September or perhaps before.
- 2. Saturday 21st September**  
10.30am Harvest Festival.
- 3. Saturday 1st November**  
10 - 12am Annual Church Bazaar in the Village Hall.

### SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF BAMPTON

The society aims to stop excessive developments in the village, such as large housing estates, and encourage suitable developments. So far we have been very successful.

**To achieve these aims we need the largest possible membership.**

If you aren't already a member,

#### DO JOIN NOW

Send your membership fee of £2 each (£1 for OAPs) for the period up to December 31st 2000, to:

**Society for the Protection of Bampton  
Manor House,  
Bampton, Oxon OX18 2LQ**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

You asked for views about the issues raised in the December issue of the Beam. Here are some random views - which you are free to use - or not use as you think fit.

### Traffic in the village.

Increasingly the village is being used as a through road for lorry traffic and a short cut from the A420 to the A40. Traffic calming - either in the shape of mini roundabouts, sleeping policemen or even a bypass in the future, seem to be important - though there are problems with any of these solutions.

But the problem is urgent. The present level of traffic is tolerable. In ten or twenty years time it will not be.

### Transport.

Linda Mills raises the important subject of transport - and she is right to suggest that a regular (hourly) bus service to Carterton or Witney to connect with the excellent bus service from both these towns is very important. It would cut down the number of car journeys made to and from the village - and encourage those with young families to remain in the village.

At present it is difficult to commute by public transport to Witney or Oxford. An hourly bus service - including evenings - would transform the situation.

### Bottle Banks.

Neither the Market Square nor the present site are good. The Market Square was an eyesore in the village and a disturbance to those who live round it.

I would support the suggested site near the telephone exchange and the Health Centre.

Canon Roland Meredith,  
1 Deanery Court, Bampton.

*Many thanks for your views on what's happening in the village. Lets have more.*

Dear Editor,

In the April 1997 edition of the Bampton Beam there was a short article reporting that three of us had recently celebrated our fiftieth anniversaries as bell ringers. May I use your columns, please to correct a couple of errors which crept into that article.

Firstly, the wooden canopy which I designed and, with the help of my ringing

colleagues, fitted over the bells was a temporary affair to protect our valuable asset whilst the steeplejacks were going about their business. If any masonry rubble had fallen from top to bottom inside the steeple it would have been doing about 90 miles per hour when it hit the bells, and could have caused considerable damage. The sixteen foot square canopy was removed when the steeple was declared safe, before we resumed ringing.

The second point, I would like to ratify is that we no longer ring on Oak Appleday (unless it is a Sunday)! When King Charles was safely delivered, after his oak tree exploits there was a "Royal Decree" which called for an annual "Thanks giving" ring. This annual custom died during the early Victorian era. But, the "Pancake" bell is still rung at mid-day every Shrove Tuesday. Sadly this is the only old bell ringing custom still maintained in Bampton.

Yours faithfully,

Graham Taylor ("Wrinkly Bell Ringer").  
1 Oathurst Estate, High street, Bampton  
*The Editor apologises for not doing her research correctly, but thanks Mr Taylor for correcting the "Campanologists" article.*

Dear Editor,

Thank you for taking on The Bampton Beam - we love it. A real link with "Home".

Thank you,

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Muriel Edgar, Glanvill Road, Street, Somerset. BA16 0TN.

Dear Editor and Mr Phillips,

This is a long overdue letter to thank you for the 3 copies of the Bampton in Photographs Book I had ordered. My apologies for the delay.

I had hoped to come to England once more to thank you personally, unfortunately I haven't been able to get there. The contents of the book were most interesting for me and my family as I had lived in Bampton since 1926. I am the eldest and last surviving member of my family in

England now. The only home news I get now is from an old Bamptonian friend who very kindly sends me The Bampton Beam magazine regularly.

Your sincerely

Mrs J. Beckett, 3 Linton Avenue, MOE 3825, Victoria, Australia.

*Just goes to show how far The Bampton Beam travels. If you knew of Mrs Beckett's family I am sure she would like to hear from you?*

## CONGRATULATIONS ...

There's been a  
**WEDDING**

Amidst great happiness,  
at Christ Church, Holy  
Corner, Edinburgh,  
on

**Saturday 14th June 1997**  
**Bill**

son of Bill & Lucy Redpath  
to

**Susie**

daughter of  
Jean & the late Dick Fifoot

**A WEDDING**  
Saturday 2nd August

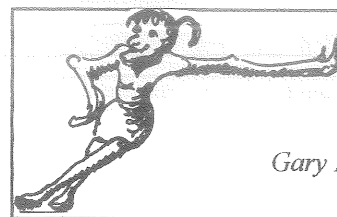
St Mary's Church,  
Bampton

**Linda**

daughter of  
Mr & Mrs R. Amos  
to **Karl Scarff** of  
Witney

All friends are  
welcome at the  
Church at 3pm.





# BAMPTON YOUTH CLUB

## Senior Bampton Youth Club

Gary F. Gummer - Youth Worker/Counsellor, Sarah Bishop - Youth Worker/Dancer  
Mary Williams - Volunteer.



### Bampton Youth Club - the ongoing story

The club opens on Thursdays from 7.30 - 10.00pm for 15-25 year olds. The rapport between club members and workers continues to grow, though the individuals and overall numbers attending fluctuates enormously.

The behaviour of the boys and girls is largely influenced by who is there. **There is a problem of drug misuse involving a number of young people.** They try to upset others but are more often a nuisance than aggressive.

People who have been inconsiderate to others have been banned in the last eighteen months. Some have been allowed back on the understanding that they respect and abide by club rules.

We are sometimes visited by traveller youths, mainly in winter. I first encountered them by visiting them and their parents on their site. I was unnerved by them at first, but the boys attending the club have always been polite and friendly to other workers and to me.



Fancy Dress prize winner  
"First Knight" in the Shirt Race.

### Activities

Accommodating older young people requires the workers to be flexible in their approach to developing good youth work practice. By providing space and activities (pool, darts, table tennis and football) the club enables the workers to interact and gain the confidence and trust of the young

person, so that they can help and advise when needed. We also encourage members to express themselves in an artistic manner, for example we are constantly repainting murals on the walls and cupboards. The club is also fortunate to have a TV, Hi-Fi, and soft chairs, which give it a lounge/home-type atmosphere.

### Outside Activities

In the past 3 years the club has organised two trips away, one to London (Boys life Experience) and one to Banbury (Girls Drama Project/Sex Education). We plan to hold a number of future trips:

- \* Quad biking
- \* Swimming at Oasis, Swindon
- \* Outdoor pursuits weekend, Brecon Beacons, South Wales
- \* Pony Trekking, Cotswolds

### Social Education

The Youth club, however, is not just a place where young people go to hang out. An ongoing development in communicating the right message to young individuals is necessary if they are to become good citizens, and this also part of the youth club's aims. What we try to do is to address social problems encountered by young people as a group and as individuals.

Youth work can be, and sometimes is, quite daunting, encountering many different problems that young people require answers to. They are apt to ask questions that you know nothing about or they try to embarrass you with questions they think will shock. In the last year I have counselled young people on sex education/contraceptives drugs use/misuse; employment/unemployment; school work; home life and relationships; moral understanding; criminal activities. I have also been a genuine (in-confidence) listener when needed. The youth club intends to extend its group sessions and the young people have requested in depth information on the following:

**Police** - young people and the law  
**Drugs** - awareness of and misuse

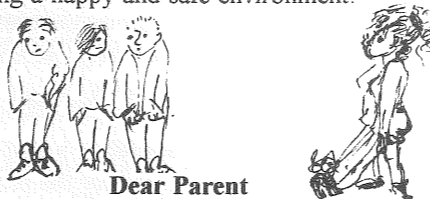
### Employment - careers, etc

We will be asking experts in each of these fields to help out and advise with these sessions.

### Thanks

I must convey my appreciation to individuals within the community for providing the soft furnishings, TV and two musical organs which have helped foster a safe and fun environment for the members to gather and enjoy themselves. We would be grateful for any other donations, especially musical instruments (drums, guitars, amplifier); speakers, Hi-Fi, chairs, planks of wood, ply board, paint, brushes, dust covers/sheets, etc.

Last, but most definitely not least, I would like to express my deepest thanks and appreciation to Mary Williams, our Volunteer. Without her enthusiasm and caring nature, we would have difficulties maintaining a happy and safe environment.



### Dear Parent

Do you want some time to yourself?

**Bampton Youth Club  
needs your children**

### 6.30pm Tuesdays

Juniors 10-13yrs 40p/night

### 7.30pm Thursdays

Seniors 15+yrs 50p/night

**30p/night for members (+yearly membership £1.00).**

### Activities provided:

Pool, Table Tennis, Darts, Indoor/Outdoor Football, Outdoor Pursuits.

### Social Education:

Drug/Alcohol/Safe Sex awareness.

### Theme Nights:

Disco, Music Sessions, Film Nights and Fund-raising.

### Youth Workers:

Gary Gummer Tel: 851913

Sarah Bishop

Louisa Harvey

Mary Williams.

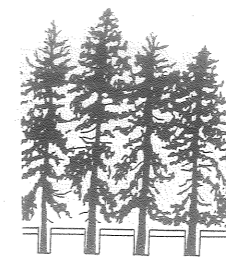
## WEST OXFORDSHIRE DRUG REFERENCE GROUP

This group was established early in 1996 under the direction of a Government White paper with the main aims of increasing the safety of communities from drug related crime; reducing the acceptability and availability of drugs to young people; and reducing the health risks and other damage caused by drug misuse.

Drug misuse and availability are difficult to assess but the view of the agencies working in this field is that most illegal drugs are readily available and probably 50% of young people experiment with drugs (particularly cannabis) at some time or other. However most of them come through this phase of their lives without harmful effects. Nevertheless, it is essential to guard against complacency and it is reassuring to know that a lot of work is taking place in West Oxfordshire:

- \* the Thames Valley Police Drug Strategy includes action on informant, education and a diversion scheme for juvenile offenders;
- \* in our College and Secondary Schools, a structured programme of drugs education/awareness is now in its third year;
- \* the Youth Service run "The Flat" counselling and information service at Church Green, Witney where support is available on many issues including drugs;
- \* the health authorities in Oxfordshire are co-ordinating the services they provide for rehabilitation and care for addicts;
- \* a new project "The Arrest Referral Scheme" is also encouraging - its basic aim is to offer help, care and counselling to people taken into police custody who may have a drugs problem.

**It is important also to remember that smoking and alcohol cause serious long term health problems**



## BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP

### Adopt a Path Scheme

Interested members of BEWG met on Tuesday 6th May to formalise and launch the above scheme.

The group was addressed by David Jones, Field Officer for West Oxfordshire, who gave details of the work undertaken by the county authority, to maintain and protect the footpath network around the Bampton area. He explained to members how they could play their part in ensuring the network of paths was kept in good order, for use by all.

Members selected paths to walk on a regular basis. Any problems encountered would be advised to the Field Officer via the group co-ordinator. There are, of course, many paths not yet covered within the scheme, and anyone interested whether or not a member of BEWG, is welcome to join in.

Further details can be had from the coordinator, **John Battersby Tel: 850182.**

The April Open Meeting was of particular interest in that it showed how a local community could organise to prevent its local nature reserve from being taken over for development. The Royate Hill Reserve in central Bristol is a length of disused railway embankment which had become the habitat of wild flowers, trees and animals and was used intensely by local inhabitants and much valued, as an easily accessible spot for old age pensioners and safe place for children to play. Local consternation was high when it was learned that the developers intended to raise the embankment and build a high density housing estate on the flattened space.

A handful of determined residents mobilised the local people to fight this scheme by writing letters, organising petitions lobbying influential figures etc, and collaborated with the Bristol Planning Authority to oppose the Appeal launched by the developers against refusal of planning permission. Support was also canvassed na-

tionwide from other environmental and conservation groups, and after a lengthy struggle the Appeal was not sustained. A major reason for this decision being the intense feeling the local community had demonstrated for this piece of land to be preserved.

Finally BEWG entered the market economy by taking a stall at the Bampton Market in May for the sale of bric-a-brac, which realised the encouraging sum of £124.09p, with most items sold. BEWG always welcomes new members - anyone interested should contact **Ann Norman Tel: 850823.**

## 100 YEARS OLD ON THE 9TH JULY 1997 MRS NELLIE BROOKS



Mrs Brooks enjoying her birthday celebrations at the Bush Centre

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**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 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

The Annual subscription is £5.00 with a charge of 75p per session.

New members are always welcome.

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

**THE BAMPTON 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.

We would welcome new helpers. For more information please contact joint coordinators, Joan Granville Tel: 850407, Vera Allport Tel: 850411.

**THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY**

Thank you to all those people who generously gave up some time to help with our annual house-to-house collection this Easter.

We raised £225.51, for which we are very grateful. This was less than last year because we had fewer helpers and were unable to collect in as many roads. The Pieces, Pockocks Close, New Road and Aston Road for instance were missed out. If you are over 16 and could spare an hour or more to help next year I would be very glad to hear from you.

The Society does a worthwhile job helping young people and their families and deserves our support.

Please contact me soon for more information, Pauline Hawkins Tel: 851066.

**THE VICTORIA COUNTY HISTORY**

Volume XIII of the **Victoria History of Oxfordshire**, which includes a detailed account of Bampton and the surrounding area, was finally published last autumn and is available (price £70) through all major bookshops (e.g. Blackwells, Dillons, or

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the Oxford University Press shop) in Oxford. For those without bottomless pockets, copies are on open shelf in Oxford Central Library (Centre for Oxfordshire Studies); Witney and possibly Bampton Libraries should be able to order copies. Bampton Parish Council also has a copy. Places covered include Aston, Cote, Lew, Little Haddon, Shifford and Chimney, and several other local villages. I should like to take this opportunity to thank the many people in Bampton who, through giving access to buildings and documents, providing oral information, or simply by displaying enthusiastic interest, made the research so pleasurable and rewarding. I hope that they find the results worth it.

For further information on obtaining copies contact - Simon Townley, Victoria County History, Clarendon Building, Bodleian Library, Oxford OX1 3BG. Tel: 01865 277238 or 277239.

**BAMPTON WELFARE TRUST**

The object of the Trust "shall be to relieve generally or individually, persons resident in the area of the ancient Parish of Bampton who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress" (Charity Commission).

If you need help from the Bampton Welfare Trust, please contact Janet Newman Tel: 850755 or any of the Trustees: The Rev. D.J. Lloyd, Major R. Colville, Mrs S. Phillips, Mrs I. Humphries, Mrs J. Haslam, Mrs T. Piercy, Mrs H. Radclyffe (Lew), Mr G. Wiltshire (Aston), Mr G. Milner (Aston).

**USED CARDS WANTED**

Birthday and Easter cards especially, Christmas cards too. These will be recycled to help "The Vine", a centre for unemployed, homeless, depressed and unhappy people. If you are not one of these please help!!

For further information contact Daphne Gaydon, 3 Broad Street, Bampton.

**BAMPTON METHODIST CHAPEL**

If you're feeling fed up, Monday morning blues, or just want a friendly chat why not pop down to the Methodist Chapel.

**Why you ask yourself?**

Every Monday lunch time soup is served in the Chapel, and to go with it a chat or advice or just being with other folks makes a brighter start to the week.

They would love to see mums and toddlers, Grans and Grandads, in fact anyone just call in. If you've just moved to Bampton this is a great opportunity to come along and meet some of the village people.

The Methodist Chapel, for those who don't know where to find it, is along Bridge Street right next to the Post Office, and opposite 'Emmies' the Newsagent's.

*Do try and go along, I've been and the soup's really good!!*

**YOGA IN BAMPTON**

Do you want to feel fit, relaxed and meet new friends?

A new Yoga Class in the Youth Centre, Bampton. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Every Monday morning, 10.00 - 11.30am, starting September 15th.

For further information, contact Judy Broadfield Tel: 774780

**Bridge Classes at the Bush**

By popular request

Burford Community College is bringing its successful "Bridge for Beginners" class to Bampton. You need have no previous experience of the game, although the ability to play whist is useful. The course will be held at the Bush Centre from 2.00 - 4.00 on Monday afternoons starting on 21st September. Please enrol using the form in the Autumn programme available from July at the Post Office and the library.

**BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE**

At the AGM of the management committee on 26th April, Miss Dor Thomson, who has been Chairman since 1988 retired and Johnathan Phillips was elected as her successor. The remainder of the committee were re-elected.

Despite reductions in funding from the County Council, the Youth Centre continues to enjoy the financial support of the "250" Club and is still endeavouring to provide accommodation for youth activities in the village. Both the Youth Club, operating on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and the Cubs who meet on Wednesday evenings, are operating successfully.

The Centre occupies the old Victorian Primary School in Church View and this atmosphere and historic building is available for rental by members of the public for special occasions. With its central location and ample parking space it is particularly attractive for wedding receptions, dances and children's parties. The premises are licensed for public entertainment and are well supplied with tables and chairs. Liz Bantam Tel: 850019 will be happy to make bookings. For general enquiries, Colin Allport Tel: 850411.

**BAMPTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**

The Women's Institute held its annual "Garden Party" on Wednesday 2nd July. Due to the inclement weather it was decided to hold a "Tea Party" instead in the Village Hall. We would like to thank

Mrs Hiang Holtem who kindly offered her house and garden to the committee for the party. This was a good decision as we did have several showers during the afternoon.

The catering was provided by Jenny Jenkin (she does try to hide her light under a bushel), it was excellent. Thank you very much for all the lovely treats we had to eat, especially the strawberries and cream.

For the rest of the year we have had some very interesting speakers. Do come and join in and listen to the talks and see the demonstrations we provide.

You can come along without any obligations to join. We meet in the Village Hall, every first Wednesday of the month at 2.15 for 2.30 until 4pm. So no going home in the dark. For further information contact Mrs Huck Tel: 850414.

**NOTICE BOARD**

We would like to congratulate Jean and George Howell on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They will not forget this one as Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip have invited them to share in their celebrations of their Golden Wedding in the grounds of Buckingham Palace.

**BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB**

Registration Night - Town Hall, Wednesday 6th August 7 - 9pm

**BAMPTON SHOW**

Saturday 9th August,

Bush Centre, Bampton.

Staging 9 - 11am

**Class Entries**

Non-members 25p, Members 20p, Senior Citizens 15p, Children free.

Public Viewing - 2pm

Presentation of Cups - 4pm

Auction of produce - 4.15pm

Saturday 20th September

Village Hall

Chrysanthemum, Dahlia and Gladioli Staging 8-9am - Judging 9-10am, Presentation of Cups - 12 noon, Entries on day usual registration fee.

**AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL**

The dates for the next two meetings of our local branch will be Monday 1st September and Monday 3rd November. Both meetings start at 8pm.

We meet at the Tolkien Room, Abbey Lane, Eynsham and always welcome visitors. Further information from Kim Simkin Tel: 883937.

**STEP - OUT**

Step-Out is a group to help increase self confidence, by meeting new people from Bampton and surrounding area. Join in new activities and discussion groups. We meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at Bampton Playgroup, between 1.30-3pm. Children welcome and looked after while you join in. Contact Jennifer Barber Tel: 851604 or Chris Horne 850819.

**BAMPTON EXHIBITION FOUNDATION**

The foundation exists to maintain the Old Grammar 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 BRITISH LEGION**

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th November.

War Memorial Service 10.45am.

St Mary's Service 11.15am.

**In Flanders' Field**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks still bravely singing fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from falling hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

Colonel John McRae

The "Standards" are also taken to the evening service held in the Methodist Chapel, Bridge Street, at 6pm.

**WEST OXFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION**

Shaun Woodward your Conservative MP will be in Bampton on Saturday 15th November. He will be available for interviews from 10 - 4pm in the Village Hall. There is a trip to the Houses of Parliament in the Autumn. If interested - contact the Witney Office Tel: 702302.





## BAMPTON SCHOOL

*These articles have been produced by Year 5 (Mrs Newman's Class)  
Sophie Bevan, Stacey Hawcutt, Craig Hawcutt, Adam Gooding, Jordan Rowling, Kayleigh Keen,  
Emily Smith with Rachel Cook as Editor.*



### What we like about Bampton

- \*the Recreation ground.
- \*the library-the librarian is very helpful, there is a good selection of books and more than three quarters of our class use it. We have heard that some libraries may have to close. **Please don't let them close Bampton library.**
- \*the shops, pubs and restaurants.
- \*the parks.
- \*the traditions-Morris dancing, Garlands, Shirt Race, Donkey Derby.
- \*interesting walks in and around the village.
- \*the friendly people.

### What bugs us about Bampton

- \*people sitting on the War Memorial.
- \*vandalism and young people who leave broken glass in public places.
- \*people who walk their dogs and allow them to foul in the school field, the churchyard and on footpaths.
- \*being bullied by older people in Stanford's field.

### Andrew Lloyd's view on Bampton school . . . .

Andrew Lloyd came to this school at the beginning of year 6 and he thinks this school is a lot friendlier than his last school and it has helped him develop his sense of humour which made it a lot easier for him to settle in. It is coming up to the end of term and Andrew is dreading Henry Box so he is trying to make the most of this term. He thinks everybody here is friendly and there are nice facilities such as the swimming pool.

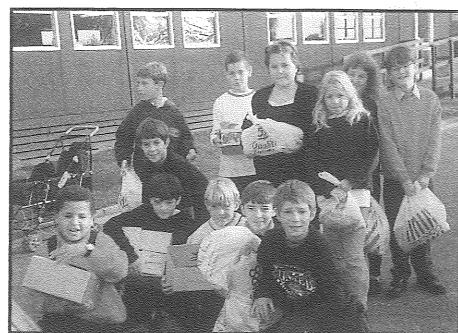
### . . . . and Bampton

Andrew thinks that Bampton itself is a really nice place in which to live, and because his Dad is the Vicar he gets to know a lot of very nice people. Everything he needs is here like Temples and Londis. He thinks there is a good range of facilities such as the Library which has a lot of books that his old town's Library didn't have. He also thinks the Recreation ground is very good, and when the Pavilion is built it will be even better.

### Danjugan Island

During this past year Bampton School children have been doing lots of charity work such as raising money to buy shares in Danjugan Island in the Philippines. Mrs Newman's class raised some money to buy three shares to support the conservation of the Coral Reef and the Rainforest. The children managed to raise over £75. by selling bookmarks, friendship bracelets and giving chess lessons at lunch time. Gossip, the school magazine helped by giving the money they raised. The Tropical Island of Danjugan lies in Sulu Sea west of Negros Islands. The island is surrounded by a coral reef, it has lots of wildlife, and if the island is taken over for development all the wildlife will die.

This project is supported by **David Bellamy**



*Harvest Festival Gifts off to Romania*

### Romania

Bampton School has continued to support the local Romanian charity this year by donating all its Harvest Festival Gifts, together with those of St Mary's Church to the cause. As well as that, just before Christmas we sent decorated shoe boxes containing Christmas gifts for men, women and children in the villages visited by the charity. We have two more fund-raising efforts this term. One is a musical concert, featuring the songs from Joseph and The Technicolour Dreamcoat, and at the very end of term The Childrens Own Concert which is planned and organised by the children. We would like to thank Mavis Cooper who started this charity for

helping to make it possible to get our gifts to Romania.



*Filled shoe boxes off to Romania*

### Merrily to Bethlehem

Merrily to Bethlehem was Bampton School's concert for Christmas. All the money that was raised by ticket sales and donations went to the Salvation Army, we raised £115.00!!

### Blue Peter

In January, Bampton School held a Blue Peter Bring and Buy sale. We raised £375.00, for a Leprosy project to be carried out in Brazil. We had a book stall, toy stall, jewellery stall, 2nd hand clothes, raffle, white elephant, treasure hunt cakes and even refreshments. Now I bet you wish you could have come too!!! Many thanks to Andrew Lloyd+Charlie Bebb who organised it, James Walsh's Nan, who brought the jewellery for us, all of the people who brought in the toys and all of the rest of the things we were able to sell. Thank you very much!

### Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day, year 2 children of Bampton School made crispy chocolate cakes and sold them for 5p. Other children were sponsored to come to school in fancy dress. All together they raised £231.40. The children only had 45 minutes each to make as many cakes as they could. They didn't have to buy the ingredients as parents donated all the ingredients. Many thanks to the three parents that helped.

### Amnesty International

This is one of Bampton School's last fund raising events for this year. Amnesty International is a fund raising organisation for human rights. Bampton School is going to help Amnesty by raising money by asking pupils of the school to make at least 5 metres of 10ps, and in return they get an originally-designed sticker.

*If anyone is interested in Amnesty International, further information is available contact Kim Simkin Tel: 883937*

### Something different - Morris Dancer of the Year



*Luke Fowler dressed in his Morris Dancing outfit.*

Luke started dancing when he was 6, and this year was the first year he was able to dance on Whit Monday with his team. His hardest dance is the Fools Jig. He sometimes feels nervous when dancing this dance. This year he borrowed Son Townsend's bells. They are some of the oldest bells in Bampton. Luke's Uncle Bill encouraged him to start Morris dancing. His favourite dance is one he calls "The Nightingale" Jig. Luke enjoys Morris dancing because you get free drinks. He feels proud when dancing, because people take pictures and film him.

## FRIENDS OF BAMPTON SCHOOL

For many years now the Friends of Bampton School (FOBS) committee has raised much needed funds for our local primary school and also contributed greatly to the social life of the village.

The pupils often help at events and have themselves raised over £650 through "sponsored spell" tests, which have additional educational benefit! Parents have

recently given up time at weekends to decorate the school toilets.

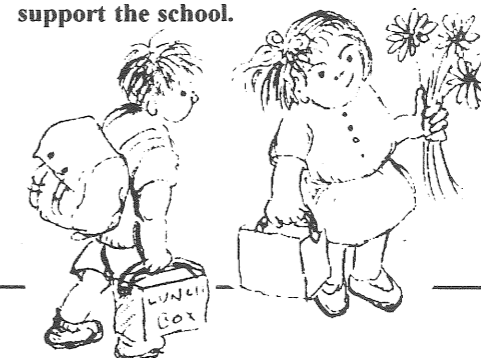


*Anita, Daisy and Jenny helping at The Treasure Hunt.*

Last year FOBS contributed £4,400 to the school, which was spent on a great variety of material and events: £1500 purchased science project material; £1500 went on books; events with visiting musicians were held; FOBS took on the maintenance charges and associated costs of keeping the swimming pool in use allowing all pupils to benefit over the summer months. FOBS also has a role to play in encouraging pupils to wear school uniform. We organise uniform sales and during the summer term introduced school caps with the Bampton School crest.

The headteacher, Mr Wally Ryde said "The last few years have seen a contraction in the amount of state funding provided for each child at Bampton Primary School. Without the contribution from FOBS I would not have been able to maintain the quality of educational experience for pupils. I would like to thank all those who have given their time to make FOBS a success".

This year's activities will include the summer fete, Christmas carol concert, autumn craft fair, jumble sales, bingo night, treasure hunt, children's disco and quiz night. Watch out for posters advertising our forthcoming events! If you are a parent of a pupil and would like to help at FOB events, contact the Chairman, **Faith Atkins Tel: 851430. Please continue to support the school.**



## THE BAMPTON PLAYGROUP

The first playgroup session was held in 1966 in the Old Grammar School - now the library. In 1967, rooms became available at the Old Primary School in Church View and for ten years, regular sessions were held there. It was then decided that playgroup needed its own building and permission was sought to site it in the grounds of the Primary School. This was granted and a full programme of fund raising began. All the work was carried out by parents and the building was erected in January 1977. The commitment and hard work of parents and staff meant the building was paid for within two years. Since then many repairs and improvements have been made. Recently a new roof was fitted and a disabled toilet. A shed has been erected for outdoor toys, and a new swing and slide area created with the use of safety bark. We are planning a garden area where the children will be able to grow their own flowers and vegetables. To supplement our fees grants/donations, we hold several fund raising events during the year. The children participate in "extra activities", this year we held an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter bonnet competition, kindly judged by Johnathan and Susan Phillips and very well supported. Later this year, we have a trip to the Child Beale Park near Reading which has proved very popular in the past.

The children enjoy a wide range of activities, including painting, glueing, colouring, model making and occasionally supervised cooking. A particular topic is chosen for each half-term, such as "Spring" and "pets".

The children also learn to count, write, recognise colours and generally prepare for 'big' school. Nursery rhymes, singing and story telling are all part of a typical session.

We have two new part-time members of staff joining us in September which we are looking forward to, this will ease the demands placed on our existing staff. Our AGM is held in September. You don't have to have a child in Playgroup to get involved,, so why not come and see what we do. Contact **Lynn Higman Tel: 851380**

## ARCHITECTURE AROUND BAMPTON

written and drawn by Gilbert Marsh



### NEW HOUSES IN PEMBROKE PLACE

These low cost houses are an interesting addition to our village scene. They stand north of the Fire Station off New Road. This view shows those dwellings built in Cotswold colour reconstructed stone, a form of concrete block. They are perhaps more successful in appearance than the brick elevations of the other dwellings mixed in with them. Tree and shrub planting is beginning to be effective, in softening the hardness of new materials of angular design. Note the complete absence of chimneys. The result is a monotonous ridge line where the buildings meet the sky.

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## THE BEAM'S PET CHOICE "PUDDIN"

by Louise Gray

Puddin's been in our family for the last fourteen years. Slightly bandy at the back but still managing to catch rabbits and leave the "best bits" by the back door.

I was once asked, "What's that walking across the grass, its more like a miniature tiger than a cat".

Puddin's came into the family after a gap of several months when our previous cat died of old age. We had had another kitten brought along to the house, but the dog wasn't too keen and growled at this tiny fluff ball so he had to be returned. But, strangely a week later Puddin needed a home as his mother had just died and his sister and him were being hand reared. Our dog took such a liking to him that she had him in her bed and made sure he cleaned himself properly, even giving him a wash herself sometimes. The dog looked after him until she passed away. There were times when they sensed the other was not well and gave one another a friendly lick, which seemed to say "I'm here for you".

Puddin has never really got over the dog dying and spends most of his life out and about in the field now. He comes home to eat his breakfast and supper, stops long enough to say "Yeah, I'm still here, did you enjoy what I left you", and off he stomps once again.

Often when we are in the garden you hear a little me-ow and he will come and sit while you work. If my mother puts on her "gardening jacket" to see to the donkeys, Puddin comes out from nowhere and they both go up the field.

Sadly he's got old, and we have a new dog which, unfortunately, chases him so we see even less of Puddin these days, but the rabbit "bits" are still left at the back door, so he's still around.



## Bampton, Macmillan Faringdon and Carterton Committee

by Barbara Osborne,

The AGM was held in Bampton on 12th May 1997. The Regional Director, South/South West congratulated the Committee and Supporters on another successful year, during which a total of £16,200 was raised.

A new Oxfordshire Macmillan Nurse Appeal was launched in April, and the committee has pledged all funds raised in 1997 to the Appeal. This means that once more, all the money will be devoted to increasing Macmillan coverage in the county.

The secretary, Beryl Cooper spoke of the need for help with further events, and also for donations of items for sale and home-made items.

If you think you may be able to give support please contact **Beryl Cooper Tel: 01367 242908** or **Doug Faithfull Tel: 851860** or **Margaret Howse Tel: 850343**.

## WHAT'S BEEN - WHAT'S TO COME?

### DID YOU SEE THIS SIGN? Was it an April fool?



Didn't it make you smile when you entered the Village from the Witney direction. Mind you you had to blink in case you thought you were seeing things. It just shows Bampton elderly don't think of themselves as "past it".

### EASTER BONNET PARADE

The Easter bonnet competition organised by Ruth Wheeler was well supported, and raised £40 for the Bampton Traditional Morris Men.

**Prize winners in the childrens class** - Emma Wiles, Jessica Seacole, Jonathan Jenkin, Lucy Wakefield, Rebecca Radband, Stephanie Wiseman, Paddy Count, Rebecca Dunsby and David Radband.

**Prize winners in the adult class** - Karen Day, Alice Puttock and Joan Buckingham.

Each entrant received a present for participating in the competition.



### PUMPKIN CLUB'S ANNUAL STREET FAIR

After weeks of lovely warm weather the sky was slightly dark on this annual event. Luckily though it only showered once or twice and the majority stayed and enjoyed the Annual May Day Street Fair.

Visitors were able to wander around the stalls, have a go on the side shows, enjoy watching the Majorette band, listening to live Organ Music and from the live band Stonewood Express.

This year's May Queen was Jenny Thorpe with her two attendants, Samantha Trinder and Hannah Brooks. Jenny was crowned by last years May Queen Anna Beckett.



May Queen Jenny Thorpe and her attendants Sammy Trinder and Hannah Brooks.

In the afternoon the Annual Dog Show held in Lavender Square attracted a large number of competitors as well as a large crowd of onlookers.

The next main event - **The Annual Pumpkin and Marrow Weigh-in and Auction on Saturday 11th October.**

These events enable the Pumpkin Club to take the local pensioners on a Day Trip during the summer and also provide a gift at Christmas.

Do you have 2 hours a month to spare for a worthwhile and rewarding charity, contact **Max Norman Tel: 844591**.



### THE SHIRT RACE

This Annual event started off the festivities of the Bank Holiday week-end with the normal excitement and anticipation.

Bamptonians and visitors turned out to support the evening, and the usual raffle, street collection and tombola were held to help towards the cost of the SPAJERS summer outing for the local pensioners.

**The Prize winner -**

**Senior Race** - M. Beckett and K. Curtis.

**Immediate Race** - R. Steele and S. Aldous.

**Junior Race** - N. Beckett and D. Radband.

Fancy Dress - "First Knight", Bampton Youth Club.

### THE DONKEY DERBY 25th August 1997

This Annual event will be held in Sandfords Field and starts at 1pm. Jockeys are needed for the donkey races, so anyone (preferably children) can come and try out "flat racing" for the afternoon! Bottles, produce, books and Helpers are still needed for the stalls. Contact **Alan Dunbar Tel 850207**, **Alan Gaydon Tel: 850882** or **Dixie Dean Tel.: 850756** Also - **Josie's Draw** in October. Once again ticket sellers and prizes are needed. Finally thank you to all those who have contributed throughout the year, so we are able to continue our good work.

### MAY GARLANDS

This Whitsuntide tradition is where children (with parents help) make specially shaped garlands of wild flowers and take them around the houses and hopefully get a sweet or money from the occupants.

This year the judges were Mrs Ruth Wheeler and Mrs Dawn Knight.

**Prize winners -**

**1st Prize** - David Radband and Nathan Beckett.

**2nd Prize** - Kate and Ellen Ireland.

**3rd Prize** - Kayley Dowley and Rachel Cook.

**Runners-up** - Sophie Bevan, Louisa Howard, Christina Kelsey and Andrew Scholes.

The 1st prize winners received a plaque in memory of Mrs Knight's daughter Corinna. Mr and Mrs Frank Godwin, from The Jubilee Inn donated chocolates to everyone who entered the competition.

### THE MORRIS DANCERS

The Bampton Traditional Morris Dancers, The Traditional Bampton Morris Dancers and Bampton Morris Dancers, were out in traditional custom on the lovely Bank Holiday Monday.

The dancing started at 7am, each team having a different route and timetable. They danced in the gardens of large houses in the village, outside the pubs and along the streets. In the evening other teams from all over the country gathered in The Market Square and took it in turns to do their own particular "jigs".



## GARDENING LIFE

by Jo Lewington

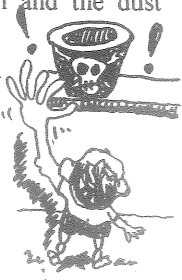
Two things have happened to me in the last 5 years. Firstly I have become green, secondly I have become a grandparent. The end result is that I no longer use any poisons around my garden and the dust gathered packets on the shelf of the garden shed must be removed out of the way of curious little fingers and away from the temptation to use just a few slug pellets after a much loved chrysanthemum has been nibbled to a bare stalk. Having become "green" I worried about these poisons becoming part of a land-fill site and ending up in the water system if I put them in the dustbin. It took me 5 phone calls to find out what to do. I pass on the knowledge to would-be "green" readers:-

Make a list of the things you want to dispose of, mine included slug pellets (I now go out with a torch late at night and catch the brutes), aphid poison (it doesn't actually make any difference to my roses that a few aphids have feasted there for a bit) and spray against black spot (climbing Iceberg which is prone to black spot gets fairly defoliated every year, but is still smothered in flowers and comes up strong as ever each year).

Having made your list, you telephone the Oxfordshire County Department for Advice on Hazardous Waste. **Sue Douglas Tel: 01865 815796** will tell you which of the products on your list need special attention. A **FREE** collection for domestic users is available.

I have hung onto wasp killer by the way. If there is a green way of dealing with a wasp nest in a thatched roof I would be interested. But there is nothing more neurosis-creating than listening to the quiet munching of wasps in the roof slowly changing good thatch into paper.

There is nothing you can sprinkle onto a mole to make it turn tail and leave. I have been invaded from the adjacent field and suddenly overnight it seemed there were **NO** mole hills in the field and the surface of my garden was inscribed with shallow runs which unearthed plants and left others root damaged and gasping for water.



### What to do?

I have tried tolerance (in line with the best greenies) but it failed me when they reached my vegetable patch and I saw all my onions lying sideways. I have run round stamping on all visible mole runs. They don't care. I have pushed mothballs down all visible holes. I think they enjoy them. They are supposed not to like Euphorbia (spurges). Mine have been pushing through a very thick patch undeterred. Dor Thomson swears by mole vibrators, a battery powered noise that is supposed to send them running. Roy Shergold says he tried them and the moles gathered round to listen. Another old gardener puts plastic bottles up-turned on the top of canes stuck in the ground. These are suppose to rattle and work like a cheap version of the vibrator. The mole catcher that I finally sent for was appalled when I suggested a benign trap so that I could merely transport them to pastures new. He told me of what the trade call the "Water-ship Down syndrome", i.e. the viewing all vermin as dear little cuddly creatures. (Chris Patten apparently has the same problem: returning from Hong Hong to cope with a mole infested garden, his daughter, reared on The Wind in the Willows, won't let him do anything to dispel the beasts). However, I have discovered a new cure. The day after walking around my garden with the mole catcher talking of traps and poisons etc in a loud voice the mole hills were to be seen in the field once more. They must have been listening. The cure for moles is obvious!!!! Funny things have happened to the fruit crop this year. The apple trees, usually so bowed down with fruit, smothered with blossom in the spring, bear 3 apples, I suppose the frost got the rest. May be these 3 will be huge prize winners, or may be all the unsprayed maggots will descend on them and turn them into vile sponges. Any entries for the gardening column would be enormously welcome.

**Share your knowledge.  
Share your experiences.**



## THE COTSWOLD WARDENS

Some of the most beautiful countryside in England is to be found in the Cotswolds, with many attractive towns and villages from Burford to Broadway, Charlbury to Cheltenham, and Chipping Sodbury to Chipping Camden.

The region was designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in 1966 and extended in 1991. At 790 square miles, it is the largest of 41 such areas in England and Wales. Like the National Parks, they are regarded as nationally important landscapes, protected from major developments by local authorities who also fund essential management work and countryside services. They are helped in turn by the Countryside Commission, who offer grant-aid and advice.

There are over 200 Voluntary Wardens in the AONB whose work includes conservation schemes such as tree planting, hedge-laying, dry stone-walling, erecting stiles and way-marks, and restoration of features of archaeological interest like sheepwashes and monuments. They also patrol and maintain footpaths and bridleways and devise and lead free guided walks for the public. These walks vary in length from 4 to 11 miles and are conducted throughout the year, week days and week-ends, so there is usually something for everyone in the two programmes which run from April - September and October - March. The shorter walks are usually followed by an optional pub meal. Walk leaders interpret items of interest along the way so the walks are relaxed and informal and anyone coming on their own soon feels they are among friends. The longer walks are usually done with a lunch-time pub stop but some prefer to picnic.

It is now accepted that walking is "good for you" so anyone interested may obtain a programme by sending an A5 s.a.e to Cotswold AONB Service, Environment Department, Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TH. If you would like more information from your local warden, contact **Ann Julian Tel: 851273.**



## LETTERS TO : AUNTIE BEAM

Dear Auntie Beam,

How good to see the "polite notices" at each end of Sandford's Field, asking dog owners to clean up after their animals. It seems to have made an enormous difference. There are hardly any dog poohs now lying around in the field. It would be good if the few recalcitrant dog owners could join the majority and carry a plastic bag and a shovel with them. Those of us peeping through our net curtains at the dog walkers, can note who does and who does not clear up the mess. Maybe a list of names could be attached to the existing notice boards.

Yours,

Jo. Lewington.

Dear Jo,

What a good old-fashioned idea. Maybe we could have stocks built in Sandford Field too!!

Yours Auntie Beam.



Dear Auntie Beam,

I have one query, why is it that now with the new pharmacy in the The Surgery it takes 48 hours to make up your repeat prescription?

It seems to me that there is twice as many young ladies behind the counter, but it takes twice as long.

Yours

Tired of waiting.

Dear Tired of waiting,

I have made enquiries about this, and the answer seems to be that now with repeat prescriptions the Doctor has to see and sign the back of the prescription form. So unfortunately it takes two days for this to happen.

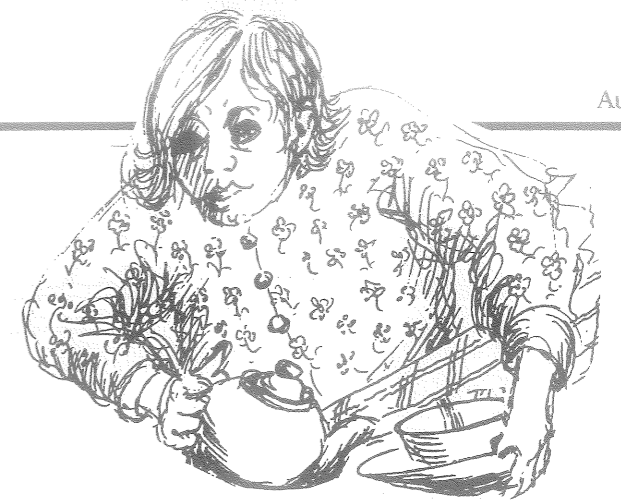
Let's hope the new Government does away with some of the paper work for these hard working Doctor's.

Keep smiling, Auntie Beam.

*I received this letter from Soroptimist International, and reading it through I thought it would be worth me publishing some of its contents on my page. I hadn't heard of "Soroptimist" before. The dictionary says they are - "an international organisations of women's clubs - a member of these clubs".*

### DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE

Domestic violence is any physical, emotional or sexual abuse between people who are, or have been in a close relationship. It can happen to anyone, whatever their age. It can take the form of threats and intimidation, mental or verbal criticism, and it can result in feelings of guilt, low-esteem, depression and stress. Outsiders may not realise what is happening, but help is available. If you need help straight away dial 999.



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.

If you are not in immediate danger but want to talk so someone in confidence try one of the agencies listed below, or phone the Police and ask for Area Domestic Violence co-ordinator **Tel: Oxford 01865 266404, Abingdon 01235 776000 or Witney 703913.**

\* **Oxford Women's Aid - Oxford 01865 791186** - They offer a safe place to stay, information advice and support to women and their children.

\* **Victim support - Oxford 01865 711186 or Abingdon 01235 811186** - They have volunteers who visit homes or neutral places and offer emotional support and practical help.

\* **Housing Rights Centre - Oxford 01865 247853** - They offer free advice on housing issues.

\* **Citizens Advice Bureau - Oxford 01865 247578** - They offer free information on benefits, women's rights, divorce and custody of children, and other information. They can also advise you on how to contact a solicitor and whether you will be eligible for Legal Aid.

\* **Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre - Oxford 01865 726275** - They offer free confidential support to women of all ages who have suffered any physical, emotional or sexual abuse recently or in the past.

\* **Samaritans - Oxford 01865 722122 or Banbury 01295 270000** - They offer confidential counselling on any problems.

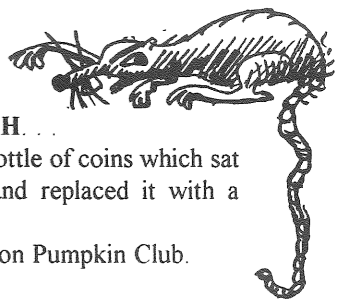
ALSO . . .

### RAT

OF THE MONTH . . .

The person that pinched the full bottle of coins which sat on the bar in The Romany Inn and replaced it with a empty one . . .

The bottle belonged to The Bampton Pumpkin Club.





## WEST OXFORDSHIRE ARTS ASSOCIATION NEWS AND EVENTS

The Gallery, Town Hall, OX18 2JH. Tel: 850137

Opening hours during exhibitions are: Tuesday to Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm; Sunday 2pm to 4pm

The Administrator is usually in the Gallery every Tuesday and Friday morning.

Membership fees - Single £12, Family £20, Student £5.

Please note: The Gallery will be closed during August.

### SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

**Ink lined - an exhibition from the Oxford Printmakers Co-Operative.**

Oxford Printmakers Co-Operative is an open access Fine Art Print workshop which offers a high standard of print making facilities. It has been run for two decades by and for people whose special interest is print making. The diverse exhibition showcases their most recent work.

### SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER

**A demonstration of Portrait Painting by Mike Skidmore** - using techniques derived from methods employed by the old masters. This promises to be an interesting, informative morning, with a touch of humour. In the Gallery, from 10.30am-12.30pm W.O.A.A. members £5, non-members £6. Please book in advance by contacting **Sally Proctor** at the Gallery. Following on from this demonstration, Mike will give a **Portrait Painting Workshop on Sunday 2nd November**. For details, see under W.O.A.A. Workshops for the Autumn.

### SUNDAY 12TH OCTOBER - SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

**W.O.A.A. Members Exhibition.**

A chance to see the latest work produced by our members.

### SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

**An exhibition of vibrant paintings by Neil Drury (Beard Mill, Stanton Harcourt), and beautiful ceramics by Noriko Macfarlane (Stanford-in-the-Vale).**

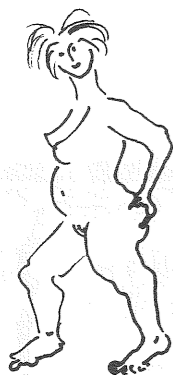
### SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

**Christmas shopping for Gifts in the Gallery.** Something for everyone - solve all your Christmas present problems in one go!

### LIFE DRAWING GROUPS IN THE GALLERY, BAMPTON

These take place most weeks on Monday mornings, from 10am-12.30pm, and Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.30. in the Gallery, (or Bampton Village Hall if there is no floor space in the Gallery), and are untutored sessions aimed at those without the need for guidance. No booking necessary. Coffee and biscuits provided. Pay as you attend. W.O.A.A. members £5. non-members £6.50.

**Arrangements for the summer.** The Wednesday evening group will continue through the summer without a break. The last morning session will be **Monday 11th August**, and the group restarts on **Monday 6th October**.



**In the Gallery, Mondays, 2.15 - 4.15pm. Monday 29th September for 10 weeks (first term).**

### WRITERS COMPARED:

**Larkin and Hardy, Harrison and Browning.**

The course will compare interesting writers - one modern, one Victorian. They include the poets in the title and some surprising short story writers. By comparing works, we should understand and enjoy more clearly what each writer has to offer.

**Course Tutor - Karen Hewitt**

**Venue: The Gallery, Town Hall, Bampton.**

£41.60 per term

**Contact Sally Proctor on 850137**

(Tuesday and Fridays 10.30am - 12.30pm or Answer phone)

**In conjunction with WEA and REWLEY HOUSE (Oxford University Department for Continuing Education).**

### W.O.A.A. WORKSHOPS FOR AUTUMN. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

**Spring Workshop with Ann Norman and Sally Proctor.** For ages 7-11, Village Hall 2-4pm. W.O.A.A. family members £5. non-members £6.50.



### SUNDAY 26TH OCTOBER

**Clay Modelling Workshop with Jo Lewington.** For ages 9-12, Village Hall. 10-1pm. W.O.A.A. family members £5.50, non-members £7.



### SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

**Portrait Painting Workshop by Mike Skidmore.** This follows on from the demonstration in September, and participants will be encouraged to experiment with one or more techniques shown.

(Refresher demos provided) Village Hall. 10am-4pm. The cost for W.O.A.A. members £20 non-members £25.

**To book** forms can be obtained from the Gallery.

## SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Mid-March saw a fascinating exhibition of stone carvings by Pat Elmore and her students. The exhibits were interesting and varied and of a high standard. This was followed in June with a very successful, over-subscribed one-day workshop in stone-carving at Pat's studio in Longcot.

The highlight of April was the exhibition of selected entries from the Spring painting Competition. 117 works in different media were received (two-thirds from non-members). From these 65 were selected for exhibiting and five prizewinners chosen. The first prize of £500, donated by Burford Garden Company, was awarded to Peter Ross for his portrait of W.H. Auden, and four prizes of £50 each, provided by W.O.A.A. went to Constance Halford-Thompson, Anita Graham-Dixon, Elinor Tolley and Betty Bowman. This particular selection is an interesting reflection of the trend in nominations for the Tate Gallery's Turner Memorial Prize.

In May/June, the Oxford Art Society mounted an exhibition of members' work in Bampton Gallery, displaying sculpture, paintings and other media. On June 22nd, there was a two-week exhibition of unusual paintings by Derek Stenner and Don Powell from Weston-super-Mare.

## FEATHERS IN BAMPTON'S ARTISTIC HAT

by Margaret Bruce-Mitford

Two members of W.O.A.A. recently made their mark in different spheres of art. Jill Twee, a sculptor, exhibited a painting and two sculptures at Compton Cassey Gallery, Withington, in May, and a life-sized sculpture of a Hungarian hunting dog (Vissa by breed) in the Third Quenington Sculpture Show in June. Through July she had her own exhibition of sculpture and drawings at Bruton Street Gallery, London.

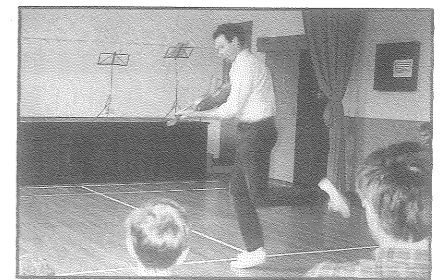
Ann Norman was commissioned by the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, to make ropes dyed to a specific shade of purple to match a new carpet. These ropes (8 of them 6 feet long) were prepared for the Encaenia, the annual ceremony at which the University bestows honorary degrees on distinguished people. The ropes are used to marshal them through the ceremonial maze, and are exclusive to this particular event. It is heartening to think of Bampton adding its special touch to this August Occasion, the more so as it was initiated by a pupil who attended Ann's Workshop on Cords and Ropes at last year's Summer School. Ann is the ropemaker par excellence in West Oxfordshire and the Cotswolds.

## W.O.A.A. WORKSHOP

The first ever Fiddlers & Feet Workshop took place in Bampton Village Hall on Sunday 22nd June sponsored by W.O.A.A.



Joan Holloway, experienced caller and dancer from Witchurch, and Felicity Cormach, violinist and researcher from Faringdon worked with 12 local children from 8-13yrs who learn the violin at school.



Mathew Green the well-known Bampton fiddler came to demonstrate. The Children appeared to love it, and went off dancing! It is hoped that another workshop will be held in October.



Could this be the beginning of a new generation of Bampton fiddlers and dancers!



## YOUNG CALLIGRAPHERS BEGIN

Six aspiring young calligraphers aged 8-11 met Oxford Scribes Gerry Glaister and Ruby Lunn on Sunday 15th June for a three-hour introduction to the craft. After a brief look at medieval and Anglo-Saxon examples, the youngsters got down to work with various broad edged felt pens and then with real pen and ink to master the Foundational Hand, a 20th Century version of an Anglo-Saxon bookhand. By the end of the session all had made a good beginning and some real talent was evident amongst the older students.



Ruby Lunn demonstrates.



Students show off their work

The six young calligraphers are Todd Bebb, Charlie Bebb, Grace Shortland, Sabrina Shortland, Jasper Cooper and Nick Gladders.



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# THE FOOD PAGE

by Gilly French

## SWORDFISH, TUNA AND SHARK

Steaks of these splendid fish are readily available from most supermarkets these days, and represent, for us at least, the ultimate treat in fish cookery (turbot is a far finer fish, but it is comparatively rare and hugely expensive). They are available pre-frozen at very reasonable prices, but if you are lucky you can catch the so-called air freighted steaks, which are more expensive but vastly superior in texture and flavour. The following recipes are for swordfish and tuna, but shark steaks can be cooked the same way.

However you cook them, these steaks will benefit from marinating for a minimum of half an hour in a mixture of olive oil, lemon or lime juice, and salt and pepper. This simple but tasty marinade will be absorbed by the fish and result in a subtle flavour. The best way to cook the steaks is on a ridged cast-iron grill pan (which gives it nice scorch marks), under a conventional grill or on a barbecue. They only need a couple of minutes on each side. The following suggestions are simple but extremely tasty - more complicated recipes usually involve making delicious accompanying sauces (such as anchovies with wild mushrooms), but for lazy summer time cooking I think it's best to keep it simple.

### SWORDFISH WITH MOZZARELLA AND MINT

I read this in one of the broadsheets a few years ago, but can't remember who the author was.

Per person, you will need:

- 1 swordfish steak,
- 1 tablespoon olive oil,
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- mint leaves,
- a couple of slices of mozzarella cheese,
- salt and pepper.

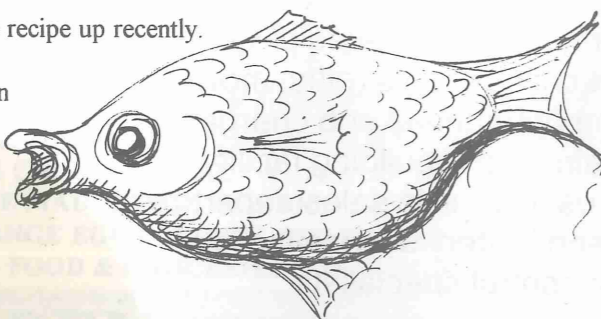


Marinate the fish in the oil and lemon juice, with seasoning, as described above. Grill under direct heat for a few minutes on each side until done - do not overcook. Cover one side of the steak with mint leaves; cover mint with mozzarella slices. Grill for a couple more minutes until cheese has melted.

### TUNA WITH MANGO SALSA

My husband made this recipe up recently.

- 1 tuna steak per person
- 1 nice yellow tomato
- 1/2 red onion
- 1/2 mango
- juice of 1/2 -1 lime
- fresh thyme
- olive oil



Marinate tuna in oil and lime juice, with seasoning, as described above. Finely chop onion and mango. Deseed and chop tomato. Add the leaves of a few thyme sprigs. Mix in lime juice and enough olive oil to cover - at least a couple of tablespoons, and season. Leave for at least half an hour for the flavours to mingle. Cook the fish - a ridged grill or barbecue is best - and serve with the salsa.

### Hiang's Special Recipe

Hiang, of Chinese descent, was born and brought up in Sarawak, East Malaysia, part of Borneo Island. She comes from a family of enthusiastic and accomplished cooks, and has happy childhood memories of her parents entertaining friends at sumptuous banquets.

Hiang and her family are moving from Bampton to Cheltenham. All those who have been attending the cooking classes, will no doubt miss her.

Hiang's special own recipe made 15 years ago for members of the International Wine and Food Society.

**Ayan Kichup Lim**  
(spiced chicken)

- 6 drumsticks (boned)
- oil for deep frying
- 1 small onion (chopped small)
- 1 piece of chicken fillet (chopped in small pieces or minced)
- 3ozs/75g mushroom (chopped small)
- 1/2 teaspoon corn flour
- 1/2 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 2 medium chopped onions and garlic (place in electric blender together with 1 tablespoon oil to make paste)
- 4 tablespoons cooking oil
- 3 tablespoons water or chicken stock
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon grass powder
- 1 tablespoon ground roasted peanut
- 2 teaspoon tomato paste
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon red chilli powder
- Juice of 1 medium lemon
- Fish sauce/salt and pepper to taste.

Mix the chicken fillet, onions, mushrooms, ground coriander, cornflour. Add fish sauce/salt and pepper to taste. Stuff mixture into each drum stick. Deep fry till crispy - set aside in baking dish.

Heat the 4 tablespoons cooking oil. Fry the onion garlic paste till slightly brown. Add the peanut, turmeric, tomato paste, chilli, lemon grass, nutmeg, sugar, salt and pepper. Lastly add the water and lemon juice. Stir fry until spiced mixture is fragrant.

Pour spiced mixture over the drumsticks and bake in pre-heated oven for 10-15 minutes. Mark 5/190C.

When ready garnish with chopped spring onion and fresh coriander. Serve with rice and stir fried vegetables or with sliced cucumber and crisp lettuce leaves.

### Solution to BEAM PRIZE CROSSWORD

April's 1997

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Thank you to all those who took part in April's crossword competition. The lucky £5 winner is Mrs Rachel Ellerker, c/o Wisteria, Church View, Bampton.

The solution of August's crossword will be published in the December edition of The Bampton Beam. Those who can't wait that long can send a stamped addressed envelope c/o The Cotton Club, Bridge Street, Bampton. Cash prize of £5 will go to the first correct puzzle opened on 4th November, 1977.

## PUB SAVED

**The Morris Clown**  
by Jonathan Phillips

The owners of the Morris Clown applied for planning permission to convert this public house into a private house. There were a huge number of objections to this from residents and West Oxfordshire District Council turned down the application unanimously.

The owners then appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment and the appeal was to be held in Witney on 16th July.

The owners have now withdrawn their appeal. The District Council Planning Offices have asked me to thank all those who wrote in objecting. They were most impressed by the numbers who did so and by the quality of those responses reinforcing this case to the Inspector for keeping it as a Public House.

Your letters on these matters do help. Well done.

## THE BAMPTON BEAM'S CROSSWORD

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- 1. Fountain drink
- 5. Singe
- 9. Infuriated
- 10. Goes by car
- 12. Summer hat
- 13. Takes as one's own
- 15. Listener
- 16. Small rug
- 18. Lamprey
- 19. Crude metal
- 20. Autumn flower
- 22. Exist
- 23. Canvas covers
- 25. Like Vesuvius did
- 27. Viper
- 29. Model for a dress-maker
- 34. Fictional book
- 38. City of Oklahoma
- 39. River Ducks
- 41. Actress Gardener
- 42. A large hole
- 43. Mineral spring
- 44. Guided
- 45. Red-breasted birds
- 51. Car type
- 52. - for the mill
- 53. Rave

54. Feminine suffix

Down

- 1. Vocalist
- 2. Eggs
- 3. Obscure
- 4. 2nd U.S. President
- 5. Moon features
- 6. Secreted
- 7. Fuss
- 8. Say again
- 9. Girl of song
- 11. Cubic meter
- 12. Scheme
- 14. Snow vehicle
- 17. Devoured
- 20. Resource
- 21. Destroys
- 24. Stroke gently
- 26. In favour of
- 28. Gift
- 30. Daddy
- 31. Mine entrances
- 32. Ragged cloth
- 33. Siesta
- 35. Suitcase
- 36. Happening
- 37. Young boys

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 9th Bampton Gardening Club **25th Annual Show** Youth Centre 2pm  
 25th SPAJERS **Annual Donkey Derby** Sandfords Field 1pm  
 30th-31st **Football Tournament and Fun Day** The Recreation Field

**SEPTEMBER**

1st **Amnesty International** Tolkein Room, Eynsham 8pm  
 13th St Mary's Church **Sponsored Bike Ride**  
 15th **Yoga** Youth Centre 10 - 11.30 am  
 20th Bampton Gardening Club **Autumn Show** Village Hall 10 - 12am  
 21st St Mary's Church **Harvest Festival** 10.30am

**OCTOBER**

11th Pumpkin Club **Weigh in and Auction** Village Hall

**NOVEMBER**

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 10th The Royal British Legion **Memorial Service** The Market Square 10.45am

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