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ROADWORKS • CAR PARKS • GREENS • ROAD SIGNS

Dep. County Surveyor faces barrage of complaints

The Annual Parish Meeting attracted a fair number of parishioners last Wednesday evening to the Old Grammar School. In answer to the many complaints which the parish council had received regarding the road works in the town the County Council Highways Dept., was represented by the Deputy County Surveyor, Mr. Duncan. He apologised for the absence of Mr. Summerfield and explained that as a relative newcomer to the County he was not so familiar with all the problems raised. He listened with courteous attention whilst parishioners listed their various complaints and promised to give them his considered attention.

The public car-park in the centre of the Market Place received the most criticism and Mr. Duncan stated that the difficulty in sorting out the problems concerning the footpath at the corner of the car-park was now nearly resolved and when the footpath has been completed work will be able to be put in hand to finish the job completely. It was hoped that a smaller opening would deter the through traffic which was the cause of many of the complaints. The surfacing of the High Street and the servicing of the greens in front of the Town Hall were expected to be completed shortly.

There was much discussion concerning the lay-out of the

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car-park and the members of the parish council were emphatic in their demands for a "no entry" sign at one end of the car-park. It was felt that without such a sign traffic would continue to use the car park as a through road.

The meeting also urged Mr. Duncan to request that the S.E.B. be asked to re-instate the footpaths to the condition in which the Highways Department had made them only a year ago.

DUMPING

Miss M. Pollard spoke with much feeling on behalf of Bampton residents at the deplorable state of the greens in Broad St., the corner of the Aston and Buckland Roads and the Church Green all of which had been used as dumping grounds by the various contractors which had descended upon Bampton. Not only had vehicles been parked on these greens but rubbish had been left so that the grass had diminished and the town was now left with muddy wastes. The ditch by the playing fields was full of mud and old bottles. Mr. Duncan said that he would see what could be done regarding the greens.

A resident asked that a footpath be made in Bushey Row, a road used by mothers and children to and from the village and the school.

Mr. Duncan stated that whilst he had every sympathy with the desirability of a footpath along this road it had to be pointed out that Bampton was only one of many villages making similar requests and that with the financial cuts recently imposed there was not enough money to provide for every demand made. Several voices reminded Mr. Duncan that with the increased housing in this district a footpath was necessary for the safety of all pedestrians.

BADLY SITED

Questions were asked regarding the newly erected road signs and it was pointed out that to strangers to the district they were very badly sited. Many motorists had taken side roads leading round the back streets because of the confusion caused by the bad siting.

A parish councillor asked if there were any plans afoot to develop the Bridge at the Clanfield end of Bampton since at the moment the extra width that had recently been made was now being used for a

dumping ground. Mr. Duncan thought that the Bridge would be completed when the road works were finished from Cowleaze Corner.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. M. Clack reported on the work of his council during the past year. He said that it had been a year of disruptions. Mr. Smith was lost to Norwich Training College shortly afterwards the P.C. suffered the sad loss of Mr. Thompson the parish Clerk followed soon after with the death of Mr. Pocock a valued and experienced parish councillor. Miss G. Thompson also paid tribute to the late Mr. A. Chandler whose death at Christmas time was mourned by many residents. Mr. Chandler had been clerk to the Parish Council for over 40 years and his local knowledge, his shrewd judgements and amazing memory had contributed much to the parish council.

The statement of accounts was given by the present parish clerk Mr. Akerman and he stated that the accounts would be available for any one to inspect at the premises of Mr. Roynton. The precept asked for the coming year was for £450.

The total receipts for the year were £175. 5. 4 and £121. 10. 0 was distributed at Christmas in the form of vouchers for goods to 25 double applications and 33 single people.

The report of the playing field committee was also read by Mrs. Henly who reminded those present that the playing field is the property of the

parish council and therefore money from the precept may be used in the maintenance of the field. In the past only £30 has been available for this purpose and in view of the rising costs Mrs. Henly proposed that the sum of £50 be put to this use. Last year a money making effort organised by the playing field committee had resulted in an extra £28 but repairs to the roundabout had consumed this amount. It was agreed that the playing field committee be given the £50 requested and Mrs. Henly promised that it would be used as economically as possible.

EDUCATION

As representative of the County Council Miss G. Thomson reported on some aspects of the work of the various committees on which she serves. She amplified Mr. Duncan's earlier remarks regarding the grants available to the Highways Dept., and reminded parishioners that the County Council is now unable to cope with individual complaints from residents. All complaints should first be addressed to the parish council for consideration by the County Council who will only be able to deal with cases strictly on merit. With regard to the primary school education in Bampton with the population expanding at the present rate it is necessary to have two classes in the Old School. Additional land has been purchased for the extension of the present school but building will not commence for some time and in the meantime the school will have to function in two parts to cope. The County population has increased by 10,000 which entails greater

demands for services, health education and all the ancillary services.

Major Colville reported on the work done by the Rural District Council and he stated that many of the delays were the result of everything being submitted to the Ministries. It was hoped however that the drainage in the Aston Road will commence during the coming year. The housing estate was now complete and there was no more land available in Bampton. A start had been made on the Old People's Flatlets which would comprise 18 flats and one Wardens residence.

HOUSING

Representing the Rural District Council Miss M. Pollard informed the public that 19 council houses had been built in Bampton which represented a third of all houses in the district. Referring to the flat for the old people she stated that it was the intention to make provision for the ground floor flats available to invalid in wheel chairs.

She spoke of the over-flow from the sewage plant during the bad weather earlier in the year and of the unpleasant 12 hours that she had spent as a vigilante. Miss Pollard is greatly concerned with the amount of effluent that is being carried by the Bampton brook from rapidly expanding Carterton, Brize Norton and also the water which runs off the 5,000 acres of concrete at the R.A.F. base. She was emphatic that this brook must be watched most carefully as it is in danger of flooding during storm periods. A meeting was being fixed by that Authority.

Concluding the meeting Mr. Clack reminded the public that the present parish council would terminate office in April this year and that information would be posted as soon as received for nominations for the election which would be held on 7th May.

BAMPTON MAN AND BRIDE OFF TO RUSSIA

Mr. Michael Pickard, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pickard, of Knapp's Farm House, Bampton, was married on Saturday at St. Clement Danes Church, Strand, London, to Miss Elisabeth Hart, only child of the late Flight-Lieut. J. P. Hart, and Mrs. Whitehead, and step-daughter of Mr. G. S. Whitehead, of Harrow, Middlesex.

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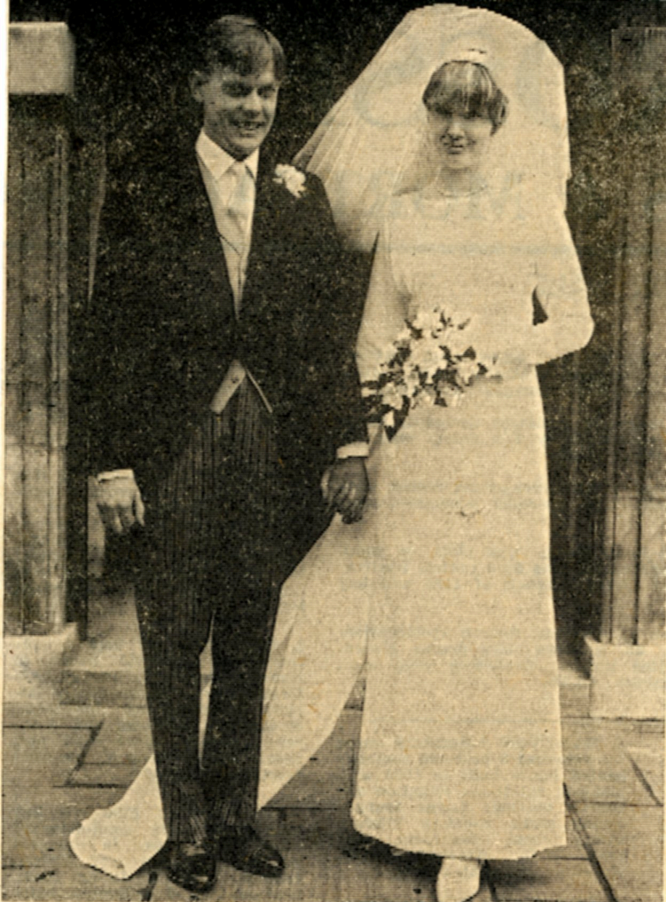


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JAGUAR STOLEN FROM BAMPTON

A green Jaguar, registration number TLX 538 was stolen from Bampton last Tuesday afternoon. Also stolen in Bampton between the 22nd and the 23rd, was the collection box for the Old Age Pensioners fund in the Jubilee bar, the box contained about 10s. in small change.

£65 in notes was stolen from Mr. Albert Coles of 23 St. Mary's Trailer Court, Bampton, between the 20th and the 24th.

Anyone who has any information about these crimes should get in touch with the Witney Police Station.

WITNEY WEST OXFORDSHIRE GAZETTE
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DAY, APRIL 5th, 1968

Bampton Town F.C.

Bampton Town F.C. reached the final of the Fred Ford Memorial Cup with a 3 - 0 victory over Freeland. In the first half, Freeland's more direct football gave the Bampton defence many anxious moments but advantage was not taken of the chances that Freeland had created. A free kick from deep in the Bampton half led to the first goal. This kick, taken by centre half Mick Smith completely beat the tall Freeland defence. Roger Siford, ran into the loose ball and cleverly lobbed it over the advancing goal-keeper.

The second half began quietly with the Bampton defence now containing the Freeland attack. The outstanding player in the Bampton defence was right-back Simon Goddard whose quick thinking and tackling cut out many of the Freeland attacking moves. A second goal by Roger Siford increased Bampton's lead, his first time shot from a Keith Bishop pass gave the Freeland goalie no chance. A deflected shot almost reduced this lead but a full stretch from Maycock in the Bampton's goal just kept it out. Just before the final whistle centre forward Radband made the score 3 - 0 with a well placed shot from just inside the penalty area.

Bampton Reserves were well beaten by Didcot Athletic in a home North Berks League match. The score of 4 - 1 was a true reflection of Didcot's superiority although Bampton had enough chances to have improved upon the half time score of 2 - 0. Bampton had a little more of the play in the second half but still could not prevent Didcot going into a 4 - 0 lead. Shortly before the final whistle Bampton's leading scorer Cassidy reduced the deficit to a final 4 - 1.

Bampton's "A" side scored a comfortable 5 - 0 away victory over bottom of the league Ardington and Lockinge. This match marked the return of former first team winger George Siford after a lay off through injury. Bampton was never really extended in this game and the half-time lead of 2 - 0 was by an own goal plus two goals from N. Woodley.

BAMPTON

St. Mary's Church.—Mothering Sunday was given its true meaning at the parish church of St. Mary on Sunday when the children of the Sunday School were given flowers to take to their mothers. At Evensong, the Vicar of Bampton the Rev. J. Selwyn Taborn blessed the posies brought by children and these were distributed to their mothers during the service. In his address, the Vicar spoke of the real meaning of the day and urged his listeners not to allow the day to become one of meaningless commercialism. To illustrate his words indentures of three hundred years of age were shown to the congregation. Mothering Sunday was the day recognised by all employers as the day when all the young people serving with them were allowed to return to their homes to say "Thank You" to their mothers and the day when whole families went to church together to say "Thank You" to Mother Church.

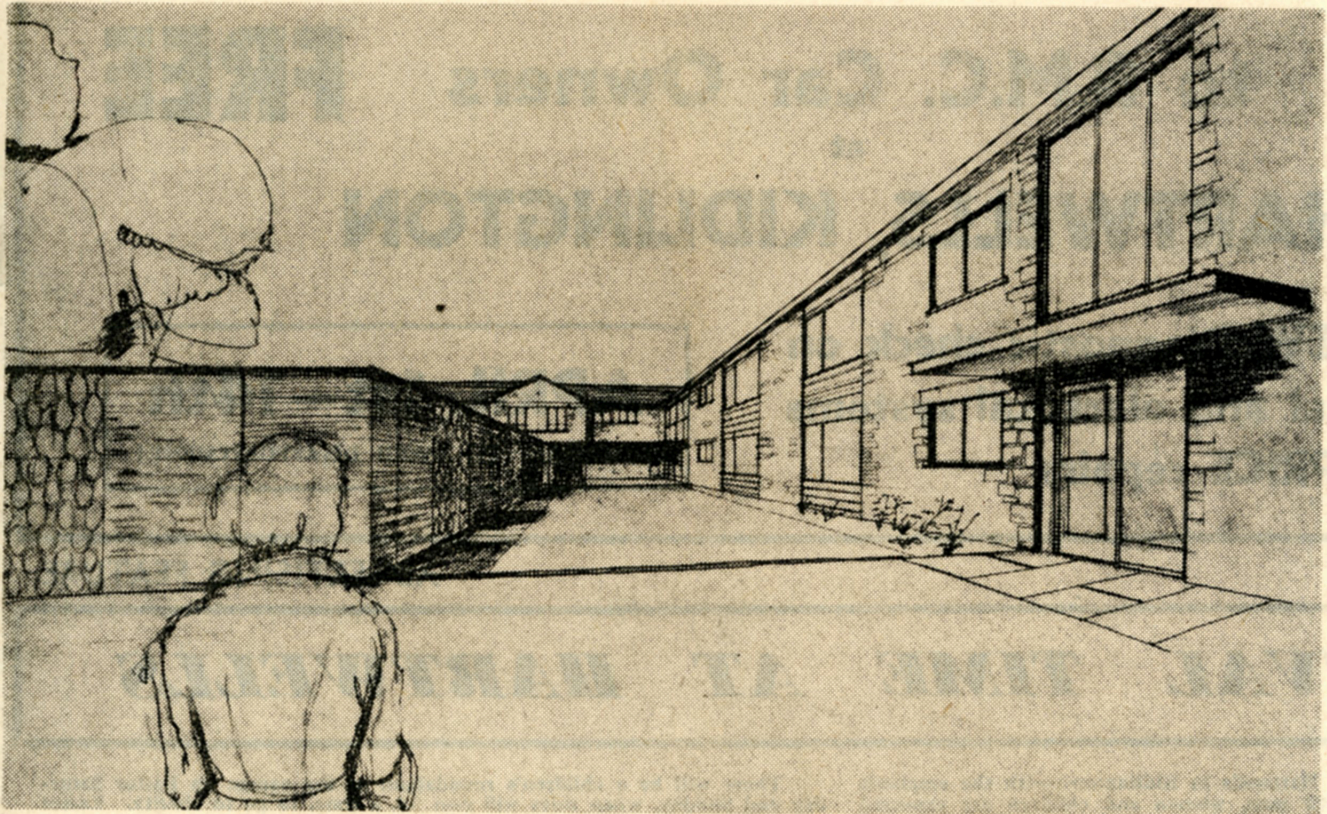
Club Funds Benefit. — At the bingo session which was held in the Women's Institute Hall on Friday evening in aid of the Football Club funds, the winners were — Mesdames Platt, Jones, Biles, J. Smith, Comley, Cook, Seacole, Reynolds, V. Beckett, R. Wheeler, Kibble, Curtiss, Sarams, Matthews, Miss Sandford, Miss E. Horne, Messrs A. Radband, Tinson and G. Siford.

Darby and Joan Club. — The fortnightly afternoon social of the Darby and Joan Club was held on Friday in the Old Grammar School. Games and competitions were played and the winners were — Mesdames Preston, Bird, Brooks, Hunt, Borritt, Brake, Ivings, Bliss, Shergold, Green, Drinkwater, Jackson, Flux, Wilkins, Smith, the Misses Wiltshire, Williams and Wickson, Messrs Hargreaves, Preston Wheeler, Smith, Townsend, Pidduck and Wells.

British Legion. — The Womens Section of the British Legion (Bampton branch) held their annual dinner last Thursday evening. About thirty members and friends went by coach to Swindon where they enjoyed dinner in a Swindon restaurant. Afterwards they went to the Swindon British Legion Club where they were entertained by a band and three artistes. They were so hospitably welcomed that they are already looking forward to a return visit to the club. A competition was held which was won by Miss Jill Johnson.

Baptist Church. — The Sunday evening service at the Baptist church was conducted by Mr. D. Parker of Witney and the church was decorated with flowers provided by Miss Mary and Mr. James Witt.

To Help N.S.P.C.C. — For the annual effort, organised by Mrs. M. Bullen in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., a sale of new clothes was held on Friday in a shop in the Market Square and offered good class goods at keen prices. The sale attracted a steady stream of buyers all day and a total of £155/8/5 was taken over the counter. Gifts amounting to £7/10/- were also accepted and the net profit to the Society was over £60. Mrs. Bullen was helped by a number of friends in the selling and fitting of the clothes, and she is most grateful for all the support received. She would also like to thank the owners of the Swan Laundry for the generous use of their premises.



Work has started at Bampton on old people's flats: to cost £46,860

An architect's impression of Lavender Place, Witney R.D.C.'s block of 18 flats for the elderly, which are under construction at Bampton. The building is "L" shaped and the entrance hall is in the angle of the building in the centre of the sketch. The warden's house is self contained and is the first part of the block on the right. The perforated wall on the left of the sketch shields the view from the flats of the communal drying area.

Lavender Place is the name Witney Rural District Council is giving its new block of flats for the elderly, to be built at Bampton, writes ARTHUR LARNER.

It will be the R.D.C.'s second venture in flats for the elderly. The first, Sunnyside, at Eynsham, has 12 flats. The new block will have 18—13 of the bed-sitting room type and the remainder with a bed-sitting room type and the remainder with a separate sitting room and bedroom for couples.

The site is a central one in Bampton, between Queen's Road and Bushey Row. It has easy access to shops and services, which is one of the reasons the council chose it.

Work started a few weeks ago by the builders, A. E. Hobley and Sons, of North Leigh, at a contract figure of £46,860, and is expected to be completed in 12 months. The building has been designed by Beecher Stamford Associates, chartered architects of Seacourt Tower, West Way, Botley, under the direction of Mr. D. G. Brown.

The same architects were responsible for Sunnyside, but this latest project could be described as slightly more adventurous, based on the knowledge gained from the Eynsham flats.

The flats will be under the general supervision of a warden, who will live in a two storey, three-bedroom house which will be part of the main building, yet remain self contained.

From the house, the warden will have full control of all the heating in the entire building, which is by the gas-fired warm-air system. This has lots of refinements. Not only does it obviate the work of looking after individual fireplaces; the same ducts through which the warm air passes in winter can be used to circulate cool air in summer. From a control panel, the warden will be able to tell if a particular zone in the building is too hot or too cold.

In each flat there will be an emergency bell which will give a warning in the warden's house. The fire alarm system gives a similar warning to the warden, either by means of the automatic smoke detectors or by manually operated alarms. The work has been carried out according to the County Fire Service requirements.

Of the 18 flats, there will be an equal number at ground floor and first floor levels, and entry to them will be from corridors running from the entrance hall. Each flat will have its own small entrance hall, in which there will be cupboards for brooms and coats. The w.c.s and baths will be fitted with grab rails.

MEETING PLACE

The kitchens will be fitted with a sink unit, an electric cooker and a working top. There will be a folding door between kitchen and the bed sitting room in that type of flat. In the living room there will be a point connecting to the communal television system.

The main entrance hall has been designed on a slightly larger scale than normal so that it can be used as a meeting place by the residents, and so save the necessity of providing a common room.

Throughout the building the floors will be covered with thermoplastic tiles of a plain, neutral colour, which will be easy to keep clean.

Refinements include such things as built-in wardrobes with hanging rails, linen cupboards, ample electric points,

and — as a homely touch — a mantelpiece for a clock and bric-a-brac. There will be no fire place.

Internally, off the entrance hall, there are large communal stores in which the tenants can keep such articles as suitcases and trunks. Externally there will be a store in which bicycles or gardening tools can be kept.

There will be a garden on the south and west sides of the building overlooked from the main rooms of the flats. There will be paved areas and the residents will be easily able to walk around the open spaces. In addition, a metal window box will be provided for each flat. There will be an external drying area for washing to be hung.

A pitched tiled roof will tone with the exterior brickwork, and to add a little contrast the walls will be broken up with small white painted timber panels.

OWN DOORS

The warden and his wife will occupy the warden's house, and the wife will be at hand even though her husband may be out at work during the day. They are not meant to provide a service for the residents, but merely to give help and supervision when needed.

Thus the residents will each have their own front door and maintain their independence. But at the same time it is hoped their surroundings will encourage a communal spirit without an institutional atmosphere.

Youth Club

Bampton Youth Club reopened last week at the Old School. The new leader is Mr. Michael Yeo, of Windrush, Burford, who is at R.A.F. Brize Norton. Mr. Yeo, who is a fully qualified football referee, is interested in all sports and especially in track events. He will be assisted by his wife Lynda.

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LOCAL WEDDINGS



(Alan Walker, Witney)

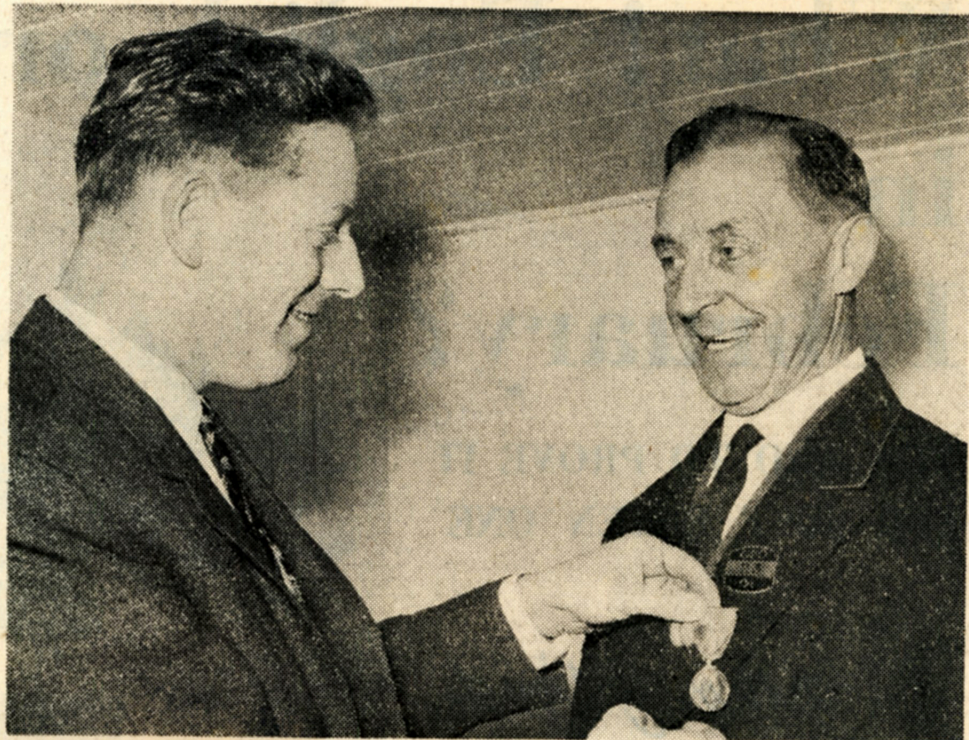
MR. A. R. PULLIN AND MISS D. G. K. JACKSON

The Wedding took place on Saturday at St. Mary's Church, Bampton of Miss Daphne Grace Kathleen Jackson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jackson of 38 New Road, Bampton and Mr. Allan Richard Pullin only son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Pullin of Sherbourne Street Lechlade Glos. The Rev. Selwyn Taborn officiated and the organist was

Mr. Roy Stroud. Sister of the bride Miss Anne Jackson and friend Miss Josephine Case were the bridesmaids and the best man was Mr. Eddie Phillips a friend of the groom. Wearing a pale blue embroidered dress, and carrying a bouquet of carnations the bride was given away by her father.

The two bridesmaids wore royal blue and gold dresses with flowered headdresses and carried bouquets of carnations. A reception was held at Bampton W. I. Hall for approximately sixty guests. The couple both work at Smith's blanket Mills Witney and their future address is to be at Carterton.

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HAT-TRICK

Mr. George Dafter, Bampton's postman for 18 years, achieved a hat trick yesterday.

He was presented with the Imperial Service Medal, retired from the Post Office and celebrated his 65th birthday—all in one go.

Mr. Dafter, who joined the Post Office in 1950, worked at the 6th Maintenance Unit, R.A.F. Brize Norton, for ten years before that.

He was presented with the medal for 25 years' service to the Crown at a ceremony (above) in the tiny village post office by Oxford's Acting Head Postmaster, Mr. H. Connor. His colleagues gave him a pen.

Mr. Dafter, who lives at 2 New Road, Bampton, will be leaving with his wife for a month's holiday in New Jersey, where they will stay with his brother.