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Education now in Jeopardy

No one who had the good fortune to be conducted around the splendid exhibition to commemorate VE-Day or was entertained by the Bampton Evacuees at their concert in the School and in the Village Hall in May can fail to know that the local children are enjoying an excellent start to their school days. The standard of written and art work, music and singing was very impressive. The effort that had been made by the staff to research the wartime subjects with the children and the time that had been spent to bring both the visual display and entertainment to such a high standard were perfectly obvious.

This was indeed a Special Event but the same dedication and hard work is apparent in all the school's activities and it would be easy to assume that everything on the education front is going well. Sadly, this is not the case and behind the happy, busy atmosphere in the class rooms lies a deep concern that many necessary services are not being provided and that teachers are deeply unhappy with the continuing climate of financial cuts and the increased 'non-teaching' workload expected from them.

One of the most contentious areas is the time and expense of carrying out the Government testing programme. The Witney Partnership of Schools has expressed grave concerns about this year's Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) including the time element, language of test papers, stress element for the children, expense and administration. Another local school, St. Joseph's in Carterton is also very concerned about the financial and educational short-comings of the testing



Photo: Mrs Janet Newman

Children of Bampton Primary School enjoying the 'Street Party' on 5th May 1995

and the Headmaster, Mr Terry Cooper comments, "... having talked to other Heads. It seems that the teacher assessment has not been drastically different from the test results. It does beg the question of what use are they and why are we doing them.

The sheer costs of this testing runs into millions. If you then add the costs of materials from Quangos such as the Schools Curriculum Assessment Authority and running costs of OFSTED, then the absurdity of schools trying to scrimp and save becomes clearer when millions are being wasted by these Quangos."

Local MP Mr Douglas Hurd says that Oxfordshire gets £2300 pa for each Primary school pupil whereas Oxfordshire County Council says it is only £2125 per pupil. In fact, Bampton CE Primary School only receives £1533 per pupil and St Joseph's

RC Primary School, Carterton £1491 inclusive of allowances to take account of the individual needs of the school. What happens to the rest of the money? Who spends it and on what? If the Government figure per pupil is taken then schools are only receiving 66% of the money not 91% as OCC claims. Jonathan Phillips, District Councillor for Bampton and a governor of St Joseph's School is anxious to find out exactly where this £760 - £800 per pupil goes. We need to know. If Governors are to run their budgets they need a clear understanding of what money is allocated per pupil and how the money, not received by the school, is spent. There should be no ambiguity in the figures from County and Central Government. A further 4.5% cut is forecast for the year 96/97 which would be disastrous for primary education.

Throughout the United Kingdom commemorative services will be held on Sunday, 20th August 1995 to mark the end of the Second World War.

This will take place in Bampton at St. Mary's Church at 10.30am on that day.

Members of the Royal British Legion (Men's & Women's Sections) The Royal Air Force, The Parish Council, The Women's Institute, The Fire Service and other organisations will attend together with residents and visitors. The service is intended to be a fitting homage to the entire wartime generation - both military and civilian - and an acknowledgement of the debt to those who helped secure the nation's freedom.

A School Governor's Point of View

by Lynn Shuker (Chairman)

Whether you currently have a child in state education or not you cannot fail to have noticed the publicity surrounding the cuts in education funding.

Schools are being used as political footballs between central and local government. Every child has the right to quality education but this is being eroded by lack of funds where they are most needed. Who is to blame for the present round of cuts will always be argued over - what matters most to me are the effects at Bampton Primary School.

As an indication of our position I have set out some basic figures:-

1994/95 No. of pupils 153 Budget £286,900

1995/96 No. of pupils 159 Budget £266,685

This year we are educating 6 more children with over £20,000 less to spend!

In order to achieve these savings we have had to make drastic cuts in every area whilst trying to maintain the level of teaching staff

We have had to dispense with the services of our Special Needs Ancillary Support Teacher (a post shared with a number of other schools). This could not have happened at a worse time as new regulations have come into force requiring an immense amount of paperwork on behalf of all children with special needs. All this work will now fall on the shoulders of an already over-stretched teacher.

We have had to withdraw from the Oxford Quality Schools Association. This is an advisory body on curriculum develop-

ment that also provides training courses for staff. Teachers at Bampton School cannot expect any "in-service" training this year.

We are fortunate in having a very healthy staff at Bampton but if they are going to be ill we request that it is for 14 days or more. Why? Because than we can collect the insurance money for supply staff - we can't afford them otherwise.

By the time this article is published figures will have been issued on the number of teachers who have been made redundant or have taken early retirement due to the cuts. I have already heard rumblings from Government supporters who say that figures will reveal that the picture that was painted earlier in the year of scores of teachers losing their jobs is just not so. What I'm certain they will fail to point out is that many schools will have done as we have - cut back drastically (and perhaps disastrously) everywhere in order to keep vital staff. Any further cuts will almost certainly mean that Bampton will lose a teacher. Our class sizes would be horrendous - with the best will in the world you cannot teach 35 - 40 children in classes built to house up to 30 pupils.

Rumours over whether there will be cuts next year abound and future funding is a guessing game. More funds have been promised for education but whether they will filter through to the actual schools is another matter. I would urge everyone to maintain the pressure on those with power not to harm education further. At Bampton school the good will, dedication and commitment of the staff has always been evident but if cuts continue some of this will disappear which will be to the detriment of all concerned.

Please make your voice heard.

An Offer of Help from a Parish Councillor

There has been a problem for some time with the ditch at Bampton School, the ditch that lies between the school and the playing field, it is full of rubbish and is a potential health hazard.

The Parish Council has been contacted, but has neither the manpower nor the money required to tackle the job. Oxfordshire County Council has been approached, but seems unable to resolve the problem, lack of money is rumoured. One attempt, from within the school, to raise a working party failed when only two people volunteered to help.

Could I, therefore, suggest that the School P.T.A. Committee arrange a working party - it would only take 1 1/2 hours maximum - with a party of 10 or 12 people. I would be prepared to help, and arrange the removal of the bags of collected rubbish.

Alan Dunbar, Chestnuts, 3 Bushey Row, Bampton Tel: 850207

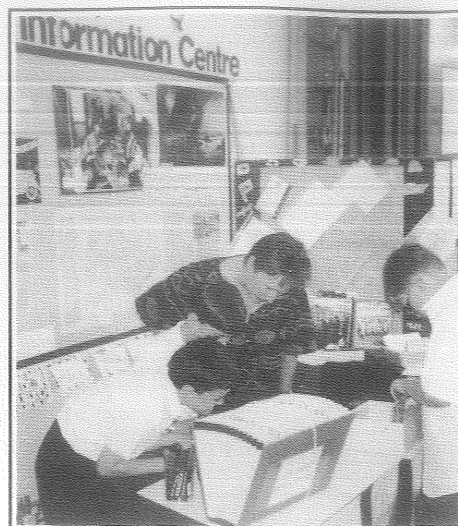


Photo: Mrs Julie Daw

Mrs Judy Bebb with her son, Charlie, and friends Thomas Clarke & James Walsh enjoying the VE Day Exhibition.

- and an appreciation from former Chairman of Governors - Dor Thomson

The work of school Governors has always been important but nowadays it carries considerable financial responsibilities.

Each financial year the County Council allocates a fixed sum of money and the Governors are responsible for providing a good education for Bampton children. Each term it is essential to hold several meetings to cover the many items of running a school.

The maintenance of school buildings and playing-fields requires expert knowledge and this is in addition to overseeing every aspect of the children's curriculum as well as appointing the teaching staff.

Bampton is fortunate in having a truly dedicated group of people willing to give a great deal of their spare time to ensure that our children have the best possible start to their education. The governors deserve our appreciation and support for their important voluntary work. Dor Thomson

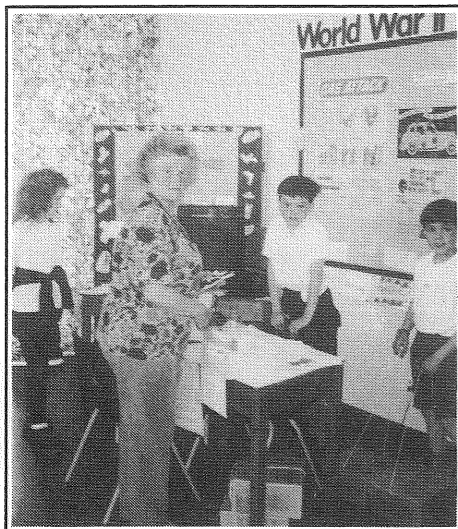


Photo: Mrs Julie Daw

Mrs Ruth Wheeler being shown wartime memorabilia by Sophie Bevan, Thomas Clarke and Charlie Bebb at the VE Day Exhibition

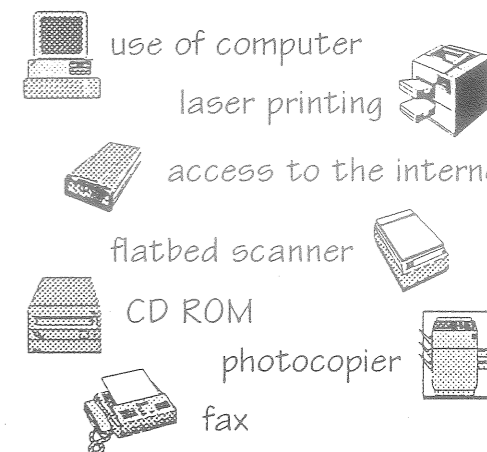


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Childhood Memories of pre-War & post-War Bampton

The late Jim Daniels (1932-1993) recalls the importance of hedgerows in his boyhood days.

"Hearing the rain lashing on the window panes I looked out towards the edge of the woods, as I looked I took in the grey winter scene. The trees bowed before the wind and the rain moved in sheets pervading all before it. Whilst gazing wearily at the scene I suddenly became conscious of the dark silhouettes of the wet trees and hedgerows, dark and deep in colour, a hue that ranged from ebony black to blue depending on how the winter light caught the subject.

At that point my musing was quickly redirected; suddenly I saw the trees and hedgerows as I had seen them as a boy. Hedges played a very important role in our young lives; they were places of play, of mystery, of exploring and adventure. They enclosed the farmers land, but oh they did so much more, they were home to countless teaming wildlife, an integral part of a finely balanced ecology.

The farmer was ever mindful of the importance of his hedgerows, he would survey them to check not only their current state but also the prospect of their long term health. The hedges were lovingly cut and laid in rotation; those farmers with sufficient skilled labour, employed their own men to carry out the task. Farmers with fewer or less skilled labour would call on the services of the local Hedgecutter.

In and around our village the hedgecutting was carried out by Dai Horne; he was a man at peace with himself and the world, an old soldier who had survived the First World War with its attendant horrors. If and when Dai talked about the war it was in a humorous, anecdotal way. His most prized possession and link with that past period of his life was the patch of maize corn which grew in his garden every summer; maize had first been grown from a handful of seed he had picked up in France and carried home with him at the war's end.

Dai's job spilled over into our life in a very important economic way. As the man in the know as to which hedges were to be cut next he could provide important forward intelligence. If you were forewarned with such information you could make an approach to the Farmer and ask his permission to go behind the Hedgecutter and collect the rotten stumps of hawthorn bushes. It was important to state a claim for permission to collect the stumps as early as possible and before anyone else muscled in.

Coal and wood formed the centre of our potential well being during the coming winter. Times were hard and my parents



Photo: Miss Dor Thomson

had great difficulty saving up the 'thirty bob' (£1.50) to buy the ton of coal to see us through the winter months. We needed every ounce of wood we could obtain to help out our coal supply; not only did we need fuel as our only source of heat, it was also our sole means of cooking and providing the boiling water for clothes washing.

I looked out of the window again at the trees and hedgerows and recalled our bedraggled family at this time of the year pushing a pram, that doubled as a hand cart, along selected stretches of hedge, picking up stumps. If the pram was currently in use for a junior member of the family then we used the parcel shelf on the chassis and numerous assorted bags would be filled.

Photo: Mrs Freda Bradley



Freda, Jim & Ken Daniels in 1937 with their grandmother, Mrs Dewe,

At night time, after our forays into the fields, almost all members of the party would be suffering from thorns which had become embedded in hands and legs. But despite what in hindsight seemed difficult times we somehow treated the affair as an adventure or an enjoyable game. I think this attitude of acceptance was largely brought about by parents who moulded a family unit around hardship and necessity.

My Father would always remind us that when you collected fire wood it kept you warm three times; as you collected it; as you cut it up and as you burned it. How right he was!

Roger Powell (pictured left with his sister, Julie) remembers his first experience of school in the 1950's.

My sister Julie & I led such an idyllic existence under the wings of Dor and Kate in the beautiful Beam cottage that at first the idea of SCHOOL struck a chord of terror into our young hearts.

A long leafy lane (*the Pieces Path*) linked The Beam with the village flanked partly by allotments and meadows until crossed by "Smelly Ditch" where the fields gave way to peoples gardens and the village began to rear its head. The Cottage at the end of the lane would mark the end of our territory, owned by two of our friends the wonderful Miss Warren whose home cooking made an atmosphere I can still smell, and the formidable ex-Land Army girl Miss Cooper who would throw back her head and roar with laughter at my fears of school and venturing out into the village/world. I'll never forget the image of her large frame clad in her old, faded green swim suit suspended in mid-air for a split second before crashing into the river at the start of our first swimming lesson. (She taught most of the village children to swim at Isle of Wight long before the day of swimming pools.)

From our friends cottage we would head on into the village, nervous at every turn of being waylaid by traditional rivals; the Becketts & Curtises, Fred Gerring & Roland Jones who would, until we were older and stood up to them, appear much more frightening than they really were. Then arriving at the school in Church View, parking our bikes under the green corrugated roof of the bike shed, which was on the right as you entered the wooden gates.

In general my memories are of a good solid school, with a playground front and back and a playing field bounded by Westbrook.

Like all kids we loved being read to and, personally, I resented the chore of learning, interfering with the excitement of the story, but with the patience and kindness of Miss Farmer, and later Miss Hobbs, we gradually made progress, yet even after learning the basics I can recall the hushed silence that Miss Pratt could command with her gripping story-telling.

Finally after raffia, maths and Shakespeare, the School Bell signalling the race back through the village, to the entrance to 'Long Lane' (like an umbilical cord) from which we'd re-emerge into our other world, where the sun always seemed to shine on the proud roof of The Beam.

HEBBORNS AMUSEMENTS

ANNUAL BAMPTON FAIR

Thursday 17th, Friday 18th, Saturday 19th August 1995

Photo: Harry Russell



Family Expertise

Richard Eeles and his son Paul with their hand made, beautifully painted, working replica of the fairground Skid.

The popular ride will be remembered by many Bampton people from the days when Mr John Thurston ran the Annual August Fair. The model was also exhibited at the celebration of the JOHN H. THURSTON "CENTENARY" KETTERING FEAST 1995.

Fairground Friends

Billy Hebborn & Alan Pullin in the pay box of The Twist at Bampton Fair 1994

WILLIAM JAMES (BILLY) HEBBORN 1923 - 1995, who died on 28th February 1995, will be remembered here at Bampton as the man looking after the firm's Twist Ride at the Annual August Fair. Mr Alan Pullin of New Road, Bampton who has been a friend of the family for many years attended the funeral service with many friends both in and out of showland.

Photo: Richard Eeles



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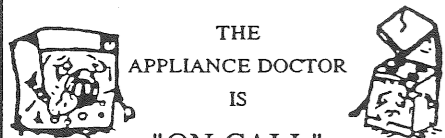
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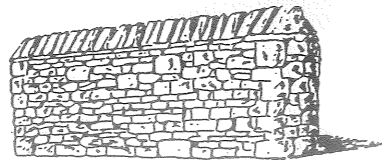
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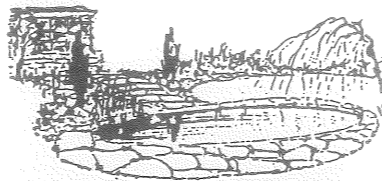
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AGENTS

Successful 1st Year for the Friends of St Mary's but a long way still to go Target £250,00 - promised so far £37,963

The first phase of repair to the church for which the Friends of St. Mary's are raising funds has been completed thanks to your help. The Spire has been repaired and the bells are being rung once again.

The actual cost of the repair to the Spire was less than expected and the final bill was £17,139.73. The Friends of St. Mary's has contributed £5,700 of this and the balance has come from the Church Council from the money they raised themselves plus reserves they had earmarked for the repairs.

The next project is the restoration of the South door. Dr John Blair is keen to restore this Norman door to its original glory before the detail is lost. We are fortunate to have a drawing by J.C. Buckler in 1820 showing the original state before repairs were carried out. The inside pair of plain Victorian shafts are already in need of replacement. The PCC has already got £2,750 towards the cost.

The aim and purpose of The Friends of St. Mary's, as a non-denominational Trust, is to provide a sum of money from which repairs to the fabric of Bampton's ancient church can be subsidised by the general public who value the building. The congregation and the Church Council are responsible for the day to day running expenses of the building.

The Friends of St. Mary's has now had a total of £37,963 promised but there is still a long way to go to reach our target of £250,000 over 4 years. There are still a number of people to be approached for Covenants or Gift Aid. If you are feeling guilty that you have not yet made a contribution, please contact: **Jonathan Phillips, Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton Tel: 850321.**

Donations received and fund-raising by village organisations since March 1995

Wives Club £37.85
Weald Manor Open Garden £200
Bampton Morris & Friends £244
Bampton WI £5
Drama Group 'All Clear' £400
Mrs Robert's Curry Lunch £434
In addition a £3000 grant was received from West Oxfordshire District Council for the repair of the Spire.

Every little helps; £1 per month for 4 years with the tax back from the Inland Revenue is worth £64 to our Appeal.

We will shortly be preparing a handsome book to record all those individuals who have given so generously and become Friends or Benefactors. You will be contacted in due course to ensure we have your names and/or initials correct. If you would like your name recorded for posterity, please be generous and make a donation now.

Appeal letters will be sent to charitable foundations and local businesses in the autumn and an application to the National Lottery is being prepared.

Christmas Cards 1995

The Nativity Scene from the stained glass window in the Church made a popular card last Christmas which sold out and a number of people were disappointed. A few of the same card will be available this year through WOOA at The Gallery - as before a pack of 5 for £1.25. Buy early and don't miss out.

Ann Manly Print

Ann Manly, a very popular local artist, has kindly given us the rights to one of her watercolour paintings of Bampton. We hope to have a limited number of prints, signed by her, available for sale at an affordable price before Christmas in aid of The Friends of St. Mary's.

A welcome example of the generous response to the Appeal from ex-Bamptonians

Hay-on-Wye
20.5.95

Dear Mr Phillips,

My hobby is machine made patchwork quilts the proceeds of which I divide between Oxfam and another charity. This year I decided to give the other half to the Bampton Church (through the Friends of St. Mary's). . . Bampton was my birthplace till I was about 12 when we removed to Fairford then after the war my husband was in charge of the station until we came here when Beeching axed the rail road, but I had another 17 years there hence by interest in the church.

I enclose £50 and hope some more will be available for you but you can keep hoping till the end of the year.

Yours truly, Gladys John

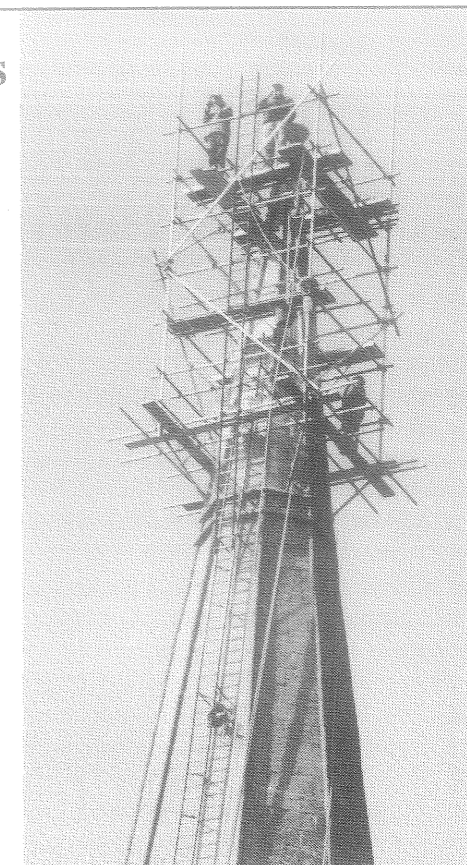


Photo: Rev.V.L. Armishaw

Bampton residents & visitors were intrigued by the expert agility of the steeplejacks at work on the church spire.

Future dates for fund-raising events:

23rd September 1995

Bell-ringers Harvest Concert
in St. Mary's Church

Autumn 1995

A Series of Historical Lectures
to be arranged by Sarah Wearne

Hay-on-Wye
17.7.95

Dear Mr Phillips,

I am sending you another £50 for the Fund, it would seem almost as if I had exhausted the market for quilts around here as they are selling very slowly this year so I have been knitting tops for overseas of late. However I hope there will be a few customers when the visitors come along, so I can only keep hoping.

I was very pleased to hear that the bells were going to be once more in action, what about the chimes do they still function? I remember them so well from my childhood and there were many stories attached to them one was that "there is no luck about the house" was the choice of the then Squire and much objection to it by others, but expect he had his way because he was the chief contributor to their installation - such was their power that many years ago. With my best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely, Gladys John

Letters TO THE EDITOR

CHANCE MEETINGS

Editor Madam

May I add a few comments to the Tribute to Godfrey Horne in the August 1994 Edition. I found it so very interesting, as I got to know Godfrey quite well for a couple of years prior to the war, through working in the Grocery Trade. It was customary in those days to try and obtain a particular item for a customer from one of the other stores if we did not stock it, one of many occasions I visited Mathews Stores.

As pointed out, Godfrey's No1 interest was cycling. I well recall meeting him on two occasions in the summer of 1938 when he returned from his trips. It always appeared to be adjacent to the Baptist Chapel around 10.30pm on a Sunday evening. Of course, others may recall he was friendly with Mr Barrett's Daughter, the family lived near by. He sometimes played cricket for the Early Closers, occasionally keeping wicket, but was better known as a hard hitting left hand batsman, one of only two I can recall who hit a six into the cemetery, no doubt others may recall more.

One summer evening in 1938 I cycled with Godfrey to Faringdon via Buckland. Leaving Faringdon to Clanfield we achieved 30mph on Faringdon Hill, quite a thing in those days. Godfrey was the only person I knew with a speedometer on his cycle.

Nelson Ody was a member of our staff at Eeles & Son, he was the first person to be called into service from Bampton under the new Conscriptio Act in July 1939. I know Francis will say the late John Quick and himself were in the Territorials and were there from the beginning, rightly so.

Francis, do you recall the occasion when we cycled to Witney together one evening in 1939? You were on your way to the Drill Hall and I was making for the Cinema - I did this quite frequently in those days. More to the point, you suggested I should join the Territorials, but my mind was made up, when the time came it was to be the call of the Sea.

With reference to Godfrey's chance meeting with Nelson Ody in Normandy, I had a similar experience. I happened to be ashore in Algiers around Xmas 1943, many servicemen around, but to hear my name called from a group of soldiers was somewhat surprising. It was none other than Tommy Weston whose home was in Buckland Road at that time. A small world, I thought.

J Morton, Christian Malford, Chippenham
The Editor would like to thank Mr Morton and other 'exiled' Bamptonians for their appreciation, interest and valued contributions over the past 10 years.

SELF HELP REMEDY

Dear Editor,

I read the article in the letter page of your last copy, about the lack of activity for young people at night in the village. This made me come to the conclusion that a percentage of the youth of today seem to want such luxury "GIFTS" but alas, do not wish to make any effort to help people to help them. Like the young girls explained "We have got nowhere to go so we gather around the Market Square, and then we get a bad name, about the noise and nuisance we cause. The fact is that some youths in the village have not much semblance of responsibility. They sit on the bench, throw litter, shouting abuse, a few think it's mature to drink under age, some like to roam the village during the small hours of the morning - maybe taking in the evening air?. They whinge about how nobody cares for them. Maybe if they started looking after their community a bit more e.g. collect litter (instead of causing it) help at street fairs, discourage and inform on vandalism and other illegal activities. If the young are respectful towards other people, their peace and property then there might come a time when the young might earn respect from the people who could help them get what they want.

I am not herding all the young under one heading as some are very responsible people, I am merely stating my view which may be wrong or right I am here to be shot down or backed in my thoughts.
T. Thorne, Calais Dene

An excellent job is being done by Glyn Silman, the new lengthsman employed by the Parish Council, and by the WODC team who certainly do their best to keep the litter and weeds under control around the Market Square. Unfortunately, their efforts are not helped by the general public!

The tiresome behaviour of a small group of young people in Bampton certainly causes annoyance but, on the other hand, despite urgent appeals from the Youth Centre, Youth Club, the Brownies & Guides (no longer functioning) and Scout Group - there are no adult volunteers coming forward to assist with these activities which might help in controlling a growing incidence of anti-social behaviour. Ed.

UNACCEPTABLE POLLUTION

Dear Sirs

I have enjoyed the pleasure of living and working in this lovely village for the past 8 years and consider myself most fortunate - that is until the last 6 months or so! Pollution seems to have hit Bampton in a big way.

NOISE POLLUTION - Not only from Brize Norton aircraft but also from a few idiotic youths who seem to think it clever to drive their very noisy, smelly motor bikes around the village at speeds way above the permitted levels. If you say anything to them, all you get is verbal abuse in return - so what is going to stop them? Do they have to run someone over before any action is taken?

TRAFFIC POLLUTION - More and more traffic is using our roads and often at excessive speeds. Crossing the road in Bampton is becoming a lottery (not one I would like to win). What must it be like for mothers with children or the elderly? What is being done to make these roads safer? What traffic calming measures are being taken? Is it really down to just money? Does someone have to get seriously injured or even killed before something is done?

LITTER POLLUTION - No matter where you walk in the village there is rubbish most of it paper but also more dangerously broken glass. There are some caring villagers who try to keep the village clean but in general our village is getting dirtier. Perhaps it is only a few who are doing it - they must know who they are - do they have a conscience or don't they care? And if they don't care, has society let them down by not teaching them correctly - or doesn't society care!

YOBBAGE POLLUTION - Regular damage is being caused to public and private property - damage that is costly to us all in money terms but could be costly in other ways especially when road bollards are deliberately removed causing confusion at road junctions. Equally noticeable is the number of swear words that seem to have been introduced into the English language by some of the youth of the village, every other word starts with the letter 'F'. Have we as parents, teachers etc. let them down?

Despite all of the above I still love living in this village, there are many wonderful and compelling reasons to stay - but is it really necessary to have to suffer self inflicted pollution in any form? Surely there is something we can all do to ensure that Bampton remains the great village it is.
Yours faithfully,
A. Davies, Calais Dene

OLD FRIENDS DEPARTED

Dear Sir,

Having lived in Bampton for eight years, and during that time have walked my dogs between my home at Ampney Orchard via the lane at Bridge Cottage to Weald and the aerial farms along the footpaths through the Read farm. Whilst walking this route, I have always taken pleasure in seeing the pony and donkey in the paddock - Robin and Jonathan, I believe. I am now informed that since the sudden death of Robin, Jonathan who has been pining for his old companion has also died, despite the introduction of a new donkey friend.

I am sure that I am not alone in expressing my regrets to the Read family for the loss of these lovely docile creatures who will be missed by many of us sometimes castigated dog owners.

Dan McLachlan

31 May 95



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Mrs Susan Phillips
The Bampton Beam
Haytor
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The Countryman

edited by Christopher Hall in the Cotswolds

12th June 1995

Dear Mrs Phillips,

Thank you for sending The Bampton Beam to the Village Newsletter Competition 1995

Rule no.2 (see enclosed sheet) states that the newsletter should appear 'at least once a quarter', so I am afraid that The Bampton Beam, which appears only three times yearly, is not eligible to enter the competition. I am very sorry that we cannot make an exception in this case.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Hall

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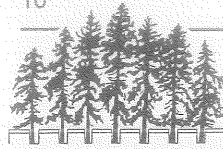
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BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP'S first Open Meeting on 26th April featured a

talk by Mrs Arnold on mountain plants in France. Her very informative lecture was illuminated by a fascinating show of slides, illustrating flowers, trees and shrubs that grew in two different mountainous regions - the Pyrenees and the French Alps, a very few of which could be found in Scotland.

By way of variation the next meeting on 28th July presents a different facet of environmental concern when Matthew Saunders, Secretary of the Ancient Monuments Society, will lecture on "Friends of Friendless Churches" - a national organisation, of which he is a Trustee, that deals with churches no longer in use because of changes in the social and economic environments in which they were originally built.

On October 25th the topic will be bats and their place in the environment.

Readers will probably know the outcome of two of the more important planning applications affecting Bampton. The development of residential accommodation in Market Square has been approved by the West Oxfordshire District Council after considerable deliberation which has resulted in provision of 10 parking places and some modification of height to make it a better fit with the surrounding buildings. The application for two executive houses and stables in the grounds of The Grange was refused permission. The Decision on Hoskyns Barn footpath has not yet been made.

BEWG welcomes new members and anyone interested should contact: Ann Norman (Tel: 850823) for further information.

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BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre, located in the old Victorian Primary School building, Church View, provides accommodation and facilities for a wide range of activities for young people in Bampton. Funding is derived from the Divisional Youth Committee and The Bampton "250 Club" plus rental income from other users of the premises.

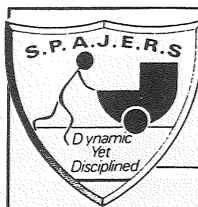
The Youth Club hopes to extend activity to a second evening early in September thanks to an offer of financial help from the Parish Council. Information can be obtained from the youth leaders - Tracy Charlton (Tel: 705416) and Gary Gummer (Tel: 851913). Help in running the Club would be greatly welcomed and contact should be made either with the Youth Leaders or the Club Chairman, Frank Piercy (Tel: 850005).

The Scouting organisation is currently experiencing difficulties due to the forthcoming departure of the Scouter-in-Charge, Barbara Heaton. Help is urgently needed both with the Scouts and Beavers. Training facilities are available for those who are willing to assist but have no previous experience. Contact should be made with the **Group Chairman, Ian Tupman (Tel: 01367 810277).**

The Centre is available for hire, at a modest charge, at weekends and on most weekday mornings and afternoons. It provides a most attractive setting for receptions and children's parties with the added attraction of generous parking facilities. **For further information please contact: - Hire of Hall - Liz Banham - Tel: 850019 General - Colin Allport - Tel: 850411**

FRIENDS OF BAMPTON SCHOOL

Friday, 6th October 7.30pm
QUIZ NIGHT in the School Hall
Prizes & Refreshments
contact Judy Bebb Tel: 851620
to register your team.



Society for the Preservation of Ancient Junketing Bampton, Oxford.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Elephant & Castle's all conquering Trunkies quiz team, winners of the Spajers Brain of Bampton Quiz Night. Will your team be able to beat them next year?

Mark down Friday 19th April, 1996 for next years Brain of Bampton quiz.

CONGRATULATIONS also to the following winners of the Original Great Shirt Race Michael Becket & Andrew Bridgeman (Senior) - Jack Wearne & Julian Easton (Intermediate) - Joseph Perry & Duncan Harris (Junior).

MONDAY 28th AUGUST - THE DONKEY DERBY & FETE on Sandford's Field at 2.00pm - Come and Join in the Fun

The **SUMMER OUTING** will be visiting Weymouth on Tuesday, 29th August. **JOSIE'S DRAW** will take place on Friday, November 3rd in The Talbot.

Notice Board

Please submit items for the Notice Board page in a sealed envelope together with a pre-payment of £1.50

GARDEN PARTY at WEALD MANOR

to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the end of the War.

The organisers hope to have invited everyone who played their part in the war effort and who now lives in Bampton. If you know of anyone who should have been invited but who hasn't received an invitation, please contact Sarah Wearne Tel: 851147

VOLUNTEER LINK-UP

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Can you help us? Can we help you?

VOLUNTEER LINK-UP is a volunteer bureau serving the West Oxfordshire District. The bureau aims to link people who need help in our community with people who have some time to spare.

Retired? Unemployed?

Working full-time or part-time?

Do you drive? Lots of people need help to get to clinics, hospitals and day centres, especially elderly people who find it difficult to travel by bus and those living in villages where there is no public transport. Mileage expenses are paid.

Could you mow the grass and tidy gardens of pensioners who cannot afford to pay to have it done?

Could you give some time to supporting those who have depression, anxiety or mental health problems?

Could you share a hobby or skill with someone who needs some extra help and confidence? **Office Hours:**

Monday - Friday 9.00am - 1.00pm
At other times messages may be left on our answer machine.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR SHARED PARENTING

If you are a Parent, a Grandparent, or Relative of a child who, as a result of separation or divorce, is experiencing difficulties, The Association for Shared Parenting may be able to help with practical advice and support.

For details please contact us at Springfield, Rectory Farm Cottage, Northmoor, Witney, Oxon OX81SS Tel: 703919 or come along to one of our meetings at Warnborough College, Boars Hill, Oxford on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month 7.30 - 10.00pm

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CANCER RELIEF MACMILLAN FUND Bampton & Faringdon C'm'tee

At the well-attended AGM on 16th March Bill Wells, the Area Fund-raising Manager congratulated the Committee on raising more than any other in Oxfordshire in 1994 - £13,860. The Oxfordshire Appeal has reached its first target of £150,000 and exceeded it and a third Lymphoedema Nurse has been appointed at Sobell House. The Appeal continues so that further posts can be funded as quickly as possible.

The Chairman, Barbara Osborne, would like to thank everyone most warmly and sincerely for help and generous support in the past and adds, "Please, I beg, stay with us! Cancer Relief has so much more to do. It is indeed a most worthy cause."

THE MS SOCIETY

West Oxfordshire Branch

If you can spare an hour or two to help with the following Street Collections, please contact the local organiser -

Saturday, 19th August at Woodstock (Ann Elsmore Tel: 843605)

Saturday, 2nd September at Witney where there will also be a stall outside the Post Office all day so many willing helpers needed (**John Newcombe Tel: 772771 & Edna Moss Tel: 772748**)

These are our main source of income and without collectors, we cannot operate. As the Cotswold Wild Life Park collecting day had to be cancelled, a Summer Raffle has been organised to compensate funds - 1st Prize is £200 (plus plenty of other good prizes) and tickets are limited to 2500 so the odds are excellent! The draw will take place in Witney on 2nd September 3.30pm. **Books of tickets are available from Jill Cooper Tel: 703068.**

Saturday 12th September 10.00am to 12 Coffee Morning at 12 The Old Coach Yard, High Street, Witney



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 £245.32 for which we are very grateful. However, sadly, this is about £60 less than last year - a sign of the times I fear.

Some areas of Bampton are still not covered in our collection and so we would be glad to hear from anyone over 16 who thinks they may have an hour or two to spare next year to help us. **Please contact Pauline Hawkins Tel: 851066 and she would be very happy to add your name to her list.**

WESTERN CORNER is a community service in West Oxfordshire for children and young people with learning difficulties and their families. It is run and managed by The Children's Society, a child care agency founded in 1881 with historic links with the Church of England and The Church in Wales. Nationally, The Society supports in excess of 120 projects for children and young people - including those with special needs.

WESTERN CORNER offers a comprehensive service to any child or young person with a learning difficulty. It works closely with and receives financial help from Oxfordshire County Council Social Services Department.

WESTERN CORNER aims to support families - to offer new opportunities to children and young people - to develop skills - to encourage participation in the wider community

For more information and for details of services on offer please contact:

The Project Leader, Western Corner Project, 118 - 120 Burwell Drive, Witney OX8 7NA Tel: 772973/706404

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Committee -

President: Mrs S Wearne
Chairman: Mrs D Cleaver (Tel: 850682)
Secretary: Mrs M Smith (Tel: 850295)
Treasurer: Mr M Cleaver
Fundraising Events -
Thursday, 21st September
COFFEE MORNING at Little Place
Wednesday, 15th November 8.00pm
CHRISTMAS BINGO at The Bush Centre
Friday, 15th December 8.00pm
CHRISTMAS
Country & Western
DANCE
at the Social Centre, Carterton

BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB

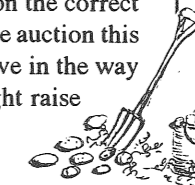
Chairwoman: Mrs L. Edgar Tel: 851770
Membership Secretary - Mrs Betty Collett Tel: 850363

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW - Saturday, 16th September 1995

The Committee would like to thank all sponsors for their support and generosity
Parish Council for the Best Kept Allotment
The Horseshoe Inn for the Best Kept Small Front Garden
Londis of Bampton for Best Hanging Basket Commercial
Abbey Properties for Best Hanging Basket Private

Please make sure you register your entries for the September Show on the correct evening as no late entries can be accepted. We would like to extend the auction this year and would be more than grateful for any surpluses you may have in the way of fruit, vegetables, flowers or indeed any other produce which might raise a few more coppers. A table will be set aside for donations

Dates of Future Events - see Diary of Events on back page



The Taste of Summer

from Gilly French



A short piece this time on that veritable summer fruit the tomato.

Tomatoes come in all shapes and sizes from various countries; by far the best (*if you cannot grow your own Ed.*) are the beef tomato and the Italian plum tomato. The type that come from Holland or the Canaries in the wrong season are watery and tasteless; you are better off with tinned plum tomatoes.

Here are two easy recipes for the best ways to deal with the real thing. Both serve 4

Gazpacho (an iced Spanish summer soup)

1 lb Italian plum tomatoes (*or other well flavoured variety*)

1/4 cucumber

2 cloves garlic, chopped

1 spring onion

12 stoned black olives

1/4 green pepper

3 tbs olive oil

1 tbs wine vinegar

cayenne pepper

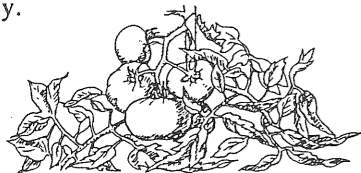
chopped marjoram/mint/thyme

2 hard boiled eggs

bread

Dice cucumber, chop spring onion and pepper. Add to the peeled, pureed tomatoes along with the other ingredients except eggs and bread. Keep cool. When ready to serve add 1/4 pint iced water (*bottled or filtered water will taste better*), the eggs and a few cubes of brown bread.

N.B. To peel tomatoes, immerse in boiling water for 1 minute. The skins will come off easily.



Baked Tomatoes with Basil

This recipe comes from Saisbury's 'The Herb Book' and is a firm favourite.

1 oz butter

1 clove garlic

1 lb tomatoes, sliced

3 tbs fresh basil leaves

3 oz bread crumbs fried in oil

grated parmesan

Pre-heat oven to 180C/350F/Gas4.

Lightly butter an ovenproof dish and rub it with a cut clove of garlic. Make a layer of the tomato slices, season with salt and pepper and dot with a little more butter. Strew basil leaves on the top and make another layer the same way. Carry on until all the ingredients are used up. Cover with fried breadcrumbs, sprinkle with grated parmesan and bake for 20 minutes.

Finally, what do you do with tired looking tomatoes that have been sitting around the kitchen for too long?

Try roasting them, with a few tablespoons of olive oil, some crushed garlic, a few basil leaves and some salt. Half an hour in a moderate oven will produce an excellent accompaniment to fish or meat.

Bampton Author in Print Again

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS

by A.S. Jackson will be published
by Terence Dalton in September 1995
(numerous illustrations)

In 1924, when Imperial Airways was established as "the chosen instrument" to fly the flag the 16 pilots then engaged had served in the Royal Flying Corps or the Royal Naval Air Service. The passengers were flown across the English Channel in converted military machines. When bad weather or an engine malfunction interrupted progress they needed to possess an adventurous spirit because unscheduled landing in fields were not uncommon. By the latter half of the 1930's the service was somewhat more reliable and the introduction of the Empire flying boats that linked the British Isles to Australasia and South Africa attracted favourable comment. Sadly the landplane service was increasingly derided for its slow old-fashioned machines as "the laughing stock of Europe." One reason for this was the nation's belated rearmament programme in face of the military threat posed by the Germans. Imperial Airways was forbidden to buy foreign aircraft or engines and British aircraft suppliers had orders to accord top priority to bombers and fighters. As complaints multiplied a scapegoat was found in the man whose efforts to modernise had been frustrated by government bodies.

Early in 1942, when the author was seconded from the RAF to the national airline, re-named B.O.A.C., he flew in the company of some of those veterans of World War I on the Empire flying boats. He continued flying on a succession of airlines until retiring at the end of 1976. He has lived in West Oxfordshire since 1946 and in Bampton since 1986. This is his fourth book to be published. He is a regular contributor to aviation magazines.



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Forthcoming Events:

Exhibitions

20th - 27th August

SNAP! an exhibition of photography at The Gallery by local Youth Centre members and an opportunity to view all entries and winners of our "Summer '95" Photography Competition.

10th - 24th September

'SEPTEMBER SONG' Members Autumn Exhibition a mixed exhibition of paintings, drawings, sculpture, prints and crafts - *wonderful bargains in the Portfolio* - Come and see our members' work.

15th - 28th October

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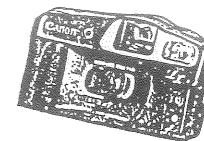
MONDAYS 10.00am - 12.30pm
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If you need more information.

Contact Sarah Edwards Tel: 850137

Closing date for entries
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1995



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Courses & Workshops

Tuesday 19th September

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Bampton.

To book contact - Tutor: Jenny Mill
at West Oxfordshire College Tel: 703464

Sunday 15th October 10am - 4pm
CORDS ROPES TASSELS POMPOMS
Tutor: Ann Norman at The Gallery.

Saturday 4th November 9.30am - 4.30pm
WILLOW BASKETMAKING
Tutor: Mary Butcher at The Gallery.

*For more information on the events above and other exhibitions etc.
please collect an Arts Calendar from The Gallery or Tel: 850137.*

Literature & Music

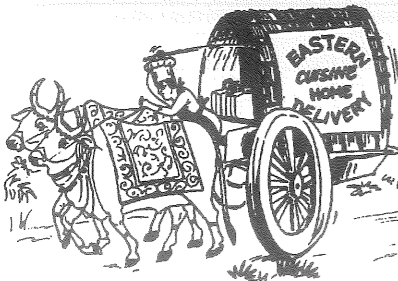
September Song - 2nd Literature Group
Meeting. Pictures & verse in The Gallery.
Please contact Aileen Rogers Tel: 01865
880068 if you would like to read your
favourite prose or poem. All welcome.

A Musical Event - A recital of English
song by Purcell and others to celebrate the
Purcell Tercentenary - given by the young
and acclaimed counter tenor William Missin
and friends.

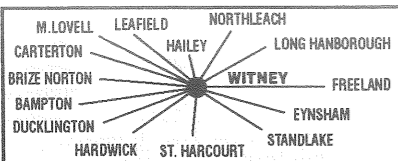
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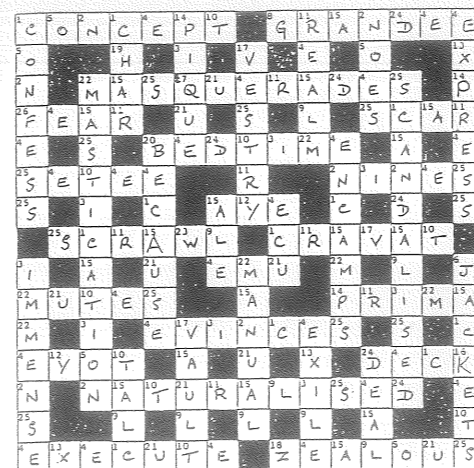
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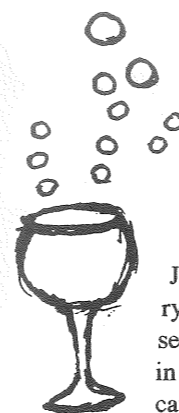
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*Solution to
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A 10th Birthday Celebration and a Fond Farewell



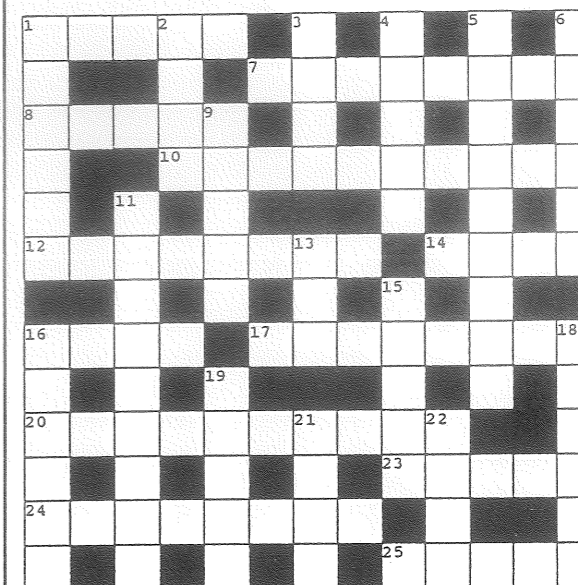
The Bampton Beam will celebrate its 10th birthday in 1996 and there will be a weekend exhibition in The Gallery, The Town Hall in January to mark this event. Everyone is welcome to come and see how The Bampton Beam grew in 10 years from an A4 duplicated Parish Council Newsheet to the present 20 - 24 page magazine with professional type, artwork and photographs

It will also mark the end of The Bampton Beam in its present form. The editor would like more time for house and garden, far flung family and friends, other activities and, last but not least, a very busy 'retired' husband! She would like to thank all those who have contributed their talents so generously over the past decade and those who have helped financially either by grant, donation or advertising revenue, and all those who have written such kind letters of appreciation. Last but not least, a debt of gratitude is owed to, the 'Beam Team', all those of every age who have taken the time and trouble to deliver The Bampton Beam and The Bampton Directory to each household and business in Bampton.

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If anyone feels inclined to take on the task of editor or of forming a group to produce a Bampton newspaper, please contact:
Mrs Jackie Garrett,
Mill Green Close, Bridge Street,
Bampton Tel: 851763.

The Bampton Beam's Own Prize Crossword

£5 to The Pumpkin Club as thanks to Bill Govier who supplied this puzzle.
£5 Cash Prize for the first Correct puzzle opened on 15th September 1995



CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Perfect state of insect life
- 7 Old gun for firing salutes
- 8 Deputy
- 10 Salad sauce
- 12 Pregnant
- 14 Small fairy
- 16 Necessitous
- 17 Care for the hands
- 20 Uninspired
- 23 Reassemble
- 24 Conducive to thrift
- 25 Emblem

CLUES DOWN

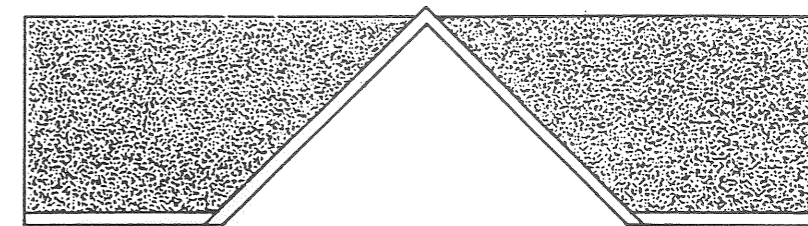
- 1 Address in prayer
- 2 Chick-pea
- 3 Nought
- 4 Hair colouring
- 5 Light-headed
- 6 Becoming
- 9 Swift
- 11 Portable wind instrument
- 13 More for 8 Across
- 15 Rolled leaf
- 16 Pelt with shot
- 18 Reproduction or copy
- 19 Pay for, maintain
- 21 Invasion
- 22 Snakes

Name

Address

The solution will be published in the next issue; if you can't wait until then, send a s.a.e. with your entry to: **The Editor, The Bampton Beam, Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton**

Congratulations to the 11 people who sent in a correct solution to the April puzzle despite an incorrect number! The winner of £5 prize is Mrs Ann Radband.



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Village Appraisal

The April issue of The Beam asked Bampton residents to an open meeting in the Village Hall to discuss the proposal for a new Village Appraisal.

More than 80 people attended - which demonstrates the value of The Beam.

A steering group of residents has been formed with Air Vice Marshall Henry Reed-Purvis as Chairman, and has commenced work. The first issue will be to determine the subjects that residents want the questionnaire to cover. There will be further public meetings from time to time and progress will be reported in The Beam.

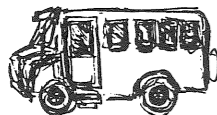
Do You Want an Earlier Bus to Witney?

It would appear that few people in Bampton, Aston or Clanfield want an earlier bus than the present No 19 Service in the morning into Witney and a later one to get home after work. In The Bampton Beam (April 1995) & the West Oxfordshire Observer (May 1995) I asked people interested in this service to contact me. The response has been poor.

I have, however, found a bus operator who would be prepared to run such a service for a trial period but we must be able to justify it with names of people who would use it.

The proposal would be to run a 7.00am service from Clanfield to Witney Market Place via Bampton & Aston with a return from Witney Market Place at 6.45pm.

Please let me know
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE
if this service would be of use to you.
Jonathan Phillips Tel: 850321
Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton



Local Traffic Problems

The results of asking for readers views on certain traffic problems in the last issue of The Beam are summarised below. Only 12 replies were received.

	In favour	Against	*Other proposal	No mention
A. Mini roundabout: New Road/Broad Street	5	2	-	5
B. Change of Priority: Aston & Buckland Roads	2	4	-	6
C. One Way Systems				
1. Landells to Surgery	3	5	-	4
2. Rosemary Lane	3	-	3	6
3. Church View (either way)	0	6	-	6

*The "other proposal" for Rosemary Lane was for Access Only to properties in Rosemary Lane - otherwise "No Entry" from both ends.

The Parish Council considered these results in June and has decided to proceed only with the proposals for the New Road/Broad Street mini roundabout and the "Access Only" suggestion for Rosemary Lane. The costs of these proposals are being determined.

Increased Vandalism

Reports of vandalism in Bampton have greatly increased over the past months.

The Parish Council has discussed this with the Police Authorities who have strongly recommended that any person seeing vandalism taking place should immediately use the "999" telephone system to report it to the Police. This also applies to anyone seeing suspected house-breaking, drug dealing or disturbances by noisy youths.

Although police action may be either fast or slow depending on their workload there is a real need to show the Police the frequency of these problems.

The Police are very conscious of the position of residents, especially elderly people, to actions of vandalism and theft. **THE POLICE WANT TO KNOW OF SUCH INCIDENTS - TO HELP OURSELVES AND THE POLICE USE YOUR TELEPHONE AND DIAL 999**



Summary Results of a Public Consultation

"This Survey was undertaken by Crime Concern and the Thames Valley Partnership on behalf of the Thames Valley Witney Police Area in January 1995. . . It was designed to consult the public about their experience of crime, their fears and concerns, and their attitudes towards policing and crime prevention. . .

Witney Police Area is an area of relatively low crime. However, as with all studies of this kind, the survey shows that the actual experience of crime is much higher than the numbers reported to the police. . . (- usually because victims feel that the crime was not serious enough, or that the police would not be able to do anything about it).

Nearly half the survey were quite or very concerned about crime, and a third were quite or very concerned about nuisance (dogs, disorder, noise etc.).

Figures for car crime in the Thames Valley as a whole are higher than the national average, and this survey shows that the problem is not confined to the urban areas of the Thames Valley.

Although the risks of being burgled are fairly low, this was the crime that people are most worried about. This was followed, understandably, by having their car vandalised or stolen. High levels of worry about assault show that people are worried about violence even though the risk that this will happen to them is very small.

People were asked what they understood by the police working in partnership to prevent crime. The responses demonstrated that the public see partnership as including Neighbourhood Watch schemes, the involvement of local communities, special constables and local authorities, but not confronting criminals, patrolling the streets or using private security firms."

PARISH COUNCIL

Broad Street Limes

The ongoing saga about the Parish Council's wish to pollard these trees - as has been carried out for at least the last 70 years - has reached yet another stage. The Oxfordshire County Council agrees with the Parish Council on the method of pollarding and has now formally asked the West Oxfordshire District Council that this work be one in accordance with the wishes of the local community.

The intransigence of the WODC in this matter is a most regrettable action in local Government relationships.

Market Square Parking

The Parish Council's suggestions for improvements to the Market Square parking problems have been deferred yet again - due to the possible building development in the Square.

REPORT Recreation & Sporting Facilities & Activities

Recreation Ground Trust

After eighteen months of planning and monthly meetings the Parish Council, who are the Trustees of the Bampton Recreation Ground Trust, have given the go ahead to the Steering Committee for the construction of two high quality all weather tennis courts, a shelter and a multi-purpose sports area with floodlighting (see diagram). This will be used for five-a-side football, hockey, tennis, basketball and netball. These facilities should be completed and ready for use in September.

The Trustees are also finalising a landscaping scheme for the field with extensive planting including broad leaf trees to give Bampton residents an recreational area with places for playing and picnics and tracks for bicycling, jogging or walking. It is hoped to make a start on this during the coming winter.

In addition, the pavement down the Buckland Road will be extended in August, to the footpath entrance to the Recreation Ground. 218 Field Squadron RAF are returning to build the culvert at the northern end of the field and construct some paths. We are very grateful for this invaluable help and hope they get some useful training out of it as well as enjoying their weekend.

One disappointment is the lack of a cricket team - people say that they want it but nobody is yet prepared to organise one. The cricket ground area will be seeded this autumn. Let's hope cricket is revived in Bampton or should we turn it into a Rugby pitch? Which club will get started first?

Multi-purpose Sports Area

The multi-purpose sports area will be available from 9.00am until it closes at 10.00pm on a one hour booking system. Certain supervised periods during the week will be reserved for free use by Bampton children, but, to help to pay for the upkeep, the remaining slots will be on a fee paying basis. Bampton Clubs, senior and junior, will naturally get preferential rates.

We will be looking for volunteers to run netball, basketball, 5-a-side hockey or soccer sessions. We would also be grateful for volunteers occasionally to supervise the children's open sessions.

David Hawkins, Millgreen, Bampton Tel: 851066 will act as coordinator for the multi-sports project and Phil McFarlane, 3 Pockocks Close, Bampton Tel 850433 has kindly agreed to take bookings and act as the principal key holder. We are now ready to take bids from Clubs in the local area for training slots throughout the winter months.

BAMPTON TENNIS CLUB

Special Introductory Offer

18 months Membership for the price of 12 if you join before 30th September 1995
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The two all weather courts to be constructed on the Buckland Road Recreation Ground will be run by the Bampton Tennis Club. Anyone wishing to avail themselves of this facility should contact:-

Di O'Brien Tel: 850188 for details.

It is hoped to open the courts under supervision for a nominal charge to non-members at certain times in the week.



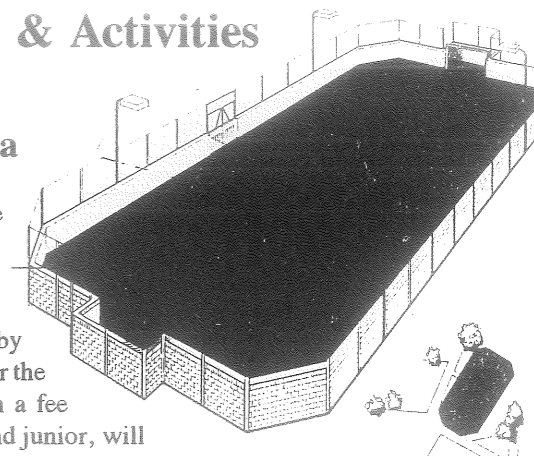
Sandfords Field - The Cockerel's Eye View

Photo: J. Phillips



The Parish Council is negotiating to purchase Sandfords Field from the Oxfordshire County Council to ensure it is always retained as a recreation facility for Bampton.

The Society for the Protection of Bampton has most generously offered to help in providing funds towards meeting the cost and it is hoped to finalise this purchase by September 1995.



A Youngsters Activity Week

28th August - 1st September 1995

Multi Sport is an elite sports club of young UK Internationals who are running this activity week in association with the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association and West Oxfordshire District Council.

Among those helping will be Carl Howard the European Long Jump Champion complete with his gold medal!

For full details please see posters and application forms in Londis. There may be a limited number of places available at a reduced rate. If you are interested please contact: Jonathan Phillips Tel: 850321

before August 12th

It should be a great week to end the summer holidays.

Bampton Boys Football Tournament

2nd & 3rd September 1995

This will take place on the pitches on the Buckland Road Recreation Ground.

All five Bampton Teams will be participating together with teams from the Witney & District League. It will be a good opportunity to support our teams and view the progress on the Recreation Ground.

Make a note now in your Diary.

Anyone willing to help for part of the two days (referee - gate duty - recording results or selling drinks etc.) please contact:

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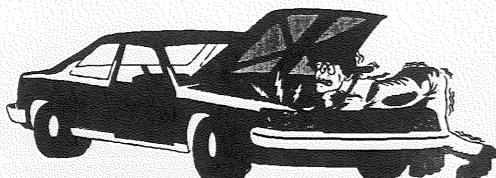
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ENERGY SAVING TALK & WORKSHOP

by Anthony Waite, Technical Officer of OEAC

THE VILLAGE HALL, BAMPTON

at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 27th September 1995

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saving energy saves you money and helps save the environment too



NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICE

Exerpts from a letter sent by Dr C C Entwistle, Medical Director, to donors and staff of the Oxford Blood Transfusion Centre

"The NBA and the Oxford BTC wish to make it quite clear to everyone that contrary to mistaken but understandable interpretation, there is no proposal to close this Centre. . . . There is a proposal made possible by new technology for amalgamated major administration, routine donation processing and testing functions. It is intended this should not affect the supplies to hospitals. . . The proposals depend upon a proven IT system and the demonstration that removal of processing and testing will work without detriment to the needs of patients. All supplies would therefore be issued from the same place as they are now and the timeliness of that supply is intended to be as near as possible the same as currently. . . The Service's clearly stated objective is to meet 100% of the requirements of hospitals for their patients, with all that entails. . .

Very generous donors, well looked after by donor attendants, are giving more blood than ever before but the demand for blood is continuing to increase as hospitals treat more patients. The National Blood Service has to meet that demand. More donors will therefore be required and sessions have to be convenient for them. There is absolutely no suggestion to close smaller sessions. Indeed, we may have to extend them and any donor who may have understood their usual sessions were at risk of closure can be reassured this is not so, and that they are most welcome. Thank you, we need more of you. . . Donors are, we hope, reassured of their vital importance and that we still seek further ways of improving a convenient and friendly service for them".

Two Blood Donor sessions are held annually in The Bampton Village Hall
- in July and January - please look out for the posters and
come along if you are a healthy person between the ages of 18 and 60
or, better still, call 0345 711711 to register NOW
A pint of YOUR blood could save a life.

Bampton Carers

Group Meetings held on

4th Thursday of each month 2 - 4pm
at the Bush Centre, Church View

If you are looking after others - family, relatives, friends and neighbours - and you want more information about what help is available, some-one to talk to about your problems or to meet people who work with carers, you will be very welcome at these regular meetings.

Speakers from relevant organisations attend and you are able to talk with people with similar problems.

If you are unable to get there for any reason, please telephone 851997 and leave a message or leave a message at the surgery for the Carers Group. We will be able to help with transport, looking after the person you care for in your home, or you can come together.

SOLACE is a drop-in centre for all Carers at the Congregational Church Rooms, Welch Way, Witney (Wednesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm).

Call in for refreshments, friendship, information and support in conjunction with North Oxfordshire Carers Centre.

HELPLINE 0345 125546

AUGUST 1995 Diary of Events in Bampton

- 12th Bampton Gardening Club Coffee Morning Town Hall 10 - 12
 17th 18th 19th Annual Bampton Fair Market Square
 19th MS Society West Oxfordshire Branch Street Collection in Woodstock
 19th Bampton Summer Opera Dido & Aeneas Deanery Gardens 8.00pm
 20th CAR BOOT SALE Bampton Recreation Field Buckland Road *see page 10*
 25th Bampton Gardening Club Treasure Hunt & Supper Village Hall 7 - 9pm
 28th S.P.A.J.E.R.S Donkey Derby & Fete Sandfords Field 2.00pm
 28th - 1st Sept A Youngsters Activity Week *see page 17 for details*
 29th S.P.A.J.E.R.S Summer Outing to Weymouth

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd & 3rd Bampton Boys Football Tournament *see page 17 for details*
 2nd MS Society West Oxfordshire Branch Street Collection in Witney
 12th MS Society West Oxfordshire Branch Coffee Morning *see page 11*
 13th Bampton Gardening Club Registration for Show Town Hall 7 - 9pm
 16th Bampton Gardening Club Flower & Produce Show Village Hall *see pg 11*
 21st Cancer Research Campaign Coffee Morning Little Place 10 - 12
 23rd Bell-ringer's Harvest Concert St. Mary's Church
 24th Car Boot Sale Bampton Recreation Field Buckland Road *see page 10*
 27th OEAC Energy Saving Advice Presentation The Village Hall 7.30pm

OCTOBER

- 6th Friends of Bampton School Quiz Night - Prizes School Hall 7.30pm
 7th Bampton Gardening Club Coffee Morning Town Hall 10 - 12
 13th Bampton Gardening Club A Talk with Slides Village Hall 7.30pm
 25th BEWG Open Meeting The Village Hall 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 3rd S.P.A.J.E.R.S Josie's Draw The Talbot Hotel
 17th Bampton Gardening Club AGM Cheese & Wine Supper Village Hall 7pm
 15th Cancer Research Campaign Christmas Bingo The Bush Centre 8.00pm

For WOAA dates & events see page 13 or collect a Calendar from the Gallery

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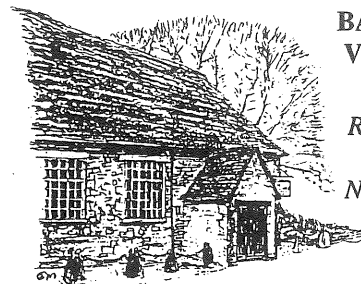
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