

# The Bampton Beam

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## PAST ACHIEVEMENTS and FUTURE PLANS

After celebrating the tenth birthday of the Beam it seems a suitable time for me to lay down the Editor's pen and offer it to a new team with fresh ideas and enthusiasm. I have thoroughly enjoyed the past decade and have learned a great deal about Bampton and its residents both new and old, about publishing and printing and modern technology. I am extremely grateful for all the help I have received from correspondents, contributors, sponsors, graphic designers, printers (*see centre page*) my family and many friends who have given me advice, support and encouragement.

If you would be interested in seeing how the paper has evolved over the past 10 years, please come to

The Bampton Beam grew out of the Parish Council Newsheet, an A4 duplicated sheet which I started writing in 1983 when I was on the Parish Council and which was distributed twice a year.

In 1985, a talented American graphic designer, Siobhan O'Rourke, moved to Bampton and wished to become involved with village life without having to join a committee! She offered to produce a more attractive newsletter and as I had just acquired an Apricot PC and dot matrix printer we decided to work together and The Bampton Beam was launched.

## PLANS

It is with the greatest pleasure that I can now announce A NEW BEAM TEAM has been assembled willing and able to take on the task of producing this Bampton newspaper three times a year.

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The Bampton Beam Birthday Exhibition  
in the Gallery of the Town Hall  
January 13th, 14th, 15th 1996

## Sandfords Field Secured for the Future

Photo: Sue Casson



Agreement has been reached between the agents for the Oxfordshire County Council and The Bampton Parish Council for the parish to purchase Sandford's Field. This will return the ownership of this invaluable recreational facility to the village. Contracts would be finalised in January 1996.

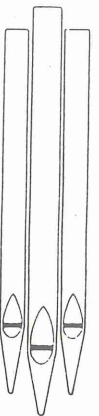
## STOP PRESS:

To those who attended the concert in St Mary's Church in memory of Rupert Bruce-Mitford on Saturday evening 11 November 1995:

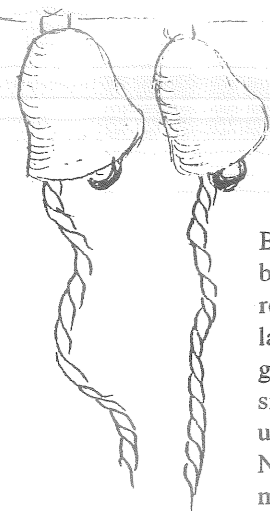
Rod Thomson, who was to have played the organ, wishes to express his profound regret and apologies for his non-appearance, which was due to a misunderstanding about the date entirely his own fault.

He hopes that he will be able to make up for his error with a recital, lasting about an hour, which will take place at 11.30am - after the Morning Service - on Sunday, 28th January 1996.

Everyone will be very welcome.



## 'Ding dong merrily on high . . .' a history of St Mary's bells by Graham Taylor a bellringer since 1946



Whilst Bampton's church bells were ringing regularly they were largely taken for granted but when silence was forced upon our village in November 1993, many local inhabitants became more conscious of the bells existence. Thanks to the fund raising efforts of the Church congregation and The Friends of St. Mary's the spire has been repaired and the bells again ring out. This is good news for many of us, including visiting bands of ringers from far afield who consider our bells something special.

What makes them so special, I hope you are thinking. Why should Bampton-in-the-Bush have a peal of bells considered by some expert ringers to be the best in the county? History tells us that our church was a Minster in very early times and that Bampton in the days of the Hundreds was one of the four most important towns in the county, sharing that honour with Oxford, Banbury and Wallingford. It was home to rich and important personages. These factors, plus our links with the powerful Deanery of Exeter, in my view, provide the answer. The existence of a massive Norman tower in all probability also contributed.

Although the earliest 'bells' were carved from hardwood tree stumps, by the ancient tribes of Africa and South America, bells as we know them developed from about the time iron, copper, and bronze became man's favourite playthings. By the late 1300s castles and prominent public buildings had a bell to toll but it was to be another 200 years before cathedrals and some of the larger churches started using a single bell to summon their congregations. This was known as the Saunce, or the Sanctus i.e. the Holy Bell. Amongst many generations of ringers it has become known as the Ting Tang. By the mid 1600s many churches boasted one or two bells, whilst the more prominent ones (or richer ones) proudly possessed four or five or, very occasionally six bells. Many iron founders of the day quickly learned the new skills required to cast bells and bell founders sprang up the length and breadth of the country.

The year 1626 saw the Sanctus Bell installed in St. Mary's Church, Bampton. It was cast by James Keen of Bedford, later of Woodstock. Weighing 1cwt., it has a height of 18 inches and a width of 16 inches. It is still in use.

Just three years later St. Mary's proudly possessed a peal of six bells. According to one bell historian of the 19th century our church was the first in the county to possess so many. They were very heavy, very 'solid' as bells go, and gave out a rich and almost ponderous note. 'A most sonorous tone' according to one 19th century historian. Number *one* bell, the 'ding' at the top of the scale, (and always referred to as the 'Treble') weighed 7 3/4 cwt and number *six*, the 'dong' at the bottom of the scale weighed a massive 25 cwt. The lowest sounding bell is always known as the 'Tenor'. This latter bell was 4 ft 6 ins in height, 4 ft 4 ins across its mouth and for the musically minded was struck in 'D'. These six bells still exist in our tower and have become the lower six bells in our present peal of eight.

It was an odd mixture of bells, numbers *one*, *two* and *five* being cast by Mears and Stainbank of London, whilst numbers *three*, *four* and *six* were cast, in all probability, by Nathaniel Bolter, an itinerant founder. Mr Bolter never incorporated his name or his mark in his castings but bell historians have identified small characteristics on our bells which correspond with bells in other churches known to have been cast by this travelling founder.

Many years ago I was told, or might have read, that our three London bells were originally cast for a cathedral, (Gloucester, if my memory is not playing tricks). They were hauled up the Thames by horse drawn barge, destination Lechlade Wharf, but the barge sank somewhere near Shifford. These bells lay at the bottom of the river for some months before being salvaged and installed at Bampton. I have not managed to corroborate this story, despite much research in recent months. However, in my view, there could be some substance to the story as numbers *one*, *two* and *five* started life in London. Had the London bells been the first three in the peal, or the last three, I would be more doubtful of the truth in this tale.

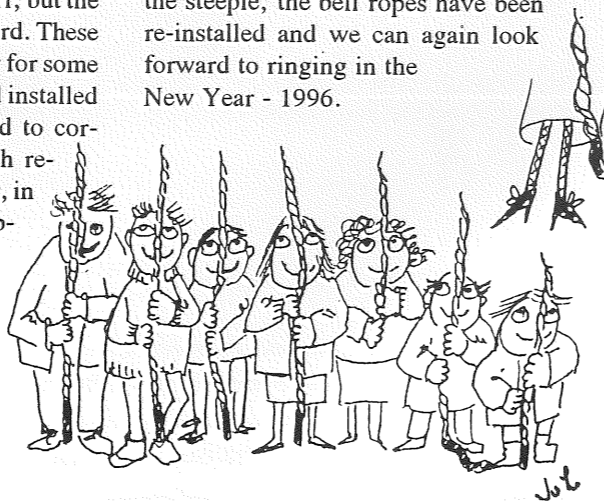
Perhaps our forbears should have left them in the river, however, as all three London bells were removed from the tower and re-cast many years later. Number *two* in 1865, number *five* in 1903 and number *one* in 1906. Whether this became necessary following metal-structure damage or just for re-tuning is not clear. I think it is more likely the two re-casts in the early 1900s were for improving the tone as the timing leads nicely into the final chapters of our bells history.

The year 1903 saw a new cast iron bell frame installed in our tower, replacing the oak and elm frame which had supported about four tons of bell metal for so long. The new frame was designed for eight bells and in 1906 two lighter bells were added to the peal. These weighed 6 1/4 cwt & 7 1/4 cwt. They became the new 'Treble' and number *two* bell whilst the older six bells were re-designated numbers *three* to *eight*.

Since the start of this century, our eight bells have been virtually free of problems. Several generations of Bamptonians have provided a ringing service, together with a sprinkling of ringers from neighbouring villages who have attached themselves to our band. No doubt our neighbours recognise Bampton's bells are something special. Thousands of visiting ringers have descended upon Bampton over the years to ring our bells and there have been occasions when it has been necessary to 'ration' usage to visiting ringers in order to avoid 'public nuisance' accusations.

The quality of the bells of St. Mary's is probably the reason why we can almost always produce a band of ringers, when many churches, including some in more populated areas, cannot raise a team.

The scaffolding has been removed from the steeple, the bell ropes have been re-installed and we can again look forward to ringing in the New Year - 1996.



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**HOLY COMMUNION**  
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## Margaret Edwards 1928 - 1995



St Mary's Church was almost full to capacity on Tuesday 7th November when Bamptonians came to give thanks for the life of Margaret Edwards. This "very special lady" - the Practice Nurse at the Bampton Surgery for over 12 years - emigrated to South Africa in 1988 to join her daughter and family and the years up to 1994 were happiest when she was able to spend time with her grandchildren. In November last year she became ill and suffered a great deal until her death on the 13th August this year. Many of those present at the memorial service have cause - both personally and collectively - to remember Margaret for her devotion, efficiency and unstinting care. Gentle when necessary and firm when required, she performed her duties with un-failing good humour.

Her ashes are now interred in the churchyard of St Mary's where she was a Churchwarden. She would like that . . .

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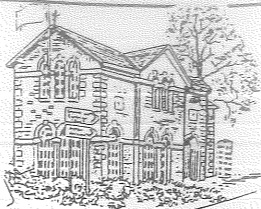
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## MY RETURN VISIT TO BAMPTON, OXFORDSHIRE THE VILLAGE TO WHICH I WAS EVACUATED IN SEPTEMBER 1939 by Silvia Appleton nee Isaacs



I had often thought and spoken about a return visit to the village of Bampton where I spent the first two years of the second world war, from 12 to 14 years of age, 56 years ago.

Motoring back to London from Birmingham, my friend who was driving, suggested that it might be an opportune time to find the small village which was about 30 miles from the motorway along winding country roads. What a beautiful peaceful unspoilt village; the very old Cotswold stone cottages and public buildings, although familiar, were new to me because as a child I was unaware of their beauty.

There were High Street spots I remembered and sadly learned that Emmy Bishop, the then postmistress, (who sold all and sundry in her post office) had died a couple of years previously. I had vivid memories of myself, the Whitechapel tenement child who, it then seemed, had landed on another planet. Climbing trees, running wild in the fields (scared of the cows - initially unaware of the difference between bulls and cows!) learning to ride an ancient bike which was far too big for me, and riding pillion on the family's treasured motor-cycle.

There were obviously disadvantages too. My new family were also poor countryfolk living in a tiny isolated cottage. We frequently had to break the ice formed on the

surface of the well water; had to nervously trek down the long garden path after dark to use the bucket toilet; all the family going to bed at 9pm to save the lamp oil and the coal.

I also remembered feeling isolated as I missed the bustling atmosphere of living adjacent to Cable Street, in London's East End, where stallholders bellowed out their wares in the street markets. But in the countryside I began to notice the birds, the flowers and, in winter, the icicles which formed on the branches of the trees; the pretty patterns of the snow settling on the slanted rooftops and crevices of the Cotswold stone.

I felt excited to be back again in Bampton after an absence of 56 years. When dusk fell we visited the local pub and I spoke to the young barmaid, asking her if she knew Kathleen and John Taylor, explaining that John had been a local motor mechanic, who would, if still alive, be in his 80's. She did not know of them but asked an older man, who was standing at the bar, who said there was a John Taylor in the next village who had recently retired from running a garage there.

We travelled on to the Red Lion pub in Aston and made the same enquiries. I was disappointed to learn that the John Taylor who lived there was a year younger than myself. However, imagine my surprise to

hear that there was a 'regular' who had himself been an evacuee and had stayed and worked there ever since. What an electric atmosphere prevailed when the 'evacuee' came into the pub. We had both been to the same school, Fairfield Road, Bow, in London's East End. We had both assembled together with hundreds of other children, all bearing a name label attached to our coats, to start our evacuation journey from Bow Road underground station to Ealing, thence by main line train to Witney in Oxfordshire. From there, many different types of army and civilian vehicles took us to the surrounding villages depositing their small charges in village halls, and along dark country lanes where expectant foster parents were awaiting our arrival from London. He told me that his mother had died during the war and he had stayed on and worked in Aston ever since.

The locals were very touched saying how fantastic it was that I was revisiting the area after 56 years. Their friendliness and interest in suggesting ways of tracking down the Taylors by writing to the Bampton and Aston press was very genuine and we left feeling very emotional. Certainly a different atmosphere from the often cold, impersonal polarised London, where community life is frequently absent.

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## BAMPTON - IN OLD PHOTOGRAPHS

When the Local Government Act became law in 1894, the 'civil' affairs of Bampton (as distinct from the religious) were removed from what was known as the 'Vestry' and for the first time, vested in a Parish Council - elected democratically by and from local residents. Records show that there were 21 candidates for the 11 seats involved and the first meeting took place on the 4th December 1894 under the chairmanship of an Admiral Blackburn the then resident of Weald Manor.

To mark the centenary of this event it was decided - in December 1994 - to produce a pictorial record of Bampton during the last 100 years (complementing perhaps the splendid local history written by the late Lloyd Hughes-Owens "The Bampton We Have Lost"). It was hoped that this would serve as an anniversary document and a legacy for future generations.

Since that date - following appeals made in the December 1994 and April 1995 editions of The Bampton Beam - a very large number of fascinating old photographs have been willingly lent by a number of Bamptonians and assembled by some enthusiastic voluntary helpers. Most have now been copied and prepared for publication.

The sponsors are delighted with the result and believe there will be a considerable demand for the book which will, it is hoped, be published in the Spring/Early Summer of 1996.

A limited number of copies will be available at a discounted pre-publication price. Details and forms will be available after Christmas from Abbey Properties.

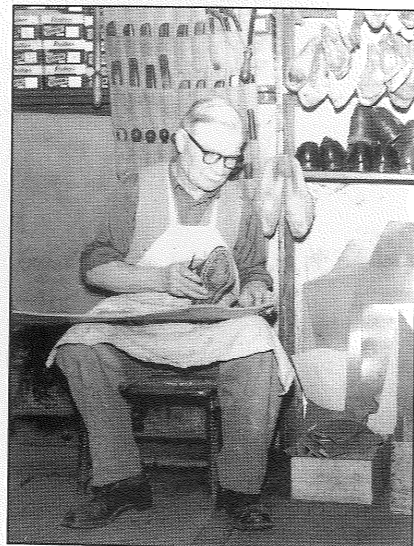


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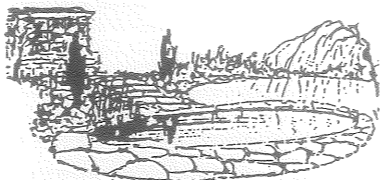
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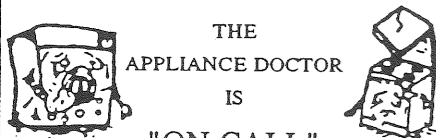
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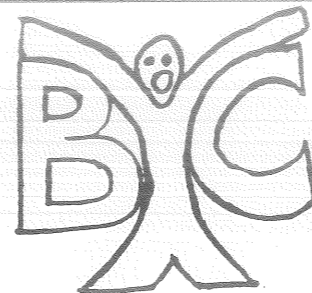
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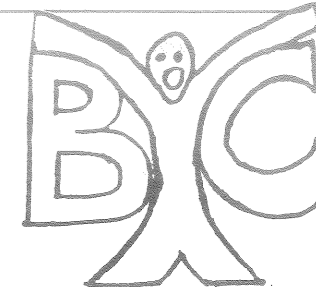


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# BAMPTON YOUTH CLUB NEWS PAGE



The 23rd - 29th October was National Youth work week, which this year celebrated Youth Arts. As part of the celebrations we held an Arts Week. A range of activities were on offer. Mask making, jewellery making and Candle making were very popular. Decorations and pumpkin lanterns for the Halloween disco were also made.

We have a 'new' second hand table tennis table thanks to Carterton Youth Centre. We'd also like to thank Jody's Dad for picking it up! Also to the memory of Bill Brookson. Thanks to his kindness we have a new CD & Cassette music system.

Calling all 12-13 year old boys who like football. We are looking to form an U14 five-a-side team to play against other youth clubs. If you are interested come in & see us on a Tuesday night.

We are Open:

11- 15 Club  
Tuesdays 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

For 13-20 year olds  
Thursdays 7.30 - 10.00 p.m.

## 28160 STEPS FOR BYC - NO WONDER THEY'RE EXHAUSTED!



On October 15th 74 people from 11 different youth clubs took part in a sponsored walk held in the grounds of Blenheim Palace. Among them were 8 members of Bampton Youth Club and a worker (Tracy).

A scenic route and good weather helped to make it an enjoyable 8 miles. Some walkers even took time out to roll down a few hills! Everyone agreed it was a good day and great fun. At the time of going to press sponsor money is still coming in but the total looks to be about £150. The money is probably going towards a new pool table. The day generated momentum for more fund raising events so ... WATCH THIS SPACE...

Justin, Jody, Chris, Sarah, Emma, Kerry, Kelly, and Claire take a well earned rest.

### DRAMA PROJECT

Louisa Elliot and Gaye Poole from OAYP's Sexual Health project have been running drama workshops with our Thursday clubbers, with a view to performing a play based on the groups experiences in December. The project is sponsored by the Oxfordshire Health Authority.

### DART BOARD STOLEN

The youth centre was broken into at the beginning of October and thieves stole our dart board. Can anybody help to recover it? Or maybe you can offer us a board? We have since installed tougher locks.

### COMING SOON . . .

1st-2nd Midnight Ice  
Dec Skating Trip  
21st Dec Xmas Disco  
(11-20 yr olds)

During December we will focus on a number of issues including World Aids Day, Disability Awareness and Youth Parliament.

Jan 96 - County round of National Rock & Pop Quiz.

March 96 - Night Owls Orienteering exercise.

### CAN ANYBODY HELP?

We are currently making improvements to the youth club room, to try and create a more comfortable atmosphere. Members are being encouraged to be actively involved and to respect everyone's efforts. However if you can donate any of the following it would make a great difference:

Sofas, comfy seats, cushions, bean bags, material for curtains. If you have anything like this or anything else (i.e. sports or arts equipment) you think we could use please get in touch. Please phone Tracy Charlton at the Community Education Office 702253.

# Letters TO THE EDITOR

THE BAMPTON BEAM - December 1995

Dear Mrs Phillips,

Just thought we would write you a brief note to let you know how much we enjoy reading *The Bampton Beam*.

We are relative newcomers to the village (7 years) and find that the Beam is an excellent way to get to know our village and the folk that live here. We try our best to support the various events organised throughout the year and appreciate the great efforts made by the local unsung heroes in organising such things.

We are sorry to read that you are retiring from your position of Editor and can only hope that another dedicated villager takes up the challenge of producing the Beam.

Once again many thanks for your efforts over the years in producing one of the finest free news magazines we have ever read.

Yours sincerely,

Carl & Angela Ford, Calais Dene

Editor Madam,

I recently visited the church at East Wellow on the edge of the New Forest, there in the churchyard lies the well known Florence Nightingale, also the final resting place of Bampton's own 'Local Boy makes good', the late Jim Daniels. I am a great admirer of Jim's achievements, through sheer hard work and determination and an elementary education he gained the respect of many from the industrial world, as was made aware to so many in the tributes paid to him at his funeral. Well done Jim, you were a man of Honour and Integrity. That doesn't altogether surprise me because your parents like hundreds of families I knew through my work over the years were models of such. Almost without exception it was the wish of people to pay for goods supplied on a regular basis. What a contrast to today's world where people are encouraged to get into debt and live on credit.

Editor, may I just recall an example from the 1930's during my working days at Central Stores, (Eeles & Son). Every Saturday evening without fail, the staff would be mentioning who our last customer would be, it was either Mr Joyce from Buckland Road who always purchased among other things one pound of broken wafer biscuits at 8d. a pound or Mr Godfrey from Aston who regularly arrived around 8.30pm to pay his weekly account cycling of course. This emphasises peoples desire to make sure everything was paid for, and could therefore look forward to another weeks supplies for a large family.

J. Morton, Chippenham

*10 years County Councillor for the Bampton Division  
10 years Governor at Henry Box School, 5 years Governor at West Witney Primary School  
8 years Governor at West Oxfordshire Technical College*

22 August 1995

Madam,

I write to place on record my concern that in your August issue of *The Beam* you publish on the front page under the headline "Education now in Jeopardy" an article by a new school governor who is very obviously ignorant of the system, misquotes the statements of others, and makes statements of his own which are incorrect.

First let me say that I do not condone the Government's reduction in the provision of resources for County Council funding of education, but your contributor endeavours to blame the County Council who in the circumstances have made the maximum possible provision for the Local Education Authority schools in the county, following the Government's imposition of a £23 million reduction in the allowed County Council budget expenditure. . . .

The County Council operate courses for new governors to attend to acquire the knowledge and understanding of the financial systems. I would recommend your contributor to attend them and to gain the necessary experience before exacerbating an already complex situation.

Yours faithfully,

Geoffrey Fowler - County Councillor

Dear Editor,

I read the *Bampton Beam* from cover to cover each time I receive my copy and there are frequently articles on the vandalism in Bampton and at the Primary School. There never seems to be any reports on the vandalism at the Playgroup building so I would like to give everyone a quick rundown on it since I started working there a year ago:

New swings broken and paintwork scratched  
Milk bottles smashed all around the grounds  
Items stolen from the sheds to make 'camps'  
Climbing on the roof and damaging it  
Drain pipes pulled apart  
Empty alcohol bottles & glasses everywhere  
Paper and cigarette packets set fire to  
Slides damaged  
Fences broken down  
Rubbish bins tipped out

This is not all of it as it would take too long to list!

I would just like to say to the people who do these things that we have to raise all our own money to buy our children their toys and to maintain the upkeep of the building. Without the wonderful help from the parents and committee that keep repairing the damage we could not function.

Just stop and think it could possibly be your children that come to the playgroup one day!

Yours, Mrs C Smithson, Assistant Supervisor,

Bampton Pre-school Playgroup, Bowling Green Close

CORRESPONDENCE WITH  
MR GEOFFREY FOWLER

9 September 1995

Dear Mr Fowler,

Thank you for your recent letter and other communications. I am sorry you have taken such exception to the article on education in the current edition of *The Bampton Beam*. I wrote it myself after hearing Mrs Shuker's report at the Annual Parish Meeting and I certainly did not intend to cast the blame for the problems on the Oxfordshire County Council.

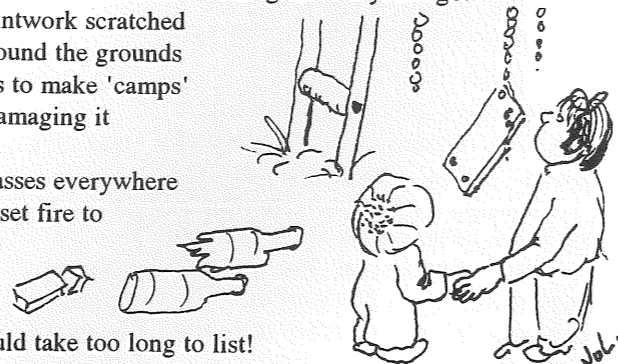
I am sure that Jonathan will study the Budget Statement as you suggest, if he has not done so already, but he will still campaign for school finances to be presented in a more 'user friendly' way. I know he and others would find it more helpful if questions could be answered simply and specifically rather than by a deluge of more meaningless figures.

If you would like to correct any incorrect statements and misquotes in my article, I will certainly rectify my mistakes in the next issue.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Phillips - Editor

(No reply to this letter has been received.  
Ed.)



THE BAMPTON BEAM - December 1995

Dear Editor,

Please would you, on behalf of the Bampton District Guides put a plea in the *Bampton Beam* for new Guide leaders in Bampton.

We need leaders in the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

I have always thought it a shame that our District has the name of Bampton, but no units in Bampton itself.

A few years ago, the *Bampton Beam* put in a big spread about the history of Guiding in Bampton and a plea for Guiders but unfortunately to no avail.

We are now having some problems accommodating Bampton girls in our existing units in Aston and Brize Norton as they are getting rather full. We don't want to turn girls away. I would be grateful, if you would mention this problem in the next issue of the paper.

Thanking you, in anticipation,

Yours sincerely, Mrs Jenny Izzard - Bampton District Guide Commissioner

In the December 1991 issue of *The Beam* it was stated that the first Bampton Guide and Brownie group was formed in 1949. Many people subsequently wrote to the Editor correcting this assumption and telling of their time as Guides or Brownies before and during the Second World War. Mrs Emmy Papworth was the Guide Captain until 1944 when she went to visit her husband's family in the North.

"She was upset that there was no one to carry on with running the Bampton Girl Guides." Remembered Mrs Edie Quick. "Miss Rae, a young school teacher at Langford School (I think) living with her sister the Health Visitor Nurse Rae in Landells Cottage offered but needed assistance. I had come home from the Army in 1944 to have my baby and, although I was not very knowledgeable about the guides, I offered to help. We carried on during 1945, then Miss Rae moved away from Bampton. My husband returned home in early 1946 - Very Anti Uniform - so sadly I thought the end of the Guides had come!! When Mrs Bullen started up again, my husband quickly took the small amount of cash in the tin and the books to Mrs Bullen or her assistant. Once again the Guides were on their way."

They kept going for another 40 years under the leadership of many able and devoted Leaders and Brown Owls but sadly no one has come forward since the appeal for help in the 1991 *Bampton Beam*.

Today there is no shortage of recruits for Rainbows (5 - 7 years) Brownies (7 - 11 years) and Guides but **NEW LEADERS ARE DESPERATELY NEEDED**. Those who are already involved in local packs in Aston and Brize Norton would be most happy to give advice and encouragement to anyone who would consider this very worthwhile and enjoyable voluntary work.

Please contact:

Julie Scott (Aston Guides) Tel: 850881

Wendy Evans (Aston Brownies)

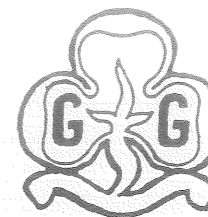
Tel: 850083

Shirley Ingham (Brize Norton Brownies)

Tel: 841614

Barbara Thorne (Brize Norton Rainbows)

Tel: 842013



## The Bush Club Celebrates its 10th Birthday

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Members enjoy their mid-day meal at the Bush Club which meets each Wednesday at The Bush Centre in Church View. Volunteers do the cooking, entertaining and driving - new recruits are always welcome. Please contact: Vera Allport Tel: 850411 or Joan Granville Tel: 850407

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The house to house collection held in Bampton at the beginning of September for the Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary at Stadhampton, raised £109. Many thanks to collectors and contributors.  
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### THE BURFORD SINGERS

The Burford Singers' next concert with The Cotswold Chamber Orchestra and Jack Gibbons (piano), is to be held on Sunday 10th December 1995 at 7.30pm, in Burford Parish Church. The programme consists of Bach's 'Singet dem Herrn': Mozart's Piano Concerto in A K488: Tippett's spirituals from A Child of our Time and Beethoven's Overture to Prometheus - Choral fantasia.

The soloists are Penelope Martin-Smith (soprano): John Crawford (tenor): Michael Sharp (baritone) and the conductor Brian Etheridge. Reserved tickets, priced at £9 and £7 (with concessions for students at £5 & £3.50), and any further information are available from Brian Etheridge at the Burford Gallery Tel: 822305

### ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Bampton Branch

Mrs Yvette Brown, Poppy Area Organiser, wishes to thank all 'House to House' and 'Street' Collectors who helped raise £1,601 for the Poppy Appeal this year in BAMPTON and LEW. Included in this total is a donation of £51.50 (Commission & Raffle) from a Sale of Local Pottery by Jane & Stephen Baughan which was held in Carterton on 16th November.

More volunteers are needed for next year so please contact Yvette now if you would be prepared to help. Tel: 841434

### BAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

The Management Committee wishes to announce that very costly remedial work is being undertaken in January to attempt to cure the damp problem in the old part of the Hall. It will not be possible to use the kitchen, servery and bar for three weeks from the 22nd of January 1996. Once the new plaster has dried out, these rooms will be re-decorated probably in March and it may be necessary to close the Hall for a week while the work is completed. Regular users of the Hall will be notified and the Committee apologises for any inconvenience that may be caused.

The Committee would also like to thank all those who support the Hall with annual covenanted donations, without this vital income the work could not be paid for.



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# Notice Board

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

### VOLUNTEER LINK-UP

FUN FOR ALL - A NEW project is to be launched to improve the social lives of local young people with disabilities.

Able-bodied volunteers will be paid expenses to join in leisure activities with people under 35 who have physical disabilities.

The project is to be run by Witney's Volunteer Link-Up, the organisation that tries to link volunteers with people who need help, and will be funded by Oxfordshire Social Services. Volunteer Link-Up's manager, Anne Crawford, said "All sorts of activities will be considered - going to cinemas, discos, football matches, playing pool, going fishing, or just out for a walk. The list is endless. It can be enjoyable, fun and rewarding to give time to someone who would not have much social life without your input. It gives an added opportunity for young people thinking of a career in social work or another caring profession to gain valuable experience in enabling disabled people to gain confidence and more independence. The befriending can take place during the day, in the evenings or at weekends."

Volunteers must be aged 18 years or over, willing to undertake training and be prepared to join the project for a minimum of six months.

If you are interested and want to know more, then contact Volunteer Link-Up at the Youth & Community Centre, Witan Way, Witney Tel: 01993 776277.

The office is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 1.00pm and there is an answer-machine out of office hours.

Volunteer Link-Up also has an urgent need for DRIVERS willing to use their own cars to transport people to day centres, clinics or hospitals etc. 28p per mile expenses are paid.

Volunteers are needed to VISIT ELDERLY PEOPLE, take them shopping or do their shopping for them or sometimes just pop in to have a chat.

Please telephone (01993) 776277 if you have a little time to spare and could help in any way. THANK YOU

### VOLUNTEER READING HELP

One in four children in Oxfordshire are leaving school without the basic skills to cope with the world of today. These children go on to be the most at risk from unemployment and trouble with the law.

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VOLUNTEERS are carefully selected and attend a short training course before being introduced to the school in person. They receive regular support by telephone and visits from staff. ALL VOLUNTEERS attend regular refresher courses and are kept up to date with a termly newsletter.

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### BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB

The Christmas Bazaar  
will be held in the Village Hall  
on Saturday, 9th December  
10.00am to 2.00pm

Tombola, Raffle, Cakes, Decorations, Gifts and Father Christmas for the children. Part of the profits will be donated to Bampton Surgery for the benefit of the community. If you are able to help or have items for the stalls, please contact:-  
Mrs Lin Edgar Tel: 851770

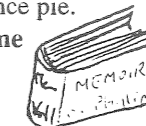
Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund  
Cancer Research Campaign  
& Diabetic Research  
will also have their own stalls. Please give all these good causes your support.

### F.O.B.S.

(Friends of Bampton School P.T.A.)  
Friday, 15th December 7.00pm  
'An Evening of Christmas Carols'  
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Entrance £1.50 adults, 50p children  
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The Library is situated at the Old Grammar School in Church View and the opening hours are:-  
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Wednesday  
10.00am - 12.00noon & 2.00 - 5.00pm  
Friday 2.00 - 5.00pm & 6.00 - 7.30pm



### BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP

Open Meetings in July and October were well attended and provided the audience with valuable information and interesting insight into two very diverse subjects. In July the Secretary of the Ancient Monuments Society lectured on the Friends of Friendless Churches, illustrating with a wealth of fascinating slides the varied ways in which this voluntary organisation seeks to rescue redundant Anglican churches from natural dilapidation or demolition. Bats were the topic of October's talk which produced an illuminating account of the biological and physiological features of this animal and their role in its very successful hunting operation. Numerous slides illustrated these points together with illustrations of the wide variety of species throughout the world. The presentation was backed up by the introduction of two live specimens which, in many cases I suspect, helped to counteract the poorly understood and prejudiced perception of these minute but highly competent mammals.

The AGM is to be held  
in the Village Hall at 8.00pm  
on Wednesday January 31st 1996

Four officers and other members of the Executive committee will be elected. After this routine business Geoffrey Fowler, Oxfordshire County Councillor for Bampton, will give a talk on local history. This meeting is limited to paid-up members but interested newcomers may take out a subscription at the door on the night.

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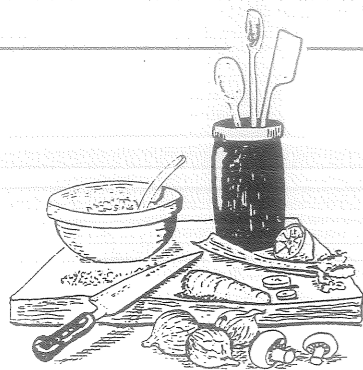
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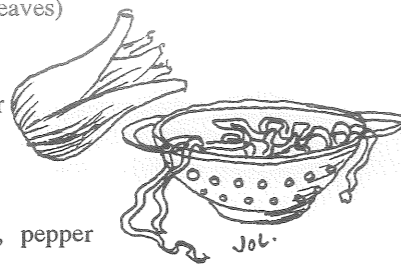
## An Alternative to Christmas Fare from Gilly French

As this edition of *The Beam* is, sadly, Susan's last, I thought that as a tribute I would give some recipes that involved her favourite foods. 'Pasta and lemon puddings . . .', I was emphatically told, upon enquiring - although she does also admit to being something of a 'chocaholic'! The recipes also offer a complete contrast if you want to take a break from traditional Christmas fare.

### Pasta with fennel and sardines (Serves 4-6)

I was introduced to this delicious Sicilian dish by my American friend Katherine Precht, who is an excellent cook. It is one of the best pasta dishes that I know, and is from Paula Wolfert's *World of Food*, published in the USA by Parker and Row, which is full of superb recipes of a mainly Mediterranean origin, and well worth hunting for.

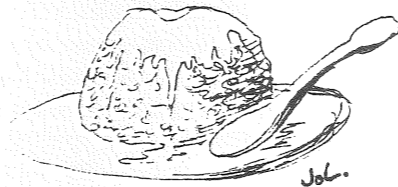
- 2 bulbs fennel, chopped
  - 2 cups (8 fl oz) packed, mixed leaves of fennel and dill (use the leaves from the fennel bulb and finish off with dill if you cannot find fennel leaves)
  - 2 tbs currants,
  - 1 piece sun-dried tomato, cut into small pieces
  - 2 pinches saffron threads soaked in 2 fl oz hot water
  - 6 tbs olive oil (pref. extra virgin)
  - 1 onion, finely chopped
  - 7 anchovy fillets, chopped
  - 1/4 tsp powdered fennel seed (grind in a spice mill), pepper
  - 2 tbs pine nuts
  - 2 cans (4 oz) boneless sardines packed in olive oil, drained, or 12 fresh sardines, gutted and cooked.
  - 1/2 lb spaghetti (you could use more)
1. Cook the greens in plenty of salted water until tender (about 15 minutes). Drain and set aside. Reserve the water for cooking the pasta and for moistening the sauce as it cooks.
  2. Soak the currants and tomato in the saffron water for 10 minutes.
  3. Meanwhile heat the olive oil in a wide frying pan, add the onions and fennel and gently cook until golden. Add the anchovies and crush with a fork. Cook for one minute and remove from the heat.
  4. Squeeze out excess moisture from the greens and chop roughly.
  5. Add the greens, currants, tomato and soaking liquid, ground fennel, pine nuts and 4 fl oz of reserved cooking water to the frying pan. Cook for two minutes, stirring, over a moderate heat. Add the sardines, crushing a few of them into the sauce. If the sauce seems dry, moisten it with a little fennel water. Season to taste and set aside. The sauce can be prepared to this point in advance.
  6. Twenty minutes before serving, preheat the oven to 425F/220C/Gas7. Bring the reserved water to the boil, add the pasta and cook until al dente. Drain the pasta, transfer to an oven proof serving dish and toss with half the sauce. Spread the remaining sauce on top. Cover with foil and set in the oven for 5 minutes.  
Serve very hot. Pass round a small jug of olive oil.



### Sussex Pond (serves 6) a traditional English recipe

- 6 oz butter
  - 4 oz sugar
  - 2 eggs
  - 9 oz self-raising flour
  - 3 tbs honey
  - 1 lemon
- Cream together the butter and sugar, add the eggs and blend until smooth. Add the flour (and a little water if it looks dry) and the zest of the lemon. Remove the pith from the lemon and cut through the skin at each segment.

Put the honey at the bottom of a pudding bowl. Put the lemon on the middle of the honey and add the flour mixture, leaving an inch from the top of the basin. Cover and steam for 2 hours. The lemon will have dissolved, leaving a delicious lemon-honey 'pond' in the middle of the pudding.



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24th March - 7th April

Exhibition of Watercolours - landscapes and flower paintings.

## Children's Workshops

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## Amahl and the Night Visitors

a Christmas opera  
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Bampton Summer Opera will be staging their first winter Opera, the delightful Amahl and the Night Visitors by the Italian composer (now resident in Scotland) Menotti.

This tuneful and magical version of the Christmas story tells of a crippled boy whose home is visited by the Three Kings (and dancing shepherds) on their way to Bethlehem: it was originally written for television in 1953, and has remained a firm favourite ever since. At only about an hour long it is an ideal introduction to opera for children - and parents.

The performance will be in St. Mary's Church, on Thursday 21st December at 7.45pm and falls on the feastday of St. Beornwald, Bampton's own saint!

Tickets will be £6 for adults and only £1 for accompanied children, available from Abbey Properties from 1st December, or by post from Holcot House, Market Square, Bampton OX18 2JJ (sae please; cheques payable to Bampton Summer Opera).

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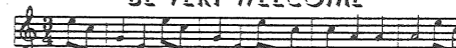


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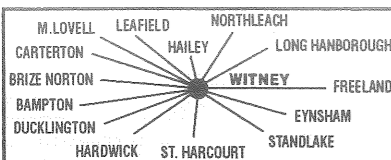
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## THE COUNTY PLAN

The Planning committee have now produced West Oxfordshire's response to the County's Consultation Draft Structure Plan to 2011. Members had a three hour seminar attended by County Officials and then spent another hour considering our response. We have questioned the need for the housing totals during the period (some 47,000) and are pressing for the number to be reduced. Of the 47,000 dwelling sites, 25,000 have already been identified and sites for another 10,000 can probably be accommodated. The shortfall is 12,000. We are suggesting that growth is concentrated in central Oxfordshire, i.e. in and around Oxford, in order to reduce the need to travel by car. The Committee is opposed to further growth in Witney beyond that already planned.

After the consultation period the County will consider all of the comments made and a modified plan will emerge with firm proposals as to where the extra dwellings will be sited and a public enquiry will take place. At that stage I foresee real battles starting!

On a personal note, no one has yet come up with any real long-term strategy in terms of reducing development within the County, since if the present level of building continues into the next century it will be only a question of time before most of West Oxfordshire is under concrete.

Fanciful, perhaps? But who is going to cry halt? **John Faulkner**  
*reprinted from The West Oxfordshire OBSERVER - November 1995*

## The Friend's of St.Mary's - how can you help?

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Repair to Spire £16,015 (plus £5,700 donated by Friends of St. Mary's)  
Architects fees £11,502  
(*plus other minor works*) TOTAL £78,752  
In addition, £20,000 was raised to repair the Gray & Davison organ.

Over £105,000 (*less the amount received from insurance claims*) has been spent in the last 5 years. Without generous support and donations from a great many people in Bampton none of this vital work could have been carried out. It is a great achievement of which we can be justly proud.

## The Future of Bampton by Jonathan Phillips

I have been your District Councillor for the past 18 months and the most distressing part of my duties is dealing with the housing problems caused by the desperate shortage of low cost rented accommodation in this area. There is still a great need for more low cost housing in Bampton and a suitable site must be found by the Parish Council for a further exception site. Private rents are higher here than in, for example, affluent Horsham in Sussex yet the average earnings in West Oxfordshire are only 70% of those in the South East.

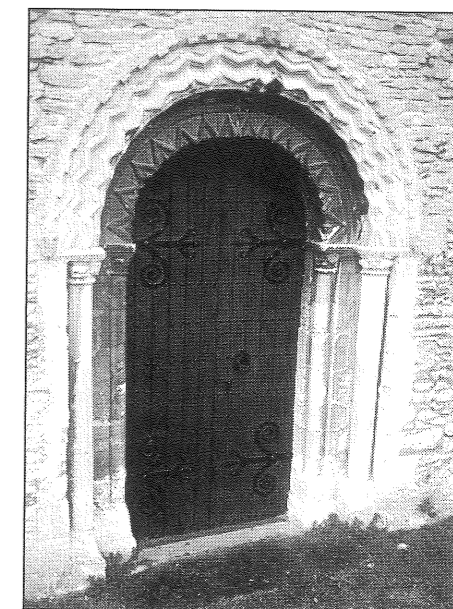
The Appraisal being organised by the Parish Council is a great opportunity for the residents to give their views on the future of Bampton. We need to know what you want and what are your concerns. The Parish Council, District Council and County Council are now obliged by law to take the views expressed in Appraisals into account when considering their future plans so you really can have your say - please use it.

How do we ensure that we keep the facilities we now enjoy in Bampton - Bank, Post Office, Shops, Garage, Surgery, Library, Fire Station, School, Pubs, Restaurants, Arts Centre - without ruining Bampton with overdevelopment? Apart from low-

cost housing do we need more housing and if so, what type? Would more housing help keep the facilities? Would jobs in Bampton help? Should we have a small light industrial estate? If so, where? Could we attract small offices to Bampton which in these days of modern technology might be feasible? Would a low key tourist brochure help bring people to Bampton to use our facilities? Do we need more tourist accommodation? Will our new Recreation Ground bring people to Bampton to use our facilities. Should we encourage these ideas?

Having lived here for over 30 years and despite the changes we have all seen during this period, I still think Bampton is a good place to live for all age groups. I think the success of Bampton as a community is the mix of people who live here. We must keep it this way. We must not become a retirement town or we will surely die as a community.

Please give these points your earnest consideration and make your views known by completing the Appraisal Questionnaire.



The doorways, particularly the Norman Door, will be the next item for restoration hopefully in the coming year.

**Fundraising events since August 1996:**

Bampton Summer Opera £75  
Women's Institute £100  
Hebborn's Amusement £50  
Magpie Lane Concert £464  
Mrs Gladys John (sale of quilts) £50 & £36  
Adrian Simmonds (sale of photos) £60  
R Bruce-Mitford Memorial Concert £200

Sincere thanks to all those who have organised these events and to everyone who has supported them so generously.

Currently on sale to raise funds

Christmas Cards see page 3

Ann Manly print see page 13



## Parish Council Report

### BROAD STREET LIME TREES

The saga of The Broad Street Limes continues. The Oxfordshire County Council has now appealed to the Secretary of State against the District Council's decisions to refuse their request to pollard the limes.

The County Council fully supports the Bampton Parish Council's desire for this action which is primarily intended to continue the tradition of over 70 years of pollarding and thereby keep the trees in the safest and healthiest condition. Residents in Broad Street support this view.

The District Council's decision, taken under their position relative to the Conservation Area and a tree preservation order was reached after the Lowland Planning Chairperson gave a casting decision after a tied vote at their September meeting.

### BOTTLE & PAPER 'BANKS'

The Parish council is considering moving the bottle & paper 'banks' for a trial period and subject to agreement from the County Council - from the Market Square to the area in front of the Youth Centre.

The Council appreciates that these recycling facilities are necessary, that their location is contentious and that they should be available for people to walk to them.

The Council has received letters from residents complaining that their present location in the Market Square is a disgrace to the Bampton environment and spoils the Market Square as the village centre. There is a roadsafety concern - vehicles leaving the Market Square into High Street usually have their vision to the right blocked by the Banks and there have been a number of near-misses.



There have been further letters, from residents in Church View, protesting against the move.

One letter, opposing the move has been sent to The Beam but was too late to be included in this issue.

**SANDFORD'S FIELD** - see front page

## The Village Appraisal - a progress report

The last edition of the Beam announced that a parish Appraisal Steering Group had been formed under the auspices of the Parish Council. This follow-up is for the general information of all residents and will cover the aims of the appraisal, the progress already made and future plans.

### The aims are as follows:-

- To find out what residents think about their village/town and its future development
- To help maintain and develop the present quality of life enjoyed in Bampton and to strengthen the community spirit.
- To identify sources of help and knowledge within Bampton Parish.
- To ensure that Bampton has some control and input over its own destiny, and that the inhabitants views are known at all levels of local government and by other organisations and authorities.
- To produce a document for future reference by all members of the community and for people and organisations dealing with Bampton.

Over the past months Steering Group members have been discussing what important topics to include in the appraisal and how to condense them into a number of questions that will maintain interest, be easy to understand and simple to answer. Every member of the Parish will be asked to complete an appraisal questionnaire. Young persons aged from 11 up to 17 years will have their own questionnaire covering only topics relevant to them. There will also be a questionnaire for businesses operating in the Parish.

### YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS & WISHES

During October and November the Steering Group agreed the questions to be asked and decided to run a pilot survey in December. Twenty households have been selected - representing a cross section of the village - to complete the questionnaires to make sure that our model was sound and to take note of any observations that would improve the document. The results of the pilot survey will be analysed in December and the final version of the questionnaire then agreed. This will be hand delivered to every household in Bampton Parish during February 1996.

To keep residents up-to-date with progress a **Public Meeting will be held in the Town Hall at 7.30pm on Friday, 26th January 1996.** By that time, we will need volunteers to come forward to help with the distribution and collection of the questionnaire. Team leaders will be briefed on their duties in the Town Hall on 2nd February 1996 and they in turn will brief their own team members. We are now calling for volunteers to help run the survey - in total about 3 days of effort in February. If you would like to help or know of anyone who may be willing to help please contact any of the Steering Group members listed below. With your help it is hoped that every resident in the Parish will complete the questionnaire.

The results of the survey will be analysed during March 1996 after which a further Public Meeting will be held before the appraisal document is published.

Thereafter it will be delivered to the Parish Council for action. Every household in Bampton will then receive a free copy of the Appraisal Report.

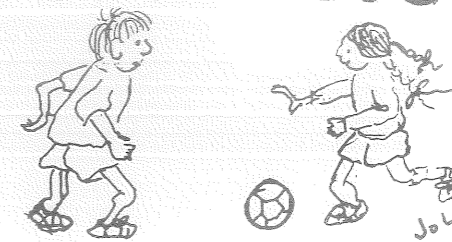
**I hope to see many of you at the Public Meeting on Friday, 26th January 1996.**

**Henry Reed-Purvis - Chairman**

### Steering Group Members

- Colin Allport**, Wheelgate House, Market Square Tel: 850411  
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**Liz Banham**, Tudor Cottage, Church Street Tel: 850019  
**Doug Faithful**, Firtrees, Bridge Street Tel: 851860  
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# BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND



The old election slogan 'You've never had it so good' has really been appropriate this Autumn for Bampton children as the facilities at our Recreation Ground in Buckland Road have been steadily improved. With a 'Sports Activity Week', the Soccer Tournament for 25 teams, the opening of the tennis courts and multi-sports area and the provision of a third soccer pitch for the younger children, there have been few dull moments.

**The Activity Week** - 28th August to 1st September - was a great success, if not a bit exhausting for 23 children who signed up for the many activities in sweltering heat. The event was run by MULTI SPORT in association with Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association (OPFA) and West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) who were delighted with the facilities and with the enthusiasm of the children. International coach, John Yearly, and European long-jump champion, Carl Howard, who ran the week felt it was well worth while and hope to repeat the event next year. Our thanks are due to them all.

**Soccer Tournament** - For the second year running the first day of the tournament in early September started with a downpour which tried in vain to dampen the spirits of the many volunteers who were helping Bampton Boys Football Club to host the 20 or so visiting teams. Nothing, however, was going to hold up this most enjoyable event and much fun and excitement was had by all. The event is really 4 tournaments spread over 2 days, with each age group having half a day to complete their matches. With just 10 minutes between the final of one tournament and the start of the next, the many Bampton parents, who gave up their weekend to help, were suitably exhausted. Many thanks to you all.

### RESULTS

**Winner and Runner up**

- U10s** Witney Town 1 Witney Vikings 0  
**U11s** Launton 1 Charlbury 0  
**U12s** Witney Town 1 Chesterton 0  
**U13s** Carterton 3 Highfield 0

## BAMPTON BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

Now well into the season, the 4 teams are enjoying plenty of challenges as they play some very capable opposition.

Although the successes have been scarce, the enthusiasm and sporting behaviour has been first class and says much for the

**Multisport Area** - With only moderate pressure from the project team on the various contractors to get the complex ready on time, the courts were opened on September 16th 1995 to much cheering and the cutting of tape by the Chairman of the Parish Council. With the local press clamoring to get interviews and take photographs, the Bampton children responded to such unusual attention with their usual nonchalance and proceeded to enjoy the fabulous facilities. Our sincere thanks for this complex go to the Foundation of Sport and Arts and to a local benefactor for making it all possible. The various balls provided as a starter pack by the Parish Council were much appreciated.

Remember that although the facilities are free at certain times of the week for the children to use (**10am to noon on Saturdays & Sundays for the Multisport; 3.00pm to 6.00pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays for the Tennis Courts**) they are available for hire at all other times. Why not hire them for your next birthday party or family get-together?

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*N.B.* The Recreation Ground Committee has been asked to look at putting another piece of fencing on top of the north end to help minimise the loss of balls onto the Nursery grounds. If you do lose balls over the, Mr Jenkins will throw them back onto the court when he is out there. Some form of hedge will also be planted as a wind-break as part of the landscaping programme.


**Christmas Carol Evening**  
in aid of the  
Bampton Recreation Ground Charity  
will be held on

**Friday, December 22nd 1995**  
in the Village Hall 6pm to 8pm - *or longer if the voices hold out!*

Tickets - to include a glass of wine or fruit juice & mince pie  
will be available from  
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Last year's Carol Evening was a great success  
do come and enjoy it this Christmas.





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**Secretary: Mandy Bowman Tel: 850166**  
**Manager U9s: Paul Dowley Tel: 850319**  
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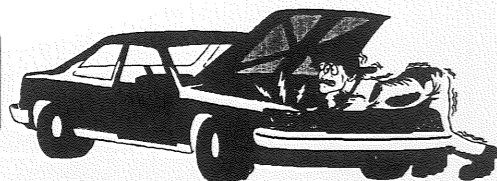
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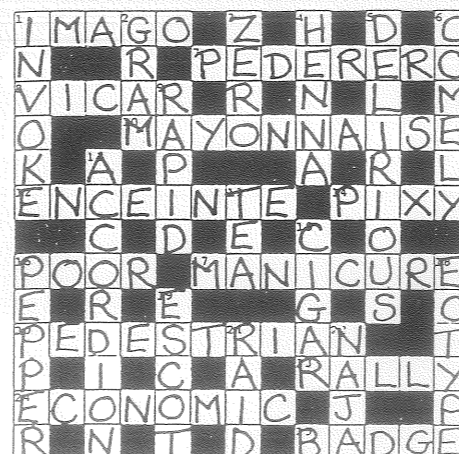
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Correct solutions were received from R.J. Terry, Mr David J Tompkinson and Mrs Lynn Higman who receives the £5 prize. Congratulations!

In this "Crossword" there are no clues, but every letter is represented by a number.

Three are given to start you off - when you have filled all of those in, it is time to crack the code, bit by bit, until you have completed the puzzle!

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:-

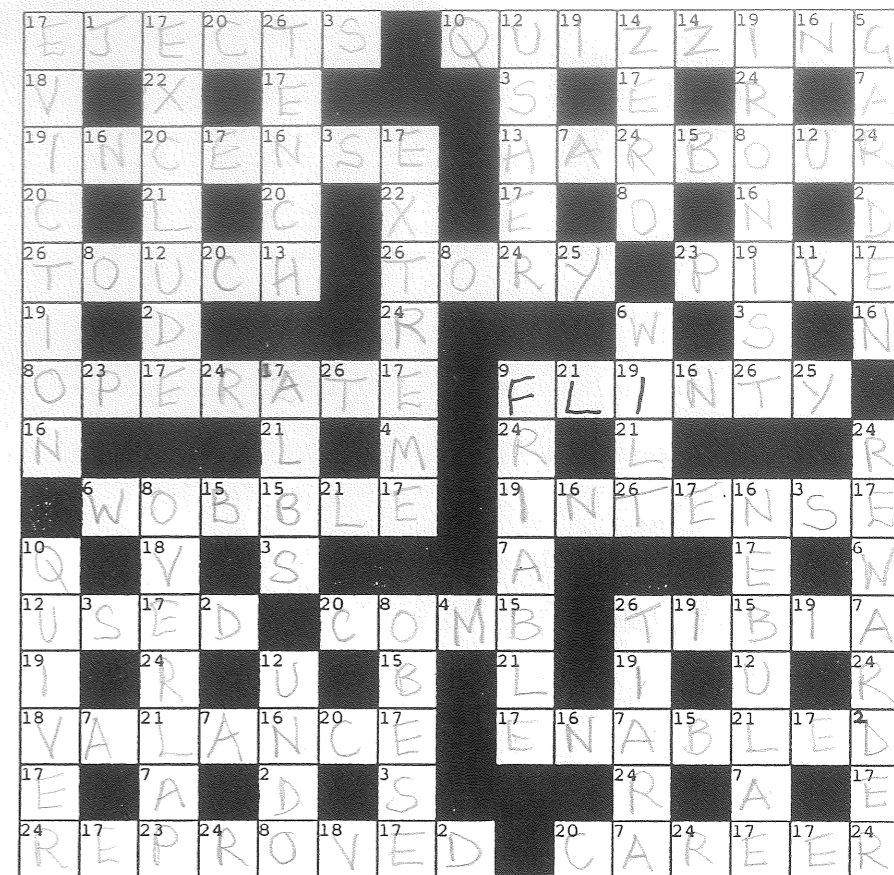
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## The Bampton Beam's New Code Crackers Crossword

£5 to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund as thanks to Barbara Osborne who supplied this puzzle.  
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## Diary of Events in Bampton

## DECEMBER 1995

- 9th Bampton Gardening Club Christmas Bazaar Village Hall 10 - 2pm  
 10th Burford Singers Concert Burford Parish Church 7.30pm  
 13th Bampton Ladies Group Bellringers & Supper Village Hall 8pm  
 15th F.O.B.S. Christmas Carols School Hall 7pm  
 21st Bampton Summer Opera Amahl & the Night Visitors St. Mary's 7.45pm  
 21st Bampton Youth Club Xmas Disco Youth Centre  
 22nd Bampton Recreation Ground Carol Singing Village Hall 6 - 8pm  
 17th to 25th CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES see page 3

## JANUARY 1996

- 13th 14th 15th Bampton Beam Birthday Exhibition The Gallery, Town Hall  
 17th Blood Donor Clinic Village Hall  
 17th Bampton Ladies Group New Year Dinner The Rose Revived 8pm  
 20th OTTC 'PETER PAN' Village Hall 2pm AND 6pm  
 22nd The Village Hall kitchen, servery & bar not available for hire - 3 weeks  
 26th Village Appraisal Public Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm  
 28th Friends of St. Mary's Organ Recital St Mary's Church 11.30pm  
 31st BEWG AGM The Village Hall 8.00pm

## FEBRUARY

- 21st Bampton Ladies Group Talk - Beryl Maile Village Hall 8pm

## MARCH

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

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 page 5 REFUSE COLLECTION amend day to - FRIDAYS  
 page 6 WITNEY GAZETTE  
 delete All telephone numbers & replace with Tel: 773133 Fax: 706797  
 page 6 THE BAMPTON BEAM amend telephone numbers to Tel: 851729  
 page 16 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - Bampton Branch  
 insert Poppy Area Organiser: Mrs Yvette Brown,  
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 page 21 BAMPTON WIVES CLUB new name BAMPTON LADIES GROUP

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