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Spring Has Sprung

Welcome to our final edition of the Beam.

It is with great regret that Phillipa and I have decided to stop producing the Beam.

We have enjoyed the last year, trying to re-work the Beam and trying to reach out to younger generations by introducing new features, and encouraging more diverse content from a wider range of contributors. However, we have decided to handover to a new team due to our increasing workloads in our day jobs and also because we may be moving away later in the year.

The production and distribution of the Beam is only possible because of our team of volunteers. I would like to thank all of the Beam walkers for their amazing help, traipsing through all types of weather to deliver the Beam to every home in Bampton. If you ever see one of them wandering around the village with Beams in hand you should take a moment to thank them for their charitable work. Thank you also to all the regular and sporadic contributors for making the Beam such an interesting read and thank you also to all of our advertisers, without whom, this publication would not be possible. Also a special thank you to Grace & Richard for all their help and the amazing Annette Minto for every crossword.

The outgoing team would like to wish everyone in the Village a fantastic Spring & Summer and that you embrace the new team as you did ourselves. I especially enjoyed meeting readers and advertisers out and about in Bampton in the village shops, pubs and at many events and I am glad that the majority of you enjoyed reading the different stories which were supplied by those far and wide who have a love for the village. I look forward to reading the new edition and best of luck.

Have a wonderful rest of the year and best wishes.

Louise and Phillipa

Your New Editor

Please welcome your new editor, James Wildman. His wealth of experience will be a great asset to the Beam and you can expect some big changes!

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Many friends have been made and contact has been kept with some who have moved away from the area and even abroad!

Membership numbers have slowly dwindled, it is harder to get speakers to come out in the evening and we were not able to form a committee at the last AGM compacted by problems with hall bookings meaning that we could not go forward in our current form.

Some of the ladies will continue to meet up for an informal evening on the third Wednesday of each month (as previous meetings were) and are happy to welcome any previous members and also anyone new who would like to enjoy an evening get-together.

For information about dates and venues please telephone either Joan Farthing on 851206 or Di O'Brien on 850188 or Christine Hughes on 851458.

We would like to thank past speakers and entertainers whose presentations we have enjoyed, also, past committee members for the work they have done in arranging the many events.

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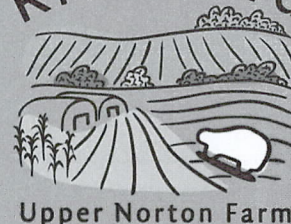
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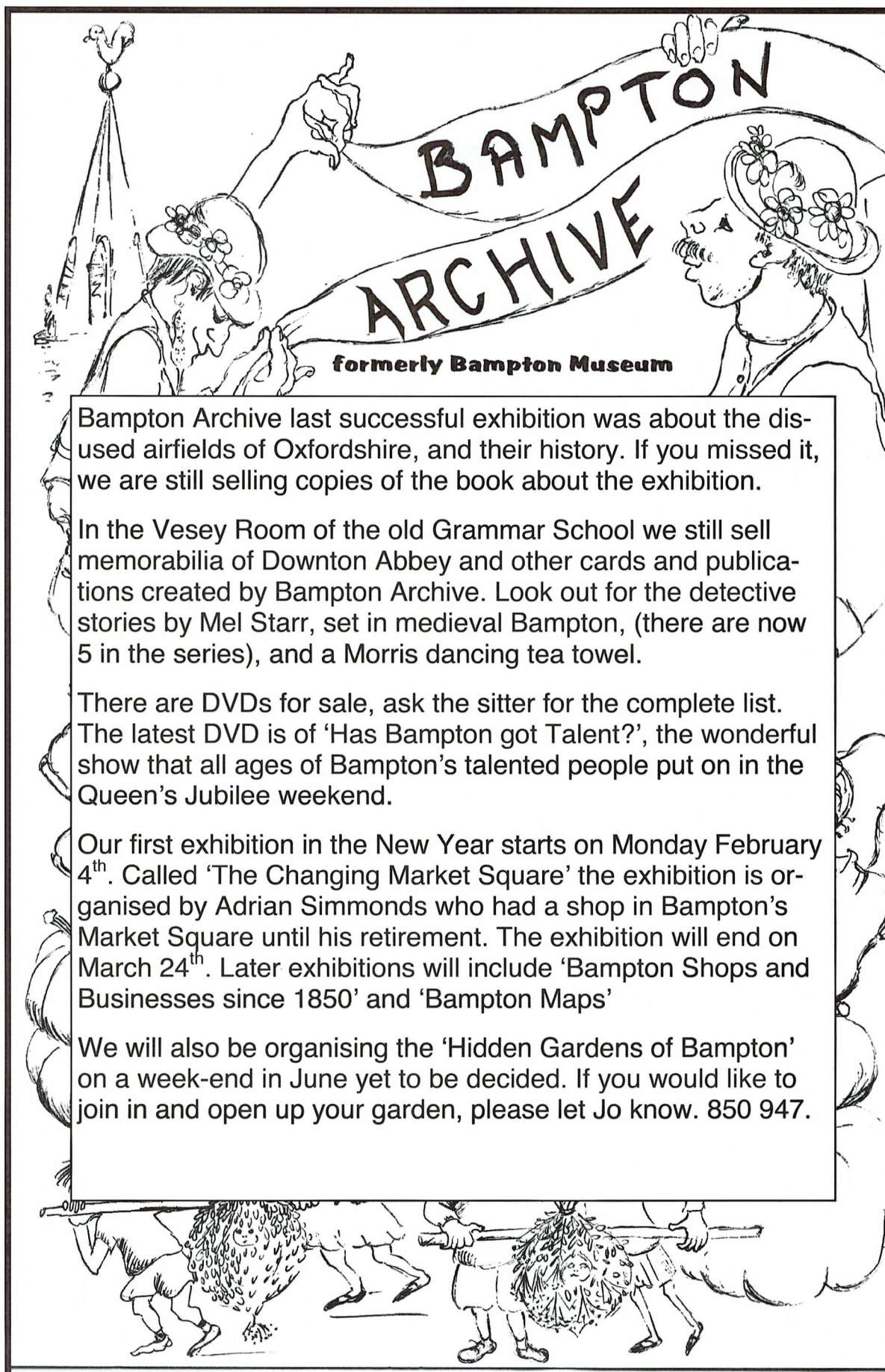
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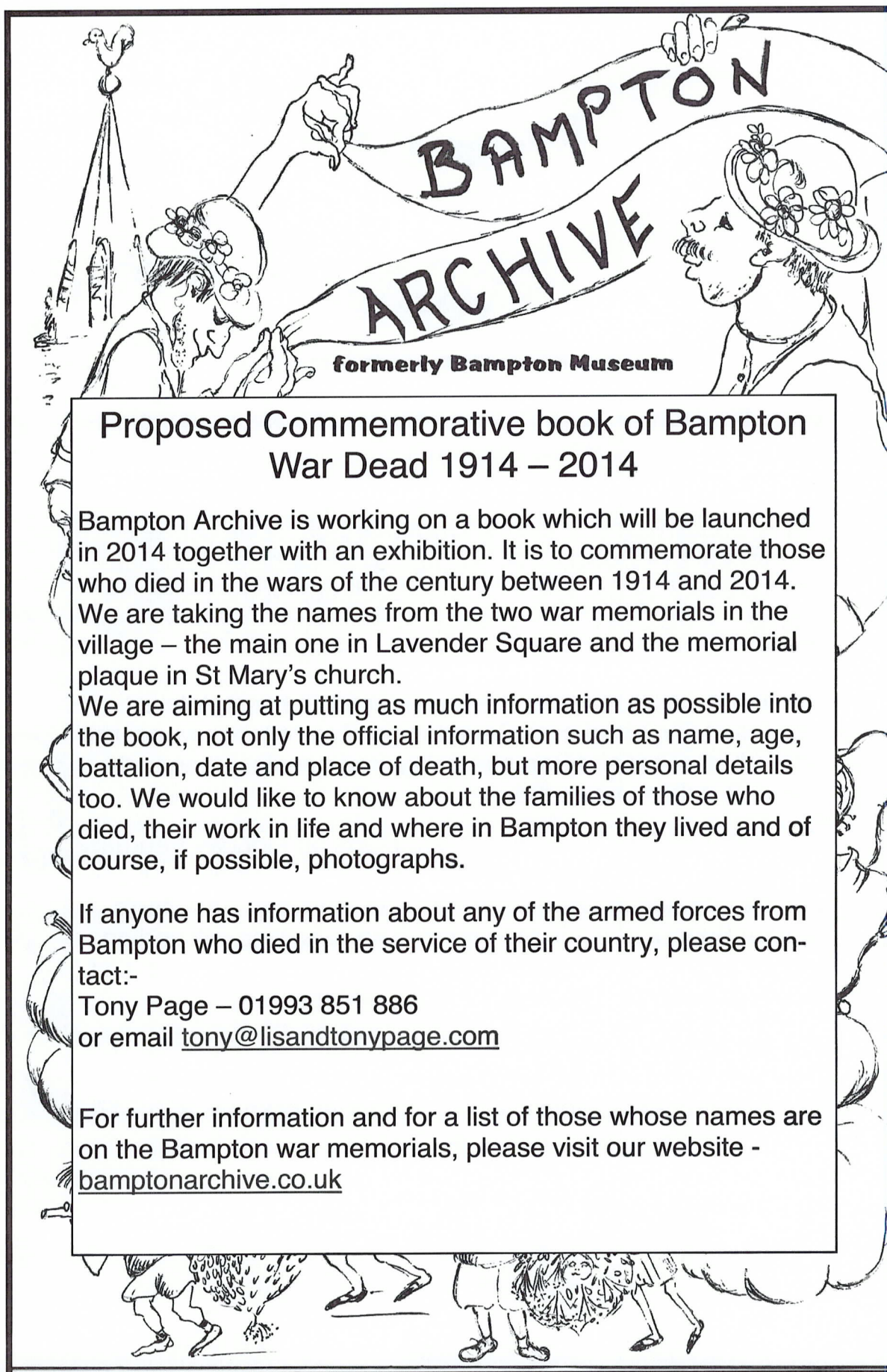
Bampton Archive last successful exhibition was about the dis-used airfields of Oxfordshire, and their history. If you missed it, we are still selling copies of the book about the exhibition.

In the Vesey Room of the old Grammar School we still sell memorabilia of Downton Abbey and other cards and publications created by Bampton Archive. Look out for the detective stories by Mel Starr, set in medieval Bampton, (there are now 5 in the series), and a Morris dancing tea towel.

There are DVDs for sale, ask the sitter for the complete list. The latest DVD is of 'Has Bampton got Talent?', the wonderful show that all ages of Bampton's talented people put on in the Queen's Jubilee weekend.

Our first exhibition in the New Year starts on Monday February 4th. Called 'The Changing Market Square' the exhibition is organised by Adrian Simmonds who had a shop in Bampton's Market Square until his retirement. The exhibition will end on March 24th. Later exhibitions will include 'Bampton Shops and Businesses since 1850' and 'Bampton Maps'

We will also be organising the 'Hidden Gardens of Bampton' on a week-end in June yet to be decided. If you would like to join in and open up your garden, please let Jo know. 850 947.



Proposed Commemorative book of Bampton War Dead 1914 – 2014

Bampton Archive is working on a book which will be launched in 2014 together with an exhibition. It is to commemorate those who died in the wars of the century between 1914 and 2014. We are taking the names from the two war memorials in the village – the main one in Lavender Square and the memorial plaque in St Mary's church.

We are aiming at putting as much information as possible into the book, not only the official information such as name, age, battalion, date and place of death, but more personal details too. We would like to know about the families of those who died, their work in life and where in Bampton they lived and of course, if possible, photographs.

If anyone has information about any of the armed forces from Bampton who died in the service of their country, please contact:-

Tony Page – 01993 851 886
or email tony@lisandtonypage.com

For further information and for a list of those whose names are on the Bampton war memorials, please visit our website - bamptonarchive.co.uk

Bampton Library- reaching out to you

Bampton Library is going from strength to strength as we try different ways of reaching out to as many people as possible in Bampton and the surrounding villages.

Books in a Box:

We have started three Books in a Box schemes. The idea here is to get books out to people who may not be able to get to the library. Villagers attending the Bush Club can now borrow books from their Books in a Box scheme. A regular box also goes to the Rosebank care home and this service has been a hit with the residents there. Mandie Oliver, the manager at Rosebank, says *"This scheme is working very well and is giving residents the opportunity to view and read a variety of books"*. Families with young children who go to the Willows Children's Centre in Bampton have really appreciated their Books in a Box. These children are our future readers who we hope will become library users.



All of this works well because Loraine our Library Manager uses her expertise to select the right books for these different groups. So, many thanks to Loraine for helping to make Books in a Box such a success.

Talks at the library

In 2013 we are aiming to have 3 or 4 talks at the library, again aiming to bring in new people, usually on a Thursday evening. The first of these at the end of January was a talk on Bonsai by Paul Bowerbank of the Swindon Bonsai Society at the end of January.

We are planning a talk by Linda Newbery, an established author of several books. Look out for posters advertising these talks and let us know if there is any subject you would like us to cover.

Ad Lib

This is another new venture that we have been trying out in the cold months of January to March. Ad Lib has been meeting every Monday from 6pm-7pm and it's an informal drop in for people who want to talk about books or anything else that matters to them. Watch this space to see how Ad Lib develops in the coming months.

BLEST

All of these activities and the regular family events are only possible thanks to the commitment of BLEST the Bampton Library Event Support Team. If you would like to find out more about BLEST please contact us through the library or by emailing jane.wallis@phonecoop.coop

New to the village?

If you have recently moved to Bampton, a big welcome to our wonderful village. It's always busy when you move house but we do hope that you will make time to join Bampton Library- you'll find a warm welcome there.

If new neighbours have moved into your road please can you pick up a Library Welcome Pack to give them.

Library opening times

Our library is open:

Monday:	2.00 to 5.00 and 5.30 to 7.00
Wednesday:	10.00 to 12.30
Thursday	2.00 to 5.00
Saturday	10.00 to 12.30

To help you remember these times this rhyme may work for you:

Monday afternoon and late,
 Tuesday just on a special date
 Wednesday morn for a cup of coffee
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'Paul Bowerbank explaining the Art of Bonsai'

'Hidden Gardens of Bampton' 16th June

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Bampton Social Netball

If you fancy trying your hand at netball, trying to get fit or maybe just looking to be more sociable in Bampton then please pop along! No need to book - just turn up on Tuesdays at 19:30 at Bampton Recreational Ground. For just £2 you can enjoy a 1 hour session on the court and then it's off to The Morris Clown for a well deserved drink (not obligatory but widely enjoyed)! This is a group for all ages and abilities. We do not play competitively - although if there are enough Bamptonians wanting to, we will look at putting a team together. If you have a question you can call Bernie on 07780 761822

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Rosebank Care Home

To start, all the staff and residents of Rosebank would like to wish you all a very happy new year. We had a lovely Christmas time here at Rosebank, and enjoyed a visit from the Bampton Primary School children who came and told us all a Christmas story combined with carols which we all joined in with. We also had a Christmas Pantomime, enjoyed making Christmas Art and Craft and the home was made to look beautiful with it's 6 indoor Christmas trees and two outside trees. We enjoyed making our own Pickled Onions and Pickled Eggs, which we successfully sold at our Christmas Fayre.

I have continued to keep residents involved with Bampton Community Life, and we continue to enjoy our regular visits to the Bampton Coffee House, Budgens and the Library and Church. As always I must say thank you to all the local community for always making myself and the residents feel so welcome. It is so lovely to walk down the street and be acknowledged and engaged in every day living and is so very important for the well-being of Rosebank's residents.

Rosebank is looking forward to 2013. I have already planned our first outing of the year, which is to take some residents on a "River Boat" trip for an afternoon cream tea. This will take place in April sailing from Eynsham Lock.

We enjoyed a visit from a Bagpipe player to celebrate Burn's Night (see attached photo) and also experienced a fantastic Haggis lunch. We had great fun piping the Haggis in prior to lunch time. A great joy to see the residents having fun and joining in other traditions.

February will see us celebrating Pan-cake day and Valentines day along with preparing for spring time.

Finally, Rosebank has a new web site which has just been launched, so please log on and have a look at "Life in Rosebank", our address is www.rosebankcarehome.co.uk

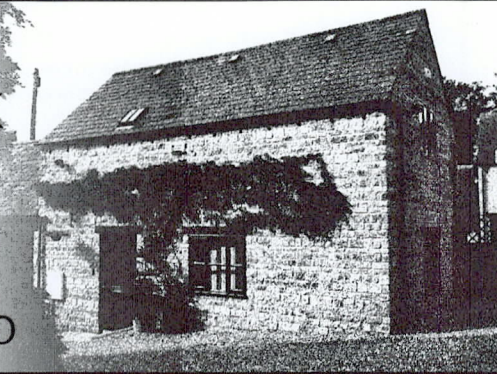
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 Calligraphy all levels Thursdays 7-9pm
 Creative Writing with Poetry Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm
 Italian Next Steps (for people that know a little or who have attended Beginners) Mondays 7.30-9.30pm
 Badminton all levels Mondays and Thursdays 7-8pm
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The Children's Society, annual box collection March 2013

Once again this has been a successful year for the box collection. So far I have received £755.00, which is a huge effort by the people of Bampton. The Society is committed to making life better for all children in the UK. Action is taken to rescue and support children trapped in a vicious circle of fear and harm, driven by poverty, neglect, violence and discrimination. Families matter, yet so many children never know a secure home. Our money will be put to very good use supporting such children.

So a BIG thank-you to everyone who holds a box in their home and collects regularly. Thank you also to all those who put their loose change in our tins in the Surgery and Budgens, both boxes do very well for us.

If anyone would like to keep a box please give me a call and I would be happy to bring one to you. Sadly two of our regular collectors died this year, though their families passed the money saved onto me, which is very gratifying. Also pleasing therefore, is the number of younger families who have recently offered to collect.

Thank you again, Pauline Hawkins 851066

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SPAJERS REPORT Spring 2013

We did wonder if the Mummars would have to perform in thigh waders this year, but fortunately they were able to do the rounds of the village on Christmas Eve as usual and raised over £1100 for us. Earlier in November, Josie's 30th Annual Draw raised a record £1,200. Special thanks from Josie to Mike and Glynnis, the Landlord and Landlady of the Romany, who did so much to make the evening such an enjoyable success, also providing some star prizes.

That was Autumn 2012 what will 2013 bring?

January's brings the snow
Makes our ears and fingers glow.
February's ice and sleet
freeze the toes right off your feet.....

So runs a take off by Flanders and Swann of the old rhyme about our wonderful weather. Lets hope by the time you are reading this, Spring has come and the sun is shining down, ready for a new season of the interesting activities the SPAJERS have to offer the village. Remember all of them are designed to promote fun and provide funds for the older folk in Bampton, and Lew.

Our first event is the **Annual Quiz Night**, this year on **Friday April 12th at 8pm in the Village Hall**. We hope our young quizmaster will be with us again, and expect a closely fought evening. Nibbles will be provided and drinks available from the bar. Our sec Roger will be in touch with those who have entered teams in the past, but we are always happy to welcome new teams. See below for Roger's contact details.

YOUR SHIRT RACE NEEDS YOU PLEASE Help us by STEWARDING

**We had a wonderful team of stewards last year and hope they will step forward again this year.
Phone / email/speak to any one of the committee to put your name down and we will arrange a briefing meeting the week before the race.**

On Saturday May 25th from 6:30 pm The Great Original Shirt Race will once again be run through the village streets. We are all proud that this wonderful event is still going strong, and is so well supported. To help us run it smoothly, and to keep everyone safe please may we remind you Young competitors should only be supported by one adult, our route involves some narrow lanes. Spectators are asked to keep push-chairs on the pavement, not on the road for the same reason.

Rosemary Lane, the Market Square, parts of the High St, Bridge St and Church View will be closed to traffic for up to 45 minutes while the races take place. Please remind friends and neighbours of this. Car Parking will not be possible near the start on the High St, in the Market Square or Rosemary Lane from 5pm on the night. If this causes a real difficulty, please get in touch with us and we will see what we can do to help. Competitors must drink their drinks at every stage and keep the glasses to produce at the finish. Only those with a complete set will be deemed to have completed the course. Our stewards are there to ensure no unsportsmanlike behaviour takes over from natural competitiveness. They will report any instances and those "found guilty" will not be allowed to enter in the next year's race.

More Importantly our stewards are there to keep everyone, competitors and spectators alike, safe. Please cooperate with them if they ask you to wait or stand back.

Many thanks to all those who help out with stewarding, providing the stages, sponsoring drinks and shaking collecting tins. We couldn't do it without you, please volunteer again this year.

To become a SPAJERS member you must be 60 or over if a woman, 65 or over if a gentleman and have lived in Bampton or Lew for at least 6 months. Get in touch with our Membership secretary, Jeff Dando on 850643. If putting someone else's name forward please ask them first.

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Bampton Community Shop

The Community Shop continues to do extremely well and the indications are that the turnover for the year to the end March 31st will exceed last year's by 5-6% , which will be a great achievement, bearing in mind the difficult financial position and the appalling weather we have experienced throughout the summer, autumn and winter.

The Shop also benefitted from the great plug it received , at the beginning of the year , when Radio Oxford invited us to feature in the "Phil Gayle & Friends Breakfast Show" on Tuesday, January 8th between 7am and 9am.

On the day Jo Thoenes , their roving reporter arrived at the shop at 6.45am, and with her delightful manner was soon putting everyone at ease, prior to doing the interviews.

There was a series of four interviews, each consisting of 3-4 minutes, run at half hourly intervals, which told the story of the Community Shop – Jo Lewington and Annie Grinsell explained how the shop was formed and then Linnet Sangwine and I continued with the running of the shop and how the funds are distributed to organisations and causes around the Village.

The final two interviews involved some of the organisations, who have benefited from the receipt of grants – Martin Landray (cricket), Lynn Pointer (library), Anthony Hall (village hall) and Roger Snow (youth club and archery) and, as the programme came to an end, Jo commented, on what a lovely story this was and how it embodied the feeling of village residents coming together for the greater benefit of the community, especially, young and senior citizens.

In November, a group of ladies and I met for a most enjoyable lunch together at the Biztro and it was agreed that this should be repeated on an annual basis.

In conclusion , grateful thanks must go to Patrick Constable, the shop manager, and Annie Grinsell, the treasurer, and our band of twenty two volunteers (all unpaid) for enabling us to generate an increased sum of money for distribution to good causes in Bampton, this year.

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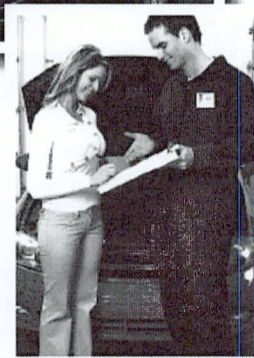
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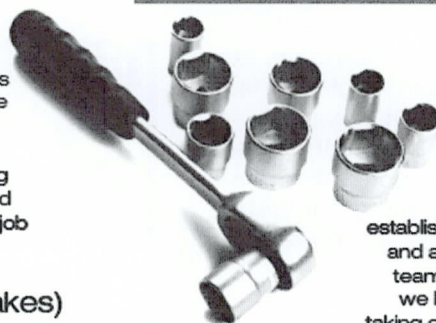
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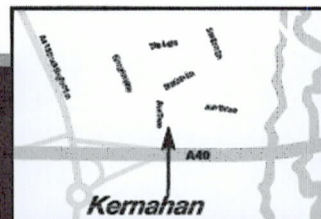


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Rouse's Ramblings - 1

At long last we have good news about the Bampton Youth Club. After many months of struggling to get out of the mire where local government had left us by withdrawing funds from the Youth Service, we can now shout from the roof tops "Bampton has a Youth Club. It's up and running."

What Bampton has got that no Government can take away, is an abundance of very keen and able young Volunteers.

They have Roger Snow as their Chairman with Sarah Constable as Vice-Chair. Ann Setch is keeping a close eye on the finances with Samantha Wileman taking on the role of Secretary. These days it is compulsory to have a Safety Officer and that role has been taken on by Amanda Townsend. Along with three fantastic assistants Isobel Goves, Sammy Hancock and Emma Clark they have a perfect team. What they need now is our help and encouragement. The long standing Bampton Youth Centre Management Committee has been very helpful and constructive in financing the volunteers training courses so that they will comply with Government guidelines in relation to Health and Safety. They have also helped provide for the basic needs of the Club and I am sure that if the Club continues to prove itself that they will listen sympathetically to any more requests for help.

I am hoping that in time the youngsters will write their own news items for the Bampton Beam, it will be a challenge for them to tell us all how they can play a part in our wonderful community, they can tell us all about their successes and needs in their language. That way we can all pull together to help them succeed in running their club, the way that they want it, thus making a club that they will be proud of.

Why am I not surprised to hear that the Supermarkets have been fobbing us off with Horse Meat in our Beef Burgers? They will do anything to cut corners if it is in their financial interest. I have always advocated in the Beam that if you insist on buying British you will get the best, or better still go to your local Butcher, it might be a little dearer but it will be from animals that have been well cared for in conditions that you would like your pets to be kept in. I would go as far to say 'pampered'. What's more in all my years in this locality I have never seen the 'side of a horse' in any Butchers Store Cupboard or in our local Abattoirs. Sides of Beef bred from local Farmers by the hundred. So be safe. BUY LOCAL!!

I am not a bit surprised that it has been going on, as eating horse meat on the Continent is more the norm than what I have heard described as a 'delicacy'. When I first went to Holland with the Bampton Weightlifters in 1963 it was on every menu in all the Dutch Restaurants. You just had to look out for the word 'paard' then avoid it like the plague. I do not think that it was because of the shortage of food during the war that made them eat it, I think that it has always been part of their diet.

Rouse's Ramblings - 2

Aren't we strange about what we eat? Up until the 1950's our families thrived on Rabbit meat. It was an integral part of our diet and could be found in abundance in the fields around Bampton, yet once the Myxomatosis hit, there was no way that I could eat Rabbit ever again.

Talking of food, did you know that here in the UK British Pig Farmers through their adherence to animal welfare are at a disadvantage to the rest of Europe? Farrowing Crates have been banned by the EEC yet only Britain is abiding by the rules. As always the Farmers in Europe are ignoring the rules as it is not in their financial interest.

A Farrowing Crate is basically a pen where at Farrowing time the Sow is placed in it to protect the babies that hopefully will be coming along. The 'down side' to them is that the Sow for the duration of her farrowing and about a week after cannot turn around. She can stand up, lie down, eat, drink and do all that she has to do in a nice warm environment. Immediately outside the crate is a nice warm arc lamp where her little babies can escape to, avoiding the dangers of their mother thrashing about as the next offspring comes into the world. It is also a safe haven for them as their Mother stands up and lays down which is always a dangerous manoeuvre for little pigs that have just been born. How do I know all this? Well I used to keep my sows in crates at farrowing time.

There was a story going around Bampton in the 1950's before crates came into being, where a Pig Farmer had a Sow that had given birth to 20 piglets. Now this mother had only 12 teats to feed her babies so the Farmer got rid of 8 piglets to enable the 12 that he was left with to have a good chance of survival. During the following night the sow laid on the 12 and killed the lot! That is why I had installed a 'Baby Alarm' from the Pig Crate to my Bedside Table. If I heard piglet screams in the night I would be out there like a shot. I know that it was not very romantic for a newly wedded couple, but that is what farming is all about, perhaps that is why we only had two children!

I know that I should practice what I preach but sometimes even the best laid plans can go awry.

Mary and I have just lost one of our Dogs that had been with us for some fifteen years, he was a 'rescue' dog and had given us a lot of good times. So we thought that we would do the same again and give a rescue dog a good home. My word what a minefield that turned out to be. Rescue Centres were absolutely impossible to deal with, an issue that many people that we have spoken to since have experienced. So onto the internet we turned and what a fantastic choice we found there.

Rouse's Ramblings - 3

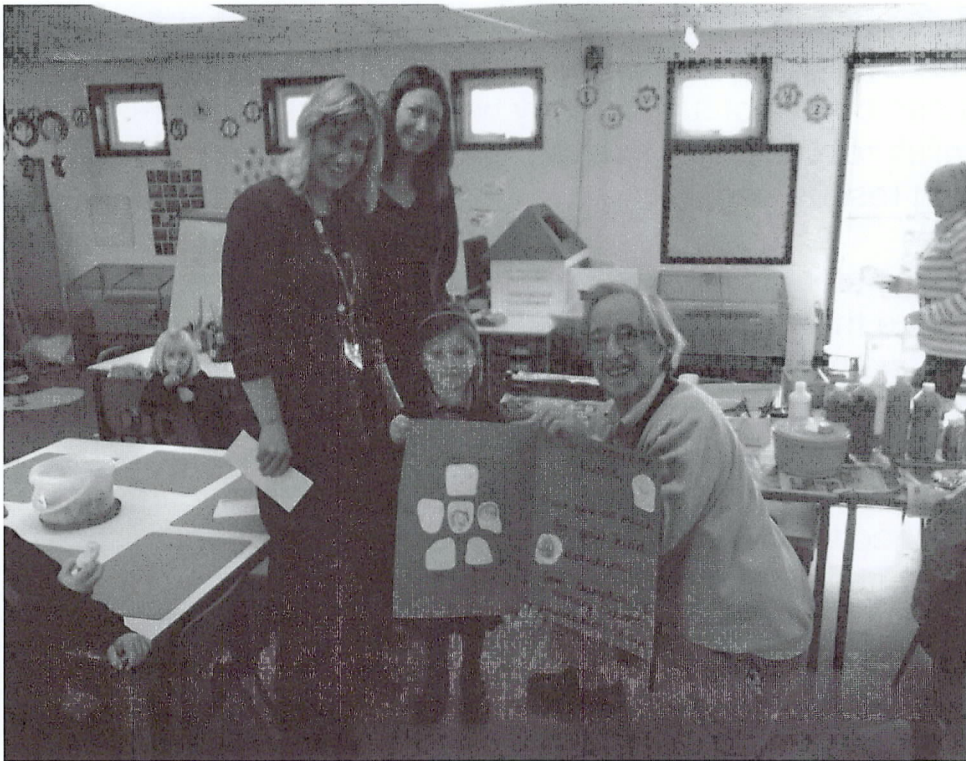
Seeing a lovely little dog on the Battersea Dogs Home site we made inquiries and found the staff very helpful until they started to tell us about the criteria that we must meet to have the Dog. First question, do you already have a dog? Yes. Do any dogs visit you on a regular basis? Yes our daughter's two dogs, Daily. Any more dogs visit? Yes our son's two dogs once a week. Right they said, could you bring all five dogs to the Battersea Dogs Home to meet up with the dog to see how they get on!! Can you imagine taking five dogs that have never ever been out of their environment here in the countryside being trundled up to London? So we gave that a miss and went back to the internet where Mary spotted a lovely Dog in the South East. The Rescue Organisation concerned was very thorough in their checks. Our establishment was thoroughly inspected and Mary and I interrogated to make sure that we were up to the job of adopting a new dog and I am pleased to say that we were accepted. So everything was set for us to meet up with Millie at the South Mimms service station. The shock news was that the dog was coming from Romania! Everything was perfectly handled and above board, we are very pleased with our 'bundle of fun' but why was it made almost impossible for us to adopt an English rescue Dog? Forcing ourselves and many others like us to resort to importing rescue dogs.

A sting in the tail to this doggy story is that we were asked to be at the service station at least an hour before the van arrived, making allowances for any delays we could be there for up to two hours. The van arrived with up to twenty dogs on board, all waiting to meet their new adoptive owners, the security was very strict making sure that all the new owners had a means of positive identification before the passports and paperwork was handed over. This all took quite sometime, now, somebody had mentioned that there was a two hour waiting limit at this service station, but in our excitement we never noticed any signs, what is more we were parked right in the furthest extremities of the car park, where with a bit of luck nobody would ever see us, we certainly never saw any parking officials with 'clip boards'; and I was watching out for them, so I thought that we had got away with it. But no, modern technology is miles ahead of this retired Farmer. One week later I received a letter that included a picture of my car with all the relevant times and fining me £60.00!! On top of that, as I wanted to pay up and be finished with it I found that even to pay by Debit Card they were going to Charge me £2.95 'handling charge'! They can have an old fashioned Cheque. In my role as President of Carterton Lions I had the lovely task of presenting a Cheque of £250.00 to the Bampton Primary School for use with their Outside Staging Project. I was overawed by the big 'Thank-you' card that was presented to me by one of the pupils on behalf the school. That is certainly one for the Lions Archives.

Rouse's Ramblings - 4

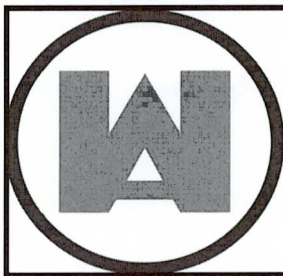
What an 'eye opening' experience my visit was. When you compare my days at Bampton School way back in 1943 to what it is now. The freedom that we enjoyed of going wherever we wanted within the confines of the school rules, compared with the 'locked doors' syndrome of today. It reminded me of the times that I used to take the Bampton Weightlifters to Aylesbury Young Offenders Prison for competitions! The wardens would open a door to let us in to one section, then lock that door before opening the next one to let us through to the next section. I understand why they need to do it in this modern age to protect the children, but that doesn't stop me from feeling very sad about it. As part of the Jubilee celebrations the Lions have invited all local Parish Councils to plant a Tree in celebration of the event. The Lions providing the Tree and planting it with the councils just telling us what kind of tree they would like

and where they would like it planted. You would not believe some of the problems we've had. One council wanted a tree and metal protection fencing that would have come to over £1000.00. Definitely a case of 'he who expects much, receiveth nothing'!! Burford involved their Primary School children in the planting ceremony which was most enjoyable, Shilton, Alvescot,



Clanfield and Brize Norton have agreed sites and trees which will all have been planted by the time that you have read this.

Bampton? Well they have told us what they want and approximately where they would like it planted but to try and get it finalised is a different matter, we have been waiting over two months now, so I have gone right to the top and had a word with the Jackie Allinson whom I can trust to sort it out for us. So hopefully when I come to record my next lot of Ramblings, there will be a Chestnut tree somewhere in the region of the Cemetery!



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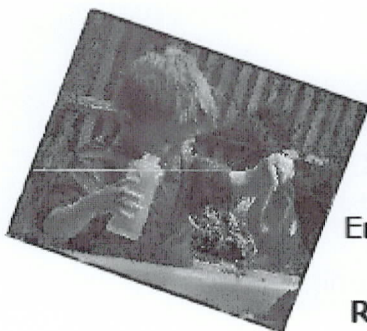
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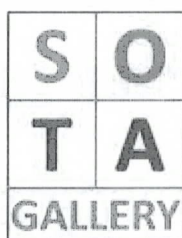
We are deep into lambing time now and so far we have had two sets of twins and a little single boy. We always name our lambs with names starting with a certain letter of the alphabet. This year is Q which is proving to be a little challenging. So far we have the first set of twins, Quinnie and Quasi-Modo, the little ram lamb Quincy and the last set of twins are Queenie and Quaver.



We have a number of ewes still to lamb so we will be getting the dictionary out I think (hoping we don't get too many more sets of twins)!

The vegetable patch is all dug over ready for Spring planting, the greenhouse is tidy and the potatoes are chitting on the windowsill ready for the elusive warmer drier weather.

Pampered Farm will be moving away from Bampton later in the year to expand our horizons. Wish us luck and keep up to date with our antics on our Facebook page.



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LESLIE THOMAS KING (10th March 1927 – 5th October 2012)

Les was born in Coventry in 1927 to Gertrude and William King; a brother to Bill, Mary, Terry and Roselyn. He attended King Henry VIII Grammar School, passing his School Certificate in six subjects, two with credits. At school he was keen on sports particularly football, cricket and rugby. He left school during wartime, and trained as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm, learning to fly Tiger Moths; but the war ended before he saw active service. He got a job as a landscape gardener with a company preparing sports fields and his first job was building a bowling green at Shipton-under-Wychwood. One Saturday evening he went to the Butchers Arms in the village for a drink and saw a girl playing the piano, his first meeting with Stella. They got talking and he escorted Stella and her friend to a dance at the Beaconsfield Hall. Stella said she was not too keen at first, but when she danced with him she was smitten. They were, and continued to be, brilliant dancers. The next week Stella took a cup of tea from her Aunt Mabel's to the bowling green for him and the rest is history!

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LESLIE THOMAS KING

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Les worked for Jaguar cars, before starting a haulage firm with his brother Bill. He always remembers one contract delivering rabbits to a butcher in Warwickshire! At weekends he drove the lorry down to see Stella. They were married in 1949 (inset) and moved to Coventry where they both worked in the car industry. They moved to Bampton in 1960 to be near Stella's mum and dad who owned a building firm and a hardware store next to the New Inn, now called the Morris Clown and they opened Kings of Bampton across the road.

They'd never owned or run a shop before so came as raw recruits to the job and had to learn on the hoof. When Les and Stella turned up here to move into their new shop, they found their solicitor had made a mistake about the date and they had come a month too soon. So, Stella and the budgie moved in with her parents, Dolly and Eric Stroud, in their Hardware Store across the road and Les had to stay elsewhere, because there just wasn't space for him as well. When they eventually moved in, they found the contents of the upstairs were very much a store of everything that had and hadn't sold over decades. It was a hilarious Aladdin's cave which gave them many, many laughs and it took them a long time, and a lot of hard work to get it all cleared out, and the upstairs made into a comfortable home.

LESLIE THOMAS KING (10th March 1927 – 5th October 2012)

The items on sale gradually settled to those of a drapers plus ladies and gents clothing, footwear, carpets and lino and they made a great success of it. They also tried offering made to measure suits which were beautifully made. Fittings were done after the shop closed. Hoppy Smith who lived in the caravan on the left as you go out of Bampton towards Brize Norton, had one suit made. When he went to London he went to a Jewish tailor and asked if he could make him a made-to-measure suit with the same quality material and if so, how much it would cost. The answer was, yes, he could, and the price quoted was three times more than he'd paid in Bampton, so Hoppy immediately ordered another one from Les & Stella!



They worked non-stop for their first 5 years in the shop, never once having a holiday, and Les in particular became very run down. Dr. Bullen realised he wasn't going to be able to persuade Les and Stella to go away on holiday so prescribed Guinness and oysters. When Les told his friend Paul Bovington, who owned the wet fish shop across the road, Paul said if Les got the Guinness then he'd supply the oysters. Les loathed oysters but along with Paul, he dutifully consumed them along with the Guinness, twice a week and eventually felt much better.

About 10 years after they bought their shop on the High Street, they sold up and went to live in Kenilworth for a couple of years, where they bought a dilapidated house, turned it into a wonderful home, sold it ... and came back to Bampton where they bought the Wheat Sheaf pub and turned it into the Post Office. Les and Stella worked as postmaster and postmistress for 10 ½ years. The Standard, Times and Echo for April 24th 1981 marked their retirement by saying, *"Both Mr and Mrs King have endeared themselves to all users of the post office, having been extremely helpful and cheerful at all times. Les in particular is well-known for his sense of humour and quizzical quips."*



When Les and Stella finally retired from the post office they converted the barn that stood right behind it into a home; doing much of the work themselves, and (with big smiles), called it "King's Court". The newspaper article quoted earlier went on to say, *"Les is a keen gardener and he is hoping to devote more time to his gardening activities."* He was particularly fond of growing dahlias. From there they moved to Minster Lovell; but Bampton called them back yet again and they bought a house in The Pieces which was to be their final home.

Les remained utterly bereft at the loss of his beloved Stella in 2009 right to the end of his life. All of Les's family are so grateful to his friends and wonderful neighbours, for all their help and care. Les was a loving brother and Uncle and devoted husband.

Wychwood's New Community Woodland Needs More Trees!

Tired of giving socks and perfume as presents? Why not give a more lasting gift to that special person in your life for Christmas by dedicating a tree for Foxburrow Wood.

Foxburrow Wood, the new woodland being created by the Wychwood Project on the outskirts of Witney needs more trees. We are making good progress however we still have a way to go in raising more money to plant and care for trees at the site.

You can help us create the new woodland by dedicating a tree for Foxburrow Wood, for a loved one at Christmas. You will receive a gift pack which includes your dedication message, an update on the progress of the wood and the opportunity for you or your loved one to join one of our tree planting days. You can even view all the dedications we have received so far on-line. The gift will be a wonderful legacy enabling future generations to enjoy the outdoors, scenery and wildlife of the woodland.

Roy Noble, Wychwood Project trustee, said "We want local people to be able to enjoy the opportunities Foxburrow Wood gives them to get close to nature and watch woodland develop.

Nick Mottram, Wychwood Project Director, said "Opportunities for a local community group like ours to buy land and create new woodland occurs very rarely which is why we are so passionate in our aims to develop a new woodland at this site. The response we have had so far has been amazing but we still need your help".

Foxburrow Wood is located to the north east of Witney, between Milking Lane and Foxburrow Lane. Ordnance survey map grid reference details are SP 351 115. Post-code is OX29 9UN.

To Dedicate a Tree or find out more about Foxburrow Wood please see

www.wychwoodproject.org/foxburrowwood or telephone 01865 815423

Notes to Editors

The Wychwood Project is a community based group that aims to raise awareness of and encourage local people to conserve and restore the landscapes and habitats in the historic Wychwood forest area, covering some 41 parishes of West Oxfordshire.

Foxburrow Wood is a new 22 acre woodland being created to the north west of Witney and is already being used and enjoyed by many local people.

The Wychwood Project is supported by Oxfordshire County Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and a wide range of other local organisations and individuals.

For further information contact:
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Bampton Pre-School News

By Karen Easterbrook, Chairperson

Welcome

We welcomed all our Pre-School children and particularly our new starters to our “new look” Pre-School in September 2012. Rachel Harris kindly helped Pre-School over the summer holidays by painting murals on the walls, I would also like to thank committee members Liz Weeks, Lisa Lane and Hannah Wise for the time they spent preparing the Pre-School over the holidays. We transformed our room into a bright welcoming place for the children. Our friendly staff provide a warm welcome for the children and they have all settled in really well. Our staff have brought lots of new ideas and activities for the children such as our new “mud kitchen” in the garden. A perfect opportunity to make mud pies, and “bake” using “natural” ingredients! Lisa Lane has worked hard developing a pond area and bug trays for the children to explore and learn. We are excited to use this area particularly once the weather gets a bit warmer. Thank you, Lisa.

Linden Eley is now regularly entertaining the children with song, dance and piano playing and has been very popular with the children. Liz Thorpe has also kindly volunteered some sing-along sessions with the children which has been most successful and appreciated. Daniela, a new volunteer to our session has been playing "pop" songs during our music session - The Lion Sleeps Tonight and Barbara Ann.

We have welcomed a few new committee members, Alison Bardsley has been appointed our new Treasurer, Lou Cloke, Secretary and Emma Clarke and Rachel Boland as general members. We are always working to improve the system of communication between carers, parents and staff and we are getting lots of positive responses. Parents and carers have been really happy with the changes we have made and there is a very happy environment amongst the children and staff.

Staff News

We were delighted to have appointed Clare Kemsley as Supervisor and Samm Price as Assistant Supervisor at the beginning of the school year, and Ann-Marie Norman as Pre-School Assistant Team Leader. We also welcome Daniela who has joined us as a volunteer.

Lots of staff training is occurring this year as the new updated EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Guidelines come in to force. All staff are attending courses on different aspects of this. Clair Green, Pre-School Assistant, completed her NVQ in Children, Young Peoples Workforce Diploma level 2 last term.

Mark Warner, Pre-School Assistant has successfully qualified as an NVQ in Level 2 and is now studying for level 3. He has proved a great asset to our Pre-School and is very popular with the children.

Events during the Summer Term 2012

Our Olympic Sports Day was held indoors due to the relentless wet weather we were having. It proved a huge success with the staff getting really involved with the children's races and making the day very entertaining for both children and spectators.

Pre-School joined the Primary School for the Jubilee celebrations and it was a very enjoyable occasion with trestle tables decorated in red, white and blue and food set out for all the children. (Luckily it was dry enough for this to take place outside!)

The Duck Race on Bank Holiday Monday was once again a great success and a big thank you to Tamzin and Dan Irvin for wading in deep waters after the yellow ducks to start the race and catch the winners!

Graduation was another memorable occasion as we wished the leavers all the success at big Primary School. They now look over the fence in their school uniform and wave hello to the staff and children.

Our fund raising activities were a great success thanks to the hard work of Hannah Wise and the committee and for those of you that purchased our home made cakes on sale outside Abbey Properties! A big thank you to Steve Mace and the Morris Clown drinkers who gave us a very generously filled bottle full of loose change. This was very much appreciated and has gone towards new, creative toys for the children. Thank you to the Toddler Group who have donated us some money which we have bought some much needed new books with.

Bampton Pre-School News

Autumn Term Events:

Our annual Halloween party took place in the main school hall this year for children under 8 years. There was music, food and a fancy dress competition. Carole Phillips and Lorraine Kelly kindly volunteered to take on the role of judges and were both impressed with the standard of spooky outfits. It is always loads of fun and a very popular event.

We chose to opt for a more informal Christmas concert this year for the children to enjoy and participate as much as they wished. It was a great success and a big thank you to Linden Eley who kindly played some Christmas tunes on the piano. The children also enjoyed their Christmas party with Juggling John again who carried out the usual magic tricks much to the delight of the children. Father Christmas managed to find time in his busy schedule to give the delighted children presents, thank you to the kind gentleman!

Contact

If you would like more information regarding events at Pre-School or you are interested in enrolling your child please contact us on 01993 852828 or email bamptonpreschool@yahoo.co.uk.

We welcome everyone to visit us during our Open Day on Saturday 18th May from 10am to 12pm. This is a great opportunity to visit the setting and look at the resources we provide. We will arrange fun activities for the children and a chance to chat to staff.

You can also keep up with our news on our website www.bamptonpreschool.co.uk. Thank you to Kay Beswick for her time and experience to keep this up and running for us.



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Do you have children aged between 8 and 17 years...

My name is Samantha Wileman and I help to run the recently reformed Bampton Youth Club
As a mother I am delighted we now have somewhere safe for our children to go...

If you have children in the age groups set out below please ask them to come and join us on a
Wednesday evening for lots of fun and activities at the youth club.

Bampton Youth Club offers a safe, vibrant and a fun place to play and chill out, with lots of laughter
and friendly faces..

We have a variety of games and activities that cater for all age groups, activities range from discos,
painting and board games to playing pool, table tennis and darts (darts will be for the older group only).
We have on average 10 to 20 children aged between 8-13 and about 20 aged between 14- 17.. All of
these children have helped get the youth club up and running; they have helped raise awareness
designing banners and posters. We had a competition where one of the younger members designed
the Youth club Logo. The winning logo was picked by the older group and was won by Katie smith.

We have a friendly team of volunteers who are all very committed and willing to give up their time to
make this possible for the children. The volunteers are all CRB checked and trained in safeguarding,
They have completed an introduction to youth work course. We also have two members of staff that
are emergency first aid trained. Other courses are to be completed by myself and other member's in
2013. Without these people we wouldn't be able to have our youth club open.

We are very fortunate in this village to have such a strong community with so many people willing to
help us make a success of our youth club. Dozens of people and businesses have helped get the project
up and running and we'd like to thank, The Talbot hotel for donating a dart board and Annie Setch,
Sarah Constable and Amanda Townsend for all the hard work required to make this happen.

We haven't been open long but in the short time we have been open we feel we have achieved much:
Being able to offer these children a safe and fun environment even for a couple of hours a week is
fantastic. We welcome any ideas that the community may have to offer.

We look forward to welcoming your children to the Bampton youth club.

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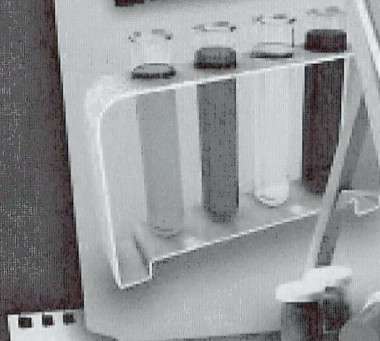
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BAMPTON'S VERY OWN MOVIES

Movies on the Move was started in 2005 by Susan Phillips and Jo Lewington, with European funding via Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and West Oxfordshire District Council. All films and equipment were hired via Chipping Norton Theatre and involved ten other villages. As such we had to abide by the majority vote in relation to the films shown and these were not always our choice. Unfortunately Council funding for Chipping Norton ceased last year and we decided to bite the bullet and attempt to raise funds to purchase our own equipment. By now we are sure you are all well aware that Bampton's cinema equipment is in place, thanks to the efforts of Anthony Hall in obtaining grants, the Community Shop and villagers' generosity.

Future dates for you to note are: 13th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December. All of these dates are Wednesdays. Please put them in your diary and support us as much as you can – it costs over £100 each time we show a film, mainly due to the cost of the licence to show it. We plan to have a variety of films, including Blockbusters, classics and hopefully on other dates, children's films. Our first showing of 2013, on 13th February, will be the classic Ealing Comedy film *The Ladykillers* – the 1955 version with Alec Guinness, Peter Sellers, Frankie Howerd, Jack Warner and Herbert Lom. You may be pleased to know that *The Ladykillers* will be in 1955 Queen's English, unlike our first two choices, *The Help* (based in Jackson, Mississippi) and *The Angels' Share* (based in Govan, Glasgow), both of which would have benefitted from sub-titles! It's a learning curve!

Please do continue to support Bampton Movies – we know that Cineworld is only five miles up the road but BVH Movies is right here on your doorstep.

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News from Bampton CE Primary School

Carol Phillips, Headteacher of Bampton CE Primary School



My first Christmas at Bampton was a wonderful experience. The staff and children worked so hard to produce two Christmas Nativities which were truly amazing and shared the story of the birth of Jesus through acting, dance and song. The children at Bampton sing incredibly well, as was demonstrated when listening to their rendition of 'In the Bleak Midwinter' which was aired on Radio Oxford on the run up to Christmas. If you missed it you can hear it on our website

www.bamptonprimaryschool.org

The children sang with Mr Atkins at the Methodist Christmas carol service and our school choir also sang together with the St. Mary's Church choir at their Christmas carol service. We are hoping to repeat this joining of choirs at future services.

Mr Atkins took his Y3 class to Rosebank where they led a

Christmas carol service for the residents. We are looking forward to visiting again to lead an Easter service later this term.



The New Year brought us snowy weather which was a delight for some.....

***Snowy playtime on the school playing field***

....but not so much fun for those responsible for keeping the site accessible and safe. We say a big thank you to Mr Pearce for all his hard work.

In January many of our Y5 and 6 pupils went to Yenworthy for a week long residential where they faced both personal and physical challenges during the week. The children (and staff!) had a fabulous time as you can see from some of these extracts from their own reports.

"Yenworthy is located on the border of Somerset and Devon. It is an outdoor and adventurous activity lodge. Bampton School have been going to Yenworthy for over 20 years, it is like a tradition." Cerys



"During the week there are six learning goals that must be used to stay safe, have fun and be healthy. The learning goals are: making the future, adventure for life, being a social being, risky business, caring and sharing and packing the sack." Lily

"We do take risks but we look after each other and if you listen to the instructors you will be safe even though you are taking risks." Sam

Esme describes some more of the learning goals.



"Packing the sack: picking up skills needed for life, packing the sack for life, learning for life!"

Being a social being: Learning how to cooperate with team mates and working with new people.

Caring and sharing: learning how to share rooms with others, share food and care for your friends - Less about me more about you!"

A few words on favourite activities.....

"My favourite activity was on Thursday at the rock beach and it was coasteering. You really supported me when I thought I couldn't jump. I did manage to do the jump at the end and I wanted to do it again!!!" Jake

"My absolute favourite activity was sand dune surfing because going down on the board was really fun and I got a face full of sand." George

"Rock pooling and climbing was a big challenge but I enjoyed them both all the same" Caitlin

.And finally the food.....
"The food is delicious" Charlotte
"It tastes just like home!" Esme

The trip for next year is already
booked!!



Our school topic this term is Bampton and Beyond so you may have seen groups of Bampton school children undertaking field studies around the village. Several of our classes have visited St. Mary's church to learn more about this historic building and its importance in the village.

We are grateful to West Ox arts who kindly offered us a day with a visiting artist Kate Eggleston-Wirtz. After liaising with Kate our Y5/6 class and Y1 class spent a day making memory boxes. The aim was to explore children's sense of identity and how it is linked with our locality. The boxes were made into houses and the covered and filled with pictures that meant something to the children.

We are very grateful to the local community for the variety of ways in which they support our school. We are currently collecting Sainsburys vouchers for school equipment. If you have any spare vouchers please drop them in to the school office and they will be much appreciated. Thank you.

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At this point, I feel I should describe my 18 year-old self; I was what you might call a "nerd" at school; head boy, Harry Potter look-alike, last to be picked on the sports team, in fact I was the least likely person to become a fire-fighter!

This did not put me off though and my preconceptions about the Fire Service fell away almost immediately, and I quickly realised that they were all just normal men and women with families and some with children, working hard, and working together to help each-other and their community. I was welcomed with open arms and given an application form and so began my journey, I became a retained fire-fighter at Bampton Fire Station in 2004.

Above all incidents and events during my time in the Fire Service there are two that stick out the most for me, the first were the devastating floods of 2007 and something as awful as that and of that magnitude is, thankfully a rare occurrence.

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service was stretched to its limits during that week but the generosity and spirit of the people of Bampton really shone through and at every turn, someone was there with a kind word, an offer of help, or a much-needed brew to help us get through it.

The second thing is that through the fire service I have become a member of the Community Responder Scheme in Bampton. After years of attending fires, road traffic collisions and rescues using our Basic First Aid skills, we were finally being given equipment and training from South Central Ambulance Service to enhance our knowledge and capabilities in helping people and saving lives.

Why have I written all this I hear you ask? Well, it's because, 8 years ago, I was inspired by an article in the Beam to join the Fire Service and it has opened up so many doors for me.

We're recruiting now, and I sincerely hope that someone out there will read this and, no matter how nervous or doubtful they are about joining will, at the very least, pop in for a chat at the fire station or call 0800 587 0870 for an application pack. Who knows; it could change your life too.

Andy Lloyd, Acting Crew Manager, Bampton Fire Station



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Cricket News

BAMPTON-in-the-BUSH CRICKET CLUB is a welcoming, sociable Club playing Senior League and Friendly Cricket, and catering for all Junior age groups (ages 7 to 15), based at Bampton Recreation Ground and subsequently in the Morris Clown. The Club was reborn in 2007 and over the last 6 years has gone from strength to strength. After 4 seasons of playing Sunday friendlies, we were finally able to lay a brand new square which allowed us to enter the Oxfordshire Cricket Association (OCA) League in 2011. That season we finished Runners-Up in Division 9, and last summer we triumphed over the incessant rain and a poor start to become Division 8 Champions by one point on the back of a thrilling last day victory. In 2013 we will be competing in Division 7, but we also continue to play a full summer of Sunday Friendly matches as well as a mixture of Cup and Friendly 20/20 evening games during the week (usually Thursdays) from May to early August. In total, we have close to 50 senior matches scheduled, as well as a full programme of colts games. Both Junior and Senior practice is on Tuesday evenings during the season, and indoor nets have been going since February.



We are always looking for Players of all abilities, both effective and relatively athletic League Players (especially, at the moment, batsmen) and those who want to play slightly less intense cricket on Sundays. We refuse to believe there aren't some more wonderful cricketers lurking in hidden corners of Bampton, so please make yourselves known. You won't regret it, particularly if you like a pint or three of Good Old Boy.

Supporters are also more than welcome, and we have a particular need now for a regular League Scorer and an enthusiastic volunteer Groundsman. There is something for everybody, including the best and possibly strangest Cricket Fantasy League in the country.

If you are interested in playing, scoring or the above Groundsman position, please call Richard Pitt on 07778 578875

(richard_pitt@hotmail.com); or Steve Sheppard on 07919 344336 (stevesheps22@gmail.com), especially if you want more details about entering the Fantasy League, where there are huge prizes up for grabs (well, prizes anyway)..

For Junior cricket please contact Martin Landray on 01993 850939 (martinlandray@cts.ox.ac.uk).

Full details of Fixtures, Results and playing statistics etc are available on the club website www.bampton.play-cricket.com.

BAMPTON-IN-THE-BUSH CRICKET CLUB



FIXTURES 2013

Sun 21 April	Friendly	FAIRFORD	Away	1.30
Sun 28 April	Friendly	WOOTTON & BOARS HILL	Home	2.00
Sat 4 May	League	TETSWORTH II	Away	1.30
Sun 5 May	Friendly	FARINGDON	Home	2.00
Thur 9 May	20/20	OXFORD UNIVERSITY DEPT. OF MEDICINE	Home	6.00
Sat 11 May	League	CHALGROVE	Home	1.30
Sun 12 May	Friendly	OXFORD DOWNS	Away	2.00
Thur 16 May	ECKO	tba	H/A	6.30
Sat 18 May	League	UFFINGTON II	Home	1.30
Sun 19 May	Friendly	GREAT & LITTLE TEW	Away	2.00
Thur 23 May	20/20	HANNEY	Home	6.00
Sat 25 May	League	STEVENTON	Away	1.30
Sun 26 May	Friendly	MINSTER LOVELL	Away	2.00
Thur 30 May	ECKO	tba	H/A	6.30
Sat 1 June	ORC Rd 1	MARCHAM II	Home	1.30
Sun 2 June	Friendly	HANNEY	Away	2.00
Thur 6 June	20/20	ABBOTT DIABETES CARE	Away	6.00
Sat 8 June	League	WESTBURY II	Home	1.30
Sun 9 June	Friendly	LANGFORD	Home	2.00
Thur 13 June	ECKO	tba	H/A	6.30
Sat 15 June	League	SWINBROOK II	Away	1.30
Sun 16 June	Friendly	LETCOMBE	Home	2.00
Thur 20 June	20/20	ASTON	Home	6.00
Sat 22 June	League	STONESFIELD II	Home	1.30
Thur 27 June	20/20	tba	Home	6.00
Sat 29 June	League	KIDLINGTON II	Home	1.30
Sun 30 June	Friendly	BEGBROKE & STONESFIELD	Away	2.00
Thur 4 July	20/20	tba	H/A	6.00
Sun 7 July	Friendly	BU SCOT PARK	Home	2.00
Thur 11 July	20/20	OCCSCC	Home	6.00
Sat 13 July	League	CHALGROVE	Away	1.30
Thurs 18 July	20/20	ASTON	Home	6.00
Sat 20 July	League	EAST & WEST HENDRED II	Home	1.30
Sun 21 July		B/LB/C/C 6-a-Side Tournament	Home	10.00
Thurs 25 July	20/20	OXFORD MAIL	Home	6.00
Sat 27 July	League	UFFINGTON II	Away	1.30
Sun 28 July	Friendly	CHARLBURY	Home	2.00
Thurs 1 Aug	20/20	tba	H/A	6.00
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Sat 10 Aug	League	WESTBURY II	Away	1.30
Sat 17 Aug	League	SWINBROOK II	Home	1.30
Sun 18 Aug	Friendly	HARWELL INTERNATIONAL	Away	2.00
Sat 24 Aug	League	STONESFIELD II	Away	1.30
Sun 25 Aug	Friendly	FARINGDON	Away	2.00
Sat 31 Aug	League	TETSWORTH II	Home	1.30
Sun 1 Sept	Friendly	BEGBROKE & STONESFIELD	Home	1.00
Sat 7 Sept	League	EAST & WEST HENDRED II	Away	1.30
Sun 8 Sept	Friendly	CHARLBURY	Away	1.00
Sat 14 Sept	League	KIDLINGTON II	Away	1.30
Sun 15 Sept				

League = OCA League Division 7. ORC = Osberton Residents Cup. ECKO = Extra Quick Knock Out Cup.

In Springtime

by Rudyard Kipling

My garden blazes brightly with
the rose-bush and the peach,
And the koil sings above it, in
the siris by the well,
From the creeper-covered trellis
comes the squirrel's chattering
speech,
And the blue jay screams and
flutters where the cheery sat-
bhai dwell.
But the rose has lost its fra-
grance, and the koil's note is
strange;
I am sick of endless sunshine,
sick of blossom-burdened
bough.
Give me back the leafless
woodlands where the winds of
Springtime range --
Give me back one day in Eng-
land, for it's Spring in England
now!

Through the pines the gusts are
booming, o'er the brown fields
blowing chill,
From the furrow of the plough-
share streams the fragrance of
the loam,
And the hawk nests on the cliff-
side and the jackdaw in the hill,
And my heart is back in Eng-
land 'mid the sights and sounds
of Home.
But the garland of the sacrifice
this wealth of rose and peach is,
Ah! koil, little koil, singing on the
siris bough,
In my ears the knell of exile
your ceaseless bell like speech
is --
Can you tell me aught of Eng-
land or of Spring in England
now?

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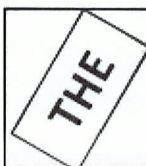
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Exhibition: *Memory and Place* by Kate Eggleston-Wirtz and Erin Singleton

Dates: 2 – 24 February 2013

Opening Reception: Saturday 2 February, 12 – 2pm

Location: West Ox Arts Gallery, Market Square, Bampton

Open Hours: Tuesdays – Saturdays 10.30 – 4.30pm & Sundays 2 – 4pm

West Ox Arts presents *Memory and Place*, an exhibition featuring collage and assemblage by Kate Eggleston-Wirtz and Erin Singleton. Finding their inspiration in history, memories, and storytelling these American-born artists use a combination of mixed media, discarded items, and found objects to create intriguing, tactile collages and assemblages that offer a unique perspective of their individual journeys as they've adapted to life in the UK. Curious, humorous, and mysterious, these dreamlike works capture moments lost in time – symbolic stories about memory and place.

Kate and Erin will be offering collage workshops in conjunction with this exhibition. Kate's workshop, **Wooden Heart Identity Workshop**, will be held directly following the Opening Reception for the exhibition on **Saturday 2 February from 2.30 – 6.30pm**. The objective of this workshop is to create a piece of mixed media artwork that represents a couple's life using symbolism. The fee is £30/35 (plus £6 materials fee).

Erin's workshop, **Creating a Nostalgic Print**, will be held on **Saturday 9 February from 12 – 4pm**. In this workshop participants will have the opportunity to transform their special family photographs and favourite snapshots into nostalgic prints using a special transfer process in addition to a combination of painting and collage techniques. The fee is £30/35 (plus £5 materials fee).

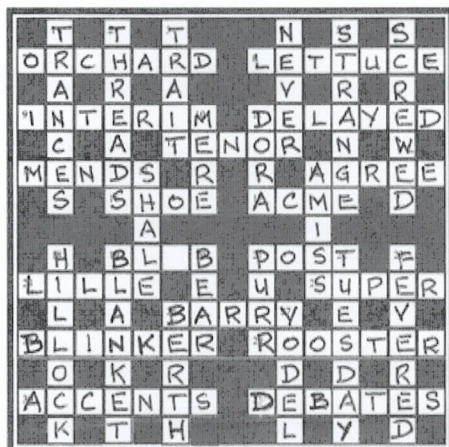
Memory and Place will be on display at the West Ox Arts Gallery (Market Square, Bampton) from 2 – 24 February 2013. Open hours for the exhibition are 10.30 – 4.30pm on Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 – 4pm on Sundays. For more information on the exhibition or to book a place in the workshops, please contact the Gallery at 01993 850137 or gALLERY@westoxarts.com during open hours. Additional information about the exhibition and Gallery are also available at www.westoxarts.com.

Additional information about the artists for the editors:

Kate Eggleston-Wirtz has lived in Lytham St Annes, Lancashire for nearly 20 years and spends much of her time in Turkey. Erin Singleton moved to Faringdon, Oxfordshire from Preston, Lancashire and has been living in England for over two years. It was whilst living in "The North" that Erin and Kate met through their mutual connection with an artist's organisation based in Preston.



Solution to the March



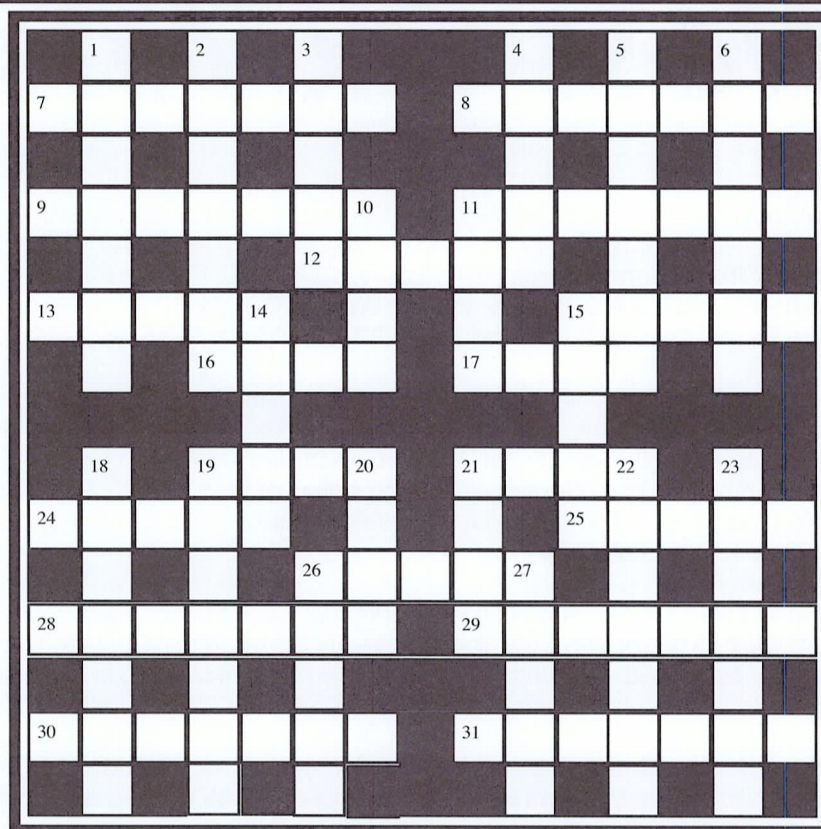
The winner of the November crossword is Graham Taylor of Oathurst Estate.

Congratulations, and your prize is £10!

As a thank you to Annette Minto for producing the Crossword, and in line with her wishes, 'The Beam' is donating £10 to The Bampton Bush Club.

We do apologise for the missing clue for 19 across in the last edition. Graham actually gave us 4 possible answers for 19 across so it is great that he has won!

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CLUES ACROSS

CLUES DOWN

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 7 Put on Show | 1 Arsonist |
| 8 Searches for Food | 2 Requests Aid |
| 9 Young Hare | 3 Ring Shaped Roll |
| 11 Largely | 4 Male Pigs |
| 12 Nocturnal Primate | 5 Tropical Coastal Mammal |
| 13 Musical Instrument | 6 Emotion |
| 15 Small Coin | 10 A Small Shark |
| 16 Secure | 11 Unit of Liquid Measure |
| 17 Old Musical Instrument | 14 Bird of Prey |
| 19 Can be Pastry or Sponge | 15 Alcohol Content |
| 21 Jab Sharply | 18 Window Blind |
| 24 Sugar in France! | 19 Not a Slave |
| 25 Wild, Savage | 20 Necessary for 29 Across! |
| 26 Measure Metal | 21 Work Out a Method |
| 28 Try to Accomplish | 22 Put an End To |
| 29 Birds do it in the Spring | 23 Very Hard Wearing Paint |
| 30 And at Last | 26 Popular Fruit |
| 31 Old Term for Marry | 27 Used in Bread |

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20th March	Clanfield & Bampton Historical Society The Burford Mutiny
23rd March	CRUK Easter Sale, Village Hall, 9am
3rd April	Bampton Cinema
12th April	SPAJERS annual quiz night, Village Hall, 8pm
13th April	Bampton Zimbabwe Project Spring Fair, Village Hall 10am
16th April	Clanfield & Bampton Historical Society Oxfordshire lodging houses
1st May	Bampton Cinema
17th May	CRUK Quiz night, Village Hall, 6pm
18th May	Bampton Pre-school Open Day, 10am
25th May	SPAJERS Annual Shirt Race, 6pm
5th June	Bampton Cinema
3rd July	Bampton Cinema
19th and 20th July	Bampton Classical Opera: Mozart's 'La Finta Semplice', Deanery Gardens
7th August	Bampton Cinema
4th September	Bampton Cinema
21st September	CRUK Autumn Sale, Village Hall, 9am
2nd October	Bampton Cinema
6th November	Bampton Cinema
20th November	CRUK Bingo, Village Hall, 6pm
4th December	Bampton Cinema
6th December	CRUK Quiz night, Village Hall, 6pm
20th December	C and W Dance, Carterton Social Centre (Ticket only, please call 01993850682)

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