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A SPORTING CHANCE

Thanks to the sale of the old playground to enable the low cost housing at Pembroke Place to be built The Bampton recreational Trust, a registered charity, was able to purchase and equip the new playground behind the Fire Station and build up its funds to nearly £200,000.

The Trustees, who are the Parish Councillors, have to use this money for the recreational needs of the inhabitants. They felt that some of this money should be used to purchase the 17.5 acre field off the Buckland Road to house the sporting clubs in the village which have no permanent home and to provide sporting and recreational opportunities for the inhabitants of all ages as required in to the future.

Initially it is only planned to provide a cricket pitch for the Cricket Club and three football fields for the thriving Bampton Boys Football Club as well as a "trim trail" for joggers. Other facilities for hockey, tennis, basketball and netball may also be provided if there is sufficient demand and are financially viable.

Funding for the project it is hoped will come from Charities, the Arts and Sports

Foundation and Sporting bodies. The whole project will be an ongoing one to meet the recreational needs of the inhabitants. The need for any sporting or recreational facility must be proved first and then to ensure it is financially viable before it can be provided by the Trust.

Considerable interest has already been shown not only by Bamptonians but by various local sporting clubs for tennis, hockey and football who might all be interested in using and helping to pay for the upkeep of the facilities. What do Bamptonians want? Will a tennis, netball, or hockey club start up in Bampton? What would you like to see provided?

The packed Open Meeting in the Village Hall on 5th November was a somewhat belated start to elicit views of local people about the Trustees Plan and find out what people want to see provided. Some of the fears of of local people were allayed and they were reassured that any development would be slow and carefully costed. Most people present were in favour of further recreational facilities being made available. Many offers of help were received

after the meeting which was encouraging. We are certainly fortunate in Bampton to have a Recreational Trust which can help provide some sporting facilities which otherwise would have to be paid for entirely from the Council Tax.

The Trustees have asked Jonathan Phillips to be Chairman of the Development Committee and he hopes this article in the Beam explains what they hope to achieve and will allay some of the reservations already expressed. He would like to hear from anyone who has views for or against the proposed undertaking or who has any ideas or ambitions to set up or take part in any particular sport.

Please contact: **Jonathan Phillips**

Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton

Tel: 850321.

The Trustees and Development Committee would like to thank Gerald Read for providing the field and for his help in preparing the land for sowing; Frank Stuart Wood for seeding the football pitches and Alec Lockhart who has offered some hard-core for the parking area.

THE BAMPTON BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB was founded in July 1992 and with some 80 boys now registered it is possibly the fastest growing youth movement in Oxfordshire.

From the outset it was intended that the Club would be a "Family" Club run to promote the interests of the boys, teaching them skills, teaching them how to win and how to lose but most of all providing a facility that is healthy, educational and occupational throughout the whole year.

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COME ON YOU BEES!

Founder team, photographed in Sept. 1992, now playing as the under 11's team



Back row: Les Shaw (Ass. Manager)
Michael Whalley (Manager)

Centre row: Thomas Wiseman, Hugo Mellor, Luke Whitlear, Simon Shaw, Tim Burley, Gareth Cook, Gareth Preston, Robert Whalley

Front row: Perry Senior, Ashley Rafferty, Jonathan Tupman, Alex Allinson, Daniel Long, Andrew Smith.

(Not in the picture: Adam Pickford, Dominic Cordy & Jamie Wearing)

Photo: Adkins Photography

BAMPTON BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

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In May 1993 the friendliness, sportsmanship and footballing ability of the Club was rewarded when Bampton Boys were invited to play in the "Steven Gardiner Charity Shield" at Buckingham Town football ground. Moretonville, the host Club, selected Bampton out of all the other teams playing in the Witney and District League.

The future strength of the Club will always lie in the hands of the under 8's which this year is so admirably managed by Eric Gillam just as they have been in the past by Patric Maher (now under 10's manager) and our founder manager Michael Whalley (now the under 11's manager) for each manager moves up the age groups with his team of boys.

This year we have been joined by Mike Flemming, ex Manchester United footballer, as under 9's manager. Mike and his fellow professionals will make it possible to offer expert coaching to all the boys in the Club.

The success of the Club is demonstrated by the inclusion of several boys in the 'Mid-Oxon' squad and four boys, Gareth

Preston, Perry Senior, Simon Shaw and Jonny Tupman, deservedly, playing for the Witney and District League in representative games against other District Leagues. The first of these being against the Northampton League on the Daventry Town pitch.

The future of Bampton Boys has been assured by the provision of the new football pitches by the Bampton Parish Council as Trustees of the Bampton Recreational Trust which will allow the natural growth of the Club by one team each season as the boys progress through their age groups. By 1998 the Club will have 9 teams from under 8's to under 16's (over 160 boys).

In May/June 1994 the Club hopes to take the three older age groups on tour to Weymouth where they will play against local Dorset teams and during the summer it is planned to hold a "Coaching Week" - open to all boys in the District - taking advantage of the professionals attached to the Club. It is also intended to repeat the Tournament that saw some 20 teams playing against each other a two day period.



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Make Do and Mend - the cost of keeping our Heritage

Have you noticed some unusual activity at St Mary's Church recently?

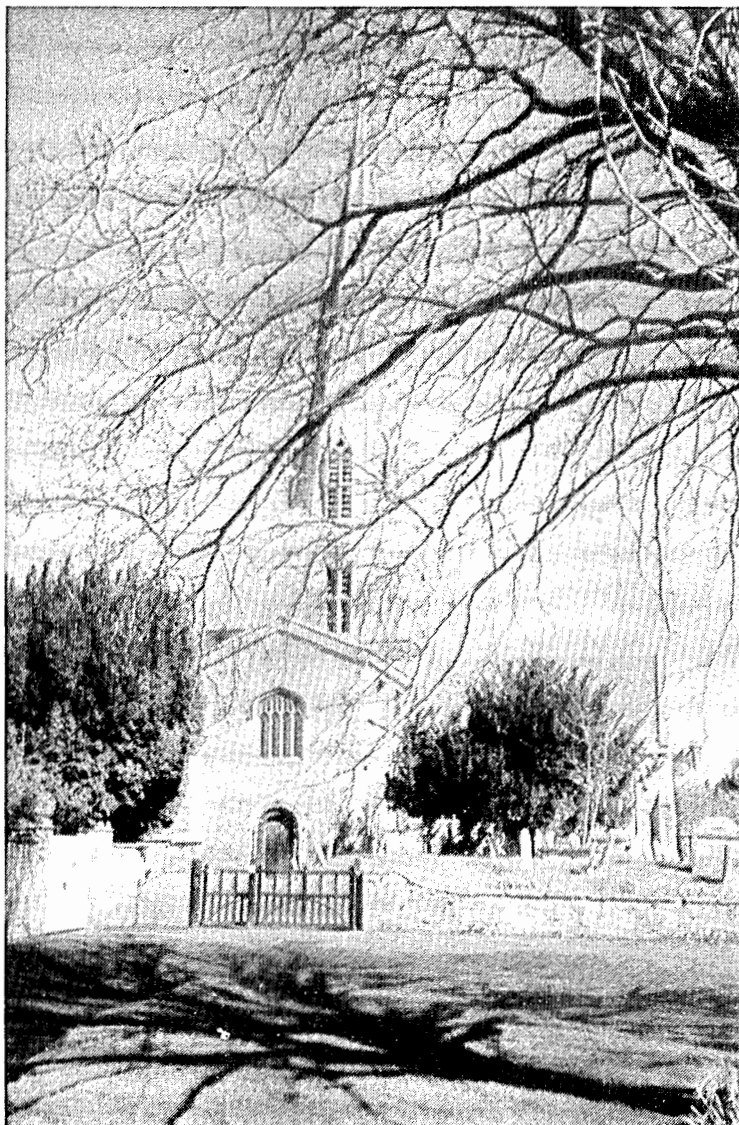
Over the past few months the Bampton Community Church Council has spent approximately £10,000 preserving our beautiful church for future generations. Those who live in old houses will know there is never very much to show when maintenance work is complete. Down pipes have been repaired, the roof lead and tiles overhauled, repointing carried out, rusting ironwork and steel cleaned and repainted. The steeple has been inspected and further substantial work will need to be carried out on this in the next few years. A number of "tell-tales" have been installed to assess whether there is any movement in various small cracks which are evident in the fabric of the building.

From the 1983 Bampton Appraisal it was evident that St Mary's Church was the one building in Bampton which people most wanted to preserve. Sadly not many people use the church for the regular Sunday services and many only use it for marriages and funerals.

If we really want to preserve this lovely church for future generations of Bamptonians maybe we should form a non-denominational Charity, "Friends of St Mary's", to build up a fund through covenanted donations, bequests in wills etc. of at least £250,000. This could be used for major restoration work in the future which would be unable to be funded by the regular churchgoers. Your views on this subject would be much appreciated and any ideas on how such a Charitable fund should be set up.

Write to the
The Editor, The Bampton Beam

Photo: Hilda Kent



Appeal for an Organist

Two congregations in Bampton are anxious to contact anyone who is willing and able to play the organ.

The Roman Catholics celebrate Mass each Sunday at 9.00am in St. Mary's Church and would appreciate having someone to play an accompaniment to hymns on occasional Sundays and special feast days.

Please contact: Jonathan Phillips, Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton Tel: 850321.

The Methodists are seeking the occasional help of an organist to join their rota for Sunday services which are held at 11.00am at the Methodist Chapel, Bridge Street, Bampton.

Please contact: Colin Rouse, Backhouse Farm, Weald Tel: 850099

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11.45pm at St.Joseph's, Carterton

CAROLS & MIDNIGHT MASS

Christmas Day

9.00am at St.Mary's Church

(Roman Catholic) DAWN MASS

10.30am at St.Mary's Church

HOLY COMMUNION

11.00am at St.Joseph's, Carterton

THIRD CHRISTMAS MASS

HOLY COMMUNION

A NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Editor,

My mother Florence Ivy Tanner, widow of Albert, my father, late of 14 Chandler Close, died on October 7th 1993 at Marcham Road Hospital Abingdon aged 94.

She had lived in Bampton since 1939 at the beginning of the war until, in April this year, she came to live with me and my husband at Drayton near Abingdon so that we could be with her all the time.

I would like to convey my thanks to her friends, neighbours and shopkeepers at Bampton who were always so kind and thoughtful towards her and also those charitable organisations who so generously remembered her at Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival. It was not the material value of such gifts which 'touched' her but the fact that she was thought of.

This I find equally touching and would like all to know how grateful I feel for the kindnesses she so much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Daphne Barrand, Abingdon

SURGERY APPOINTMENTS

Dear Madam

I wonder if I am the only person in Bampton to express any qualm about the appointments procedure at the Bampton Surgery? I am not, very fortunately, a regular attender. Recently, however, I wanted to see a doctor. I would not have obtained an appointment on the same day or indeed the next, but for what I regard as an unnecessary degree of insistence.

As I expect most people going to the Surgery seek reassurance as much as treatment, postponing the moment of that reassurance is not ideal patient care.

I do understand that there are open surgeries held but not conveniently at the beginning of the working day. Many people who live in Bampton and are registered with the Surgery have to travel quite substantial distances to their work. It is not practical for them to go to and from Bampton. Fewer people these days (especially among the increasing band of the self-employed) can afford time off if their complaint does not absolutely demand it.

I am hoping that it is not complete sacrilege to suggest that perhaps the reception at the Bampton Surgery could be more helpful and sympathetic?

Yours faithfully, 'Troubled Patient'

Anonymous letters are not published but a pseudonym may be used at the Editor's discretion if full name and address are supplied.

Letters TO THE EDITOR

SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Dear Editor,

People who live in Bampton have been hoping for years that something could be done to reduce the speed of traffic through the village.

Eventually the Highway Authority carried out tests to measure the volume of this traffic. It was said at the time that these were certain to be followed by action, and so it proved. As a result of these tests, and with the object of reducing speeds, the Authority has offered to put "Rumble Strips" at carefully selected sites on the approaches to the village.

After considering this offer our Parish Council has rejected it. I can think of no suitable comment. Can you?

Yours sincerely, Raynald Franks

Stables Cottage, Weald Manor

The Chairman of the Parish Council gives a full explanation of the reasons for dropping the Rumble Strip solution on page 9



"The possibility of installing a mini-roundabout at the junction of Station Road, Landells and New Road is still, as far as the Parish Council is aware, on a low priority category"

Dear Editor,

Since moving to Bampton almost 2 years ago I have noticed an inexorable increase in the numbers of vehicles speeding through the centre of the village. The danger to occupants and pedestrians is stark.

Both my wife and I have experienced near misses as a result of blind spots created by parked vehicles combined with oncoming vehicles often exceeding the speed limits or proceeding on the wrong side of the road. (As in the case of the route from the village mini-roundabout towards Brize Norton.) All too frequently speeds of around 50MPH, plus, are observed in the 30 MPH zone.

Fast cars and juggernaut lorries, seemingly unaware of the difficult road geometry and its speed limit, enter High Street/Market Square via a blind bend and are then funnelled into the busy centre. Almost without exception these drivers seem not to have anticipated the conditions.

Timely publicity concerning the great success of traffic calming measures introduced in Oxfordshire applauds significant decreases to both accidents and injuries at such sites.

We need a thriving commercial centre and the road communications to feed it. So too, we need a safe and calm village centre where people can live and others go about their business with confidence.

The case for traffic calming in Bampton seems irresistible.

Yours faithfully, Roger Howard

2 Fleur de Lys, High Street

Dear Editor,

May I add further comment on the dangerous road junction at Landells-Broad Street/Station Road - New Road referred to in the August issue of The Beam.

The new footpath in Landells has been constructed but the road danger remains. This relates to pedestrians crossing Broad Street/Station road on their way to and from The Bampton Surgery - particularly for elderly people and parents with young children.

Vehicles entering and leaving Bampton across this road junction are frequently driven at high speed. The danger is compounded by the increasing amount of traffic on New Road, the poor road visibility along Station Road and the parked cars in Broad Street.

Can some form of pedestrian crossing (preferably controlled by traffic lights) be made across Broad Street/Station Road to reduce the danger to pedestrians and contribute to traffic calming in Bampton?

Yours sincerely,

Jim Taylor, New Road

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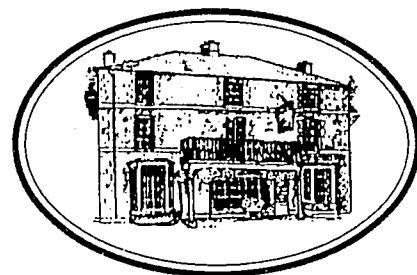
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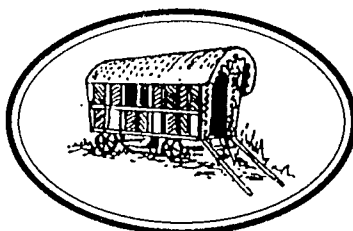


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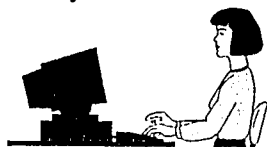
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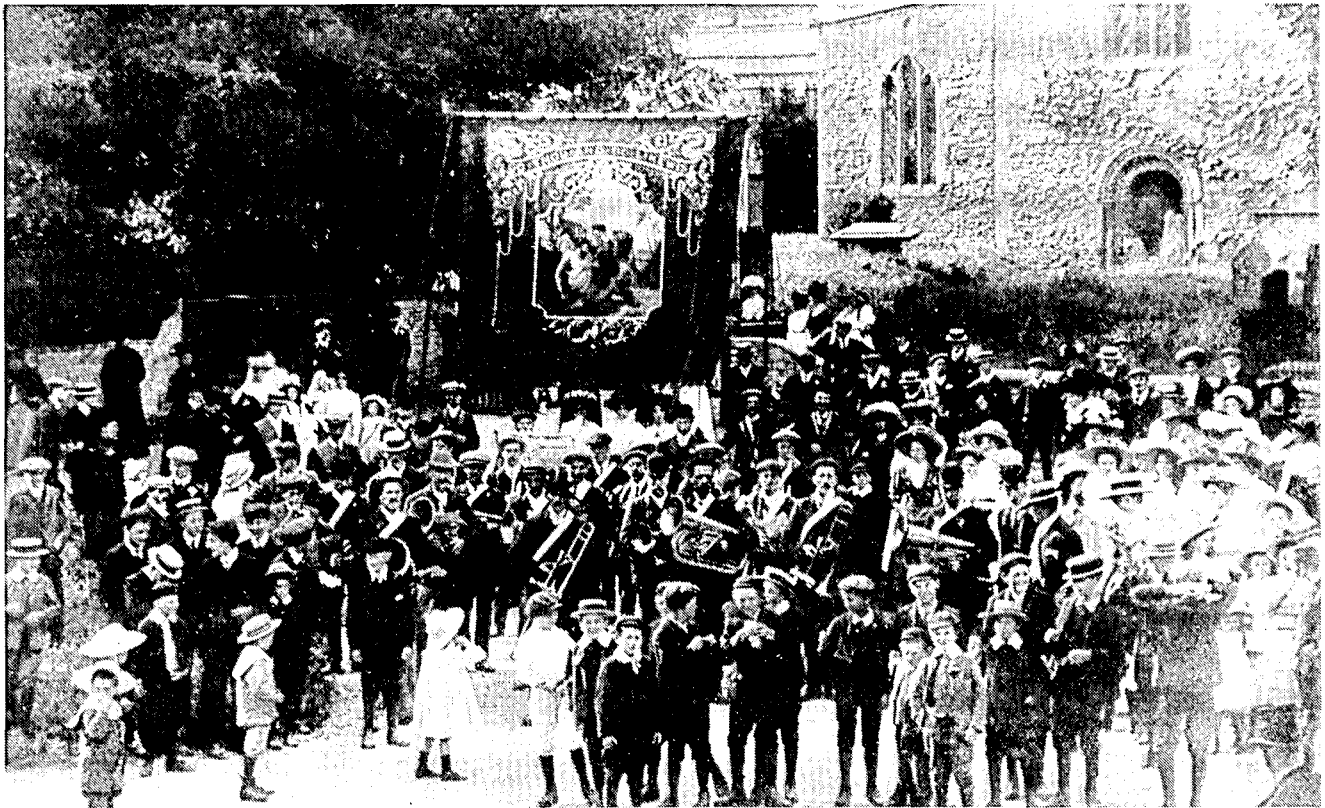
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CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME



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It is one of a number of photographs of Bampton and surrounding areas which form the H.W. Taunt collection. It also appears in the book by Tom Worley entitled 'The Witney District in Old Photographs' with the caption "The band assembled under a banner proclaiming 'Go thou and do likewise' outside the church of St Mary the Virgin, Bampton 1905"

"Village Clubs were a blessing to the poor during the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Bampton was able to boast two Clubs at this time: the Self Help Club, based at The Lamb - (demolished to extend the Market Square Garage) - and the Victoria Club based at The Wheatsheaf (presently The Post Office). The clubs were benevolent clubs which, upon payment of a small weekly contribution, would pay members several shillings a week in time of illness.

Whit Monday was Club Day. Each Club, headed by a band, marched in procession to church and took part in a combined service. After the service they returned to their respective Clubs to partake of the annual dinner. It was not unknown in some villages for Club Day celebrations to extend over three days! Lloyd George's Insurance Act of 1911 probably sounded the death knell for the Clubs, whose popularity had already begun to wane quite considerably during the first decade of the 20th century. It is possible that the Ancient Order of Foresters, whose court was founded in Bampton in 1890 presented a more attractive scheme as it was a nationally based organisation."

In January 1974 the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council presented the final report of its 1967 - 1974 Review of Local Charities to the Oxfordshire County Council from which the following extracts have been taken.

"The majority of the charities which have come under review were created in the 17th, 18th & 19th centuries; usually by men and women who left money in the hands of trustees to provide for the poor of the parish in which the donor had lived. A few date back to Tudor times or earlier, but only a very few were founded in the present century. . . .

There is a large element of luck in what has survived. Until the 19th century their only protection against misuse or direct theft was by recourse to the Court of Chancery. Its delays and expense were notorious so that there was little, apart from their own consciences, to prevent trustees from helping themselves. More than one body of trustees dined annually and well at the charity's expense; any number of charitable gifts found their way into the pockets of doubtful voters at election time and many a trustee put the charitable funds into his own account and 'forgot' that they were there. . .

In 1818, at the instigation of Lord Brougham, Parliament appointed a Commission of Inquiry. . . They laboured throughout the country for 19 years and their detailed, meticulous and forthright reports provide by far the most authoritative and accessible account, both of the origins of each charity and of their administration, that is available. Copies of the reports which refer to the charities of Oxford and of Oxfordshire are in the County Record Office and the City Library.

In 1835, with much of the Brougham Commissioners evidence before it, a Select Committee recommended that there should be an independent body which could act on behalf of the court of Chancery without charge. . . (in) 1853 that Parliament finally established the Charity Commission as a permanent body. It had powers to initiate enquiries, trustees were required to submit accounts annually, and in 1860 an Official Trustee of Charitable Funds was appointed in whose custody land and securities could be placed for safe keeping."

THE BAMPTON WELFARE TRUST

by Janet Newman

The Bampton Welfare Trust as we know it today came into being on 6th November 1972. Nine trustees were appointed to administer and manage the eleven charities formerly known as The Bampton consolidated Charities. The investments which now provide The Welfare Trust with an income were a result of bequests made during the 17th & 18th centuries, for the purpose of helping the poor of Bampton.

John Palmer, whose will was dated October 1650, bequeathed the sum of £100 for the use of the poor of Bampton and Weald. Other sums were added to this by other socially motivated parties and the whole sum was used to purchase land, the rent from which was to fulfil John Palmers request.

Julian Walter died in 1636 and bequeathed an estate which by the middle of the 19th century consisted of a farm house, a garden, a small paddock, one and a half acre of pasture and 18 statute acres. The rents and profits were to be used to provide bread to be given after the Sunday service to "the most necessitous poor."

Susannah Frederick bequeathed £200 in 1789. This was lent to one Ann Leybourne, a widow of West well, with the interest on the loan to be paid annually for the provision of linen and shoes for the poor of Bampton. Mrs Leybourne died without having repaid the £200 and left no property to settle the debt. Her son Lieutenant General Popham, repaid the amount, even though he was not bound to do so and despite the fact that he inherited no property from his mother.

Thomas Horde, whose will was dated January 1712 left £40 per annum from land rents "... £24 to be paid to the prisoners of the county gaol of Oxford, £10 to be used by the Churchwardens to provide 10 woollen coats and 10 pairs of stocking for men, 10 coarse woollen waistcoats and canvas shifts and 10 pairs of stocking for women to be given on Michaelmas-day to the poor persons of Aston and Cote. The remaining £10 to be paid for teaching poor children."

We owe a great debt of gratitude not only to the benefactors but particularly to one Mr Hudson who published a pamphlet on the local charities on 15th May 1801. He was greatly concerned about the abuse and mis-management of the charity funds. He

tells of George Thompson who died in 1603, who left £6 per year to the poor of Bampton, Weald and Lew, to be distributed in the South Porch by the Churchwardens on Whitsunday and St Thomas the Apostle. None of the money had ever been distributed as far as he knew.

Leonard Wilmot, who died in 1608 left forty shillings for the poor of Bampton and Weald to be distributed by the Churchwardens to the 'most industrious poor' on Good Friday every year.

Hudson comments "... shameful to relate, not a shilling of it has been given to the poor till within these five or six past years, although it has been regularly received by the Churchwardens."

Mr Leverett, formerly an eminent surgeon in Witney, left £50 in trust. His wife was to receive the interest during her lifetime and on her death it was to be paid to the Churchwardens to provide bread for the poor of Bampton. No money was ever received.

Hudson researched and documented the charitable gifts and donations and directed how they should be distributed. His diligence is born out by entries in the vestry books, which were used up to the early part of the 19th century to record the minutes of vestry meeting and which are now to be found in the Oxfordshire Archives, County Hall, Oxford. There are entries for 23rd July 1802 and 13th October 1802 indicating that the Trustees were exhibiting a real determination to right the wrongs of the past by collecting unpaid rents from charity lands. The entries for 1829 clearly indicate that Mr R Hudson's goal had been achieved. The trustees were operating in an efficient and business-like manner. Rents and interest from investments were collected and appropriately distributed. Deeds and documents were collected together and lodged in the parish chest. At one time, probably about 300 years ago, on a large wooden board on the north wall of the church, most of the Bampton Charities were recorded. By the time the Reverend Giles was researching for his book on the history of Bampton it had long since disappeared. He does however record that a copy is to be found in the Rawlinson Manuscript which forms part of the Rawlinson collection in the Bodleian Library.

Towards the end of the 19th century the Charity Commission ensured the correct and smooth running of local charities under various Local Government Acts.

On 6th October 1972 The Bampton Consolidated Charities became The Bampton Welfare Trust. The object of the trust is "... to relieve either generally or individually, persons resident in the area of the Ancient Parish of Bampton, who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress." (Charity Commission).

Most of the land bequeathed to the trust has now been sold and the proceeds are invested with the Charity Commissioners. It is the income from this investment that now enables the Welfare Trust to make annual donations to Bampton Primary School, Aston Primary School, Bampton Playgroup, Aston Playgroup, Bampton Bush Club, Aston Day Centre. Assistance is also given to an average of fifty families a year who find themselves suffering hardship.

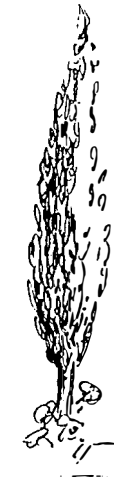
Bampton seems on the surface to be a reasonably affluent town. We are however not immune to national trends. Unemployment, illness, under-funded community care and pressures of life in the nineties all take their toll. Usually difficulties are temporary and happily with help are overcome. In recent years the Bampton Welfare Trust has been able to assist families experiencing extreme difficulties with heating assistance, food vouchers, baby clothes, travelling expenses resulting from essential hospital visits, bedding and various other forms of emergency aid, not covered by the established aid agencies.

It is a privilege, as a Trustee, to be able to continue to put into action the wishes and ideals of people who lived three and four hundred years ago, while at the same time supporting and improving the quality of life for families in Bampton, Aston and Lew as we approach the 21st century.

Trustees of the Bampton Welfare Trust
Major Robert Colville (Chairman),
Rev Andrew Scott, Mrs Janet Newman,
Miss Kate Wylie, Mrs Iris Humphries,
Mrs Joan Haslam,
Mrs Helen Radcliffe (Lew),
Mr George Wiltshire (Aston)

Is There Life in the Garden

After the Frost?



It has always seemed to me that if one were to concentrate on the Autumn and Winter garden, the rest of the year would take care of itself. (That's as far as design goes - I know Spring and Summer weeding is endless).

The single snowdrop or aconite in the barren landscape of early Spring can lift the spirits because, from then on, it can only get better. It is for November, when the rain/frost/wind battered remnants can only get worse, that we have to plan. Here are some of the plants which make my heart skip with their brave effrontery. Nerines send up their pink umbels year after year in October

& November - surviving even this years early severe frosts. Cochicum, the Autumn crocus, is a wonderful Autumn surprise. You can plant them in grass and if you time it right, they will come through after the year's last mowing.

Iris stylosa (whose other name is the impossible unguicularis) does very well in Bampton as it likes our gravelly, slightly limey soil. You can plant it in a dry neglected patch so long as it gets sunshine. It looks beautiful at the foot of a wall, too dry for anything else, and shows its bright blue flowers in December and January. Schizostylus or Kaffir lily also likes our soil. S. coccinea is the vigorous red one, Viscountess Byng is an exquisite pink. Autumn flowering Cyclamen neapolitanum copes with neglect and shade. Sedum spectabilis starts flowering in October but holds its attractive dead flower heads well into November.

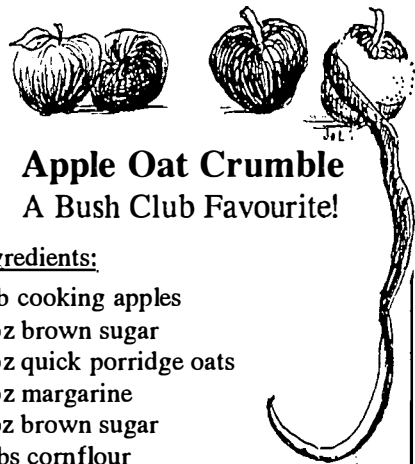
Some trees and shrubs are at their most glorious with Autumn leaf colour. Cotinus (the smoke tree) red-leaved all the year round is brilliant scarlet in Autumn as is the red-leaved Japanese maple.

Amelanchier and most of the flowering cherries have magnificent Autumn leaf-colour. But there are some shrubs and trees whose blossoms appear in our darkest months and, because the temperature is so cold, the blossom goes on and on. Prunus subhirtella Autumnalis covers its bare branches with tiny pink or white blossoms from December to January. I've seen the flowers of Viburnum tinus last from November until the following May and it has the bonus of being evergreen. Viburnum bodnantense has sweet smelling clusters of tubular pink flowers. Mahonia bealii has yellow flowers scented like lily of the valley. The

most scented of all is an undramatic looking honeysuckle - the fragrant white flowers of Lonicera x purpusii last from December to March. If you are wanting bark colours there is, of course, the paper white silver birch or the beautiful bronze shiny bark of prunus serula. There are varieties of Cornus (dogwood) with bright red or yellow stems. And if you are wanting interesting shapes there is the twisted hazel - corylus contorta, and endless conifers to choose from, spire-like or horizontal; or trees that you can shape yourself - hollies are excellent and a good range of colours.

If you are looking for something to take the place of the climbing roses, once the glory of the Virginia creeper has fallen to the ground, and the orange berries of the pyracantha have been eaten by the birds - there's always ivy. My favourite is the green and yellow "golden heart".

Now I have a suggestion:- At this time of the year I'm busy splitting up the more vigorous of my herbaceous plants. I find it hard to just dump the healthy plants on the compost heap. Perhaps any of us with plant bits to throw out could put them in a box by the gate for others to help themselves. After all one person's rubbish is another person's treasure. By the way I'm looking for a bit of Lonicera x purpusii!



Apple Oat Crumble A Bush Club Favourite!

Ingredients:

- 1 lb cooking apples
- 2 oz brown sugar
- 3 oz quick porridge oats
- 2 oz margarine
- 1 oz brown sugar
- 1 tbs cornflour

Method:

Peel, core and slice the apples and put them in a baking dish, sprinkling with 2 oz sugar. Mix together oats, cornflour and the remaining ounce of sugar and stir in the melted margarine. Cover the apples with this mixture, patting it down firmly.

Bake at Mark 4/180C for about 35 minutes, until the top is brown and the apples are soft. Serve with cream or custard



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Mrs Jackie Allinson, Chairman of the Parish Council replies to criticism from Bampton residents - see Letters to the Editor - page 4



The Parish Council has long been aware of a consistent and dangerous problem with relation to the speed of vehicles entering and travelling through Bampton. On numerous occasions possible solutions have been discussed with the Highways Dept. of the County Council, who consider that matters relating to speed control in Bampton is **LOW PRIORITY!**

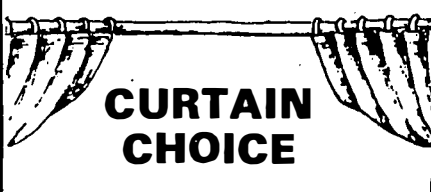
The installation of rumble strips on the A4095 approaches to Bampton was discussed with engineers in August 1992. *Rumble strips are small strips of channels similar to those between the hard shoulder and slow lanes of many motorways.* Any such installation (costing approximately £600 per set of strips) was to have been paid for by the Parish Council and NOT the County Council. The Traffic Management Engineer, who discussed the strips with the Chairman and County Councillor and subsequently provided plans for the positioning of the strips, "was not particularly en-

couraged that these units will have any long-term effect on the speed of vehicles entering Bampton". He also noted in relation to the noise that "if they were placed close to the built up area then I am convinced there would be substantial complaints". The PC wrote to the residents whom they felt would be affected by noise from the strips and the subsequent overwhelming weight of feeling was against their installation. Enquiries were also made of Chesterton Parish Council who had rumble strips installed on the A4095 through the village and their experience was of very little improvement to traffic speeding, and indeed, they had complaints about the noise generated by cars travelling over them. In the light of these facts the Parish Council agreed not to install rumble strips.

The County Council is adamant that it will not install speed humps on an A-class

highway. In November 1991 the PC enquired about the cost of installing speed humps on roads in the village, other than the A4095, in case this could be funded by the PC. At that time the cost of installation was about £2000 per hump, with the added complication that road junctions and other obstructions make it impossible to install just 1 hump! For example: to slow down traffic in New Road to improve the safety of small children travelling to and from school would have resulted in the installation of 8 humps (why 8?) with the possible additional cost of being required to extend or improve the street lighting.


The Parish Council is well aware that traffic calming measures are being installed for the benefit of larger towns and Oxford City. The very real problems facing small towns and villages are not receiving the serious consideration they deserve.



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BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre which occupies the historic Victorian Schoolhouse in Church View caters for a wide range of activities for the young people of Bampton and is supported financially by the District Council and the Bampton '250 Club'.

We are most sorry to have to report that, after nine long years of excellent work, the Youth Leader, Chris Connaughton, has retired. The Youth Club is temporarily suspended but should reopen shortly when a new leader has been appointed. Anyone willing to help should contact Liz Banham.

The Scouts and Cubs continue to flourish under the direction of an excellent group of leaders and with active help from many parents.

As the majority of youth activities are on weekday evenings, the Centre is often available for private bookings during the day and at weekends. It is becoming ever more popular as a venue for family parties and is particularly suitable for wedding receptions and larger gatherings with its pleasant atmosphere and ample parking space. The renewal of the heating system which is planned within the next few months will make the Centre even more comfortable.

For further information please contact:

Group Scout Leader & Beavers -

Barbara Heaton - Tel: 706020

Scouts - Paul Tomlin - Tel: 843942

Cubs - Richard Bird - Tel: 850622

Hire of Hall - Liz Banham - Tel: 850019

General - Colin Allport - Tel: 850411

THE MS SOCIETY

West Oxfordshire Branch

Thank you to all who helped with the Street Collection in Witney the magnificent total of £914.88 was raised. Thanks also to the Bampton Scouts who cooked food for the BBQ at the Bampton Bush Centre.

Secretary: Jill Cooper

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Small Business Centre Reunion

This is the 5th year of this popular event run by the Oxford College of Further Education. It is open to those who have used the centre and also to anyone running, or considering starting, their own business.

It will take place on Wednesday 24 November at 6.30pm. Following speakers talking about their own experiences in business there will be light refreshments and the opportunity to meet other business people and make contacts.

The reunion will take place at The Cricket Road Centre which is at the junction of Cricket Road and Shelley Road in Cowley. Prior booking is essential and can be made by telephoning Oxford College Small Business Centre on (0865) 716171 - detailed directions can also be given.

OXFORDSHIRE ANIMAL SANCTUARY

The house to house collection in Bampton at the end of August raised £252.48. The Society wishes to thank all the collectors and everybody who gave. Don't forget to visit the Sanctuary's new charity shop in Corn Street, Witney (almost opposite the Red Cross shop). It is open from 9.30am to 4.30pm from Monday to Saturday, and there are plenty of interesting bargains to be found.



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BAMPTON MEALS - ON - WHEELS SERVICE

by Jean Howell



In 1977 I was asked, as the WRVS village representative for the villages of Bampton, Aston and Cotswold people.

We started with 8 recipients and the number maximum of 18 people who receive them or

In the beginning the meals were freshly cooked in the old school in Church View (later moved to individual aluminium containers and packed in charcoal. When school meals were centralised at Carterton and meals were delivered years ago the 'powers that be' decreed that they now reheated at Carterton and delivered as be collect them.

The problem of providing meals during the winter who took it in turn to cook up to 14 complete meals for the home cooking and the portions were so good. Part of the service ceased when the new Food Bank was allowed to use our own kitchens although they were concerned about the hygiene of their preparation.

During the past sixteen and a half years I and those of whom have helped since the beginning. They have spent of their time once a month, there is also a back rota for them to do their turn. Each delivery team of two members

At present each meal costs £1.10 which is a small cost, although the whole scheme is organised so that people do not have to be members of the W.R.V.S. although they do not cost anything and does not commit anyone. In spite of the W.R.V.S. being nominally a voluntary organisation, the wives and are full members of the W.R.V.S.

We have now set up a Books-on-Wheels service for housebound people every other week. The list is being compiled.

After almost 17 years I would like to resign but I am pleased to hear from anyone who would like to help.

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representative, to set up a Meals-on-Wheels Service since then we have served many meals to many

have varied since then **from 5 to the present** esdays and Thursdays.

l with the school dinners in the kitchen of the (vling Green Close). The meals were put into to hotlocks which were warmed by burning the cooking took place at Edith Moorhouse ampton School with the school dinners. A few od had to be factory frozen meals and these are to Bampton School from where the volunteers

hool holidays was solved by a team of helpers als in their own kitchens. The recipients loved rous that they often served for two days. This ety Act came into being and we were no longer as never any question of the safety of the meals

e had many loyal and dedicated helpers, some resent 16 helpers give approximately 2 hours of 8 reserves to step in when the regulars cannot ave a car; petrol expenses are paid. sidised by the County Council who pay all the nd administered by the W.R.V.S. Helpers do they are encouraged to join. Membership does anything extra, unless they wish to do more. n's organisation quite a few husbands help their

scheme whereby library books are taken to ry has full details. om the administration of the service and would willing to take over.

contact Jean Howell Tel: 850684

BAMPTON W.I.

Visitors are invited to attend our meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month commencing at 7.30pm.

The W.I. movement offers members the opportunity to learn of and take part in a wide range of activities - why not come and find out?

MOTHERS' UNION - Bampton with Clanfield

New members are invited to join us at our meetings. These are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm, in the Village Hall, Bampton.

**Enrolling Member: Mrs E. Dring,
14 The Lanes Tel: 850333**

ST. MARY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School meets every Sunday morning during term time and is open to children from all the churches in the village from the age of 3 years.

Unfortunately one of our teachers has left the area and our numbers will be depleted yet further in 1994. As a result, if we are unable to find any willing helpers to assist the remaining teachers then it is possible that the Sunday School will have to fold. Obviously this is the last thing we want to happen especially as the number of children attending regularly is increasing.

This is where YOU come in - can you, or do you know of anyone who would be willing to help? No heavy commitment is necessary, just an hour or so of your time on one or two Sundays a month at most, plus a small amount of preparation for each lesson (the material we use makes it all very easy).

If you feel you may be able to help or want more information please contact

Sue Broomfield Tel: 779390.

BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP

The outstanding environmental concern for Bampton at the moment is the revised draft of West Oxfordshire's new Structure Plan recently approved by the District's full council. It contains a substantial development in Bampton on the corner of New Road and Mount Owen Road, comprising 65 new housing units, of which 25% is to be designated low-cost housing. This will involve a further concentration of building on an already densely developed area and the increased population will place an additional strain on village resources as well as affecting its character. The meagre allocation to low-cost housing does not appreciably meet an obvious local need. This draft will be available for the public to study and comment on to the District Council Planning Department in January 1994, copies then being available at the council offices at Wood Green, Witney, in Bampton library and with the Chairman and Secretary of BEWG. More precise dates will be advertised in the local press.

The District Council's Planning Department has started to put into action the Enforcement Order to restrict the number of caravan pitches on The Paddocks Gypsy site in Weald to 7 - the maximum permitted in the Appeal decision which approved retroactive planning approval.

A very illuminating talk on do-it-yourself genealogical research was given at the October Open Meeting by the former Town Clerk of Witney. At the AGM on January 26th Dr Alan Cole will give an illustrated lecture on birds. Only BEWG members are eligible to attend but this includes interested parties joining at the door.

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'Many Happy Returns, Dor'

A Local Profile

interview by Billy Count

Miss Dorothy Graeme Thomson, known to her many friends in Bampton as Dor, celebrates her 83rd birthday this month, and she has been sharing with me some memories of her life in Bampton.

Dor grew up in Shipton-under-Wychwood but during the war went to work in London, in an aircraft factory where she met her life-long friend Kate Wylie. They assembled Halifax aeroplanes until they were ready for shipment in five sections to Radlett in Hertfordshire where, said Dor, "amazingly, they flew!"

Dor and Kate moved back to Oxfordshire in 1949 to Beam Cottage, Bampton. The surrounding 2.5 acres of land had been a small-holding for some years. Dor converted half an acre of land into a market garden which she cultivated herself. At this time, they had a clear view across two fields to the church spire and were very much on the outskirts of a thriving Bampton - there were 13 pubs, 3 grocers, a greengrocer, a baker, a fishmonger, a draper, a saddler co-existing with a garage and a shoemaker of good repute. The land surrounding The Beam is now covered with houses - part of

New Road, Calais Dene & Beam Paddock.

During the 50's Dor and Kate made a home for Roger aged 5 and Julie aged 3, who had been in the care of London County Council and who stayed until they were grown up. Julie is now living in Reading with children of her own, whilst Roger is in Norwich. Both visit as often as they can.

Dor joined the Parish Council in the late 1950's in what was to prove a life-time commitment to public service. It gradually took over from the market garden interest. When asked why she had done so much voluntary work, she replied that, "We were all brought up to play an active part in local affairs whenever possible. It is a pity that more people don't realise how rewarding it is and how much one can learn in the process. "She was fortunate to have a private income "and wanted to do this to say thank you," and she added, "I have enjoyed it very much."

In 1961 she became a member of the County Council representing Bampton, Aston and Brize Norton. This was extended in 1974, because of local government re-organisation, to include Clanfield,



Photo: Hilda Kent

Curbridge and Ducklington. Dor worked on the Education Committee and the Children's Committee. She retired from the County Council in 1977 when she found it becoming too political. Previously, all the councillors had been independent members and Dor is strongly against party politics in local government, including school governing bodies where "they should be thinking of the good of the

school rather than the party line." During her time on the County Council's Education Committee she helped to start several new schools in the area. She has also served on the governing bodies of a number of schools including Woodgreen, Henry Box, Springfield and of course Bampton Primary School for more than 20 years. In that time she has seen the school double in size and said, "It has improved over the years and I know it is now a very good school." On her retirement the head master, Wally Ryde, invited her out to a meal at the Poacher's Rest. When they walked in she was greatly moved to be greeted by all the teachers and governors of the school who had organised a surprise party for her. "They paid me the great compliment of making me Governor Emeritus."

Almost every local organisation has benefited from Dor's support and generosity over the years and she is still President of the Pumpkin Club and Chairman of the Youth Centre Management Committee. The West Oxfordshire Arts Association - WOAA - has good cause to be grateful to Dor, a loyal supporter for the past 20 years and a hard-working chairman for 10 of these. "It's an extremely good idea, we have been able to help a great many young professional artists to start their careers. One I think of particularly is the violinist, Michael Bochmann. He gave his first concert before the paying public in the Bampton Gallery and now he has a string quartet and is on the international circuit."

In 1979 Dor and Kate moved to a house in Bridge Street and have recently moved a little further into the heart of the village in Cheyne Lane. "Bampton is one of the nicest places to live that anyone could wish for. It's friendly and has enough shops and amenities that, when we can no longer drive cars, we will be able to live comfortably here. There is a good mix of people in occupation and age group, which is very important."

We wish you **many more happy years** in Bampton.

'A Writer's Life'

by Joanna Trollope



This lively and instructive talk was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience in the Arts Centre Gallery on 25th October. Speaking of the earlier years when her light historical novels brought her small recognition, the now successful author described the sheer dogged determination needed to keep going until her break-through to fame with the five romantic novels of the past five years. (Of these, the two most recent, 'A Village Affair' and the Oxford-based 'The Men and the Girls' have now been televised, in what their writer commends as a truly faithful dramatisation.)

Ms Trollope's message to would-be writers was, as ever, self-discipline. She averages 2000 words per day, and writes even when it feels like - 'turning the ignition key on a cold engine'. There are tricks of the trade such as stopping in mid-flow to ensure an easier start next day; and there is need for constant observation, of people, clothes, rooms, with practice through description of these in common place book or diary. Most of her life she has combined writing with a job - as civil servant, teacher or journalist, and she strongly advises would be writers to hang on to their every-day jobs for financial security.

In starting a novel Ms Trollope sees the emotional situation first, then makes a cast list and plots five or six chapters, also the end. She feels she needs to know where the characters are going, but not always the route they will take.

A small sensation occurred during the question time at the end. The 'exotic lady with the brocade hat, walking an immensely fluffy white chow,' encountered by Kate in 'The Men and the Girls on Osney Island, identified herself as one of the audience. She was warmly greeted by the author, who accepted with good grace the correction that the dog was actually a Samoyed.

All those attending look forward even more keenly to further works by this most stimulating and accomplished of speakers.

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By offering a financial incentive, it is hoped that rural communities will be inspired to organise projects of their own.

Only entries originating from a town, village or group of villages with less than 10,000 population will be accepted. A village can enter more than one project. Existing transport schemes can enter a new service. Any organisation, group or individual can enter as long as the project aims to benefit the whole community or a group in need.

If you have an idea for Rural Transport you want to pursue, the ORCC can offer advice and practical assistance to projects until they get established.

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True to the Bampton tradition of duplication (Town Hall/Village Hall; SPAJER's/Pumpkin Club; W.I./Wives Club; Bampton Traditional Morris Dancers/Traditional Bampton Morris Dancers & Bampton Morris Men!) there are now two organisations dedicated to protecting our environment - BEWG (Bampton Environmental Watch Group) and . . .

The Society for the PROTECTION OF BAMPTON.

It was formed on 6th October 1993 with the aims to "maintain and improve the quality of life in Bampton. In particular, it aims to resist any continuation of what it believes has been excessive house building in Bampton in the past 10 - 12 years.

Bampton has had over 300 new houses in that time, more in proportion to its size than anywhere else in West Oxfordshire. There is talk of further large scale house building and the Society intends to resist this by all available means.

The excessive growth of housing in Bampton has not been accompanied by any growth in employment in the village. Consequently the great majority of newcomers . . . commute to work elsewhere.

The Society believes that while there is a long-term plan for Oxfordshire as a whole, and for West Oxfordshire as a District, there is no real plan for Bampton and its future. The Society hopes to help establish such a plan, in conjunction with other local organisations and will resist all planning proposals which do not fit into its long-term objectives."

Anyone interested in joining the Society should contact either -

**Lord Donoughmore (Chairman), The Manor House, Bampton - or -
Mrs Peter Smith (Secretary), Oban, Bridge Street, Bampton**

Annual membership fee £1.00

Generous Loan becomes Gift to Bampton Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee has good reason to be grateful to many people in Bampton who over the past years have contributed so generously to the enlargement and refurbishment of the hall - there have been donations from fund-raising events such as craft sales and Junior Discos, gifts from established Charities, an annual share of the Bampton 250 Club money as well as interest free loans both great and small.

The first interest free loans were in 1984 when Frances Cole raised over £2000 from over 100 people in the village lending £20 each to pay for the desperately needed new gas heaters before the winter set in. The intention was to repay them gradually as funds permitted. In the event less than 20 were repaid as nearly all donors, when offered repayment, converted them to outright gifts. Recently an even more generous loan of £2000, made by two people in 1987, has also been converted into an outright gift. It was a condition of the loan that the donors should remain anonymous (otherwise it was repayable immediately) and the Committee would like to make this public expression of gratitude to the two donors who have expressed the hope that others might follow their example in supporting the Hall.

Loans and gifts such as these have meant that during the costly extension and improvements to the Hall over the years not once has interest been paid on an overdraft which reduced the overall cost of all this work very considerably. The Village owes all these good people a great debt of gratitude.

Improvements to the Village Hall are continually needed and maintenance of an old building never ends. This summer the floor was sanded and re-sealed at a cost of £900. Plans are underway to provide proper toilet facilities for disabled people in wheelchairs. The provision of a PA system to enable speakers to be more easily heard has also been suggested and will be investigated. The income from lettings in no way covers the cost of maintaining the hall and it would have been impossible to keep it going without the generous support of the covenanted donations and interest free loans in the past. This support is still vital and any new gifts or loans would be very much appreciated.

How do Health Service Reforms affect Bampton Patients?

A Report compiled with the assistance of the Bampton Surgery, incorporating data from the Department of Health publication on General Practice funding.

Is health care really 'free'?

A silly question really - everything has to be paid for in one way or another. The money to provide our health care comes from the taxes and National Insurance contributions that form a large part of most peoples budget. We are told that the reforms are intended to see that we get good value for this money. The most important reform to affect us here in Bampton is the news that The Bampton Surgery is to become a Fund Holding Practice from April 1994, after one year of preparation.

What does this mean?

Early in 1989 the Government published their plans for changes to the NHS. The aim of these proposals was to improve the way the health service works and the care it gives you.

One completely new idea involved family doctors and is called General Practice Funding.

What this means is that doctors who join the scheme receive a sum of NHS money each year covering hospital services, medicines and staff costs. They can then use these funds to 'buy' certain services for their patients. The amount of money they receive is carefully worked out to cover the needs of all the patients in the doctors' practice - and is agreed with the doctors before the scheme begins.

Doctors are able to use this money to obtain health care services in the way they think is best for their patients. These General Practice Funds can be spent on the three main areas:

Hospital Services.

Many common operations as well as most out-patient treatments and tests are included in the scheme. Other hospital services which you may need - e.g. emergency treatment - are provided for under the general NHS arrangements which apply to all doctors.

Fundholding doctors will be able to determine treatment with any hospital they

choose - even a private one - and to arrange contracts for such treatment.

For Bampton patients the existing specialist services in Oxford hospitals will continue to be used in the majority of cases.

However, the doctors will determine where the best treatment can be given and how long the waiting list is. They will then make sure treatment has been carried out satisfactorily in the time promised and that a good quality of care has been achieved.

This means that hospitals have to pay close attention to what fund holding doctors need - and make sure they provide it.

Medicines.

Patients will continue to be prescribed the drugs best for them. As you know the NHS pays for the cost of any medicines you are prescribed. Even if you pay a prescription charge this usually only covers part of the cost. Under the scheme the doctor controls this money as part of the practice's fund.

Staff Costs.

Within the General Practice Funding received there is an allocation of money to partly pay for practice staff.

The Fund Holding money allocations covering the above main areas will be large enough to provide a good service to patients - the District Health Authority will ensure that the health care necessary to patients is continued should financial problems arise.

The funds allocated are only for the care of patients - there is no financial reward for any of the doctors or staff. Treatment of patients will not be refused or affected by cost considerations.

Doctors have control over the way they use their funding allocations. They can plan to use possible savings to provide other surgery services such as physiotherapy and other improved facilities for patients.

General Practice Funding gives doctors the power to decide, with their patients, the best way for them to be treated - and then provides the financial control to make it happen.



The Bampton Surgery partners decided to form a Fund Holding scheme in order to:

- Improve the quality of care available to their patients
- Correct their present inability to effectively influence the standard of care offered by local hospitals.

They do not lose any of their present freedoms in the NHS, but the Funding Scheme gives them, for the first time, the power to back their judgement directly with money to pay for your treatment.

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Appeal for Defibrillator Machine

To help raise the £6000 needed to purchase this piece of equipment the Bampton Surgery staged an Open Afternoon in September. Happily it was a warm, sunny day and it was very well attended - there were things to buy and healthy recipes to sample and informative leaflets to collect.

A Defibrillator is a vital piece of Emergency equipment. When a person's heart goes into a rhythm called Ventricular Fibrillation (usually after a heart attack or when it is diseased) and is no longer pushing blood around the body, in effect Cardiac Arrest. The only effective method of rectifying this rhythm is to Defibrillate. If this is not done the person's heart will not start up again and the patient will die.

The Defibrillator works by using 2 paddles, placed over the sternum and apex of the heart. An electric impulse is sent through the heart of up to 360 joules. The purpose is to stop the heart, and then hopefully it will restart in a more acceptable and treatable rhythm.

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When is a charge not a charge?

Why are perfectly legitimate Health Service charges not made public?

Should they not be displayed at Surgeries for all to see?

Should they not be standardised in both amount and application?

In recent years the Government has produced a plethora of leaflets and Charters aimed at giving the general public more information about what kind of treatment they can expect from various statutory bodies and services.

The Health Service is no exception and 'The Patient's Charter' sets out some clear rights and standards - but nowhere is there a mention of possible charges for those who can afford it. Why not?

Oxfordshire Family Health Services Authority publish a leaflet entitled 'Charter for Services to the Public' which lists a number of pledges which one would have presumed to be normal practice i.e. 'Answer telephone enquiries courteously and efficiently.' There is a mention of Prescription charges and a phone number for information.

The Bampton Medical Practice has produced a booklet giving names of staff, times of surgeries and clinics and services available but, apart from saying that 'The fees for these (Private) clinics are negotiable with each practitioner.' There is no mention of prescription or other charges.

Recently I was told of varying amounts charged by different practices for Travel Inoculations. I was also surprised to hear of a substantial sum demanded of a young man who had been taken to the JR Hospital after a motorcycle accident. The following explanation was given by Oxfordshire Family Health Services Authority.

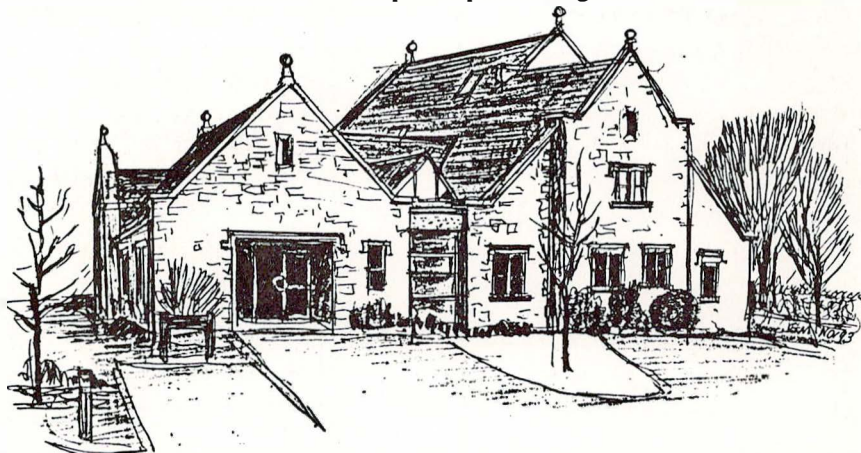
"Travel Inoculations: There is an agreed list of travel immunisations which people can receive under the NHS, i.e. free of charge, and for which GPs are paid a fee for carrying out by the FHSA. If the immunisation required is not on this list, the GP is entitled to charge a professional fee to the patients despite the fact that the patient may be registered with the doctor on the NHS. This only applies if the immunisation is for travel abroad. The fee a practice can charge is not set down in any regulations so a practice can charge what it likes, but the current British Medical Association recommendation is £18.00. There could also be a fee for completing and signing an international certificate of vaccination in the case of one or two immunisations, e.g. Cholera, Yellow Fever. Fundholding makes no difference whatever to any of the above.

Road Traffic Accidents: This has always been part of the NHS, and who's fault the accident was does not affect it. It is a one-off standard emergency treatment fee, usually claimed by a hospital, unless a GP provided emergency treatment prior to the patients attending the hospital, in which case the payment is payable to the GP. The principle behind this is that the patient can claim back the fee through insurance. I think in the past hospitals and GPs have been less than scrupulous in making this charge every time. However, I am aware that they are now tightening up on this and they are quite within their rights to do so."

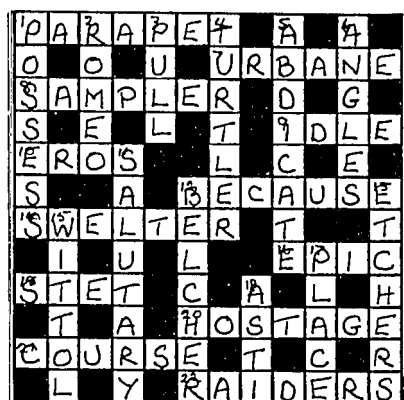
- We are assured that a list of non-NHS charges is on view at the Bampton Surgery reception and that no one attended by one of the doctors as a result of a road accident is, at present, charged.

Bampton patients should however be aware that outside the Bampton practice area they may be liable to a possible fee for treatment required from a road accident.

- It would be helpful for patients to know when a prescribed item could in fact be obtained over the counter for less than the current prescription charge.



**Solution to
BEAM PRIZE CROSSWORD
August 1993**



The Editor would be delighted to hear from anyone who could supply crosswords or different types of puzzle or competition for use in The Bampton Beam.

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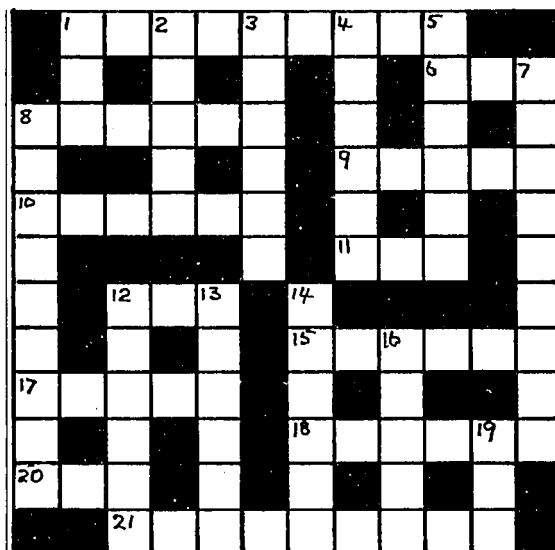
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1 Partner
- 6 Single peak
- 8 Termination
- 9 Performer
- 10 Shake noisily
- 11 Form of address
- 12 Fault-finding
- 15 Wily
- 17 Talk at length
- 18 Land
- 20 Common salt
- 21 Not long ago

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Be able to
- 2 Damp
- 3 Fishes
- 4 Aspirations
- 5 Chatter idly
- 7 Exotic bird
- 8 Exceptional
- 12 Defly
- 13 Shines
- 14 Small snack
- 16 Race position

The solution will be published in the next issue; if you can't wait until then, send a sae with your entry to The Editor, The Bampton Beam c/o The Cotton Club, Bampton

Correct solutions received from:-

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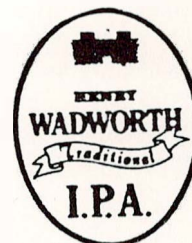
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17th **Christmas Carols in Bampton** (for details see page 12)

JANUARY 1994

27th **BEWG Annual General Meeting** The Village Hall 8.00pm

FEBRUARY

MARCH

20th **"Family Day Out down on the Farm"** (for details see below)

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