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## News

# Bampton Beam

**Welcome to the Spring/Summer issue of the Beam.** It's hard to believe but this is my seventh year as editor of the Beam and I think the time has come for some new blood and new ideas. I would like to stay involved - producing the magazine is a lot of fun and the response is always positive - however it does take a lot of work and the Beam would benefit from an editorial team taking care of some specific tasks:

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- Accounts

The Beam has been successful in its active and engaged readership, it attracts first-class contributors and committed advertisers.

Anyone that thinks they may want to be involved and is willing to make a commitment to be part of the continuation and future of the magazine please contact [editor@bamptonbeam.co.uk](mailto:editor@bamptonbeam.co.uk).

In terms of volunteering, it is the best and most positive role I have ever had and I take great pride in working with others to create the magazine.

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Shirt Race, the effort and imagination that it inspires always amazes me. This year the coverage in the Oxford Press was a real reflection of all your hard work.



Finally, my apologies this issue is later than you may have expected, delayed by an admin hiccup with delivery.

Have a great summer. - *James*



**Deadline for all submissions in the next issue is October 1st 2019**

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## News

### A great idea...

One spring morning Isla, Hugo and their friend Grace had a great idea. They decided that given the amount of litter around the hedges of the recreation ground they'd do an hour of litter picking. They picked up four full carrier bags between them - a fantastic effort - but at the same time a sad reflection of what has become of one of our beloved public spaces. However Hugo's day ended with accidentally standing in a dog poo which hadn't been picked up, just as he was depositing the carrier bag into the rubbish bin.

**Dog owners - pick up your dog poo!**





## An inspirational gift from Grace Holding

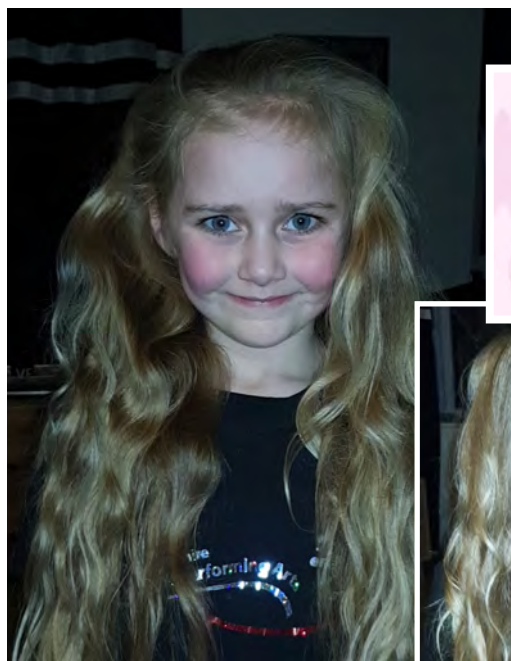
**As children, we were told stories of princesses and of great adventures that led to landmarks on a treasure map with dragons of all colours and swords to pull out of a stone.**

Grace Lilly Holding, age 7, the Rapunzel of her storybook, decided to choose a new tale and venture into opportunities that could cause as much an impact as Cinderella's Fairy God mother's magic wand but without the midnight deadline.

So you may be wondering what it is that little Grace decided to do.

Grace decided to donate her long waist length, beautiful blond locks to a charity called the 'Little Princess Trust'. The foundation provides wigs made of real hair, free of charge, to young people of the UK and Ireland up to the age of twenty-four who have lost their own hair due to cancer treatments or other conditions. Since 2006, seven-thousand wigs have been given to children across the country along with grants of £2.8 million to child cancer research to go the extra mile in helping more children physically and emotionally; putting a smile on each face with hair to feel brave with.

Grace first heard of the charity from a young family member who had her own hair cut for the charity when her mother had



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sadly suffered from breast cancer hair loss. As you can probably tell, Grace is in incredible little girl who wanted to jump into action to help as much as she possibly could - proving that there is always something you can do to make a difference to at least one life no matter what your age.

It was no surprise to her mother that Grace wanted to help spread awareness to this trust, saying 'Grace has a heart of pure gold and has always been one to try help others'.

Grace's school, St Peters infant school in Alvescot, has been kind enough to support

her decision by announcing it in assembly and allowing teachers and parents to donate as much as they can to help more little children. Grace has raised over £210 so far in addition to donating her hair. Grace and her many supporters are now asking you to donate too. You can visit the website 'Little Princess Trust' and learn more about their story of how it all started, along with a gallery, a fundraising page and more. If you cannot donate' please tell people

you know about the charity to spread the word. Grace has her own 'Just Giving' donation page on Facebook run by her mum Kelly Holding:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kelly-holding1?utm\\_source=Facebook](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kelly-holding1?utm_source=Facebook)

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Dogs are wonderful company and looking after them is an ideal way to keep fit and healthy. Studies have shown that dogs are great for our emotional and physical wellbeing and their hosts would most certainly agree with that. One host recently told them that

she doesn't sleep well but always sleeps perfectly with a dog in the house!

If you'd like to know more about becoming a host, please do get in touch for a chat. Also, if you are a group or club organiser and think your members might be interested in an informal chat or a short talk, they would be delighted to hear from you.

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## Sisters come home to roost in Blake's



**After many years away, Nicola Cooper born in Clanfield, made a decision to return with her husband Daniel and a cunning plan.**

So began Blake's Kitchen five years ago, their dream was to build on Nicola's experience - as a successful dietician, then ultimately a senior lecturer in nutrition and dietetics - to create a place to eat, drink and relax. Blake's breathed new life into Clanfield Post Office & Stores run by mum, Janet Dry. The Post Office had been an important village hub, additionally providing everyday groceries and newspaper deliveries to Clanfield and surrounding villages.

Blake's began its journey as a tiny micro-bakery, with Nicola making and baking a handful of cob loaves each day, one at a time, in a regular kitchen oven. The venture was immediately welcomed by the village who supported it with enthusiasm.

In 2015, the shop underwent a major build project, turning the small premises into a larger building, with a 30-seat café and full commercial kitchen and bakery. At this point Daniel finished his job as HR Director in London to join the business full-time.

12 months ago, Nicola's sister Natalie joined the business, trained as a fellow artisan baker and now runs the day-to-day operation of the bakery.

During November 2018, the bakery won two awards for its products - a bronze award for the Malt Crunch Sourdough, and silver for the much-loved cinnamon bun at the World Bread Awards held in central London. Since then, the business has been shortlisted as a regional finalist in the 'Rural Oscars' by the Countryside Alliance and now waits delightedly for a visit from the high-profile judges.

From small beginnings, with just Nicola cooking and baking, Blake's now has a team of 15 people. The café has a full breakfast, brunch and lunch menu that includes a variety of freshly made salads, hot food and sandwiches that showcase Blake's award winning sourdough bread. All of the food at Blake's Kitchen is handmade on site from scratch, using only good quality natural & local ingredients where possible. A popular spot with visitors, cyclists and villagers, the garden has been upgraded with the anticipation of another fantastic summer. Overwhelmed by the support, everyone at Blake's would like to take the opportunity to thank their customers and the community for the amazing feedback, and unending support.

## Going Green

By Anna Pitt

When I started writing about green living ten years ago, a friend said to me she thought there were far worse problems than making sure we recycle. "People just toss their rubbish in the street," she said. "How about just getting people to learn to use a bin first."

I thought that was an exaggeration and that enough people do care about not dropping litter and making sure they recycle what they can. However, ten years later and it seems the litter problem has become a whole lot worse. What's happened to us?

Regularly running on Mount Owen Road, I noticed how much litter there was in the grass verges and the ditches. The turning from Witney towards Yelford from the Curbridge Road, looked like a landfill site. Why? How? Who is responsible for this huge amount of litter?

A big problem is that litter seems to attract more litter.

Last June we had a very successful and enjoyable village litter pick. The amount of rubbish we gathered was shocking, yet there were areas of the village we didn't even cover that day. There was a clamour for more. So, in April another successful litter pick was planned. Perhaps we need this to be an annual thing. But you don't need to wait for an organised litter pick. We can all be part of the solution ourselves.

- **We can talk about the problem with our children and make sure they know the importance of not leaving litter in the environment.**
- **We can take a bag with us when we are out walking and pick up a few items along our way.**

When I go running I try to finish a little way from home and walk back, picking up the litter on my way. I then recycle everything I can recycle, which is most things in my house.

In February, I was doing one of my Zero Waste Week stands at a school and came across an organisation working towards a plastic free environment in their village. As part of what they do, they have an informal weekly litter pick. Maybe that's what we need in Bampton? I've set up a Facebook group called Bampton's Going Green to help us get together for informal gatherings to help green up and clean up our villages. Our first informal litter pick was a group of 5 of us tackling the aforementioned "landfill site" of the Yelford Road. It now looks so much better and it has stayed pretty clean. We will post on the Bampton's Going Green group when we do another one. But feel free to just take a bag out on your next dog walk! It makes a huge difference. When it is litter-free it stays litter-free - mostly!

*Maurice Fantato runs the Bampton Clean-Up organised via [www.nextdoor.co.uk/bampton](http://www.nextdoor.co.uk/bampton) (Ed)*



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# St Mary's Church

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St Mary's Bampton is a very impressive minster parish church dating back to the 10th century, or even earlier, and a Grade 1 listed building. To this day, it remains a busy parish church open every day for services and events.

## Friends of St Mary's (FOSM) 25th Anniversary

FOSM is an independent body and registered charity inaugurated in August 1994 as a non-denominational trust. Our purpose is to build up a substantial long-term endowment fund (a fighting fund) to assist with major restoration projects including 'the restoration and repair of monuments, ornaments, furnishings, the organ, windows and other embellishments'. In recent years, we have made significant donations to the bell and roof appeals. More recently, in 2017, we made further donations to help with the organ restoration, in the funding of the replacement of the lead roofing that had been stolen and in the installation of alarms. We are currently standing by to assist with the refurbishment of the church clock.

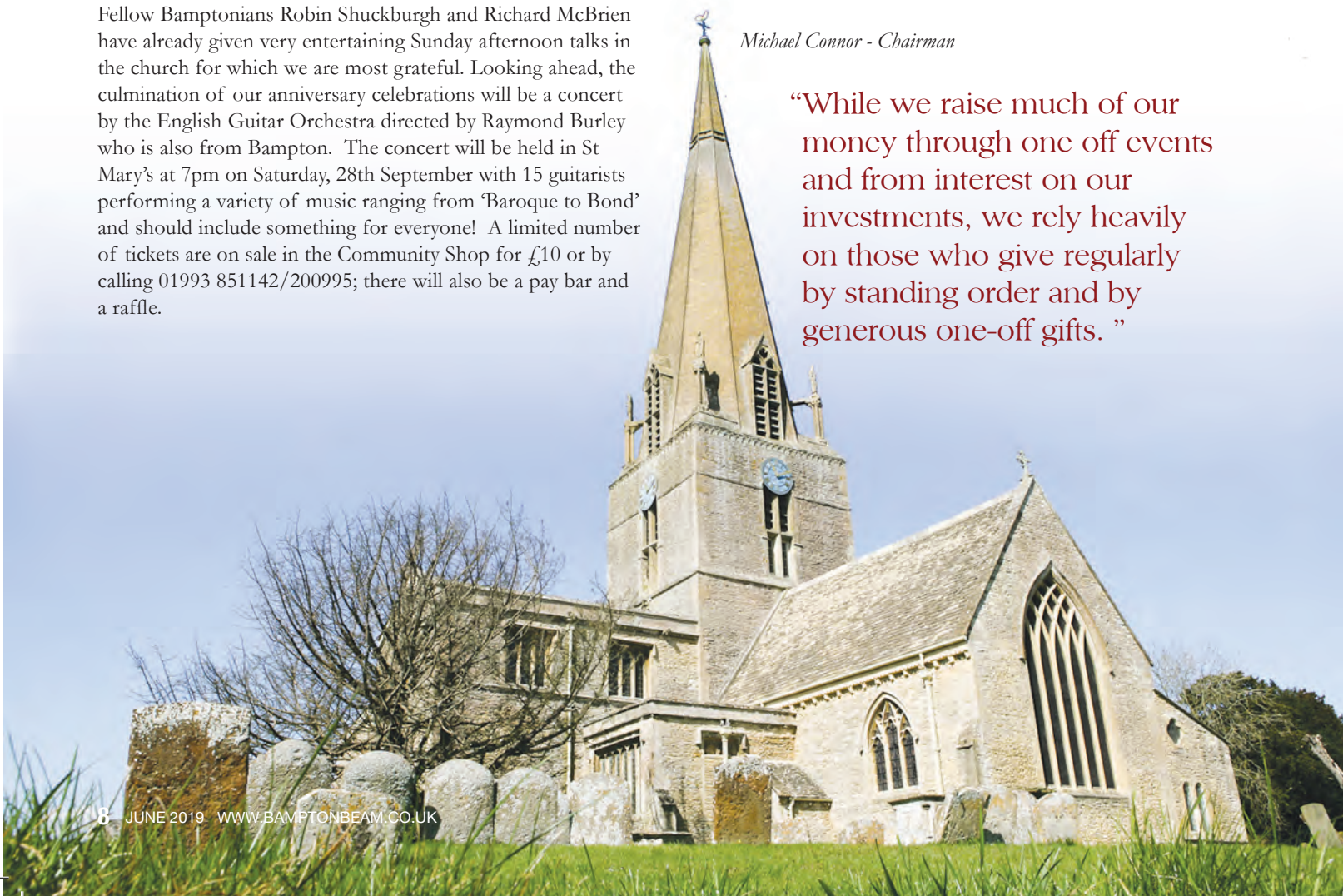
In order to celebrate our 25th anniversary, we are holding a number of events to raise funds in support of our activities. Fellow Bamptonians Robin Shuckburgh and Richard McBrien have already given very entertaining Sunday afternoon talks in the church for which we are most grateful. Looking ahead, the culmination of our anniversary celebrations will be a concert by the English Guitar Orchestra directed by Raymond Burley who is also from Bampton. The concert will be held in St Mary's at 7pm on Saturday, 28th September with 15 guitarists performing a variety of music ranging from 'Baroque to Bond' and should include something for everyone! A limited number of tickets are on sale in the Community Shop for £10 or by calling 01993 851142/200995; there will also be a pay bar and a raffle.

While we raise much of our money through these one off events and from interest on our investments, we rely heavily on those who give regularly by standing order and by generous one-off gifts. The number who donate monthly, quarterly or annually has dwindled in recent years as donors subscriptions or covenants expire. As part of our special anniversary, we would like to ask if you might consider contributing to our efforts to assist in the upkeep of this important church at the heart of Bampton through the completion of the gift aid declaration and bank standing order forms that can be found on the Beam website. For further information about 'giving', please contact the Treasurer, Dennis Walker, on 01993 850736.

I do hope that you too might feel able to support the ongoing work of the FOSM and hope to welcome you at the concert on 28th September. ✚

*Michael Connor - Chairman*

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# News from St Mary's Bampton

**R**egular Church Eucharist and family services are held by our new vicar, Revd. Janice Collier at St Mary's Church, Bampton at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, these are well attended together with the friendly coffee gatherings that follow. The volume of church visitors, many from around the world, continues to rise inexorably, given the international interest in the Downton Abbey TV series currently being shown in many countries. The "Downton Abbey effect" is still bringing a record number of weddings to St Mary's Church, 14 in 2018 and 13 planned for 2019, and we are receiving an encouraging number of enquiries for infant baptisms to be held in our lovely church.

## Church Organ

Last September, Lead Churchwarden Douglas Clare took on responsibility for the delayed organ project and produced a revised Organ Project Statement of Intent, which was approved at the St Mary's council meeting on 2 October 2018. Approval was similarly granted for appointment of an Independent Organ Advisor to review the organ project and prepare the necessary Statement of Significance for the Oxford Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), with recommendations for getting the project back on track to completion. Paul Hale, an accredited member of the Association of Independent Organ Advisors was appointed and his Statement of Significance report has been discussed with the DAC at a site meeting at St Mary's on 11 February 2019. Positive comment was received and some minor technical enhancements were discussed, accompanied by a request from the DAC for a detailed quote proposal for the renovation work by Cousans Organs, who currently hold the disassembled old organ parts.

The desired information was prepared for the DAC committee meeting scheduled for the 11 March 2019, together with a plea that the remaining three obstacles holding back the organ renovation project be overcome. Namely; 1 – approval of Cousans Organs Ltd. as a suitable experienced organ renovator for the re-build project. 2 – approval of the proposed specification performance enhancements to facilitate better sound

coverage and the operation of a remote console in the current Nave area. 3 – approval of the re-siting of the renovated pipe organ in an elevated position, adjacent to its previous location, but high up on the East wall of the South transept, thus retaining maximum floor space in the South transept for current and future community activities, with convenient access to the adjacent kitchen and toilet facilities.

I am pleased to report that all these requests were approved by the DAC and I have now issued work commencement instructions to Cousans Organs Ltd. and also contacted an experienced church architect for a forthcoming site meeting to discuss the elevated platform design requirements. I am also currently updating the online Faculty document to record these approvals for project control purposes.



At St Mary's we now must carry on the organ renovation fund appeal we launched previously and seek continued local support from church supporters and organ lovers in the community of Bampton. The organ renovation work is costed at £122,990 and the platform design and build is an additional cost to be borne. We have allocated a sum from our resources which, together with our earlier organ fund raising reserve, will partially meet the costs, but we have a long way to go to fully fund the project.

I appeal for your continuing support and promise you that I will complete this project as promptly as is practical. The end result will be a traditionally renovated pipe organ which will retain all the magnificence and visual appearance of its predecessor, but with an enhanced performance, which will take us forward into a new sound experience at St Mary's church.

## Clock Tower

The other major non-working item at St

Mary's is the tower clock, and it fell to our other churchwarden Roger Preston to handle this project.

The two clock faces with minute and hour hands are the outward evidence of what used to be a complicated mechanical clock and carillon which required regular hand winding to move the hands, chime the hours and play the tunes. Over the years various components were electrified and the hourly chime and carillon controlled by a small computer. The electric motor driving the hands subsequently burnt-out and is considered totally obsolete and cannot be repaired or replaced.

The original suppliers of the clock (Smiths of Derby), say it will be necessary to fabricate an extra frame beneath the clock onto which a new electric motor is mounted driving through a chain to the correct part of the mechanism for power input. However, in spite of costing thousands, this repair will be in effect only temporary, modern electronics have life spans measured in decades whereas these clocks have lifespans measured in centuries. Given the grade I listing of our church, the church of England try to keep as much as possible in the 'as installed' condition and this sort of modification is frowned upon.

Fortunately, all the parts removed during the previous electrification process have been stored. It would be possible to repair by reverting to the original pendulum governed clockwork but with the weights being wound by a motor rather than by hand. This would mean that in future when this motor 'died', it could be replaced by any electric motor simply to wind the weights up (or even put the handle back in place and wind by hand).

Hence what at first sight appeared to be 'buy a replacement electric motor' has proved to be a lengthy and tortuous process. Given that the computer-controlled carillon is still new, the church would like Smiths to undertake their solution and when this eventually need revisiting consider reverting to the original pendulum clock. We currently await the Archdeacons approval for this work to commence.

*Thank you – Douglas J Clare and Roger Preston  
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# What does WODC actually do?

By James Mills

**It's a fact that much of our work goes unnoticed and it is only when there is a problem, such as a missed bin collection or a planning application, that many residents directly interact with us.**

However, we have many responsibilities ranging from housing to waste, tourism to leisure provision – services that are often taken for granted but which are essential to our everyday lives. Ultimately we are accountable to residents for the decisions we make as you naturally expect us to deliver the highest quality services for the best value. We are not in the business of cutting front-line services and while financial pressures are increasing for local authorities, we are financially sound and in fact highly efficient, with our council tax the second lowest of any shire district in England.

So what is happening and how is your money being spent? Recently we saw the adoption of the Local Plan for the district which has empowered us to be able to roll-out a housing strategy along with associated infrastructure sensibly and sustainably without intervention from speculative developers. Like it or not, we have to build more homes for a growing population. They have to be affordable to ensure local residents, especially young people, can remain in the district. And it is not our intention to pave over the countryside and pile in as many people as possible to boost the council coffers. Rather, the Local Plan is a carefully considered piece of a wider jigsaw for the county and region as a whole. Oxfordshire is one of very few counties in the country that are net contributors to the economy and it is vital we ensure its sustained growth. That means investing in our economy at district level. We want to build houses ensuring those who live in them are helping to make that contribution. And, conversely, as our economy grows, we need to provide the homes and infrastructure to support it, maximising benefits for communities.

The Local Plan will run alongside the Joint Spatial Plan for Oxfordshire, the Oxfordshire Industrial Strategy and the Oxfordshire Rail Strategy. In tandem, these schemes



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will help address some of the major challenges such as the A40 and dualling the Cotswold Line. Significant Government investment is available for this area as long as the strategies are right. Work is also progressing well on phase two of the Carterton Leisure Centre thanks to our partnership with leisure services contractor GLL Better. The £8.3m development will include new changing rooms, a four court badminton sports hall and an indoor ‘extreme zone’ trampoline park. Like many Beam readers I can’t wait to have a go!

Some residents may want to keep our idyllic part of the country a closely guarded secret, but the reality is that tourism is a huge benefit to us in many ways, not least that it generates £252m for the local economy and employs more than 5,000 people with 3.7 million day-visitors. No doubt those continuing to benefit from Bampton being a location for the Downton Abbey TV series and now film will testify to its importance.

As part of Cotswold Tourism we work hard to promote West Oxfordshire with its many attractions, rich heritage and

year-round events. And the more people that become involved with that, the better it will become for visitors, residents and employees as we look forward to a great summer calendar of activities.

While the visitor economy is important, our core priority is the welfare of residents and the development and protection of healthy communities. In Bampton of course we have just had another fantastic Shirt Race and are looking forward to the annual Donkey Derby – great events where everyone pulls together to support a fantastic cause, namely the SPAJERS village charity which supports our older residents.

What impresses me time and again whether it is these events or others such as the litter pick, is how much people really care about their community and their spirit of togetherness as they work alongside each other.

That is what we at the District Council will nurture and we will help communities and visitors alike with policies such as free parking and the availability of ultrafast broadband while we continue to offer grants to support facilities and activities across the district.

I believe that in West Oxfordshire we can keep offering excellent value for money and, rest assured, we will deliver on our promises and objectives to ensure the district remains one of the best places to live, work and visit in country. 🍷



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# Build in Bampton, invest in Bampton

By Stuart Homer

**Over the last few years the big topic in Bampton has been that of housing or more precisely the increase in housing. Whether it is a small plot of land having retirement houses squeezed onto it or a field with 160 homes, the town is growing. And at this point I need to make a confession – I am one of the new residents to join Bampton having bought a property on the Cala development.**

Since moving in, I have tried to get involved in the community and contribute where I can, whether that is helping with the primary school, pushing out some songs with the folk club, or joining the Parish Council. I joined the council last year and I have found it to be an interesting, but at times a somewhat frustrating, experience. I will be honest, I wasn't expecting it to be like the Vicar of Dibley, where we meet up once a month for tea and cake in order to discuss whether someone's privet hedge needed attention. No, it is frustrating because of the amount of effort we need to put in to get what seem to be the simplest of things done.

To give you an example, I need to turn again to the topic of housing, and specifically something called a Section 106 Agreement. Now, I can tell I may be losing a few of you, but bear with me as I promise it will get more interesting in the next couple of paragraphs! I know many of you have been against the expansion of Bampton with these new housing developments, but a Section 106 Agreement is designed to give something back to the community. You can think of it as an agreement between the house builder and the District Council that basically says "if we allow you to build all of these houses, we need you to give us some money to help with the local school, the library and the bus service etc".

Still with me? Good. These Section 106 Agreements can contain pretty big chunks of money, the one for the Cala development alone contains provisions for almost £600,000 of investment, much

of which is for Bampton. The biggest element was £150,000 for a new classroom at Bampton Primary School which was much needed and has been built. Others include £100,000 to improve the bus service, £40,000 to help with SEN (Special Education Needs), £33,000 to purchase new books for Bampton Library, £27,500 to improve day care facilities, over £70,000 for sports and play areas and almost £25,000 to manage the extra waste generated by the residents of the Cala development (I don't think we are particularly messy, but it is nice



to know our waste isn't placing a burden on others).

It doesn't stop there – money is available for helping with adult learning, improving the bus stops, funding for the arts and there is even £1,600 towards helping the police purchase more bicycles. At this point some of you may feel it isn't the purchasing of a new police bike that is needed, it is having a police officer to put on the bike in the first place that is the issue – but at least the thought is there!

So why the frustration? It is frustrating because the Parish Council has to work hard to ensure that these Section 106 Agreement monies make their way to where they should, despite the fact we didn't create them or have direct control over them. We shouldn't need to do this,

the money should flow to the intended recipients automatically and not be held up by the District and County Councils. Otherwise it will be a case of 'build in Bampton, invest out of Bampton' and the residents of Bampton who opposed the developments in the first place will be dealt another blow by seeing the community not receive the investment it was promised to cope with the expansion.

## Emergency Response Plan – Help needed!

Just in case you are not aware we have something in place called the Emergency Response Plan (ERP), and you can read all about it elsewhere in this edition of the Bampton Beam. It is a plan that helps the community in the event of an emergency and when the main emergency services and higher authorities are unable to help immediately, anything from being flooded to a serious incident – something our proximity to Brize Norton makes more likely than other towns. Our ERP is only successful if we have some volunteers that we can call on for help. If you would like to put your name forward to be someone that can be part of the team please do contact us. (see page 44 for contact details)

## Vandalism

One of the areas we constantly need to invest in are the play parks. Unfortunately, we have seen another spate of vandalism, but this time of a more dangerous type – glass deliberately smashed over play equipment designed to injure children when they come to use it. On this occasion it was at Pembroke Place, but it could occur anywhere. We need the community to help us here as we don't have the manpower to patrol the play parks all the time. So if you do see damage please contact us at [clerk@bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk) or if the matter is urgent and during working hours call on 851870.

By everyone working together and reporting these acts of vandalism when they see them, we can work closely with the police to get a quick response and to try and catch the culprits in the act before someone is injured. Now, where's that money gone for a new police bike... 🚲



# Horace Holifield

By Don Rouse

I cannot let the passing of a very good friend of Bampton happen without telling you a little bit about him. Quite a few people who have made an amazing contribution for Bampton have had their work recognised by being awarded MBE's or similar for their services. But somehow this man slipped through the system. Everyone who knew him and what he did for Bampton agrees with me, so I think that it is time that I told you about him, I admit that I've left it rather late as he died on the 18th January this year. But I feel that his story of care within our community must be told.

His name is Horace Holifield and for the best part of 50 years he has helped many organisations in Bampton with their fund raising efforts as well as individuals with their problems, so let me take you through some of the times that he has helped Bampton and me personally.

My first encounter with Horace was when the Bampton Weightlifting Club members wanted transporting to away matches, travelling as a team together it was possible to build up a great 'team spirit' which as everyone knows in sport is very important and can make all the difference between winning and coming second. Horace had just bought a brand new mini-bus to go into the private hire business. Typical Horace, he chose a real up-market version for the early 1960's, back in those days car heaters left a lot to be desired, especially mini-buses, Horace though came up with a brilliant idea and fixed a Calor gas heater right in the middle - very effective though by today's standards definitely not compatible with 'Elf n' safety'.

Horace was the most generous, kind and helpful person that you could ever wish to meet. He got involved with the Bampton Spajers from very early on. At every event he would provide transport and a modern Public Address system which in the early 60's was a very rare commodity. For the Shirt Race he would provide a car with the P.A. system fitted to its roof. For the Donkey Derby he would provide a caravan for the commentator to use as an office and a P.A. system that allowed the whole of Bampton to hear what was going on!

Years ago the Spajers put on a party for its members at the primary school during the February half-term where 120 people sat down to a lovely hot meal with an abundance drinks available. They were then entertained with a good old fashioned cabaret show. Horaces' involvement? To start with, he provided 2 or 3 mini-buses to pick up the members, he brought his big electric organ from his home and set it up with a perfect sound system for the entertainers. He actually provided many of the performers, including a famous organist all the way from Bournemouth, and a well known local comedian called Bumble Clarke to entertain. When the evening was over his drivers took great care to get all the members safely home and into their houses. Horace then dismantled all his equipment and helped us clear up to get the school back to normal. Total cost to the



Spajers? NIL!

Horace was also great at helping the Spajers organise the summer outings, being in the trade he knew exactly who to contact for the best price. In those days we weren't as well organised as we are today, resulting on one occasion where we had two 57 seater buses booked and over 120 people turn up! No worries Horace got one of his mini buses to pick up the surplus and follow us all to the seaside. Once again with no charge.

Horace helped many local charities which included Bampton people. He would transport many of our people to the Partially Sighted club in Witney. He assisted the Bush Club with their transport. He converted one of his cowsheds into an up market club room complete with kitchen, large screen television and all the facilities for entertaining all age groups like the Bush Club, Springfield School and the afore mentioned Partially Sighted. He would invite and transport them all at least twice a year, once in the summer and again in the winter. He would provide food, drink and entertainment. Horace was a self-taught organist and in many people's minds very accomplished. On a few occasions he made donations and provided transport for the Bampton Mummies to perform in his club to allow our senior citizens the opportunity to see them.

At his funeral I met many people from other charities that he had helped similar to me. I once hosted a group of Dutch disabled children who were keen on riding for the disabled. They were staying in and around Bampton, so I was faced with the dilemma of how to get them around Oxfordshire to participate in riding. Word got around to Horace and I had the service of one of his mini-buses for the whole week on a self-drive basis and he did not charge us a penny.

Horace was also a great supporter of Bampton's Aunt Sally teams and I am told quite an accomplished player.

All our more senior citizens will be nodding their heads in agreement with what I have written and I know that they themselves will have beautiful thoughts of this wonderful man who has been so kind to us 'Bampton Folk'

Rest in peace Horace. You've done us proud. 🍀



# Bampton Village Community Shop



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the shop's remarkable success, from the volunteers who work so hard week after week and the generous donors who bring in such wonderful things for us to sell and of course to the many, many people who come in and spend money.

## How does the shop work?

The idea behind the shop is simple – people kindly donate unwanted clothing, footwear, jewellery, books, toys and games, CDs, DVDs, textiles and bric a brac that are then sorted and sold. The money raised is distributed to deserving causes in Bampton and surrounding villages. The shop is run by a team of over 70 volunteers who generally work a three-hour shift either weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Additional helpers, the book team and the 'out of hours' team come in regularly to go through donations, tidy up and make sure the shop is ready for the next day. Others team members deal with the banking, accounts and administration. It is a genuine community effort which runs remarkably smoothly.

## What happens to donations?

All donations are carefully sorted and most are put out for sale in the shop. Occasionally more valuable items are sold on eBay or through Arthur's Attic. We are also able to recycle things that have not sold and these items still bring in money. A recycling company makes a weekly collection and this provides a consistent, valuable source of income for the shop.

Due to lack of space, we are unable to accept larger items, such as furniture, in the shop. But we do provide a large 'Bampton Bargains' noticeboard for customers where these items can be advertised.

## What can and can't be donated?

While we are very happy to accept the wonderful donations that come in there are now certain items that we are unable to

accept. Sadly, we have to spend over £1,500 a year disposing of donated items that cannot be sold or recycled. This mainly goes into landfill. These include torn or soiled clothes and textiles and damaged items of Bric-a-Brac.

Underwear, socks and nightwear cannot be accepted unless new and unworn. We are also not able to sell or recycle used duvets and pillows (cushions are fine). We also cannot accept or sell any electrical items, car seats, crash hats and helmets. Anything well worn and towards the end of its useful life tends to go to landfill.

## What happens to the money?

Nearly all the money generated is re-distributed in the form of grants. The only costs are general expenses, rent and utilities.

Grants are made twice a year by a committee consisting of the Board and volunteers who work in the shop. Any community-based group in Bampton or the surrounding villages may apply. Over the last two years the shop has supported over 40 such organisations, ranging from the school, sports clubs and choirs to the village hall, toddler groups and gardening societies. **We have gifted over £65,000 in the last 30 months.**

The next round of grants will be in September, with applications in by August. If you would like information on applying, please contact Nick Thorpe on 07768 035458 or

Email [npthorpe@btinternet.com](mailto:npthorpe@btinternet.com). Grant application forms are normally available in the shop and on the Beam website.

## How to get involved?

If you would like work as a volunteer please contact Jenny on - 07774 258889 or [jenny.chaundy@btinternet.com](mailto:jenny.chaundy@btinternet.com)





## Comment

# Don Rouse

It has been quite a while since I last wrote about my Ramblings so I've had lots of happenings to ramble on about since then. My house and contents insurance was due this month and like many of my friends I felt that due to inflation, my contents were a bit undervalued so I decided to increase it. My word, what a hornets' nest that created. Talk about 'elf and safety going berserk! My insurers had noted that I did 'charity work' so question one was, do I hold committee meetings in my house? "What difference does that make?" say I. According to them, committee members could get hurt and sue. It appears that I can have as many friends as I like in my house, providing they do not wish to talk about events and fund raising. If they do my insurance will not cover me. Almost every committee I am on, which currently numbers 12, have meetings in their private houses, a practice that has been going on for years. My word what a crazy world it's becoming out there!

### "Co-op in the Market Square are once again going to support the Spajers with their in house fund raising"

Speaking of charities, Bampton and its people never cease to amaze me with their care and generosity. Wherever you go there are people raising money for so many different worthy causes. Carterton Lions, of which I am a member, had once again made three enormous Easter Eggs available for fund raising within our town. The Talbot had one to support 'Asthma UK'. The Morris Clown supported the 'Thames Valley Air Ambulance', and the Bampton Youth Club used one to raise funds for their club. I am glad to report that well over £400 was raised for these worthy causes.

Now on top of this generosity I've just heard that the Co-op, yes our Co-op in the Market Square, are once again going to support the Spajers with their in-house fund raising. Now the Spajers really are an organisation that works for the people of Bampton. Every penny that you give reaches the people they support, Bampton's senior citizens. Not a penny is used for administrative purposes.

The Neighbourhood Action Group, NAG for short, is an action group driven by people who care about their community, they work with the local and District Councils and the local police to deal with issues that are causing problems in the area. The one for our area has temporarily ceased operating and efforts are being made to restart it. If you are interested in playing a part in making this a better and safer place, please contact either your local council, police community support officer or me.

Have you joined the "Memories of Bampton" group on Facebook? There are over 1,100 followers at the moment and I can recommend it. Lots of people have renewed contacts with

friends who were close to them many years ago, now as they reminisce, snippets of Bampton's history are brought to the surface. As a person who has enjoyed 76 active years in Bampton, I can recommend it.

I am sure that a few of you are saying "Don must be getting old because all he has now is his memories!" Maybe, but I can assure you that I'm very happy as a result of them. I do confess to having one problem though, girls that we went to school with and have now married have different surnames which can be very confusing.

The seasonal 'Shooting of Game' has played a big part in rural life for centuries and is now under threat of being banned. This made me think of my first experience of working for the aristocracy. In my childhood it was only the aristocracy who could afford to participate in such pursuits whereas nowadays people from all walks of life enjoy this ancient pastime. Obviously there was an abundance of poachers who had access to guns and a few gamekeepers who could be persuaded to let commoners indulge. For me, my first time was a real 'eye opener' to the difference between ordinary people and the aristocracy.

My school friend Edward Legard's father was a senior member of staff at Bampton Manor when Count and Countess Munster lived there. I was aged nine when Edward was tasked with obtaining a team of youngsters to act as beaters at a forthcoming shoot at Pusey House near Buckland. Ten of us volunteered as the money being offered was quite good. However this was no ordinary 'bob-a-job' work, this was work for the aristocracy, and so first we had to be trained on the protocol of what one might call acceptable behaviour in front of these people. The first ten minutes were spent learning how to greet and stand quietly to attention when the Count appeared. Then when he spoke to us we all had to remove our hats and say clearly "good morning sir" We were then loaded up in the back of a couple of vans and taken to Pusey. Under the guidance of senior team leaders we were taken to the woods where we were given sticks and shown how to beat the brushwood to make the pheasants fly. At lunch time we were treated to a meal the likes of which we had never seen before, after all, the war had only just finished and food was still rationed, no sign of that here! Then on into the afternoon more woods, more walking and lots of gunshot landing amongst us but we were young and knew no danger. Four o'clock and time to be paid and go home. The total 'kill' for the day was laid out in a paddock where the senior helpers were invited to each take a brace of birds home, this was quite a ritual as it started with the most senior staff to have first choice and then down through the ranks.

My group of friends were really honoured as we had the Count drive us back to Bampton in person! Mind you, it was in an estate car with the seats folded down as the dogs had been taken home first. A wonderful experience for me, though in retrospect it was definitely not 'the good old days'. ☘



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# 9 going on 19!

There is no manual when it comes to raising children. We hope we get it right some of the time, at the very least! Whilst it can give us great joy it can also be a rollercoaster of emotions.

Maddie, a client of mine, tells me that her daughter is “9 going on 19”! She describes door slamming, defiance at the smallest request and what appears to be a lot of self-confidence. It is exhausting for Mum.

Mike describes the guilt associated with “losing the plot” with his children. Those times when he sounds as though he might be causing grievous bodily harm to his children - the fact is he is simply asking them to put their shoes on to go to school!

Then there is Annie who has a son who is proving challenging. He seems to have endless energy which is getting him into situations at school both in the playground and in class. She finds herself referring to him as “naughty” and thinks everyone, including his teacher, sees him in the same way.

## What do our children need from us as parents?

Children have four basic development needs (source: Mia Kellmer Pringle):

- The need for LOVE and SECURITY
- The need for NEW EXPERIENCES
- The need for PRAISE and RECOGNITION
- The need for RESPONSIBILITY

When these needs are being met, children thrive. We also feel like the sort of parents we hoped and dreamed we would be; calmer and more in control.

Our children learn from us.

## Positive reflection

Take five minutes to reflect on what your children have done to make you proud. What you have done to make yourself feel proud. Did you know that children of

primary school age are nagged or shouted at, on average, 55 times per day? If you find yourself falling into this statistic why not have a go at this exercise. Help your children to take more responsibility.

- List everything you do for your child/children which they could do for themselves (e.g. clearing their dishes, getting their clean school uniform out for them, tidying their bedrooms, recharging technology equipment)
- Have a family meeting with your child/children to agree the new expectations

## Top tips for family meetings:

- give everyone space and time to have their say
- ask the children to write down what is agreed (taking responsibility!)
- remember to praise when your child takes on a responsibility

“Did you know that children of primary school age are nagged or shouted at, on average, 55 times per day?”

## Enable your children by trusting and empowering them.

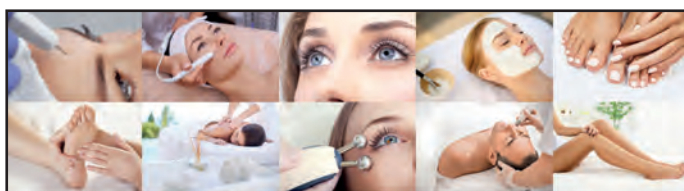
I catch myself making excuses for my children; “he’s only 6” or “it is less hassle if I do it”. By doing this it feels easier and there will probably be fewer arguments and less shouting! But if I empower them then I will not be left feeling frustrated, fed-up and exhausted clearing up after everyone else. Our children need this development and will thrive as a result.

It is important to remember that there is no shame or guilt when it comes to less than perfect parenting. Becoming more self-aware means we can build on all the good stuff we already do.

Remember to celebrate all of your successes. 🍀







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# Bride & Gloom

**“If any of you know cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony.....” That stern challenge in the wedding service can often produce a moment of frisson – will any brazen and unkind person spill the beans and spoil the party?**

In the case of Casimiro and Eginia, newly-married but not exactly getting on, it might have been better if someone had indeed spoken up at the time. Why does Eginia now sleep alone, and what’s her ex, Artidoro, doing skulking around the place and turning his charms on Casimiro’s sister, Enrichetta?

If that sounds like a modern TV soap, it might surprise you that it’s the nub of a 18th century opera, and a very funny and cynical one at that. The talented English composer Stephen Storace is little-known now, but he was once a major figure, producing a string of box-office hits in London – ‘The Haunted Tower’, ‘The Pirates’, ‘The Iron Chest’ – the Andrew Lloyd Webber of his day! His first opera, *Gli sposi malcontenti*, was commissioned in Vienna in 1785 – thanks perhaps to the Emperor Joseph II’s attraction towards Storace’s soprano sister, Nancy – and we will be performing it this summer in English translation as *Bride & Gloom*.

The music is a delight – tuneful, energetic, easy – qualities which are hardly surprising given that Storace was friends with Mozart, who seems to have borrowed a few ideas from it for his own *Marriage of Figaro*.

Once again, Bampton Classical Opera – described in the operatic press as “Britain’s unchallenged champion of 18th century opera” – will thrill its audiences with an entertainment of huge but relaxed

style, panache, comedy and musicianship. Last year’s audience survey produced some lovely responses, such as: “Brilliant. Won me over to opera. Keep up the work!”, “Sensational! Superb music, acting and staging”, “I would attend opera more frequently if more were of this style and quality”.

So, it’s time to discover what fun it is at the opera! We’re friendly and completely relaxed – everyone is warmly welcomed – just bring a garden chair and a picnic, and enjoy the ambience, the music and the laughter.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, 19th and 20th July in the lovely Deanery Garden, and tickets (children half-price) are now on sale from Anthony Hall 01993 851142 and [www.bamptonopera.org](http://www.bamptonopera.org). If you live in Bampton and haven’t attended before, or can’t afford a ticket, we again have a small quota to give away – ask Anthony. It’s a piece of cake!

And finally, a plea – we’re always on the lookout for helpers. How about providing bed and breakfast for a young opera singer? – hosts always find that hugely enjoyable and fascinating, and it’s just for 4 or 5 nights (and we give free tickets in return). We also need kind people to help set up and dismantle in the Deanery Garden or to help Front-of-House. And at the moment we’re looking for long-term occasional help with wardrobe and costumes – we have a huge collection gathered over many years (they’re stored in the Village Hall) which needs cataloguing and some re-arranging. Volunteering with Bampton Classical Opera enables you to feel part of something special – a friendly local company with a big national name. – *Jeremy Gray*

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# Bampton Gardening Club's Annual Show

The show will be held on **Saturday 24 August** in Bampton Village Hall. The schedule is printed in this issue and is available for download on the Beam website or on the Bampton gardening club's website [www.bamptongardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.bamptongardeningclub.co.uk)

### Rules

1. Only one entry is allowed per entrant, per class.
2. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor, unless otherwise stated in the schedule, and must have been in their possession for at least 6 months (cooking classes excepted).
3. Any prize may be withheld or modified if exhibits are considered unworthy of the prize offered.
4. All exhibits are to be staged between 9.00 and 11 am on the morning of the show.
5. No exhibit may be removed after it has been staged until the cups have been presented.
6. While the Committee will take every care of the exhibits, it will not be held responsible for loss or damage.
7. Entry judged as 'most deserving effort' must not have been awarded a prize.
8. Children wishing to exhibit in adult class will have to pay normal fees please remember if they entry in the children's classes they are FREE

**Please note, Bampton Gardening Club's Annual Show is open to all – members and non-members, adults and children. Everyone is welcome**

**Everyone is welcome**

**Afternoon Opening 2.00 pm – Presentations**

**4.00 pm**

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### List of Challenge Cups

#### Cup

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**Win Woodley Cup**  
**Henry Bone Cup**  
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**Keith Reed Cup**  
**The Beam Cup**  
**Frank Collett Cup**  
**Chennell Cup**  
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**Reg Pratley Cup**  
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Class 7 – Carnations  
Class 9 – Cactus dahlia  
Class 12 – Decorative dahlia  
Class 13 – Gladioli  
Class 14 – 3 Chrysanthemums sprays  
Class 15 – Chrysanthemums 1 specimen bloom  
Class 19 – Busy Lizzie  
Class 20 – Begonia  
Class 24 – Cucumbers  
Class 28 – Runner beans  
Class 40 – Vegetables on a tray  
Class 57 – 4" flower arrangement  
Section 1 – overall points  
Section 2 – overall points  
Section 3 – overall points  
Section 5 – overall points  
Section 6 – overall points  
Sections 5 + 6 – overall points  
First best over 4 classes 75 -78  
Second best over 4 Classes 75-78  
Class 22 Novice flower cup

# BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB

## SHOW SCHEDULE – 24 August 2019

### Section 1: GARDEN FLOWERS

1. Roses x3
2. Single Rose bloom
3. Roses floribunda x 3
4. Marigolds x 5 any variety
5. Viola x 5
6. Sweet peas x 5, any colour
7. Carnations/dianthus x 3
8. Any other flower x 5, any variety
9. Dahlia cactus bloom x 3
10. Dahlia pom-pom up to 52 mm x 3
11. Dahlia pom-pom over 52 mm x 3
12. Dahlia decorative x 3
13. Gladiola spikes x 3
14. Chrysanthemums x 3, spray
15. Chrysanthemums specimen bloom x 1
16. Specimen bloom, any variety
17. Non-flowering plant in a pot, max 7"
18. Cactus in a pot, max 7"
19. Busy Lizzie in a pot, max 7"
20. Begonia in a pot, flowering max 7"
21. Other flowering plant in a pot, max 7"
22. A novice flower class anybody not won a first prize in the flower section

### Section 2: VEGETABLES

23. Radishes x 5, any variety
24. Cucumber, any variety with 1/4" stalk x1 only
25. Tomato x 5, cherry red or yellow with calyx
26. Tomato x 5, red or yellow with calyx
27. Courgette x 2, any variety
28. Runner beans x 5
29. French beans x 5
30. Beetroot x 3, with 3" tops
31. Carrots x 3, any variety 3" tops
32. Onions x 3, as grown with tops
33. Onions x 3, dressed
34. Shallots x 5, dressed
35. Cabbage, any variety with 2" stem
36. Potatoes white x 5, any variety, washed
37. Potatoes coloured x 5, any variety, washed
38. Table marrow, max 15"
39. Any other vegetable
40. Tray of vegetables, 5 varieties, 2 of each  
Not to exceed 18" by 20" or 45.72cm or 50.8cm
41. Herbs x 5, 1 stem of each in vase

### Section 3: FRUIT

42. Raspberries x 5, with stalks on a saucer or small dish
43. Rhubarb x 3, pulled sticks 1 1/2" trimmed leaf

44. Apples x 3, dessert
45. Apples x 3, cooking
46. Plums x 3, any variety
47. Pears x 3, any variety
48. Blackberries x 5, with stalks
49. A plate of any other fruit X3

### Section 4: LONGEST & HEAVIEST VEGETABLES

50. Longest runner bean
51. Heaviest potato
52. Heaviest onion
53. Freak vegetable
54. Heaviest Marrow

### Section 5: FLOWER ARRANGING & CRAFT

55. Arrangement of flowers and foliage depicting 'St George's Day 18" by 18" 45.72cm by 45.72cm
56. Arrangement of flowers from your own garden 18" by 18" 45.72cm by 45.72cm
57. Arrangement of flowers not exceeding 4" in any direction
58. Water colour or oil – not signed unmounted not to exceed A4 Size
59. Pencil or charcoal sketch – not exceeding A4 size unmounted/not signed
60. Photograph coloured depicting wheel or wheels – not exceeding A4 unmounted/not signed
61. Photograph black and white – any subject/not exceeding A4 size unmounted/not signed
62. Item of any small Hand knitted garment (not machined)/open to view
63. Poem entitled 'Petals' – no more than 10 lines/not signed
64. Small item of craft – not furniture

### Section 6: COOKING & BEVERAGES

65. Victoria sponge 7"
66. Lemon Drizzle baked in a small 1lb loaf tin
67. Fruit scones x 5
68. Quiche not to exceed 7" in any direction
69. Decorated cup cakes x 5
70. Jar of jam
71. Jar of jelly
72. Jar of marmalade
73. Jar of chutney or pickle
74. Bottle of any other beverage

### Section 7: CHILDREN'S SECTION - under 15

75. Draw a picture of a animal – A4
76. Make a vegetable monster
77. Decorated Biscuits X5
78. Miniature Garden on a dinner plate

## Entry form

Entry fee: £1.00 first entry; 50p for each subsequent entry (one item per class) Childrens class only FREE under 15

Name:..... Age (if under 16):..... Tel:.....

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Please note, no additions to entries can be made once form has been entered





## Is summer here?...

As I write temperatures continue to fluctuate. After a week or more at the end of Feb when spring wasn't so much around the corner as in the room, we've had some cold days and even colder nights.

**E**arly shoots on climbers and some shrubs show the signs of frost nip and general unhappiness but they will recover. Now, the nights look set to stay above freezing and daytime temperatures are generally going up, but it's easy to get too enthusiastic and I've definitely lost seedlings by being over eager to harden them on and re-gain the use of my kitchen window sills!

May is a beautiful month for the garden, as everything wants to grow and every morning brings new joys as you walk your kingdom, cuppa in hand. Alliums are now having their moment of glory, taking over from the tulips. As the summer progresses they will hand over to other bulbs, corms and tubers like dahlia, cannas and crocosmia, keeping your garden in flower, with minimal effort, and minimal cost, throughout the year.

Speaking of dahlias, if you left them in the ground over the winter they should be showing through now. If you lifted them and overwintered them under cover and recently potted them up, they too should be shooting well and are ready to be planted out in the steadily warming earth. If slugs and snails frequent your garden, try a copper ring around the new shoots, it seemed to work well here last year.

Of course, hedgehogs, toads and thrushes are a much nicer alternative but sadly, they are in increasingly short supply. You can help them all out by avoiding the use of slug pellets and trying alternatives like nematodes, beer traps or wool pellets. Hedgehogs love to roam and so providing gaps in your boundaries helps them enormously and adding some water to your garden helps them all, although do ensure a way in and out for those of a slightly shorter leg! Also, try and remember to leave your watering cans either upside down or with a cover over the opening; take it from me, there is nothing worse than finding a deceased amphibian that died trying to

exit the spout or a fledgling that couldn't climb out.

As spring and early summer flowering shrubs like forsythia, viburnum, philadelphus and deutzia finish, give them a prune. Don't forget to prune the middle of the shrub as well as the height, taking the oldest third of stems out completely and a third off the top. The shrub will be grateful for the introduction of air and light.

Give it a feed of something like 'Fish, Blood and Bone' and a good mulch; a 'thank you' for a job well done. As warmer weather approaches, and toads and others vacate their winter homes in your compost heaps, give the heap a turn and see what brown gold you've got for your mulching and feeding. It's a good workout too!

Derby day is approaching, or June 1st for those of us who don't go racing, and from a horticultural perspective, that means Box clipping! Try and do it on a dull day to avoid scorching. It's a good time to be doing evergreen hedges generally,

as they all start to look what I can only describe as 'sprouty'! Another date for the diary is Chelsea Flower Show, and even if you're not going, you can echo it in your garden by performing the 'Chelsea Chop' on some of your perennials like phlox, asters and sedums. By cutting back maybe 1 in 3 of the stems by a third or more, you can extend your

flowering season and also, in the case of the sedums, ensure a stockier, more self supporting plant. Where you do need to stake, try to do it now, before plants become so tall that you have to lasso them into a straight jacket of twine and bamboo!

Finally, a last job for you ... ignore the weeds and the beckoning of the lawn mower and take time to sit down with a glass of something you like, and enjoy the wonder of your garden at this beautiful time of year. 🍷



Above: Topiary at Bourton House Garden, Bourton on the Hill

Right: Dahlia 'Totally Tangerine' strong, very floriferous and loved by bees







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# Bampton Community Archive



The year started well with a very entertaining and informative exhibition of the history of Cricket in Bampton by Anna Pitt.

Our current Exhibition is 'Downton Village' in the heart of Bampton' to coincide with the release of the new feature film that is based on the very popular TV series. We know this will prove popular with Bampton people and the hundreds of people from all over the world that come to visit the 'Downton Village' of Bampton!

## Future Exhibition - 'Bampton Clubs & Societies - Past and Present'

The Archive would like to do an exhibition on 'Clubs and Societies - Past and Present' that are or were in Bampton. And for this we would be very grateful for information and any photographs.

For example, we know there was a Bowls Club that played at Weald Manor, but we need your help on various aspect of this.

1. Were you a member or was someone in your family a member?
2. Did you play all year round?
3. Was it flat green or crown green?
4. Did people belong to a federation?
5. Was there an annual fixture list?

6. Do you have any photographs or related documents, perhaps an old fixture list, or score card we could copy?

We would also like information and photographs of the: Numismatic Society, Rangers; Guides; Cubs; Brownies; Scouts; Beavers; The Torchbearers; Sunday Schools (from all our churches); Youth Club; Drama Club; Folk Club; Dancing (all kinds); Army Cadets; ATC; Boxing; Art or Craft Classes; Tennis & Badminton, and any other Clubs and Societies not mentioned.

With your help we can create an interesting



exhibition, and more importantly record and preserve the information via an Exhibition Catalogue and preserving the information gathered on the Archive website [atom.bamptonarchive.org](http://atom.bamptonarchive.org) (Do NOT put www in front.)

## 'Village Life in Bampton - Past and Present'

We would also like to hold an exhibition on village life in Bampton and how it has changed over the years. If anyone would be interested in helping to organise this, please contact Jo Lewington on 01993 850947

'Mr O. O. Collett (and the Almost Car Industry in Bampton)' and from this exhibition, later this year, you will be able to discover more about this intriguing Bampton man and his invention.

## Any Corrections?

Items are being added to the Archive website all the time. If you find anything that is not correct, please contact Janet by email and she'll put it right. At the top of each entry on the website you will see something like BCA - 2018.1234 and Janet will need this to find the offending page.

## Please keep any photographs of Bampton - condition no problem!

Please don't throw out old photos of Bampton people or events as they all add to our rich history. If the picture is blurred, faded, or has developed a red haze, these can all be improved with the help of modern technology - and 'wonky' photos are just as important as the best camera shots!

# Bampton Exhibition Foundation

## Bampton Exhibition Foundation News

David Pullman, who has served as the 'Building's Advisor' for the BEF for the last 18 years is stepping down. Over these years he has freely given his time and expertise to ensure the fabric and structure of the Old Grammar School was maintained. He is to be thanked for this work and dedication toward the preservation of this important village building.

After a hand-over period, Anne Baldwin will be taking over this responsibility. Anne's background is in building and she is a graduate of the College of Estate Management, in Building

Management. The BEF are very grateful to her for taking on this important role.

## Money available for young people in Bampton

Do you live in Bampton and are aged 25 or under? If so Bampton Exhibition Foundation has small grants available for 'educational purposes' - which includes: sports equipment, musical instruments, courses and travel.

Contact the Bursary Officer by mailing:  
[marion1725@btinternet.com](mailto:marion1725@btinternet.com)



## Library News - Final Payment of Partnership Scheme

At the start of April Bampton Library Support group (BLS) made the final annual payment of £9,486 to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) as part of the 5 year Partnership Agreement - entered into to financially support Bampton Library. The Agreement does not end until the 31st of March next year, but there is an obligation to pay in advance, due to the statutory notice periods that are necessary for library staff if we were ever to default on our payments.

Many will remember how hard Oxfordshire people had to fight to retain their libraries. In 2010, with funding for local authorities falling, Oxfordshire County Council announced they could not afford to maintain all their libraries and many were listed for closure - including Bampton.

But Oxfordshire people highly valued their libraries and began a long campaign to save them. Such was the level of commitment that OCC eventually realised communities would rather work at the local level than lose their precious libraries, and the Partnership Agreements were born. OCC and the Library Service have to be congratulated on the results - **Oxfordshire has retained all it's libraries whereas many other library services have been decimated.**

Under the Agreement, support for 'Community Libraries', such as Bampton, can be organised by three different methods: financial help; volunteers or a mixture of both. Because BLS believe professional library staff are very important the decision was taken that we would raise all the amount required: and this has been achieved with the help of many.

At present we are waiting to hear from OCC if they are going to continue with the Partnership Scheme; as it has been such a big success we are hoping for the best. But the financial background for local authorities has not improved so we know that if a new agreement is offered it will bring new challenges with regard to costs. BLS's feelings about the importance of professional library staff has not changed, and given the opportunity, it will do the very best it can.

## Who are we?

Our name tells it all - 'Bampton Library Support' works to support Bampton Library! Contact Loraine Hall on 01993 850076 or [bampton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:bampton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk) if you would like to help.

# Bampton Bush Club

**This term we enjoyed a fantastic visit from Elvis (alias Pete Webb) who gave a superb performance for the members with a special song or two for some members celebrating birthdays. He certainly left some of us all shook up!**

We have also enjoyed a very interesting morning with Richard Marfell, a professional trainer. He talked about the importance of nutrition and how it affects health and members joined in an exercise class with Richard using fresh oranges and lemons! Fiona Farmer joined us for another exercise session. In February we took part in an 'Antiques Roadshow' with Gini from Arthurs Attic, members brought along items to be valued and we had a competition to guess the value certain objects. Everyone enjoyed our regular visit from pupils at Bampton school.

Coming up we have some other interesting things going on including a folk morning, a travel film and our next art project where we are creating a mural of multiple flower heads, hopefully to be displayed somewhere in the village on completion.

The Bush Club is a busy, flourishing social and lunch club open to anyone of any age locally to enjoy a bit of friendly



*'Elvis' singing at the Bush Club alias Pete Webb.*

company, a coffee and chat and a fantastic home-cooked lunch.

It's open on Wednesdays during school terms from 9.45 am - 1.30pm with coffee/tea on arrival, some lively entertainment then a freshly cooked two course lunch

is served. All this for a very small charge, currently just £4 per week. Another cuppa and raffle follows lunch.

We welcome anyone wishing to join us. If you find yourself a little isolated or lonely or stuck at home for any reason why not join us on a Wednesday? You don't have to commit to every week. We do ask that members must be able to cope with their own personal needs.

Free transport is available for Bampton residents if required. There's a programme of interesting talks and activities that runs every week and we have a podiatrist who comes every six weeks.

## CAN YOU HELP?

### DRIVERS

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Normally assist on alternate weeks 9am - 1.30pm.

### COOKS

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### KITCHEN ASSISTANTS

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### LUNCHTIME WASHING UP

Alternate weeks 12 noon - 1.30pm.

We are limited to a maximum of 40 people but there are a few places available right now so if you are interested in coming along please contact Sally Proctor on 01993 850479.



# The Plough at Kelmscott

The beautiful village of Kelmscott in West Oxfordshire is made up of typical Cotswold stone houses and is situated on the River Thames just east of Lechlade which is in the neighbouring county of Gloucestershire. Here you will find Kelmscott Manor, built circa 1570, which was the country home of William Morris - from 1871 till his death in 1896 - the British wallpaper & textile designer, poet & novelist associated with the British Arts & Crafts Movement of the late 19th century. The house is open to visitors from April to August on Wednesdays and Saturdays, with admission costs of around £10 or £3.50 for the garden only, there are family deals and you don't normally need to book in advance.

A short walk up the lane and just a five-minute walk from the Thames is the pretty Cotswold stone village pub, The Plough, a warm & welcoming hostelry which serves locals and visitors alike, featuring seven double bedrooms and a single, a restaurant and small bar area where well behaved dogs, walkers and muddy boots (not too muddy!) are welcome. There is a pretty garden too with plenty of tables for outside dining in the warmer months of the year.

We've come to know this pub well in recent years since it was first recommended to us. It's just a ten-minute drive from Bampton and it features frequently for us at the end of a dog walk along the river Thames. On foot from Bampton, head out across the Weald, following on a part of Marsh Lane until you reach Old Man's bridge, taking the Thames Path via Radcot Lock and Ye Olde Swan at Radcot the Plough at Kelmscott can be walked in a comfortable two hours. I recommend you arrange a lift for the return journey, after a good meal and a pint I'm not much up to another seven mile trek! Alternatively, there is a nice 1.5 mile circular walk from the pub that takes in part of the Thames Path.

The stone walled dining room at The Plough provides for around forty covers and is a great place for a quiet meal for two or a family get-together and I recommend booking in advance. There is also a small "hideaway" dining room which seats up to fifteen guests and is available for private functions. À la carte, Bar and Sunday menus are available that include smaller children's portions. The à la carte menu is changed daily and is tailored to locally sourced and seasonal fresh produce.

For the purpose of this review and a current update on The Plough, we opted for the circular walk with the dogs and a meal in the bar from the à la carte menu washed down with an ice-cold pint of San Miguel. There is an extensive wine list with fairly priced wines & champagnes ranging from £23 to £66 many of which are available by the glass. Ciders, a stout and cask ales feature on the bar along side a wide range of spirits including a growing number of gins - eleven choices on this occasion!

To start, I had a classic prawn cocktail, a retro dish with lots of

juicy prawns and a zingy, but not overpowering homemade Marie Rose & paprika sauce and packed with fresh crunchy lettuce. Tania chose a homemade duck liver parfait with a delicious red onion marmalade and toasted fruit bread – the bread at The Plough is exceptionally good – knowing this, we'd already nibbled on a small plate of their treacle bread whilst waiting for our starters!

The main menu is not overly large, most likely due to the daily changes that are made, I like it because its not complicated and you can be sure that the choices are home-cooked from scratch. There are around half-a-dozen starters and main courses and a handful of

pub standards such as ale battered fish & chips, local Kelmscott sausages with mash and their own ¼ lb beef burger with pancetta, double Gloucester cheese & fries. Some sandwich choices are also offered at lunch times which is always nice for walkers.

Tania chose the beef & Guinness pie, a properly made pie with a crumbly short-crust pastry all round, not one of those where they've balanced a puff pastry lid on top of a stew, this was the real thing! It came with a really good creamy & buttery mash potato and fresh perfectly (not over) cooked tender-stem

broccoli with a rich hot homemade gravy – just great for a chilly night or when you really fancy a 'comfort food' classic.

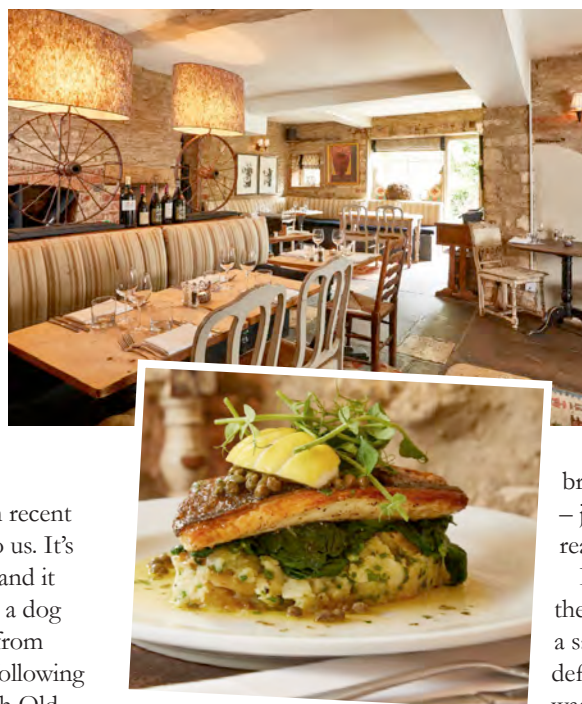
I was in a fish mood and couldn't resist the whole fresh plaice on offer. It came with a saffron and cockle sauce that was most definitely not lacking in cockles, the sauce was smooth and creamy, perhaps not ideal for my waistline, but perfect for mopping up

with the last little bit of treacle bread that I still had. The pan-fried fish was perfectly cooked and so easily removed from the bone and flipped over halfway through leaving the whole skeleton intact, without a single loose bone to contend with. It was served with a separate dish of well buttered and seasoned new potatoes and a crunchy mixed leaf side salad in a delightful dressing.

We didn't have room to even share a dessert from choices on offer but, can testify that the homemade sticky toffee pudding with honey and ginger ice cream is a winner – we've had it before!

The service was good as usual and we were looked after by James, and despite sitting in the bar he gave us as much attention as you would expect if we'd been seated in the restaurant.

We could easily have written this review without visiting on this occasion, but what a shame it would have been to have missed the opportunity. We will be heading back for family occasions, plenty of dog walks and warm summer evenings in the cottage style garden. There is a lovely relaxed atmosphere at The Plough and a friendly bunch of locals around the bar who make you feel very welcome. I am certain The Plough is well known to the readers of the Bampton Beam, but if you've not been for a while we'd thoroughly recommend you plan a visit. - Mark & Tania Edgell







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## Recipes from Anna Pitt - taken from her book *Leftover Pie - 101 ways to reduce your food waste*



When I was growing up we kept chickens for a while. In springtime we had an abundance of leafy spinach and fresh eggs, so this really did feel like a 'free lunch'. When you keep your own chickens, you soon learn about the egg test. Pop the eggs in a bowl of water; if they sink to the bottom they are still fresh, but if they float on top, throw them on the compost heap and run.

Serves 2

## Spinach or Chard with Poached Egg



### INGREDIENTS

- 200g spinach leaves, washed and roughly chopped
- a knob of butter
- a pinch of nutmeg
- 1 or 2 eggs per person

### METHOD

Steam the spinach for about 10 minutes, then drain well. Add the butter, a pinch of nutmeg and a generous twist or several of black pepper and keep warm. Poach the eggs in water and serve on top of the spinach. Delicious!

## Chard Stem and Black-eyed Bean Salad

My great friend, Ûlfet, gave me this lovely way of making chard stems into something wonderful rather than the discard they often are. Ûlfet really knows how to make the best of food and bring out flavour in everything. This dish is simple and cheap to make, and delicious.

Serves 4 as a side dish

### INGREDIENTS

- chard stems
- 1 can black-eyed beans
- olive oil
- 1 lemon

### METHOD

Steam the chard stems for about 15 to 20 minutes until tender but with a slight resistance when you put a fork in. Leave to cool.

Drain the black-eyed beans, setting aside the liquid for use in soup or stock. Drizzle the beans with olive oil and lemon juice and season with sea salt. It makes a pretty salad, delicious and full of goodness.





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# Bordeaux et ses environs

In my never ending efforts to find winery things to tell you about I have just returned from a short but vinous trip to Bordeaux.

Flying from Southampton into this world heritage city in the tiny propeller driven planes they use these days, reminded me very much of the time I was there in the 1970s, when I flew from Biggin Hill in a little 10 seater plane on one of my very first wine trips. But there the similarity ends. This city has been massively restored and beautified, the docks where once there was noise, bustle and everywhere the smell of wine, is now a stunning example of how well we can maintain and conserve our history if we get it right. I can't recommend it heartily enough.

But we couldn't linger here as we were off to the far end of St Emilion to visit friends and taste some of the lighter but nonetheless delicious claret to be had from the region, as well as some Rosé in preparation for the summer.

Now I don't know about you, but I have been concerned for a while that wine in general has been getting stronger and stronger in alcohol. If you drink as much as I do this matters. 12.5% ABV used to be the norm but these days it seems to me that this has risen to nearer 14%. For some years marketers have been trying to persuade us that high alcohol means quality, but I know you have never been fooled by that, so I was keen to discover why it was that so many winemakers are producing such strong stuff. The frightening truth is, they can't help it!!

So much has the climate changed in the small bands of territory encircling the world, both north and south, where the vine has always thrived, that the vines are ripening much more quickly, usually all at the same time, creating higher sugar levels, which leads inevitably to more alcohol, and preventing the growers from, for example, making their white wines first and reds later. We should all be extremely concerned about this. You

will all know that the English wine trade is benefiting strongly from the northern shift of the vine band, but imagine what the world would be like if the great wines of Bordeaux were no longer the magnificent drinks that have always shown the world how wine at its very best is nothing short of divine. It doesn't really bear thinking about.

Sadly, and at the serious expense of my liver I am afraid, I discovered even in St Emilion the wines were getting too strong for my taste. Even the rosé was up there at 14%. That's just crazy!

So recommendations this quarter, as usual from the two local wine merchants with whom I have close experience and are within zimmer-frame distance for you to do your shopping, are leaning towards the lighter alcohol levels of 12 to 13 percent. 🍷

Have a truly wonderful summer.

Robin



**Château de la Deidière Rosé,  
Côtes de Provence**

£12.95

**Oxford Wine Company**

Cepages: Grenache(Garnacha)

Description: Plenty of spice, a creamy texture and a powerful vinous character

Vintage: 2018

Alcohol %: 12.5

*Nearly all the sugar is fermented out of this delicious rosé, it is almost a diet rosé. Seriously dry but retains some fruit flavours so good with food also.*



**Jean Balmont Merlot, Pays d'Oc**

£7.99

**Oxford Wine Company**

Cepages: Merlot

Description: Light, juicy and berry filled this is classic southern French Merlot.

Vintage: 2017

Alcohol %: 13

*At this price this wine is just what we need as an everyday picnic red. Despite its cheapness it still has a tinge of real style about it and if you like the Merlot grape it's perfect for you.*



**Animus Red from Portugal**

£4.99

**Aldi**

Cepages: a mixture of Portuguese grapes you won't have heard of.

Description: Warm, ripe red fruit with a touch of spice

Vintage: 2017

Alcohol %: 13

*Listen everyone. This wine really is one of the biggest bargains around at the moment, so you get the huge satisfaction of helping the Portuguese economy while drinking great wine at a ridiculous price.*



**Gavi di Gavi DOCG**

£6.99

**Aldi**

Cepages: Gavi

Description: Lemon, grapefruit and ripe peach aroma with Citrus and stone fruits on the palate.

Vintage: 2017

Alcohol % : 12

*I am an absolute sucker for Gavi I am afraid and the Italians have always been brilliant at making wine light in alcohol. This is a really good summer wine at the usual Aldi bewildering price.*



# Sport - Bampton in the Bush Cricket Club

**This season, Bampton's 1st XI has taken up its place in Division 2 of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association, with the 2nd XI continuing in Division 7. There is also a full programme of fixtures for our junior teams and adult mid week evening fixtures for those who can't make weekends. Games run from the first weekend in May until early September, and you can find the full fixture list on our website: [Bampton.play-cricket.com](http://Bampton.play-cricket.com).**

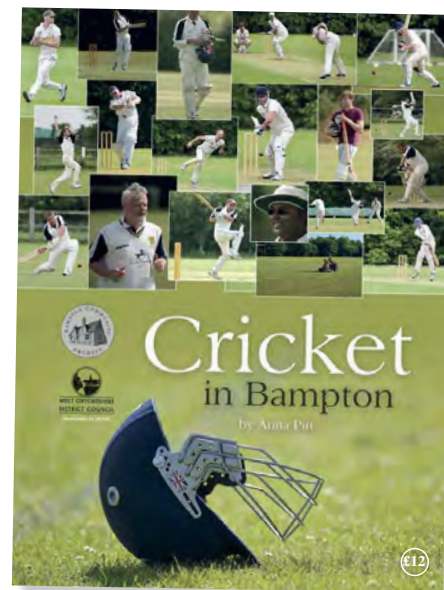
**Earlier in the year, the Club enjoyed various social and fundraising events, alongside putting plans in place to prepare the square for the 2019 season.**

Working parties took place in October to put all of the equipment to sleep for the off-season, and then in March and April to prepare the nets, covers and grounds in time for the first outdoor training and the first scorcher of a match at Easter. We are enjoying our lovely new stumps, thanks to CIA Fire and Security and the icing on the cake of our cricket teas is once again the delicious pork pies donated by Patrick Strainge butcher's – thank you, Ollie for supporting us again this year.

The start of the year saw a very comprehensive exhibition in the Vesey Room, showcasing more than 100 years of cricket in Bampton. The exhibition featured in the Oxford Mail and on BBC Radio Oxford. It also attracted messages from players and families of people who had played during the decades from the 1950s up to the present day. It was great to meet some of these players at the exhibition and hear their stories first hand. If you missed it, there will be another chance to have a look during the Festival of Cricket week in the Pavilion at the Recreation Ground.

Refreshments will be available at all of the events. We invite everyone in the village to come along and enjoy the events, through either participating or supporting. We really hope to see many of you there, embracing the Spirit of Cricket during this week, and developing a long lasting taste for the sport.

Later in the year, apart from the cricket of course, look out for our car boot sale on Sunday 21st July, our annual Six-a-side day on Sunday 8th September and our End of Season Cricket Dinner on Friday 4th October.



## What is the Festival of Cricket?

To celebrate the Cricket World Cup, which is taking place between May and July in England and Wales, the Cricket Club is running a series of cricket related events between Saturday June 22nd and Sunday June 30th.

The full programme is as follows:

<b>Saturday June 22nd</b>	1st XI league fixture vs Wootton and Boars Hill
<b>Sunday June 23rd</b>	Junior six-a-side tournament and family barbecue
<b>Monday June 24th</b>	Welcome (back) to cricket. A series of cricket related fun events
<b>Tuesday June 25th</b>	Juniors and adults nets and training
<b>Wednesday June 26th</b>	Committee meeting and ground work
<b>Thursday June 27th</b>	20/20 fixture vs Witney Swifts
<b>Friday June 28th</b>	All Stars cricket, cricket themed quiz, family barbecue for all sections of the club
<b>Saturday June 29th</b>	2nd XI league fixture vs Harwell International
<b>Sunday June 30th</b>	Women's softball cricket tournament in association with the Oxfordshire Cricket Board



If you would like to play a part in Bampton Cricket Club, as player (junior or adult), groundsman, umpire, administrator or general supporter, please do get in touch through

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## Bampton Town FC - Sport



Under 12s



Under 8s



Under 15s



Under 13s



Under 14s

**Bampton Town Youth Football Club (BTYFC) is a local award winning organisation that caters for childrens' football from 5 – 16 years. We have teams competing in both the Oxford Mail League and the Witney & District Youth League. - Desmond Walsh**

**As a club we are entirely run by volunteers and non-profit making, reinvesting our funds back into the kids' development.** Most of the managers were originally just interested and enthusiastic parents who wanted their child to experience all the benefits that being part of an organised club environment brings. With much help, guidance and club investment those same enthusiastic volunteers have undertaken official FA training courses and each have a minimum of FA level 1 status. Combined with various other criteria and ongoing individual development, this allows BTYFC to proudly be known as an FA Charter Standard Club, a kite mark for youth football developmental excellence.

Football in Bampton can be traced back to the late 1800's and this is perhaps one of the oldest organised clubs in the village. Over the years the club has gained great success, winning various leagues and cups. This season has been no different with the following 2018/19 accolades; U15's – Oxford Mail Youth team B league winners, U13's – A league winners and KO cup winners, U12's – B league winners and Champions cup semi

finalists, U10's – KO cup semi finalists, U8's – Developmental games of the last 20 won 16, lost 2, drawn 2 and this is before various end of season tournaments have been played. In fact, players and coaches from various age groups have also gone on and been scouted for professional club academies, such is the focus on football skills development and excellence from within the club.

However, as much as we all love to win, all of us within the club have a passion for football and a desire to make the kids experience fun, enjoyable, educational and above all memorable. As a parent/coach since I have experienced; smiles, laughter, tears, bewilderment, understanding, skills, goals, development, frustration and of course wonderful memories and pride. BTYFC is more than just football, it's about being part of a team and a community, helping the kids learn new skills and face their fears and triumphs, building lasting lifelong friendships and memories, getting the kids active and also getting active yourself.

Community is at the heart of what we do, we share the wins with the losses together and for the sake of the kids we need other

like minded parents and volunteers who can help by giving their time to run teams for younger age groups. It may seem like a lot, but a couple of hours on a Saturday morning during the season, plus an hour or so training 1 night a week once your age group is playing matches on Saturdays isn't that much. The club will support you every step of the way once you start and when you see the reaction from the children you'll wonder why you never volunteered before, whilst the physical and mental benefits will last you a lifetime!

We are currently looking for parents/coaches and players for under 8's, under 7's and under 6's for September. Player fees for a season are definitely the best value around, including training/matches and kits (subject to kit sponsors) my under 8's this season paid approximately 70p per hour for both competitive and training sessions.

**If interested in helping, enquiring about space for your child and/or sponsoring a team, contact Graham Wilson on 07788 107361 or go to the website:**

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# St Mary's Flower Guild

The Flower Festival took place in St Mary's Church, Bampton over the last Bank Holiday weekend in May. The festival is organised by St Mary's Flower Guild, an organisation of just 20 people who enjoy working with flowers. This year's theme for the Flower Festival was 'Just Flowers'. The aim of the festival is to raise money to cover the cost of providing flower arrangements for the church throughout the year.





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**St Mary's 'Coffee & Co'** Mon 10.30 -11.30am in  
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# Diary



## Date

## Event

<b>22 - 30 June</b>	Bampton Festival of Cricket - See page 34 for details of events
<b>20 - 21 July</b>	West Oxon Steam and Vintage Show
<b>5 July</b>	SPAJERS Barn Dance in St Mary's on Friday, 5th July from 7.00 to 11.00 pm. This time it will be jointly in aid of SPAJERS & The Church Organ Fund.
<b>9 July</b>	Bampton Classical Opera, nationally recognised for its lively quality productions, performs a comedy of marital manners, 'Bride & Gloom' by Stephen Storace. 7pm Friday and Saturday 19 and 20 July, the Deanery Garden, Bampton. Tickets 01993 851142 and <a href="http://www.bamptonopera.org">www.bamptonopera.org</a>
<b>20 - 21 July</b>	West Oxon Steam and Vintage Show
<b>21 September</b>	Autumn Sale Cancer Research UK (Bampton) Saturday 21st September, 9.30 am until mid-day, Autumn Sale in the Village Hall. Bampton, lots of stalls, all the usual favourites, Tea, Coffee available, admission free. everybody welcome. Doris Cleaver on 01993 850682 for further information.
<b>22 September</b>	Walk for Parkinson's - Oxford Join Parkinson's UK on Sunday 22 September 2019 at 10am for our ninth sponsored Walk for Parkinson's - Oxford. We have three exciting new routes, all giving you the opportunity to see some of Oxford's beautiful, historic buildings as well as its wonderful green spaces. With a walk to suit everyone, choose from 1.5 miles, 4.5 miles or 8 miles. Experience the Radcliffe Camera in its full glory, marvel in the wonderful architecture of the Bodleian Library and the Sheldonian Theatre, spot hidden Colleges, walk under the famous Bridge of Sighs and stroll across the Oxford University Parks. Entry fee is £12 for adults and £5 for under 16s and all walkers will receive a Parkinson's UK t-shirt, plus a medal on completing the walk.
<b>28 September</b>	Friend's of St Mary's Church - Concert - 7pm St Mary's Church
<b>2 November</b>	SPAJERS Fireworks - Bampton recreation ground
<b>20 November</b>	Pre Christmas Bingo Cancer Research UK (Bampton) Wednesday 20th November, Pre Christmas All Prize Bingo, Eyes Down 8.00pm. lots of good prizes plus TWO Jackpots, everybody welcome, Doris Cleaver on 01993 850682 for further information.
<b>29 November</b>	Quiz Night Cancer Research UK (Bampton) Friday 29th November. 7.30pm Quiz Night in the Village Hall, Bampton, teams of FOUR (£20.00 per team) must be pre-entered. Doris Cleaver on 01993 850682 for entry forms or further information.

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