

THE BAMPTON BEAM

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Out with the old.....in with the new!

By Fenella Gray MBE, Editor, The Bampton Beam

It is with some sadness that I announce the retirement of the existing Editorial Team of 'The Beam'! I took over as editor from Susan Phillips in 1996, and have enjoyed my time producing the magazine very much, and hope that the quality we have produced satisfies that required by its readers. I have been very well supported by husband Fred as sub-Editor in charge of advertising and the Bampton Website, who came on board in the latter years – and who helped us go 'electronic'! – and also 'The Beam Team' members past and present. But I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the present members of 'The Beam Team', namely Grace Wilkins our treasurer, Richard Wilkins, our photographer in chief, Jo Lewington our artwork producer, Annette Minto our crossword producer since Bill Govier 'retired', and also all of our 'Beam Walkers' who walk the streets in all weathers delivering the 'Beam' to your door! The present 'Beam Walkers' are: Jenny Walsgrove, Gary & Gill Gummer, Di O'Brien, Mary Cook, Dinah Green, Karin Rossie, Christine Hughes, Ernest Rosengard, Jo Lewington, Marion Dowding, Jacky Wheeler, Richard Wilkins, Lynn Shuker, Vicky Howe, Elizabeth Tanner, Brian Radband, Elaine Wixey, Fiona Farmer, Vic & Annie Grinsell, Don Rouse, and Janet van der Berge. Thank you so much 'Beam Walkers', and do keep up the good work!

The New Editorial Team

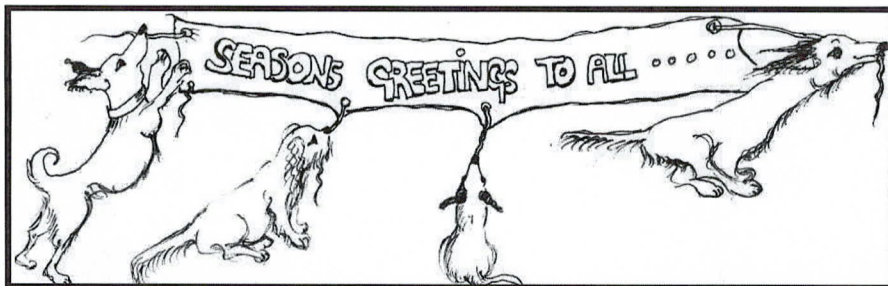
I am so pleased to announce that we have three 'volunteers' who have agreed to take over the reins, and keep 'The Beam' going! They are our daughter Louise Timmins-Gray – born of course in Bampton – Philippa Timmins-Gray, and Melissa Quarterman – now Councillor Melissa Quarterman of Bampton Parish Council! Louise will take over as editor, and Pip and Mel will take over the various sub-editor tasks, including the advertising. Their contact details are as follows, *and should be used as of now* for the future editions of 'The Beam':

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Grace, Richard and Jo, have all advised that they are happy to continue with their roles, and while I haven't been able to talk to all of our 'Beam Walkers' I am sure that they will also be happy to continue to deliver the magazine to your door. I also have to thank all of our *contributors* for providing such entertaining articles – keep it up, the new team needs you!

So, we bow out, although we will support the new team from the background if needed, and look forward to reading future issues, which will no doubt bear the stamp of the new team in due course! And just a final word to thank all of our *advertisers* for continuing to support the magazine, and hope they will continue to do so in the future; and also to all of our *readers* for continuing to enjoy 'The Beam' and providing positive feedback on our efforts.



Christmas Services St Mary's

Sunday, 18th December

6p.m. Carols and Lessons by Candlelight

Thursday, 22nd December

7 p.m. The Village Nativity (starting from the church)

Saturday, 24th December

3 p.m. Welcome to Christmas' - a service for all ages.

11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

Sunday, 25th December

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Carols and Holy Communion for all the family.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On

For information on the 'Switch-on', see page 10!

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

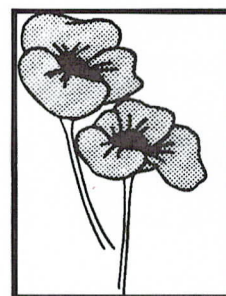
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Parish Council

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Tel: 01993 851870

Email - sarah.radband@bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk

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The Bampton 250 Club is the local monthly lottery which supports the Village Hall and the Youth Centre. If you would like a ticket please put your name on the list at the Post Office or contact **Anthony Hall: Tel: 01993 851142**

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J. Smith, Rosemary Lane

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Mrs M. Dowding, Rosemary Lane

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A. Grout, Bridge Street

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M. Drew, Talbot Fields

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J. Ryman, c/o Bush Club

September (Drawn at the Bush Club)

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Mrs R. Govier, Colville Close

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M. Drew, Talbot Fields

£15

Mrs B. Terry, The Lanes

£15

Mrs L. Williams & M. Wareham, Bridge St.

Candlelit Mozart

in

St Mary's

21st December 2011

For many years, Bampton's own patron saint Beornwald has been celebrated on his feast-day, 21st December, with a candlelight concert in St Mary's Church by Bampton Classical Opera. Following a recent series dedicated to popular composers, this year we come to Mozart, with an appealing programme of both popular and less familiar works. The programme will feature his charming evergreen serenade *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, one of the most frequently played works on Classic FM. There will be a symphony and operatic arias to make up a wonderfully varied concert to ease away the pre-Christmas stress.

Members of Bampton Classical Opera's professional orchestra will be performing under the direction of Gilly French. As always, Jacky Allinson and her friends will be providing delicious mulled wine to add to the Christmas spirit.

The concert will start at 7.00pm, and finish around 9.00. Tickets (from 1st December) are £10 from Bampton Physiotherapy, Bushey Row (mornings only please) or Tel: 01367 810769.

Online at www.bamptonopera.org. This concert is supported through the generosity of the Bampton Community Shop and Bampton Parish Council.

And advance dates for your diary – the 20th annual summer opera in the glorious setting of the Deanery Garden will be on Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st July 2012. Bampton Classical Opera now enjoys a remarkable national reputation and performs in several leading venues across the country, but still at its heart are its Deanery garden performances. The 2012 opera will be *The Jealous Lover*, a comic romance of immense charm composed by Mozart's leading French contemporary, André Grétry.

It's a little-known gem, and ideally suited to the wit and superb musical talents of what has been called recently "one of England's most adventurous, engaging and inventive ensembles" – Bampton Classical Opera.



The Bush Club NEEDS YOU!

Bush Club Report Volunteers Wanted!

By Fenella Gray MBE

The Bush Club has just celebrated 25 years of being in the old school building. We have now moved into our new building in *The Old School Community Centre*, and hopefully will make another 25 years and more.

The Bush Club has been providing a hot lunch-time meal and entertainment for the men and women over 60 and 65 years in Bampton, Aston and Clanfield for all that time, all done on a voluntary basis. And indeed it's wonderful to think that, even in this day and age with so much bureaucracy around, we can still organise and run here in Bampton a very much loved and appreciated club for the elderly.

Unfortunately, like other voluntary organisations, the Bush Club is getting rather thin on the ground in terms of volunteers. Indeed, our *volunteers* these days are becoming our *members*! So with this in mind I am hoping to recruit a few new ones!

I hope to explain in the following short paragraph what each voluntary job entails.

We are looking for a new *co-ordinator* and hope that if we are lucky to find one it will mean being in charge one morning in three, instead of one every other week, which is what we have at the present time. At the moment the co-ordinators job requires quite some commitment, but hopefully with having a third one the commitment would be much less. You do get a nice feeling of satisfaction when the members arrive and they all sit down chatting away to each other. For some of our members this is the only time they come out of their homes and see their friends.

What does it entail? As a *Co-ordinator* you will be in charge of the morning session, making sure the dinner tables are laid, coffee/tea is ready when the members arrive, collecting the dinner money and organising the transport at the end of the morning.

If there is a speaker, welcoming and thanking them, and taking the members out on the day trips etc. Normal time is 8.30am to open up the building until 2pm when everyone has gone home.

General Helper

You will help get our members settled when they arrive, serve them tea/coffee, and help them into the dining room if necessary.

You would also help with the raffle, wash up the cups and saucers, make the tea and generally talk and help the members as best you can. Normal time of starting is 8.45am until 1.30pm, some helpers come from 10am until 1pm. The times and how many days you can spare can be sorted out to suit you if you are interested in applying.

Washer-Upper after lunch

This job is normally from 12 noon until 12.45pm and is generally just washing up the lunch time plates, cutlery, cooking utensils used for the lunch time meal. We normally have 2 people in the kitchen for this each session.

Kitchen Helper

You would come along and help the cook with the vegetables and anything else the cook may require help with, and also help with the serving of the meal at lunch time. Normal hours are 10am until 12.45pm. Most of the time these helpers can go when they have finished their jobs and return at 11.45am to help serve the lunch. We like to provide 2 helpers at each session, unless the cook only needs 1.

Cooks

The job of the cook is to provide a cooked lunch for 30 - 40 members once or twice a term - a term is around three months. Most cooks provide both the main course and pudding, but some only cook the main course and another will provide the pudding.

There is a budget for the cost of ingredients which is quite generous, and

Patrick Strainge provides us with our meat. Normal hours for a cook are approximately 10am until 12.45pm. If you are a cook we provide you with 2 helpers, unless you specify anything different to cater for your needs. We have no specific way of organising the cooks in what they do; but as long as someone is on the rota to cook that day its fine.

Helene Grygar is in charge of the cook's rota and would be more than delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested. Please contact Helene on **Tel: 01993 851697**.

Volunteer Drivers

This job entails fetching our members from their homes and taking them to the Bush Club, and/or returning them to their homes at the end of the session. Again we are very flexible on how many times you would like to do it, from weekly to once a month, in the mornings or afternoons. Normal times for this is 9.45am until 10am and 1.45pm until 2pm.

Unfortunately, most of our members who need transport need a front seat and do usually have a walker or walking stick.

David Rose is in charge of the rota and would once again be more than delighted to hear from anyone who would be interested. Please contact David on **Tel: 01993 850214**.

All these voluntary jobs can be staffed by either a male or female; we would just love to hear from anyone here in Bampton or surrounding villages who would like to help.

I hope that after reading this article you now know what volunteering at the Bush Club entails and it has not turned you off! We would be really pleased to hear from you and you can contact either Veronica Baker **Tel: 01993 851040** or myself on **Tel: 01993 851653**, or call in and see us on a Wednesday between 8.30am and 1.45pm at the new Bush Club in The Old School Community Centre, Church View, Bampton.



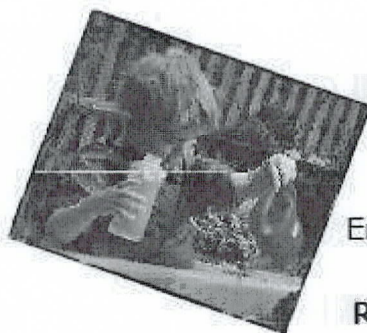
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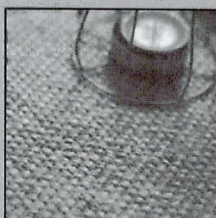
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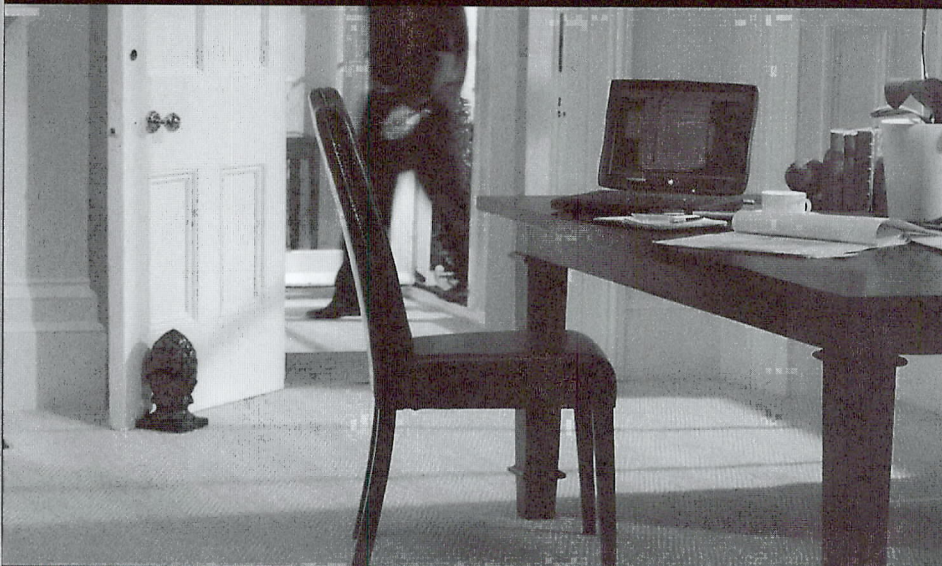


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News from Friends of Bampton School (FOBS)

By Su Allen

Did you imagine that to be a Friend of Bampton School you had to be a parent of children at the school? I guess many of you did.

Well, as a charity, the Friends of Bampton School *is open all!* Our aim for Bampton School is two-fold. Raising money for the school is a great aim but for FOBS it is not the only one. FOBS buys all the things the County and Government can't provide (in part or in whole), but our role goes deeper than this. It is an integral part of school life providing a social community for children and parents/carers that complements the leadership from Mrs Dodge, the Head, and the Governance provided by Mrs Fiona Farmer and her Governors.

Our aim is to ensure that all OUR children remember school as somewhere that was caring and most importantly FUN! What we do now as a voluntary team within the context of school – teaching and social – determines how much our children will enjoy school now and in the future.

BUT WE NEED HELP! Would you like to be involved, run an event, help us organise a vibrant social that is fun and can raise funds? We want to make FOBS as inclusive as possible, and as our village school that means **YOU!** If you want to get involved, raise funds, have some fun and remember what it's like to be nine again, please give Su Allen – Tel: 01993 852882 - or Gill Waite Tel: 07810 504457 - a call, or e-mail us at FOBS@brandfish.co.uk, or drop a note into school. We would love to hear from you and look forward even more to working with you and having the village be truly part of our school.

Bampton Baby and Toddler Club

By Cerian Cooper

Bampton Baby and Toddler Group has moved to the Willow Tree Children's Centre (next to Bampton Primary School). We would like to thank the Children's Centre for allowing us to use their premises for our group.

Bampton Baby and Toddler Club is for children aged between 0 and pre-school age, and their parents or carers. We have been running for over 10 years, and meet every Thursday during term-time between 09:15 and 11:15 at the Willow Tree Children's Centre. There are a variety of toys for children of all ages to play with during the play session, which is followed by refreshments and singing. There is also a baby corner for young babies, with bouncers and soft mats.

At least once a month, we arrange a special activity, such as craft, a visit from Saltbox Music, or story time with our local librarian. The group is a great way to meet others parents and carers, and we also arrange evenings out.

We are a friendly group and welcome new members from Bampton and the surrounding area. If you have a child under school age, drop in and join us. Your first visit is free and subsequent visits are £1.00. For more information, contact Cerian Cooper on 01993 850861 or Rachel Boland on 01993 852672, or just come along!

Bampton Pre-School News

By Karen Easterbrook

This new school year has not only brought new faces to our Pre-School but has also begun with a new committee.

Chairperson: Karen Easterbrook

Vice-Chairperson: Lindsey Prichard

Treasurer: Danielle Sones

Secretary: Hannah Wise

General Members- Liz Weeks, Lisa Lane, Su Allen, Simone Vaughan, Rachel McKelvey, Netty Lings

We are all looking forward to continuing the great work of our predecessors and maintaining the high standard all involved with preschool are accustomed too. I realise the importance of the happy environment the

preschool offers to all its children. The staff are exceptional in their attention to the children. The day to day care, activities and outings are well planned and enjoyed by both the parents and children.

We welcome two new members of staff this year Jenny Walsgrove, assistant supervisor, and Clair Green, play helper, who replaced Sally Govier and Gemma Govier who we wish all the best in their future endeavours.

Last year the preschool enjoyed the Easter Bonnet parade and competition, with winners Eve Anderson, Angus Wilson and Jasper Sones. The standard was exceptionally high, amazing what these 3 and 4 year olds can pull together! Thank you to Lorraine Kelly and Mrs Dodge for being our judges.

The Duck Race on Whit Monday was once again a great success and thank you to the 50 yellow ducks that swam down the river for our enjoyment and bets.

Sports day was held on the primary school field and we also had the help of some year 6 students, who we would like to thank for their involvement. This all made the day run very smoothly, thank you to Mrs Dodge for the use of the sports ground and her year 6 helpers!

Graduation was once again a fun and a day to remember. We wish them all the very best in their new class.

The theme this term is The Gruffalo and The Gruffalo's Child by Julia Donaldson and Alex Scheffler. Our themes change every term and this year we have decided to base it around books.

We are always keen to have someone come to the preschool to talk about their skill or knowledge that would be interesting to our preschool children. If you think this could be you please ring Angy Irvin Tel: 01993 852828.

We also now have new preschool opening hours of 9-3 every day. If you want to take advantage of these new hours please contact Angy.

You can also keep up with our news on our website:

www.bamptonpreschool.co.uk.

Thank you to Kay Beswick for her time and experience to keep this up and running for us.

The Old School Community Centre.....Open for Business!

The project to convert the old school/youth centre building, to provide accommodation for the three main users, namely, Bampton Weightlifting Club, The Youth Club, and The Bush Club, was completed on time - in July - and within budget. There aren't too many projects which can claim that!

The Weightlifters and the Bush Club have now moved in, along with other organisations which used to hire either the original building or the Bush Club building, and while it is not known whether the Youth Club will eventually start activities in the Centre - there is apparently a lack of funding available from Oxfordshire County Council - the Bampton-based, Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club, have leased part of the facility, moving from Carterton and setting up shop in their home village..

For hiring enquiries, see page 2.



The left-hand photograph shows the extension added to the front of the old building to house the Bampton Weightlifting Club. The right-hand photograph shows the inside of the Weightlifting Club wing.



The left-hand photograph shows the main hall, where Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club have set up their boxing ring and training equipment. The rear section of the hall is used on Wednesdays by The Bush Club as their lunch area. The hatch to the new kitchen can be just seen on the right hand side of the photograph. The right-hand photograph shows The Bush Club area, with its members settling in on the first day The Bush Club 'opened for business' in the new facility, on 12th October.

Dear Editor

I am writing to take the opportunity to thank all of those who gave me support and assistance during my time on The Parish Council, and especially during my tenure as Chairman over the last three years. Most of your readers will know that I have resigned from the Council - for reasons I will not go into here - but suffice to say that I enjoyed trying to 'do my bit' for Bampton over the last 11 years, although it is not always easy to do what you would like to do, given the lack of authority which Parish Councils have to live with - which is not always fully understood by parishioners!

During my tenure as Chairman, however, we achieved a great deal, and, for the record, I list the major deliverables which we delivered over the last three years:

- Village Emergency Response Plan
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Complaints Code of Practice
- HSE Policy
- Publication Scheme
- 'What we do'
- Tree and Bush Policy
- Document Management System
- Councillor Portfolios
- Terms of Reference for Council

LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

Committees and Councillor Portfolio Responsibilities

- Update of Council Standing Orders to comply with Statutory Requirements
- Formal email addresses for Councillors and Clerk
- Asset Reference Plan (ARP) for the Recreation Ground - looking forward over 10 years to try and predict future expenditure and budget accordingly. The ARP in fact shows that the likely grant from The Parish Council to The Recreation Ground Charity, will probably need to rise from the hitherto level of £15,000 per year, to over £30,000 per year.
- Asset Reference Plan (Draft) for Council Assets
- Risk Management System/Risk Register
- Post Office Relocation to Town Hall
- WestOxArts Gallery Lift Project
- War Memorial Refurbishment
- New Town Hall Flag Pole—project managed by the late Ian Millar
- Environmental weight limit

- The Old School Community Centre Project (TOSCC) - ex Youth Club/Old School Building
- TOSCC Parking Management Plan
- 'Modus Operandi' for the Recreation Ground - setting out how it is to be operated and managed
- Job descriptions and draft contracts for the Clerk, Lengthsman, Recreation Ground Manager, and Old School Community Centre Care-taker

Of course, many people were involved in delivering the above, including Pauline Smith who did sterling work in producing the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Policies, and the Publication Schedule for us, but also Steve Radband for project managing the War Memorial Refurbishment, and more lately Richard Wilkins for getting to grips with the gallery lift installation, a project with not a few difficulties to overcome, and which has no doubt been giving Richard sleepless nights! But on reflection, I am proud that we achieved so much during my tenure, the more so in that many of the above systems and documents were actually produced courtesy of yours truly!

Yours sincerely
Fred Gray

The Producers, Cast & Crew of Downton Abbey

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Residents using the Recreation Ground facilities for any activity should note that they are responsible for third party liability should an accident occur.

Whilst the Parish Council has ample insurance should it be at fault, we expect all users of the excellent facilities to have their own insurance. Consider including this cover in your home contents policy. Dog walkers should also have insurance.

FUN IN THE SUN AT BAMPTON TENNIS CLUB

Over 30 youngsters enjoyed an intensive tennis camp at Bampton Tennis club at the end of July and great fun

was had by all.

The younger children's course each morning, culminated in a game of



"Tennis Olympics" in which gold medals went to Amber Lawson-Smith and Charlotte Hearn both from Buckland.

An ongoing tournament for the older children each afternoon saw Josh Stanton taking the gold medal, Matthew Pilkington the silver and Patrick Powell the bronze.

Bampton Tennis Club's two clubs nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Benefits to members include being able to pre-book and use the tennis courts throughout the year. A number of tournaments are held throughout the year.

Anyone wishing to get involved with learning tennis or improving their skills should contact Liz Bamber Tel: 07774 680542

For membership enquiries please contact deborahlandray@btinternet.com

Other Sporting Activities

Bampton Town Football Club

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Secretary: Murray Disbrey

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Tel: 01993 850437

Juniors Manager: Andrew Money

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Tel: 01993 850900

Seniors Manager: Steve Caton

steve.caton@hotmail.com

Tel: 01993 842697

Youth Football: Andrew Walton

awalton.bamptonfc@gmail.com

Tel: 01993 850379

www.bamptontownfc.co.uk

Bampton Archery Club

Meets weekly at The Recreation Ground. Indoor in winter.

Contact: Gerald Mills;

Tel: 01993 850670;

or Jeff Dando;

Tel: 01993 850643

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Bampton Badminton Club

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Activities at Rosebank Care Home

Let me start by introducing myself. My name is Mandie Oliver and I am the Activities Co-ordinator at Rosebank Care Home.

My role is to share with the other staff in meeting various social and psychological needs of residents in a way that respects the dignity of each individual.

It is essential that I promote independence, stimulate participation and give a sense of purpose and wellbeing through a variety of activities.

My role involves getting to know each resident and understanding their personal likes and dislikes along with identifying personal interests. It is also essential for me to build up a good relationship with the relatives of our residents so that I can ensure that their interests are met with to the best of my ability.

Since joining the team of staff and residents at Rosebank, back in June 2010, I have organised and planned functions, craft activities, outings, tea parties, in-house games and a variety of entertainment. Each month I produce a monthly calendar of activities which clearly shows what activities are scheduled. When preparing this, I do so with the input of our residents. Every 6-8 weeks I hold a residents meeting which allows each resident to voice their thoughts, views, ideas about past and forthcoming activities. It is essential that the activities planned build a sense of excitement and self-worth as well as a sense of personal satisfaction, achievement and fulfilment.

To help produce such a varied and stimulating calendar we have the support from both Bampton's Pre-School children and Primary School children, who visit Rosebank 3-4 times a year. Over the past year we have seen some excellent performances from the children, and a favourite one in particular

Bampton Parish Council

Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On

The Christmas Tree Lights

**will be switched on by the outgoing Editor and Sub-Editor of
The Bampton Beam, Fenella and Fred Gray**
and will take place on

Saturday 3rd December

in the

**Market Square
at 6pm**

**All are invited to come along to the official switch-on of this
year's Christmas Tree Lights.**

**The switch-on will be followed by carol singing, and mulled
wine and mince pies will be offered in The Village Hall to
keep you warm - the under-18s will unfortunately have to do
with a soft drink!**

Please do come along and make it a memorable event.

was a visit from the Primary School Year 6 children who talked about Remembrance Day to our residents. Our residents love to hear the children sing and play instruments and the children are always so well behaved. I personally feel it is so important to involve the young in such an environment, as to my delight it is clear to see that both the young and old mixed together gain so much from each other. A big thank you goes to all the children who have visited Rosebank in the past, and to those who will visit us in the future, we offer you a warm welcome and appreciate your time.

Over the past year we have been on several group outings.

In June 2010 we visited Cotswold Wildlife Park for the day and had a wonderful time. In December we went to the theatre at Chipping Norton to see the Christmas pantomime.

In April 2011 we spent the afternoon cruising down the river on a wonderful fully adapted riverboat enjoying the sights of the river, complemented with tea and cakes (see photo below), and then also in April 2011 we took a visit to Farmer Gows near Abingdon to feed the lambs and see the new born chicks.

One of our newest additions to outings is regular shopping trips into Witney. Residents enjoyed a visit in August to Marks and Spencer's, ending as always with afternoon tea and cakes.

Future group outings planned for this year are a trip to Stow Arboretum at the end of October and again a visit to the theatre at Chipping Norton in December.

As well as group outings, residents are taken out regularly either individually or in pairs. You may have seen me walking around Bampton enjoying the beauty of your village. A particular favourite walk is down past the church.

I find that whilst out and about the people of Bampton are very cheery and always have time to say hello; this really does mean a lot to the residents and helps them to actually feel part of the community.

Please may I say thank you to those villagers who made us so welcome at the Talbot – it is lovely to know we are always welcome.

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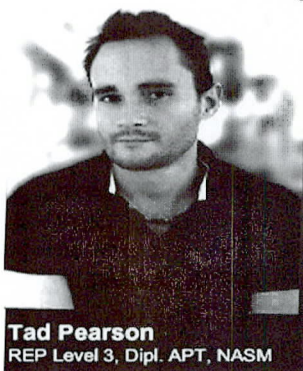
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activities we enjoy flower arranging, gardening, music, keep fit, puzzles and word searches, cooking, sewing, arts and crafts, massage, film afternoons, hand and nail pampering plus much more.

New for Autumn 2011 is our Historical Group which was requested by three of our residents. We are very much looking forward to working with a local historian, Louise Larchbourne and feel very excited about the discussions this group will bring.

We have recently had some work carried out in our garden area, and this spring saw the planting of the residents' vegetable and herb garden in a raised bed.

We have produced radish, lettuce, cabbage and peas and have a nice selection of herbs growing. This has proven to be an asset on all accounts, from not only the preparing of the soil but the planting of seeds, watering and picking the produce.

My aims is for this to grow from strength to strength. What a great way to spend those warm summer days.

The residents also planted from seed some sweet peas which were amazing. For us to watch these grow from nothing into beautiful flowers was very exciting.

My plans are to improve the garden areas by creating a sensory garden for all our residents to enjoy, so watch this space.

New for 2012 will see "Coffee Mornings" at Rosebank. This will be an opportunity for the community to come along and meet the staff and residents and enjoy our wonderful home in a relaxed setting.

Finally, I am always welcoming new ideas and activities for our residents, so if anyone has any that they would like to share, please do give me a call.

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A big thank you to all who supported us at our Coffee Morning on 30th September. The amount sent to the charity was a marvellous £805.00!

Lis Banham

Cancer Research UK

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Events for the remainder of 2011

23 rd November	Bingo
Village Hall	8pm
2 nd December	Quiz Night
Village Hall	7.30pm
16 th December	C & W Dance
Carterton Social Centre	8.30pm

Events for 2012

31 st March	Easter Sale
Village Hall	10am – 12noon
18 th May	Quiz Night
Village Hall	7.30pm
22 nd September	Autumn Sale
Village Hall	10am – 12noon
21 st November	Bingo Night
Village Hall	8pm
7 th December	Quiz Night
Village Hall	7.30pm
21 st December	C&W Dance
Carterton Social Centre	

For more information contact Doris Cleaver: Tel: 01993 850682.

Bampton Junior Church

The children from Bampton School

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and the village are welcomed to Bampton Junior Church on a Sunday morning.

We run from 10.45am – 11.25am in the Bush Centre. At 11.25am we march back up to church where we join the congregation for drinks. BJC runs every Sunday except for the third Sunday in the month when it is family service.

Bampton Bridge Club

Do you play bridge? If so why not come along and join the Bampton Bridge Club..

We play on Tuesday evenings from 7-30 to 10pm in Bampton Village Hall. Duplicate is played on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of each month with Rubber being played on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.. The annual subscription is £6. Members pay £1 per week table money and visitors pay £2. You will find us a very friendly club. For more information contact Frank Hudson on: Tel: 01993 842126.

Old Birthday Cards

Lizann still needs your old greeting cards - not Christmas cards - after you have enjoyed them. She can recycle them to sell and raise money for charities.

Last year 20 charities benefited from the £2,342 raised.

Cards can be left at the Library, Vesey Room, Bampton Physiotherapy Clinic, Abbey Properties. All places mentioned have cards to sell. Also you can leave them at 3 Broad Street and 4 Glebelands Bampton.

For further enquiries please contact Lizann Murray-Clarke Tel: 01993 852747.

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"UNHALLOWED GROUND", Mel Starr's fourth book in the chronicles of Hugh de Singleton, is on sale in the Vesey Room, the WOA gallery and The Horseshoes. This book is centred on Cow-Ley's Corner and the suicide of Thomas atte Bridge who took his own life there - or did he? As usual, the book sells for £8.99, profit from the sale going to Bampton Archive.

Bampton Drop-In

Held at the Methodist Chapel every Monday from 12pm, where all are welcome. Don't suffer those Monday blues. When you've done your washing up don't just put your feet up with a cup of tea.

Instead, why not come and join us at this local facility for a very reasonably priced lunch, where you will be served by a dedicated band of country cooks.

You can enjoy a warming bowl of home-made soup, something on toast or a cheesy baked potato, followed by home-made cake, cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee. So come along and enjoy this friendly informal gathering.

The Queen Honours Volunteer Group

Bampton-based Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club has been announced as one of 130 winners of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for groups of volunteers who work in their local community for the benefit of others.

This prestigious UK National Honour recognises outstanding voluntary contributions and sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those awarded being judged to be of the highest standard.

Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club has received the Award for providing access to the sport of boxing on a recreational, educational and competitive level, helping all ages and abilities to be the best that they can be. Windrush Valley ABC will receive a certificate signed by The Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal, presented by Her Majesty's representative in Oxfordshire the Lord-Lieutenant Stevenson at a special ceremony.



On the occasion of The Bush Club's first meeting in *The Old School Community Centre*, Cllr. Marion Dowding, The Parish Council's representative on The Bush Club Committee, presented Pete Lewis with a gift from The Bush Club, having completed 21 years as Caretaker for the old Bush Club building. Marion also presented Pete's wife Sylvia with a bouquet of flowers. Well done Pete..... and Sylvia! Pete will continue in the caretaker role taking on *The Old School Community Centre* for The Parish Council.

Creative Opportunities for All

A group of disabled adults are the latest of more than 200 people to benefit from a scheme set up by West Oxfordshire District Council to get creative workshops into local communities.

Members of the Witney-based self-help charity group, The Tryards, have been learning about song writing, singing, performance and film-making

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from professionals after getting involved in the Taking Part initiative.

The scheme was introduced by the Council in 2010 to give groups and communities the chance to try new activities and learn new skills at workshops led by skilled artists. It offers a package of workshops covering a wide range of activities, from ceramics to circus skills, animation to sculpture and dance to poetry, suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

Bampton Welfare Trust

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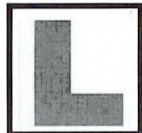
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So far, more than 200 people have participated in Taking Part sessions and the scheme is continuing in 2011/12. Prices for workshops vary and groups may be eligible to apply to the District Council for help with funding.

Communities or groups can choose which workshop or activity they want to try from the Taking Part Menu, available to view online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/takingpart or by calling 01993 861080.

The 21-member Tryards group, whose name stems from the expression 'try hard', spent time with song maker and performer Matt Sage, founder of Oxford's Catweazle Club, writing and

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recording two songs, entitled 'Tryards' and 'There's No Tomorrow'. The group now hopes to produce a CD to sell in local shops to raise money. They also took part in a film-making session and members were 'interviewed' for the group's own short production with help from film-maker Iona Fabian.

The Tryards was set up in 1993 to provide self-help support for adults with disabilities in Witney and the surrounding areas, and is supported by Leonard Cheshire Disability. The group meets every Thursday at Wit-

ney Artificial Turf Pitch and gives members the chance to take part in different activities, socialise with others and go on various trips throughout the year.

For further information contact West Oxfordshire District Council.

Oxford Rural Community Council

(ORCC)

**Buy central heating oil early for
Christmas**

ORCC Trading is urging everyone with oil central heating to buy their oil early this winter so they avoid last year's huge December spike in the price.

The cost per litre rocketed from around 45p per litre to more like 70p per litre in just a few short days, and early buying is essential if people are to save money.

Since it started last year, the ORCC bulk oil buying scheme has meant savings of around 4p per litre or more for its members (compared to average oil prices on the day of purchase). And if you're buying 1,000 litres this

Bampton Ladies Group

We are a group of like minded ladies who meet every third Wednesday of the month (excluding August).

We meet in The Village Hall at 8pm.

We arrange various talks on interesting subjects, and we also organise outings to places of interest on a regular basis.

We have our annual 'skittles outing' in February each year, and our Annual Dinner in April.

The first evening you come along is £1.

Should you then join it's £10 for the year.

For further information contact Mrs Joan Farthing on: Tel: 01993 851206.



NEW Singing Group

WOAPA – West Oxfordshire Academy of Performing Arts launched its singing group for ages 16+ on Wednesday 21st September.

No auditions and no requirement to read music, the emphasis is on having fun while singing with like-minded people.

What we sing will mostly be decided by the group, but the repertoire will be contemporary – Queen, Adele, GaGa, Glee etc.

Sessions are held at The Batt School, Witney, each Wednesday during term times, from 7.30 – 9pm.

First session FREE – subsequent sessions are £5.

For more information email info@woapa.co.uk or telephone: 07943 353032

Clanfield and Bampton Historical Society

The 2011-12 season starts on October 18 when Eda Forbes will talk on 'The Blue Plaques of Oxfordshire; People and Places' at the Carter Institute, Clanfield, at 7.30pm. Also in the same venue, on November 15, Witney jeweller Michael Lynes will talk about 'Collectables', again at 7.30pm.

Bampton Gardening Club

Dates for the Remainder of 2011

Coffee Mornings

November 19th

December 17th

All of the Coffee Mornings will be held in Bampton Village Hall 10am to 12noon.

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November 25th, Village Hall, 7.30pm

is a significant saving – twice the annual membership cost!

Nearly 30 local communities have now got volunteer co-ordinators in place and the more members there are, the more negotiating power we have.

So if you haven't yet joined, and haven't yet thought about your winter oil order, **DON'T DELAY!**

You can join by going to www.oxonrcc.org.uk where you will find an application form and payment details, plus information about all the monthly prices and savings to date.

Oxfordshire Village Shop of the Year Competition 2011

Proud of your village shop? Grateful for the difference it makes to your community? Want to show your appreciation?

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- boost the profile of village shops in Oxfordshire
- highlight the invaluable role that a village shop plays in the community
- give local people an opportunity to show appreciation for their local store

It is open to all village shops in Oxfordshire and judging will be in two separate categories – independently run stores and community owned shops.

Past winners include stores from across the county including Adderbury, Stonesfield, Goring, Sibford Ferris, Checkendon, Appleton, East Hendred, Islip, Ascott and Ewelme.

Voting slips should be available in your local store from the end of September or you can cast your vote via the ORCC's website NOW. The closing date is November 18, so there is plenty of time for you to vote.

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By Fenella Gray MBE

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Bampton's Village Nativity

On Thursday 22nd December
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Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club

With the completion of the 'Old School Community Centre', we have leased part of the building, and are now 'open for business' in Bampton! We are over the moon to be in our home village and are very much looking forward to providing as much support and opportunities to all in the village.

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West Oxfordshire District Council is giving residents the chance to recycle even more plastics from the end of September. Householders are already able to recycle a range of plastics, including bottles and containers, as part of their weekly black box household recycling collections.

From **September 26**, they can also put out the following 'fly-away' plastics:

- **carrier bags**
- **polythene**
- **small clear food packaging**
- **cling film**
- **bubblewrap**
- **compost bags**

All that residents need to do is put their 'fly-away' plastics into a secured plastic bag (carrier bag or similar) inside their black recycling box.

Separating these materials from other plastics and items will prevent them from being able to blow around on bin day and help speed up collection times, as well as making it easier for the items to be sorted for reprocessing.

As well as 'fly-aways', residents can continue to recycle other types of plastics including bottles, tubs, pots and food trays. These can be left loose in their black recycling boxes ideally placed in the same box as tin cans.

A wide range of other items can also be recycled as part of weekly black box collections, including paper and cardboard, tins and cans, newspapers and magazines, glass, textiles and shoes. A full list of items that can and cannot be recycled is available at www.westoxon.gov.uk/recyclingA-Z. The collection of 'fly-aways' is being run initially for a 3 month period. After this period the scheme will be evaluated and if it has proved successful will be continued on a permanent basis.

Residents using communal bins will be informed separately about how they can recycle flyaway plastics.

For further information visit www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste or Tell: 01993 861025.

EasyKart UK Championship*By Patrick Lay*

Having recently started college in Cirencester, I have been doing a lot of work towards my A Levels and hence have not had a lot of time to write for 'The Beam'! But here is a short story on the World Championships!

There were 47 drivers in my class, and in Qualifying I was 2nd fastest in my group. This meant I was 4th fastest overall when both groups were merged; 0.1 seconds covered the top 6! I started 3rd for both heats and after getting hit in the first heat I finished 8th though with the fastest lap. I then won the second heat whilst also setting the fastest lap. These results meant I started 4th for the Grand Final. The Final was restarted due to a huge accident at the start which I was involved in, though it was not my fault, and luckily I escaped any injury. At the restart I dropped to 5th, but on lap 16 took second place and set the fastest lap of the race. I ended up finishing second overall - which means I'm now vice world champion.

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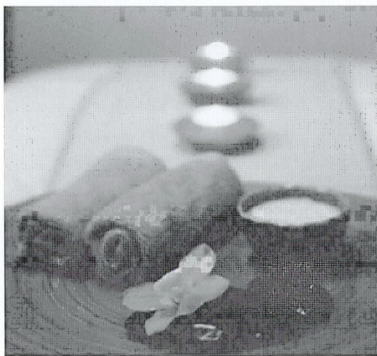
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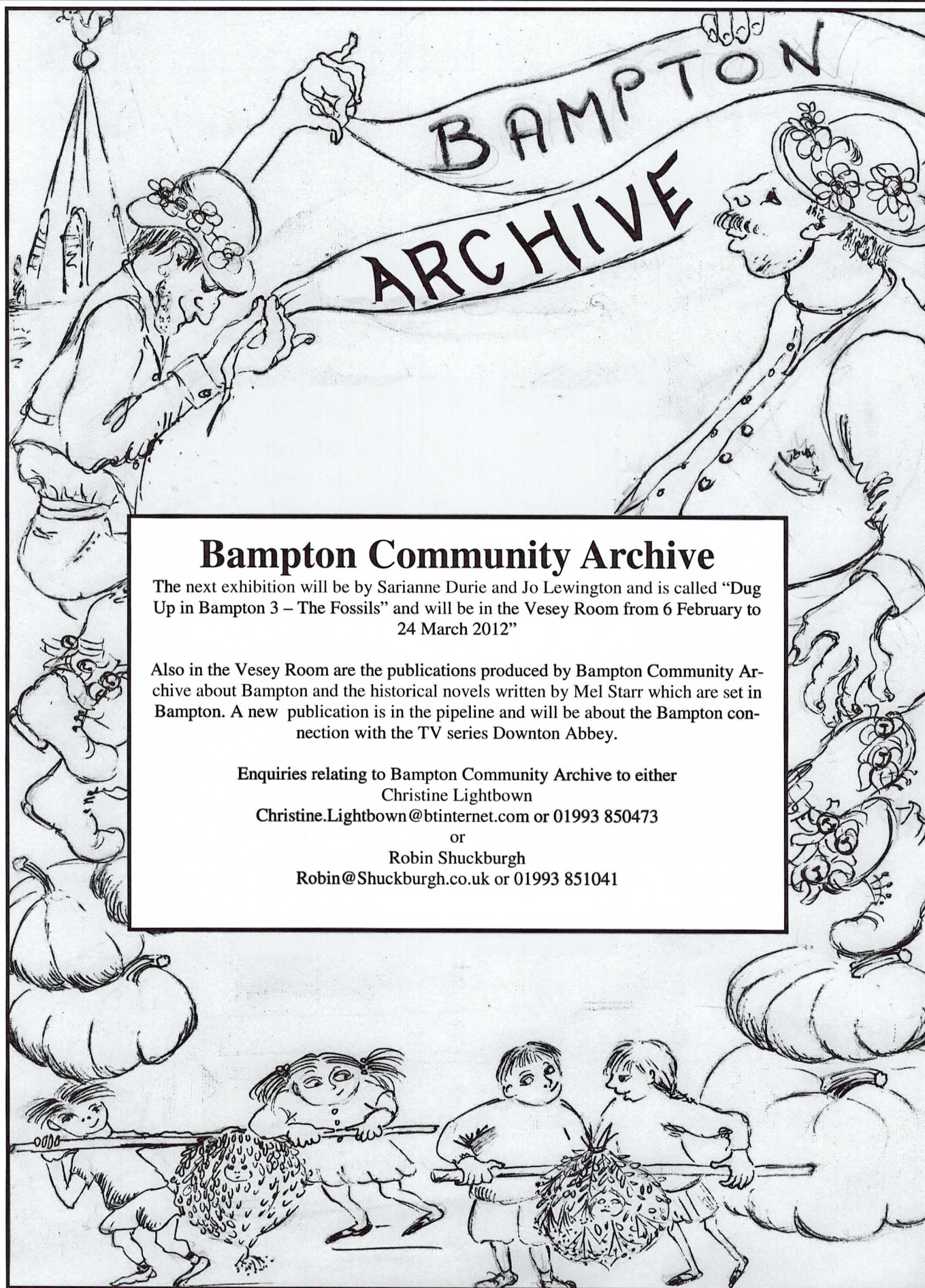


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Enquiries relating to Bampton Community Archive to either
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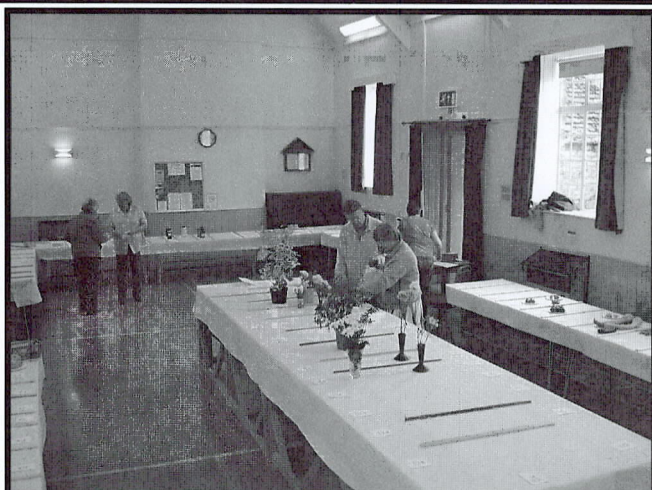
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Another excellent show with the number of entries again being up on the previous year - 266 as opposed to 249 in 2010!

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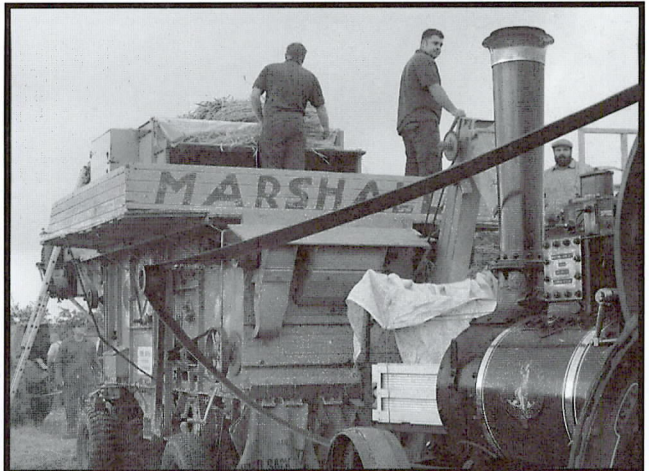
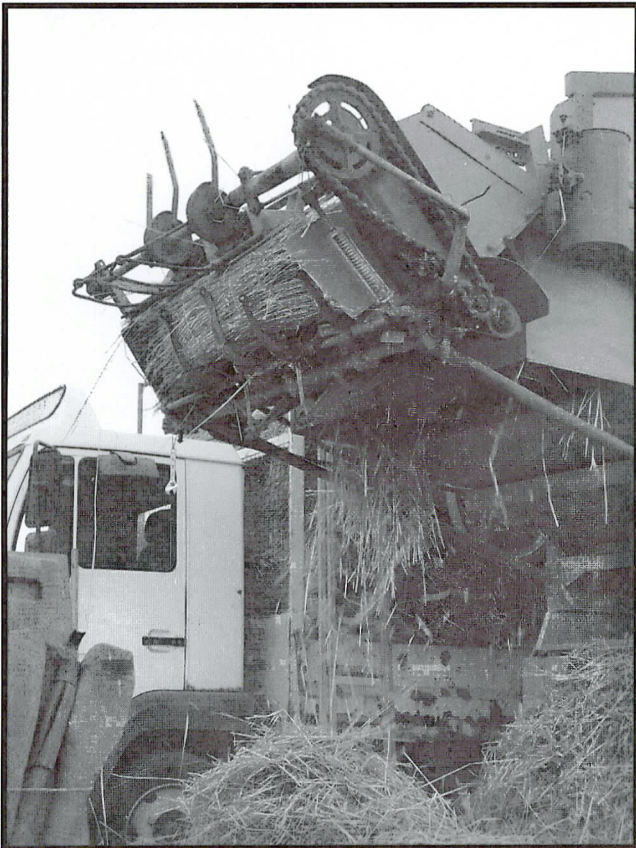
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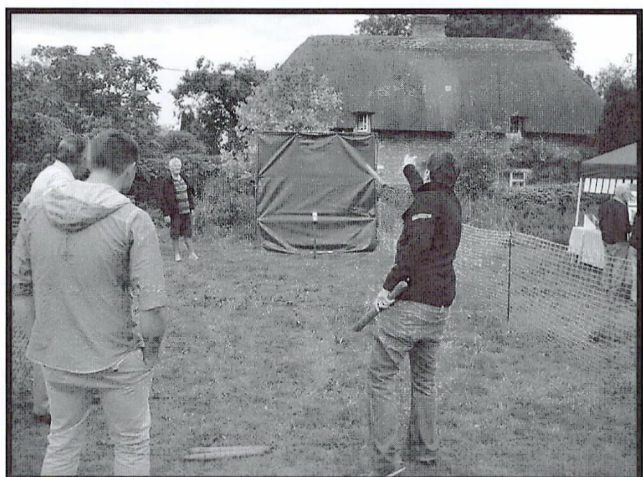
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Bampton Environmental Watch Group

By Ralph Norman, Chairman



There seems to have been an outbreak of speakeritis this year. Our talk scheduled for April had to be cancelled at the last minute when

we discovered that our speaker had confused his dates and was in Northumberland. Then, for our July meeting, Helene had to hurriedly find another speaker when the arranged speaker pulled out, only to then be let down by the replacement, but she came up trumps with a last minute successful replacement—Lawrence Bee gave us an excellent talk on the work of the Woodland Trust. Now we have just found that our October speaker has apparently double booked himself for our agreed date, but at least he was able to offer some alternative dates which allowed us to rearrange his talk one day earlier when the Village Hall luckily happened to be free (I hope nothing else happens to this talk between now and the new date of Wednesday 26 October). Our next scheduled talk will be at our AGM on Friday 2 March 2012 when the appropriately named Dr Larkman's subject will be "birds". Meetings are held in the Village Hall starting at 8:00pm. All are welcome, with attendance free for members, £2 for non-members (or join at the door).

Work on the alterations to the old school (youth centre) are now complete; pity(!) about the carbuncle on the front and the lack of on-site parking.

Although consultations on the draft Core Strategy for WODC's Local Development Framework (LDF) completed in July, changes in planning policies by Central Government have meant that WODC have now put back publication by at least 12 months to later in 2012. (Go to WODC's website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning/LDF.cfm for details.)

OCC have published for consultation (closing date 31 October) their plans for Mineral Extraction and Waste Management. This contains good

news for us—the supporting documentation states: "Clanfield/Bampton: All four nominated sites in this area are precluded on the grounds of the archaeological and historic landscape assessment and distance from markets. This area is therefore unlikely to make a strategic contribution to sand and gravel supply during the plan

period." (NB The plan period runs through to 2030.)

If you would like to know more about BEWG or would like to join us please contact the Membership Secretary (Ann Norman) Tel: 01993 850823, or email bewg@sagaman.co.uk. You can also see our entry on the Bampton web site at: www.bamptonoxonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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The Bampton Gardening Club NEEDS YOU!

By Fenella Gray MBE, Secretary and Show Secretary

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who entered *The Annual Gardening Club Show* in August. We had such a good turnout considering the weather has been so erratic all summer long.

The number of *entries* increased from 249 in 2010 to 266 this year. And we had an increased number of actual *entrants* - 40 *adult entrants* this year as opposed to 38 in 2010. But we also had an increase in the number of *children* who entered - 5 as opposed to 3 last year.

We hope the trend continues!

However, if the Gardening Club is to survive, we need your help!

As I expect you know the Gardening Club organises many outings throughout the year, mainly on Sundays, to various places of interest.

We also provide one or two short break holidays to different parts of the British Isles and Ireland – and sometimes to the continent. As well as this we hold Coffee Mornings regularly in the Village Hall and run the Annual Show. To keep all these going we need members to serve on the committee, and while we have been well served by the present members for many years now, we are going to need new blood this year if we are to keep going.

This is because quite a few of our members are either leaving the area, or have other more pressing commitments - all the usual things when members have been working for many years on the committee and need a change or wish to retire. I would, therefore, like to ask if **YOU** would be willing to join us on the committee? We only meet 3 or 4 times a year for a quick discussion in the *Horse Shoe* to organise the show, coffee mornings and the AGM. So please do think about offering your services to the committee, because, as I have said, if we don't get some volunteers, it looks like we will have to close down, and that would be a real shame.

The **AGM** will be held on **Friday 25th November** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We would be really delighted to see anyone who would be interested in joining the Gardening Club and/or serve on the Committee - or you can just come along and have a listen to see if you might be interested. The meeting usually is over in 15 to 20 minutes and we all then enjoy a cheese and wine evening afterwards. So, please do come along to the AGM and see if you can help us. Thanks again for supporting us in all we do – and we look forward to what the future hopefully will bring - i.e. survival!



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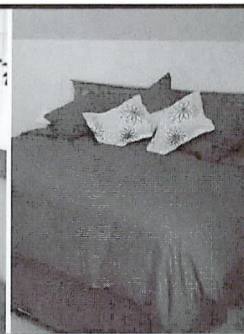
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SPAJERS News

By Lynne Pointer

This time of year is always one of looking back to the highlights of the past summer. In the pre-email days it was always so for me, as I wrote letters to accompany the festive parcels being sent to friends in far distant parts of the world, that would take weeks to get there. Nowadays they can hear our news almost as it happens. Anyway we have a lot to look forward to as well, in the coming months.....

Archive Exhibition

What a treat this is, and well done the team who put it together. Many folk ask about the name SPAJERS and what it is all about, and this exhibition tells that story, from the Coronation of 1953. I am sure I am not the only one who regrets never having known John Quick. He seems a man who understood my own home county of Norfolk's unofficial motto of "Do different", and put it into practice. We continue to strive to be "Dynamic Yet Disciplined".

I found the early newspaper article on the Shirt Race fascinating. It really captured the spirit of the event and could be reprinted today, it sounded so "modern". Lots of great photos too, although my own favourite will always be that iconic early one of Cyril Smith and Robert Radband, in the Shirt Race. When I was last in the Vesey Room someone else was looking at that same photo, and wondering out loud "That Cyril didn't have a ladder with him". An exhibition like this always makes me happier about my own boxes of souvenirs and stuff, (though many of them are labelled "To be Sorted") as the tickets from the early dances are real treasures. Although even the Grandson of "Frantic Fred" might not be now available, your SPAJERS committee have a few ideas in mind to celebrate next year's big anniversary.

Donkey Derby

Fortunately the rain of the previous weekend had abated and once again a good time was had by all. We are glad to see that people appreciate the "old-fashioned" attractions, perhaps as a change from electronic entertainment?

If so that is certainly in the tradition of the SPAJERS founding fathers who formed it partly as an "anti-telly" organisation. The donkeys enjoyed their trip up from Weston, the cakes were delicious and we made about £3,000 which will help ensure that our Christmas Box for our members will be a good one again. We are very grateful to all who help set up, run a stall and take it all down again. Without you it would not be possible. Remember you don't need to formally join the committee to lend a hand.

Summer Outing

A couple of days later, two full coaches left the village for a day at the seaside. Weston it was, to see "our" donkeys in their usual home and to walk along the pier, which is now fully finished. The sea, sadly, was a longish way out but the sun shone for us as we enjoyed the promenade and the cafes and pubs of the town. We found the locals friendly and one kind lady even got her father to give a lift to two footsore ladies on their way to see some distant flower gardens. Then in conversation it transpired that the driver was an ex-footballer - Bob Williams - who knew and had played with John Shuker. As they say, "It's a small world".

Please let us have suggestions for where you would like to go next year; we like to ring the changes.

RAF Brize Norton

Despite it being a very busy time for the base as they take on all transport duties from RAF Lyneham, a group of members were made very welcome on a day visit. After being shown an overview video of the many aspects of the base's work, we were able to ask questions. The increase in noise and

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change of some air traffic routes was raised. We were assured that all movements and aircraft noise are kept to the minimum needed in order to provide 24/7 operational status. With the nights drawing in there is the probability of less late night/early morning engine noise, as training flights can be done earlier. Night flying is needed because planes can only fly into Afghanistan under cover of darkness, and so movements have to be tracked back from these hours. With newer aircraft coming into service, engine noise should be less from 2013.

We next looked around a Tristar. Most of the aircraft was very like a commercial plane but with a forward section adapted to provide facilities for medical care during the flight and swift transfer to the Selly Oak Hospital, if needed. A salutary reminder. While no aircraft spotter myself - I prefer steam locomotives - the wide variety of commercial and military planes on the parking area was inter-



The SPAJERS Visit to RAF Brize Norton Troops Off.....



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esting. A delicious lunch in the Officer's Mess was followed by a visit to Air Traffic Control, which is rather more electronic now than the way that one or two of our members remembered from their time, and the view from the Control Tower was excellent. It seemed to me that the base is indeed a form of Tardis – much bigger on the inside than it appears from the outside. Our final stop was at the Parachute Training School, where an obliging young man hanging from a "parachute" showed us how the virtual system helps trainees without the need for aircraft. Even though, as some of our eagle eyed members noticed, he had his legs crossed on the way down, he made a good landing on target. If I had been making a jump, I am sure I would be crossing everything too.

Our thanks to all at the base for their hospitality and time.

Looking forward to November, **the Grand Fireworks and Bonfire takes place on November 5th** itself this year, with Music, Pig Roast and other refreshments too. Keep your fingers crossed for dry weather, although we aim to go ahead whatever the heavens throw at us. Tickets will be on sale from a couple of weeks beforehand from The Coffee House and Emmie's Newsagents; but remember for those early bird advance discount prices you need to buy your tickets before the event. To keep prices the same for the children, and to simplify the ticketing, we have withdrawn the family ticket.

In advance, child (5yrs to 16yrs) £3, adult £7.

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Josie's Draw

Will be on November 11th at The Horse-shoes, thanks to Alan Clark, with music provided too. The draw tickets will be on sale in our local hostels, thanks to their landlords' cooperation,

and on Saturday

mornings before the 11th in the Market Square. It is always a fun evening and over the years Josie, her family and friends have raised many thousands for our funds.

After that, well a breather to write the Christmas cards, but don't forget to get in early if you want to book **the Mummings** for Christmas Eve. There is always more demand than they can fill in the time available.

Membership

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Josie's Draw
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Library DVD Reviews

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THE BLIND SIDE

Set in Memphis, this is the story of 'Big Mike' (a homeless 17-year-old gentle giant) who is generously taken in by a well-to-do family - and then becomes a successful American football player. (It turns out he's a natural in the position of 'left guard' whose role is to protect the quarterback's blind side...) Two key elements save the film from lapsing into sentimental tosh; it's a true story, and Sandra Bullock's Oscar winning portrayal of Leigh Anne Tuohy - the forthright housewife who instigates Big Mike's change of fortune.

Also, relatively little time is spent on the football action, which may have been a bore for some. This deservedly gives the characters greater emphasis, in particular the relationship between Mike and his new 'family'. A fairly generous coat of Hollywood feel-good whitewash has been applied, for sure, but this remains an appealing watch (and Sandra Bullock is excellent...)

Chick rating: 8

Lads' rating: 7 1/2

THE OTHER GUYS

It's said that American cinema hasn't produced a classic comedy since 1979. (Actually, I was just making that up. But really, has anything come close to topping Airplane, since..?) 15 minutes into The Other Guys, however, and I thought I was going to have a nosebleed from laughing too madly...

Macho mayhem in the NYPD, comic egos, guns blazing and Will Ferrell (playing the goofy, straight guy which he is sublimely good at). Unfortunately, despite some additional nice touches (from Mark Wahlberg in particular), about an hour of gradual comedy let-down then transpired. Steve Coogan, as the embezzling bad guy, (a crowbarred in plotline) was disappointing; the back story of Will Ferrell's character simply doesn't work; and then the writer/director resorts to (the usual) puerile stuff for laughs. Sigh.

But for its opening promise, where the 'tuna vs a lion' debate, and one of the funniest death scenes in cinema history had me rolling off my beanbag in hysterics... that's got to be worth an

extra two points...

Chick rating: 3

Lads' rating: 7

IT'S COMPLICATED

When middle aged business woman, Jane (played by the consummate Meryl Streep) meets her ex, Jake (Alec Baldwin) at a party, some old sparks begin to fly - and a type of affair begins. Despite being with someone else Jake appears committed to winning Jane back, and is blissfully pleased with how it's all going. Jane isn't quite so sure, maintaining "It's complicated...." From writer/director Nancy Meyers, (who produced the equally good *Something's Gotta Give*) this is a cosy, gently amusing film. A 'chick-flick' with casually high credentials...

Chick rating: 8 1/2

Lads' rating: 6

THE KARATE KID

Hollywood is a bit obsessed with the re-make. Typically they use a decent foreign language film, (the delightful *Trois Hommes et une Petite Femme*, for example became the inferior *Three Men and a Cradle*).

A quite recent habit is to plunder the classic British archive - eg: *Alfie* and *The Italian Job*. (Ridiculous). Then sometimes Hollywood simply re-makes Hollywood. If this year's Oscar nominations are anything to go by, *True Grit* (2010) would suggest this can occasionally be done with credit...

So, anyway, the original *Karate Kid* is a cheesy 80s 'classic' that spawned at least two sequels. Well, now there's a new kid (played by Will Smith's son, Jaden), who with his mother has moved to Beijing city and yep, you guessed it - there are bullies adept at karate there too. If the kid wants to fight back - he needs a trainer, preferably someone who knew Bruce Lee... Hold on, Jackie Chan is the janitor - excellent...! This time round cheesiness is almost completely avoided (although I found the shot of him suddenly training on *The Great Wall of China* a bit much). Yes, you know how it's going to end an hour before it does - but it gets there very nicely...

Chick rating: 7

Lads' rating: 7

Kids' rating: 8

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There was a good deal of hyperbole connected with the initial release of this film. The accomplished filmmaker James Cameron wrote / directed / produced / edited it and at some point, I believe, shouted from the Twentieth Century Fox rooftop, "This is the dawn of a new age in cinema..!"

He may have exaggerated a little, but this is still definitely worth a look. Futuristic hokum with a good soul, as the American military harangue big blue people on the planet of Pandora for the valuable ores found there. The CGI is at times thrilling, although animation of the blue creatures isn't quite accomplished enough to warrant the hype. Also, some early dialogue (and explanation of what is going on) is distinctly unbrilliant, and may have those with a more jaded disposition returning to the sudoku. However, the story becomes more moving the longer you stick with it, the finale is a real adrenalin rush, and a surprisingly poignant political comment is made in the process...

Chick rating: 7 1/2

Lads' rating: 8



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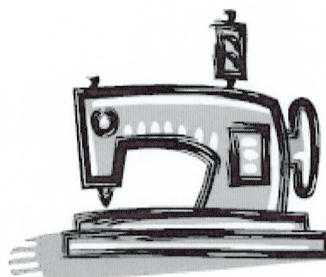
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Rouse's Ramblings

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By Don Rouse MBE

I have enjoyed quite an eventful four months since my last Beam article. The first thing was setting up the SPAJERS Exhibition in the Vesey Room; this will be ongoing until the end of October. I do hope that you will take time to peruse the history of this wonderful organisation that has served our community well since its introduction in 1953. There are pictures and stories of the many events held over the past 58 years, although the one thing that appears to be the most popular is the DVD showing of three events. The Bush Club Christmas Party of 1989, The SPAJERS outing to Weston in 1990 when the tide was in, and this year's *Great Original Shirt Race* with the compliments of Witney TV. This Exhibition would not have been possible without the wonderful help and assistance

offered to us by members of the Bampton Archive, so, many thanks to them all. A small booklet has been published by the Bampton Archive which tells the story of the SPAJERS in fascinating pictures the cost being £6.00. These can be purchased from the Vesey Room.

With my Carterton Lions Hat in place, we have taken on the task of organising the parking arrangements for the repatriations which now take place within our local community. We all wish that there wasn't any need for these very sad events to take place, but as long as our servicemen are asked to fight on foreign soil by our government, no matter how ill advised, there will be casualties. All those involved in the repatriations feel that it is an honour to be able to do something to recognise what these

young men and women are doing for their country, and give all the help and comfort that we can to their relatives. The relatives that I have met up to now are very pleased and appreciative for what all the volunteers are doing for them in this area.

The whole event is organised by Oxfordshire County Council with the co-ordination and local management being done by West Oxfordshire District Council. I know that in the past I have poked fun of the Councils' attitudes to Health and Safety, like the wearing of hard hats to measure a road in the open countryside, but from a volunteer's point of view in our dealings with them they could not be more helpful and co-operative. Perhaps it is because one of their 'chiefs' is none other than an ex Bampton Bobbie who has been 'honed' by the people of Bampton!

It is amazing that at an event like this how aggressive and nasty some members of the public can be. Where there have been road closures to make for safe parking, thus restricting the general public from their normal runs, the aggression of some members of the public is unbelievable, even I have learnt a few new expressions! Surely there is no need to take it out on the volunteers, we are just trying to help out. The most common criticism that we have had to endure is 'It's a shambles, not a bit like Wootton Bassett'. I think the people that made these utterances were Moonrakers i.e. born in Wiltshire. Being one myself I know that Moonrakers can't accept that other people can do as good a job as they can!! (Did you note that I used the phrase 'as good' not 'better'?) To be honest we knew that here in West Oxfordshire we could not compete with them as it is a totally different set up; theirs grew naturally, ours had to be organised within weeks.

We just hope and pray that we do not have many of these occasions.

Am I the only one who gets plagued with stupid laws that are introduced by Governments? It seems that I am always moaning about them; perhaps I should become a civil servant and get a job scrapping all the stupid laws that lack common sense and serve no purpose whatsoever. I would certainly be kept busy! On a Sunday in July I went to Church at Lew in the morn-

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of Budgens, and I accept that it is beyond his control; he doesn't write the rules, and he has to work the best that he can within them. I am sure that the civil servant who dreamt that rule up had his reasons, but I certainly cannot fathom it out.

From a chicken house on a farm to a smart new gym in Bampton in just over fifty five years, that is the story of the Bampton Weightlifting Club. We moved into our new premises on

Saturday 1st October. The members can actually have a shower after their workout and go home to their loved ones smelling sweetly for a change. I understand that the really posh members have a shower before they start as well! How decadent is that?

The Club, at their last AGM, have had a change of Officers, the new line up is. President; Don Rouse. Chairman; Ray Fielding. Membership Secretary / Treasurer; Mark Howard.

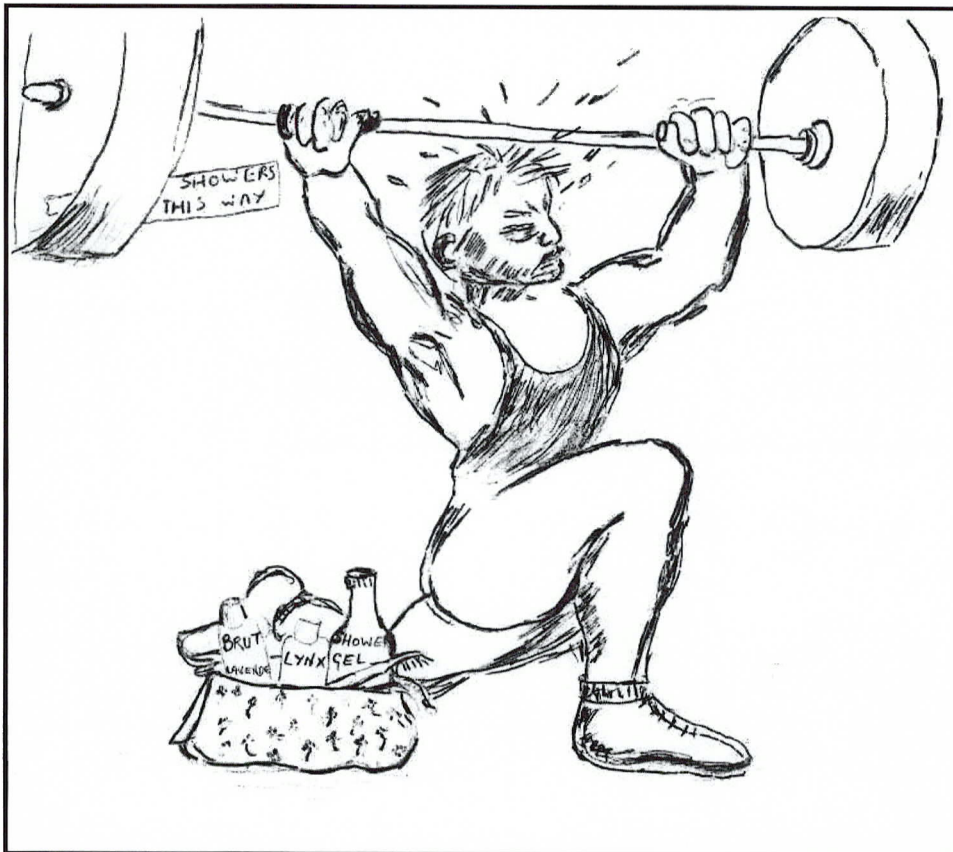
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With the new Boxing Club also in-

stalled at the old school we certainly have a fitness area to be proud of.

The question of 'Site Suitability' is often asked of me and I have to say, 'no', the proper place for these worthwhile pursuits has got to be the Sports Pavilion and this is what all those Bampton people involved in this project wanted, including the Parish Council. We were given two options; option one being what we have now, a Community Building that several of our organisations can share and enjoy, or option two, lose the whole facility. Definitely a 'no brainer'!

My biggest disappointment is that



there aren't any Youth Club uptakes on the facility. All through the planning stages, the County Youth Service representatives were a pain in the backside making all sorts of impossible demands on what were the minimum specifications that they would accept for a Youth Club. We spent hours bending over backwards to appease them and install what they wanted, now they are nowhere to be seen. Bampton needs a Youth Club! There is money and the facilities available to start one, so come on you young 'mums and dads' get going! I know that I keep moaning about the

bureaucracy that is killing farming but never a day goes by without fresh cases being brought to my attention. Take the harmless piece of machinery known as a fertiliser spreader. It usually takes the form of a simple bin on the back of a tractor that holds approximately one ton of fertiliser; underneath is a spinning disc with a trap door to control the rate of flow for spreading. Very similar to the Council Road Salting Lorries, very straight forward and simple to use, yet the government has a great interest in these machines. These machines have to be government tested annually and

certified with a record kept of all the fertiliser that has been applied and where. I am told that the government is concerned that the fertiliser is being spread evenly and the correct amount on an acreage basis. (Sorry I should have used the metric expression Hectare!) Why should the government be concerned about such things? After a lifetime spent in the farming community I can assure everyone that farmers are too tight to waste an expensive com-

modity like artificial fertiliser. I think that the whole thing is more to do with the Civil Service looking after itself than the even spread of manure! Jobs for the boys!

All this poses a question, should I be certified by the Government? Don't answer that yet! Last week my grandson wanted me to plant an acre of grass seed for him. I have sold all my grass seed applicators so thank goodness that my father taught me to sow the old fashion way like they did in Biblical times, a bucket of seed under one arm and working to a rhythm of one step – one hand full of grain cov-

ering one yard to my right and four yards to my left; they didn't have metres in those days! I proceeded to apply the exact amount of seed to the acre. What I want to know now is, if I apply fertiliser to my grandson's land using the same method, will I be chased annually by an army of Civil Servants wishing to measure the size of my hands and my speed of travel along the ground?

We are now approaching winter and judging by the amount of berries on the trees I think that we could be in for another hard winter. The forecasters are saying that it could set in as early as this month - which to me is normal! One of the worst jobs to be done by hand many years ago was harvesting the kale for the cows to eat. The kale would grow to five or six feet tall, and during October, armed with an old fashioned Billhook, we would chop the stems down at about two inches from the ground, making all the ice and snow falling down our necks, we would then have to load it by hand and haul it back to the farm to feed the animals. Another problem in those days of October frosts was that farmers could not afford anti-freeze for their tractor radiators as they held over ten gallons of water, so if a frost was likely, they drained the radiators out the night before. Sometimes though there would be a slip up when a frost was thought unlikely and the next day the tractor engine would be a total 'write off' with the frost splitting the engine in half. It was a hard life wasn't it! How ever did we survive?

Have a good Christmas every one. Keep smiling as that makes people wonder what you've been up to!

GROWING OLD---THE BIG ISSUE

The Dilnot Proposals

By Cllr Don Seale, Oxfordshire County Council

As we live longer, many will become frail and in need of help, but this fact is something many of us set aside to think about later, often too late.

The current situation is that if your health deteriorates and your need for care is assessed as "substantial" you may be eligible to receive County Council assistance with your care needs. You would then receive what is calculated to be an appropriate amount of help. In other words, if you can no longer cope with basic needs you may get help from the County Council if you qualify under a set of "eligibility criteria".

Nowadays the cost of your needs, including residential care, would be assessed and a sum of money allocated for you to buy the help you need.

Sounds good so far but here is the big snag. If you have capital (which includes the value of your house) of more than £23,500, before you get the Council money you will be expected to pay for all the help you need until your money runs out.

Care is very expensive and frequently all the assets are spent quite quickly and only then will the Council step in with money.

But there is hope. Under the recommendations of the recently published Dilnot Committee Report the capital sum you can hold before you have to pay for your help **is raised to £100,000.**

Furthermore, when you have spent about a third of your assets (**up to**

between £25,000 and £50,000) your care is then provided free of charge and paid for by Central Government. This money could be repaid to the Government after your death. If, for example, you own a house and have other capital assets which are left in your will, the Government could take out the appropriate sum spent on you up to the limit described above, and the rest, is left to whoever you have decided are beneficiaries.

In addition to the amount you have to pay for social care if you go into a care home, is your "board and lodging", and this is assessed as about £7000 to £10000 a year which is roughly equivalent to the State Pension, which you would have spent if you lived at home.

Opponents to the Dilnot Report say that:-

The cost to Government, assessed as between £1.5 billion and £2billion a year, is more than the country can afford especially during a financial crisis...

The very rich would benefit disproportionately, and those of us who are not rich should accept the present system and be ready to spend whatever assets we have accrued on our care, if that becomes necessary.

There is no reason why young people, who are often themselves well off, should benefit from their parent's legacy.

Supporters of the Scheme say that:-

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Neighbourhood Policing

By PC 4623 Rich Barnes
Carterton Police Station

The Carterton Neighbourhood Policing Team has undergone some changes over the past few months. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the make up of the revised Carterton Neighbourhood Policing Team.

The team work out of Carterton Police Station and is split into two teams, with Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers working side by side.

The team is managed by Inspector Graham Dix who works out of Witney Police Station. At Carterton the teams are run by Sgt Mags Turner and Sgt Nicole James. The two teams consist of the following officers: PC Claire Sadler, PC Tony Miles, PCSO Colin Davies (Bampton) and PCSO Sara Holmes (Carterton).

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the teams work separate shift patterns to allow better coverage of the area. At the time of writing there is also a Bike Team working out of Carterton, they are managed by Sgt Colin James and the consist of PC's Lorna Hatton Kim Durrant.

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The food and drink stalls are always a big draw at the Forest Fair, and this year's selection included a beer tent, a tea tent, local ice cream and several pig roasts and barbeques.

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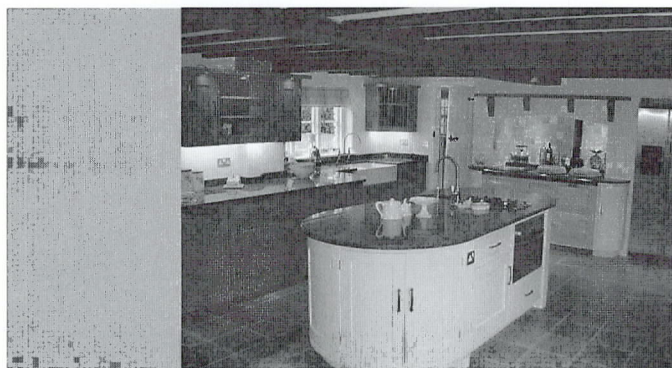
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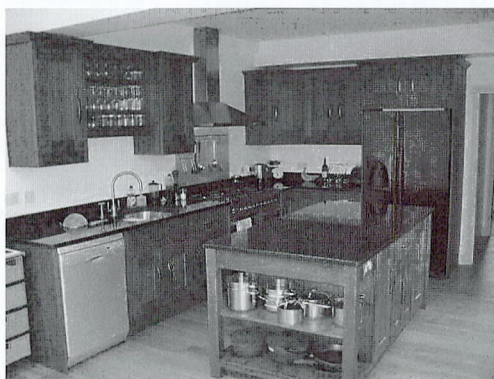
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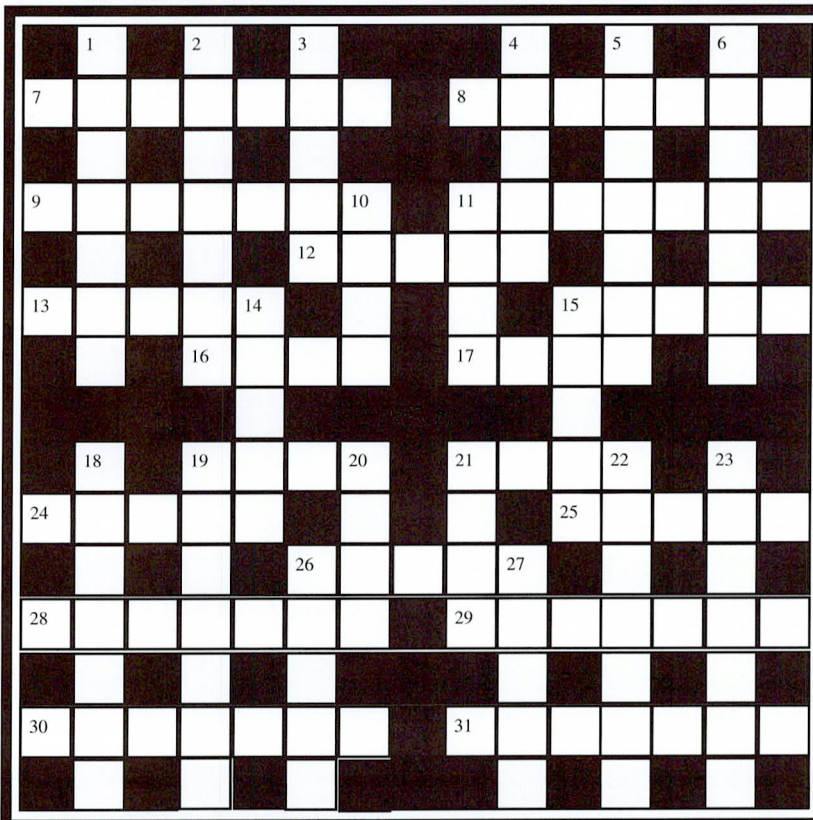
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CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Winter month
- 8 Oxfordshire village
- 9 Many people dislike these!
- 11 A type of loaf
- 12 French sugar!
- 13 Tale or yarn
- 15 Boundary to field
- 16 Narrow wooded valley
- 17 Courts
- 19 Crooked or twisted
- 21 Home to Adam?
- 24 Synthetic fibre
- 25 To long for
- 26 Strong belief
- 28 North American grasshopper
- 29 Three score and ten!
- 30 Religious residence
- 31 Relating to current affairs

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Feels sorrow
- 2 Dessert accompaniment
- 3 Salad vegetable
- 4 Stout wire
- 5 Disagrees with
- 6 Not English
- 10 Melody
- 11 Make tea or beer!
- 14 An Arabian republic
- 15 Bees make this
- 18 Floor show
- 19 Able to float
- 20 An amphibian
- 21 Consumes
- 22 Goddess of vengeance
- 23 Woodwork or metal tool
- 26 Easily angered
- 27 A wading bird

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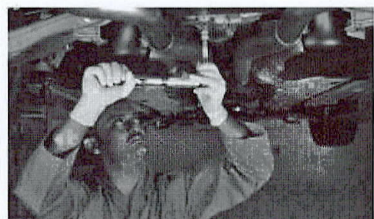
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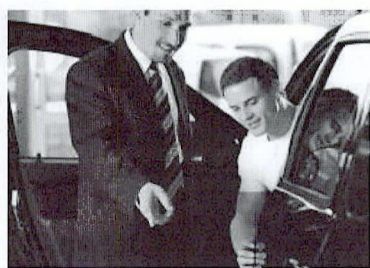
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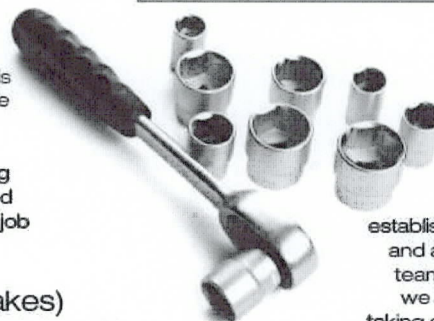
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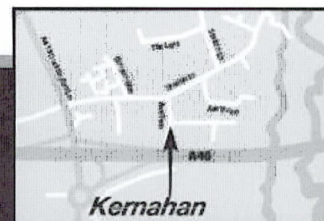


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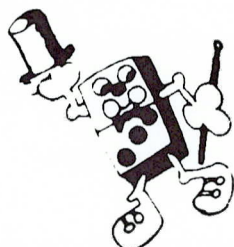
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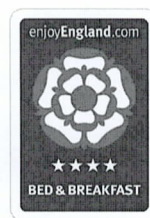
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 5th *Firework Night*, SPAJERS, Recreation Ground
 11th *Josie's Draw*, SPAJERS, Horse Shoe, 8pm.
 15th *Talk on Collectables*, Clanfield & Bampton Historical Society, Carter Institute, 7.30pm
 19th *Coffee Morning*, Gardening Club, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
 23rd *Bingo*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 8pm
 25th *AGM*, Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm

December

- 2nd *Quiz Night*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 16th *Country & Western Dance*, Cancer Research UK, Carterton Social Centre, 8.30pm
 17th *Coffee Morning*, Gardening Club, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
 21st *Candlelit Mozart*, Bampton Classical Opera, St Mary's, 7pm
 22nd *Village Nativity*, St. Mary's Social Committee, St. Mary's, 7pm
 24th *Mummers*, SPAJERS, Village Private and Public Houses, 6pm on

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January

- 28th *January Hop*, St. Mary's Social Committee, St. Mary's, 8pm

March

- 31st *Easter Sale*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 10am – 12 noon
 2nd *AGM*, BEWG, *Talk on Birds*, Village Hall, 8pm

April

- 26th *Open Meeting*, BEWG, *Talk on Farming*, Village Hall, 8pm

May

- 18th *Quiz Night*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 7.30pm

June

- 2nd *The Great Original Shirt Race*, SPAJERS, Market Square, 6.30pm
 4th *Morris Dancing Day*, Village, Early 'til Late
 4th *May Garlands*, Market Square, 11am
 4th *Craft Fair & Refreshments*, Royal British Legion, Village Hall, 9am – 5pm

July

- 26th *Open Meeting*, BEWG, *Talk on Landscapes of Oxfordshire*, Village Hall, 8pm

August

- 25th *Annual Show*, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall, 2.30pm
 27th *Donkey Derby*, SPAJERS, Sandfords, 2pm

September

- 22nd *Autumn Sale*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon

October

- 25th *Open Meeting*, BEWG, *Talk on Maps of Oxfordshire*, Village Hall, 8pm

November

- 21st *Bingo Night*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 7.30pm

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- 7th *Quiz Night*, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 7.30pm
 21st *C&W Dance*, Cancer Research UK, Carterton Social Centre, 8.30pm

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