

BAMPTONIANS

Anyone interested in the history of the village will be struck by the scarcity of identifiable photographs of personalities who were well known locally in past years. In these albums I have tried to remedy this lack to some extent (should the albums survive), for the possible interest of the future by taking informal snaps of people as I met them in Bampton. Since there are something like 1900 of them, I have obviously no chance of completing my task, and you will find missing many people every bit as important as those I have captured. I should be happy to receive suggestions and co-operation in recording more of them.

I have concentrated on people born in the village, those who live and work here, and those who give their services and talents to Bampton. A brief description accompanies each photo, but this can be true only at the time of writing, to record past and present; I have tried to include occupation, approximate address, and Bampton activities. What results is an imperfect impression of the inhabitants as at 1983-4 or thereabouts, but a lot better than nothing, should the record survive for a generation or more.

I hope eventually to leave these albums in the care of a responsible local organisation of long-standing, where they might be consulted by anyone interested, and to add to them as opportunity offers. Additional photos from other people would also be welcome.

Please keep these albums DRY.

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