

# MORRIS DANCING—600 YEARS

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MORRIS DANCING is more than an occasional weekend pastime in Bampton — it has been a part of village history for 600 years.

And this history is crammed full with dispute and colourful events for as far back as anyone has been able to trace it,

It contributed to a united and competitive feeling in Bampton that is perhaps unique in the Cotswolds.

There are two Morris

teams in Bampton, the Morrismen and Traditional Morrismen, the result of a dramatic split in the original team 55 years ago.

Between then these two Morris teams squired by Arnold Woodley and Francis Shergold have carried the Bampton dance to the corners of Britain and soon will be taking it to the United States.

Bampton is accepted to be the only village or town in England where dancing has gone on continuously from the day it was born.

Memories of the dances and dancers were passed down by word of mouth and example before both sets of teams began gathering records from photographs and newspaper articles,

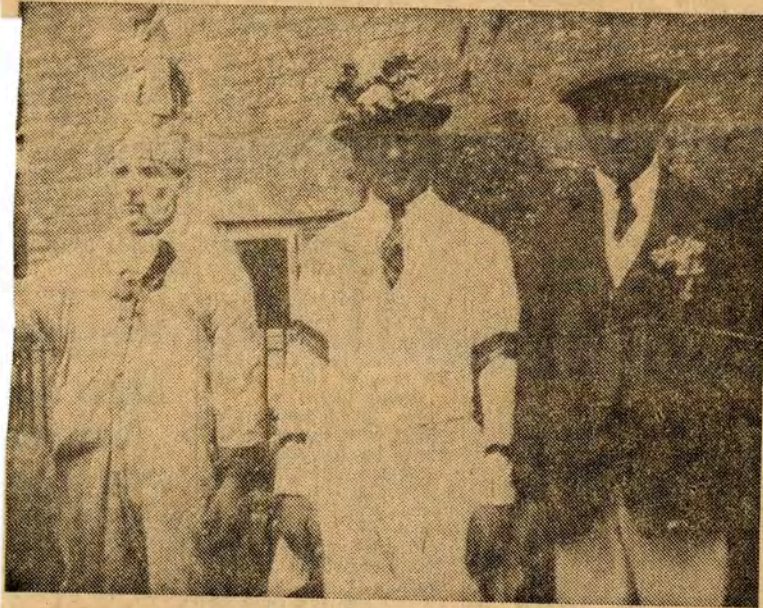
## SOUVENIRS

Arnold Woodley's Honeymoon Cottage is crammed full of pictures, trophies, souvenirs and old fiddles of Bampton Morris throughout the centuries.

"Jingy" Wells is the Jekyl and Hyde character of local Morris — the dancer and fiddler who did so much for the dance but engineered the split of the team in 1924.

Articles have said "Jingy" was a self-appointed leader of the team but other dancers were not keen on accepting him.

He has been accused of betraying the novel Bampton dance to another village team, of adapting old tunes and dances that were so much part of Bampton's tradition,



THREE of Arnold Woodley's uncles all members of the same 1920's

## OF HISTORY AT BAMPTON

During one torrid argument in neighbouring Clanfield, "Jingy's" violin was cracked in two — it is now repaired and has pride of place on Arnold Woodley's sideboard.

But the fiddler has also been attributed with bringing the Morris dance into this century and re-inforcing Bampton's tradition.

### "SPLUTTERED"

When the split occurred the old Bampton team spluttered a little without a fiddler or enough dances. For a few years they folded up before Arnold Woodley, a true Bamp-

tonian, secured the services of a Carterton fiddler and the Traditional Morris Men were back on the road.

One of the most substantial claims the Traditionals have that they are the direct descendants of the Bampton Morris is in the character of Albert "Son" Townsend, the only member in the team before the split still dancing in the village.

The Traditionals have tried to pull on the memories of "Son" and others locals to keep the Bampton Morris intact.

"Son" is the fool of

the team, Albert the squire and fiddler and they are both born and bred of Bampton families.

Francis Shergold's men are the direct descendants of "Jingy" and they have built their dance on the foundations laid by that great character of dance.

For a period they were the only dancing team in Bampton.

### STILL SIMMERS

The dispute still simmers 55 years later, although the feeling between the teams has improved dramatically from the early quasi-violent stage.

The split may have done harm to the unity of Bampton Morris but the competition has done no harm at all for publicity, determination, interest and the standard of local dancing.

The days have changed from when teams performed on the traditional Whit Monday and the Saturday before, and hung up their costumes for the rest of the year.

They are now invited to a variety of functions all over the country.

Interest seems to have been revived locally with a string of

reserves and youth teams backing up the dancers.

While towns and villages begin to realise what they have lost and try to re-form Morris teams, Bampton have the warmth of an unbroken past behind them.

The photographs used are mostly from Mr. Arnold Woodley's collection.

Next week we look at the origins of the Morris dance, the stories of two men who between them have clocked up 99 years dancing and the national association. The Morris Ring.





A DANCE between the showers for the 19 80 Morris Men at this year's Charlbury fair,





**BAMPTON fiddlers from past and present.**  
Fiddler Sam Bennett tunes up his instrument  
50 years ago while (below) Arnold Woodley,  
the team's present squire and fiddler,  
poses for a photograph eight years ago.







**A TEAM from the 1880's with fiddler "Jingy" or "Jinky" Wells and a fool in the costume wearing a different outfit from the one worn at present (see next week),**





**BAMPTON MORRIS** perform outside the Elephant and Castle in Bridge Street, Bampton in 1938. The pub at one time belonged to the father of Albert "Son" Townsend who still dances with the Morris. "Son" is dancing on the left of the main group, Arnold Woodley is the second



# BATS IN THE NIGHT

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Some of the youth club members who took part in the 24-hour table tennis marathon at Bampton youth club over the weekend. Picture: ATHAR CHAUDHRY

The ping-pong pennies came rolling in for Bampton Youth Club at the weekend.

But now the club is hoping that the £300 raised from a 24 hour table tennis marathon does not get lost in a hefty rates bill.

Twenty club youngsters saw through the small hours of Sunday morning with bats in hand.

But they had plenty of support during the 24 hours as parents and friends came to watch. There were also "celebrity" matches with local councillors, publicans and village "bobby" PC George Blackwell and fireman Frank Godwin taking part.

The marathon was in Bampton's Old School House which the village aims to turn into a fully-

equipped community centre.

The building ceased being used as a school in July and youth club leader Mr John Coombes says Oxfordshire County Council may decide not to pay the £1,000 a year rates bill from next year.

"It would be a shame because we need every penny we can get to bring the place up to scratch," said Mr Coombes.

The council's education sub-committee will have to decide whether to make an exception of the Bampton centre.

Mr Coombes fears that because the building is also used by local, uniformed organisations like the scouts and guides, the county council may charge some, if not all, the rates bill on them.

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# Tanya is tops!

**There's no denying little Tanya Newland could turn a few heads in admiration.**

**And that's just what she did at the weekend when out of 30 entrants, nine-year-old Tanya (above), was crowned as Bampton's first junior May Queen.**

**Tanya, of 35 Chandler Close, is a pupil at Bampton primary school, and is a horse - riding fanatic.**

**Among the judges to be won over by her irresistible smile was Miss ATV 1980 finalist, Miss Naomi Delaney.**

**The contest took place at a disco held by the Bampton Pumpkin Club on Friday evening.**

**One of Tanya's first duties is to be queen for a day at Bampton's annual street fair on May 5.**

**● Story by JAYNE BELCHER**

**● Picture by PETER FARR**





**SUCKING** their way through Bank Holiday Monday at Bampton Fair, were Bampton Cubs, Jonathan Smee (9), Simon Smith (10) and Stuart Milne (10½).



**PLEASED** with their find at Bampton Fair last Monday were two new 'mothers', five- and six-year-old Clair and Kelly Welch.

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# BAMPTON

**Gourd Growers** — The annual competition between Bampton, Cumnor and Standlake for the heaviest marrow and pumpkins has resulted with Bampton winning all three trophies for the first time since the competition began some 8-9 years ago! The marrow competition was decided at the Bampton Horticultural Society Autumn Show on October 4 with Bampton winning the Arnold Woodley Cup. On October 13 at an Inn in Cumnor pumpkins from all three villages were carefully weighed with the following results: Bampton's five pumpkins weighed 285lbs; their 3 pumpkins weighed 177lb; Standlake five 265lbs; three 146lbs; Cumnor five 168lbs; three 128lbs.



**Wives Club.** Members of the Wives Club met in the W.I. hall for their October meeting where they were welcomed by chairman Mrs. D. Peck who introduced Mrs. Barnes of Faringdon who gave a talk about the work of the National Trust. She showed a good selection of slides showing a variety of places of local and historical interest and she was thanked by Mrs. Lynne Evans for a most interesting evening. The talk stimulated great interest in the places shown and several members proposed visits in the near future. The monthly competition was won by Mrs. D. Green, Mrs. Cavanagh and Mr. T. Mulligan and refreshments served by committee members were enjoyed during the social time. At the next meeting on Nov. 18 the guest speaker will be Mr. John Hamilton of Burford who will talk about antiques. All interested persons will be welcomed.



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**Mothers' Union.** —  
Members of the Mothers' Union of the parish of Bampton-with-Clanfield met in St. Mary's Church, Bampton on Tuesday afternoon where a service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Derek Frost, who gave a talk about "Prayer". Afterwards the ladies made their way to the Old Grammar school where they held the annual general meeting. Enrolling member Mrs. Betty Cooper was thanked for all she had done for the group during the past year and was unanimously re-elected to serve for the coming year. The following were elected to serve on the committee — Mrs. A. Frost, Mrs. Featherstone, Mrs. R. Gerring, Mrs. E. Gordon, Mrs. L. Wells and Mrs. E. Wheeler. The afternoon ended with refreshments served by ladies of the committee.



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**THREE HUNDRED** dolls were on show at the "Molly Cole's doll collection", at Bampton Fair last Monday. Her collection dates from 1876-1980. Pictured with some of their favourite dolls were Mrs. Molly Cole and her daughter, Mrs. Stephanie Hubbard.





KEEPING it in the family last Saturday was Mrs. Ruth Wheeler, whose Easter bonnet won the ladies class in the Bampton Easter Bonnet competition, and her son-in-law, Adrian Dunsby, who won the men's class.



LIZ AVENT, writer of The Standard's Woman's Page, was one of the judges last Saturday at the Bampton Pumpkin Club's annual Easter Bonnet competition. With her were the winners of the two children's classes, 5-year-old Ivan Lomas from Carterton, and 8-year-old Julian Evans from Hailey. The Easter Bonnet competition is just one of the Bampton Pumpkin Club's charity fund raising events, the biggest even being the 2nd annual Street Fair, to be held on May Day, May 5.



# <sup>April 11 1980</sup> Easter bonnets at Bampton

This year's Easter Bonnet competition at Bampton, organised by the Bampton Pumpkin Club in aid of local pensioners, was better than ever, with more and better entrants displaying creations both artistic and amusing.

Crowds gathered in the car park in the centre of the town to watch the judging by Liz Avent, fashion editress of the West Oxfordshire Standard, and Major Robert Colville of Weald Manor who had no easy task. Master of ceremonies was Mr. Frank Piercey, the club's treasurer and the judging got off to a good start in warm sunshine.

The first class was for the tines up to six years of age and very sweet and rather self-conscious they all looked. Easter eggs were awarded to: 1 Ivan Lomas, 2 Lucy Bourne, with small gifts for all entrants. In the 7-12 years class Julian Evans was the winner with his "bird's nest" creation, whilst Alison Carter was runner-up.

There were some lovely hats in the ladies' section and judging proved almost too difficult for the gallant Major, but finally it was agreed that Mrs. Ruth Wheeler was the winner. Cheers went up as the brave entrants in the men's class lined up, all wearing their

creations with distinction — the No. 1 chosen being Mr. Adrian Dunsby.

There was an innovation this year for a class for dogs, and this provided great amusement with dogs of all sizes and breeds including an "invisible" dog on a

lead which behaved outrageously to the other animals. Prizes were awarded to Mr. Arnold Woodley and his dog Bonnie, to Emma Carter and (3) Mr. Roy Hewitt and his invisible hound. Collections were taken for the pensioners' funds.

## BAMPTON

### Darby and Joan Club.

—Members of the Darby and Joan Club organised a coffee morning with bring and buy stalls on Friday in the Town Hall. This was most successful with many attractive goods on offer made by members including some fine soft toys which were quickly sold.

### Women's League.

—Recently 23 members of the Bampton Baptist Women's League travelled with members of the Cote circuit of Baptist churches to Bourton-on-the-Water for a Rally of ladies representing Baptist meetings in Oxfordshire and East Gloucestershire. Miss Mary Witt of Bampton was completing her year as President of the League, having served during the previous year as Deputy President.

**Legion Ladies.**—There was a change of routine for members of the Women's Section of the Bampton branch of the Royal British Legion, when instead of holding

a normal March meeting in the Town Hall, it was agreed to hold the annual dinner party. A mini-bus and cars took the ladies to Filkins where dinner awaited them at an hotel, and this was voted a great success.

### Bampton Gardeners.

—There are plenty of keen gardeners in Bampton and a good number of them are already looking ahead to the season of Show time. Amongst these are members of the Bampton and District Horticultural Society whose committee have two big shows to stage.

To help with the cost of the staging and provision of the many cups and trophies to be won it was decided to hold a sale of goods on Saturday afternoon in the WI hall. This raised £60 for which chairman Mr. J. Snooks is most grateful to all who helped. Show schedules will be available shortly and may be obtained from any member of the committee.





MRS. MARILYN YOUNG surrounded by her beautifully hand made soft toys on sale at Bampton Fair.

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# BAMPTON MAY QUEEN

This year's May Queen at Bampton Street Fair will be nine-year old Tania Newland of 35 Chandlers Close, Bampton.

Tania was chosen from over 30 competitors at a Disco held recently by the village Pumpkin Club in aid of funds for local pensioners.

Amongst the judges were Miss Naomi Delaney this year's Miss Oxford and semi-finalist in the Miss ATV competition and a bold sea farer known as 'Cap'n Adams'.

The contents of the pirate's treasure chest, of over £50, will be donated to the Street Fair Draw on May 5.

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**THE DARBY AND JOAN CLUB**, Bampton, held a coffee morning in the Town Hall on Friday, to round off their week of fund-raising events to raise money for their annual Christmas party. Main organisers and helpers were, left to right, Mrs. Molly Kavanagh (committee member), Mrs. Sheila Brookson, Mrs. Francis Henly (chairman) and Mrs. Elizabeth George.





**"LOVING MOTHER"** Mark Constable (10) giving a pat on the head to "Baby Son", Craig Sarahs (10) at the Ba mpton Shirt Race.



# MAGNIFICENT EXHIBITS AT BAMPTON

THE BAMPTON annual summer show was held on Saturday in the W.I. Hall and as usual some magnificent exhibits were staged. The gladioli, roses and pot plant sections were particularly fine, as were carrots, peas and cabbages, but the weather had taken its toll in one or two sections, notably the dahlias.

The children's classes were all of a very high standard and attracted much admiration. Exhibits were judged by Mr. Boyles and Mr. Wooldrige (flowers, fruit and veg) and Mrs. Wiltshire who judged the children's cookery and handicraft sections. Cups and trophies were presented by the society's president, Lady Anne Montagu, who spoke of her delight in seeing so many fine vegetables and flowers grown by local people. She was thanked by the chairman, Mr. John Snook.

Cup and trophies were won by: Lady Anne Montagu Cup for overall points, Mr. Robert Stock; runners-up cup, Mr. Jack Horne; vice-presidents' cup for deserving exhibit, Miss Tracy Winfield; Heane Hammond Rose Bowl, Mrs. Baxter; Percy Bowerman Cup for Gladioli, Mr. F. Truman; Frank Collett Cup, Mrs. T. Mulligan; Stan Hawkins Silver Salver for Vegetable Collection, Mr. R. Stock; Henry Bone Memorial Cup for Potted Begonia, Mr. John Husselbee; Reg Pratley Cup for Cottagers Collection, Mr. J. Smith; Andrew Pierce Cup for carnations, Mr. G. Winfield; John Smith Cup for cucumbers, Mr. L. King; Bampton Horticultural Cup, Mr. G. Winfield; Mrs. L. Rogers Memorial Cup (overall points for children), Jane-Ann Thomson.

Asters, 1 A. Woodley, 2 D. Rockcliffe, 3 F. Truman. Carnations, 1 G. Winfield, 2 Mrs. B. Collett, 3 D. Rockcliffe. Collections of annuals, 2 H. E. Timms, 3 G. Winfield. Cactus dahlias, 2 J. Horne, 3 L. King. Decorative dahlias, 1 L. King, 2 H. Hampton, 3 H. E. Timms. Roses, 1 Mrs. R. Baxter, 2 D. Radburn, 3 Mrs. B. Collett. Sweet peas, 1 D. Rockcliffe, 2 Mrs. R. Henly, 3 R. Henly. Potted begonia, 1 J. Husselbee, 2 D. Rockcliffe, 3 R. Stock. Pansies, 1 Mrs. C. Rockcliffe, 2 H. Timms, Mrs. V. Elward. Gladioli, 1 F. Truman, 2 G. Winfield, 3 R. Shergold. pot plant, 1 Mrs. F. Hudson, 2 A. Woodley, 3 Mrs. A. Tanner.

Beans, long pod, 1 R. Stock, 2 J. Horne, 3 D. Rockcliffe. Broad beans, 1 R. Stock, 2 D. Benfield, 3 Mrs. H. Pickard. French beans, 2 J. Horne, 3 H. Hampton. Runner beans, 1 S. Hawkins, 2 P. Thomson, 3 J. Horne. Beetroot (round), 1 J. Horne, 2 S. Hawkins, 3 A. Woodley. Beetroot (long), 1 H. Timms. Cabbage, 1 L. King, 2 R. Stock, 3 S. Hawkins. Carrots, short, 1 R. Stock, 2 J. Horne, 3 G. Winfield. Carrots, long, 1 R.

Stock, 2 J. Horne, 3 D. Rockcliffe. Cauliflower, 1 R. Stock, 2 G. Winfield, 3 D. Radburn. Celery, 1 R. Stock. Lettuce (cos), 1 J. Horne, 2 Mrs. V. Elward. Lettuce (cabbage), 1 P. Trinder, 2 R. Cook, 3 H. Hampton. Onions from sets, 1 F. Truman, 2 H. Timms, 3 J. Horne. Onions from seed, 1 R. Stock, 2 H. Timms, 3 G. Winfield. Peas, 1 G. Winfield, 2 Mrs. H. Pickard, 3 H. Hampton. Potatoes (kidney), 1 P. Thomson, 2 R. Shergold, 3 S. Hawkins. Potatoes (round), 1 G. Winfield, 2 R. Stock, 3 J. Horne. Potatoes (3 varieties), 1 R. Stock, 2 J. Horne, 3 H. Timms. Shallots, 1 F. Truman, 2 R. Stock, 3 H. Timms. Radish, 2 P. Trinder, 3 Mrs. B. Collett. Cucumbers (frame), 1 L. King, 2 G. Winfield, 3 J. Smith. Tomatoes, 1 H. Timms, 2 Mrs. R. Baxter, 3 R. Shergold. Rhubarb, 1 R. Shergold, 2 H. Hargreaves, 3 F. Truman. Marrows, 1 R. Stock, 2 H. Hampton, 3 P. Trinder. Turnips, 2 J. Lloyd, 3 J. Horne. Leeks, 1 R. Stock. Collection of veg., 1 R. Stock.

Cottagers Collection of veg., 1 J. Smith, 2 D. Radburn, 3 F. Cook. Longest bean, Mrs. B. Collett. Longest cucumber, Mr. Phillips. Parsnip (longest whip), S. Hawkins. Heaviest potato, Mr. Thomson. Freak veg., R. Stock.

Flower arrangement, 1 Mrs. H. Pickard, 2 Mrs. R. Cook, 3 Mrs. Garrett. Arrangement 1ft square, 1 Mrs. T. Mulligan, 2 Mrs. H. Pickard, 3 Mrs. R. Henly. Posy (4in), 1 Miss A. Collett, 2 Mrs. H. Pickard, 3 R. Henly.

Knitted or crocheted garment, 1 Mrs. M. Beavis, 2 Mrs. A. Hudson, 3 Mrs. M. Hastie.

Fruit cake, 1 Mrs. H. Pickard, 3 Mrs. E. Chambers. Plain cake, 1 Mrs. H. Pickard, 2 Mrs. E. Chambers. Victoria sponge, 1 Mrs. S. Thomson, 2 Mrs. F. Witt, 3 Mrs. V. Elward. Jam tarts, 1 Miss M. Pullen, 2 Miss A. Collett, 3 Mrs. R. Ferguson. Novelty cake, 1 Mrs. M. Snook, 3 Mrs. S. Thomson, 3 Mrs. V. Elward. h.c. Mrs. Hampton. Ploughman's lunch, 1 Mrs. S. Rockcliffe, 2 Mrs. Garrett, h.c. Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. M. Snook. Dessert apples, 1 R. Shergold, 2 Mrs. Chambers, 3 Mrs. F. Cook. Cooking apples, 1 Mrs. R. Baxter, 2 S. Hawkins, 3 H. Hampton. Dish of any other fruit, 1 Miss A. Collett, 2 G. Winfield, 3 Mrs. Collett.

Flower heads on plate, Lorraine Snook, 2 Tracy Garrett, 3 Adam Newman. Collage, 1 Matthew Jones, 2 Adam Newman, 3 Luke Newman. Animal made from veg., 1 Matthew Jones, 2 Keith Winfield, 3 Tracy Garrett. Sketch or painting, 1 Matthew Jones, 2 Tracy Garrett, 3 Anabel Newman. Fancy cakes, 1 Adam Newman, 2 Matthew Jones, 3 Christine Evans.

**11 years and over up to 16.** Six small cakes, 1 Nichole Ferguson, 2 Victoria Jones, 3 Jane-Ann Thomson. Specimen of needlework, 1 Jane-Ann Thomson, 2 Joanne Adams. Collage, 1 Jane-Ann Thomson, 2 Victoria Jones. Painting or sketch, 1 Jane-Ann Thomson, 2 Victoria Jones. Flower arrangement 6in x 6in, 1 Joanne Adams, 2 Victoria Jones.

**Handicrafts open to all.** Model made from any material, 1 Victoria Jones, 2 Adam Newman, 3 Luke Newman. Hand made toy, 1 Mrs. F. Witt, 2 Julie Preston, 3 Miss M. Witt. Painting, Julie Preston.

**Produce, preserves and wines.** Jam, 1 Miss M. Howse, 2 Mrs. J. Green, 3 Mrs. Garrett. Bottled fruit, 1 Mrs. H. Pickard, 2 Mrs. E. Chambers. Pickled eggs, 2 Mrs. E. Chambers. Home-made wine, 1 Miss M. Howse, 2 Miss H. Kent, 3 Mrs. Green. Home produced eggs, 1 Mr. J. Horne, 2 Mrs. E. Chambers, 3 Mr. G. Winfield.

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

**Under 11 years.** Miniature garden, 1 Luke Newman, 2 Paul Garrett, 3 Adam Newman.



# Numismatic Society

There were some interesting coins on display at the November meeting of the Bampton and District Numismatic Society in the George and Dragon Inn.

After welcoming members the chairman Mr. Ted Winfield acted as question master in a quiz about the coins on show. On display were shilling pieces from the reigns of Charles 1st, Elizabeth 1st, James 1st and Philip and Mary, penny pieces of William 1st, a threepenny bit of Charles 1st and groats from the reigns of Henry VIII, Charles 1st and Edward 6th.

Mrs. Ileane Hammond provided refreshments which were much enjoyed and she was thanked by Mr. Winfield.

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DAUFIAN OFFICIALS 1987



**CHARLES WILLMER and William Maughan, with some of the toys offered by helpers Isabel Collins and Emma Fison during the Burford and Bampton Red Cross bazaar at Carterton Community Centre.**





DISPLAYING hand-made clowns for sale on Saturday, at the bazaar held in aid of the Bampton and Burford Centre of the British Red Cross Society, was Director for the Oxfordshire branch of the British Red Cross, Mrs. Gill (right) and Mrs. Isobel Collins. The toys were made by Old Age Pensioner, Mrs. Annie Faulkner, of Brize Norton.

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DISPLAYING some of the produce on sale in the annual Christmas Bazaar held in aid of the St. Mary's Church, Bampton, Fabric Fund were Church members, left to right, Mrs. Frances Henly, Mrs. Joyce Lee, Mrs. Meryl Gregory, Mrs. Margaret Edwards and Mrs. Hil da Pickard (lay chairman),

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**RESIDENTS** of Lavender Square flats, Bampton, who are members of the local Darby and Joan Club with some of the donated hand-made toys that were on sale at their coffee morning on Friday.



# BAMPTON

**Mothers' Union.**—The monthly meeting of the Mothers' Union of the parish of Bampton-with-Clanfield was held in the Old Grammar School, Bampton when members were welcomed by the Enrolling Member Mrs. Betty Cooper who led a short service. An interesting talk was given by guest speaker the Rev. F. Johnson of Standlake who told about some of his experiences whilst serving as an army chaplain. Refreshments were served by ladies of the committee.

**Wives Club.**—Members of the Wives Club had a most successful evening meeting in the Womens Institute hall when their guest speaker was Mr. John Hamilton of Burford (and the local district councillor). A fascinating collection of items ranging from simple every-day articles to objects of much greater value was displayed by Mr. Hamilton who explained why each was a collectors' item. He also gave much information about the age, use and value of various household objects taken by members and explained the best way for members to begin to collect items of interest. The monthly competition winners were Mrs. M. Harris, Mrs. T. Mulligan, Mrs. D. Green, Mrs. A. Irvin and Mrs. A. Roach. The evening ended with a social time during which refreshments were served by ladies of the committee.

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**Show secretary Betty Collett didn't win any prizes with her marrow.  
(Picture: Sue Chapman)**





### MR. P. O. WALSH AND MISS J. L. WARREN

St. Joseph's Church, Carterton, was the venue recently for the wedding of Miss Janet Lucy Warren and Mr. Patrick Oliver Walsh.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Warren of Cote, near Aston, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs. P. Walsh and the late Mr. Walsh of Bampton.

Father Armishaw conducted the service and Mr. David Rose was the best man.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a full-length cream dress and lace veil and carried a bouquet of peach and cream flowers.

She was attended by her niece, Miss Melanie Warren, and the bridegroom's niece, Miss Sally-Anne Cotton, who wore peach and cream coloured dresses and carried matching flowers.

A reception for 90

guests was held at the WI hall, Bampton, and the couple left to honeymoon in North Wales.

The bridegroom, who is a member of Bampton Morris dancers,

works as a storeman for Peter Geekie Pools of Oxford and the bride is manageress of Oxford and Bristol stores, Swindon.

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# DRAMA WORKSHOP FOR YOUNGSTERS

BAMPTON TOWN Hall, the home of the West Oxfordshire Arts Association, resounded last week to the sounds of some 25 youngsters taking part in a drama workshop.

The activities were organised by local drama student Peter Phillips and two friends from his London college.

Subsidised by the Arts Association and consequently with free admission, the week of events culminating in plays put on before parents, attracted a large number of local five to 12-year-olds.

It involved the children in some quite complicated acting, song and dance work.

Peter, whose mother Mrs. Susan Phillips lives in Bampton, has completed his first year with the Italia Conti Stage School in London.

Two fellow students from London, Adam Wright and Nicola Standewick who both live in

Birmingham came down last week to help with the workshop.

Nicola is particularly involved with voice production, Adam like Peter is mainly concerned with the acting.

Between them they channelled the tremendous enthusiasm and considerable talent the children showed into a series of plays put on before parents in the beautiful surroundings of Mrs. Phillips house in Lavender Square.

It all kept the youngsters well occupied from 10 to 12 noon and from 2 to 4 p.m. throughout the week in the middle of the long summer holidays.

Peter, Adam and Nicola offered their services

to Bampton free. They hope that working with children will help their drama courses and Peter sees this as his bit towards the community.

Mrs. Phillips provided accommodation for all three whilst they were in Bampton.

It could well be that the local area will see quite a lot more of Peter Phillips and his Grown Up Kids Theatre Company in the coming years.

The company of drama students that have performed before audiences at Oxford, Chipping Norton and Bampton are considering whether to turn professional and form a fully fledged travelling theatre once drama school is over.



GETTING to grips with his students last week is Peter Phillips (19), No. 1 Theatre student from the Italia Conti Stage School in London, helping out at the Children's Workshop, Bampton. Luella Keeble (5) (left) and Candy Westman (6).





A SCENE from the "Bremen Town Musicians", which was shown last Friday to the parents of children who took part in the Children's Drama Workshop, held at the Bampton Arts Centre.



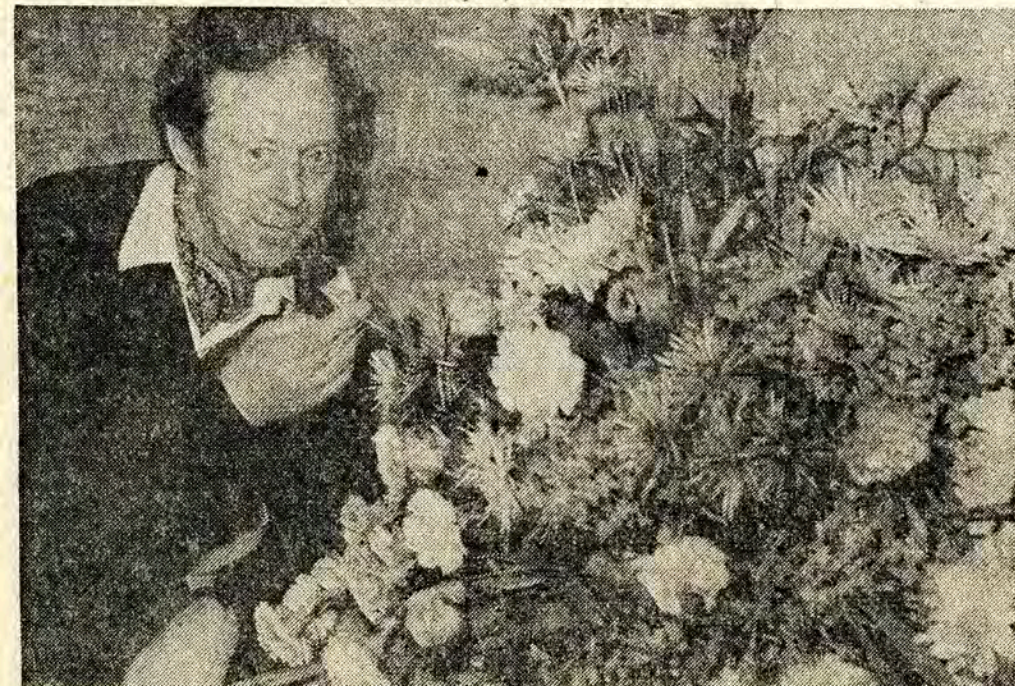


**CHILDREN** who took part in the Children's Theatre Workshop at Bampton last week, dressed in home-made costumes to depict their play "Little Red Riding Hood".





**WATERING** the blooms on display at St. Mary's Church, Bampton, on Saturday, was one of the main helpers, Mrs. Grace Eeles.



**ADMIRING** one of the exhibits at the Bampton Flower Festival, on Saturday, was Mr. Mac Sweeney from Witney.





MRS. ELIZABETH GEORGE, one of the general helpers at St. Mary's Church, Bampton, adding final touches to her flower arrangement before the Flower Festival last week.



THE Bampton Flower Festival in aid of the Church Restoration Fund, was a splendid occasion due partly to a wedding in the afternoon, for which the bulk of the flowers added towards the occasion. Left to right, Mrs. Anne Stevens, Mrs. Sarah Evans (sacristan) and Mrs. Grace Eales (chief organiser), with one of the flower displays.