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AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE

GOOD PLANNING CONTROL - that is the powers of the local planning authority (West Oxfordshire District Council in our case) to permit or prohibit a proposed development in a town, village or the countryside within its jurisdiction - is the basis of environmental wellbeing. If it is effectively exercised it can prevent unsuitable additions to, changes in or, where it is a question of tree felling or building demolition, detracting from an existing satisfactory environment.

Unfortunately this valuable democratic process of law appears better on paper than in actual performance "more honoured in the breach than in the observance" because the procedures for implementing it are unwieldy, slow in

operation and of latter years apt to favour the developer rather than the forces opposing his scheme i.e. the local residents and their representatives. Bampton has over the past years seen many incidences of planning failure and both local residents and those on the Parish Council have felt more and more thwarted and frustrated as unsuitable buildings are erected in materials and styles that do not blend in with their neighbours. That Bampton is a conservation area seems to make little difference. Even planning laws as they stand can be interpreted to suit the situation as has recently happened with the establishment of a gipsy caravan site in Weald Street.

This venture was undertaken without planning permission and in the face of vigorous opposition

from local residents, BEWG, the Parish Council and our representatives on the District and County Councils. On completion of the site an application for retrospective planning permission was submitted, countered by the District Council with two Enforcement Notices (they could not be served until a planning application had been received). This in turn provoked an Appeal which was heard at a Public Inquiry on 20th September 1990, when the Inspector of the Department of the Environment (set up to arbitrate between the differing claims of District Council and the developer) declared in favour of the latter by quashing the Enforcement Notices and granting permission for the plan.

In the leadup to this decision the Inspector's Report stated that

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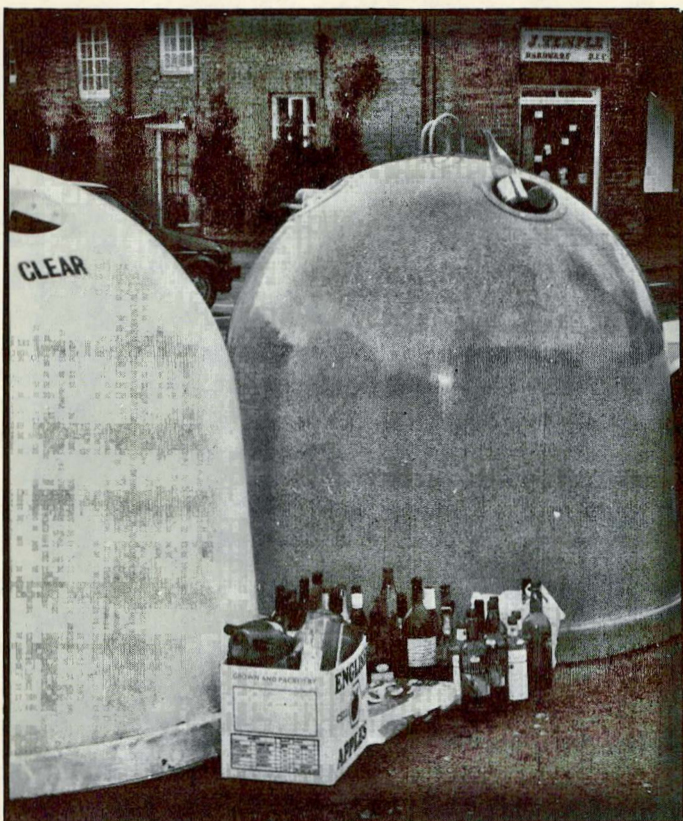


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RECYCLING The Dilemma



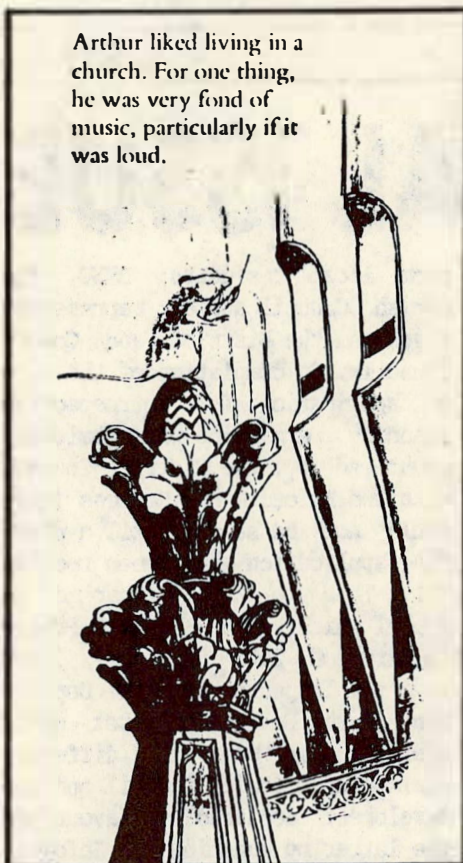
RECYCLING of packaging materials has at long last become a normal thing to do, not just a minority obsession! We can no longer continue creating huge mountains of rubbish and wasting precious raw materials. The general public is more than willing to play its part as can be seen by the popularity of the now familiar Bottle Banks. The same is true of waste paper collections and can banks. There is money in re-cycling and Local Authorities - and therefore Poll Tax/Community Charge payers - can benefit from this practice.

The main problem is the siting of collection points. In larger towns the carparks of Supermarkets have proved to be well suited but what about small towns and villages particularly in conservation areas? The Bottle Banks in the Market Square in Bampton cannot be said to enhance its appearance especially when, as frequently happens, the green bin overflows!!

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Church Mice to the Rescue

Arthur liked living in a church. For one thing, he was very fond of music, particularly if it was loud.



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There have been many donations of amounts ranging from £1000 to the 'Widower's Mite' and all have contributed to the gratifying total of £12,733. Perhaps the most appropriate fundraising effort was the sale of 44 sugar mice which raised £6.00. The Organ Appeal Committee extends its grateful thanks to everyone who has responded so far (see Letters to the Editor). In order to reach the target of £20,000 the following events have been planned by the Committee and your support is again requested, watch out for posters and further details.

Sunday, 21st April GARDENS OPEN
Visit Weald Manor, Bampton Manor,
Bampton House, The Anchorage, The
Grange, Grayshott House, Westbrook,
and 3 Broad Street from 2 to 5.30pm
and enjoy a traditional tea in the
comfort of The Studio, Weald Manor

Wednesday, 1st May BRIDGE DRIVE
Bampton House 6.30 for 7.00pm
Tickets: £9.00 (includes supper)
from Mrs J Parrish Tel: 850564

Saturday, 11th May **COFFEE MORNING**
10.00 to 12.00 Mrs Phipps,
Upper Haddon Farm, Brize Norton

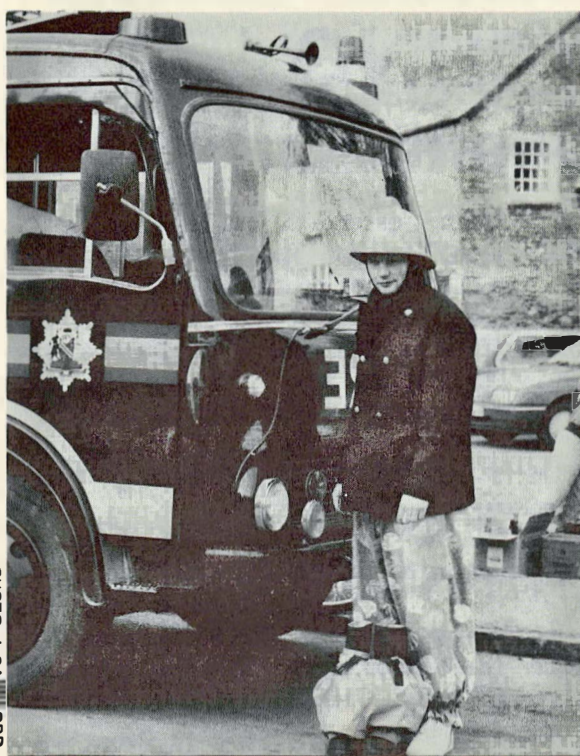
Saturday, 1st June SALE OF HERBS
Vivienne Trusler - Herb Gardens
10.00am to 3.00pm at Bushey House

Thursday 13th June LECTURE/RECITAL
on Medieval musical instruments
by Dr Mary Remnant at Weald Manor
7.30pm (see Arts Page)
Tickets: £5 from The Cotton Club
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Saturday, 22nd June HARPSICHRD
RECTAL by Dr Martin Souter
 Bampton House 7.30pm
 Tickets £20 (includes supper)
 from Mrs Rose Tel: 850135
 Early booking recommended as
 accomodation is limited.

**Sunday, 21st July GRAND DRAW and
LUNCH at Weald Manor 12.30pm.**
Tickets: £10 available from
Dr Rose Tel: 850135 or
Mrs Colville Tel: 850224
Grand Draw - Many excellent prizes!
Tickets: 50p each available from
Dr Rose, Health Care, & The Gallery

CONGRATULATIONS TO BAMPTON FIREMEN



Bampton Firemen, some in fancy dress, collected the amazing sum of £1830 for the Children in Need Appeal on one Saturday in November 1990.

Taking part were:-
Richard Cooper (left)
Steve Pearce (right)
Jim Smith "
John Shuker "
John Sapsford
Frank Godwin
Tom Papworth
Charlie Hewer
Brian Kew
& Pete Beckley.



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A HELPING HAND for the VILLAGE HALL

France Cole, who so sadly died in December, was not only a loyal member of the W.I for many years but also a founder member of the Committee which took over the management of the W.I. Hall in 1985 and transformed it into the Village Hall. After 60 years hard work the W.I. found the cost of running it too great. It was due to Frances's efforts that the necessary money was raised to install a new heating system immediately. She then took a very active part in all the ensuing fundraising and renovation work.

Her devotion to the village is shown by her wish that instead of flowers, donations should be made to the hall and the enormous sum of £1200 has been received in her memory. This windfall from such an unexpectedly sad occurrence will be used for something the hall badly needs and of which we hope Frances would have approved and which will be a lasting memorial to her.

One idea is to replace the badly corroded metal framed windows. This has long been deferred for lack of funds; there may be other ideas.

CONTINUING PROGRESS: In January the main hall, porch, bar and upstairs landing and cloakroom were redecorated, thus completing the final stage of the improvements and renovations planned since 1985. The total cost of about £47,000 was financed by Parish, District and County Council grants, interest free loans, covenanted donations, tax refunds and many special efforts. The thanks of the village are due to the handful of people who have given their time, skills and money over the last six years to make this possible.

RUNNING EXPENSES: In 1990 the hall had an operating deficit of £511 compared with a surplus of £351 in 1989. The Bampton 250 Club donated £750 towards operating costs making an overall surplus for the year of £239 (£851 in 1989).

But a small overall surplus is misleading. The cost of normal overheads continues to increase and the hall needs continuous maintenance. The hall is used by many different people some of whom do



FRANCES COLE

RATEABLE VALUE: The hall's rateable value has been increased over 33 times from £119 to £4000! This is the District Valuer's opinion of its rent "on the open market" in 1988. In fact the letting income for 1988 was £2578. Although the hall gets transitional and charitable reliefs resulting in a rates bill of only £78 for 1990/91, the bills in future years will soar as costs increase and transitional relief runs out. An appeal has been made against the £4000 which will be heard by the Rating Tribunal in due course. The matter has also been referred to Mr Douglas Hurd our M.P., and the Department of the Environment. A Village Hall is NOT a commercial undertaking and is constantly struggling to make ends meet. Unlike the Youth Centre and Town Hall the Village Hall in Bampton gets no local authority subsidy towards running costs and as lettings income does not meet overheads the hall could not survive without covenanted donations and contributions from the Bampton 250 Club.

Your support would be much appreciated at the -

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
in THE VILLAGE HALL at 8.00pm
on MONDAY, 22nd APRIL 1991.

BAKE A WINNING CAKE

DATE & GINGER SLAB CAKE

Ingredients:

- 4 oz Margarine,
- 4 oz Granulated Sugar,
- 4 oz Treacle,
- 1 small teacup water,
- 1 tsp Ground Ginger,
- 6 oz Packet Dates,
- Level tsp Soda Bicarb.
- 1 Egg & 8 oz Plain Flour.

Method: Place margarine, sugar and treacle into a saucepan with the water and chopped dates. Melt over low heat, add bicarb and beaten eggs, and gradually mix in the flour and ginger. Turn into a greased and papered swiss roll tin, bake at Reg. 4 or 375F for about 35 minutes. When cold cut into slices.

(Reprinted with permission from: **BAMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY's - SCHEDULE OF PRIZES** for the Bampton Flower and Autumn Shows (see Notice Board for dates).

Why not pick up a Schedule and find out all about these popular contests - you could be a winner! If you prefer to use a recipe of your own, there is plenty of scope in the various classes or perhaps you enjoy making sweets or pastries or decorating cakes. There are classes too for the jam and wine makers, those who knit, sew, paint and make models of any description - and, of course, those who garden!

School notes

This page was edited and designed by
pupils from Bampton Primary School.

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I HAVE ECZEMA

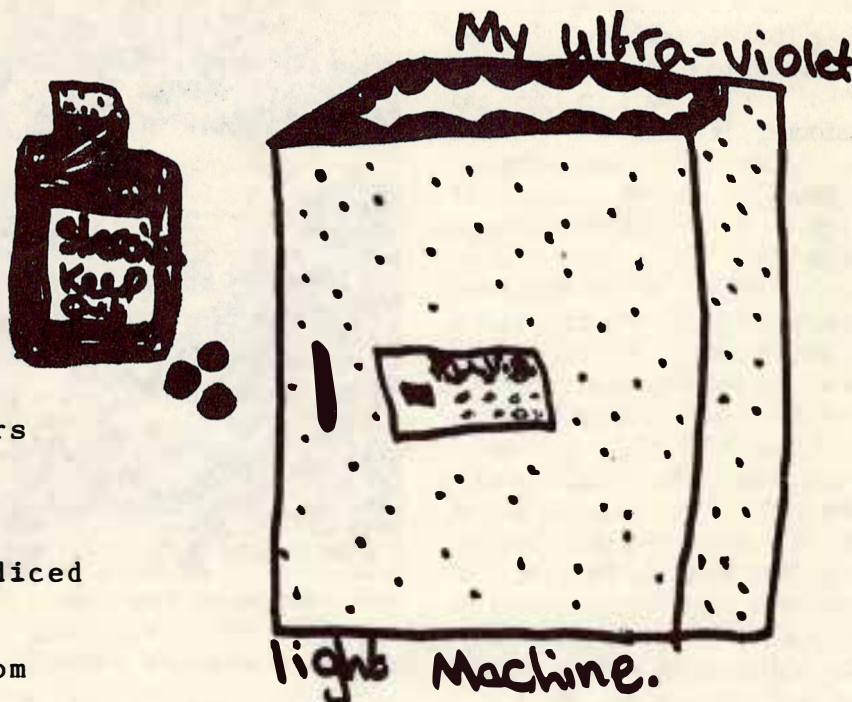
Hello. My name is Sarah, I am nearly 11 and I live in Bampton. I want to talk about the problems of having chronic eczema which is a skin disease.....

I'll start with the time I lived in Standlake. I had no friends because the mothers actually told their children to stay away from me. As you can see they were very prejudiced against me. So I ended up wandering around the classroom on my own. I told the dinner ladies but they just said.

"Go and find someone to play with". Not very helpful..... So we moved here.

I must say at first the reception wasn't much better, but after a while children got used to me and for the first time ever I HAD FRIENDS...

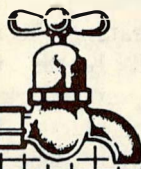
When I was 7 years old I had a really bad time and I ended up being off school more than I was there. After 6 months living like this I ended up in hospital. The doctors decided to give me steroid treatment and it worked. I kept taking the tablets and after two years I was taken off them. I no longer felt any pain and I could do a lot more things and I was able to come to school regularly.



WHAT I THINK.....

..... Sometimes I feel guilty because my brothers get a lot less attention from my parents than I do and it makes me feel awful. Another problem I have is with people because they misunderstand my problems greatly and it makes me feel like an outsider. The doctors at hospitals say they'll try this and that without asking me and I get fed up with it. But now I am a lot better and I have lots of friends. I am happy. But next time you see someone with similar problems think about them and how they feel and think yourself lucky.....

By Sarah Townsend

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POPPY APPEAL THANKS

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I wish to thank all the people of Bampton & Lew for their generosity during the Poppy Appeal. A record of £1390 was attained.

Many people expressed their sadness at not seeing Mrs Edie Quick and wished her well. I am very grateful for the hard work of the collectors and wish to reiterate my personal thanks to them. If anyone feels able to spare a few hours next November, I would be delighted to hear from you.

The Poppy Appeal is not just an act of Remembrance of the past, but is much needed today. Recent events have reminded us that armed conflicts, however much unwanted, are always a possibility anywhere in the world. Service Men & Women are, and will always be, prepared to serve. They need our support.

Yours sincerely, Yvette Brown

A GENEROUS RESPONSE

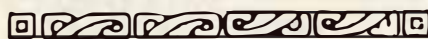
Dear Editor,

We have tried to write personal thank you letters to the many people who have so generously contributed to the St. Mary's Organ Appeal. We apologise if anyone has been missed out and take this opportunity to thank those who chose to remain anonymous.

Jonathan Phillips - Treasurer

PS from Judith Warwick - Secretary
Grateful thanks to all the "Beam Team" who kindly delivered letters throughout the village.

Letters TO THE EDITOR



RACE TRACKS

Dear Madam,

Reading the headline "THE HOME STRAIGHT" (Bampton Beam Vol.5 No.3) my mind went back some years to the Lincolnshire handicap, and then to another kind of race, the straight mile on the road from Clanfield into Bampton. Some cars are still doing 60mph when they pass the Post Office!

There may be better means of slowing main road traffic but there can be no good reason for not installing Road Humps in New Road, Bampton. This would provide an effective, economical and speedy solution of the problem about which Elaine Townsend and her friends write so cogently in The Beam.

Support should be sought from the Education authority, the Highway authority, the Police authority, The Parish Council, and also from Mr Douglas Hurd. The inhabitants of Bampton should be invited to sign a petition and I should think that only motor maniacs would refuse.

Yours sincerely, Raynald Franks
(Sadly, many people have a split-personality on this matter and change character dramatically when behind the wheel of their car. Ed.)

HOME IN BAMPTON

Dear Sirs,

I am writing with reference to the Low-cost housing in Bampton. Since filling in the last questionnaire my fiancé and I have had to move from Bampton - we used to live in Bowling Green Close & New Road.

We now live in a rented mobile home which has no heating. At the time of writing this letter the walls are damp and wet, we can't keep our clothes in one of our two wardrobe. We suffer with condensation on the windows. The door has even been known to freeze shut, leaving us stuck inside. We put up with this because we are together.

Our wedding date has been set for April 20th 1991. We are getting married in Bampton and would love to think that we will soon be living back in the village. I will not consider having children unless they can grow up in Bampton.

This may sound a bit drastic to you, but I have lived in the village all my life, so has my fiancé. We wouldn't dream of bringing our children up anywhere else.

All of our family and friends are in Bampton. We miss them all terribly and spend as much time in the village as possible. Carterton may not be a "Million miles" away, but it is far enough to make us realise how much Bampton means to us.

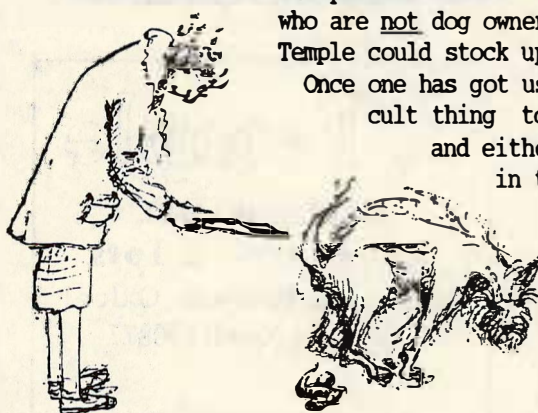
Please consider us and hopefully we will all be able to say "Merry Christmas 1991".

Yours faithfully, Bernadette Silman

A CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN

Dear Editor,

The time has surely come for us, Bamptonian dog owners, to start a clean-up campaign. It does seem such a shame that the walks around Bampton are dominated by dog turds! Sandford field is a bad case in point. It is hard to walk across it without having to dodge the messes! As this field is used by lots of walkers and, in the warmer months by picnickers, the Youth Club, the Brownies, Guides, Cubs & Scouts it seems that dog walkers should be particularly careful.

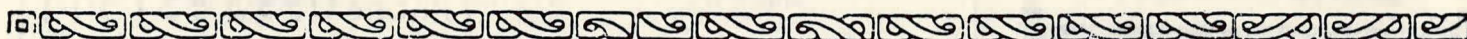


The problem must be even more infuriating for villagers who are not dog owners. Perhaps Mr Simmonds and Mr Temple could stock up on 'poop-scoops'.

Once one has got used to the idea, it is not a difficult thing to carry one while walking the dog and either scoop up and throw what it does in the nearest ditch, or, pop it into a plastic bag for depositing in the dust bin back home.

Something needs to be done and it is up to dog owners to do it! The Parish Council could perhaps put up a few reminders as well.

Yours sincerely, Jo Lewington



YOU IDLE LOT!

We know you need the Low Cost Housing but very few of you have put in your application!

The Parish Council has only received (at the beginning of March) 13 completed Low Cost Housing questionnaires, even though 34 have been given out. In addition, over 40 young people applied on the original questionnaire approximately 18 months ago who have not asked to fill in the new questionnaire. The Parish Council is certain that not all of those 40 have found suitable accommodation in the village

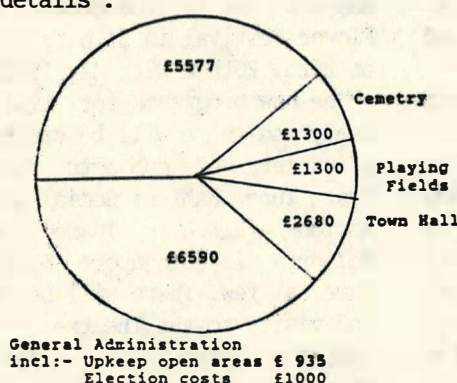
If you do not have a form, contact Jackie Allinson **TODAY** at Mignonette, Market Square, Bampton Tel: 850368 or fill in the coupon on back page and put it through her door **TODAY!!**

This detailed questionnaire is being used to form an initial waiting list for the scheme, therefore it is imperative that one is completed **NOW!!**

SHERLOCK HOLMES



"I am glad to see," said Sherlock Holmes, "that the Parish Council is keeping their Community Charge down this year. We should have paid £10.14 each but by using some of their reserves they hope we will only have to pay £7.09." "What does the Parish Council spend this money on?" queried Watson. "Well," said Holmes puffing on his pipe, "I think this diagram shows in general how it is spent. You can always see the Parish Council accounts if you want the details".



INVESTIGATES

"I gather," said Watson "that the recent Parish Council Election cost £734 which works out at about £7 for each vote cast!" Sherlock lowered his paper and said with feeling, "Democracy is not cheap."

"Any word from our District or County Councillor on their respective Community Charge budgets?" asked Watson pouring himself a glass of sherry. "No, neither has replied to my request for details though I see in the local paper that the Conservatives and Liberals have agreed a County budget and the District Council likewise. We may even have the lowest Poll Tax - I beg you pardon, Community Charge - in Oxfordshire." "I'll drink to that." said Watson.

THANK YOU SIR GEORGE!

The Minister for Housing has agreed the grant needed to build low-cost housing for rent.

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FRIENDS OF BAMPTON SCHOOL

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Sunday 12th May

ROAD RACE (7.2 miles)

and FUN RUN (1/2 mile)

Saturday 6th July

SCHOOL FLOAT PROCESSION and GALA

For further details Tel: 850512

BAMPTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

The Christmas Bazaar was a tremendously successful fundraising event but the Race Night although very enjoyable for those who attended was only financially successful thanks to the business people in Bampton who sponsored the event, (Simmonds, Temples, Brinxley's, Parkers, WOAA, Francine's Salon, Grandcliff and Constables).

The children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall which was very much enjoyed with Uncle Brian as popular as ever. With falling numbers this year we will be relying more than ever on our various fund-raising events to enable Playgroup to continue. Forthcoming events during the Summer term will be a Sponsored Find for the children, a Nearly New Sale in the Village Hall on 8th June and later in the summer term a Sponsored Bike Ride again for the children. We very much hope these events will be well supported.

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

Every Friday 2.00 - 4.00 pm in the Playgroup Room (behind the School). Everyone welcome. For information contact:- Candice Deas Tel: 850423

BAMPTON WIVES CLUB

Meetings are held in the Village Hall, unless otherwise stated, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm. Annual Subscription £5.00. Guests £1 per evening.

The future programme includes:-

15th May Talk on Gardening

19th June Visit to Bothy Vineyard

17th July Demonstration on Furniture Restoring

SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE

Wanted - jewellery or unused toiletries for Bazaar to be held later this year. Please contact Mollie Dunbar Tel: 850207 or Jan Fretten at Bampton Library.

BAMPTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

This is an exciting year for Bampton W.I. which is celebrating the 70th Anniversary of its formation. The first meeting was held on the 6th April 1921.

Things have changed considerably for women over the last 70 years and although the initial objectives of this organisation may not now be relevant, there is still a place today for the Women's Institute with its concern for International, National and Local problems.

There will be several special events during the year including a Craft Exhibition/Coffee Morning; A Reception and Buffet Supper for Members and invited guests; and a Flower Festival in St Mary's Church on 25th, 26th & 27th May 1991.

The new programme for 1991/92 is ready and there will be speakers on a variety of subjects including Test Tube Babies; Social Work in Boston U.S.A.; Thames Water; Holidays in Singapore & Bali to name a few. There will be Outings and visits to the Theatre.

Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. New members are most welcome, so if you think you would like to join, why not visit us to see what the W.I. is all about.

BAMPTON CRICKET CLUB

The 101st year of the Club begins in April with the hope of a new cricket pitch which in time will provide Bampton with a playing field for everyone to use & enjoy.

To allow the field to be prepared all matches will be played away from home this season. Details of games will be published each week in The Jubilee.

The new pitch and pavilion will be conveniently situated in Coal Pit Lane but we will have to raise a large sum of money to finance the project. The Committee is applying for grants but a substantial amount will have to come from donations and local fund raising.

If you have any ideas, would like to assist with the fund raising or perhaps contribute to the Club funds, or would just like to know more about the Club, please contact the President, Peter Smith, Churchgate House, Bampton Tel: 850251.



Notice

Please submit items for the envelope together with

MAY 12th 1991
WESTON ON THE GREEN

PLEASE SUPPORT

SPONSORED PARACHUTE JUMP
BY
BOB WELLS, KEN WELLS, ANDY WELLS & JOHN SMITH
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF BAMPTON
TO SPONSOR THIS WORTHWHILE EVENT, PLEASE
CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE

BAMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

We wish to thank Mrs Win Woodley for all the work she has done as Treasurer. Owing to ill health she has sadly had to resign so a big 'Thank You Very Much Win' from all of us. The good news - she will still remain on the Committee.

AGENDA FOR THE YEAR

- 27th April 'Bring & Buy' Coffee Morning - Town Hall - 10 to 12.
- 6th May Plant Stall at Bampton Street Fair
- 28th June Family Dance and Sausage & Chip Supper The Trout, Tadpole Bridge
- 30th June Car Boot Sale The Trout, Tadpole Bridge
- 8th August Entries for Summer Show - Town Hall - 7.00 to 9.00pm
- 10th August SUMMER FLOWER SHOW Bampton Village Hall
- 19th September Entries for Autumn Show - Town Hall - 7.00 to 9.00pm
- 21st September AUTUMN SHOW Bampton Village Hall
- 7th November AGM - Town Hall

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
IN THE GALLERY, THE TOWN HALL
WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL

Board



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S.P.A.J.E.R.'S

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 1991

Wednesday, 10th April

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at the George & Dragon 8.00pm

Sunday, 12th May

SPONSORED PARACHUTE JUMP

at Weston-on-the-Green

Saturday, 25th May

ORIGINAL GREAT SHIRT RACE

6.30pm Fancy Dress Parade

at the Jubilee

7.15pm Junior & Intermediate Race

7.30pm Senior Race

(N.B. Junior = at Primary School,
Intermediate = Secondary School,

Senior = not at School)

SUMMER OUTING in August

Date & Destination to be arranged)

Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August

DONKEY DERBY & FETE

2.00pm at Sandfords Field

Friday, 11th October

AUTUMN BALL at WEALD MANOR

BAMPTON BRIDGE CLUB

The Club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30 to 10.30pm. The annual subscription is £5 and there is a charge per session of 75p payable money. Individuals may attend as guests of the Committee for up to 3 sessions before joining. For further information please contact the Secretary, Mr Bill Brookson Tel: 843668 or a member of the Committee (names & telephone numbers in the Bampton Directory).

BAMPTON PUMPKIN CLUB

Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May

THE ANNUAL STREET FAIR

For information about stall pitches and Dog Show schedules please contact J. Gascoigne, 21 New Road Tel: 850119

Photographer required for Club events. Please contact Max Norman (Chairman) Tel: 843838

**MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE
TOWN HALL, BAMPTON ON
TUESDAY 1991 AT 7.30pm**

BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP

BEWG's first AGM was held in January and attended by about 50 members. All serving officers were re-elected apart from Ian Tupman who resigned. Ann Norman has taken over as Secretary from Linden Burley who remains on the Committee and Freda Bradley joins it. Membership has remained fairly constant and new members are always welcome. The formal business was followed by an exciting confection of slides of Bampton and roundabout by Hilda Kent which heightened everyone's perception of the lovely place in which we live and the vital need to preserve its character.

BEWG will continue to keep an eye on applications for developments affecting Bampton and has recently established a scheme for monitoring local footpaths. There will be Open Meetings in the Village Hall on 24th April (Speaker: Dr Bernard Rose) 31st July & 30th October. BEWG will host members of the Cirencester Civic Society for an evening guided tour of the village on 15th July. An afternoon visit to Bradford-on-Avon is planned in the summer for members; others welcome if there are spare coach seats. For further information, please contact the Secretary:-

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Poppy Appeal

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Arts Page



Reviews :

POEMS WITHOUT WORDS: the paintings of James Allen Shuffrey (1859-1939)

James Allen Shuffrey left school at 14 to work on his father's farm. Five generations of Shuffreys had lived in Witney. They had been blanket weavers, tanners and curriers in turn, substantial local figures. James was expected to learn the family trade and take a prominent part in the family business. But his parents had overlooked something - their son's remarkable artistic talent, nurtured and encouraged by a young art teacher from Oxford.

When living in Witney he gave painting lessons in Bampton and then moved here, residing for four years in the property we now know as Windmill House before moving to Oxford where, in 1931, he became Vice-President of the Oxford Art Society.

WOAA's January exhibition of over forty Shuffrey paintings was a delight. The immaculate water colours in subdued tones were all of Oxfordshire - cottages near Clanfield, Iffley Mill, Wolvercote, and an especially delightful painting of North Hinksey Church with distant views of Oxford - what Horace might well have described as poems without words.

The Sheldonian, Brasenose College, Octagon House and Old Clarendon in Broad Street, rose above near-deserted streets with only the occasional figure to lend a sense of scale. Shuffrey had a keen eye for architectural detail and perspective and his work is both lovingly detailed and yet subtly impressionistic.

Those wishing to see more of his work should go to the Local Studies Library in Westgate, Oxford. Other sketches and paintings are held by the Museum Services Department of Oxford City Council.

Thank you WOAA - this was a real treat.
Alcedo.

SNOW WHITE and the SEVEN DWARFS

Verve, pace, a good script and clear evidence that the cast are enjoying themselves as much as the audience are the main ingredients for a successful pantomime. The Bampton Drama Group's 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' (written & produced by David Gostling & Trevor Milne-Day) had all that and more - and the more local and traditional, clearly the more enjoyable.

The actors took every advantage of the scriptwriters' ingenuity - Jackie Allinson's queen was suitably wicked and dramatic, David Mills as her Champion properly reminiscent of a horror film; the interludes (with apologies - or thanks - to TV) featured both Game Show and Drama, both infinitely superior to the originals. Rosemary Colville as the tea lady (Scottish on Saturday night) with her rock cakes will forever cast a blight on a certain well-known film!

Snow White's feet were a most successful part of her (and the stage designer's) performance, thereby rendering her dwarfs suitably dwarf-like, but larger than life in their shapes, sizes and character (Brien O'Rourke, Pauline Ruff and Ailsa Matheson amongst others skilfully doubling up).

Snow White's domestic battle with caterpillars, spiders and creepy crawlies provided a well-taken opportunity for much creativity and imagination on the part of the younger members of the cast. The Bampton belles gave an elegant beginning and end to the evening and whether the Soothsayer (Jeremy Lane) ever found his runes we shall never know - but the search was wonderful.

The synchronisation of lighting, music, sound, props and all the stage management under Richard Moreby were most impressive. A happy combination of hard work and talent (not forgetting a live goat!) contributed to a hugely enjoyable evening.
A.J.

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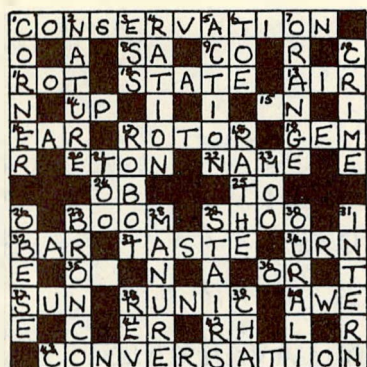
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Solution to
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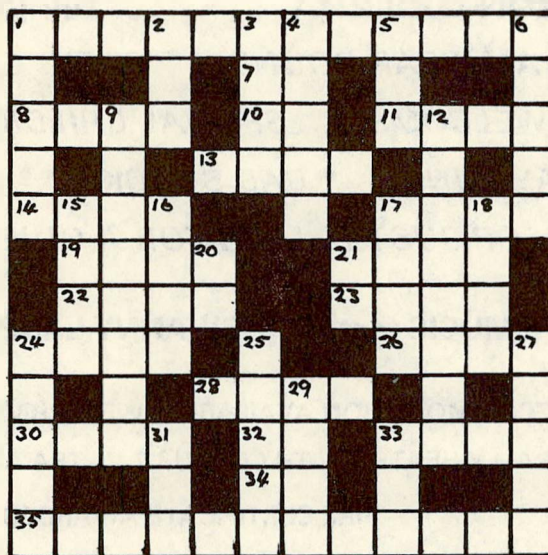
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- 1 Church festival (2 words)
- 7 Exclamation
- 8 Acid
- 10 Preposition
- 11 e.g. Brummel
- 13 Way
- 14 State
- 17 Reluctant
- 19 Famous school
- 21 Floor covering
- 22 Beheads
- 23 Asks
- 24 Olden times
- 26 Speedy
- 28 Park your car here!
- 30 Ornamental fabric
- 32 Concerning
- 33 Expensive
- 34 Old English
- 35 Everything & everybody

CLUES DOWN

- 1 More
- 2 Small drink
- 3 Cycle of duty
- 4 Attempts
- 5 Bird's bill
- 6 Young man
- 9 Eloquence
- 12 Lengthen
- 15 Prohibition
- 16 Bind
- 17 Beloved (archaic)
- 18 Fling
- 20 Bridge partners
- 21 Weight
- 24 Historic meeting place in World War II
- 25 Inundate
- 27 Late
- 29 Units
- 31 Period of time
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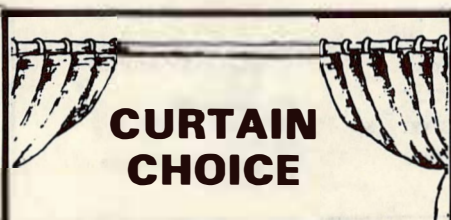
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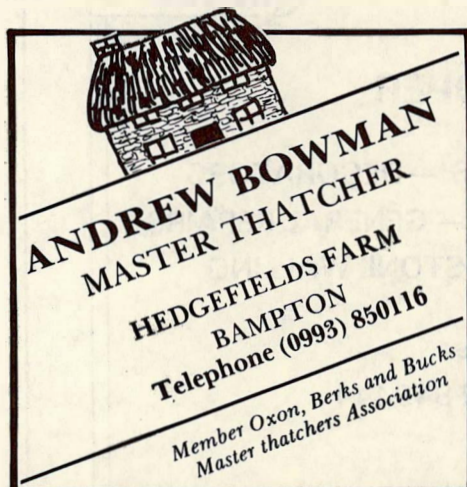
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RESPONSIBLE ACUPUNCTURE

HISTORY OF ACUPUNCTURE

Acupuncture started in China several thousand years ago. It was first introduced into Europe in the 17th century, but knowledge of this practice, so far removed from any thing used in the West, was very patchy until the 1970's. In the past twenty years, because of the huge public interest in the subject, considerable scientific research has been carried out - although much remains to be done. We now know much more about how acupuncture works and some of the myths can be laid to rest.

It is demonstrably untrue to say that the results of acupuncture are all in the mind. After all, treatments have been successfully carried out on very small children and animals. It is highly unlikely that a cow could be hypnotised into health by a veterinary surgeon! We now know that acupuncture increases the body's production of natural pain killers - endorphins. It also works through centres in the brain, to modify the way pain signals are received.

Acupuncture will never replace conventional medical treatment but, as we learn more about it, the possibilities of using acupuncture alongside 'orthodox' medicine increase. Recently, acupuncture has been used, together with conventional anaesthesia, for women giving birth by Caesarian section. The addition of acupuncture meant less pain for the mother after the birth and a quicker recovery.

Within the next decade, the relationship between conventional medicine and acupuncture will become much closer as more is discovered about this ancient and effective oriental technique.

WHAT IS ACUPUNCTURE?

Acupuncture is a medical treatment which can relieve symptoms of some physical and psychological conditions and may encourage the patient's body to heal and repair itself. Acupuncture stimulates the fine network of nerves running in the skin and

sometimes also nerves in the deeper tissues. These then affect the central nervous system, blocking pain and altering the nervous system's control of other bodily organs.

Each patient's case will be assessed by the practitioner and treatment will be tailored to the individual; so it is impossible to give more than a general idea of what treatment might involve. Typically, fine needles are inserted through the skin and left in position briefly, sometimes with manual or electrical stimulation. The number of needles varies but may be only two or three. Treatment might be once a week to begin with, then at longer intervals as the condition responds. The average number of treatments is about five. Here are some of the ways in which acupuncture may be effective:

PAIN RELIEF including migraines, period pains, backache, trapped nerves, frozen shoulder and other kinds of arthritic and rheumatic pain; also relief of post operative and post injury pain.

DEPRESSION, anxiety, pre menstrual tension and menopausal symptoms.

ALLERGIC REACTIONS such as asthma, hayfever, eczema.

SINUS PROBLEMS and chronic catarrh. **SKIN PROBLEMS** such as mouth ulcers, pruritus (itching), dermatitis, excessive sweating.

CONTROL of **EATING DISORDERS** and **ADDICTIONS**.

ABDOMINAL AND BOWEL PROBLEMS such as peptic ulcer, colitis, chronic and intermittent bouts of diarrhoea or constipation, irritable bladder.

WHERE TO GO FOR ACUPUNCTURE

At the moment, anyone is allowed to call himself/herself 'doctor' and to advertise and practice acupuncture regardless of qualifications or experience. This is deeply worrying to the British Medical Acupuncture Society, whose members are all fully qualified medical practitioners. Acupuncture should be practised as a branch of medicine. There are three fundamental reasons why you should only go to a fully registered medical practitioner who is also trained and experienced in acupuncture.

1. A qualified doctor has been trained to discover if a patient has a condition requiring other urgent medical treatment. He or she will not hesitate to advise a patient if acupuncture does not seem suitable.

2. You can be sure that a qualified doctor has the necessary anatomical training and will follow the correct hygiene procedures with sterile needles to eliminate the risk of transmitting infections such as AIDS or Hepatitis.

3. A medical practitioner will be able to communicate with other doctors such as the patient's GP, or hospital specialists who may also have been consulted. He or she will be able to gain access to medical records or X-rays and can order further investigations if it is indicated.

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Cont. from Front Page**RECYCLING**

There is good provision for bottles, paper and cardboard and metal at the Dix Tip at Stanton Harcourt but this involves a quite lengthy car journey and the strength to load & unload the waste material. Would the answer be to have more local collection points or could we sort out our rubbish and have it collected by the Council from our 'doorsteps'?

Coca Cola is sponsoring a Can Bank scheme in Westminster. Perhaps they would be prepared to extend the idea to West Oxfordshire. If the Can Banks were situated at the entrance to schools, children and young people (great consumers of canned drinks) could be encouraged to dispose of the cans tidily and raise much needed funds for their schools, playgroups, Youth Clubs etc. Paper banks could serve the same purpose. Sites for Bottle Banks are more of a problem because of danger from broken glass.

Glass, newspaper, cardboard and cans (steel & aluminium) are all re-cyclable. Silver paper and milk bottle tops have long been a source of income for Guide Dogs for the Blind (Bampton Library is a collection point). Aluminium ring-pulls are collected by Kidney Research. Other items can be re-used (expensive large manilla envelopes) before being consigned to the bin. Have you thought of returning metal coat-hangers (in mint condition) and safety pins to the dry cleaners? Discourage shops to put every item you buy in yet another paper/plastic bag; just hang on to the receipt. Any other ideas for cutting down on rubbish?

West Oxfordshire District Council have produced several leaflets on the subject and list all the various sites for disposing of re-cyclable materials. Oxfordshire County Council run a computerised information service at Libraries called OXIS to keep the public up to date with schemes. It is up to everyone to make good use of them. A good time to make a start on improving the local environment is

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK

11th to 19th May 1991.

PLANNING CONTROVERSY**Cont. from Front Page**

by planning criteria the positioning of the site was very unsatisfactory because it almost abutted on the village's conservation area and "would represent an intrusive form of residential development within a stretch of open countryside which would seriously harm the character and appearance of these rural surroundings". The sole ground for deciding in favour of the development was the lack of adequate provision for gipsies in West Oxfordshire, the social seriousness of which overruled the environmental aspects that normally would influence the finding.

This outcome has been a great shock to all interested Bamptonians because it upheld a glaring breach of planning law. It also generated the more serious hazard of setting a bad precedent and example for less-than-scrupulous or insensitive developers to cash in on. I should add that the volume of opposition is not against gipsies having homes in Bampton but against the unsuitable choice of place and the flagrant flouting of planning permissions as described. Everyone is anxious for the residents on the unofficial site at Cowleaze Corner

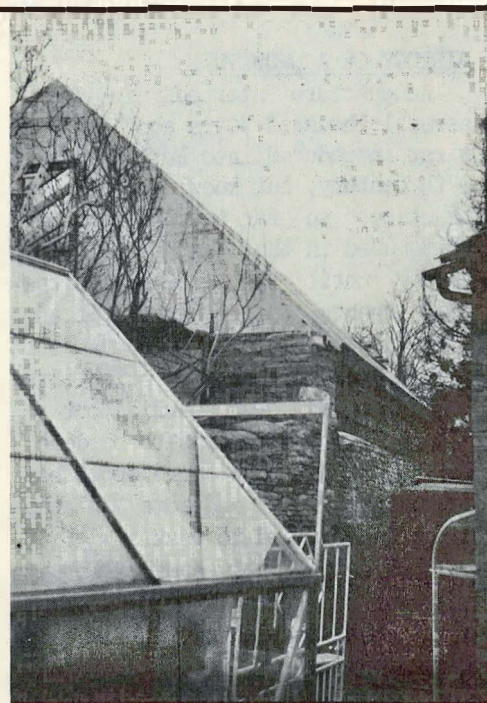


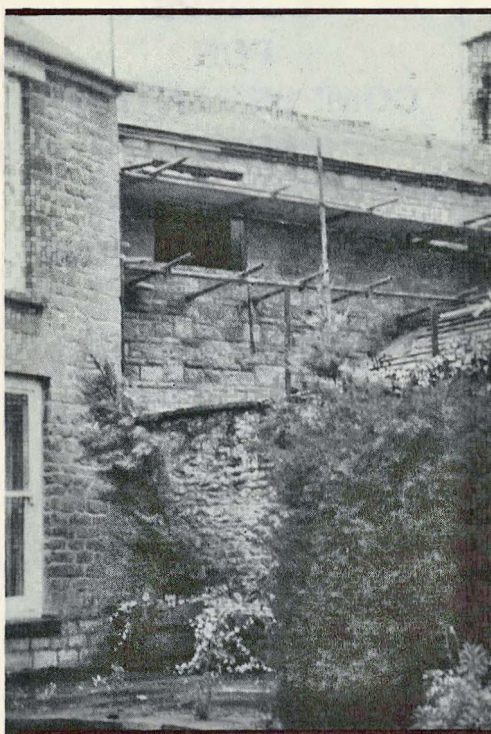
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to have a more secure place but as the Weald site is in private ownership and hardstanding for sale it is unlikely that they will be able to move there.

The Planning and Compensation Bill amends the planning enforcement provisions in the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and is before the House of Lords prior to going to the Commons. Space does not permit a detailed list of its proposals but the main thrust, in the words of the Secretary of State for the Environment to our M.P., Mr Douglas Hurd, is to "strengthen and improve local planning authorities' enforcement powers." An innovation of particular interest is the proposal to give town or parish councils the right, subject to certain conditions, to appeal against the granting of permission for an inappropriate development. This goes some way towards redressing the balance between developers and the members of the community opposing the plan and gives places like Bampton much greater protest muscle.

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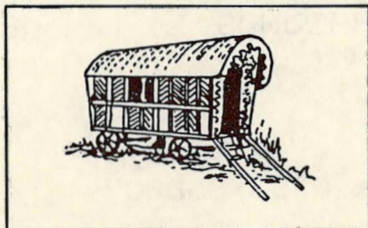
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