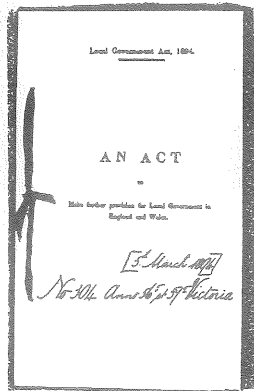


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1994 Focus on Local Government

1994 is a significant year in more ways than one for democracy at a very local level. It is the centenary year of the Local Government Act which established Parish Councils in their present form.

"In pursuance of Notice given by the Overseers and duly authorised, the first parish Meeting was held on the 4th day of December 1894 at the National Schools.

On the proposition of Mr John White seconded by P. Southby Esq Mr William Attwood Rigden was unanimously elected Chairman.

Mr Rigden then explained the purport of the meeting and asked for the nomination papers to be handed in to him. this having been done, after the lapse of the time specified by the Act the Candidates' names were then read out by the Chairman in alphabetical order . . . Each Candidates name was then put to the meeting in the above order and voted upon by a show of hands by the parochial electors.

After the votes had been taken the Chairman stated that Bampton required eleven Councillors and read out the names of those eleven Candidates who had received the largest number of votes. . . " taken from the first page of the official Minute Book of Bampton Parish Council.

In May 1994 there were Local Government elections for Parish and District Councils. Jonathan Phillips was elected as Bampton's Independent representative on West Oxfordshire District Council and there were a number of changes on the Parish Council although, as only 11 candidates stood for the 11 seats, there was no election. Their names with a short CV appear on page 17.

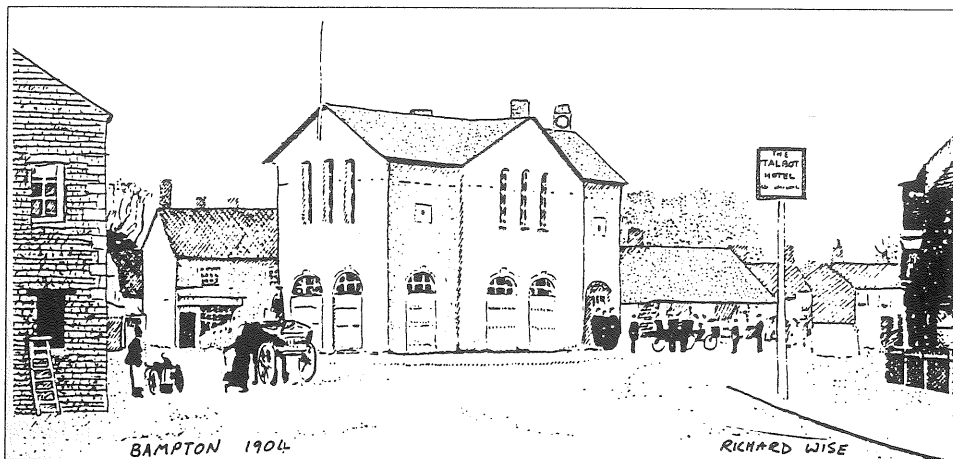
This year will also see the Local Government Commission's decision for the shape of local government in Oxfordshire for the future. This has produced a lot of debate at County and District level and a somewhat '11th hour' appeal to the general public to take note and give their views to the Commission. With the amount of publicity in the local press and leaflets available from the Library and other public places, not to mention one delivered to each household, it would be pointless to go into all the arguments again here.

The Parish Council favours OPTION 3 - The Status Quo (which was also the popular choice at a Public Meeting held in Bampton in February) and urges YOU (if you have not already done so) to write TODAY

to vote for no change - OPTION 3
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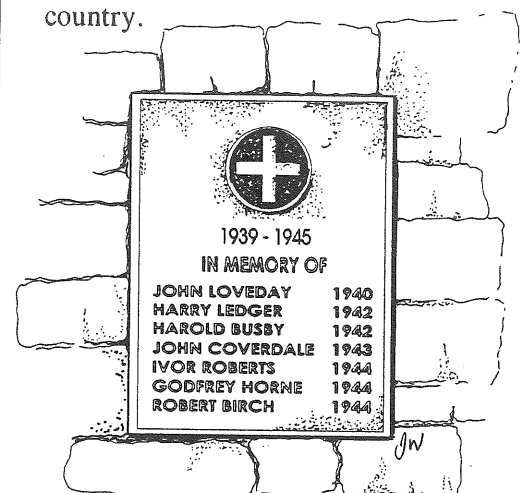


Bampton Town Hall was built in 1838, the cost of £300 was met by local subscription. The architect, George Wilkinson (d.1890), son of a Witney carpenter and builder, specialized in workhouses, including those at Thame, Chipping Norton and Witney; his younger brother William (d.1901), was also active locally, designing the National School in Church View, and Lew Church. The builder was James Pettifer (d.1842), a Bampton mason who also worked at Ham Court and the Talbot Inn, and who rebuilt Sandford House.

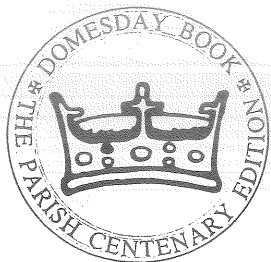
The arcaded ground floor was originally left open to serve as a market house, though a part must have been enclosed by the 1870's when the fire engine was kept there, apparently in a lockable engine house. The upper floor was used by 1848 for meetings of local magistrates and of the board of inspectors recently appointed under the Lighting and Watching Act.

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1994 - D-Day Anniversary
and a time to remember the men of
Bampton who gave their lives for their
country.



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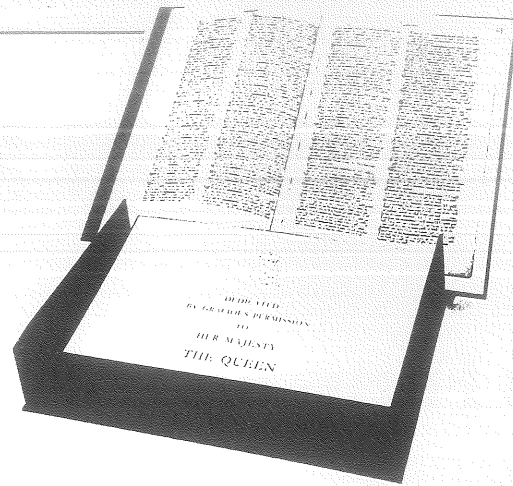
DOMESDAY BOOK is without doubt the most treasured document in the Public Record Office. The Domesday Commissioners were charged by William the Conqueror to make a complete survey of all of the counties in Norman England. This prime record of English history was presented to the King in 1087. Nobody attempted such a huge undertaking again for over seven hundred years.

To mark the nine hundredth anniversary of its completion, the Keeper of Public Records commissioned the first full colour facsimile of Domesday Book, with new translations, maps and commentaries.

Bampton is named in Domesday Book and the Parish Council has purchased The Parish Centenary Edition from the publishers:

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This splendid treasure can now be seen at the Bampton Library.



A special County Edition, limited to 1,000 sets for each county, has been produced for academic and private collectors. Now, to mark the Centenary of Parish Councils in 1994, the publishers have agreed, in consultation with the Public Record Office and the National Association of Local Councils, to put aside a limited number of sets especially for those parish and town councils whose community was first recorded in Domesday.

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It also hosted itinerant exhibitions and public lectures: in 1859 there was a 'coloured opera troupe' (which drew a 'large and very respectable audience'), a ventriloquist and mind-reader, and a more sober-sounding series of winter lectures by the vicar and others. Such events raised small sums towards the Hall's maintenance - though scarcely enough, according to the curate J.A. Giles, 'to heat the room, and to pay for the windows which are broken by the boys congregated in the market place below'.

By the 1940's the engine house was too small for a standard county fire engine, but it continued in use until the new purpose-built fire station was completed on New Road in the early 70's. The large engine doors on the south, the outline of which remains clearly visible, were then blocked. Extensive renovations were carried out on the Town Hall under the supervision of Mr Ray Carter. The clock on the roof, possibly given in 1906 by Philip Southby, a JP and local benefactor, was moved to the garage opposite. The present Council Chamber was formed and a small room for public meetings; the upper room was leased to the newly formed West Oxfordshire Arts Association which will shortly celebrate its 21st birthday.

Bampton's Benefactors Past, Present

The Editor is grateful to Graham Taylor from whose extensive and well researched notes on The Bampton Exhibition Foundation the first part of this article has been written.

For Education . . .

In 1635 Robert Vesey (or Vaisey), a rich citizen of Chimney left £300 in his will for a 'free school' to be built and this was to be the foundation of a charitable trust from which the inhabitants of Bampton have benefited right up to the present day.

The school was built in 1640 although the first teacher was not appointed until 1653 and presumably served a useful purpose for several generations. By the late 1800's the number of pupils in attendance was below expectations and records suggest the school was not a successful project and by the end of the century the building ceased to be used as a school. It was about this time that the National School in Bampton was opened at the other end of Church View and from then on the Grammar School became a Meeting Room for any Parish Organisation needing one.

In 1906 a Charitable Trust was created and registered with the Charity Commission the object of which was "After payment of any expenses of administration the yearly income of the Bampton Exhibition Foundation shall be applied by the Trustees in promoting the education (including social and physical training) of young persons who have not attained the age of 25 years, resident in the Parish of Bampton, who in the opinion of the Trustees are in need of financial assistance." (*This wording is in fact that of the amended scheme of 1972*). The Parish of Bampton was deemed to be the 'ancient' parish which included Aston, Cote, Shifford and Lew in addition to Bampton proper. It was in 1917 that income had risen sufficiently to enable the first Exhibitions of £20 per annum to be awarded. Beneficiaries seemed to number two a year receiving £10 each. This enabled two boys to go to Grammar School (which one is not mentioned) but soon led to problems as the boys failed to attend school and threats of withdrawing support were issued! There were several periods when no income was available for grants but the building was available "for Meeting of an Educational or Social character (preference being given to the former)" and the Trustees continued with repairs, renovations and occasional modernisation. It has been put to many uses by Boys Club, Girls Club or Sewing Class, Clothing Club, Cash Club,

The Library . . .

Cemetery Committee, Charities Committees, School Managers, Mothers' Meeting and Foresters. During the Second World War the Women's Institute used two rooms for Government Scheme jam making (the Trustees insisting the WI provided and paid for a sink and its plumbing!).

During the 1950's and early 60's income became too low to carry out anything other than the most urgent repairs and the building deteriorated to a point where it could hardly be used. Thanks to the intervention of Major Robert Colville, who carried out an ambitious plan of improvements financed by a private loan, the building was rescued from decay and from 1964 part of the ground floor was leased to the County Library Service. In 1982 it took over the whole of the ground floor and has provided the people of Bampton with an extremely valuable amenity. Once again Exhibitions or Bursaries can be made "to assist any pupil who, in the opinion of the Trustees could improve any aspect of Education if given financial support." During the past two years no fewer than 38 Bursaries have been granted, ranging from help for pre-school play group children to help for mature student working abroad. So long as the applicant is under 25 years of age and lives in Bampton, Aston, Cote, Shifford or Lew, financial help might be available for any aspect of his or her education. The spirit of Robert Vesey lives on . . .

. . . as does the generosity of the people whose bequests in the 17th and 18th centuries provided the original funds for the Bampton Exhibition Foundation and the Bampton Welfare Trust (*Bampton Beam - December 1993*) . . .



& Future

and now it is our turn to make an investment for the benefit of future generations



The Church . . .

The bells of St Mary's church have not rung out for many months because the spire is in urgent need of repair. To put it right will cost in the region of £30,000. This is far more than the regular church goes can afford to pay nor is this work the only repair that the church badly needs. The Church of St Mary the Virgin is part of Bampton's cultural heritage and it is up to those of us living here now to ensure it is kept in good repair for generations to come. For this purpose The Friends of St Mary's, a non-denominational charity, has been set up and everyone is invited to contribute in whatever way is appropriate. Please read the leaflet which will be delivered with this copy of The Bampton Beam.

As well as a campaign by the Trustees to recruit Friends and Benefactors for St Mary's Church and to apply for grants, donations and sponsorship from statutory and charitable bodies, it is hoped there will be fund-raising events organised by individuals and organisations in Bampton.

A Christmas card depicting the Nativity Scene from the East Window of the church, will be on sale later this year and all profits will go to the Friends. A series of lectures on various aspects of Bampton's past history will be given by Dr John Blair and Dr Simon Townley in October in the Village Hall. A scheme to raise money from commission on the sale of high quality fashion jewelry has been agreed with Tocco International. Privileged Customers will be able to purchase items at well below shop prices for themselves, family and friends from a mail order catalogue - a percentage of the profit on what you buy is paid directly to the Friends.

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

Editor Madam!

What a wonderful contribution from the late Jim Daniels to the April Edition. Freda and family must feel rightly proud. The little things of life all so vividly recalled which gave youngsters so much pleasure, and all provided free by Mother Nature. A far cry from today's crazy material world. I have read and re-read it so many times. My added interest stems from the fact that I had the pleasure of knowing virtually every family that lived in New Road in 1937 and onwards.

I began work as an Errand Boy for Eeles and Son in September of that year at 12/6 per week. I can't remember the hours but 10 hour days were quite common, 12 hours on Saturdays, half day on a Wednesday. Across the way from Jim's family lived my Aunt and Uncle; Jim and Bob Brooks in the photo are of course my cousins. Next door lived Mr & Mrs G Hunt; it was there on the morning of September 1st 1939 when I heard for the first time that German forces had attacked Poland and what was to be the start of the Second World War. Round the corner lived Mr & Mrs G Monk. I was delivering there on Saturday afternoon, April 30th 1938 when hearing on their Radio, Preston North End had beaten Huddersfield Town in the F.A. Cup Final, 1-0 from a G.Mutch penalty.

As I said earlier I could name every family in correct sequence, but space restricts this and many memories from those days. When I returned in the early 1950's as a Roundsman for Constable & Son names and places seemed virtually untouched, except for children like Jim growing up one could almost say time had just stood still. J. Morton, Chippenham

Dear Madam,

Please may I use The Bampton Beam as the avenue to enable me, on behalf of the Afghan Eye Hospital, which is on the Pakistan/Afghanistan border, to thank everyone who bought my tatted cards or gave donations to enable the work to continue. My daughter has just returned there for a short visit to give some help, and I was able to send £300 then. This will help to have artificial eyes made for many Afghans who just don't have the £7.50 one would cost.

Thank you for your generosity,
Yours faithfully,
(Mrs) Annabel MacDonald Howe

Dear Editor,

It was mentioned in the Beam sometime ago that motor access through Landells from Broad Street to the Surgery should be one way and we would like to support this suggestion.

Since the pavement was installed there is constant confrontation between cars entering from Broad Street and those coming out of the surgery and from the other end of Landells. The road is not now wide enough to accommodate 2 medium sized cars and certainly not delivery vans etc. and in consequence, vehicles have to invade the footpath. The narrowest part is also the 'blind spot'. Cars leaving the surgery do not always stop at the junction of the road and the surgery driveway and this creates a further hazard. The provision of a double dotted line across the surgery entrance would be a reminder of the necessity for caution. It would seem that the only alterations required would be "No Entry" sign by the surgery exit, and "No Through Road" by the junction of Landells and Glebelands. Yours sincerely,
Pat & Roy Barratt, Glebelands

A PUBLIC APOLOGY

An incident occurred on the Bank Holiday Monday just before lunchtime, outside the Jubilee Inn. A busking juggler was entertaining the crowd when one of the Morris teams (the Third Team) arrived to dance.

Mat Green amicably agreed with the busker that he would complete his performance before the Morris dancers started. In spite of this, another dancer, acting against the wishes of the rest of the team, interrupted the juggler and terminated his performance in a very rude manner. This understandably upset the onlookers (and the rest of the team).

The Bampton Morrismen would like to publicly announce that they wholeheartedly condemn this boorish act and apologise unreservedly (we apologised to the juggler immediately after the incident). The member of the team in question has been severely reprimanded.

Mathew Green



Dear Editor,

Now that summer is here, officially even if not always in practice, I look forward to hearing the gentle 'thunk' of leather on willow. However, I will not be able to do so in Bampton. Not for lack of volunteers to play cricket but because the Cricket Club is no more.

Now that the Trustees of the Sports Fund have bought the splendid field in Buckland Road; Bampton has the opportunity to revive the grand tradition of cricket. It will mean hard work and lots of fund raising and one very essential item - an organiser.

On behalf of the Sports Appeal, myself and all those other cricket enthusiasts I would like to ask for that rare person, A VOLUNTEER to form a Cricket Club. To get everybody into the spirit, I will volunteer to organise teas for the first year!!!

If anybody is interested please call me on 0993 851503. Then we can all 'thunk' together.

Yours sincerely,
Pauline Smith
Cricket Enthusiast and Secretary
to the Sports Appeal Steering Committee



Dear Editor,

We should like to express our thanks to the many people of Bampton who were such a support to our parents during their illnesses and for all the messages of condolence after their deaths. It has been a tremendous shock to us to lose both our parents so close together and their parting will leave a large gap in our lives.

Moving to Bampton was the best thing our parents had done during their retirement. They were made welcome immediately and had such a happy 9 years making numerous new friends who were very precious to them.

We know you will miss them too.
Jenny Taylor and Stuart Mayhead
Charney Bassett

Letters

TO THE EDITOR



We opened our Charity Shop in Barclays Bank on 4th March 1993. We had three days to sort out 55 black bags of donated items! Volunteer Tessa Chislett, our wonderful shop manageress, together with volunteers Odette, Edna, Joan and Deirdre soon had things under control, and thanks to Mr Temple who provided us with a gas cylinder, they managed to keep warm. We were very pleased with the response from our Bampton customers as our first week brought in £135.

The Survey - a letter to the people of Bampton

We would like to say a big thank you to all those people who took the time to fill in those lengthy questionnaires. We gave out just over 700 and had 502 replies - a very high response. Overall we achieved a satisfaction rating of 92%, against a national average of 84%. The areas in which you were least satisfied were the availability of forms, and the level of privacy when you are being served.

Presumably passport forms cause the most problems, as these are not available at any sub-office. This is a government decision, so if you feel strongly about it we suggest you write to your MP, Mr Hurd.

Unfortunately, the level of privacy is something about which we can do little. It is a problem we have together with other rural post offices, banks and building societies. We do try to count money quietly, but if you want total privacy we suggest you wait a few moments until the post office is empty. There are many quiet times during the day.

There were 259 comments to question 47 (*Please write any further comments you would like to make about the standard of service you receive at this post office . . .*) 246 of which were complimentary. Thank you so much for your support and appreciation. However, we would like to answer some of your remarks.

To the person who wishes we would do car tax, we should like to point out that we have been doing it for the past 8 years!

At the end of September the bank was sold and we had to move next to Londis - our thanks to Mr Scott. We stayed there until April of this year. We have now moved into our permanent premises next to The Horseshoe.

We would like to thank Pam who developed an art in window dressing, and this is her sole responsibility. We must not forget Deirdre and her back wall which tries to keep to the same colour scheme as the front window. Terry is a godsend, fixing and mending items before they are sold. He also helps Lorna keep our books in perfect order. Our thanks to Alan at The Horseshoe for his help and support, also to David for

To the person who never uses this office because they do not like us, we would like to ask how they got a questionnaire, as they were only handed out to customers!

But to more serious matters - Some people thought we should open longer hours, Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and during lunchtime every day. We are at present giving this some thought, and if we decide to make any changes we will let you know in a future edition of The Beam.

Others thought we should have larger premises. Well, 95% of the time there is plenty of space, although we appreciate that occasionally it becomes rather crowded. Many people think Post Office Counters own the property. In fact, we own it, and the present level of business does not justify the large cost involved in selling and moving, even if suitable premises were available.

This brings us to another problem mentioned - poor access. We realise that it is very difficult to manoeuvre prams and pushchairs, and that it is impossible for wheelchairs. We are trying to think of a way of making this easier. Someone suggested a window in the inner door, which we shall be doing in the near future. When we have sorted out these problems we shall be decorating the premises, which one person thought necessary.

To the person who said we should be more cheerful - sorry! Our work involves a

fixing the ceiling when it collapsed and all our other helpers, past and present, for their dedication in achieving our first charity outlet in Oxfordshire.

Last but by no means least our thanks to the people of Bampton who have supported the shop. Without you it would not have been possible. Please keep coming along with items for the shop and support us as much as you can.

Mr Ron Sears,
Area Fundraising Manager,
20 Salisbury Crescent,
Summertown, Oxford OX2 7TL

great deal of responsibility and concentration, and if we seem a little pre-occupied sometimes please forgive us. We will try to smile more in future!

The letter box seems to cause a lot of problems, especially at weekends. Royal Mail have told us they are considering a slightly larger box, but we are still waiting to hear from them. You can certainly help by handing in bulky packets and envelopes, and large mailings over the counter during opening hours. We have spoken to the postmen who empty the box who say that it is seldom full; it has usually been blocked by a large packet. We used to have a key to empty the box ourselves, but that was taken away years ago.

We cannot mention all your comments here but have covered most of them and we shall certainly give them all a lot of thought. Meanwhile, if you feel there is a problem do not hesitate to come and talk to us, and remember, the more you use us, the more likely we are to remain open.

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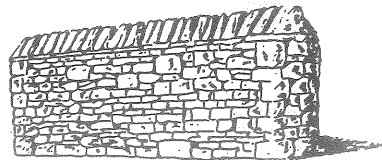
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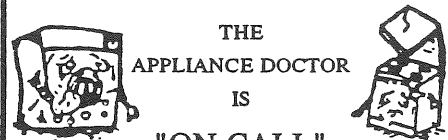
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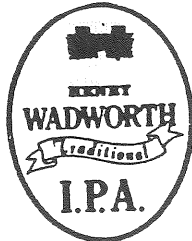
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**BRADFORD
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AGENTS

D-DAY & THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY

A Tribute to 2763269 Guardsman E.J.G. Horne



One of Bampton's saddest days during World War II came in early August 1944 when Godfrey Horne was reported killed in action at the age of 30. Godfrey was the eldest son of Mr & Mrs E.J Horne who lived at No 3 Broad Street. His brothers Jack and Philip also served in the Army.

Godfrey joined the army in early 1940 and became a Guardsman in the Prince of Wales Company, 1st Battalion Welsh Guards. During the period 1940 to 1944 he spent the time training and on special duties which included guarding the Royal Family. He was a prolific letter writer and wrote home at every opportunity. An extract from his letter dated 2nd May 1943 after Guard Duty at Sandringham reads as follows: "The Royal Family have spent Easter up here and it has been the honour of the Prince of Wales Coy to guard them. We are living in Queen Mary's house in the Sandringham grounds, only about 300 yards from Sandringham House. I go out for walks in the lovely grounds. On Good Friday when I was walking along a path I met Queen Elizabeth and Princess Elizabeth, the Queen stopped and spoke to me. She asked me where I lived and how long I had been in the Army. She is very lovely and has such a charming smile. Princess Elizabeth is growing very fast and is a very nice girl for some lucky man. Today, the King, Queen and the two Princesses inspected the Prince of Wales Coy outside Sandringham House at 10.30 this morning, the Queen looked so beautiful in sky blue and the two Princesses were dressed in maroon coloured clothes. The King wore the leek in his cap badge. Afterwards 12 Guardsmen had the honour of going to church with the Royal Family and I was one of the lucky ones." The letter from which this extract was taken was ultimately passed to the Queen and a letter from her lady-in-waiting, Marion Hyde, advised that "The Queen was delighted with it and showed it to the King".

A few days after D-Day, Godfrey with the 1st Bn landed at Arromanches. The 1st Bn took up positions around Caen. Each day he wrote a few lines home giving his impressions of France and how he saw the events unfolding. His early feelings were that the war would be over by Christmas. During his first few days in Normandy he had a "chance meeting" with Nelson Ody who lived in Church Street and was serving in the Royal Artillery.

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In 1944 nearly all the troops smoked and cigarettes were a priority item for them. An extract from one letter reads "we get 7 each day free and I get duty free 10 for 4d, so you see all the rest you pay on cigarettes which cost 1/2d for 10 is duty". The 1/2d equates to nearly 6p in today's currency. In another letter written in July 1944 he wrote of being in Bayeux: "We came back for a so called 'rest' from the line. I say rest because actually we did as we did in England - drill parades etc. etc. Naturally lots of grumbling and bad language but still you can expect anything from the Guards. Bayeux is one place that is untouched by war. The shops are pretty well stocked with clothes, shoes and many cheap articles."

The letters confirmed that food was plentiful in Normandy. Prior to D-Day large quantities had been sent to Germany, but after D-Day this was difficult because rail and road systems were badly affected. Godfrey wrote of there being a glut of potatoes, butter and cheese!

Letters from England arrived in France in 2-3 days, whereas letters from the troops appeared to take 12-13 days to reach their destination in England - obviously censorship was a major factor in the delivery time for letters sent from France.

On Monday 31st July 1944 Godfrey wrote his last letter home saying it was "to show everything is alright with me". He subsequently completed the standard ARMY FORM A 2042 on Friday 4th August pre-printed to state "I am quite well". It was on 4th August that the Welsh Guards were engaged in a gruelling battle for Montchamp. Godfrey was killed by enemy shellfire during this battle at a small village called Les Fieffes near Vassy. This was only 35 miles inland from the beaches at Arromanches where the initial landings had taken place two months earlier. The Prince of Wales Company was reduced to 65 men, less than a third of its original strength. One week later, on 11th & 12th August, they lost another 30 men. By the end of August the Battle of Normandy had been won and the Allies were in Paris.

Before the war Godfrey had worked for Mr Mathews at Duttons grocery store in Bridge Street. He had attended Witney Grammar School. He was well over 6ft tall, always smartly dressed, and was extremely popular in and around Bampton. He was a keen sportsman. With Saturday being a full working day in the grocery business his cricket and football opportunities were limited, although Bampton had a successful

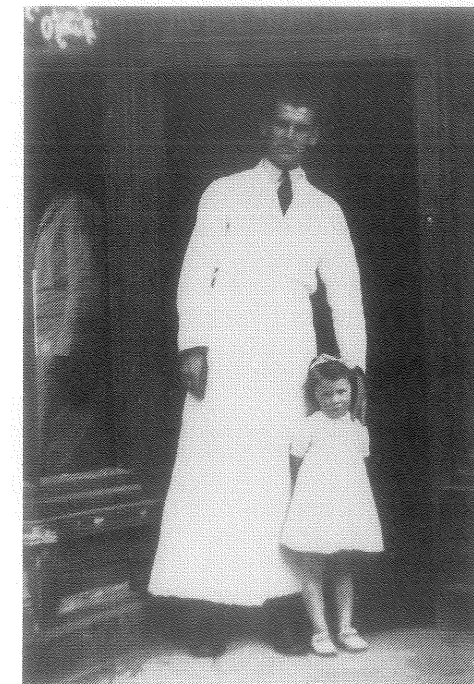


Photo: Mrs Read

1938 Godfrey Horne outside Duttons grocery store in Bridge Street with Madeline Read (nee Money)

Wednesday Cricket XI, often referred to as the 'Early Closers'. It was cycling that became his number one activity and he meticulously logged every trip, the first entry being Sunday 9th August 1931 when he covered 68 miles on a 1/2 day trip to Cheltenham. The longest distance recorded was on Sunday 31st July 1938 when he made a visit to the Weymouth area via Salisbury, Blandford, and Dorchester, cycling a total of 201 miles in the day. He was often accompanied by Mr Jack Rose who lived in Broad Street. His travels took him through 19 different counties in the South of England between 1931 and 1939.

Godfrey also joined the Bampton Fire Brigade in the days when the Fire Engine was housed in the Town Hall. The call to the local firemen was made by pulling the rope which rang the bell situated on top of the Town Hall roof. Again Godfrey kept immaculate records, including if the Fire Brigade had been paid by the appropriate insurance company. Most of the fires were listed as hayricks or chimney fires. Many local farmers suffered fires during the 1930s. One of the largest was on 5th November 1938 when fireworks caused "5 ricks to be ablaze at Knapps Farm, the property of Mr Russell." Knapps Farm is now owned by Mr Gerald Read.

Godfrey Horne is buried in the Military Cemetery at Bayeux. His name appears on the Welsh Guards Roll of Honour together with nearly 600 Welsh Guardsmen who lost their lives during the 1939-45 War.

V.F.C.

BAMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

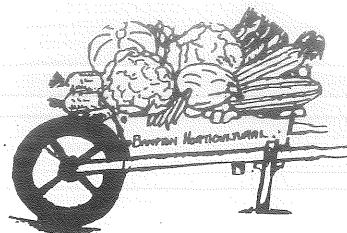
The Summer and Autumn Shows will be held in The Village Hall on Saturday, 6th August and Saturday, 24th September with a large variety of classes for all age groups -

Challenge Cups and monetary prizes to be won.

Registration for each show takes place in the Town Hall on the preceding Thursday (August 4th & September 22nd) from 7.00 to 9.00pm.



Winner 1993 of the Best Window Box & Hanging Basket (Commercial)



A 1993 winning entry from Lin Edgar

The washing up is in the sink, I've let the ironing go,

So what's to blame for all of this,

The Bampton Summer Show!

For days I've baked and pruned and sewed, the schedule close at hand, But now the day is looming near it's not as it was planned.

The hanging baskets just last week were truly in their prime,

But now just when we need them most they've gone into decline.

The cakes at least were a success, the family told me so,

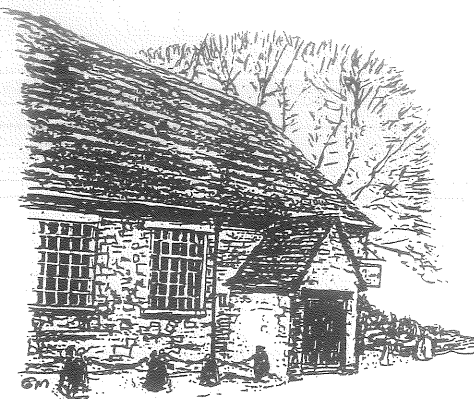
It's a pity really as they were my entries for the show.

The show's this week and up to now things just don't look too rosy,

The only thing remotely good is the little 4" posy.

There's still the Autumn show to come I'll really, really try,

(And if you believe this for one sec it shows that pigs can fly!)



Peter Dainty, Chairman of the Bampton Village Hall Management Committee for the past 10 years, retired at the AGM in April and handed over the task to Jim Taylor. Jean Howell who has been the WI representative and Vice-Chairman on the Committee for the same length of time paid tribute to Peter's enthusiasm and commitment which has played such a large part in the success of the Hall improvements which have taken place during this time. Not only has he coped with the daunting pile of paper work, the lobbying for grants and donations, the pacifying of regulatory bodies, the chairing of meetings but he has spent many hours in the hall coping with doors that wouldn't close, windows that wouldn't open, water heaters that wouldn't work, blocked up down-

BAMPTON VILLAGE HALL

pipes, broken window vents etc. etc. He certainly deserves the thanks of all those who enjoy the good facilities that the hall can now offer. Without his dedicated leadership the Committee could not have achieved such a satisfactory result and we all hope he will now enjoy many peaceful years in Bampton.

Hall - a much appreciated gift which is being put to good use.

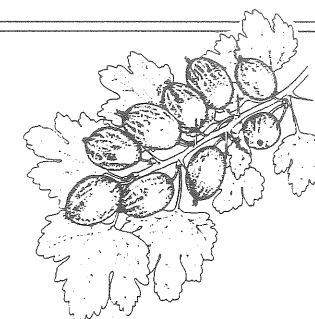
Earlier this year the Committee had looked into the possibility of acquiring a PA system for hall users but the problem has now been solved by the WI who have offered the use of their own system for certain types of functions. Details about this can be obtained from the Lettings Officer.

At the AGM the Committee were pleased to welcome new representatives from BEWG, Mrs Sonia Stallabrass, and the Wives Club, Mrs Jan Webb. The Committee would also like to co-opt a replacement for Matt Count who has recently resigned due to pressure of work. His very useful DIY skills will be sadly missed! If anyone is interested in joining the Village Hall Management Committee (and can offer some practical help) Jim Taylor would be very happy to hear from them Tel: 851781.

The work of the Committee continues, however, and this summer will see the installation of a toilet for disabled people with access for wheelchairs. This has been partly funded with grants from the Parish, District and County Councils and partly from hall income including a very welcome donation from Miss Dor Thomson. She was the winner of the annual '250 Club' prize of £250 at the AGM and promptly returned her winnings for the use of the

Gooseberry crunch

donated by Jill Lethbridge, Buckland for the recipe book 'friendly FOOD' published in 1989 and sold in aid of the Radcliffe Medical Foundation



FRUIT: 1 lb gooseberries, 2 tbsp water, 4 level tbsp sugar
TOPPING: 2 oz butter, 1 tbsp golden syrup, 2 oz brown sugar, 1 level tsp cinnamon, 2 oz cornflakes

METHOD: Prepare oven 400F, 200C, Gas Mark 4.

Cook gooseberries in water and sugar.

Place butter, syrup, brown sugar and cinnamon together in a large saucepan. Heat gently, stirring continuously until melted and well mixed. Add cornflakes and stir lightly until they are all coated. Pile evenly on top of gooseberries in an oven proof dish. Place on a baking sheet and bake for about 30 minutes of until topping is lightly browned and crisp. Serve hot or cold with cream.



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BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre provides accommodation for a range of activities for the young people of Bampton and is generously supported financially by the District Council and the Bampton '250' Club.

Mr Frank Piercy has taken over from Mrs Banham as Chairman of the The Bampton Youth Club. The Club is expected to reopen during July with two new leaders - Tracy Charlton (Tel: 705416) and Gary Gummer (Tel: 851913). It is planned to have meetings on Monday evenings only for the time being and details will be publicised later. Anyone who is willing to help in running the Club - particularly parents - should contact:

Frank Piercy Tel: 850005 or the new leaders.

Activity in all groups of the Scouts and Cubs continues to be impressive; however, there is a need for additional helpers and anyone who can spare a little time to assist in any capacity would be greatly welcomed. Contact should be made with Barbara Heaton Tel: 706020 Scouter in Charge

Paul Tomlin Tel: 843942 - Scout Leader
Richard Bird Tel: 850622 - Cub Leader

As the majority of youth activities are on weekday evenings, the Centre is often available for private bookings during the day and at weekends. It is becoming ever more popular as a venue for family parties and is particularly suitable for wedding receptions and larger gatherings with its pleasant atmosphere and ample parking space. For further information please contact: - Hire of Hall - Liz Banham - Tel: 850019
General - Colin Allport - Tel: 850411

BAMPTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Do you have a child aged between 3 & 5 years old who would like to join a Pre-School Playgroup? We have qualified friendly staff who will care for and help educate pre-school children.

Give your child a bright start. For details, please contact: Mrs Christine Hills, 38 Bushey Row, Bampton Tel: 850675



On behalf of the RNLI, Alan Gaydon thanks the collectors and contributors in the recent Street Collection in Bampton, Aston and Cote for the excellent total of £501.73. He would welcome a volunteer to take over the management of the collection in 1995! Tel: 850885

THE BAMPTON BUSH CENTRE

The Club for retired people continues to meet each Wednesday in the buildings behind the Youth Centre in Church View. It opens at 10.00am and provides refreshments, lunch and a varied programme of activities.

We are grateful for the continuing help of cooks, drivers and helpers, but urgently need more help. Mothers with babies or toddlers would be welcome so if you feel you could help in any way, please contact either of the Joint Co-ordinators - Joan Granville Tel: 850407 and Vera Allport Tel: 850411

BAMPTON BRIDGE CLUB

The Club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30 to 10.00pm

The Annual subscription is £5 per annum with a charge of 75p per session

Duplicate Bridge is played on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month; Rubber Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday and Individual Chicago on any 5th Tuesday.

For more information please contact: The Secretary, Mrs Joan Granville Tel: 850407

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S**Programme of Fundraising Events**

Presentation and display of High Quality Fashion Jewelry by Tocco International An opportunity to become a Privileged Customer and purchase jewelry for yourself, gifts for your friends and provide 20% commission for the fundraising campaign

Wednesday, 14th September
7.30pm in the Village Hall

A Series of Illustrated Talks on the past history of Bampton including the latest discoveries from archaeological investigations carried out in recent months.

Friday, 7 October by Dr John Blair
"St Mary's Bampton

The Making of a Unique Building"

Friday, 14 October by Dr John Blair
"St Mary's in the History of Bampton"

Friday, 21 October by Dr Simon Townley
"Life & Death in Bampton from the 17C"

7.30pm in the Village Hall
Tickets £1.50 at the door

Christmas Cards (depicting the Nativity Scene from the East Window of the Church) will be on sale at St Mary's Christmas Bazaar from The Gallery at the Town Hall and other outlets locally and in Bampton

Notice Board

Please submit items for the Notice Board page in a sealed envelope together with a pre-payment of £1.50

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DONKEY DERBY & FETE

August 29th - Bank Holiday Monday



Sandfords Field
2.00pm start

Could you Draw the Cover on this year's Programme?

A Competition for the under 8's and 8 - 11 year olds

Prizes for the Winner of each age group

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Drawings on A4 paper to 2 Broad Street, Bampton by

Tuesday, 9 August 1994

For further details contact Kevin Duffy Tel: 850302

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or

A FEW HOURS IN THE GARDEN?

The Bampton Sports Appeal is raising money for the new sports/recreation field in Buckland Road by holding

A PROMISES AUCTION in the VILLAGE HALL

On Saturday, September 10th at 2.00pm

Football and Theatre Tickets, free Restaurant Meals and Rounds of Golf are already PROMISED.

But we still need MORE! What can you pledge?

Anything from a Sky Diving lesson to a few hours ironing would be welcomed. Everyone can do something - and bring your friends along to bid for your efforts.

The more money we raise - the quicker the dream of a Sports/Recreational Field for everyone will become a reality.

Offers of pledges, PLEASE, to Jacky Allinson Tel: 850368

Simon Garrett Tel: 851763 Pauline Smith Tel: 851503

BAMPTON LIBRARY OFFERS POPULAR VIDEOS

As part of Oxfordshire County Council's policy to expand the range of services available to library users, Bampton Library is now stocking popular videos which can be hired for as little as £1 per week. Popular films such as REVERSAL OF FORTUNE and HOME ALONE II are charged at £1.50 per week.

During the summer talking books will also be introduced for hire.

The policy is aimed at improving services and generating a higher level of income from hire charges.

Why not come along to the Library and see what is on offer! It is open on -

Monday 2 to 5pm & 6 to 7.30pm

Wednesday 10am to 12 noon & 2 to 5pm

Friday 2 to 5pm & 6 to 7.30pm

TOYS THEME STORYTIME

for the under 5's

10.30 to 11.00am Thursday, 4 August

For further information, please contact: Jan Fretten, Library Manager, Bampton Library, Old Grammar School, Church View, Bampton Oxon OX18 2NE Tel: 0993 850076

Charles Pettit, Client Services Manager (West), Oxfordshire County Council, Department of Leisure and Arts, Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1SN

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If so, why not come along and tell us what you want!! Children welcome if other arrangements can't be made.

Do drop in for a coffee and a chat between 10.00am - 12 midday at the Youth Centre, Church View, Bampton on Friday 2nd September.

For further information contact: Margaret Gould, Health Visitor Tel: 850934 or Jane Webb, Community Mental Health Nurse Tel: 706474

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AFTER A SLOTHFUL SUMMER!

Play recommences

Tuesday, 13th September 10am to noon

If you would prefer to play on another day or at another time,

please contact

Marian Goldring Tel: 850324

BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP

The last Open Meeting for 1994 will be on 26th October at 8.00pm in the Village Hall when Mrs Arnold will talk on flowers in the French Mountains.

The weekend of September 10th/11th are designated Heritage Days and BEWG is exploring the possibility of having local gardens NOT covered by the National Garden Schemes open to visitors. If any readers would like to participate please contact Margaret Bruce-Mitford for further information Tel: 850417.

A very interesting new development is the establishment of a Parish Conservation Plan throughout Oxfordshire. Ralph Norman has served as liaison between the Parish Council and this body; Ken Hirons who is an ecologist and paleontologist has agreed to head up the scheme in Bampton. We hope to give fuller details in the next issue of The Beam.

BEWG welcomes new members - information from Ann Norman Tel: 850823.

LOCAL POLICE AREA MEETING

The Witney Area Police Community Consultative Group will be meeting in Bampton on Monday, 12th September at 7.30pm in the Youth Centre.

These meetings take place quarterly to give the members of the public the opportunity of discussing police methods and practices in their area. Items on the agenda with particular reference to Bampton are traffic and parking problems and the Gipsy site in Weald.

"A lot of people give up their free time to sit on committees like this, to try and improve things for all of us and they would like to be able to answer any questions you put to them so please try to attend."

If you have any particular problem you would like to put on the agenda, please contact: Liz Chambers Tel: 850392

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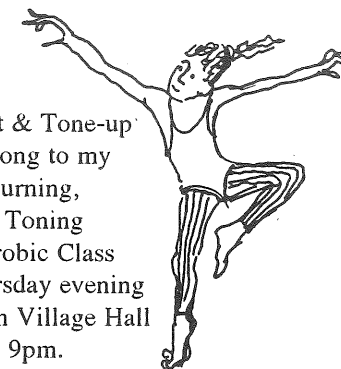
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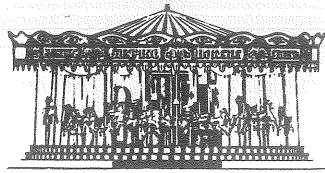
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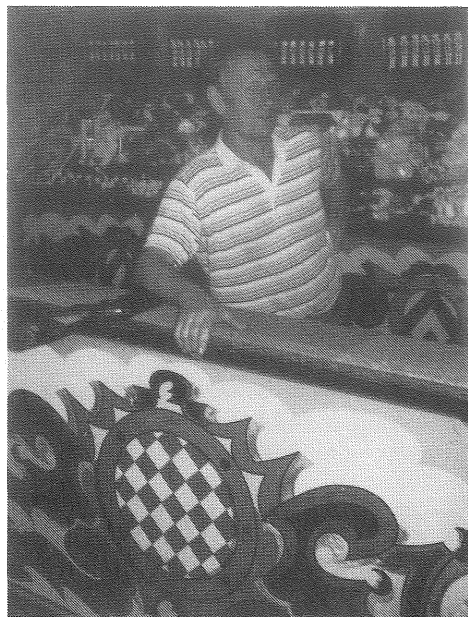
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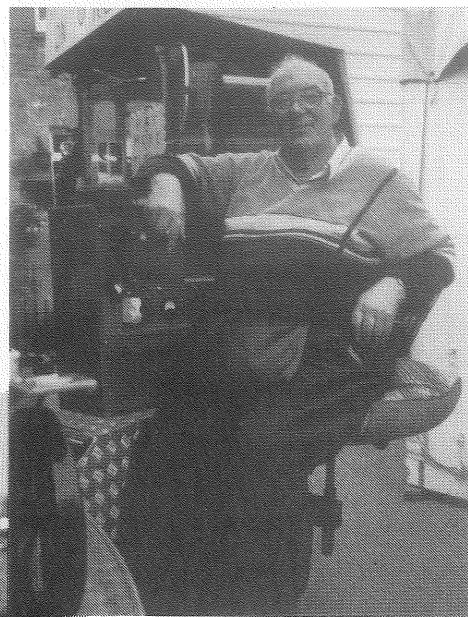
HEBBORNS AMUSEMENTS, following in the tradition of the Thurston family, present the annual funfair for Bampton - come and join in the fun and meet some of the people whose families have been coming here for longer than many of us can remember.

The Editor is grateful to Mr Alan Pullin of New Road for his photographs and for all his help with information about the fair and his many friends who run it.

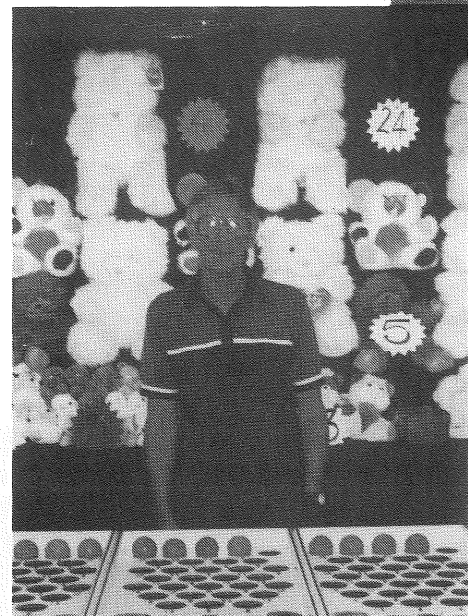
Mr Jimmy Hatwell, son-in-law of Mrs Hetty Forest, runs the Kiddie's Car Ride pictured below



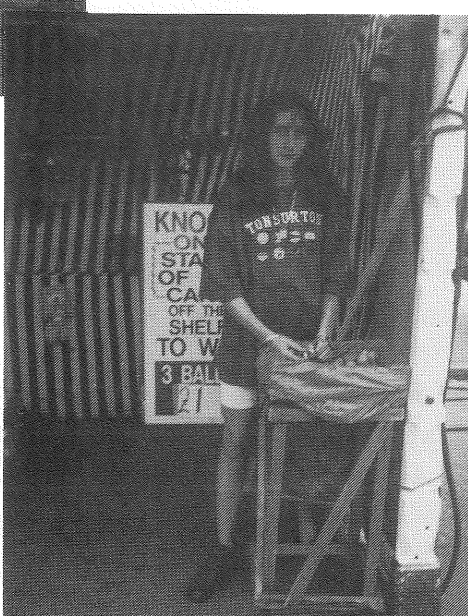
Mr Ray Bushaway (above) a regular visitor over more recent years with his shooting gallery



Mr Stanley Sheppard (above) continues a family line with his son David.



Mr Malcolm Forest (above) son of Mrs Hetty Forest (right) who must be the longest serving stallholder and has seen many changes in Bampton over the years.



Victoria, daughter of Harry & Rose Hebborn represents the younger generation - her mother has been at Bampton Fair every year of her life except the year Victoria was born in August.

Arts Page



WOAA'S 21ST BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Saturday, 17th September

Live jazz - dancing - chanteuses - full bar - supper
Porter! Kern! Gershwin! Rodgers!

Piano - Philip Hicks, Clarinet/Sax - John Moloney,
Bass - James Gervers, Drums - Mike Adams
Chanteuses - Judy Geake, Maureen Gervers and Amanda Gostling.

To be held at Kelmscott Village Hall
Contact the Gallery for tickets (£12)



Sunday, 4th September to Sunday 18th September

"YOUR PLACE OR MINE?" a colourful exhibition by 5 Bampton artists
Sheila Donoughmore Judith Geake Esme Houdret Tessa Milne-Day Gill Reissland
oils, pastels, drawings and watercolours

BAMPTON SUMMER OPERA MOZART

"The Impresario"

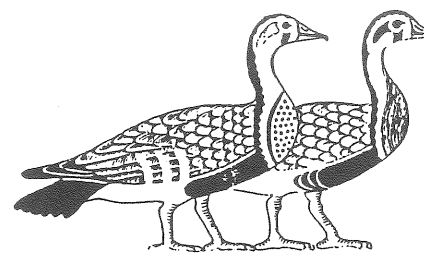
and

"The Cairo Goose"

Saturday 16th July 1994

The Deanery Garden, Bampton

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"There was something quintessentially English about the Bampton Summer Opera presentation . . . on Saturday night. But this delightful evening was not totally reliant on the setting, even though it played its part by providing an idyllic venue complete with topiary and rose bowers. Blue skies and a warm evening sun certainly contributed to the success of the evening.

The performers consisted of that happy mix of professional, semi professional and enthusiastic amateurs whose enthusiasm offered them a chance to excel. They performed well, and certainly breathed life into The Cairo Goose, an uncompleted work. As Mozart wrote no overture for this piece, the performance was preceded by a short but quite lovely incidental work entitled La Chasse.

The audience appeared to respect the hours of work that had gone into perfecting the performance and warmed to the work within moments of Guy Hopkins, the conductor raising his baton. I left the gardens feeling privileged to have attended this rare performance." *Review from The Oxford Mail 18.7.94 by Helen Peacocke*

Junior Beam Number 4?

As the Bampton Beam goes to the printers a question mark still hangs over the fourth Junior Beam.

Who will contribute to it?

What size will it be?

Will it be sold or will it be for free?

Will there be photos, drawings, poems and jokes?

All these queries should be resolved at the first **Junior Beam Workshop** being run for 7 to 12 year olds by WOAA on July 28th, 29th & 30th. (£4 per child - extra brother or sister £2).

Thank you to Red House Books for a financial contribution and to Abbey Properties for an offer of practical help.

If you would like a copy, please contact Sarah Edwards at The Gallery.

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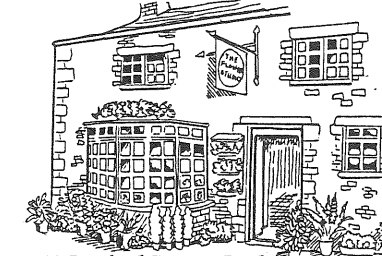
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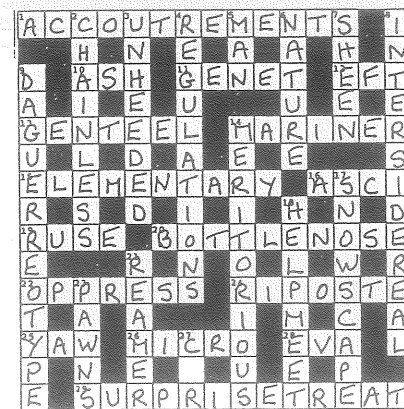
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COTTON CLUB CLOSURE

The End of an Era
and a new address for
The Bampton Beam

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The closure of The Cotton Club is a sad loss for Bampton and for those who sew both here and further afield.

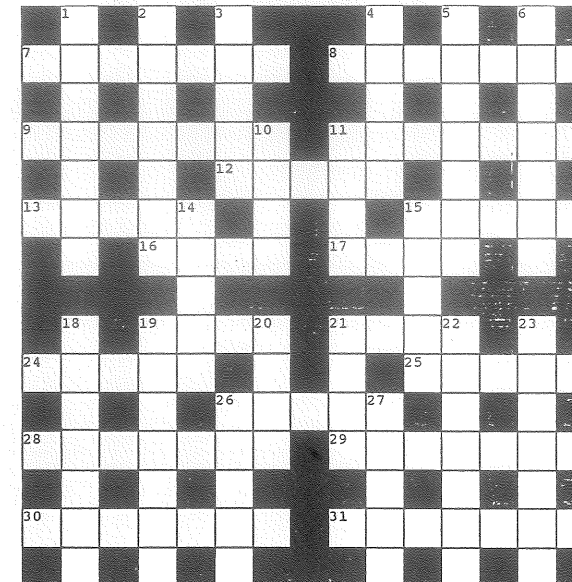
For the Bampton Beam it is also the end of an era. Siobhan O'Rourke, who originally opened the Cotton Club with her husband, was also the inspired graphic designer who helped to produce The Bampton Beam for its first few years. A great deal of thanks is due to Siobhan for creating such an excellent framework for others to build on.

I would also like to express my thanks to Brien O'Rourke and to Iris, Sylvia, Lynn, Jane and other members of staff who have been so helpful over the years taking in contributions (in writing and in cash!), answering queries, passing on messages and pointing people in the right direction. I shall miss my frequent visits to the Cotton Club and the friendly welcome I have always received. **The Editor** For those who would like to continue buying the excellent material and haberdashery - **THE COTTON CLUB** can still be found at Coxeter House, 21 Ock Street, Abingdon OX14 5AJ Tel: 0235 550067

✻ **The Editor** would be very interested to hear from parents of young children who have a need for Creche/ Nursery/Childminding services and from anyone in or around Bampton who provides it. Please write to the new Beam address.

Crossword

£5 to The Pumpkin Club as thanks to Bill Govier who supplied this puzzle.
£5 Cash Prize for the first Correct puzzle opened on 15th September 1994



Name

Address

The solution will be published in the next issue; if you can't wait until then, send a s.a.e. with your entry to: **The Editor, The Bampton Beam, Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton**

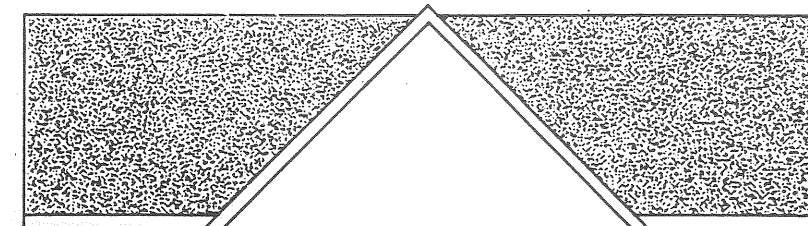
Correct solutions received from:- Mr R.J. Terry and Hazel Goldman - who received the prize. Congratulations!

CLUES ACROSS

- Disgusting
- Concentration of artillery fire
- Lens composed of parts with different focal lengths
- To fill with water & sink
- N.American evergreen, leaves used as a purgative
- Cuirass, a defensive breastplate
- To forbode
- A small lake
- Anecdote
- To pour down heavily
- That which gives access
- Persons of equal rank
- A she-goat
- The wild rose
- An ant or emmet
- Refuse. Offal
- To soften
- Implement with a base covered by absorbent paper

CLUES DOWN

- Aslant
- Tumbler
- To insert, embed
- Neutered male fowl
- Word used in place of a name or noun
- Of or like fire
- Fine linen or cambric
- Cunning
- Wasting away, emaciation
- Inert gas, discovered by Rayleigh & Ramsay in 1894
- Cape or coat, part of military uniform
- Periodical payment on an insurance policy
- Unladen weight of a goods vehicle
- Be long drawn out
- Persistent but incurably inferior players of lawn tennis
- Nervous high pitched laugh
- Boasts or blusters
- To reassemble, to pull together



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DISTRICT & PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PROGRESS ON SPORTS/RECREATION FIELD BUCKLAND ROAD

It is hoped to get planning approval in August for the entrances, car park and landscaping with, initially, a small pavilion which can be added to as required. Progress has been slow but from the beginning of the Football Season the Boys Football teams will be able to play on the 3 pitches that were sown last autumn

The Boys Football Club is hosting a Football Tournament on the 3rd & 4th September on the ground and the Tennis Club members have kindly offered to help with the refreshments. Do come and support this event - it is a start!

Members of the Tennis Club have played this summer on several private courts in Bampton kindly made available to them which has been much appreciated. Possibly some tennis courts may be constructed next year on the Buckland Road field.

West Oxfordshire District Council has employed consultants to review the leisure and sports facilities in the District and Jonathan Phillips invited them to Bampton to see the potential for the sports/recreation field. This report will be discussed at the District Council in August/September.

Before the year is out it is hoped to sow the rest of the field with grass and build the entrance culvert to the field and car park. The top end of the field is to be fenced and the culvert rebuilt; these were conditions of the purchase so that the farmer could get to his fields beyond. It is hoped to build a pavilion in stages as needs arise and funds become available.

Fundraising is progressing somewhat slowly. Generous donations have been received from the Pye Charities and the Hedley Foundation. An application for a

Thanks to your 68% response to the West Oxfordshire District Council Housing Survey last year, both the Parish & District Councils are aware of the urgent need for rented housing in Bampton. Now we have to keep this information up to date. The survey revealed that 78% of people needing rented housing had not put their names on the WODC waiting list as they felt there was no point with no hope of getting anything in Bampton. It is important, if you need rented accommodation, to keep WODC informed of your requirements and to keep this information up to date.

The Parish Council's recently formed Housing Committee will help you do this. Persons needing such housing - of all age groups - should obtain and complete a copy of the new housing questionnaire by filling in the 'box' below. The previous campaign for low cost housing resulted in the Pembroke Place development where 31 households now live.

ALL previous applicants should also complete the NEW questionnaire even if their names are on the WODC Housing Department list or the Oxford Citizens Housing Association list. Questionnaires will be collated by the Parish Council Housing Committee, who will ensure strict confidentiality, and the information used to keep WODC Planning and Housing Departments up to date with Bampton's needs. This will help to reinforce individual applications with the authorities and Housing Associations.

There is, regretfully, no easy or fast answer to Bampton's housing needs but facts are necessary to restart the process. The members of the Housing Committee are Councillors Allinson, Chambers, Donoughmore, Newman and Taylor.

TO: The Editor, The Bampton Beam,
Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton OX18 2LR

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL - NEW HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

I live in Bampton. Please send me a copy of the Housing Questionnaire.

Please NAME:

Print ADDRESS:

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hefty grant from the Foundation for Sports and Arts is in the pipeline and it is hoped that West Oxfordshire will also make a significant contribution. A Promises Auction in the Village Hall is planned for September (*details on Notice Board page*) and your active support is needed to make this a success - help turn a dream into a reality!

Finally, the Steering Committee would like to thank all those who have given free labour and materials for this venture. Without this vital help little would have been achieved.



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The Parish Council would like to remind owners of horses and ponies that these animals must not be ridden or led along footpaths. It could be dangerous for small children or elderly people especially those with impaired sight or hearing. The path between Cheyne Lane and Primrose Lane is a Footpath not a Bridleway

A PLEA FROM MR WALLY RYDE HEADTEACHER BAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Unfortunately a number of adults have decided that the school playing field is an exercise yard and toilet for their dogs. Clearing dog's mess from the field is not a pleasant job, cleaning up when it has been walked into the school building is not a pleasant job, cleaning up and comforting the distraught child who has become covered in dog's mess is not a pleasant job.

Please can these inconsiderate dog owners find somewhere else to exercise their animals (NOT in any other children's playing areas either!)

It would be such a pity if the children of Bampton Primary School were to lose the use of their field.



Introducing your Parish Councillors 1994 - 1998



Mrs Jacky Allinson has lived in Bampton since 1982 and has 4 boys, Alexander, Christopher, Nicholas & Thomas and a daughter, Elizabeth, 3 cats, 2 guinea pigs, 1 roving rabbit, 2 gerbils, 5 goldfish (courtesy of the Annual Fair) and is married to her very tolerant husband, Alan! She works for a Wallingford company partly from home and partly at the Wallingford office. She has been on the Parish Council since May 1986 and hopes to continue working to allow Bampton to thrive and grow as a caring and united community.

Miss Sue Casson has lived in Bampton for 14 years. She is an artist and particularly values the countryside and village life. She joined the Parish Council to help preserve the village character and ambience of Bampton and maintain its picturesque and rural qualities. She is a Churchgoer and served as Honorary Local Secretary for the Children's Society from 1991 through 1993.

Mrs Liz Chambers came to Bampton in 1976 when she and her husband bought Oathurst House for an Old Person's Home. They are now retired and live just behind it, in a converted Barn. She is a long standing member of the WI (now President), the Horticultural Society and the local branch of the Conservatives as well as Pumpkin Club, WOAA, and the Theatre Club. Liz has served on the Parish Council for the past 8 years and was District Councillor for 4 years. "I enjoy being on Parish Council, because it is for the Village, and it gives us a feeling of being able to keep an eye on what is going on and how we can better it."

Mrs Julie Daw came to Bampton with her husband in 1985 shortly before their first child, Charlotte, was born. They moved from Calais Dene to High Street just before the birth of William. Both children now attend the Primary School where Julie also teaches. Andrew's work takes him further afield but they are both involved with village organisations. Julie hopes that she will be in a better position to help serve the community now that she is on the parish Council. "Whilst it is essential to preserve much of Bampton's past which makes the village such a special place, it is also important, with judicious planning, to look forward, endeavouring to cater for all those who have chosen to live here."

Lord Donoughmore has lived in Bampton for 12 years. He has 4 sons and 5 grandchildren. He has completely retired from business but is non-executive chairman of publishers Hodder Headline PLC. He is actively concerned with keeping the special character of Bampton and, with this in mind, was instrumental in forming the Society for the Protection of Bampton (491 members) in 1993. He agreed to serve on the Parish Council with the same aims in mind. He is also President of the SPAJERS.

Mr Jim Gascoigne has lived in Bampton since 1963 where he and his wife Jeanne have been involved with many village activities. They have 3 daughters and a son, 10 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter. He has served on the Parish Council since 1983 and is treasurer for the Pumpkin Club and the Bush Centre. He supports the Low Cost Housing scheme and Bampton projects for young and old - "Bampton must be kept ALIVE".

Mr David Hawkins first came to live in Bampton in 1970 when his wife started the first of several teaching appointments at Bampton School. As a helicopter and passenger aircraft pilot as well as a flying instructor, he takes a keen interest in all aviation matters and will be carefully noting flight patterns over the village. With 2 teenage sons, who share his love of tennis, squash and windsurfing, he is very keen to be involved in the Buckland Road Sports Project.



Mr Roger Howard moved to Bampton nearly 3 years ago. He and his wife, Carol, have extensive experience in business development and marketing. Their two children are happy at the local school and they intend to make their home here for the foreseeable future. Roger put himself forward for the Parish Council because he wants to participate more fully in the life of the village and to work with other members of the Council in leading the way forward on village issues. "My principal concerns are the urgent installation of a traffic management system with the aim of eradicating dangerous driving and minimising heavy through traffic, and secondly, the creation of a long term focus on the village, its people and its amenities so that change, progress and improvements may be blended with the preservation of our way of life."

Mrs Janet Newman was born in Bampton 47 years ago and, apart from 8 years in the 1960's, feels privileged to have lived here all her life. She is married with two sons aged 23 & 21 and a daughter aged 16. Her husband has his own business and is locally based. She teaches at the local Primary School and is a trustee of The Bampton Welfare Trust and also serves as the Red Cross Loans Organiser for the Bampton & Burford district. "I believe that Bampton is a very special place in which to live. It is a very caring and creative community which should be valued, nurtured and protected."

Mr Ralph Norman was born in London but could not wait to leave. After moving first to Nottingham and then to a small Staffordshire village he finally discovered Bampton and does not ever want to leave. He has lived here now for 11 years with his wife, three dogs and two ewes. He was first elected to the Parish Council in 1990 and is concerned with the preservation of Bampton's unique character and its continued well being. He is Chairman of Bampton Environmental Watch Group (BEWG)

Mr Jim Taylor came to Bampton in 1991 after living and working in seven countries overseas. Born in Yorkshire, he is also an Australian and first heard of Bampton while living in Texas. A retired Company Director and Chartered Engineer, he has an active interest in village life - being also Chairman of the Village Hall Committee and a sub-editor of the Bampton Beam. He became Chairman of the Parish Council in May 1994 and feels strongly that Bampton must develop sensibly in the interests of all its residents while retaining its character, history and community life.



an assessment of the new legislation by Eleanor Baughan RGN SCM HV
Director: Community Care Ltd. Prospect House, Bampton

hours, to members of the public who wished both to do useful work which helped a section of the community in need, and to supplement their own or their family income.

But what are the problems encountered so far, and what are the dangers which are becoming apparent a year after the Community Care Act became law? In my experience, the only problems which have emerged are those which are to be expected - all the difficulties of a major change of responsibility from one public sector department to another; retraining, setting up new working practices and establishing new working relationships, all against a tight time scale. Where goodwill has existed on all sides, the Community Care Act has got off to a flying start and many local authority staff are working in partnership with mine as efficiently as though the changes had taken place 5 years ago.

Lack of information, despite the considerable efforts of the local authority to make known their plans by meeting and litera-

ture, remains a drawback, and I do not see an immediate solution. It takes time for details of how the system works to filter down eventually to those, often isolated, elderly and disabled people whom the Community Care Act seeks to serve. Perhaps a few tips on how to get the best from the system might help:

- Everyone who considers they are unable to look after themselves is entitled to an assessment. Apply to and continue to press for an assessment visit from your local Social Services office.
- Social Services assessors must take your personal wishes into account, even though they may not be able to meet them in full. If you want to stay at home - or want to go into a residential home - then say so, make sure your views are recorded, and keep saying so until you get an answer. If you do not like the answer, then register an appeal.
- Care at home is not a contributory service. You will not be compelled to use your own resources to purchase care if you prefer not to. A place in a residential home or nursing home is contributory if the financial means of the applicant are above £8000.

A danger emerging, as the community Care Act gets under way, is that inexperienced and unscrupulous Care Agency operators will set up and hope to cash in on what may appear to them as a home-care "bonanza". The local authorities are a major safeguard against this through their meticulous accreditation schemes. If you decide to choose your own agency, then membership of the United Kingdom Homecare Association (UKHCA), which I helped to form in the mid 1980's, is a good indication of standards and quality, because all members agree to abide by a strict Code of Practice - you could ask the agency you are considering to show you a copy, and ask them questions about it.

In summary, I am sure that the Community Care Act is based on sound principles and deserves to be a great success. Continued support, however, at Government as well as local authority level, both politically and financially, will be crucial in the years ahead.

Solace

is a 'drop' in Centre for all carers held every Wednesday 1.30 to 3.30pm at Moorview, Moorlands Road, Welch Way Contact Mrs J Williams Tel: 881784

The Community Care Act 1993 is, I believe, a great step forward in resolving the ever increasing problem of providing necessary support for a progressively ageing population. Also, it puts into a legal framework the aims which I had when setting up COMMUNITY CARE - a domiciliary care agency serving the Thames Valley - some 10 years ago. These were, and remain:

- To give the elderly and disabled the choice of remaining in their own homes, despite infirmity, illness or disability, by the provision of carefully assessed, high quality care.
- To provide domiciliary care for the elderly and disabled by the most efficient and cost effective means.
- An additional aim of mine was to provide part time work, often in unsocial

Caring for Carers

Do you want information and support as a Carer of someone disabled, elderly, someone in need?

Come and discuss your needs with a member of the **Bampton Care Team**
Anne Gears - District Nursing Sister
Sylvia Goves - Care Manager
Lynn Rees - Community Psychiatric Nurse
Please phone 0993 851997 for an appointment leaving your name and telephone number.

The Relief Care Services offer relief to those who are caring for a relative, friend or neighbour who has an illness or disability and who would be at risk or in distress if left on their own for more than a short period of time.

The Service offers flexible care in the home or for outings and is provided by relief carers who are employed by Social Services to take over the relative/friend's duties for an agreed period of time. A maximum of 3 hours per week can be offered to a carer; this time can be accumulated to offer less frequent longer breaks. At present there is no charge for this service.

For more information please contact:
Helen Ashmore - Manager, Relief to Carers Service based at Oakfield House, 13 Church Green, Witney Tel: 702100

North Oxfordshire Carers Centre based at Banbury now covers an area which includes Chipping Norton, Witney, Kidlington, Bicester and all the villages in between. April Marshall is the Development Worker who has responsibility for the Witney area including Bampton. She can provide information, help and support to many carers of all ages and in different circumstances.

The Carers Telephone Helpline 0345 125546

Arrangements can be made for someone to see carers in their own homes or at some convenient place. Drop-in sessions are held at some GP practices and other local venues.

From Thursday May 12th 1994 a new service began for older people and their carers in West Oxfordshire.

A Clinic is held fortnightly from 2 - 4pm at the Nuffield Health Centre in Welch Way, Witney to offer help and advice to anyone who has concerns about mental health.

Families & carers are also able to come along for an informal chat.

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- 4th Toys Theme Storytime (for the under 5's) The Library 10.30 - 11am
 6th Bampton Horticultural Society Flower Show The Village Hall
 6th Tramps Supper The Jubilee Inn
 18th 19th 20th Hebborn's Amusements - Annual Funfair - Market Square
 29th S.P.A.J.E.R's Donkey Derby & Fete Sandford's Field 2.00pm

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Oxfordshire Community Trust Youth Centre 10.00am to 12 midday
 3rd & 4th Boys Football Tournament Buckland Road Sports/Recreation Field
 10th Sports Field Appeal Promises Auction The Village Hall 2.00pm
 10th & 11th Heritage Days
 12th Local Area Police Meeting The Youth Centre 7.30pm
 13th Badminton Club First Session of Play 10.00am to 12 noon
 24th Bampton Horticultural Society Autumn Show The Village Hall

OCTOBER

- 7th F.O.B.S. General Knowledge Quiz Night The Primary School
 14th Friends of St Mary's Dr John Blair - Talk Village Hall 7.30pm
 21st Friends of St Mary's Dr Simon Townley - Talk Village Hall 7.30pm
 26th BEWG Open Meeting The Village Hall 8.00pm
 28th Friends of St Mary's Dr John Blair - Talk Village Hall 7.30pm

NOVEMBER

- 5th St Mary's Church Christmas Bazaar
 19th F.O.B.S. 50/50 Auction The Primary School

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