

# Planned and proposed Future Exhibitions

Birds of Bampton **ON NOW**

Wells of Bampton

Clubs and Societies

Maps of Bampton

Growing up in Bampton

History of Bampton Opera

Below stairs in Bampton

Music making in Bampton

Art and Craft in Bampton

Young people in Bampton

Village Life past and present

When firm dates are agreed more details of all our courses,  
workshops and events will be available on the website

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Schools in Bampton

A Brief History of St Mary the Virgin, Bampton

Story of Trade in Bampton

Tanning Industry in Bampton

History of Bampton Fire Brigade

The Wilkinson Brothers

Unseen Bampton

A Village Herbal

Bampton Families

Bampton Architecture Book 1

Bampton Architecture Book 2

Cricket in Bampton

Army Communications in Bampton 1939 to 1969

Lost Airfields

Bampton Town, its Castle and the Earls of Pembroke

Mr Onesiphorus Oliver Collett and the 'Bampton Voiturette'

Inclosures of the Open Fields

We Will Remember Them

The Restoration of Lord Nelson

Witney's Lost Airfields

History of Morris Dancing



## **OTHER BOOKS**

Miss Daisy

Miss Daisy - my life and work

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The Bar

A Snap

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Goodbye Miss Daisy

Flint visits Grandmas House

A Collection of Poems by Vera Elward

The Wit & Wisdom of Downton Abbey

## **BOOKS RECORDING FILMING OF DOWNTON ABBEY**

Downton Abbey Book One - The filming of series 1 & 2

Downton Abbey Book Two - The filming of series 3 & 4

Downton Abbey Book Three - The filming of series 5 & 6

## **MAPS & GUIDES**

A2 Church Guides

A2 Bampton Map

Footpaths of Bampton - Guide

A Walk Round Historic Bampton - Guide

Downton Mile Map

## **FILMS**

The Coronation in Bampton - DVD/USB

Film of the celebrations in the Deanery Garden 1953

*We have a great selection of mugs, tea towels, cards & prints, candles, soap, pens, notelets, postcards and lots more - all available from our shop.*



**MORE BOOKS .....**

Bampton Recapturing the Castle

Farming in Bampton

A Bampton Boyhood

Bush Club - 30 Years

Bampton and the Poor Law

History of Spajers

Bampton Skies and Landscapes

Archery in Bampton

Dug Up in Bampton - Objects

Dug Up in Bampton - Coins

Dug Up in Bampton - Fossils

The Naming of Bampton Bk 1

The Naming of Bampton Bk 2

Birding in the Bush

Aston, Cote, Shifford and Chimney – A Parish History

Bampton – The Way It Was

Patchwork & Quilting

Bampton Folklore

The Bampton We Have Lost

A Snap Shot in Time



## **Arts and Crafts**

Art Therapy for children

Art Therapy for adults

Did you know you can paint?

Craft Classes Children / Library

Making jewellery out of buttons

Flower Art

## **Skills Apprenticeships**

How do I get into .....

Dry Stone Walling

Classic Vehicle Mechanics

Traditional Boat Building

Thatching

Farming

Horticulture & Landscaping

## **Green Recycling – Workshops**

Repair Cafes and how to set one up

Make do & mend

Re-purposing Old Things!

Put up a shelf & other DIY skills



## Talks/Workshops

Visiting Authors

Walk yourself fit

Nutrition and Exercise

Could you save a life?

*First Aid Courses for Children/Young Adults/Adults*

Volunteer for something

History Talks

The village Herbal

The science of sleep

Nature Watch Project

Keep Bampton Tidy campaign

## Music

An introduction to...

Jazz

Folk

So you think you don't like opera?

Beginners Guitar

Slow Movement -

*There's a performance in everyone.*

*A course for those who only play an instrument at home.*



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## **Schools/Child/Youth Projects**

Creative Writing Courses

Storytime

Sing and sign for toddlers

Film making and audio recording skills

History/Discovery/Science Projects

Childrens Cook Book project

## **Computer Skills**

How to use Social Media

iPad for oldies

I don't do Tech – beginners guide

Photoshop Workshops

## **Other Projects**

How to stretch properly

How to use your camera

The art of photography

Creating Digital Memories

Better ways to communicate





# HOW IT ALL STARTED

In 2008, Donal Woods, a leading film designer, had just finished a series for the BBC called "Cranford". To find the location for the series he and his staff had scoured the countryside of South West England looking for the perfect village, eventually ending up in Laycock. Now a new costume series was planned for ITV, written by Julian Fellowes, called "Downton Abbey". It was to be set in Yorkshire, and the main house had already been chosen as Highclere Castle.

Donal knew that he had visited almost all the potential locations in the region and was bemoaning the fact that it would be extremely difficult to find another village that would meet his criteria. He needed somewhere that was built of stone matching as closely as possible that of Yorkshire and which would also look as though it could convincingly be the village built up around the castle.

Perhaps his most challenging requirement was a village that would not need him to close down any businesses whilst filming. All film companies are extremely sensitive to the fact that disruption during filming must be kept to a minimum. He needed a place that had two distinct centres, one of which was unencumbered by shops and had a church sufficiently grand for his purposes.

Like many people over the centuries he had never found Bampton. It's not an accident that it used to be called Bampton in the Bush. But the person to whom he was speaking was the country's most distinguished television film producer Dame Pippa Harris, who happened to live here. She suggested he might like to have a look at Bampton. Within a week he was here with his team and it looked as though he had found the perfect place. The Church Close was quiet, pretty much untouched for centuries, easy to close off from traffic, separate from the commercial centre of the village and all within an hour and a half of Highclere and London.

On a more practical note it also had an enormous parking space at the recreation ground where the fleet of lorries, canteens and buses that always come with a film crew could base themselves, and an enthusiastic parish council who would work with him to facilitate their needs.

Television costume drama at the time was on the wane. No one expected Downton to be more than one series long, but they were delighted to have found their location and set about the planning and then, in 2009, filming of series one with enjoyment. Little did they or indeed Pippa Harris know that this was to become the biggest television phenomenon of all time.