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Bampton Sewer Network Improvements

Thames Water gave the Parish Council a presentation at its June meeting on the project to improve the sewer network from New Road to Aston Road.

Thames water explained that there had been a number of properties along New Road, Fox Close and The Pieces which had seen sewer flooding at various times, and continued to be at risk during prolonged heavy rainfalls. The investigation carried out by Thames Water – using, inter alia CCTVs in the sewers - showed that the sewer network had been poorly designed in places resulting in it having insufficient capacity.

The project to upgrade the sewer network in that area, they advised was in the investigation stage, and that they were in the process of building a dynamic model which will then be used

to identify possible solutions to the problem.

Thames water advised however, that initial indications were that major sections of the sewer would have to be replaced, and that this would mean heavy machinery being used to dig trenches, install pipes etc.

The areas likely to be impacted were New Road, Fox Close, The Pieces, Calais Dene, Chetwynd Mead, and Aston Road – close to the pumping station. In these areas, vehicle access for residents might be impeded. Thames Water further advised that road closures might be inevitable, although emergency access would at all times be maintained, and that existing services for buses, refuse collections, etc would continue.

The Parish Council was advised that the investigation stage would be com-

pleted by September, and that work was likely to start in December, with completion targeted for April 2008.

It was pointed out to Thames Water, that reports of flooding further along New Road – towards the junction with Broad Street had been reported to some of the Parish Councillors. Thames Water advised that they had not received reports themselves, but would take action by sending a questionnaire to the residents around that area, and if the reports were true, they would make further investigations and as necessary try and carry out any upgrading work at the same time as that for the present project.

Thames Water advised that it would keep the Parish Council informed as to progress as the project matures, and 'The Beam' will also have further information in its November edition.

Mineral Extraction Proposal

By Ralph Norman, Bampton Parish Council

In May OCC published their initial mineral sites proposal document for consultation. This document contains their initial long list of possible mineral extraction sites in Oxfordshire.

OCC's "Minerals Site Proposals and Policies Document" contains, among others, three contiguous sites covering an area of 2,394 hectares (5,916 acres) with an estimated yield of 89 million tonnes. The combined sites lie to the north and south of the Thames stretching from Radcot to Shifford, touching Clanfield, Bampton, Aston and Cote, enclosing Chimney and much of the Buckand Road, and with Aston Road as one of the boundaries.

Nothing is decided yet. This is only the first stage in OCC's site allocation process. The initial long list consists of sites put forward by landowners and mineral companies, and other possible sites identified from earlier surveys. OCC have put this long list

out to consultation to gain factual information before they analyse it and produce a short list of sites, and then a final list. Public consultation will take place at all three stages before publication of their final plan showing allocated extraction sites that could be developed in the future. Bampton Parish Council, along with other parish councils, and BEWG and the SPB have all submitted comments.

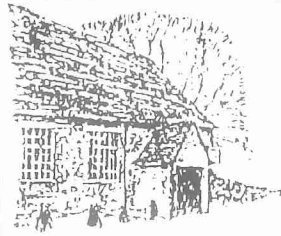
The two main reasons against inclusion of these sites are firstly the lack of an adequate local transport infrastructure (minor roads through local villages with routes blocked at Tadpole Bridge, New Bridge and Radcot Bridge by weight restrictions).

Secondly the proximity to RAF Brize Norton with the dangers of bird strike - extraction sites have to include plans for their restoration to an acceptable use after they have been worked out.

Due to the high water table in the

Thames flood plain, these sites would have to be returned as wild life and recreational water bodies. The Civil Aviation Authority recommends a ten mile radius exclusion zone for such sites around airports because of the dangers of birds strike from geese and the like. If these sites find their way into OCC's final plan it will have dire consequences for our environment and amenities while they are being worked. Let us hope that OCC see sense and reject them at this first stage. Copies of relevant OCC mineral and waste publications are available in libraries, OCC offices and on the OCC web site at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/links/public/mineralsandwastepolicy, where progress and other information is posted. See page ??? for a map of the areas at risk.

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* Weekdays and Saturdays 6pm to midnight; Fridays 6pm to 1am.

MOVIES ON THE MOVE

**in
 Bampton Village Hall**

The Theatre, Chipping Norton continues to bring up-to-date films to Bampton Village Hall on the 1st Wednesday of every other month. The programme for July and September months is:

**Wednesday, 3rd July 7.30pm
 'Notes on a Scandal' (15), Richard Eyre (2006)
 92mins**

Barbara (Dench) is a schoolteacher whose private life consists mainly of taking care of Portia, her aging cat. The only way she has found to distract herself from loneliness is writing her diary.

When Sheba (Blanchett) joins the faculty as an art teacher, Barbara has nothing but disdain for her. Later, when Barbara discovers Sheba in a classroom with Steven a 15-year-old student; she realizes that knowledge is power.

**Wednesday, 4th September 7.30pm
 'The History Boys' (15)**

Nicholas Hytner (2006) 109 mins
 Screen adaptation of the Alan Bennett play, The History Boys tells the story of an unruly class of bright, funny history students in pursuit of an undergraduate place at Oxford or Cambridge.

Starring Richard Griffiths and Stephen Campbell-Moore.

Tickets £4.00 are on sale at The Cotton Club, Bridge Street for 2 weeks in advance and at the door.

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By David Hawkins, Vice Chairman

The Annual Parish Meeting

The Village Hall was full of residents, some of whom had to stand, to hear from the various speakers, the main ones being Wing Commander Tony Toner and Squadron Leader Rob Connelly giving details of the changes that will be happening at RAF Brize Norton over the next 6 years. It will become the only airfield in the UK for incoming and outgoing military personnel which will, of course, mean a considerable increase in aircraft movements. Building work will have to be done to accommodate the increase in aircraft, personnel and all the necessary equipment for servicing etc. The meeting was assured that there should be no increase in traffic through the village as it will be routed the same way as happened when the runway was being resurfaced. Following reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council, the County and District Councillors, the Welfare Trust, Exhibition Foundation, and the Bampton Community Shop, questions from the floor were taken, the main topic being the possible building of 4 affordable homes on Mercury Close Playing Field. The Chairman explained that no final decision has yet been made on this matter.

Vandalism

This has become a serious problem over the past few months. As was reported in the last edition of the 'Beam', incidents include mini motor-bikes being ridden over the Recreation Ground during the half term break when the whole field was waterlogged. This caused a considerable amount of damage; however the culprits were caught and the police informed. The Parish Council was asked if it wished to bring charges but declined to do so, however, a local businessman has offered to find work for these youngsters to do during the holidays as compensation for the damage they caused. The Union Jack that had been flying for some months, only attached by one lanyard, was

taken down and replaced with a new one. The following day it was missing - taken no doubt as a prank. Abbey Properties offered to purchase a new one to replace it and for which the Council are very grateful. However it was decided not to keep it flying all the time to prevent this happening again. At the cemetery there were three separate incidents of stones being removed from the dry stone wall that runs along the field. This was repaired at a cost of £300. The metal fence in Pembroke Place Playing Field was pulled over and damaged, this had to be put up again and a part especially made to repair it.

Please remember that all these costs come for your Council Tax. Vandalism costs you money.

Play Wall & Storage Area

The fund raising for this much needed project is almost complete so it is hoped that the building work will be started within the next month or so.

Use of the Pavilion

This venue is ideal for receptions, parties, or any family or friends get-together. The cost of hire is £120 per day or £60 for an evening. For further information phone the Manager, **Ray Willis on 01993 852482 or mobile 07766 264684.**

**Wanted
 Beam Walkers**

Well, actually it's DEPUTY Beam Walkers we are looking for!

We do have a full complement of Beam Walkers at the moment, who walk around the Village and deliver the Beam to your door. However, there are occasions when for various reasons we run short of people to deliver the 'Beam', and are therefore looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to stand in as required.

Beam Walking is not onerous! We deliver them to your door, and all you need to do is to walk around an area of the Village - we will tell you which street or area - and deliver one to each house or business, at a day and time to suit you. We try and keep the number to be delivered to less than 50, although a few of our regular Beam Walkers do deliver more than this.

If you would like to volunteer then please call Fenella Gray: Tel: 01993 851653.

The Bampton Directory

The 2008 Bampton Directory will be issued with the November edition of the 'Beam'. It would be appreciated if all those organisations which are included in the Directory would provide update details on their Directory entry to the Editor by the 'Beam' deadline of 30th September 2006.

THE ANNUAL BAMPTON FAIR

16th, 17th, 18th August

The Market Square & High Street

The fair vehicles will be arriving from around 12 noon on Wednesday 15th August to set up the rides and amusements, and will therefore need access to The Market Square and the High Street from then onwards.

The organisers would very much appreciate it if all drivers and owners of vehicles, motor cycles etc., would leave the Market Square and the High Street clear of vehicles from noon on Wednesday 15th August.

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District Council Report

By Mark Booty
West Oxfordshire District Council

Firstly, I would like to thank everybody who took the interest and made the effort to vote in the recent District Council elections. We had the highest turn out of any district and I am grateful to you that I was re-elected. I will continue to stand up for what is needed to keep Bampton, Clanfield and Black Bourton, and indeed the whole District, such a desirable area to live in.

One of my new jobs at WODC is to take a position on the Cabinet which is tasked with Change and Improvement. In brief, this role involves looking at ways we at WODC may be able to share some of our operations with other Councils to save some costs and keep the Council Tax down. It will be a long process but is both a requirement of Central Government, and, to be honest, is a far more sensible way forward than the Unitary authority concept.

A decision has also been taken which requires anyone who sits on a Planning Committee to have training so that they understand planning. This is a good thing, as decisions made in those committees we will have to live with long into the future.

Recently we have been asking the question "What's so special about West Oxfordshire?", meaning "what is it that means so many people love living here and want to move here"? I suppose the clinical answer is that we have very low unemployment, a relatively low level of crime – which is probably just as well looking at the reducing number of Police we are allocated; and good schools. The reality is that these things are essential. But are these the only reasons? I think another reason is that West Oxfordshire has massive community spirit within its Towns and Villages. Look at our own Village and the number of people who offer their time free to do good works – Bush Club, SPAJERS, Community Shop, to name but a few. The other reason I suppose is that it is also a beautiful area to live in. The reason I bring this all up is that these

are the things we must protect. Community spirit needs the community to stay together; that needs, housing for young people and key workers, it needs shops, Post Office, school, play areas and local employment; and it needs low crime levels. To keep the area beautiful, it needs sustainable and careful development; and it needs traffic to be managed.

These are the things which WODC and Councillors from all political parties work for.

New commercial cardboard collections

Commercial waste recycling in West Oxfordshire is set to be given a further boost with the introduction of the District Council's new collection service for cardboard. This will be in addition to the new commercial glass collection service, announced last month. Both services are expected to start in May.

Funding has been obtained to trial commercial cardboard recycling for a one year period and this was approved at the District Council's Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, 21st March. A survey was sent out to businesses in West Oxfordshire last year and 93% said that they would prefer to see their waste recycled than go to landfill.

At least 50 businesses are needed to sign up for the scheme to go ahead and firms are being encouraged to contact the Council to find out more information.

Cllr David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: "I am very pleased that we are now able to offer a commercial cardboard recycling scheme as well as one for glass, and that West Oxfordshire is once again at the forefront of recycling schemes. These new schemes are a major step forward and will provide a significant boost for recycling. From the survey we carried out, we know that we have the support of local companies and I encourage businesses to participate." West Oxfordshire is the second Council in Oxfordshire to introduce a com-

mercial waste recycling scheme.

Details will be made available to both existing and potential commercial waste customers. After the trial one year period, the scheme will be reviewed, but with the hope that it will continue permanently.

Any businesses interested in joining the scheme should contact, **Street Scene Tel: 01993 861020 or email env.services@westoxon.gov.uk.**

For further information contact: Carys Davies / Samantha Simpson Tel: 01993 861615 Mobile: 07771 965360

Have you heard about the New Initiatives in Education?

Everything Changes but

Children still need education

Parents still need support

As usual, it is all change in the way that services are delivered to children. You may have heard of Sure Start, but what about Every Child Matters, Children's Centres, Extended Schools? The new initiatives continue but you don't have to be an expert in all things educational to become a fantastic Independent Parental Supporter.

Children don't change, they still need to go to school and get the best education they can. Parents don't change either; can you remember how you felt before parents' evening? Wondering what you would hear this time? Sometimes parents need support in sorting things out for their child, especially if their child has Special Educational Needs.

As a **Volunteer Independent Parental Supporter** you can make a real difference, parents and schools will appreciate your supportive approach. You can help, by going with a parent to a meeting, maybe taking notes or possibly by writing a letter or making a phone call.

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Tonnes of litter cleared from West Oxfordshire Roadsides

More than 12.5 tonnes of litter has been handpicked from verges and roadsides across West Oxfordshire in only 26 days as part of a litter blitz by the District Council.

The litter – enough to more than fill a large refuse collection vehicle – was picked up by six workers from West Oxfordshire District Council who trawled 98 miles of roadsides on foot. In total, 12,620 tonnes were picked up – equivalent to almost half a tonne every day. In addition to the litter, more than 20 shredded lorry tyres and old bicycle wheels were cleared away. The workers even came across two washing machines, a refrigerator and dumped car parts – including doors, seats and glass. The clear-up was carried out in preparation for the Council to start grass cutting. As well as helping to improve the environment, the blitz has also cut the risk of large items getting caught up in and damaging grass cutting equipment.

Cllr David Harvey, Cabinet Member for the Environment, said: "This has been an extremely worthwhile exercise and it just goes to show how much of a problem litter can cause. It is beyond belief that people think they can just dump items such as washing machines and refrigerators – which can pollute the environment – at our roadsides.

This is totally unacceptable and I would like to remind people that fly-tippers face prosecution.

"I hope that people will be surprised by the amount of litter that was collected and do their bit to help raise awareness and urge others not to do it."

Roads targeted during the campaign included:

- A40 East and Westbound
- A415 Ducklington to Newbridge
- Sections of the A361
- B4449
- Sections of the B4437
- Sections of the B4022
- A4095 Witney to Woodstock
- B4047 Witney to Asthall roundabout

- A44 to A436
- A4260 border to Hopcroft Holt
- A424 Burford to county border
- B4030 Enstone to the Barton

The team also responded to feedback from residents who contacted the Council to report litter problems in their areas. Anyone who spots a problem can fill out online Litter Problem or Fly-tipping forms via the Council's website -

<http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/environment/Streetcleansing.cfm>. Alternatively, call the Council's Street Scene team Tel: 01993 861020. For further information contact: **Samantha Simpson or Carys Davies Tel: 01993 861616/861615 Mobile: 07771 965360/07894 299822**

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"I am just writing to thank the CAB for helping me sort out my debt problem. For the first time in eight years I can sleep properly at nights. I can't

begin to tell you what that means to me".

Our volunteers say:

"The work itself is quite challenging and it is rewarding to be learning all the time. I think volunteering at the CAB is fantastic for making you feel a valued member of the community, and it's fun to be part of an active team. You never know what kind of query will come through the door next which makes it very exciting!"

"Having never worked in an office, I am pleasantly surprised to find that office small talk and coffee making does not pass without some form of gentle ribbing or banter breaking into proceedings. I feel that I'm not just an adviser, but a member of a family that's constantly progressing with the challenges that visit the bureau every day."

Liz Pride, our Recruitment and Training Officer thinks that the root of our volunteers' satisfaction lies in the fact that the CAB offers the rare and rewarding opportunity "to make an immediate and lasting difference to the quality of an individual's life within just a few minutes"

To find out more about joining our team of volunteers please contact **Liz Tel: 892062** or drop in for a chat at **The Old Print House, Marlborough Lane, Witney, Oxon, OX28 6DY** or email

bureau@westoxfordshirecab.cabnet.org.uk

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News from Bampton C of E Primary School

By Ellis Bardsley

Environment Week

The children and parents had a busy week recycling, re-using materials and reducing the waste that we produce. The school went without electricity one day to see what it was like to live without it. I am sure they all enjoyed but I am not sure about Di in the office!

The week was very productive and we know the children went home having learnt a lot. Hopefully they will continue to recycle, re-use and reduce at home.

Variety Evening on Saturday 10th

March 2007

A big well done to all the children and performers at the Variety Show 2007. The theme this year was St Patrick's



Day. The hall was gaily decorated in green and white with lots of shamrocks, and finished off with amazing balloon displays, supplied and ar-



ranged by Dave Henderson. There were lots of amazing acts – we never knew there was so much talent in Bampton!

The show this year was compared by

the children who told many jokes in between the acts

A fabulous buffet was arranged by FOBS, which included a large variety of salads, meat and cheeses (supplied by Patrick Strainge), pickles, breads and lots of cakes.

Well done to FOBS for working late into the night on Friday decorating the hall. We raised over £750.00 with a donation from this going to the Methodist Church.

A great evening, watch this space for Variety 2008!

OFSTED Inspection

The Inspector arrived at Bampton School and graded the behaviour of learners and their enjoyment of their education as Outstanding!

He reported on the 'very welcoming ethos' that underpins the strengths in personal development and acknowledged 'very good relationships' within the school.

The report begins 'This is a good school where pupils achieve well academically and socially'.

A big well done to all the staff and children!

Year 6

Well done to all the Year 2 and Year 6 children who worked very hard for their SATS.

After school clubs

The after school clubs are still going strong with Hockey, Football, Art, Cricket, Guitar, Choir, Recorder and Keyboard.

Red Nose Day

The children raised an amazing £1214.51 for Red Nose Day.

They all arrived dressed in bright red, or in their parents' clothes (a sight to see).

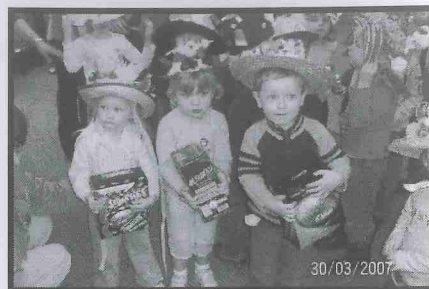
Bampton Pre-school News

By Hilary Davis

We are delighted to announce that we have just been inspected by Ofsted and have received a fantastic report - we were graded as good across all standards of childcare - well done to Debbie and all of the staff for their hard work.

We are pleased to confirm that our new garden area is now nearly complete, a gazebo has been erected, and a new cycle track added. We would like to say a huge thank-you to all those concerned (including the Bampton Firemen!) for helping to make this happen - the children love all of the extra space!

Our Easter Bonnet competition and egg hunt were a great success - well



done to all of the children who entered - they put in a lot of work and the bonnets were all fantastic. The winner of the egg hunt was Edith Wannell and the winners of the bonnet competition were: first place Tayler Green, second place Phoebe Palmer and third place Xavier Walsgrove.

Many thanks to Fenella Gray and Veronica Baker for being our judges.

Sensory Playbus

A Sensory Playbus will be visiting New Road, Bampton every Friday during the summer holiday for 6 weeks from -

Fri 27th July – Fri 31st Aug.

10:00am – 12:00pm.

The sensory bus provides a stimulating play environment with ultra violet lighting, bubble tubes and tactile toys, particularly aimed at children with special needs but all under 5's are welcome on board and should be accompanied by an adult.

For more information please contact **Trudy on 07765 665199** or call the **Oxfordshire Rural Children's Centre Project team Tel: 01865 456742.**

Bampton's Fire-Fighters Awash With Success

By Andrew Lloyd, Bampton Fire-fighter



On Saturday the 21st April, Bampton's fire-fighters were out in force in the Market Square washing cars in order to raise money for the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund.

After a long, hot day, and a steady stream of vehicles, including a VERY expensive Maserati

and a VERY tall horsebox, a grand total of £512 was raised. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who donated money that day, and to the

car owners who waited patiently and filled out their Gift Aid forms, as their vehicles were shampooed and shammied!

Charity events such as these are just one of the many things we, as fire-fighters, do. At Bampton, we are always looking for new people to come and join us as

retained fire-fighters, to help support the community we all know and love. For

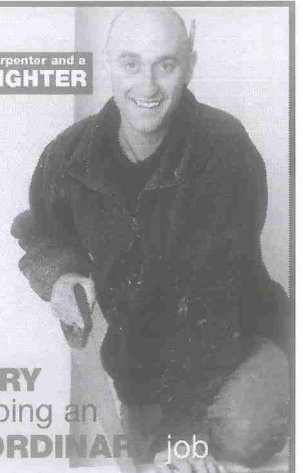
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RAF Brize Norton

RAF Brize Norton

The following is a summary of the information given by the RAF to the Annual Parish Meeting on the expansion of the Base.

RAF Lyneham will be closing as an RAF base in the 2011 - 2012 time-frame and its aircraft will transfer to RAF Brize Norton. The base here will become the APOE - Airport of Embarkation for the whole of the armed forces for this country. The whole of the project for this transfer is known as CATARA - this stands for Centralised Air Transportation and Air to Air Refuelling capability.

This transfer will require a significant amount of building and re-building at the base over the next 5-7 years, and there will be a significant increase in air traffic movements in and out of the base, although it is understood that training flights - circuits and bumps - should decrease eventually when simulators are installed with the arrival of new aircraft to replace the VC10s and Tristars.

The final aircraft tally is expected to be around 64. There will be C-17s (5), C-130Js (new) Hercules (25), Airbus A400Ms (25), and the new Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA) - probably Airbus A330s (9). Delivery of the latter two types is expected to start around 2010, when the VC10s and Tristars will start to be phased out, and will probably be totally phased out by 2014.

In order to cater for the increased number of aircraft, and the increased number of movements - chartered commercial aircraft are also used for various purposes - major works are required to increase the capacity of the Base. An approximately £45 Million MOD contract has been let to provide 18 Aircraft Service Platforms (ASPs) and to resurface part of the existing taxiway.

The new ASP is designed to accommodate 10 x A400M or C130J aircraft, and 8 x A330-200 or Tristar. Two of these ASPs will be oversized to accommodate visiting Boeing 747-400 or Antonov 124-100 aircraft. The area of the ASP is significant in size, 180,000m², which is equivalent to

approximately 20 football pitches. Current ASP hard surface area is 112063 m². All stands will have aircraft hydrant refuelling/de-fuelling facilities, lighting, electrical ground power and communications links. A key requirement of the project is the need to maintain station operational capability during the construction period and to achieve this work will be undertaken in phases.

Every effort will be made to minimise the impact construction will have on the local community and experience gained from the recent runway resurfacing project at the Base will be used.

Note on the CATARA project

Programme CATARA has 5 identified Key User Requirements. These are:

- To create a single Main Operating Base for all Air Transport & Air to Air Refuelling assets.
- To create a single Defence military airport.
- To maintain operational output throughout the change process.
- To release RAF Lyneham as surplus to RAF Strike Command requirements by 2012.
- To improve the quality of life conditions for MOD staff and dependants.

There are also several Key Drivers behind Programme CATARA. These are:

The earliest point the C130J Hercules could transfer from RAF Lyneham to RAF Brize Norton is mid-2009.

The replacement aircraft for Brize Norton's VC10 and Tristar fleet and the C130K Hercules fleet, the A400M and Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA), commence delivery in 2010. The major support units bases at Brize, and which will continue to be housed there are:

- Parachute Training School.
- Joint Air Transport Evaluation Unit.
- 4624 R Auxiliary AF (Movements).
- Defence Movements School.
- 501 R Auxiliary AF Squadron (Regiment).

The major support units from Lyneham to be moved to Brize Norton are:

- Tactical Medical Wing.
- 4626 R Auxiliary AF (Medical).
- 4 Force Protection Wing (Regiment).
- Air Transport and Air to Air Refuelling Operational Evaluation Unit.
- 47 Air Dispatch Squadron (Royal Logistics Corps).

The major support unit leaving Brize Norton is Tactical Communications Wing from 2009 onwards. The major support unit at Lyneham as yet undecided as to future location is 1 Air Mobility Wing.

CATARA consists of 40 separate infrastructure projects.

The major builds are:

- New aircraft parking stands.
- A new or enlarged passenger terminal. Planning is underway for an enlarged cargo facility.
- A new simulator facility for A400M and C130J Hercules.
- An enlarged engine bay facility.
- Already completed is an enlarged Explosive Storage Facility.

Associated/complementary projects are:

- Single Living Accommodation (Modernisation) (SLAM) which is an MOD integrated project team responsible for upgrading some of the MOD's substandard single accommodation (barrack blocks and officers and senior non commissioned officers (SNCOs) messes). It is planned that RAF Brize Norton will receive 64 officers and 605 junior ranks rooms.
- Defence Estates Operations Housing is planning the replacement of 600 of the worst of RAF Brize Norton's family quarters (accommodation for married personnel) and some old vacant flats with 800 new houses.
- Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA) is planning construction of a new 2 bay hangar and training/office complex at Brize Norton.

Community Issues - Questions and Answers

What will be the effect of construction traffic on local communities?

There will be a significant amount of construction traffic over the construction period. Every effort will be made to ensure the local communities are inconvenienced as little as possible by careful choice of routes and avoiding

built up areas where possible. The experience from the successful runway resurfacing project last year will be brought to bear. The same route for construction traffic will to be used as was used for the runway work in 2005-2006, that is from the A40 junction at Witney, along the A4095 through Lew to the eastern end of the runway, entering the Station south of Brize village, without going through Brize village.

From where will aggregate for the construction be sourced?

Aggregate will be sourced by the contractor and the location of this is unknown at present. As an example, aggregate for the runway project came from the Midlands, and to reduce environmental damage, it was shipped by rail to Bicester.

The new ASP will create a large volume of rainfall run off. Will this make the situation worse for local villages? Heavy rainfall has recently flooded villages.

Detailed negotiations have already been held with the Environment Agency and attenuation tanks/measures have been designed into the project to accommodate the run off through the drains so that it does not overload the drainage system. It is a requirement of the Environment Agency that storm water runoff does not exceed current levels and the attenuation tanks will achieve this. The RAF has to work to Environment Agency regulations. RAF Brize Norton has also been badly affected by recent heavy rainfall and it is vital that the problem does not get worse for local communities or for the Base.

Operational Issues - Questions and Answers

Does the ASP work signal the move of the Hercules squadrons from Lyneham to Brize Norton upon completion of the project in 2009?

The ASP project is part of a programme of works enabling the move of operations at RAF Lyneham to RAF Brize Norton. The end state is to make RAF Lyneham surplus to RAF Strike Command requirements by 2012. The programme consists of 40 separate infrastructure projects as well as requiring detailed transition planning. The actual move date for squadrons will depend on provision of operational and support facilities plus

accommodation for personnel. Planning is ongoing within this area.

Will it get busier in the skies and noisier when the Hercules and other aircraft come?

The aircraft numbers at Brize will more than double once the full complement of Hercules and future aircraft arrive and the Tristars and VC10s go. It will be busier, but the newer aircraft are quieter than the VC10, which everyone in the local area recognises to be very noisy. By comparison, the newer C17 aircraft are much less noisy. Also, flying training is increasingly conducted in simulators, further reducing noise.

Will RAF Brize Norton be fully operational during the construction

work?

The construction work will be an inconvenience but detailed planning has already taken place, and will continue, to ensure that core operational output will not be affected and that disturbance to Station personnel and activities is kept to an absolute minimum. Will the Repatriation Ceremonies continue to be held at RAF Brize Norton?

The Repatriation Ceremonies are currently held at the Air Terminal which is next to the construction site. It would not be fitting for the 2 activities to take place side by side. These ceremonies will be carried out at RAF Lyneham for the duration of the works.

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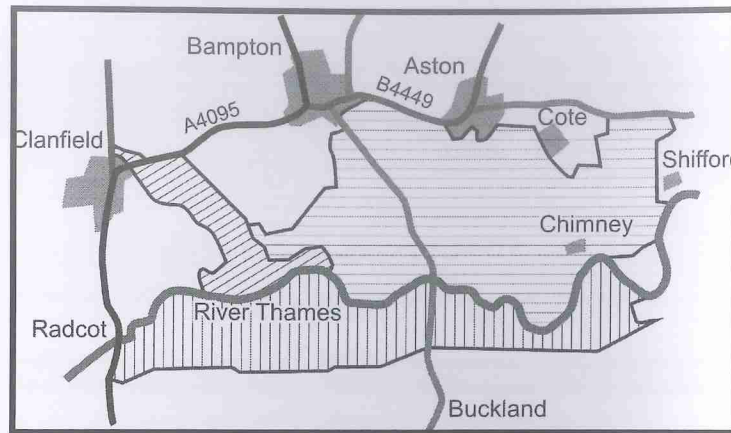
Bampton Environmental Watch Group

By Ralph Norman, Chairman

In April members took the opportunity to visit Dr Ronald McKenzie's garden in Shilton. Dr McKenzie is a world expert on snowdrops and was featured last year in an article in The Times. This was followed at the end of March with our AGM. The officers elected were: Chairman Ralph Norman; Vice-chairman Helene Grygar; Hon. Secretary Sally Proctor; Hon. Treasurer Martyn Bishop. Six other members were also elected. Sue Helm and Mark McArthur-Christy had decided to stand down this year and our thanks go to them for their efforts of the past two years. Sadly, at our next committee meeting at the end of March, Freda Bradley decided that it was time for her to retire from the committee. Freda is a founder member of BEWG and has been a committee member since our inaugural meeting 17 years ago. She will be greatly missed as a real voice of Bampton, but she did agree to continue to provide her "jottings" for the newsletter. Our speaker at the AGM was John Wilmer who gave a talk on "Friar's Court through the Ages". At the end of April we had a talk by David Lovegrove on the local reintroduction of Red Kites. This proved a very popular talk drawing visitors from as far a field as Oxford. The programme of talks for the remainder of 2007 is: 26 July, Wildlife recording in the Bampton area, by Gavin Bird of Thames

Valley Environmental Watch Group; and 25 October, Hunting for British orchids, by Brian Laney. Open meetings are held in the Village Hall starting at 8:00pm. All are welcome, with attendance free for members £2 for non-members (or join at the door). Since my last report in the 'Beam', planning applications for Bampton have abounded, but all have been small and localised with only two or three small new infill dwellings. But these all pale into insignificance against OCC's publication in May of a consultation document containing their initial long list of possible mineral extraction sites in Oxfordshire. There is one other large planning application in the offing. It is understand that OCC have finally come to a decision on what they hope to do with the land behind the old school, which currently houses the Bush Club. Talks with the Parish

Council and then OCC's planning application are awaited. Finally: Thames Water has at last responded to problems with the sewers around New Road, and has just begun a survey of what is needed. Construction work is expected to begin at the end of the year and complete by April 2008. We can expect local road closures during this time including the Aston Road, but let's hope nothing as bad as the Standlake road closures of last year. If you would like to know more about BEWG or would like to join us please contact the **Membership Secretary Ann Norman Tel: 850823, or email bewg@sagaman.co.uk**. You can also



Mineral Extraction Proposal

see our entry on the Bampton web site at www.bamptonoxon.co.uk/bewg.htm.

An Invitation to watch the bells being rung..... There are two aspects that bell ringers have towards their craft. One is the knowledge that ringing tells people within earshot that something is about to happen and this might be a church service of Holy Communion, Family Worship, a wedding, a Christening, a funeral or to mark the end of one year and the start of the next. Without a service to follow, we ring a half muffled peal when a much loved national character has died, when a Bampton person who has done a great deal for village life has died and when an ex bell ringer has died. The Pancake bell is rung just before noon on Shrove Tuesday to tell people to eat up all the treats within the larder ready for a period of eating simple food during the weeks of reflection throughout lent. Until the early 60s a curfew bell was rung each night and many parents told their children that they had to be back indoors no later than 5 minutes after the curfew bell. The second aspect ringers have towards their craft is one of fun; a hobby, with the privilege of using wonderful bells in a beautiful church and after practise on a Monday night, a convivial drink in a local inn. However, we have a problem, not one of our regular Sunday ringers is under 50 and we have simply got to teach more people to ring. So to the invitation..... If you would like to see the ringers in action, in the ringing chamber and find out how you could learn this centuries old craft then we shall be delighted to organise this for you. We can comfortably and safely have 8 people at a time in the ringing chamber watching the ringers, so your visit will need to be arranged in advance. Either contact cpmtact **Janet Rouse Tel: 01993 850162 or preferably email Janet at woodgreen69-bamptonbeam@yahoo.co.uk** Janet will arrange a Monday night visit starting at 8pm. You will be able to watch the ringers in action and then take as long as you want to ask questions afterwards. Even if you don't think you would like to learn to ring but would still like to see the ringers in action, we shall be delighted to show you how it's done. Finally, you should know that there are 40 steps up the spiral stairs to the ringing chamber. We all look forward to seeing you in the belfry.

LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,
As many residents of Bampton will know our house flooded on January 10th as a result of some rather unusual activity in the small stream that runs alongside the Mill Green footpath. It has been a fairly traumatic time for us, both during the flood and in the subsequent weeks and months it's taken to repair the damage. On the day there were numerous people that selflessly offered their help with fetching sand and filling sandbags, bringing cups of tea, and generally trying to prevent the ingress of the water, and getting rid the water that did manage to get in. Subsequently people have offered us places to stay, cooked us meals and generally been very supportive.

We'd really like to thank all of these people, unfortunately we can't list everyone, but special thanks go to Alison and Dave Mayfield, their friends Andy, Peter and Billy, the Easterbrooks, and the Bampton Fire Brigade. Thanks again for all the help, Martin, Toni and Jack
1 Mill Green

Dear Editor,
Spanish Refugees in Aston 1937

On the very date that I became a refugee and was evacuated from Folkstone to South Wales, (2nd June 1940), I read in the June 2007 issue of 'Family History Monthly' of how 25 girls and 15 boys from the Basque district in Spain were brought to Aston nr Bampton, Oxon in June 1937. This was of course a couple of months after the bombing attack on unprotected Guernica. The following is a quoted extract from the Witney Gazette 25th June 1937

'A large crowd gave the little visitors a good welcome: there were 25 girls and 15 young lads who seemed little disturbed by their journey from Southampton or by their new surroundings. Many articles are still urgently needed for some of the little refugees have only their clothes, and have to keep (sleep) in underwear, the boys being particularly ill clad. The children appear very happy and the work for them appears all the more worthwhile when their sincere appreciation is cleanly evident'.

It would be interesting to find out how little Aston coped with the influx, and

whether St Joseph's church records show anything relating to the children. I would also be interested in how many stayed in the area. Perhaps the basis of a display in the museum?
Syd Lusted, Spondon, Derby.
If you would like to get in touch with Mr. Lusted please contact the Editor.

Dear Editor
Once again I feel I must write about the dog faeces left in assorted carrier bags all left on the side of the paths in the Cheyne Lane and Fishers Bridge area. Is it because the owners are too proud or too idle to pick it up and remove the offending article.
A Walker, Weald.

New location for Witney Visitor Information Centre

Witney Visitor Information has been relocated to the Council's Town Centre Shop on Welch Way and a new look combined service opened its doors on Monday 25th June.

The new location gives residents the convenience of having a greater variety of council services under one roof. The decision to provide a more comprehensive customer service also coincided with the end of the Visitor Information Centre's lease at 26A High Street, Witney.

A new attractive window displays a wide range of local gifts and souvenirs on sale.

To celebrate their successful move the Visitor Information Centre is offering 10% discount off all purchases up until July 31st.

They are hoping this special offer will encourage local residents to visit them in their new location.

The Visitor Information Centre opening hours have been extended to coincide with the Town Centre Shop and will be open Saturdays and Bank Holidays to provide visitor information as usual.

A full range of council services will continue to be delivered from the joint location on Welch Way.

The Town Centre Shop will continue

to provide information, assistance and payment facilities on a range of services including housing, council tax, benefits, concessionary travel, waste and recycling.

A contact centre answers telephone and internet enquiries across a broad range of council services will also remain at this location.

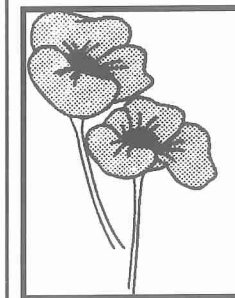
The Visitor Information Centre offers a variety of services including local information on attractions, events and accommodation bookings, tickets sales, a wide range of local gifts and souvenirs for sale and has an extensive collection of brochures and literature to peruse.

Nearly 100,000 people visit both the Town Centre Shop and Visitor Information Centre each year.

For further information contact: Carys Davies: Tel: 01993 861615 Mobile: 07771 965360.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL Volunteers Wanted

By Lynn Shuker
Remembrance Sunday 11th November

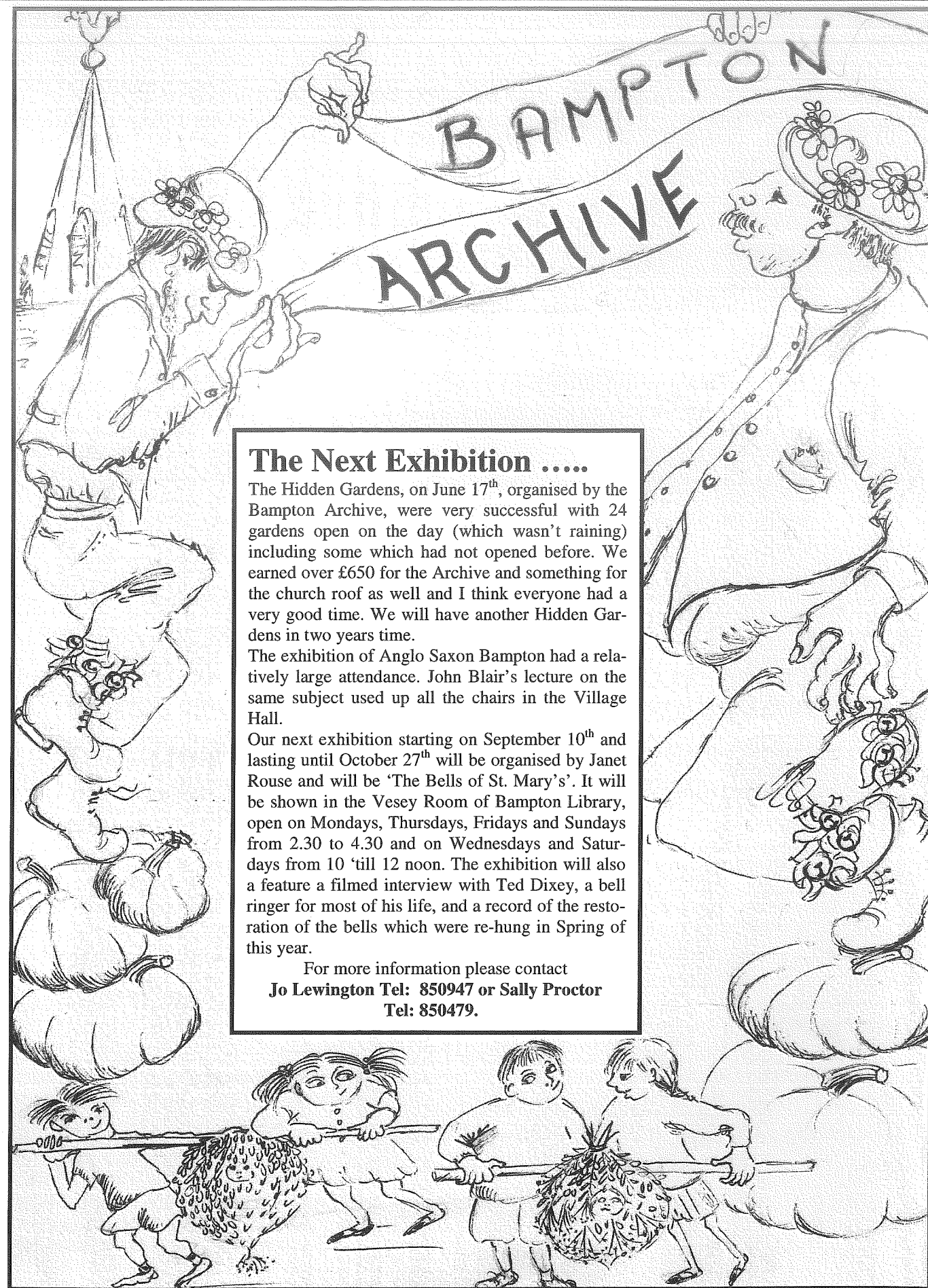


This will be my 4th year as Poppy Organiser and each year there have been fewer and fewer people able to help with the collecting for a variety of reasons.

I am so grateful for all the work they have done in the past - so many volunteers have numerous years of service it is quite remarkable.

If anyone would like to help with this year's appeal I would be so grateful. There are a few roads in Bampton that I do not have collectors for, and I also have some spaces to fill for the collections outside Budgens on the Friday and Saturday before Remembrance Sunday.

So if you have a couple of spare hours in late October early November please give me a call: **Lynn Shuker: Tel: 01993 210015 or 07818 220456.**



The Next Exhibition

The Hidden Gardens, on June 17th, organised by the Bampton Archive, were very successful with 24 gardens open on the day (which wasn't raining) including some which had not opened before. We earned over £650 for the Archive and something for the church roof as well and I think everyone had a very good time. We will have another Hidden Gardens in two years time.

The exhibition of Anglo Saxon Bampton had a relatively large attendance. John Blair's lecture on the same subject used up all the chairs in the Village Hall.

Our next exhibition starting on September 10th and lasting until October 27th will be organised by Janet Rouse and will be 'The Bells of St. Mary's'. It will be shown in the Vesey Room of Bampton Library, open on Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 2.30 to 4.30 and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 'till 12 noon. The exhibition will also a feature a filmed interview with Ted Dixey, a bell ringer for most of his life, and a record of the restoration of the bells which were re-hung in Spring of this year.

For more information please contact
**Jo Lewington Tel: 850947 or Sally Proctor
 Tel: 850479.**

Bampton Community Shop Ltd

Last year we had the change of name from The Bampton Charity Shop, which we opened in 2004, to The Bampton Community Shop. The change was made because a charity cannot financially support other charities. After some research it was decided that the most appropriate vehicle was to form a Private Company Limited by Guarantee, and not having a Share Capital. In 2006, still under the Charity Shop name, we were able to award a total of £1650 to the Bampton Playgroup, Bampton Archives and The Living Sanctuary (the churchyard). This year, 2007 under the Community Shop, we have be able to award £10,000 to the following -

**The Parish Council for a Playwall and a tarmac area
 Awarded £3500**

**The Bampton Primary School for an outside garden
 Awarded £2000**

**The Methodist Chapel to help with the new building fund
 Awarded £2000**

**St Mary's Church to help with the new roof fund
 Awarded £2000**

**The Bampton Community Archive to help with purchasing photography equipment
 Awarded £500**

The reason we were able to award such large amounts this year is due to the situation where the money which the old Charity Shop had accumulated was held until the situation with the Shop status was resolved. These monies, added to the funds of the new Community Shop, made it possible to donate

such high amounts in 2007.

The Directors and Shareholders would like to take this opportunity to thank all their customers who donated to, and those who purchased from, the Shop during year.

Without our customers we would not be able to help the village in such a way.

New Volunteers needed

If you have a few hours to spare and like to meet people and have a gossip why not come along to the shop, either in the morning or afternoon we would love to have you on the team. Our hours are 10am until 3pm week days except for Wednesdays and Saturdays we only open mornings 10am until 12.30pm. Change over time in the week is usually 12 — 12.30pm.

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How to make an application

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Please, please take note ..

I would like to stress one point, please do not leave bags outside when the shop is closed. Unfortunately, they either get taken, get soaking wet if raining or are even opened and the contents left scattered around Rosemary Lane. Please contact Fenella Gray Tel: 01993 851653 or bring them to Colt House, Aston Road rather than leave them at the shop.

Many, Many Thanks for making this shop so successful.

Bampton Gardening Club News

The annual show will be upon us once more. I hope you all have the necessary seeds etc, growing in the garden or allotment. Mind you the weather has not been too kind to us eager gardeners this summer. It will be very interesting to see what appears on the tables at the show.

We have been on some trips which were enjoyed by all. Even the weather has not been off putting enough for the dedicated followers of the garden club to cancel.

This year we have had to cancelled the 'Bampton Only' competition. Due mainly to the lack of interest amongst the people of Bampton. We do apologise to everyone who were eagerly awaiting to enter there garden into this competition, next year we hope the interest will have returned .

We hope you will all will come and support the 2007 show on Saturday 25th August, whether in entering the competitions or just coming along and having a cream tea.

Forthcoming Trips

Sunday July 22nd
 Spetchley Park & Gardens
 Worcestershire

Sunday 4th November
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Sunday 18th November
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Sunday 2nd December
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Summer of fun

A fun-packed programme of activities aimed at getting more young people involved in sport and learning new skills is being rolled out across West Oxfordshire this summer.

From cricket to kung fu, tennis to trampolining and football to fencing, a wide range of sports sessions have been organised by West Oxfordshire District Council and its leisure partner, Wycombe Leisure Limited.

The Council has come up with the programme as part of its *5 for Life* campaign, which aims to encourage everyone to do at least 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week.

More than 20 activities will be available at different locations, including the Council's Leisure Centres and sports clubs and grounds across the District, during the school summer holidays.

Full details are available in the Summer Activities 2007 programme. Copies can be picked up from Carterton, Chipping Norton and Witney's Windrush Leisure Centres or downloaded from the Council's website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/schoolholidays.

Anyone with queries can email leisureandtourism@westoxon.gov.uk or call Leisure and Tourism Tel: 01993 861557.

**The Battle of Newbridge
21st and 22nd July**

Organised entirely by volunteers from Kingston Bagpuize, Southmoor and Longworth to raise money for desperately-needed new preschool premises in the village, The Battle of Newbridge, catering for up to 5000 mem-

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bers of the public per day, is a week-end of historical entertainment paying homage to events that took place in 1644 when this was a strategically important river crossing. On the banks of the Thames just a few miles away from Aston, with several hundred authentically-dressed civil war soldiers children's puppet shows, funfair, craft marquee organised by Millets Farm etc.

The event opens at 11, and costs £6 for adults and £4 for children. This will be the largest reenactment in the area for many years.

For further information contact Esther Browning, Tel: 01865 821200.

**Finstock Fun Day
Saturday 18th August**

A Great Family Fun Day Out with Lots Going On

Are you A Crafter, Local Food Producer or Trader etc? Would you like to have a stand in our Marvellous Marquee or bring your own Gazebo? I would welcome all enquires even Trade stands. For more information please contact Loraine for a chat and details. Tel: 01993 869187 or lorraine_clarke777@yahoo.co.uk

The Bush Club Needs You!

At the moment we are dreadfully short of general helpers. If you could give an hour or two once a month we would be more than grateful.

Drivers: Once a fortnight for ½ an hour in the morning at 9.45am, or ½ an hour in the afternoon at 1.45pm.

Cooks: Approximately once every 5 weeks from 9.45 to 1pm

General Helpers: From 9am - 1.45pm on alternate weeks. Times to suit individuals.

Anybody willing to help, or join the Club as a new member please contact Fenella Gray Tel: 01993 851653 or Veronica Baker Tel: 01993 851040.

Bampton Baby Group

The Bampton Baby Group meet on Thursday Mornings in the Village Hall from 10 - 11.45am. Members £1.50, non members £2.00, member-

ship £3 per year, but first visit is free so you can check us out.

For further information please contact: Kay Beswick, 5 Broad Street, Bampton. or

Website: <http://groupsmsn.com/Bampton-BabyGroupOxfordshire>

**Bampton Baby Toddler
Group**

We meet in the Village Hall every Thursday between 10am - 11.45am. We provide toys, slide, singing and drinks and biscuits for children 0 to Pre-school. For more information contact Angela Irvin, Tel: 01993 210096.

Bampton Youth Club

The Junior Club is going well on Thursday evenings. Approximately 20 to 30 youngsters enjoy activities under the supervision of Youth Leader Julie Bentall. There will be an exhibition of their art work in August in the Vesey Room at the Library.

The search is still going on for a paid Youth worker to run the Senior Club on a Monday evening - see advertisement elsewhere in this edition of The Beam.

Sarah Radband is exploring the possibility of running a drop-in centre for the young and anyone interested in helping should get in touch with her or Jonathan Phillips Tel: 01993 850321.

The Children's Society

Our house to house collection this year raised £160.64 and we are enormously grateful to our collectors for kindly giving up their time on our behalf.

Our numbers have dwindled drastically over the years and I would be very happy to hear from anyone who could give up an hour or two of their time to help next year. The collection always takes place over the Easter period when the weather should be improving—always a great help when collecting! We don't use envelopes, so you just call at each house once which speeds up the whole process.

You will realise how few collectors I have when I tell you that this total includes £15.40 from Budgens (our collecting box is now kept under the counter but is still available. Please continue to ask for it), which is proving to be a very valuable source of

income. Our thanks to all those kind people, many of them children and teenagers who regularly give us their change. Also the collection from the Ladies Lenten Lunch in Church was split between the Roof Appeal and the Children's Society, amounting to £90, which was fantastic. Thank you.

Please do consider whether or not you could collect next year for us. The Society does much-needed work with young people, whom it supports in four main areas:

- Those who feel they must run away from home for a variety of reasons
- Mentally and physically handicapped children
- Those in trouble with the law
- Children of refugees

This work is vital to the well being of many young people and deserves our help. Contact Pauling Hawkins Tel: 01993 851066. I look forward to hearing from you.

Dial-a-Ride

The Dial-a-Ride service is a door to door minibus service for those who are unable to use or find it difficult to use public transport, such as elderly or disabled people. Drivers are trained to administer first aid and to assist wheelchair users and people with mobility problems.

The Dial-a-Ride service is available between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. There is a charge for the Dial-a-Ride service and places need to be booked in advance. The Council's Bus Pass or Transport Tokens can be used on this service.

For more details about the service including information on cost, what areas are covered and what type of journey the service can be used for, see the Dial-a-Ride leaflet where you can find an application for registering to use the service.

To book a place on Dial-a-Ride, or for more information, Tel: 01865 876176.

Bampton Drop-In

Held at the Methodist Chapel every Monday from 12pm, where all are welcome. Don't suffer those Monday blues. When you've done your washing up don't just put your feet up with a cup of tea. Instead, why not come and join us at this local facility for a very reasonably priced lunch, where

you will be served by a dedicated band of country cooks. You can enjoy a warming bowl of home-made soup, something on toast or a cheesy baked potato, followed by home-made cake, cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee.

So come along and enjoy this friendly informal gathering where you will very soon want to make it a regular date in your diary.

Cancer Research UK

Bampton Branch - Events for 2007

Saturday 22nd September

Autumn Sale

Wednesday 21st November

Pre-Christmas Bingo

Friday 7th December

Quiz

All these events will be held in the Village Hall Bampton

Friday 21st December

Country & Western Dance

Carterton Social Club

For more information contact Mrs Doris Cleaver - Tel: 850682.

Old Birthday Cards

Over £3000 was given to charities from the cards we sold in 2006 so many thanks for all your support. The cards are now made by Lizann Murray Clarke. Lizann still needs your old cards after you have enjoyed them, so that she can continue to recycle them into re-saleable items.

Please continue to leave them at 3 Broad Street or The Vesey Room and also the Cotton Club where they are for sale.

**New Online Directory for
Children, Young People
and
Families**

www.oxfordshireservicesdirectory.org.uk is an online directory of services for children young people and families in Oxfordshire. The new, easy to use, directory provides up to date details of organisations and their services. Information can be found on parenting and family support, counselling, schools, health centres, local advice and voluntary sector organisations, help lines and much more.

For more information or help using the directory contact Oxfordshire Children's Information Service Tel: 08452 262636; enquiries@oxoncis.org.uk.

Spread the word ...

Book banks, provided by the Salvation Army, are the latest addition at six of the recycling centres across West Oxfordshire. This means residents can recycle their books alongside textiles, shoes, plastics, cans, paper, cardboard and glass.

Good quality books are resold, whilst other books may be sent abroad to help education programmes. Paperback books unsuitable for resale will be recycled into newsprint.

Books banks can be found at:

- Guildenford Road car park, Burford
- Co-op, Black Bourton Road, Carterton
- New Street car park, Chipping Norton
- Back Lane car park, Eynsham
- Sainsbury's, Witan Way, Witney
- Welch Way car park, Witney

**BAMPTON YOUTH CLUB
SUMMER BALL**

The Pavilion at the Recreation
Ground, Buckland Road

Thursday 26th July 2007 from
6.30 to 9.30pm

The Junior Youth Club is organising a Summer Ball with a 3 course sit-down Meal and a Disco for School Years 6 to 8 (ages 10 to 12). There will be a strict dress code of formal dress for the young ladies and trousers, shirt & tie for the young men - NO trainers!

Tickets: £7.50 per person from
Julie Bentall at the Youth Club

**Exhibition of
Bampton Bell Ringers**

In September there will be an exhibition of Bampton's bell ringers in the Vesey room. We have written records which give us the names of ringers through last century.

Do you have photographs of one or more ringers or a group of our ringers taken before 1950 that we may copy and use in the exhibition?

If you can help please contact:
Janet Rouse. Tel: 850162
Email: Woodgreen69-bamptonbeam@yahoo.co.uk

SPAJERS News

By Don Rouse

The Village Garage Sale

Our annual May Village Garage Sale was once again a fantastic success. Several of our charity groups managing to raise valuable funds, needless to say ourselves included. As with all things you learn how to improve as you go along and each year there are lessons to be learnt. One thing we need to get the better of is the 'Professionals' who muscled in on our scene; we think we have the answer to them. There are also some people who jumped on the 'band wagon' opening up their garages, without paying their subscription to the SPAJERS, though when approached this was soon rectified. Living in Bampton is all about helping one another to build a community that we all want to retire in to. Another area which caused us concern was a few undesirables rummaging about around our properties, we always ask you to be very diligent and do not take risks.

So next year it will be even better. Already other villages in the area are doing similar things, so thanks to our Chairman and his wife for bringing such a 'good little earner' to this part of West Oxfordshire.

The Shirt Race

What a lovely treat we had for the Shirt Race with the Amigo Marching Band from Holland; they all looked resplendent in their new uniforms and having just won the title of Holland's Champion Marching Band, their music was superb. What a shame the weather could not match the occasion; they were only scheduled to play for half an hour, but they enjoyed being with us all so much that they played on after the race, in the pouring rain! To get a band of that quality would normally cost over a thousand pounds. Amigo did it for nothing! I think the saying 'It's who you know, not what you know' that counts in this situation.

Organising the race is becoming increasingly difficult. The new regime of policing in the area is beginning to have its effect and believe you me there is worse to come. We no longer have the services of PC Steve Patrick,

though for this year's race he was instrumental in getting a superb team of Specials together for us, something we are told will not be available again. The SPAJERS do not make a great deal of money out of this event, but do it to maintain one of Bampton's great traditions; I hope we can still maintain it.

The behaviour of the youngsters with their 'water bombs' was much improved this year, our thanks to them and possibly their parents for helping us to get the message across. Perhaps the winners of the senior Fancy Dress had an influence with their Logo; 'Make Bubbles Not Bombs'. Or was it because they were making bubbles that we had less bombs? Either way it was the 'Good Lord up above' who seemed to have all the fun with the water!

The Donkey Derby

To come, we have the Donkey Derby on the August Bank Holiday Monday, which this year is the 27th August. Once again we need your help, remember it is 'our village do' for the benefit of our senior citizens - yes our mums and dads and grannies and grampies. So if there is anything you can do just get in touch with our secretary **Roger Snow Tel: 01993 850113**. We need help to sell raffle tickets, produce for the stall which includes bric-a-brac as well as vegetables etc, people to run stalls, sponsors for the donkeys as well as youngsters to ride them; but most of all we need you to come along and support us. A few years ago the SPAJERS found themselves short of Committee members for this event; well the same thing has happened again this year, we are five members short, so we really are struggling and in great need of your help. If you can't get Roger, you can always get me, **Don Tel: 07904 276589**.

The Annual Outing

Wednesday following the Donkey Derby is the Annual Outing and we are going to Bournemouth again. Invitations will be issued in the normal way. If there are any seats available for others to accompany us, they will

be for sale on a first come first served basis. The Outing is designed for our senior citizens only. Helpers are allowed for those incapable of looking after themselves.

To be a member of the SPAJERS you need to have been a resident of Bampton or Lew for a minimum of six months and acquired the national pension.

If you are not on the list and would like to be, please contact our membership steward **Jeff Dando Tel: 01993 850643**.

Bampton's Flag Day

Earlier this year there was a problem with the flag on the Town Hall. The rope had broken, leaving the Union Flag stranded at the top of the pole. The Parish Council appealed to the Fire Brigade and to the Electricity Board for assistance, but unfortunately current Health and Safety rules precluded help in non-emergency situations.

Eventually we had to go the commercial route, and hired in a hydraulic crane. This had a basket attachment, and intrepid Parish Councillor, Steve Radband, himself a former fireman, volunteered to go aloft and sort out the problem. Councillor Ian Millar, your correspondent, kept his feet firmly on the ground - holding the cradle-steadying rope.

The flag was released, the rope re-attached, and the standard was once again flying over the Town Hall.

But not for long!

During the night, somebody saw fit to lower the flag, detach it from its toggle, and make off with it. Reporting to the police got us nowhere, apart from an offer of counselling!

Fortunately, we had a spare, though somewhat tatty, flag in the system, and this has since been used, but, thanks to kind sponsorship by Abbey Properties, of Market Square, future special occasions will be marked by a brand new Union Flag.

BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

Saturday 25th August 2006

Village Hall

Staging 9.30am - 11am

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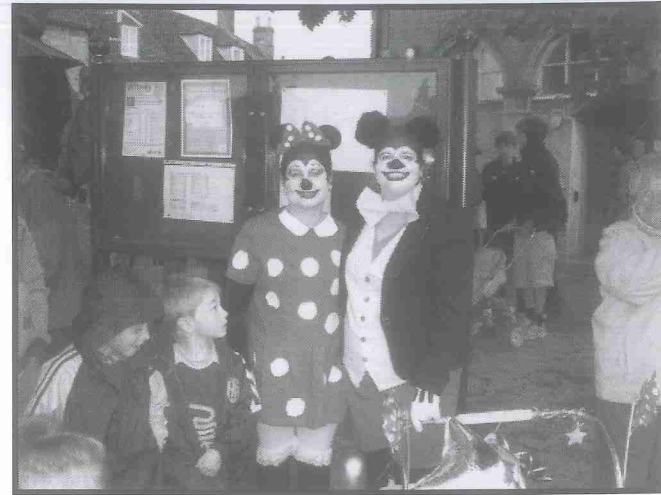
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Ethel Welsh – a tribute

Written by Christian Steer (one of the 112)

One of the *Beam's* oldest fans, Ethel Welsh, died at New Town House Nursing Home in Highcliffe, Dorset, on Good Friday, 2007, aged 96. She had been in poor health for some time but throughout her long life she retained an active interest in life in Bampton and always looked forward to the latest *Beam*.

She was born on 3rd October 1910 at Sandford Cottage, the youngest, but one, of James and Fanny White's eleven children. Coming from such a large family (Jack, Jim, Syd, Nancy, Rose, Grace, Tom, Betty, Amy, Ethel and Mary) she spent much of her early life under the care of her elder sister Grace with whom she remained particularly close.

All of her brothers and sisters were important to Ethel and she remained in touch with them and their families throughout her long life, including those who had left the UK and settled in Canada and the USA. She particularly enjoyed the food parcels of apples and Canadian cheese sent by her brother Syd from Canada during World War II, a tradition which continued by Syd's daughter Grace. Throughout her life Ethel gained much pleasure from the letters, telephone calls and visits from her many nephews and nieces of whom, through four generations, number 112 (at the last count!)

It was not only Ethel's extended family which brought her so much happiness. In 1934 she married Thomas Welsh (known to everyone as Jock) and they settled at Headington where their three children, Jean, Keith and Elizabeth were born. As the grandchildren, and then great grandchildren, began to arrive, Ethel kept in close contact with all of them, deeply interested, and encouraging, in all of their pursuits and achievements.

Her fondness in playing both "Scrabble" and cards was actively encouraged to all especially at family gatherings.

The Boxing Day lunch, which was a tradition which was enjoyed by Ethel and her family for many years, often including many of her nephews and

nieces too. Her hospitality and generosity were immense with second helpings actively encouraged (and willingly accepted). Moderation was never an option.

Without doubt Ethel's garden, and a love of the country, gave her tremendous happiness and pleasure. Both her father, and her brother Tom, were market gardeners and a natural affinity with wildlife and plants was second nature to Ethel. She was often to be found in the garden or the shed planting seeds and nurturing them into life, and rarely would a visit to her home go by without a tour of her garden which gave her, and her visitors, much joy. Such was her pride in her garden that her niece Joan once remarked a weed dare not grow such was the swift reprisal! As well as the pleasure of her garden

Ethel enjoyed visiting the many villages around Oxford and was particularly fond of Waterperry Gardens. Rarely would a visit to the nursery end without an inevitable sale and a new addition for her own garden. It was here, in 2000, that a surprise 90th birthday party was held for Ethel attended by all of her family.

Family and the garden were the two greatest loves of Ethel's life but throughout she remained, at heart, a Bamptonian. She left in 1934 but throughout their fifty years of married life Ethel and Jock regularly visited the village once a week to visit old friends and to enjoy being there. In later years she liked being taken to Bampton by her family showing them her childhood haunts and pointing out where her grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins had lived often describing them and their lives with extraordinary detail. Ethel often reminisced about her childhood in Bampton and talked, with great fondness, of her family, friends and neighbours from her early years. In the summer of 2005 Ethel, accompanied by many of her family, made what was to be her last visit to Bampton which included a visit to Sandford Cottage.

She spent some time outside enjoying the garden but was unable to resist

another look inside and, at the age of 94, climbed the narrow staircase inside the cottage happily telling all around her about the sparrows which nested above her bed, the hams hanging from the rafters, and where the produce and foodstuffs were stored by her father.

Her memories were described with such vividness that it was difficult to imagine that she was in fact describing events of over eighty years ago. During her visit Ethel's reminiscences were recorded and a copy has been given to the Bampton Community Archive.

Ethel reached an amazing age and she has left many happy memories behind to all who knew her. There's always a gap in our lives after the death of a loved one but her vitality, keenness in others and tremendous warmth and love will continue to inspire those she has left behind.

May Garlands 2007

To everyone's surprise and delight there were 8 beautiful garlands competing for the Corinna Newland plaque this year. All those involved deserve the greatest praise for their determination not to be thwarted by the truly dreadful weather. Equally deserving of a big thank-you are Ruth Wheeler and Vera Elward who have worked so hard to keep this lovely tradition going; Dawn Knight who provides the special plaque in memory of her daughter and generous sponsors Rosemary & John Sweetingham.

First: Hannah & Owen Jones and Lucy & Bethan McGregor

Second: Ellie & Tyler Haynes

Third: Sydney & Mitchell Constable

Highly Commended:

Joseph & Florence Jenkins
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 Cerys & Pippa Carrington
 Jessica Smart & Sarah Ader
 Alice & Isobel Landray

Photographs of the garlands are on the centre pages.

Well done to everyone who entered, keeping up one of Bampton's old traditions. Ed

St. Mary's Ladies Lunch

Three years ago a 'Lunch Team' was formed to provide a monthly lunch for the ladies of Bampton.

Those involved saw this as an opportunity for the Church to work in the community providing a simple informal buffet style meal for the enjoyment of all ladies in Bampton whether church goes or not., to meet together in friendship. It has helped young and old new comers to the village feel very welcome. The lunch has proved very popular and a spirit of Christian Fellowship is always apparent.

Many friendships have been forged, old friends reunited, new-comers to the village have been welcomed and all this spans the



generation. There are young mothers, with their pre-school children playing in the 'Toy Corner', to the over eighties.

The lunch is held on the last Friday of every month, except July, August and December. We meet in the Pavilion, at the Recreation Ground, Buckland Road at 12.30pm. The exception being the Lenten Lunch which is held in the Church. There is a charge of £4 per person to cover the cost of food and rent of the pavilion. Lifts to and from the Pavilion can be arranged. Friends, neighbors and visiting relatives are always welcome.

Do Come Along and Join Us

For more information, please contact, Mrs. Margaret Battersby Tel: 019933 850182 or Mrs Mary Bambury Tel: 01993 850091

Bampton Ladies Group

We are a group of friendly ladies, age no limit, who meet every third Wednesday, at the Village Hall, 7.45pm onwards. We have a lot of varied and interesting talks, outings and social occasions. We have just had a outing to The Plough in Alvescot, where an evening of skittles followed by supper was enjoyed by all who went along.

We have had talks on owls, bats, making soap plus victorian clothes and much more. We have a small raffle each month, the prizes are normally on a theme., which the committee decide. But plenty of fun and laughter and of course a little bit of gossip!



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If you would like any further information please contact -Mrs Joan Farthing Tel: 01993 851206 or Heather Davis Tel: 01993 850673

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Our volunteers say:

"The work itself is quite challenging and it is rewarding to be learning all the time. I think volunteering at the CAB is fantastic for making you feel a valued member of the community, and it's fun to be part of an active team. Liz Pride, our Recruitment and Training Officer thinks that the root of our volunteers' satisfaction lies in the fact that the CAB offers the rare and rewarding opportunity "to make an immediate and lasting difference to the quality of an individual's life within just a few minutes".

For more information contact Liz on 892062 or drop in for a chat at The Old Print House, Marlborough Lane, Witney, Oxon, OX28 6DY or email

bureau@westoxfordshirecab.cabnet.org.uk.

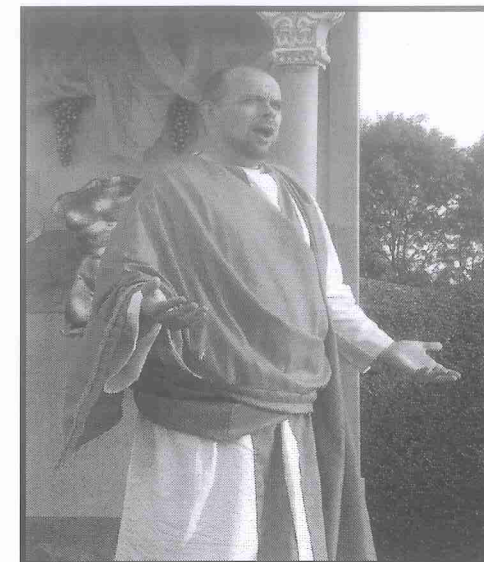
The "intrepid" Bampton Classical Opera – fifteen years on.

by Jeremy Gray

The fifteenth season of Bampton Classical Opera offers cause for celebration and the opportunity to look back at past achievements (there are many!) and ahead. When in 1993 Bampton Summer Opera (as we were then called) performed Handel's beautiful *Acis and Galatea* on the idyllic lawns of the historic Deanery, there was no expectation of establishing a permanent company. Since then, however, we have grown to become one of the most enterprising small companies with a very strong national (even international) reputation for lively and accessible productions sung in English.

Our 2007 season sees us performing a total of four operas in nine venues, ranging from Derbyshire to London. Most exciting is our landmark UK premiere production of what is probably the very first opera based on Shakespeare's eternal story of star-cross'd lovers, *Romeo and Juliet*. Written in Germany in 1776 by Georg Benda, a composer much admired by Mozart, this glorious work will show off the very best of Bampton's superb inter-

national cast of outstanding young professional singers. The production opens at the very prestigious Buxton Festival (our second appearance there)



Adrian Powter, who plays Juliet's father Capulet, seen here in a scene from Bampton's 2006 production.

before playing at our home venue, the Deanery in Bampton, on Friday and Saturday 20 and 21 July. Later per-

A Sad but Wonderful Sight to See!

A sad day for one of Bampton's oldest families, when Alan Constable was laid to rest in Bampton Cemetery. Alan was knocked down by a car in Witney and died shortly afterwards.

His last wish was to have a Piper play the bagpipes in front of a horse-drawn hearse to take him to the church and then to proceed to the cemetery to lay him to rest in.

A most moving moment was watching the entourage going through the village, and listening to the 'lone piper' in the cemetery.



formances will be in Westonbirt in Gloucestershire (the impressive Victorian country-house school adjacent to the Arboretum, with Grade I listed gardens) and finally in the Baroque splendour of London's famous St John's, Smith Square. The fact that the highly discerning Peter Moores Foundation, one of the biggest names in opera sponsorship, is supporting this production is indicative of the very high standards Bampton Classical Opera promotes. We are also indebted to Bampton Parish Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and many trusts and private donors for vital support which enables us to keep our prices at a reasonable level.

Bampton audiences always enjoy the unique ambience – no need to dress up formally, a friendly and well-stocked bar at very reasonable prices, and a beautiful and relaxed setting. With the highest musical and dramatic standards, this is the perfect recipe for a truly memorable night out – all for the price of a couple of take-away meals!

Come and discover this national treasure on your doorstep! You'll hear every word, love the glorious melodies and the elegant Victorian costumes, and have a wonderful and very relaxed time. Tickets on sale now from Cotton Club, or telephone the box office Tel: 01367 860574.

And advance notice, too, of our popular candlelit Christmas concert always on 21st December, the saint's day of Bampton's patron, Saint Beornwald: Vivaldi's ever-popular *Four Seasons* will be played by the outstanding young violinist, Camilla Scarlett.

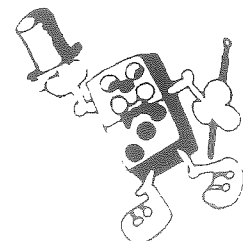
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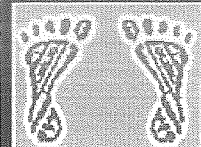
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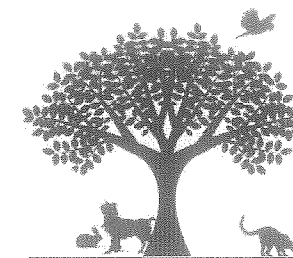
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By Don Rouse

When you get older, it is really satisfying to find that something you said many years ago warning people of a possible problem comes to fruition.

Badger Trouble!

Several times in the past I have mentioned the problems of badgers infecting the dairy herds of this country with TB. I know it is a contentious issue, and the experts will be arguing about it for years to come. The link was hinted at some forty years ago when it was noted that in areas of high badger infestation there were more cases of TB in the local dairy herds, whereas in lower areas of badger population there was none at all. TB in cattle was virtually wiped out in this country at one stage. It all seems to have gone wrong since the badger became a protected species.

Don't get me wrong, I have a badger set quite close to where I live and I get a lot of joy watching them, foxes and rabbits sharing the same set, but something needs to be done to alleviate the situation.

Experts are saying that a cull of the infected badgers is too expensive; in my book culling all the cows is even more expensive, as there are many years of breeding gone into building up an efficient milk producing herd. They are saying that to vaccinate the animals is impractical and I agree. So why don't we let nature take its course, let the animal world sort itself out and vaccinate the human beings who we are trying to protect at the end of the line?

Anti TV?

Another issue currently being discussed as a result of a recent Panorama programme, is the effect on families of television and electronic games in the home. Our Editor's fa-

ther talked about this very subject with great sincerity back in the 1950s. In fact this was one of the motivations for the forming of the SPAJERS, and I quote one of his many amusing yet meaningful quotations, the SPAJERS was to be 'The last Bastion against the insidious menace of Television'. John Quick said this over fifty years ago, he is now being proved right; televi-



have to apply and have a road closure licence with all its complex conditions, we can no longer 'discharge a shotgun on the highway'. We now have to carry out 'risk assessments'. We cannot supply food without the people preparing the food having the appropriate certification. (What would the authorities have made of Jane Buckingham selling Fish and Chips from her old caravan in those days?). What a lot of old tosh. Isn't it about time we went back to how we were, where we took responsibility for our own actions, instead of trying to sue someone for something that we ourselves could so easily avoid, if we were to use our own common sense?

Is this all now part of our culture where we must now find someone else to blame for our own mistakes and short comings? Does it all come from not letting our children grow up in an environment where they can fall out of trees, fall into the brook, play conkers and get their knuckles rapped all without wearing gog-

gles, ride two on a bike, hoping not to get caught? Come to think of it, you are less likely to get caught doing that today than you did in our day as there are no Coppers around now!

Bureaucracy Gone Mad!

This is another subject needing to be addressed - the way that we learned to grow up and recognise danger. If we tripped on a kerbstone we were told to 'pick our feet up' not to measure the height of the protrusion and sue the Council. No disrespect to America, but this litigation euphoria that has now reached these shores should have stayed over there. Before long people will be too afraid to serve on any Committees for fear of litigation and

gion is indeed harmful to family life, limiting our communication skills. Why is it people in high places will not take time out to listen to what us Bamptonians have to say?

our lovely way of life will just be memories.

What on earth is happening to the policing of our streets? More money from our rates is going to the Thames Valley Police for a worsening service. We have lost the services of PC Patrick with all his experience and local knowledge, and have been given a PCSO with no power of arrest - although we are assured that she will be able to establish a rapport with the locals all in good time, and to this end I wish her well. But her nearest help in times of trouble will be fellow officers somewhere in the County. I just hope that she will be able to get them to come to her aid quicker than us lesser mortals, because there are less Bobbies on our streets now than ever before.

After discussing this with some old Bamptonians I was reminded that the scourge of us youngsters in the 1940s a certain PC Hutchins who was in fact a Special Constable, as he was not tall enough for the regular police force! But I do remember him actually making arrests; perhaps it was a special concession for 'war time'. I would be grateful for more info on PC Hutchins from the more senior citizens of Bampton. The last time I had anything to do with him was just before he died, when the Bampton Mummers did a Christmas performance at the old Radcliffe Hospital. No, he didn't try to arrest us for having 'blackened faces after sun down' and collecting for the SPAJERS without a licence. That privilege went to PC Roy Radburn, another PC of the old school, who kept the crime figures down in Bampton, not only because of his local knowledge, but his knowledge of local criminals! I am sure many of us have stories to tell of how he frightened us, like the time he tried to summons me for allowing a pig to get out on the road! But you see, he actually lived in our village, in our Police Station, and he made us feel secure.

I know that your Village scribes have been banned from mentioning the Chicanes in the Beam, but I hope the editor will allow just this little snippet of information. It has now become apparent that many more people, including those in 'high places', e.g. Oxfordshire County Council, are now

of the opinion that the chicanes are not the ideal solution to the problem. i.e. traffic speed calming in our streets. I say this to assure all those who signed the petition that we have not given up on them.

Patience Please

To conclude, it is now harvest time. We have done away with the burning of straw and the accompanying drifting ash, which seemed to annoy many people. But there will still be tractors

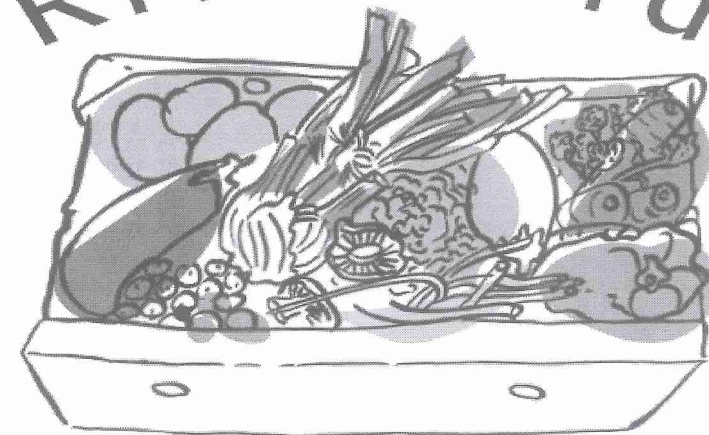
scurrying up and down the road as farmers try to harvest their crops in what looks like being very difficult conditions; it is raining and rather cold as I write this - I think the experts call it 'global warming'! - so please be patient if you are stuck behind them, I can assure you that they are working flat out and going as fast as they can. They do not want to annoy you, so don't you annoy them.

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The club has a bright future and big plans to enhance the existing facilities and there is an active and enthusiastic committee which make this possible. The full list of relevant club contacts is as follows:

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There will be a Children's Fun Fair, Children's Story Teller, Flying Teddies, Ferret Racing, several local Morris Dancing sides and other entertainments.

There will be a large second hand bookstall, a tombola Stall, various raffles and a garden plant stall to raise funds for the Friends of Wychwood who help support the Wychwood Project.

As well as displays of the Wychwood Project's work, many other local conservation and community groups will be at the Fair.

A wide range of Rural Crafts will be on display, including stonemasonry and blacksmithing.

There will also be an Arts and Crafts tent, displaying and selling a wide range of goods.

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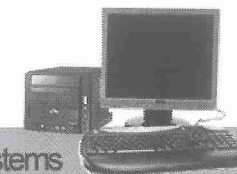
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The Council is encouraging everyone involved in organising an event to find out in advance whether they need to apply for a TEN as failure to do so can result in a fine up to £20,000, maximum imprisonment of 6 months, or both.

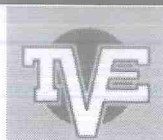
Applications for TENs cost £21 and should be made to West Oxfordshire District Council.

Ian Hudspeth, Chairman of the Council's Licensing Committee, said: "We are approaching a bank holiday and the summer season when many events such as village fetes, carnivals and weddings take place, so want to make organisers aware that they may require a TEN. The best thing to do is check with the Council early on as applications must be made at least 10 clear working days before the event."

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News from Burford School & Community College

By Mary Alcock

Recently 25 students were lucky enough to be picked to attend a day's training at Loughborough University with Paula Radcliffe. Although Paula had recently suffered an injury to her back she was waiting for the Burford School coach to arrive at the sports stadium. Charlotte Allcock, one of the students chosen to attend the training session, said, 'I had a really good day and learnt a lot of tips on how to do well in a variety of sports. Paula was really kind and even gave us all a signed photograph at the end of the day'.

A horse riding club has been started in the school, with over 35 members competing in inter-school competitions. In April, two of the younger members of the team, John Church and Matthew Izod represented Burford School, entering a competition held at Kingsley-Princethorpe equestrian centre at Princethorpe College, near Rugby.

Matthew Izod riding his horse Fancyman, not only won his class in the Dressage & Combined Training he also won the trophy for the best overall male rider. John Church riding Prince William came 5th in the same class. Miss Himmens (team manager) said, 'I am so pleased for both Matthew and John, they were a credit to the school, and am especially proud of Matthew's win as 'Best Male Rider', I am sure his, will be a name to look out for in the future!'

Burford School staff are always keen for their students' work to be seen by families, friends and the general public and to this end the School is putting on two major displays of work. The first is on **Tuesday 10th July** when the Design and Technology department is putting on an exhibition of work produced by students for their GCSE, AS and A2 coursework, plus a 'recycled' fashion display by students from the lower school. This is the second exhibition organised by the department allowing visitors to see all the work created by students before it is taken home and put into storage! The exhibition will be held in the

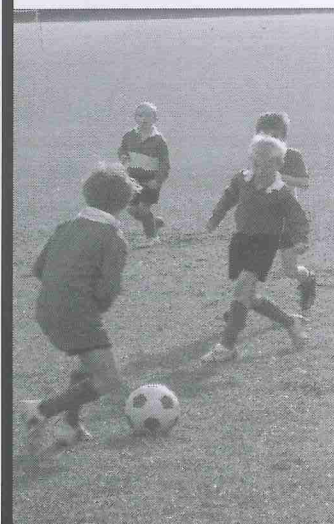
main hall from 5.30pm to 8.30pm, with free entry and refreshments. During the evening the students will be presented with certificates. Please do come and see the fantastic work produced by the students.

The second event will take place on **Friday 20th July** entitled 'Festival on the Field' involving as many students as possible. There will be an outdoor Festival of Music & Dance to be held on a stage in the school playing fields, together with: a gymnastics display; Primary school children Gamelan project; dance & rock challenge com-

petitions and a family funfair. The evening will end with the Annual School Leavers' Concert involving over 130 students with a spectacular firework display as a finale. The event will be performed in a picnic style setting and there will be a pig roast/ barbeque and bar. Tickets are on sale from School Reception at £10 for Adults and £7 for children. Please phone 01993 823303 for details of party rates. (Tickets will be more expensive on the night!). Due to licensing restrictions tickets are limited so the event is likely to sell out fast.

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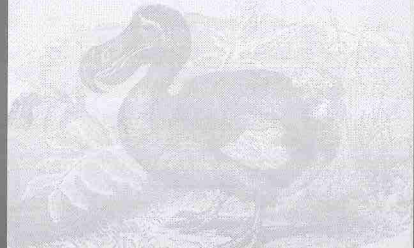
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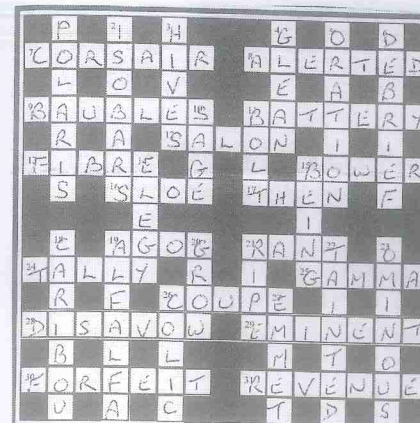
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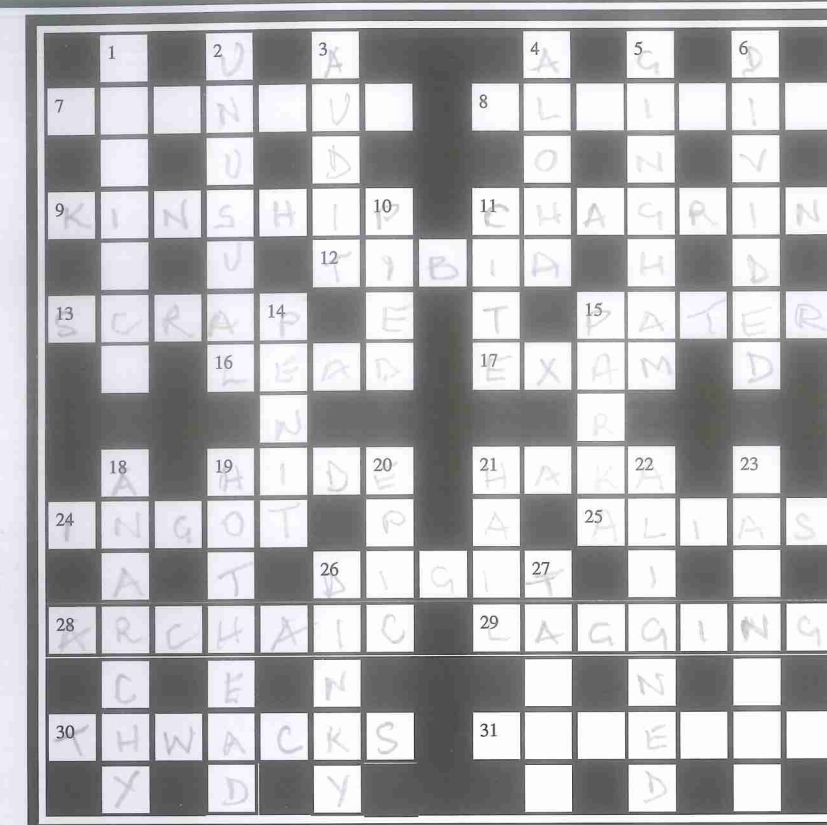
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- Evil, hateful
- Illegal
- Sharing of characteristics or origins
- Annoyance or shame at having failed
- Shinbone
- A brief or minor fight
- Father (public school slang, dated)
- Heavy bluish-grey metal
- Test of knowledge or ability
- Conceal oneself
- Maori war chant
- A rectangular block of metal
- An assumed name
- A finger or toe
- Belonging to former times
- A dawdler or straggler
- Beats or flogs (esp. with something flat)
- Capacity for growth or development

CLUES DOWN

- Enchant
- Out of the ordinary
- Verification of accounts
- Say hello or goodbye in Hawaii
- A cotton fabric with checked design
- Split, not united
- Having markings of two or more colours
- Quote, refer to
- Lapwing
- Hip-length weatherproof hooded coat
- General lawlessness and disorder
- An excitable or fiery person
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- Frozen rain
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- July**
 3rd Movies on the Move, 'Notes on a Scandal', Village Hall, 7.30pm
 7th Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club v Barford (h)
 7th Bampton Slow Living Society, BBQ
 12th Garden Party & Evaluation Day, The Manor House, 4pm - 8pm
 15th Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club v Langford (h)
 20th - 21st Romeo and Juliet, Bampton Classical Opera, The Deanery
 21st Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club v Presentation day (h)
 21st - 22nd Battle of Newbridge Re-enactment
 22nd Outing to Spetchley Park & Gardens, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9am
 26th BEWG Open Meeting, Talk 'Wildlife recording in the Bampton area', Village Hall, 8pm
 26th Summer Ball, Bampton Youth Club, The Pavilion, Recreation Ground, 6.30pm
- August**
 12th Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club v Langford (a)
 16th - 18th The Annual Bampton Fair, Market Square and High Street
 18th Finstock Fun Day
 25th Annual Show, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall
 26th Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club v Charlbury (h)
 27th Donkey Derby, SPAJERS, Sandfords, 2pm
 29th Annual Outing, SPAJERS
- September**
 2nd Wychwood Forest Fair, 12 noon - 5pm
 4th Movies on the Move, 'The History Boys', Village Hall, 7.30pm
 10th (- 27th Exhibition *Bampton Bellringers*, Bampton Archive, Vesey Room
 October)
 22nd Autumn Sale, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
 29th Bampton Slow Living Society, TBA
- October**
 25th BEWG Open Meeting, Talk 'Hunting for British orchids', Village Hall, 8pm
- November**
 4th Lunch & Xmas Variety Show, Gardening Club
 9th Josie's Draw, SPAJERS, The Romany
 17th Bampton Slow Living Society, TBA
 18th Shopping Trip to Portsmouth, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9am
 21st Pre-Christmas Bingo, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
- December**
 2nd Outing to the Good Food Show, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9am
 7th Quiz, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
 21st St. Beornwald's Day Candlelit Concert, Bampton Classical Opera, St. Mary's Church
 21st C&W Dance, Cancer Research UK, Carterton Social Club
 24th Mummings, SPAJERS, Village Residences and Pubs

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