



The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Bampton, on Saturday between Mr Richard George Snook, son of Mr and Mrs John G. Snook, of 16 New Road, Bampton, and Miss Shirley Anson Cranston, daughter of Mr and Mrs John R. Cranston, of 7 Hartington Street, Elswick, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The service was taken by the vicar, the Rev. J. S. Taborn, with Mr Roy Stroud at the organ.

The bride, who was given away by Mr Charles Allan,

wore a yellow dress, and carried a posy of pink carnations trimmed with yellow ribbon. The best man was Mr Thomas Tanner.

A reception for some 50 guests was held at the WI Institute, Bampton.

Mr and Mrs Snook will live at 4 Bowling Green Close, Bampton. The bridegroom is a Bampton Town footballer and is a long distance driver's mate for Cotswold Buildings, Standlake. The bride works at Bowyers, Corn Street, Witney.

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## **Badminton Club**

A bingo drive was held on Monday week in the Bampton WI hall in aid of the funds of the Badminton club and prizes were won by Mrs K. Tanner, Mrs G. Stevens, Mrs F. Radband, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Mansfield, Mrs Hammond, Mrs J. Cook, Mrs Connaughton, Mrs E. Clerke, Mrs M. Hirons, Mrs Pearson, Mrs A. Wheeler, Mrs R. Wheeler, Mrs D. Pullen, Mrs Spurrett, Mrs D. Stroud, Mrs L. Craddock, Mrs S. Horne, Mrs B. Smith, Mrs Birrell, Miss P. Barrett, Mr G. Cooke, Mr Saunders and Mr J. Smith.

## **Football bingo**

The winners of prizes at the bingo session held on Friday evening in aid of the funds of the football club were Mrs Spurrett, Mrs Long, Mrs J. Smith, Mrs Foreshew, Mrs Tindall, Mrs Walker, Mrs Pitkin, Mrs Elward, Mrs Pearce, Mrs V. Beckett, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Lyle, Mrs Tinson, Mr Pearson, Mrs Pullen, Miss W. Brown, Mrs Stroud, Mrs Wheeler and Mrs Harris.

## **Bowls club**

Members of the Bampton Bowls Club organised a jumble sale on Saturday afternoon in the WI hall in aid of club funds. £35 was realised. The winners of the draw were Mr Foreshew, Mrs R. Snook, Mrs Hunt, Mrs F. Radband, Miss Mary Gerring, Mrs Ainsworth, Mrs G. Smith, Mrs J. Walker and Mrs Jackson.

## **Pensioners' party**

A party was given by the S.P.A.J.E.R.S. on Saturday evening in the Bampton Primary School and all Bampton's pensioners received an invitation. About 116 were able to accept and the party began with a chicken dinner. Music for singing was provided by Mr Reg Absolam and the popular "Take Your Pick" contest was conducted by Mr Francis Shergold. The party had been arranged by Miss Peggy Roberts but at the last moment she was prevented from attending by illness.

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## Darby and Joan Club

A social afternoon of tea, games and competitions was held on Friday afternoon in the Old Grammar School for members of the Bampton Darby and Joan Club. Prizes were won by Mrs Borrett, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Probyn, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Barchard, Mrs A. Tanner, Mrs Bliss, Mrs K. Tanner, Mrs Smith, Mrs Jones, Mrs Newining, Mrs Gardner, Mrs Sheppard, Mrs Preston, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Ross, Mrs Townsend, Mrs Mills, Mrs Lovell, Miss Goulding, Miss Wickson and Mr Wells.

## Children's Party

The annual children's party given by the Bampton branch of the R.B.L. was held on Saturday afternoon in the Annex of the Old School building. The cash was provided by the Mens section whilst the womens section under the leadership of Mrs B. Collett organised all the party arrangements. The party was for children up to the age of nine and the thirty who attended

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# COW WAS KILLED BY CAR

A cow died after it was struck by a Mini car late at night, Witney magistrates were told on Friday week.

The driver of the car, Drew Warren, 22, of Meadow Farm Cottages, Buckland Road, Bampton, pleaded not guilty to careless driving on the Aston-Cote road, Aston. However, he was fined £25.

Mr Michael Franklin, farmer, of Church Lane, Aston, said that at 10.35 p.m. on October 21 he was taking a cow along the road to receive attention, as it was expecting a difficult birth.

He heard a car coming from behind and waved his lamp which had a white light to the front and a red light on top. The car did not seem to slacken speed and he made for the nearest hedge. The car struck the cow and it died immediately.

Warren on oath said he was driving at about 50-55 mph. He saw a white light and thought it was a cyclist. He did not see a red light.

## School coach crash

# THIRD BOY DIES

**A THIRD boy from Wood Green School, Witney, has died as a result of the school bus crash on Tuesday of last week.**

The boy, Alec White, 16, was the only child of Mr and Mrs Peter White, of 10 Mercury Close, Bampton.

He was badly injured in the crash, and died in Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, on Friday night.

Alec was expecting to leave school after the summer term.

The inquest on the first two crash victims, Garry Hawkins, 15, of 5 Furlong Row, Clanfield, and Gary Gerhardt, 14, of 20 New Road, Bampton, was opened and adjourned at Witney on Friday.

The coroner, Mr W. P. Haines, spoke before the adjournment of "a most terrible accident." He added that he

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was not calling a doctor but the cause of death in both cases was multiple injuries.

The coach in which the boys were travelling home about 4.20 pm was in collision with an empty school bus approaching from Bampton during a snow storm on a bend on the Bampton—Brize Norton road, just outside Bampton.

Present at the inquest were Mr B. E. Day, the county's deputy director of education, Mr H. W. Pooley, headmaster of Wood Green School also Mr J. Downs, solicitor to the county council.

Mr John Ellis, Gary Gerhardt's foster father, and Mr Raymond Hawkins, father of Garry Hawkins, gave evidence of identification.

The coroner said: "I have to adjourn until we get the evidence together and receive a report from the police as to whether they are making any prosecutions against any persons in the accident."

## Funeral

School friends and villagers joined relatives in the parish church of St. Stephen, Clanfield, on Saturday afternoon, for the funeral of Garry Hawkins.

Garry was the second child of Mr and Mrs Hawkins. They have two other boys and four girls.

The service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev W. E. Robinson, assisted by the Methodist Minister, the Rev. R. Hodgkinson, was attended by the chairman of Oxfordshire Education Committee, Ald. T. B. Cooper, and two members, Coun. L. T. Gadge, and Coun. Miss D. G. Thom-

son, who is also vice-chairman of Wood Green School governors.

Also present was the county director of education, Mr E. J. Dorrell, the headmaster of Wood Green School, Mr H. W. Pooley, Mr C. G. Painter, head of Birch House, several members of the staff, and Roger Hepworth, the senior boy.

Others included Mr J. S. Clatworthy, a school social worker, and Miss R. Riches, headmistress of Clanfield primary school.

The floor at the rear of the church was covered with more than 50 wreaths. The inscription on the wreath from the family read: "To dear Garry, from Mum and Dad, Sisters and Brothers."

Miss Susan Hawkins, Mr and Mrs Hawkins' eldest child, who is 16, was at the funeral. The five younger children did not attend.

Other wreaths included those from members and staff of the Education Committee, headmaster, staff and pupils of Wood Green School, pupils of the school's Birch House, of which Garry had been a member, Henry Box School, Witney, the Parent-Teacher Association, staff and children of Henry Box School, and one from Mr H. Wallis, the Clanfield farmer for whom Garry hoped to work when he left school at Easter.

There were also wreaths from Clanfield Methodist Church Sunday School, Clanfield Football Club and Clanfield Youth Club.

In his address, the vicar expressed sympathy for the boy's family, everyone, he said, had shared in the sadness which had come to the village.

The funeral of Gary Gerhardt at Bampton on Monday was attended by many of his friends who were in the crashed coach.

Several of them still showed signs of their injuries.



GARY GERHARDT

## Sympathy

About 160 people attended the service in Bampton parish church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev J. S. Taborn.

He said that uppermost in all their minds was sympathy for the family, relatives and friends of the dead boy.

They also thought of the injured children and the coach drivers.

Present were the chairman of Oxfordshire Education Committee, Ald. T. B. Cooper, the Deputy Director of Education for Oxfordshire, Mr B. E. Day, the headmaster of Wood Green School, Mr H. W. Pooley, Mr T. Meppen, head of the department of special studies at the school, other members of the staff, and two senior pupils, Penelope Cawthorne and David Whitley.

Governors of Wood Green School who attended were Mr K. Cook (chairman), Mr W. R. Dominey, Mr H. R. Kitto, and Mrs A. Henly, Mr F. Roberts (representing the Bampton unit of the Fire Service) and Mr F. Meyrick, headmaster of Bampton Primary School.

Coun. Miss D. G. Thomson, of Bampton, vice-chairman of Wood Green School governors, and chairman of the county's Social Services Committee, was unable to attend.

There were between 60 and 70 wreaths, including those from the headmaster, staff and pupils of Wood Green School, staff and children of the school's Oak House and the head of the special studies department.

Others were from the chairman and members of Oxfordshire Education Committee, Miss Goodfellow, Mrs Jones and the staff of the Social Services Department, staff and children of Henry Box School, Witney, Bampton firemen, Bampton Youth Club, staff and children of Bampton Primary School, Bampton branch of the women's section of the Royal British Legion and Swindon Football Club Supporters.

# Funeral of third school coach crash victim

THE FUNERAL of 16-year-old Alec White, the third boy to die following the school coach crash near Bampton on Tuesday, February 1, took place at Bampton last Thursday.

Alec was the only child of Chief Technician Peter White, of RAF Bampton, and Mrs White, whose home is at 10 Mercury Close, Bampton. The other two schoolboys were killed in the accident, and Alec died in the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, three days later.

All the children in the coach were from Wood Green School, Witney, and a number of them, together with other pupils from the school, attended the funeral.

Many of the townspeople were among the congregation of about 120 people at the service in the parish church of St Mary-the-Virgin. It was conducted by the Rev. V. J. E. Boatright, Chaplain at RAF Brize Norton, assisted by the Rev. R.

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THE PEOPLE of Clanfield have raised more than £80 for the parents of Garry Hawkins, 15, one of the other victims of the coach crash.

The money was raised by a house-to-house collection and collection boxes in village shops. The money has been given to the vicar of Clanfield, the Rev. W. E. Robinson, to give to Garry's parents, who live at 5 Furlong Row, Clanfield.

One of the collection organisers, Mr Bob Hunt, of 19 The Pound, Pound Lane, Clanfield, said: "Everyone in the village has been marvellous. The money shows how the village feel about the tragedy. We have left it to the parents to decide what they do with the money, but we hope it might cover some of the expense they have had."

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Taylor, the Church of Scotland and Free Church Chaplain at the same station. The interment was at Bampton Cemetery.

The Oxfordshire Education Committee was represented by its chairman, Ald. T. B. Cooper, and the Director of Education, Mr E. J. Dorrell.

Wood Green School was represented by the headmaster, Mr H. W. Pooley, several members of the staff and two senior pupils, Lesley Allen and Oriel Roach. Also present were Coun. Miss D. G. Thomson, a member of the county council, and Mrs A. Henly, both governors of the school.

A number of members of the RAF were at the funeral, including Flt. Lt. E. Daszkiewicz, of RAF Bampton.

Others present included Mr J. S. Clatworthy, a school social worker; Mr A. Beckley, sub-officer of the Bampton unit of the Oxfordshire County Fire Service; and Mr F. Meyrick, headmaster of Bampton primary school.

Among the many wreaths were those from the chairman, members and staff of Oxfordshire Education Committee; headmaster, staff and pupils of Wood Green School; the officer commanding and staff at RAF Bampton; Henry Box School Parent-Teacher Association, Witney; Ash House, Wood Green School; commanding officer and all ranks at RAF Stanbrigde; Bampton firemen; Bampton Girl Guides; Hughes Coaches and staff, Bampton; and one bearing the inscription "The People of Bampton."

## Rescuers praised by councillors

TRIBUTES TO the rescuers who helped in the Bampton tragedy were paid by Oxfordshire councillors on Tuesday.

Particular praise was given to the two 15-year-old girls, Margaret Gascoigne and Susan Taylor, who helped the other children in the coach.

Mr H. R. Kitto, chairman of Witney Rural Council, told the county council meeting: "When one hears of the indiscipline of youth, it is refreshing to think that at a testing time they are found not

wanting."

Other members spoke of the gratitude due to ambulance, firemen, police, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, doctors at Bampton and a surgery nurse who were all involved in the rescue operation.

Miss D. G. Thomson, member for Bampton, said there was great gratitude in the village "to everyone who worked in great cooperation and with great efficiency."

She said: "It underlines how right we are in keeping our services at such a high standard."