

Bampton's Got Talent in the Village Hall

By Janet Rouse

A wonderful evening on Sunday June 3rd organised by Bampton Archive showed very clearly that Bampton has very definitely got talent and from ages 3 to 'very senior' citizens. The mix of singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, poetry and monologues kept the packed hall and our three judges enthralled.

Our three judges were Trevor Milne-Day, Zoe Harrison and Kirsty Young and they each gave honest and encouraging comments. We are particularly delighted that Kirsty is taking an active roll in the life of Bampton.



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THE BARN DANCE



The weather turned in our favour for the evening and the Market Square was a sight to behold , with toddlers and young people dancing with all ages up to the 80's .

Wonderful to see so many happy , smiling faces , not a cross word to be heard and probably around 500 folk having a great time .

The Slow Living Society hosted the Pig Roast and it wasn't long before the Pig disappeared ! The band were magnificent under Matthew Green's "strict" control and we are indebted once again to Alford Pallet Recycling , Lew for their generous contribution in providing the trailer for the Stage and combined with the assistance of the local farmers , the Square was just a fantastic place to be , to conclude the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations , which ended at 10 pm with the National Anthem .



THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE SPORTS AFTERNOON

Tuesday June 5th 2012

By Graham Haslam

It hardly seemed that 10 years had passed since we celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee, but unlike the previous Sports day the weather was to play a significant part, which really put the damper on everything! Preparations had been underway for several months and we had arranged for the Sports sections to organise events of interest and, hopefully, enthuse children and adults to use the excellent facilities offered at the Recreation Ground. We planned to have a Spectacular Opening at 2.30 pm with the RAF Falcons Parachute Team flying in, but at the last minute with the plane on the runway at Brize Norton the heavens opened and for safety reasons the Falcons had to abandon their programme.

Nevertheless, we received tremendous support from many people – Tom Rose with his kiddies roundabouts and candy floss stall, Nick Jones with his fantastic hamburger stand, the Horseshoe for the bar, and the several groups (the Library, the Toddler Group, the FOBS and Pre-school) who showcased their offerings brilliantly in spite of the wind and rain.

Throughout it all we were entertained over the Public Address system by a great favourite of Bampton, Don Rouse, who did a terrific job as MC – well done Don!!

The Bampton Fire Brigade joined us with a Fire Tender and this delighted young and old alike. Hopefully this will stimulate the people of Bampton to become either a Retained or Part-time Fire Fighter Tel: 800 5 870870 for further information.

The races took place for all ages, with a variety of dress, and the winners presented with medals and we had huge entertainment with the Tug-o-War contest between the Morris Clown and the Talbot. The first pull must have been one of the best ever and lasted several minutes with the Clown winning, but the Talbot came back to take the contest 2 to 1.

There was also a Challenge between the FOBS Ladies and the Men, which the Ladies won, due to fact they had twice as many on the rope and, perhaps the "high heels"!

The Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Mugs were distributed to all children aged 11 and under, and the afternoon ended around 5.00pm and by 5.30pm the Recreation Ground was virtually clear and you would not have known that over 250 people had enjoyed a fun afternoon with family and friends. About this time – THE RAIN STOPPED!! Which was good for the Street Parties and the Barn Dance.

Congratulations Bampton for your superb Recreation Ground Facility, with its' new cricket wicket and Skate Park, additions since 2002, the Shillbrook Wood and the thousands of trees which were planted to provide a wonderful legacy for the future and should be enjoyed.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the volunteers, who gave of their time and effort, so generously over the weeks and months before, and on the day itself in such adverse conditions.

Although, the rain had set in the Sports Races began with the Toddlers 3 and under, going through the age groups up to 30+ and finally the 3-legged races. Great Fun!!

The finale to the day saw the presentation of medals and prizes to the race winners and sports section competitions and the gift of Queen's Diamond Jubilee Commemorative mugs to all children 11 years and under (Mugs can still be purchased from Budgen's and the Community Shop at £3.50).

We would also like to thank, all the volunteers who kindly helped and assisted with the running of the Sports afternoon, which we hope everyone enjoyed in spite of the weather and we would ask you to use the facilities at the Recreation Ground and Pavilion to the benefit of the whole family.

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Archery - The Medieval theme attracted much interest and ... applications for membership were received on the day , for this thriving section which meets on Wednesdays throughout the year . Contact: Jeff Dando Tel. 01993 850643, e-mail jp.dando@ssesurf.co.uk

The Cricket Club is in excellent shape and presently has 70 Junior and 30 Senior members . The new grass wicket has bedded in well and the teams have benefitted from this big step forward . New practice nets are the next project and this will be a welcome addition . During the afternoon a single wicket bowling competition was held and the winner was John Pilkington. For more information please contact : Martin Landray Tel 01993 850939 , e-mail martin.landray@ctsuo.ox.ac.uk

The Football section arranged a " Beat the Keeper " penalty shoot out competition . The weather added to the fun , and there were play offs in both groups for U 8's and U11's . In the end Mitchell Constable won the U11's and Ben Akroyd the U 8's. Well done to all the competitors .The Bampton youth teams are represented at all ages for U 6 to U 15, with the exception of U 14 , so please contact any of the Managers , who look after each age year group . Names & Telephone numbers are shown on the website: www.bamptontownfc.co.uk

Netball is a new addition to the Recreation Ground , as the Bampton Ladies Netball Club has been formed recently . On the day, a great time was enjoyed by everyone who visited the multi-sport court. The Shooting competition was won by Mitchell Constable, despite the weather and later a mini match was held with children and adults playing on each team .All the children received a medal at the end of the game. Club night is on Tuesdays 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm. For further information please contact: Sam Constable 07825 149244 or Bernadette Goves 07780 761822 .

The Tennis Club has club nights on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the club holds social events and tournaments during the year .The club is now affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association and the Coach is Liz Bamber – Senior Player of the Year in Oxfordshire in 2011 . To join please contact : Debbie Landray deborahlandray@btinternet.com , Tel.01993 850939

FOBS and Pre-school braved the elements with their gazebos and produced various displays with " The Hungry Caterpillar " , the Street Party and Jubilee activities , such as the letterbox game and a scene from " Those magnificent men in their flying machines " – to give a flavour of life at school from 2- 11 years .Contact: Sue Allen Tel :01993 852882
e-mail susan.allen@brandfish.co.uk

The Library group also braved the elements promoting the value of the books to the village and they were indebted to Nick Jones, who gave all donations for the excellent burgers straight into the Library fund - brilliant ! Keep supporting all efforts to maintain our Library , Bampton !

Here are the results :of the races

Race 1 Toddlers : 1st Alex Thorpe 2nd Joshua Boland 3rd Lucy Cooper

Race 2 4-6 Girls : 1st Bethan Thorpe 2nd Sophie Vanas 3rd Emily Filkans

Race 3 4-6 Boys : 1st Ben Akroyd 2nd Christopher Boland 3rd Ben Hooper

Race 4 4-6 Mixed : 1st Scarlett Monk 2nd Ben Akroyd 3rd Patrick Easterbrook

Race 5 4-6 Boys : 1st Joe Hale 2nd Blake Moss

Race 6 7-9 Girls : 1st Ella Harvey 2nd Jasmine Maskall 3rd Pippa Carrington

Race 7 7-9 Boys: 1st Luke Akroyd 2nd Liam Quilty 3rd Benjamin Vanas

Race 8 10-12 Girls : 1st Isobel Landray 2nd Esme Fisher 3rd Laura Williams

Race 9 10-12 Boys : 1st Sam Maskall 2nd Mitchell Constable 3rd Ben Wannell

Race 10 13-15 Girls : 1st Flo Jenkins 2nd Alison Landray 3rd Neoma Fisher
Kealan Robinson

Race 12 16-18 Girls : 1st Flo Jenkins 2nd Gina Money 3rd Alice Landray

Race 13 16-18 Race 11 13-15 Boys : 1st Joe Jenkins 2nd James

Richards 3rd Boys : 1st Oliver Farmer 2nd Sam Maskell 3rd Benedict Hardy

Race 14 Over 30's Ladies : 1st Debbie Landray 2nd Natasha Jenkins 3rd Becky Fisher

Race 15 Over 30's Men : 1st Mark Powell 2nd Peter Grimwade 3rd Mark Lawton

Race 16 3-Legged 11yrs Mixed : 1st Ceris Carrington/ Ellis Souter 2nd Luke Akroyd /Jake Wilkinson 3rd Ben Maskall / Sam Maskall

Race 17 3-Legged 15yrs Girls : 1st Alice Landray /Flo Jenkins 2nd Zoe Laughton / Elspeth Martin 3rd Alice Shuttleworth / Lydia Wannell

Race 18 Adults 3-Legged : 1st Megan George / Jean Money 2nd Penny Fisher / Gill Waite 3rd Alex Miller / Russell Miller

