

# FLOWER FESTIVAL AT ST. MARY'S BAMPTON

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The beauty of the lovely church of St. Mary's, Bampton, was enhanced this week-end by exquisite floral arrangements carried out by the ladies of the church. The colour schemes were chosen with great care and the results attracted many visitors who were captivated by the sight and perfume of the many varied displays.

After inspecting the church, the history of which was obtained in a handbook, visitors were invited to inspect a number of gardens in the small town and a large number availed themselves of this opportunity of touring a wide range of different types of gardens.

On Friday evening a special service for handicapped people and their friends under the auspices of the Oxfordshire branch of the British Red Cross Society was conducted by the Vicar of Bampton, the Rev. J. Selwyn Taborn M.A., the Rev. B. Eden and the Rev. Dr. C. J. L. Wells and the church was filled to capacity for the occasion. Afterwards the disabled people were entertained to a meal at Weald Manor, the home of Mrs. P. and Major R. Colville.

## RECITAL

On Saturday evening a Choral and Instrumental Recital was held in the church. This had been arranged by the organist and choirmaster of St. Mary's, Mr. Roy Stroud and included items by the combined choirs of Bampton and Aston, solos by Mr. R. M. Nurden, Baritone and Oboe and Violin recitals played by two young musicians Miss Gillian Hook and Michael Bochman.

The Sunday Services were conducted by The Rev. J. Sel-

wyn Taborn and the sermons preached by the very Revd. Marcus Knight, B.A. B.D., Dean of Exeter, representing the Dean and Chapter of Exeter Cathedral. The link between Bampton and Exeter extends in time to Leofric, Bishop of Exeter around about 1050 who was granted lands at Bampton before 1066 which he handed over to the Dean and Chapter of Exeter who have been Patrons of the Living ever since.

The lesson at morning service was read by Mr. Richard Todd.

## TOUR

The Dean made a tour of the four churches which make up the Living, Bampton Proper, Aston Bampton, Lew and Shifford and at Evensong the churchwardens and worshippers of all the churches worshipped together at Bampton. A cheque was handed to the Dean by the Rev. J. Selwyn Taborn on behalf of the Parochial Church Council for the Restoration Fund of Exeter Cathedral.

All the collections and donations made during the three day Festival have been donated to the Red Cross Disabled Holiday Fund, Witney Division. It is estimated to date that the fund will benefit somewhere in the region of £130.



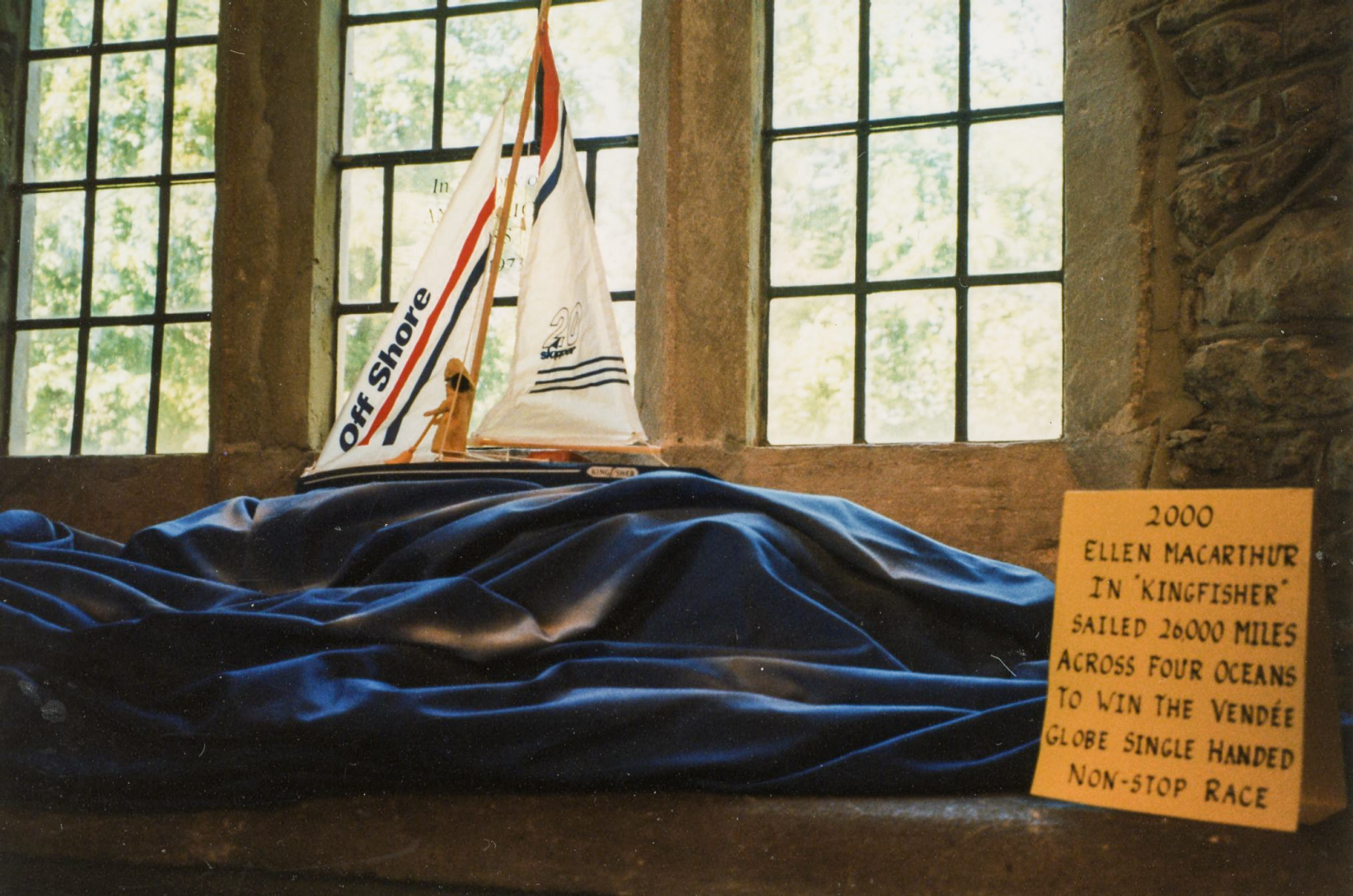
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ELLEN MACARTHUR  
IN "KINGFISHER"  
SAILED 26000 MILES  
ACROSS FOUR OCEANS  
TO WIN THE VENDÉE  
GLOBE SINGLE HANDED  
NON-STOP RACE