

THE BAMPTON MORRIS

Bampton is very fortunate in having one of the few untarnished Morris Traditions, and as far as we know the dances today are the same as they were back in the 1300s.

The late Mr. William (Jinky) Wells, the Fiddler, could trace his family connections with the Morris back well over three hundred years. Of course in the old days it was very much a family thing, being handed down from father to son and grandson. Unfortunately there are now very few of the present team related to each other, but this makes no difference to the tradition.

In the olden days there used to be a deer slaughtered and everyone had a share. This apparently was a pagan tradition. Now the sword-bearer carries a cake impaled on a sword and anyone wishing to taste the cake puts a little something in the collection box.

It is said that there is a tomb stone in Bampton churchyard relating to some Morris dancer dated sometime in the 1300s.

The Traditional Day for dancing in Bampton is Whit-Monday, when the team dance all day in the streets and gardens of the larger houses. Occasionally the team is asked to dance at Fetes and various functions in the neighbourhood. On these occasions the team still maintain the old tradition of dancing. The team consists of six dancers, fiddler, fool and cake-bearer. Bampton have about 27 dances that they can all dance. Some dances are danced as jigs as well as six handed dances.







Frank Daniels (far left) and Colin Knight (far right) both joined the team as boys, and the latter who has now left Bampton, comes back specially to join the dancing on Whit Monday.



Alec Wixey, a member of the team on leave from the Royal Marines, danced all day in traditional costume, and then had to have "One for the road" in uniform just before he returned to his unit.









Mrs. Davey came to Bampton as a small child in 1887 when her father, a retired barrister named Staples-Brown rented St. Stephens (Now Kilmore House) in order to live near his friend Squire Philip Southby of Bampton House. In 1895 the family bought The Elms which Mrs. Davey inherited from her mother during the 1914 war. Apart from the war years when she travelled to be near her husband, an Army doctor, she has lived in Bampton all her life and recalls with great happiness the tennis parties, pageants and other amusements which the young people of Bampton made for themselves in the Edwardian period. Mrs. Davey is a regular helper at the Infant Welfare Clinic and a keen member of the W.I. of which she is a founder member.

Mrs. Bliss came to live at Bampton House in 1920 when her husband retired from the Indian army. She is a founder member of the W.I. and was for many years Treasurer and then President, also a member of the Mothers Union and the Women's Legion. She is very interested in racing and seldom misses a meeting at Cheltenham or Newbury. Here she is setting off to see the race for the Mackeson Gold Cup, and on the following bitterly cold day she attended the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial.

With her is Miss Thomson of Beam Cottage who came to Bampton in 1949 to work a small intensive market garden, but in 1961, when she succeeded Miss Pollard as County Council Representative for Aston, Bampton and Brize Norton, she put most of the garden down to grass and devoted herself to public work.







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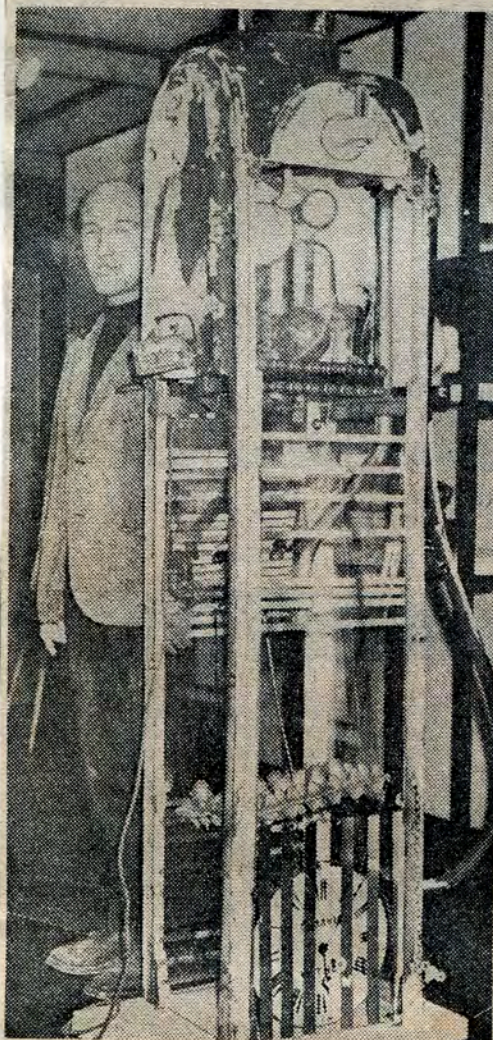
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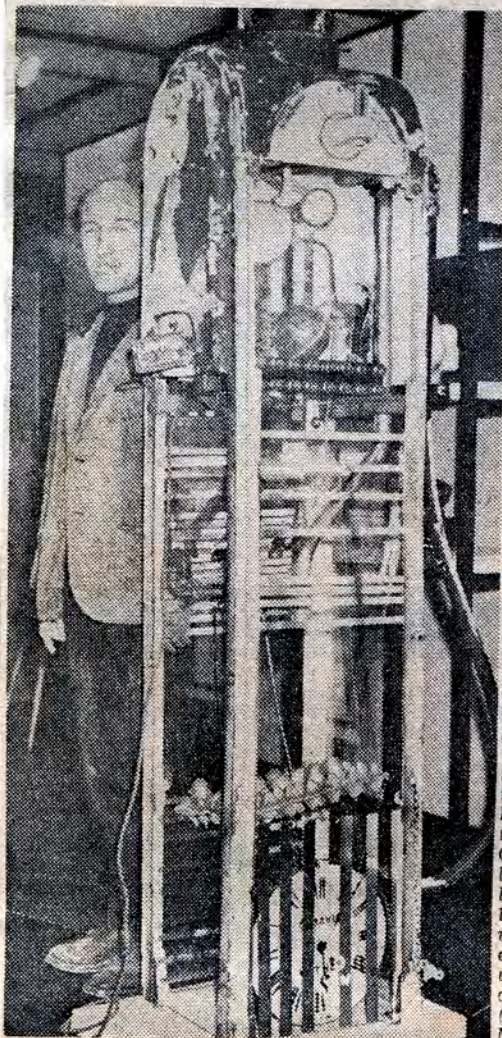
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Mrs. Brookes was born in Aston but has lived in Bampton since her marriage 56 years ago. As a girl she did farm work and claims she could scythe as well as her brother. She still performs the office of laying out the dead as no one has come forward to relieve her of this work.

Her daughter Alice Peacock, a war widow, did domestic work as long as her daughter was at school, but later worked at Crawfords in Witney and is now a postwoman. She hopes to fly to the U.S.A. in 1966 to visit her daughter Olive McCabe, who married an airman from the U.S.A.A.F. Base at Brize Norton, and went with her husband and small son Andrew to the States this year. Although happily settled the McCabes plan to return to England when he is released from the U.S.A.A.F.



Mr. Money still practices his craft of shoemaking at his shop in Bridge Street, Bampton.



Mrs. Ada Tanner was born a Butler. Her Grandfather "Doodlum Butler" farmed and lived in what is now Gate Cottage. He kept a dancing booth and when Mrs. Tanner's father returned from the Boer War he helped his father with the booth. There are still people in the village who remember dancing in the yard outside the cottage. Mrs. Tanner helped with all the farm work, but she particularly remembers herding cows and at harvest time twisting the straw into a cord and tying the sheaves as her grandfather reaped. She married into the Tanner family who claim to have had a member in the Bampton Morris team for 300 years without a break until her husband Frank and his cousin retired recently.

Her daughter, Vera Elward has practised hairdressing, cooked in the school canteen and is now a teaching auxiliary at the Primary School, while the achievements of her grand-daughter Janet are recorded on another page of this book.

THE ROMAN CATHOLICS

The community has grown in the past five years and a priest from Carterton celebrates Mass weekly and on Holy Days in the Town Hall. This is attended by Catholics from Alvescôt, Black Bourton and Buckland. The Women's Auxiliary meets approximately once a month in members' homes, originally to sew vestments for the priest and later to raise money for a proposed Catholic School at Carterton. At the present time it does not seem likely that this object will be achieved.

THE METHODISTS

At present this congregation is small and there is a possibility that the Chapel may be closed and the members asked to attend services in neighbouring villages. The Manse "Willowdene" was sold recently and the Minister now lives in Faringdon.

THE BAPTISTS

The Baptists are a flourishing community who place great stress on Youth and Missionary work. The chapel has recently been refurbished entirely by the efforts of the congregation.



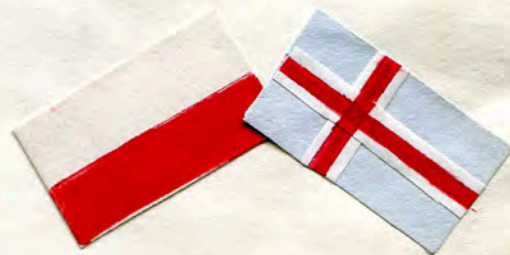
The Minister & young people enjoying the Christmas party in January 1965.



A scene from the Nativity Play, December 1965.

THE ROMANEK FAMILY

Two Polish families have settled in Colville Close and are becoming completely integrated into the community. The history of the Romaneks is probably typical of hundreds of Poles in this country. Mr. Romanek was brought to England during the war from Siberia, where he had been deported for alleged sabotage against the Russians. When Russia became Britain's ally the Polish prisoners were allowed to join the Polish Forces in Britain. He was with the forces in Germany at the end of the war when he met and married a Polish girl who had been deported at the age of 12 and after 6 months in prison had spent 5 years doing forced labour in Germany. Their eldest son was born in Germany and was 18 months old when the family came to England. Mr. Romanek liked the country but his wife found it very strange and was unhappy, moving as they did from one Polish camp to another. Their daughter was born in a Polish hospital in Fairford and had to pass a test before she could transfer from the Polish school to a County Junior School at the age of 9. Her elder brother was by then attending Cirencester Secondary Modern School. The youngest child, Richard, was born in Cirencester shortly before the family moved to Bampton to be near Mr. Romanek's work at the Base at Brize Norton. Although the family speaks Polish at home, Richard has already learnt English by playing with neighbours children and should have no difficulty when he enrolls at Bampton Primary School in 1966. Mrs. Romanek is now happily settled in England and the family keeps close touch with Polish friends although the young ones have numerous English friends. It would seem that the method of gradually integrating the family has been most successful.



THE BENEDIKZ FAMILY

I have been asked to account for the presence of an Icelandic family in Bampton. It is really very simple. My husband is en poste in London and we lived there for most of the war. When the war ended we felt it was time to find a home in the country, where our sons could go to school locally and live at home, yet not have to spend their youth in a city. In the summer of 1945 we were staying in Oxford and I enquired from a shopkeeper whether he knew of any country district where we might find a house. Fortunately there was an estate agent visiting the shop at that moment. We were introduced - he had a house at Bampton for sale - brought us to see it - we liked it and by September we moved in. As we have been fortunate in being allowed to remain at the same posting, here we are still. We have been very happy in Bampton. Our sons have had the country life we wished them to have and played cricket and football for the village and rugby for local teams before they left here. They duly went to school in Bampton and Burford and Witney. Two of them went to Oxford (Pembroke College) and one did half his training as a doctor at St. Bartholemew's before going home to qualify in Reykjavik.

THE BAMPTON SHEPPARDS

The Bampton Sheppards come from generations of country stock originally born and bred for the land. The father of the Bampton Percy Sheppard was Bailiff for years for Squire Southby at Meadow Farm, Bampton.

As "commuting" became easier fifty years ago, some of the male members of the family took up other trades, and demonstrated no mean ability in the building trades. Most of the family are now deceased, but one male has a sturdy family to carry on the name and to carry on the old association with farming.

THE BAMPTON QUICKS

Comparative "foreigners" to Bampton. The Quicks stirred first in Bath about 100 years ago, and the male members took up various diversions, including the Services, clerking, teaching, blacksmiths, including one or two out and out wild men who obviously enjoyed themselves.

This branch settled here in 1932, strictly to 'Manage Gas', and as usual, being regarded with suspicion for the first ten years, have now been "integrated" in most of the social system.



Wedding of Miss J.M.Quick and Mr.A.J.Jenkin
at Bampton Baptist Church, 6th March, 1965.



The Vicar acknowledges with thanks a cheque sent to him by Mr. Olaf Buxton to be used for any purpose he thought fit. With it he has bought a silver jug and silver basin for use on the Credence Table at the Holy Communion Service, thus having everything of silver.

BAMPTON WEDDING

THE wedding took place on Saturday, 27 March, between Mr. Michael Alan Biles the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Biles of 4, Close, Black Bourton and Ann Louise Woodley, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodley of 4, Aston Road, Bampton.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. C. G. Dawe at St. Mary's Church Bampton and the organist was Mr. Roy Stroud.

The bride, who was given away by her father wore a full length gown of white brocade with train and her veil was held by four white roses. She

carried a bouquet of cream rosebuds. Her attendants were Miss Teresa Rouse, Miss Pamela Dafter and Miss Diane Barnes who each wore ballerina length dresses of yellow satin, length dresses of yellow satin, white-rose head-dresses.

87 GUESTS

Mr. Tony Brind, a friend of the bridegroom was the best man.

Afterwards a reception for 87 guests was held at the Womens Institute Hall. The couple left for a honey moon to be spent in Paignton, Their future home is to be in Bovington, Dorset.

MR. Hugh Lawrence Buxton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Buxton, of Widford Manor, Burford, was married at St. Mary's Church, Bampton, on Saturday to Miss Elizabeth Caroline Tilden Whitelocke Abernethy, daughter of Mrs. D. A. Abernethy, and the late Mr. Douglas Allan Abernethy, of Cobb House, Bampton.

The bridegroom is a works manager in Ireland. Both his parents are Justices of the Peace, and Mr. Olaf Buxton is also chairman of Witney Rural District Council. The bride was formerly secretary to the Principal of Jesus College, Oxford. Her father, who died in 1960, was the prominent Oxford surgeon.

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The bride wore a dress of off-white chiffon over Japanese silk, with a chiffon train falling down from her shoulders, and an antique lace veil. She carried a bouquet of orchids and was given away by her brother, Mr. James Abernethy.

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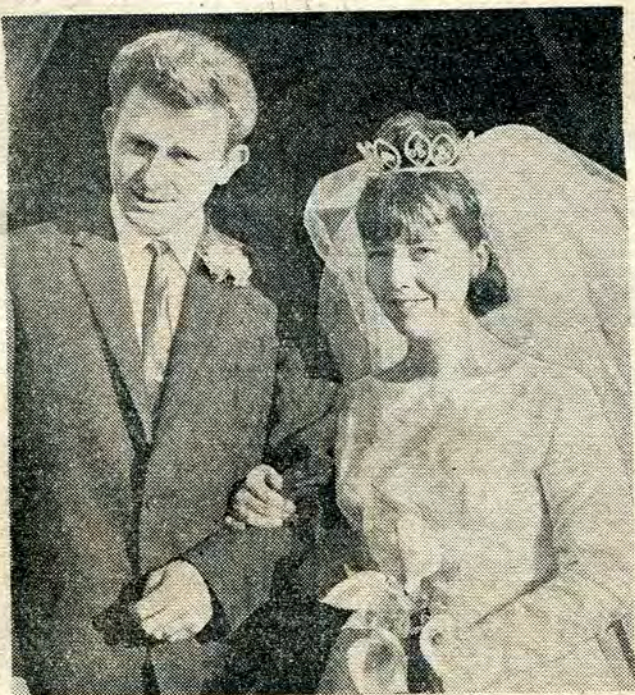
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ST. MARY'S, BAMPTON

Churchwardens:

AIR COMMODORE A. S. ELLERTON, C.B.E., Kilmore House.
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Guild of Ringers. Captain: MR. R. J. ROUSE.

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MARRIAGES

Anthony Webber - Dianne Copestake
Michael Biles - Ann Woodley
David Baxter - Pauline Baughan
David Rockcliffe - Sheila Wagner
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Robert Hope - Susan Hunt
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BAPTISMS

Sharon Louise Gamage
Duane Karl Brooks
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Margaret Elizabeth Jackson
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BURIALS

Mary Priscilla Brown	Aged 76
Harriet Lewin	73
Edith Julia Pidduck	70
Jane Miranda Steed	15 months
Frederick William Constable	55
Millicent Ellen Brown	51
Winifred May Neale	68
Harry Wagner	79
Bertram Eric Edmonds	70
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Richard Peter Bishop	3 days
Lucy Margaret Green	68

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Officers & Committee

G. Dafter	President
J. Lawrence	Chairman
A. E. Radband	Secretary
M. J. Cleaver	Treasurer
S. Goddard	Club Captain
C. Smith	
K. Lomas	

Achievements 1964-65

Premier Division Cup, Witney &
District

Fred Ford Cup

Faringdon Thursday Cup

Stuart Cup won by reserves

Lost in final Oxfordshire Junior
Shield to Stonefield 3 - 2.

Now runs 3 mens teams and

Minors team for under 14s.



The first time the club made news was in 1931-32 season when they won the Witney and District Junior Cup. When the club was reformed in 1946-7 it had 7 different fields but its biggest trouble now is finding somewhere to play; it is in fact now trying to buy its own field.

This year the club presented Mr. Dafter with a watch for his long and devoted service. The club always encourages its young members - Stan Home now plays for Manchester City first team, and there are two members now playing for Witney Town.

BADMINTON CLUB

The Bampton Badminton Club was founded by Mrs. Fry, the schoolmaster's wife and was originally part of the social activities of the Womens' Institute, which ceased at the outbreak of war. A club was reformed after the war, as a village club, but a very small one of about 18 members, some of whom came from surrounding villages.

Matches are played with other clubs, including Witney, Leaffield, Lechlade and Moreton-in-the-Marsh. They are always friendly matches and we are not always on the winning side! With the high cost of equipment and expenses necessary in running a club we have to raise funds. This is done by running a weekly Bingo, an occasional dance or jumble sale.

BAMPTON CRICKET CLUB

The club was founded in about 1890 by Mr. Ravenor, a lawyer with offices in the High Street. Cricket was played in the field behind Ampney Lodge and then beyond the Swan Inn down Buckland Road, but for over 50 years the club has rented the field at Landells from the vicar.

About 1900 the cricket committee decided that under no circumstances would the club join any competitive league such as Witney and District and this has been a feature of Bampton Club ever since.

Many of the old matches are still played as well as a wide range of new ones. The match arranged by Michael Ellerton, son of the president, on 26th June, was the 10th in succession of this series, with some of his Oxford contemporaries still playing in it.

Mrs. Timms still prepares the excellent teas which are such a feature of village cricket and the sentiment of the club members is "Long may Landells continue to resound to the sound of the willow."

OFFICERS

Chairman: Mr. R.B. Stroud

Hon. Secretary & Fixture Secretary:

Mr. C. Timms, 11 New Rd., Bampton, Oxon.

Assistant Hon. Secretary:

Mr. M. Hiron, Church View, Bampton, Oxon.

Hon. Treasurer:

Mr. V.F. Cannons, Farindon Rd., Clanfield, Oxon.

Captain: Mr. F. Rouse

Vice-Captain: Mr. R. Adams

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A. Barker, T. Papworth, C. Smith, R. Stroud,
C. Timms,

Selection Committee

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ADULTS £1/1/-

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THE MOTHERS' UNION

(Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1926)

Founded by MARY SUMNER

MEMBERS' CARD

"YE ARE MY WITNESSES"



THIS CARD IS ISSUED TO MEMBERS IN 1965.

THE OBJECTS.

1.—To uphold the Sanctity of Marriage.*

* In the words "to uphold the Sanctity of Marriage," the Mothers' Union affirms the Christian principle of the permanence of the relationship between husband and wife.

2.—To awaken in all Mothers a sense of their great responsibility in the training of their boys and girls—the Fathers and Mothers of the Future.

3.—To organise in every place a band of Mothers who will unite in prayer and seek by their own example to lead their families in purity and holiness of life.

THE PROMISES.

As a Member of the Mothers' Union, I promise by God's grace :

That I will uphold Marriage as a holy and life-long relationship, by example and witness.

That as my children are made Members of Christ in Holy Baptism I will teach and train them as Members of His Church, and I will help other Mothers to do the same.

That I will be faithful in prayer, Bible-reading, and Sunday worship, and, if Confirmed, will receive the Holy Communion regularly.

"I can do all things through CHRIST which strengtheneth me."

Diocese..... Admitted by

Branch.....

Member's Signature.....

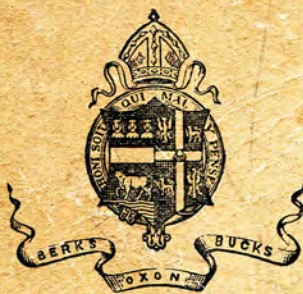
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THE MOTHERS' UNION PRAYER.

O Lord, fill us with Thy Holy Spirit, that we may firmly believe in Jesus Christ, and love Him with all our hearts. Wash our souls in His precious Blood. Make us to hate sin, and to be holy in thought, word and deed. Help us to be faithful wives and loving mothers. Bless us and all who belong to the Mothers' Union, unite us together in love and prayer, and teach us to train our children for Heaven. Pour out Thy Holy Spirit on our husbands and children. Make our homes, Homes of Peace and Love, and may we so live on earth that we may live with Thee for ever in Heaven ; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

ALTERNATIVE PRAYER.

O God our Father, bless, we pray Thee, all Members of the Mothers' Union, and give us the power of Thy Holy Spirit, that by our example and witness we may uphold the sanctity of marriage and teach our children to be faithful Members of Thy Holy Church, Grant that, by prayer and worship, we may lead our families in holiness and purity of life, and help others to do the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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DIOCESE OF OXFORD.

REMEMBER that your children are given up, body and soul, to JESUS CHRIST in Holy Baptism, and that your duty is to train them for His service.

1. Try, by God's help, to make them obedient, truthful, and pure.
2. Never allow coarse jests, bad, angry words, or low talk in your house. Speak gently.
3. You are strongly advised never to give your children beer, wine, or spirits, without the Doctor's orders, or to send young people to the public-house.
4. Do not allow your girls to go about the streets at night, and keep them from unsafe companions and from dangerous amusements.
5. Be careful that your children do not read bad books or police reports.
6. Set them a good example in word and deed.
7. Kneel down and pray to God morning and evening, and teach your children to pray.
8. Try to read a few verses of the Bible daily, and come to Church as regularly as possible.

IF you repent you truly of your sins, and desire with all your heart to love and follow the LORD JESUS, come to the Holy Communion, and feed on Him by faith, then will your soul be strengthened and refreshed. JESUS said, "Do this in remembrance of Me;" it was His Dying Command.

"Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you."—*St. Matthew vii. 7.*

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Little deeds of kindness, little word of love,
Make our home an Eden, like the home above.

I heard the voice of JESUS say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,
Thy head upon My Breast."

I came to JESUS as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place
And He has made me glad.

Name of Member

W. Ellen Rose

Enrolling Associate

James Parker & Son

Date

Dec. 11

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Let children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and
be praiseth her.—*PROVERBS xxxi. 28.*

THE ARMY CADET FORCE, BAMPTON

The Army Cadet Force Detachment at Bampton was formed in 1960 and command was taken over in 1964 by Captain P. Matthews of Church View, Bampton, from Sgt. Major Halford who remained as Detachment Sgt. Major. Efforts were then made to increase the strength of the detachment to qualify for a new detachment hut. This was done successfully and the hut is under construction off the Aston Road. During 1964/5 the detachment has done a good deal of shooting with very good results. Many of the cadets have become First Class Shots and Marksmen with the .22 rifle and L/Cpl. Clutterbuck, of Priory Cottage became a Marksman with the .303 rifle on the open range at Otmoor.

Seven cadets have passed their examination for Certificate "A" Part 1. L/Cpl. Bovington and Cdt. Gwilliam with Credit markings.

The detachment sent a good number of cadets to the annual camps at Browdown, near Gosport, in 1964, and Chickernall Camp, near Weymouth, in 1965.

Tactical exercises, in which blank ammunition and "Thunder Flashes" are used are, as might be expected, very popular with the cadets. These exercises are carried out at weekends at the Shotover and other War Department training areas near Oxford. Other exercises are held in the Bampton area. A recent night exercise against the Witney Detachment Army Cadet Force was held at Lew by kind permission of Mr. R.J. Rouse.

The detachment has been out with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (T.A.) on an exercise in the Aldershot district. The Oxford and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry are in fact the unit to which the Bampton Detachment is affiliated and we are very proud to wear the silver bugle badge.

In sporting events we have had some success, L/Cpl. Bovington was selected and swam for the Oxon. A.C.F. county team at Aldershot in October, 1965, L/Cpl. Clutterbuck was selected but was unable to compete.

The strength of the detachment is at present 20 cadets, the Officer Commanding is Capt. P. Matthews, Second-in-Command is Lt. M. Cox, who joined us in September, 1965. The Sgt. Instructor is Sgt. T. Bradley who is now the longest serving member of the unit. Sgt. Major Halford resigned in October, 1965 as he is being posted on Police duty away from the district.



BAMPTON A.C.F. SHOOTING TEAM

MAY 1965

Left to right

L/Cpl. M. Bovington, L/Cpl. P. Clutterbuck
Capt. P. Matthews, Cdt. J. Smith
Cdt. D. Gwilliam, Cdt. P. Griffiths.

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BAMPTON WEIGHT LIFTING CLUB.



Mrs. H. Pickard presenting a trophy to Allan Winterbourne, British Featherweight Champion, Colin Fitzgerald, Runner up. and Don Rouse, Hon. Sec. B.W.L.C.

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Bampton Champion Honoured

A MEMBER of the Bampton Weight Lifting Club, Alan Winterbourne, of Aston, has been selected as one of the most promising junior weight lifters of Great Britain. As a result he is to go to Crystal Palace, London for a week's coaching by the British Amateur Weight Lifting Association in May.

Alan is the featherweight champion of the South Midlands and his club is justly proud of him. Aged 17 he is employed by Messrs. Wesley Barrell of Witney and he is hoping to compete in the British junior championships in London in August.

Bampton weight lifters to appear on T.V.

THERE was great excitement in the tiny hamlet of Lew last week. News had spread regarding the activities in the old chapel adjoining University Farm and had in fact reached the ears of A.T.V.

This resulted in Mr. Lionel

Hampden, a member of the 'A.T.V. Today' team, visiting the group of weightlifters who have converted the old chapel into their training quarters. He was quite impressed with what he saw, marvelled at the history of the club, which had started in the humblest way (in a chicken house!) and delighted to learn that the club had now produced a British Junior Champion and several Midland Champions.

Contact was quickly made with the production unit, and last Thursday the team of producer, technicians and electricians descended on Lew, made a film of the boys in action and recorded interviews with individual members.

The film will be shown in the 'A.T.V. Today' programme (6.15 — 6.30 p.m. Midlands) some time during the next two weeks.

Mr. Don Rouse, the Hon. Sec. of the club, has now started a Beginners Class which is meeting each Wednesday night, when it is hoped that more individual attention will be given to all newcomers. All interested persons will be welcomed on that night.



Nigel Chivers, the Bampton weightlifter, demonstrates his strength to the Witney Youth Centre members.

Rouse Breaks 32 year old Weight Lifting Record

Following the 1965 South Midlands and South and East Midlands Junior Weight Lifting championships which were held at Bampton last Saturday, the Bampton club secretary, Don Rouse made an attempt on the South Midlands record for the clean and jerk at the 12 stone limit, and was successful with a lift of 270lbs. On the continental jerk, which is similar to the clean and jerk except that it is permissible to lift the weight in a series of movements, Don

was successful with 285 lbs. at 11st. 4lbs., thus breaking the 12st. record for South Midlands which has been held by Frank Godfrey since October 1933.

An attempt on the British record of 231lbs. for the Press Behind Neck was also made by Nigel Chivers of Bampton. Unfortunately when the weights were checked they were found to be only 230½lbs. which he then claimed as an English Native Record. Attempting a lift of 235 lbs. Chivers was

ruled out for fractionally lowering the weights once overhead.

Previous to this lifters from Oxford, Witney, Shrivenham, Bampton, Boreham Wood, St. Albans, Slough and Watford participated in the Junior championships, a total of 15 lifters.

Local lifters who did well were R. Winterbourne (Bampton) in the Featherweight Class who won the title of South and East Midlands Junior Champ-

ion for 1956 with S. Gough of Bampton, runner-up. In the lightweight class T. Craven produced his best yet performance to give Bampton their second South and East Midlands Junior Champion. J. Fellows of Witney and Balliol Boys Club defeated M. Tobey (Bampton) to win the South Midlands title. The South and East Midlands title winner was R. Sullivan of Boreham Wood.

Judges were: T. Medley, G. Armstrong, J. Lear, L. Evans.

2267th (BAMPTON - BURFORD)

SQDN. AIR TRAINING CORPS.

The second most efficient squadron

CADETS of the Bampton and second most efficient squadron Burford ATC were told in the Ox and Bucks Wing. on Saturday that they are the Flying Officer Guy Linington, the squadron instructor,

was giving a review of training and examination successes over the year at a parents and guests evening.

The squadron now has three senior cadets, F/O Linington continued. They are F/Sgt. A. Abraham, of Burford, Sgt. A. Brew of Faringdon and Sgt. J. Pearce of Faringdon.

There were also three leading cadets, who had passed their examinations with credit, Cpl. K. Quick of Bampton, Cadet M. Brew of Faringdon and Cadet P. Hedgecock of Faringdon.

Four more cadets sat for the leading cadet examination last Tuesday.

QUALIFIED

Altogether six cadets have qualified for an A and B gliding licence, F/Sgt. Abraham, Sgt. Pearce, Sgt. A. Brew, Cpl. B. Wooster of Great Coxwell, who is now with the Fleet Air Arm, and Cadet K. Badger of Highworth, now with the RAF. Six more cadets from the squadron have been recommended for glider training this year.



Presentation of Gliding Wings to members of the A.T.C. at an Open Day at R.A.F. South Cerney. Members of the Bampton and Burford A.T.C. were present, & Leading Cadets T. Witt is being presented with his wings by Air Commodore A.J. Coward.

In the Squadron there are four officers, 26 enrolled cadets and one civilian instructor. The cadets meet twice a week, once for drill and lectures and once for a club night. The H.Q. is in Aston Road. The cadets have built two canoes and rebuilt two others and spent many hours testing these craft on the River Thames. Three members have won their Silver Medals under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and are now working for their Gold Medals. Several others have won their Bronze Medals. The Cadets have been to several Open Days at local RAF Stations and been gliding and flying. They have also attended several A.T.C. Parades. Four cadets have attended gliding courses and after gliding solo 3 times they successfully obtained their gliding wings. Alan Abraham, until recently a cadet F/Sgt. was selected from among 300 boys for a 7 day air trip to Changi, near Singapore. It was a pleasure trip but its purpose was to show him at first hand the British Air Bases and to increase his knowledge of travel and the world.

THE BRITISH LEGION

A branch of this National Organisation was formed in Bampton in 1921 and now has 106 members. The Women's Section was formed in 1949 and has a membership of 50. The object of the Legion is to foster comradeship amongst ex-service men and to provide assistance to such men in time of need, through the Legion Benevolent Fund and Legion Convalescent Homes.

During 1965 funds were raised by means of a Carnival held in the grounds of the Grange, the residence of the President, Major Scott. The profits amounted to about £75 and were expended on assistance to sick members and gifts for old and needy members at Christmas. Further funds were raised at a Bingo session to finance a children's party and a whist drive made money for the Earl Haig's Fund for the Disabled. There were record sales of Disabled Men's Goods (£117) and Poppies this year.

In the Spring the annual dinner was held in the W.I. Hall. This is a purely social function at which members and their guests meet and enjoy themselves.

Remembrance Day for those fallen in the Great Wars was observed by the Branch by means of a church parade held in the Square on 14th November. The War Memorial had been cleaned by a high pressure water method shortly before the event.



British Legion Womens Section

On Saturday 12 members of the Womens Section of the British Legion went to London to attend the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. They were entertained to a meal by members of the Edgware British Legion and arrived back in Bampton at 1 a.m. after a memorable day.

GARDENS OF ENGLAND AND WALES



Haseley Court, Oxfordshire

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THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

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APRIL Sunday 25th

WEALD MANOR, Bampton (*Mrs P. M. Colvill*) 2-7. Adm. 2s. Bus: 68 Bristol & 58 Oxford pass gate. TEA

MAY Sunday 2nd

THE GRANGE, Bampton (*Mrs W. W. B. Scott*) 2-7. Adm. 2s. Bulbs; flowering shrubs; fritillaries in meadow. Bus: Oxford-Witney-Swindon-Faringdon route to Bampton

JUNE Sunday 13th

LIME TREE HOUSE, Bampton, W of Oxford (*Mr & Mrs B. N. Stevens*) 2-7. Adm. 2s. Small garden, recent addition planted with trees, shrubs & herbaceous plants. Small Georgian house; interesting shell hood over doorway. Bus: Oxford - Witney - Faringdon - Swindon, alight at Bampton

NATURE



Alsike Clover



Intillaries



Cowslip
Primula
Vulgaris



Marsh Marigold.
 'Kingscup' 'Dunkards'

Fordson Dexter Tractor
and
Alis Chambers Trailer
Combine



Tea Break for Mr. & Mrs.
Arthur Gerring and Frederick

Load of Maris Badger Barley
with Mary and Fred
Gerring.



Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Gerring of Sandford House practice mixed farming in a small way on 96 acres, including some fields known as

Butchers, Mount Owen Road,
Gog and Black Barn, Aston Road,
Swan Close and Mayes Ground, Buckland Road.

One third is pasture and seed sown for hay, baled and sold at £5 to £7 per ton, and two thirds are arable, 10 acres of Cappelle Winter Wheat, 7 acres of Powys Winter Oats, 30 acres of Proctor Spring Barley, 10 acres of Vada Spring Barley and 8 acres of Maris Badger Barley, the latter being grown for the first time. This proved to be a good yielder, giving 37 cwt. of corn per acre, almost resistant to diseases such as mildew so often experienced by other varieties on heavy land.

Pigs are also kept, Large White or Landrace, sometimes crossed, bought as weaners 8 to 10 weeks old and £5 to £5 15 0 each, fed on porker pencils (nuts) made from home grown barley and added concentrates, and finally sold for pork.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerring also keep poultry, 400 free range Rhode Island X white Leghorn. The chicks are bought at a day old in February, at £16 per 100 and reared with heat from paraffin heaters for the first four weeks in small poultry houses. The following sample return from the Egg Packing Station shows eggs collected weekly. Hens are sold at 2 years old at 1/- per pound for killing.

DATE OF COLLEC- TION	HEN EGGS																		Dirties	1st Doz
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FORM No. 4

C.W.S. LTD. EGG PACKING

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Producers should advise the Packing Station direct if payment is not received within 7 days of date of collection.

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Cirencester,
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Lic.

The small farmer on the whole has not experienced a very successful year in 1965. Weather for cultivating in the early months of the Spring was good, but when rain followed for most of the Summer and Autumn haymaking and harvest trailed on into October.

The hay was almost all of poor quality and sold at about £5 - £7 per ton, baled in the fields, while corn of widely mixed samples rarely missed a call at the large farmers driers before being accepted by buyers. Drying costs varied from 30/- to £2 per ton, according to the moisture content.

Subsidies have encouraged the growing of barley in this area, although it is essentially corn land. However, a new variety, Maris Badger, proved to be suitable for heavy soil where frequently mildew and other diseases had reduced the yield of other varieties.



The pigs were sold either at Abingdon Market on Mondays, or at Oxford on Wednesdays, by public auction live weight, or, becoming increasingly popular, by collection weekly by British Beef Company, Witney, where payment is made on a dead weight basis, grades Q, A & B, 48/-, 47/-, 45/- per stone. Average price 10 guineas for 90 - 100 lbs. porker.

JANUARY.

New Year's Day 1965, the time customarily to peer into the future. We can learn enough from the changes, which are already transforming the world in which we live, farm, and do our business!

So we enter 1965 with more than pious New Year hopes.

There is no land we can so well rely on, to produce the Country's food, as our own.

In the coming year it must be used to the full.



VIEW FROM
THE
FARM-HOUSE
KITCHEN
WINDOW

FEBRUARY.

This has been a most helpful month, for although drilling started a full fortnight later than last year, we have finished two days earlier.

Spring drilling is a fairly slick job, with one of the modern pneumatic-tyred Combine drills.

It is a one man job, with that one man sowing and manuring 15 acres per day; in suitable weather conditions.



DEANERY FARM PET'S COME IN OUT OF THE SHOW AND ENJOY THE FIRE.

MARCH.

It was not until the 30th that March permitted any useful field work to take place. Since then we've been going at speed.

The Spring corn top-dressed with Nitro-Chalk (2 cwt an acre) and a second top-dressing of the same amount to all winter-sown wheat. Experience has taught us to be generous with Nitrogen on the best land, and perhaps a trifle niggardly on the poorer soils; it always seems that nitrogen driven crops, tend to go down, worse on the poor land than on good.

APRIL.

Apart from the sale of Pork pigs, there is little money coming in from the farm during April, but it is a favourite month - full of promise. We shall not know the full result of all our winter & spring work and investment until August and September arrive with the harvest.



"BERT" WHITLOCK - 25 years on DEANERY FARM. AN EXPERIENCED FARM WORKER - WHO NOW SPECIALISES IN PIGS.

MAY.

For 5 or 6 weeks at this time of year, the farm looks at it's best!

The grass is greener than it will ever be again; and the corn has tillered well enough, to hide for the moment, that tell-tale strip where the drill ran out of fertiliser. The Beef Cattle are fat and contented the lambs grow as you watch them.



A MIXED BUNCH OF BEEF CATTLE
ON DEANERY FARM.

JUNE

It is never advisable to attempt a harvest forecast. But seldom have we seen the corn look in better fettle than it does now, and though there is still time for almost any calamity to happen, we have at least got off to a good start. There are plenty of Barley crops in ear, and the wheat seems a good colour, and the plants are sturdy and even.

Calamity came! With high winds and rain - which flattened a lot of corn crops.

However we managed to make quite a bit of hay so far. A heavy crop cut and baled, was carted before we were almost flooded out.

MRS HENLY
ENJOYS
A DAY OUT
AT
THE OXFORD
AGRICULTURE
SHOW.



After one of the wettest weeks in June for many a year, the turn in the weather at the week-end set the haymachines rattling round the fields again. Conditions infact became ideal for the job.

So far we have averaged about $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton to the acre - after 2 grazings and a modest 3 cwt of sulphate of ammonia to the acre.

July

Few fields of corn have escaped damage from the torrential rain and hail storms this month, and some crops will have to be written off unless there is better weather soon, with sun to dry out and ripen the grain. Probably, more serious is the hay position - even though we have cut and carted all ours at Deanery Farm. Fields everywhere are littered with blackened bales getting steadily blacker and heavier. In others, sodden rows of cut grass are slowly disappearing in aftermaths, and where grass has not yet been cut, it is rotting at the bottom.

NEWSON BIRD
"PECKER"
PREPARES TO
START A
DAY'S
COMBINING.



HE HAS
WORKED
25 YEARS
ON THE
FARM.

AUGUST.

The summer has been cool and cloudy - with the result that grain crops were late in maturing, and the harvest weather has been wet. Despite the delay in tackling the wheat, due mainly to getting the barley in first - most of our crops are still standing well and may be none the worse for being left to ripen and dry in the ear. If the weather allows, yields and quality are so far only just below average, but with so much second growth, and an abundance of weed seeds, drying and dressing will be slow and expensive, and good samples

at a premium.

MARIS
WIDGEON
WHEAT.

ROTHWELL
PERDIX.



SEPTEMBER.

The first 10 days of September properly put the cap on it. That period didn't grant us one 24 hours of fine weather, and I don't think we managed 3 hours combining on any one day. The farm looks miserable - untidy, and forlorn. Especially the last field.

What can you do with soggy bales? already showing signs of moulding. Where straw has been left for baling later it has, in many cases grown in, and may well be a dead loss. Despite all the difficulties the harvest is finished by 28th but we still have to face the problems of the wet straw.

WHEAT

									per cwt
July/August/September ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23/-
October/November ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24/6
December/January/February ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25/10
March/April ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27/-
May/June ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27/6

BARLEY

Annual Standard Price 25/4

A penalty of 9d. per cwt will apply to Barley sold before November. A premium of 6d. per cwt will apply to Barley sold during December. A premium of 1/- per cwt for Barley sold during January or February and a premium of 1/3 per cwt will apply for Barley sold between the 1st March and 30th June.

OCTOBER

None of us remember farms looking more untidy at this time of year, than they do to day. There is hardly any neat stubble from which the straw has been baled and cleared, and not very many tidy black acres of well-burned straw; instead, weedy stubble interlaced by thin black lines where it was possible to burn some of the combine wakes of dampish straw, which will not look decently tidy until the ploughs have done their work.

FERTILIZER		ANALYSIS				PLANT FOOD RATIO			Maximum price net cash per ton delivered farm 6 ton lots (before subsidy)	(subject to ratification)	delivered farm 6 ton lots (after deduction of subsidy)	
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			Total	Sol.								Insol.
1	Fisons High-K 51	13-0	13-0	12-3	0-7	20-0	1	1	1½	£ 31 12 6	£ 7 5 7	£ 24 6 11
2	Fisons High-N 52	20-0	10-0	9-3	0-7	10-0	2	1	1	32 7 6	8 14 11	23 12 7
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4	Fisons Low-N 55	8-0	20-0	18-8	1-2	16-0	1	2½	2	30 8 0	7 7 8	23 0 4
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9	Fisons 44	10-0	10-0	9-2	0-8	10-0	1	1	1	23 5 0	5 11 4	17 13 8
10	Fisons 45	6-0	15-0	13-8	1-2	15-0	1	2½	2½	24 15 0	5 10 0	19 5 0
11	Fisons High-P 46	10-0	15-0	13-8	1-2	10-0	1	1½	1	27 0 0	6 15 4	20 4 8
12	Fisons 47	—	14-0	13-0	1-0	28-0	0	1	2	23 17 6	3 7 6	20 10 0
13	Fisons PK 48	—	20-0	18-8	1-2	20-0	0	1	1	24 13 6	4 17 0	19 16 6
14	Fisons 49	14-0	6-0	5-5	0-5	20-0	2½	1	3½	28 10 0	5 17 5	22 12 7
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17	Fisons Special 12-18-12	12-0	18-0	17-0	1-0	12-0	1	1½	1	31 17 6	8 3 6	23 14 0
18	Fisons Special 5-10-20	5-0	10-0	9-2	0-8	20-0	1	2	4	22 10 0	3 19 8	18 10 4
19	Fisons High-K 51 S/P	13-0	13-0	12-3	0-7	20-0	1	1	1½	34 5 0	7 5 7	26 19 5
20	Fisons High-K 51 plus Boron	13-0	13-0	12-3	0-7	20-0	1	1	1½	34 2 6	7 5 7	26 16 11
21	Fisons Low-N 55 plus Boron	8-0	20-0	18-8	1-2	16-0	1	2½	2	33 15 6	7 7 8	26 7 10
22	Fisons Special 15-10-10 plus Boron	15-0	10-0	9-3	0-7	10-0	1½	1	1	30 6 0	7 3 3	23 2 9

EARLY DELIVERY REBATES : June 27/6 : July 25/- : August 22/6 : September 20/- : October 17/6 : November 15/- : December 12/6 : January 10/-
 FARM STORAGE SCHEME : June 8/- : July 7/6 : August 7/- : September 6/6 : October 6/- : November 5/6 : December 5/-
 BULK ALLOWANCE : 20/- per ton

NOVEMBER.

The grain sales file is overflowing with forms, acknowledgements, and other papers, relating to forward contracts. We can't help wondering why everything in connection with farm accounts has recently become so much more complicated. The sudden onset of winter must have caught many farmers out, including ourselves. It was the freezing of our outside water troughs which more or less forced us to house most of our Beef Stock. We still had grass which needed eating off in fields which gave good shelter, and so long as the open weather continued, we thought they were better out.

We were also saving fodder, bedding and labour in the bargain. We do not remember such a severe freeze up in November.

DECEMBER.

Like many other farmers, we shall have some window shopping to do at the Smithfield. We have already seen some of the equipment on offer. Now we want to check up on the rest. The men are busy ploughing, feeding stock, hedging and ditching and sawing logs for the fires. Anyone who considers ploughing to be monotonous, should think again — for since when has perfection been monotonous?



MRS SHERGOLD and GRANDAUGHTER LYNNE WHEELER, CLEANING BRASS and SILVER IN FARMHOUSE

In 1965 farms for sale are averaging anything from £224 to £313 per acre.

Deanery farm is 490 acres.
Mainly arable.

100 Beef cattle

300 Weaner to Pork pigs.

2 General Farm workers { Nelson Bird
Fred. Hornsby

1 Pigman Herbert Whitlock.

1 Student Roy. John. Henly.

Farmer. Henry John Henly

Some of the dairy herd
of Friesians belonging
to Mr. George Collins.



Oxfordshire has been known as the best area in the British Isles for honey, but 1965 proved to be the 3rd disastrous year running for bee keepers. Mr. Paul Bovington and his father have kept bees in this area for 40 years and over the past three years their stocks have been reduced from 85 to 35 hives. It is now acknowledged that this decline is due to the widespread use of herbicides and pesticides, but the tidying up of farm land has also played a part. Miles of hedgerow which used to provide blossom as well as shelter for weeds have been grubbed up in order to enlarge fields for mechanical cultivation, and those that remain are cut low and kept trim so that little blossom appears.

A kestrel which died at the Beam this autumn was found to be a victim of a well-known seed dressing which had gained in potency as it passed through the bodies of mice and birds later eaten by the hawk. The clean fields have also reduced the partridge population which was depleted by heavy rain in the breeding season some years ago and has never built up again.

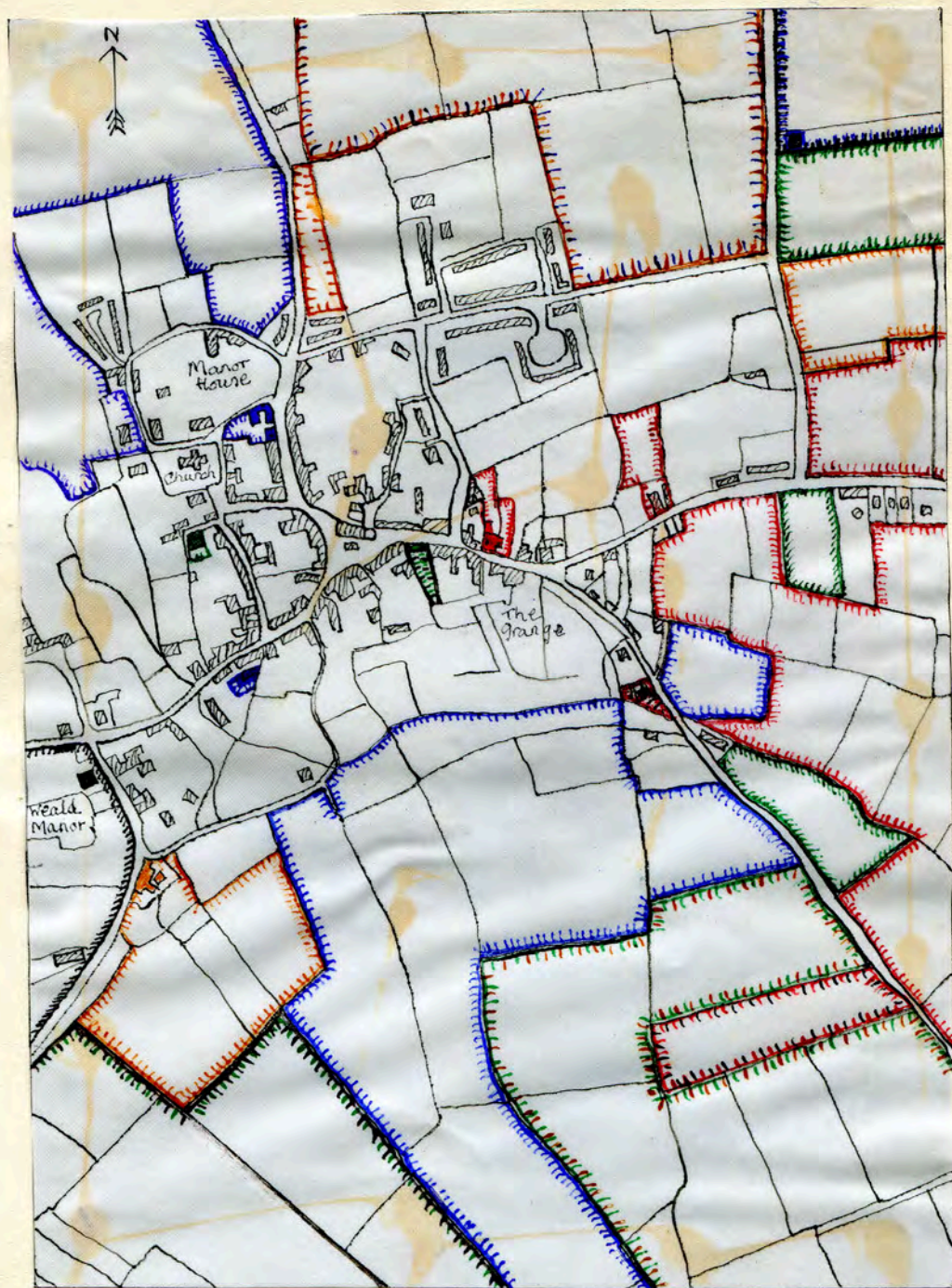
Rabbits are slowly coming back after the myxomatosis epidemic of the '50's, but they are still breeding above ground in Bampton. When the numbers are sufficient to keep the burrows open they may return underground and will then be more easily destroyed. The hare population also seemed to be depleted this year. A fox which has its earth in Calais Farm was hunted through the village in 1964 and gave the Old Berks Hounds a good run, but it escaped and continues to raid on chicken runs.

This little hare was
found in a garden in
Buckland Road.



FARMERS WHO LIVE IN BAMPTON AND THE FIELDS THEY FARM.

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FIELD UTILISATION.

PASTURE



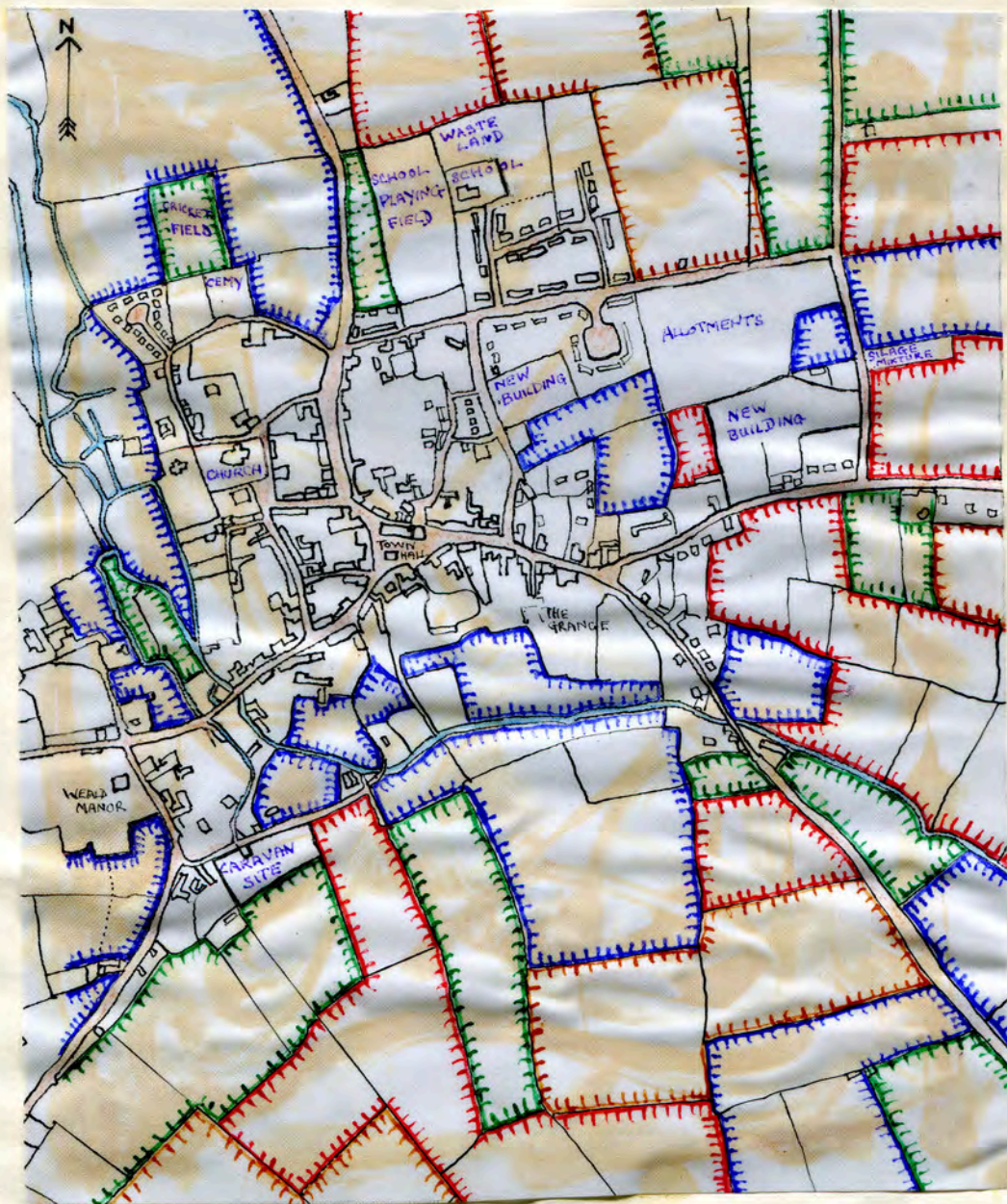
HAY



BARLEY



WHEAT



A dry and cold February

Recordings made at the West Oxfordshire Technical College weather station last month showed that "February fill dyke" did not live up to its name this year.

The month was cold, with an average temperature of 35.6 F. (slightly below average for February); the maximum being 50 degrees F. on the 11th, and the minimum 22 degrees F. on the 3rd., when a ground minimum of 17 degrees was recorded. Earth temperatures at two feet remained around 37-39 degrees F. all the month.

LACK OF SUNSHINE

Rain fell on 10 days, totalling 0.43 ins., with 0.12 ins on 22nd. Winds were mostly from northerly and easterly directions, generally light to moderate, and the month was also noticeable for its lack of sunshine.

Evan so, signs of Spring have begun to appear in the town gardens where many snowdrops and crocuses are in flower, and the frost and dry weather have produced good tilths for Spring ploughing on arable lands on the Cotswolds, though grass is slow to show signs of growth.

Recorders this month were: Misses J. Lee, M. Henly, P. Painter, J. Moore, C. Long, J. Whitchurch, A. Driver and Mr. A. Smith.

Hottest March day for over 80 years

MARCH began with a severe frost and blizzards and bitter northerly and easterly winds, but ended on a record-breaking heatwave of warm air from the south.

The minimum air temperature for the month was 12 degs. F., on the 3rd., and the maximum 76 degs. F. on the 29th. The latter is the highest temperature for March in the district for over 80 years.

Earth temperatures at 2 feet rose rapidly at the end of the month, from around 3 deg. C. to 7 deg. C. by the 31st, and spring growth, aided by the wet spell in the middle of the period, was rapid.

Rainfall totalled 2.5 inches, with 17 wet days, the heaviest fall being 0.60 inches on the 20th.

These observations and recordings were made by the West Oxfordshire Technical College.

Witney's April weather

APRIL was a fairly typical month — cold and showery with both gales and snow showers on the 18, 19 and 20. The maximum temperature recorded at the West Oxfordshire Technical College Weather Station was 70°F. (21°C.) on the 2nd and the minimum was 30°F. (-1°C.) on the 3rd.

There was no severe frosts and earth temperatures at two feet, rose to 9°C., by the end of the month.

RAINFALL

Rainfall totalled 1.70 inches, falling on 21 days, the heaviest fall being 0.42 inches on the 11th.

Winds, predominately westerly and northerly, brought a good deal of cloud and the best days were during the first week, the middle of the month was cold and windy with snow showers and the last cool and cloudy.

TEMPERATURE



OPEN
HERE

MAX	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965
JAN	52	52	54	50	56	50	52	39	52	51
FEB	56	56	56	64	58	54	?	42	54	47
MAR	60	67	56	60	58	60	?	57	54	70
APR	60	67	64	66	64	71	72	66	70	64
MAY	76	79	77	82	79	78	70	80	76	80
JUN	86	90	78	83	86	87	78	84	76	79
JUL	85	83	80	90	74	90	75	84	82	75
AUG	75	83	80	86	75	90	74	78	85	75
SEP	78	72	76	83	70	86	77	74	77	78
OCT	64	65	63	82	62	70	63	68	62	71
NOV	54	54	56	56	53	56	56	60	58	56
DEC	54	54	52	52	51	53	53	49	56	54

ON RECORD

Lowest maximum : 21°.

MIN

JAN	13	26	14	19	21	28	12	4	17	20
FEB	12	26	24	24	23	36	?	12	20	18
MAR	22	25	17	29	31	27	32	20	25	14
APR	27	35	25	30	30	38	36	29	26	27
MAY	28	35	35	30	37	32	41	32	34	32
JUN	36	38	40	38	42	44	41	44	38	36
JUL	44	45	41	40	46	45	40	41	42	36
AUG	38	42	44	41	44	46	33	41	38	39
SEP	42	32	45	30	40	42	28	36	34	36
OCT	31	30	32	31	30	30	28	35	26	30
NOV	20	24	30	18	28	28	20	26	22	19
DEC	27	20	27	26	26	11	16	15	12	14

Red - coldest night of
that winter.

In the winter of 1962/3
for 66 consecutive days temp did not exceed 40°
13 - - - - - 32°
(previous longest freezing spell - 8 days)

COLDEST JULY SINCE 1920

Last month was the coldest July in Oxford for 45 years.

The monthly mean temperatures at midday, as recorded by the Oxford University School of Geography, were 5.3 degrees Fahrenheit (2.9 Centigrade) below average at 65.3 F. (18.5 C.) — the coolest since 1920.

The mean minimum temperature was the lowest since 1924 at 51.9 F. (11.1 C.), which was 1.6 F. (0.9 C.) below average. The grass minimum was not abnormal at 48.4 F. (9.3 C.).

It was the wettest July for five years, with a total rainfall of 3.54in. (1.11 above average), and the dullest for

21 years, with only two-thirds the normal amount of sunshine.

The sun shone for 122hr. 48min., which was 63hr. 42min. less than the average.

There were 17 days with rain (0.01in. or more — four days more than the average — and 15 wet days (with 0.04 in. or more).

During the seven days July 19-25, which were unusually showery and disturbed, 2.19in. fell. The wettest day was the 21st, when 0.88in. fell during two thunderstorms.

Thunder was heard on eight days during the month, which is more than twice the usual frequency.

A cool and wet month

May was a cool and wet month—a depressing start to summer, despite a few days' warm spell from the 12th to the 15th.

The highest temperature reading was 80 deg.F, 26.5C on the 13th, the lowest 34deg.F, 1.1C on the 7th.

Earth temperatures at 2 feet depth rose slowly from 8.5C to 12C during the month, and four slight ground frosts were recorded.

Rainfall was 3.08ins., the heaviest fall being 0.62ins. on the 24th.

SUNSHINE

Winds were chiefly westerly, but northerly for the last week, and sunshine was much below normal.

COLDEST NOVEMBER DAY SINCE 1890

**More cold spells forecast
in Oxford area**

LOCAL INFORMATION

SHOPPING:

Early Closing: Wednesdays: Bampton, Swindon Tuesdays: Witney
Thursdays: Faringdon & Oxford Saturdays: Post Office

Milk Suppliers: Co-Op Stokes Dairy (Burford)
White Horse Dairy (Faringdon)
Bovington (Fishmongers) & Mrs Hammond (George & Dragon)
have milk for sale, should you miss the roundsmen.

Coal Merchants: Co-Op Marriotts (Witney)
Frost (Witney) Bovington (Aston)

Electrician: Quick Bros. Aston Rd, Bampton
J. McCrudden Bushy Row, Bampton
J. Griffiths, 4, Hobbs Buildings, Bampton

Gas Fitter: J. Quick, The Gas Works, Aston Rd, Bampton

Newsagent: Mrs Papworth, Bridge St, Bampton

Taxi Service: Miss Howse, Bampton Castle 343
Mr. Harris, 2 Victoria Cottages, Broad St, Bampton Castle 298

Banks: Barclays: Mon, Thurs, Fri, 10.30 - 3 p.m.
Midland: " " " " "

Library: The Old Grammar School: Mon. 2.30 - 4.30; 6 - 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 10.30 - 12.30; 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Fri. 2.30 - 4.30; 6 - 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 10.30 - 12.30 p.m.

Dust Bin : Wed. Bulky items can be removed by arrangement with the
Collection Day District Surveyor, Witney 57.

Doctor: Bampton Castle 257

Surgery:

District Nurse:

Ante-natal Clinic:

Baby Clinic: 2nd & 4th Thursday, W.I. Hall

Health Visitor: Miss Child.

Chiropody

Clinic: Alternate Wednesdays. Old People a.m. Private patients
Appointment through Mrs Cole, B.C. 361.

Dentists: Witney & Faringdon.

CHURCHES: C of E, Baptists, Methodists and R.C. all hold Services in
the village

The Mother's Union, Men's Society, Christian Endeavour Society
and the Baptist Women's League, all hold regular meetings.

Bell Ringers: St. Mary's has a notable peal of bells.

DIALECT

Television and the influx of "foreigners" are bringing universal speech to Bampton. The broad, scooping Oxfordshire tongue is seldom heard amongst the children nowadays and when it is it is likely to bring the admonition "Ah, you've been up to Granny's again!"

Teachers from other counties and the well travelled children of the Signals Regiment make us feel that it is slightly inferior to speak "Oxfordshire" and more's the pity, for even 15 years ago the accent was as distinctive as Welsh and turn of phrase was colourful and refreshing to the ear.

The following words are still in use in Bampton, but two collected between 1955 and 1960 by Dr. Hampton were no longer recognised - sprangy, meaning spreading in all directions, and frodge, meaning mess, have been lost.

1. Varment	Little devil	28. Jonnick	True, authentic, or "I'll give you jonnick"
2. Yellocks	Look at that	29. Frumm	Firm
3. Leasing	Gleaning	30. Pelvering	Fiddling
4. To ox	To leave footmarks in wet ground	31. Winnicking	Grizelling
5. Oxy	Wet, muddy	32. Frit	Frightened. "I be frit".
6. Burrough or burra	Shelter	33. Lon	Alone. "On herlon".
7. Nesh	Delicate	34. Cassn't	can't. "Thee cassn't see as well as thee couldst canst?"
8. Leer	Hungry	35. Wench	Girl
9. Quilt	Thirsty	36. Akkel	To shrug your shoulders up when it is cold. Hackle?
10. Callous	Cold, unproductive land (Calais Farm)	37. Clackcut	To go through a gap or stile.
11. Dummel	Dull, slow in the uptake	38. Wuffly	Windy
12. Painsh, painsher	Broken crockery	39. Wet wick	To feel right under the weather
13. Mammerd	Worried	40. Shoot the cat	To be sick
14. Mardy	Complaining, spoilt child	41. Peck the perch	To die
15. Rucket	To rattle		
16. Scudgel	A hooked stick for raising a harrow		
17. Scud	A shower		
18. Uck	To fork over the surface of the soil lightly		
19. Unked	Unwell		
20. Unkered	To be beaten by a problem		
21. Piert	Sharp pain		
22. Tiert	Sore		
23. Hunking	Wild, stormy		
24. Showl	Shovel		
25. To cry down	To exorcise		
26. Tetter	Mess		
27. Mulluck	Garden rubbish		

GIRL GUIDES, BROWNIES AND CUBS

The Girl Guides meet on Fridays in the Secondary School. There are 16 members and Captain, Mrs. Gascoigne. During the year they attended several church parades in Witney, Stanton Harcourt and Bampton. 5 girls accompanied the Captain to a weeks camp during August.

The Brownies, organised by Mrs. Ham and Mrs. Hiron, meet on Tuesday evenings. During the Autumn they organised a jumble sale and raised about £20 for their funds.

The cubs, led by Mrs. Quick, meet in the same premises on Monday evenings. They also had a jumble sale during the year, and several of the boys attended a weekend camp in the summer.

The groups largest activity was the organisation of a raffle at Christmas and this totalled about £30. Half of this went to the Guides and a quarter to each of the Cubs and the Brownies. The Guides are buying a new set of Colours with their share.



BAMPTON DEBATING SOCIETY

Bampton Debating Society was founded by Mr. Dennis Hall of Little Place, and the first debate, on Women's Suffrage, was held in the Town Hall on 17th January, 1936.

The present Chairman and Life President, Mr. Wesley Jones of Aston, is the only foundation member still actively engaged in the work of the society and its strength is mainly due to his enterprise and enthusiasm.

Meetings were held fortnightly, the subscription being 1/- for the session from March to October, and by 1938 membership was 150. Now the society meets monthly with a subscription of 5/-.

In the early days Religion and Politics were barred but soon the society had grown so strong and well behaved that spiritualism and political issues were debated. Many present members of the House of Commons debated at Bampton in their youth as well as regular speakers on Radio and Television and members of the Oxford Union.

For many years meetings have been held in the Secondary School canteen. Now that this school has closed there is the possibility of the Society meeting in Carterton, for members come from a wide area and actual Bamptonians are heavily outnumbered.



Deborah Hiron, Valerie Craddock,
and two of the 'departing Americans',
Kathy and Clyde Hicks.

Bampton Debating Society

Monday, January 11th at 8 p.m.

IN THE SCHOOL

Motion: That this House regrets the departure of the Americans.

Proposer: Tom Morris (Past President, Morris Motors Debating Society)

Opposer: Michael Treweeke (Bampton Debating Society)

ALL ARE WELCOME

HEALTH

In 1965 the health of the people of Bampton is cared for almost entirely by the state-run National Health Service. This service is part of the "Welfare State" paid for out of taxation and compulsory weekly contributions by all people, other than dependents, under 65 years of age (or 60 years in the case of a woman). The N.H.S. comprises 3 parts, the General Practitioners Service, the Hospital Service and the Public Health Service.

General practice is represented in Bampton by a partnership of 3 doctors working from a central surgery in the town, and branch surgeries in surrounding villages. The total population cared for by the practice is 5,000. Surgery sessions are held twice daily, morning and evening, at which the needs of all those able to travel are met and drugs are dispensed on the spot. Those patients unfit to travel are seen in their homes. Patients who require diagnostic or treatment facilities beyond the scope of general practice are referred to:

The Hospital Service. This area is served by the hospitals in Oxford, chief of which is the Radcliffe Infirmary. The hospitals offer a full range of specialist care and also direct diagnostic facilities for the General Practitioner.

The Public Health Service is under the control of the Oxfordshire County Council. The representatives in this area are a District Nurse/Midwife and a Health Visitor. The former assists the doctors with injections, dressings and general nursing care, and also conducts a few maternity confinements in the home. About 20% of mothers are confined at home, the cases being carefully selected and supervised by the midwife and Doctors. The Health Visitor is primarily concerned with the welfare of the young and the very old.

General health is good by today's standards. There are no particular environmental or occupational hazards to health in Bampton. Bronchitis and heart disease occur, but are not so prevalent as in the industrial towns. The minor upper respiratory infections and neurotic symptoms occupy a large proportion of the Doctors' time.

Preventive medicine is practiced to the extent that immunisation is available against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis and small pox. Routine X-rays of the chest are offered by a mobile X-ray Unit in the village about every 2 years. In 1965 there was a disturbing increase in pulmonary infections in this area. The Mobile Unit paid a special visit to Bampton before Christmas but only 200 people attended.



Dr. & Mrs. A.J. Cole,
with their three
daughters, outside
the house they had
designed and built
in Glebelands.



Dr. & Mrs. J. Bullen with their elder daughter Anne, at the marriage of their younger daughter Vivienne, with Mr. Colin Trusler.



Dr. & Mrs. R. Landray.

SEWAGE

Main drainage came to Bampton in 1958 at a cost of £105,000 and after prolonged negotiations by Miss Pollard of the Deanery, County Councillor and Rural District Councillor.

Up till then Horace Morse with his night-soil cart drawn by Snowball, a large dray horse, was a familiar figure in the village. Many householders had to carry their buckets through the living room to the street where they were emptied once a week. It was really the death of Mr. Morse which made main drainage imperative.



Mr. P.J. Bellinger
Manager of the Sewage Works.
It is a 24 hour per day job.

BAMPTON RESIDENTS SIGN A PETITION

A LARGE number of people attended the Annual Bampton Parish Meeting last Wednesday which was presided over by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. H. Pocock.

A great deal of discussion was provoked by the proposal by the Minister of Housing and Local Government that the sewage from Aston and Cote be processed by the Bampton Sewage Works. A petition had been signed by residents in the Buckland Road area against such a proposal and many expressions of concern were stated regarding the possibilities of flooding in what was considered to be low lying country. It was finally resolved that the petition be presented to the Rural District Council for submission to the Minister.

This plant is designed to give full treatment to the sewage from 2,080 people at a dry weather flow of 520,000 gallons per day, and also to cope with light surface flooding. Work by the Thames Conservancy Board has greatly reduced flooding in Bampton. Mr. Bellinger can remember

bicycling over Fishers Bridge and finding himself up to his chest in water, but householders in Buckland Road and even Aston Road complain of a flow back in their drains after heavy rain.

With the expected increase in population Bampton residents view the proposed inclusion of sewage from Aston and Cote with grave concern, but it appears that their representations were made too late and the scheme will be carried out.

THE PUBLIC SERVICES

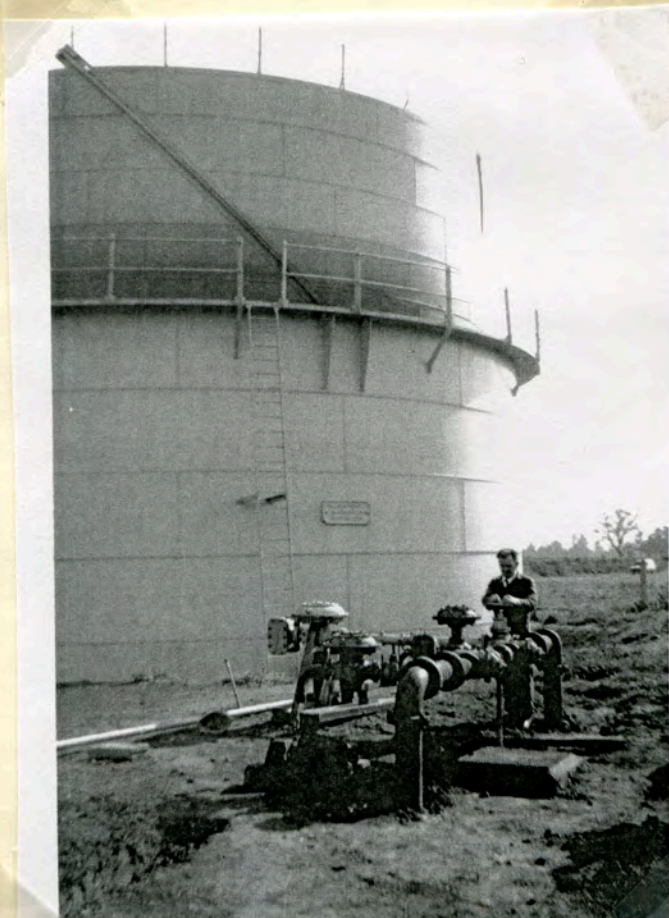


BAMPTON GASWORKS

The Bampton Gasworks was built in 1906, and was later known as Bampton Gas and Water Company, there being also a Water Tower. The water department was taken over by the Bampton Parish Council, and in 1930 the works were taken over by the General Gas and Electricity Company. After the war the undertaking was bought by the Swindon United Gas Company; 1948 saw Nationalisation, and the Bampton "Unit" is now the "last outpost" on the eastern border of the South Western Gas Board. Gas production ceased in 1955, gas now being pumped from Swindon. Today a small portion of ladd around the Gas Holder is fenced off, the Board having disposed of the rest of the property.

The price of gas varies with the quantity used, e.g.

<u>THERMS</u>	Next	Next	Next	Next	Next	
<u>First 26</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>700</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>	
38.0	31.0	25.5	23.0	22.0	20.0	Pence.



GRASS CUTTING

Witney Rural District Council employs both men and machinery to keep the grass verges of the public highways trimmed throughout the year. In 1965 both the old horse drawn cutter and the new motorised vehicle were in use.





Cuts likely in Fairford— Witney route

THE City of Oxford Motor Services Ltd. have applied to the East Midland Area Traffic Commissioners to reduce the bus service between Witney and Fairford, which was introduced when the Oxford-Fairford branch line closed in June, 1962.

If the application is approved, the No. 60 service will operate from Witney only as far as Lechlade. The number of buses will also be reduced.

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SWINDON — SHRIVENHAM — FARINGDON — BAMPTON

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Service 68 Serving:—Swindon, Stratton Park, [South Marston Turn or South Marston], Bourton Road, Shrivensham, [Watchfield, Longcot Turn, Little Coxwell Turn, Great Coxwell Turn or Longcot, Fernham (for Shellingford), Little Coxwell], Faringdon, Clanfield, Weald Turn, Bampton.

DAILY (Sunday Service operates Good Friday and Boxing Day)

	A	NSu	NSu	NSu	A	S	S	NSu	NSu	S	NS	S	S	S	Sch	NS	S	NSu	S	S	NS	S	NSu	S	NSu	Su	Su	S
	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Swindon (Junction Station).....dep.																												
Swindon (Horsell Street§).....	5 45	7 10	7 40	7 45	8 45	9 20	10 30	11 5	11 40	12 30	1 0	1 5	1 20	2 30	3 0	3 5	3 15	4 25	4 30	5 0	5 15	5 35	5 45	6 10	7 0	7 0	8 0	8 0
Stratton Park.....	5 53	7 18	7 48	7 53	8 53	9 28	10 38	11 13	11 48	12 38	1 8	1 13	1 28	2 38	3 8	3 13	3 23	4 33	4 38	5 8	5 23	5 43	5 53	6 18	7 8	7 8	8 8	8 8
South Marston (Village Hall).....									11 53	12 43	1 13	1 18	1 33					4 38	4 43		5 28	5 48	5 58	6 23				
Bourton Road.....	6 2	7 27	7 57	8 2	9 2	9 37	10 47	11 22	12 1	12 51	1 21	1 26	1 41	2 47	3 17	3 22	3 32	4 46	4 51	5 17	5 36	5 56	6 6	6 31	7 17	7 17	8 1	
Bourton.....									12 3									4 48	4 53				6 8	6 33				
Shrivensham (High Street).....	6 6	7 31	8 1	8 6	9 6	9 41	10 51	11 26	12 8	12 55	1 25	1 30	1 45	2 51	3 21	3 26	3 36	4 53	4 58	5 21	5 40	6 0	6 13	6 38	7 21	7 21	8 21	
Watchfield (Axis Road).....	6 10	7 35			9 10	9 45	10 55	11 30	12 12		1 29	1 34	1 49	2 55		3 30	3 40	4 57	5 2	5 25	5 44	6 6	6 17		7 25	7 25		
Longcot.....											1 3												6 46					
Shellingford.....											1 15												6 58					
Faringdon (Square).....	6 23	7 48			9 23			11 43			1 42	1 47				3 43	3 53			5 38	5 57				7 38		8 38	8 42
Clanfield.....					9 37			11 57			1 56	2 1				3 57				5 52						8 52	8 56	
Bampton (Town Hall).....arr.					9 43			12 3			2 7					4 3				5 58						8 58	9 2	

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Swindon (Horsell Street§).....dep.	9 0	9 0	9 30	10 0	10 0	10 10	10 25	
Stratton Park.....	9 8	9 8	9 38	10 8	10 8	10 18	10 33	
South Marston (Village Hall).....	9 13	9 13	9 43	10 13	10 13	10 23	10 38	
Bourton Road.....	9 21	9 21	9 51	10 21	10 21	10 31	10 46	
Bourton.....			10 23	10 23	10 33			
Shrivensham (High Street).....	9 25	9 25	9 55	10 28	10 28	10 38	10 50	
Watchfield (Axis Road).....	9 29	9 29	9 59	10 32	10 32	10 42	10 54	
Longcot.....						10 38		
Shellingford.....						x		
Faringdon (Square).....arr.	9 42	10 12	10 45	10 52				

ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS are operated between Faringdon, Shrivensham and Swindon to meet traffic requirements; see also Service 74.

*—From Faringdon Road/Emlyn Square at 5-40 p.m. and Manchester Road/Wellington Street (for Junction Station) at 5-42 p.m.

†—Omits Watchfield Road West and arrives at Shrivensham (M.C.S. H.Q.) 3 minutes later.

x—Via Coxwell / Fernham Roads Junction.

Sch—Mondays to Fridays during Shrivensham School terms or when required at M.C.S. Shrivensham.

A—Not Bank Holiday Mondays.

NSu—Not Sundays.

NSu—Not Saturdays and Sundays.

S—Saturdays only. Su—Sundays only.

ThFS—Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only.

NS—Not Saturdays.

§—Off Regent Circus.

X—During term time of Swindon Technical College only.

*—Also operates on Mondays to Fridays when Swindon Technical College is closed.

"DAY-OUT" TICKETS. Adult 10/- Child 5/-
Unlimited travel on any one day on Bus Services operated or controlled by
BRISTOL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE SEE PAGE 22.

DAILY (Sunday Service operates Good Friday and Boxing Day)

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Bampton (Town Hall)dep.								10 0																				
Clanfield.....								10 6			12 11			1 58	2 16			4 11								6 0		
Faringdon (Square).....	6 28			7 50							12 25			2 12	2 30			4 0	4 25							6 6		
Shellingford.....	x			x				10 20						1 37												6 20		7 40
Longcot.....	6 42			8 4									1 49													7 2		
Watchfield (Axis Road).....	6 48		8 7	8 10	8 33	9 33	9 50	10 33	11 0	12 13	12 38	1 53		2 25	2 43	2 56	4 13	4 38	5 3	5 7	5 7	6 5	6 13	6 20	6 33	7 14	7 30	7 53
Shrivenham (High Street).....	6 52		8 10	8 14	8 37	9 37	9 54	10 37	11 4	12 17	12 42	1 57	1 57	2 29	2 47	3 0	4 17	4 42	5 7	5 10	5 10	6 6	6 17	6 24	6 37	7 22	7 34	7 57
Bourton.....	6 57					9 42	9 59			12 22		2 2	2 2	2 34		3 5												
Bourton Road.....	6 59		8 14	8 18	8 41	9 44	10 1	10 41	11 8	12 24	12 46	2 4	2 4	2 36	2 51	3 7	4 21	4 46	5 11	5 14	5 14	6 14		6 29				
South Marston (Village Hall).....	7 7	8 4		8 26	8 49	9 52	10 9		11 16			2 12	2 12	2 44		3 15	4 29	4 54				6 16	6 21	6 31	6 41	7 26	7 38	8 1
Stratton Park.....	7 12	8 9	8 23	8 31	8 54	9 57	10 14	10 50	11 21	12 33	12 55	2 17	2 17	2 49	3 0	3 20	4 34	4 59	5 20	5 23	5 23	6 24	6 29	6 39			8 9	
Swindon (Horsell Street§).....	7 20	8 17	8 31	8 39	9 2	10 5	10 22	10 58	11 29	12 41	1 3	2 25	2 25	2 57	3 8	3 28	4 42	5 7	5 28	5 31	5 31	6 37	6 42	6 52	6 58	7 43	7 55	8 22
Swindon (Junction Station).....arr.	7 23			8 42			10 8	10 25																				

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	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	are operated between
Bampton (Town Hall).....dep.	9 0	9 5								Swindon, Shrivenham and Faringdon to meet traffic
Clanfield....."	9 6	9 11								requirements; see also Service 74.
Faringdon (Square)....."	9 20	9 25	9 45	10 15				10 45	10 55	*—Proceeds to Faringdon Rd./Milton Rd., arr. 7-30 a.m.
Shellingford....."										†—College Entrance and leaves Watchfield Road West one
Longcot....."										minute later and Shrivenham (M.C.S. H.Q.) 2 minutes
Watchfield (Axis Road)....."	9 30	9 33	9 38	9 58	10 28	10 43	10 55	10 58	11 5	x—Via Coxwell/Fernham Roads Junction.
Shrivenham (High Street)....."	9 34	9 37	9 42	10 2	10 32	10 47	10 59	11 2	11 9	A—Not Bank Holiday Mondays.
Bourton....."										Sch—Mondays to Fridays during Shrivenham School terms or
Bourton Road....."	9 38	9 41	9 46	10 6	10 36	10 51	11 3	11 6	11 23	when required at M.C.S. Shrivenham.
South Marston (Village Hall)....."		9 49								ThFS—Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only.
Stratton Park....."	9 47	9 54	9 55	10 15	10 45	11 0	11 12	11 15	11 32	†—Operated only when Vickers Armstrong (South Marston)
Swindon (Horsell Street§).....arr.	9 55	10 2	10 3	10 23	10 53	11 8	11 20	11 23	11 40	are working.

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A MINUTE'S DELAY IS BETTER THAN A MONTH IN HOSPITAL

WAIT UNTIL THE BUS STOPS!

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Mondays and Tuesdays

Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays

Thursdays

Sundays

				WF	S				
CLANFIELD, Mill Lane								1650	2020
Bampton, Town Hall	0950			0950				1657	2027
Aston, 'Red Lion'	0955			0955				1702	2032
WITNEY, Market Place	0735	1630		0735	1305	1630	0735	1215	1630
Ducklington, Pond	0740	1635		0740	1310	1635	0740	1220	1635
Brighthampton, 'Golden Balls'	0750	1004	1645	0750	1004	1320	0750	1230	1645
Standlake, Garage	0753	1007	1648	0753	1007	1323	0753	1233	1648
Standlake, Green	0755	1009	1650	0755	1009	1325	0755	1235	1650
Standlake, Heyford Close	0757	1011	1652	0757	1011	1327	0757	1237	1652
Standlake, Green	0759	1013	1654	0759	1013	1329	0759	1239	1654
Northmoor, 'Red Lion'	0803	1017	1658	0803	1017	1333	0803	1243	1658
Bablockhythe, Ferry Turn	0807	1021	1702	0807	1021	1337	0807	1247	1702
Stanton Harcourt, 'Harcourt Arms'	0812	1026	1707	0812	0930	1026	0812	1252	1707
Eynsham, Church	0822	1036	1717	0822	0940	1036	0822	1302	1717
Farmoor, Garage	0829	1043	1724	0829	0947	1043	0829	1302	1717
Oxford Station ‡	0840	1054	1735	0840	0958	1054	0840	1315	1735
OXFORD, Gloucester Green	0842	1056	1737	0842	1000	1056	0842	1315	1737

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WITNEY, Market Place	0755	1100	1330	1610	1715	1915	2130	2200	FAIRFORD, 'Bull'	0640	1210	1440	1825	2025	2240	2310	
Curbridge, 'Lord Kitchener'	0802	1107	1337	1617	1722	.....	2137	2207	Clayhill Garage	0647	.....	1217	1447	.....	1832	2032	2247	2317
Lew, Post Office	0806	1111	1341	1621	1726	.....	2141	2211	Lechlade, Square	0653	.....	1223	1453	.....	1838	2038	2253	2323
Bampton, Town Hall	0813	1118	1348	1628	1733	.....	2148	2218	Little Faringdon Turn	0658	.....	1228	1458	.....	1843	2043	2258	2328
Black Bourton, Memorial	0820	1125	1355	1635	1740	1946	2155	2225	Broughton Poggs/Filkins...	0703	.....	1233	1503	.....	1848	2048	2303	2333
Alvescot, Bus Shelter .....	.....	1128	1358	.....	1743	1949	2158	2228	Langford, 'Crown'	0707	.....	1237	1507	.....	1852	2052	2307	2337
Kencott, Cross Roads .....	.....	1132	1402	.....	1747	1953	2202	2232	Broadwell, 'Five Bells'	0710	.....	1240	1510	.....	1855	2055	2310	2340
Broadwell, 'Five Bells' .....	.....	1135	1405	.....	1750	.....	2205	2235	Kencott Cross Roads,	0713	.....	1243	1513	.....	1858	2051	2313	2343
Langford, 'Crown' .....	.....	1138	1408	.....	1753	.....	2208	2238	Alvescot, Bus Shelter	0717	.....	1247	1517	.....	1902	2055	2317	2347
Broughton Poggs/Filkins .....	.....	1142	1412	.....	1757	1956	2212	2242	Black Bourton, Memorial...	0720	0825	1250	1520	1640	1905	2058	2320	2350
Little Faringdon Turn	1147	1417	1802	2001	2217	2247	Bampton, Town Hall	0727	0832	1257	1527	1647	1912	2065	2327	2357	
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NS—Not Saturdays.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Witney Rural District Council has enlightened views on this subject. Years ago "Dustbin Day" was the first Wednesday of every month, by Horace Morse - now it is every Wednesday with this modern type of dustcart to minimise dust and smell. Weekly collection started in 1955. Wages for a dustman are from £14 - £17, piece-work.



Bulky articles, such as old refrigerators, can be removed by arrangement with the W.R.D.C. while a scrap merchant in the village breaks up cars on a small piece of land up Gog Lane. The modern scourge of litter is only seen in Bampton in the form of paper blowing round the streets.



The length-man is constantly at work, but falling leaves, and gravel which has to be swept up after icy spells also occupy his time.

THE PIECES

This 10 acre field to the north of the footpath from Bushey Lane to Coalpit Lane was leased to villagers by Squire Southby of Bampton House in about 1880 and has been so used until this year.

Since the Second World War, with higher wages, excellent tinned and frozen vegetables, and television to occupy men at weekends, many of these allotments have fallen into disuse. Now the field has been sold, although planning permission was refused, and the remaining tenants are harvesting their last crops of potatoes and greens.

The smaller area of allotments up Station Road to the north of Windmill House are still in use and fulfil the statutory duty of the Parish Council to provide allotments.



BAMPTON BRANCH LIBRARY

The Bampton Branch Library is housed in the Old Grammar School, which is an Ancient Building situated near the Church, the interior of which was modernised in 1964. There is a large selection of books, consisting of fiction and non-fiction, also a collection of children's books. The majority of readers using the library prefer fiction and have a choice of thrillers, westerns and light romance as well as better class fiction. Readers using the non-fiction section borrow mostly travel and history. There are special large type books available for people with bad eyesight. The library is open for ten hours a week for adults and two hours for children. Miss Hobson has been Librarian since 1939.

FIRE SERVICE

The fire station at Bampton (Station 4) is one of seventeen throughout the County of Oxfordshire. It is a one appliance station manned by 12 retained, or as they are often called, part time firemen. Administration is the responsibility of the Oxfordshire County Council and guidance and certain financial help is given by the Fire Service Department of the Home Office, whose inspectors carry out annual inspections of all brigades in the country.

An area reaching from Shifford across Langford downs to the A40 to Minster Lovell and the Ducklington hills is covered by the Bampton fire service and most of the villages in this area have mains water supply and fire hydrants.

The siren and call bells are operated by remote control from Headquarters at Kidlington. Only call bells operate between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. so that the whole village is not awakened during night hours. Each fireman must have a call bell in his house.

Liaison with other services is important. Many visits and drills were held with the Americans at the U.S.A.A.F. Base at Brize Norton and appreciation was shown by Bampton firemen to U.S.A.A.F. Fire Chief Wilson when he left in 1965 by presenting him with an inscribed tankard. With the development of the airfield now under R.A.F. Control, Bampton firemen are required to make monthly routine visits to keep up to date. When this establishment is at full strength it will be a high risk. Periodical visits are made to the Signal Camp at Weald also.

The 1955 Bedford fire appliance carries 200 gallons of water and has a main pump capable of pumping 500 gallons per minute. A portable pump, capacity 350 gallons per minute, is also carried together with other equipment including two sets of Breathing apparatus (issued 1965). The approximate cost today of such an appliance would be in the region of £4,000.

In 1965 the brigade answered 18 chimney fires, 31 property fires and 2 false alarms, a big reduction from the previous year when 98 calls were attended. Of the false alarms it is interesting to note that one was at 11-30 p.m. on Christmas Day when youths had set light to the litter basket outside the Town Hall!

Co-operation of local employers in allowing their employees to join the fire service and leave their work as and when necessary must be appreciated, and it should be re-assuring to people of Bampton that such an efficient service is so readily available.



Fire

25 tons of hay belonging to Mr. B. Stevens of Bampton, caught fire on Tuesday evening. The fire, attended by Bampton and Witney brigades, was discovered between 5-6 o'clock. The brigades stayed until about 4 a.m. next morning. A larger quantity of hay in a Dutch barn nearby was untouched. No extensive damage was done, and the cause of the fire is as yet unknown.

ROAD WORKS

In 1965 work commenced on the foot paths and kerb stones along many of the streets in the village. In Church View, where there had always been an open gully for rainwater, a complete drainage system, with new pavement was installed. This is being continued throughout the main street, the commencement of work in Bridge Street is shown in the picture.



S.T.D. now in operation

... THE OLD

THE familiar sound of "Number please", will never again be heard from a telephonist in Witney; but if an operator is required the reply will come from the Oxford Exchange.

For, as everybody knows by now, the automatic telephone exchange has, this week, come into operation in Witney and the surrounding districts.

The new building, in which all the complicated electrical equipment is housed, stands behind the Witney Post Office and is easily accessible from Welch Way.

The building was built at a cost of £18,600 by H. Embling and Sons, of Woodstock Road, Witney.

OPERATION

Since the electrical equipment first arrived at the new exchange Mr. W. H. Turber, a technical Clerk of Works to the G.P.O., has nursed the installations along until this week

when he was sitting at the control desk waiting to see his job of work brought into operation.

The equipment for the automatic exchange cost the G.P.O. a total of £100,650 it was supplied by Messrs Ericsson Ltd., of Beeston, Notts.

This complicated array of electronics looks formidable to say the least, and it is only eleven months since the beginning to the project.

UNITS

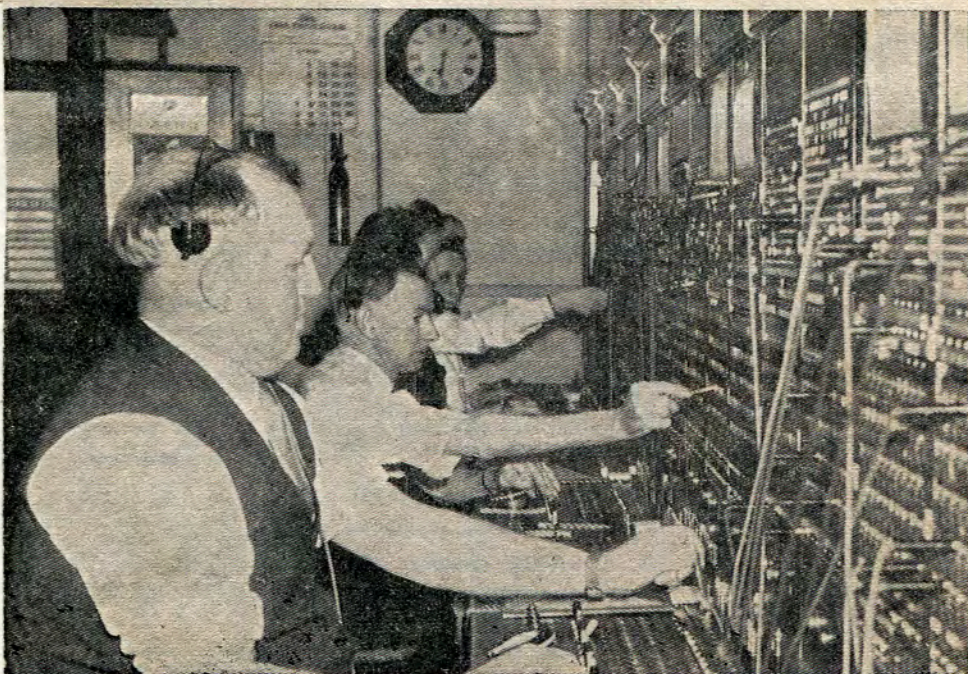
One section of the electronics has numerous small meters set in rows, each one of these 'belongs' to a subscriber and on the front of each meter there is the subscribers telephone number and a glass

panel showing how many units that particular person has used.

Every quarter a camera will be taken into the building and these meters will be photographed in blocks, from here the quarterly bills will be sent.

REVENUE

Mr. E. Lacy, the Chief Clerk to the Oxford telephone area, who incidentally, lives in Witney, tells us that every month between a quarter and half a million pounds in revenue is collected from the Oxford Area.



The night telephonists at the old Witney manual telephone exchange settling down to a night's work answering calls. The familiar sound of "Number please" will be heard no more from the Witney exchange.

Bampton Parish Council

THE November meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Old Grammar School last Wednesday evening under the chairmanship of Mr. P. Hiron. The members were pleased to note that the War Memorial had been completely re-furnished in time for Remembrance Sunday.

Street lighting received a great deal of discussion, particularly as many street lamps had been broken in the past year by vandals. Various methods of preventing such damage were discussed and it was agreed to investigate the suggestion made by the S.E.B. regarding the provision of perspex shades, which afford more protection to the lamps. The clerk was instructed to write to the Electricity Board complaining that several lights were operating day and night whilst others were never lighted. The new telephone kiosk is also still without a light, a cause of considerable inconvenience.

A letter was read from the Highways Department stating that it was impossible to extend the services of cleaning gangs to supplement the work of the length-man. Following a complaint to the Engineer and Surveyor regarding the untidiness and unkempt appearance of the Cemetery, the parish council was informed that the burial ground committee now had the matter in hand and suggestions included the possibility of outside contractors maintaining the Cemetery or the Rural District Council being approached to undertake the work and paid by the Parish Council.

Questions were raised regarding the playing field of the

old Secondary Modern School which is now no longer being used and a small sub committee was formed to explore the position fully so that it is not lost to the village by accident.

A letter was received from the Clanfield Parish Council thanking Bampton for the support given regarding the removal of the S. bends on the Clanfield Road.

Various pot-holes in roads in the district were brought to the notice of the members and also a ditch at the side of the footpath alongside Mill Green which is in danger of overflowing if not cleaned out very soon. The clerk was instructed to write to ascertain if these defects could be remedied as

several of the pot holes could cause serious accidents if left in their present condition.

It was agreed that Bampton should have a Christmas Tree again this year and it was proposed that Mr. R. Pratley be invited to help with the lighting again and that Major Fox of the Royal Signals Regiment be asked for help in the erection of the tree. Major R. Colville offered to provide the tree and the question of coloured lights was discussed. It was agreed that although for a first effort last year's tree was adequate, more lights were needed to make a good show.

It was unanimously agreed that each member of the council would donate at least one bulb and holder and that the general public be invited to subscribe towards the cost of the purchase of additional lights. The cost of a bulb and holder was estimated to be approx 5/- and any offers would be greatly appreciated and can be made to any member of the parish council.

It was thought that much more might be made of the ceremony of the switching on of the lights and the suggestion was made that the Primary School children be invited to sing carols round the tree on that night.



Telephone Kiosk
in Colville Close.

Bampton Parish Council Meeting

AT a meeting of the Parish Council last Wednesday, the Chairman, Mr. H. Pocock thanked members for their loyal support. He stated that if he is elected to the new parish council, he does not wish to stand as chairman for the coming period.

A letter to Miss Doris Chandler was read expressing appreciation for the service which her father had devoted to the parish.

An estimate of £12 from the S.E.B. in respect of re-siting a street light from Church View to School Lane provoked a great deal of discussion. It was thought inadvisable to spend this sum when for a little extra a new light could be fixed.

REPLY

Witney police had now replied to the council's letter referring to the random parking and speeding of many vehicles in Bridge Street. Police patrols had been instructed to watch for offenders and it is hoped that radar-equipped patrols will soon be operating.

The bollards in the centre of the town are to be moved in accordance with the original plans and the Traffic Engineer will shortly be visiting the town to discuss traffic problems round the Town Hall and the possible installation of traffic lights.

SEWERAGE

With regard to the proposal that the sewerage from Aston and Cote be processed at the Bampton works it was decided that the parish council must support the petition signed by residents in the Buckland Road area, it was decided to approach the Minister.

A letter is to be sent to all secretaries of such activities in-

cluding them to an early meeting for discussion on the Churchill Memorial fund.

The Chairman expressed his pleasure that a suitable Youth Leader had now been found and regretted the lack of accommodation for the club. The Town Hall is to be offered as temporary accommodation in order to get the club started, although it was agreed that the building was not ideal. The Women's Institute is to be thanked for the fine display of bulbs which had been planted in Broad Street to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Year.

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Two ornamental trees are to be planted at the junction of Buckland Road and Aston Road, Bampton, to replace the tree recently destroyed in the high winds it was decided at last week's meeting of Bampton Parish Council.

It was proposed that an order be placed for a Norway Maple tree and a White-bean tree.

A letter was read saying that difficulty in getting the necessary brackets had delayed work on the Church Street lighting. Another letter said there would be no objection to the new telephone kiosk being sited at Colville Close.

Concern was expressed about delay in fixing No parking signs in Bridge Street and the chairman, Mr. H. Pocock, said the matter was now in hand and it was hoped that work would begin in the coming financial year. Included in the scheme was the possible provision of some kind of pedestrian footpath on the Bridge and also plans were being drawn for the re-marking of the road signs round the Town Hall.

A letter was read asking that future sewage disposal from Aston and Cote should be dealt with at the existing Bampton works, and it was decided to ask the R.D.C. to find out how Bampton might be affected if such a scheme were accepted.

BAMPTON

Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of the Parish Council was held last week in the Old Grammar School. The resignation of the Clerk to the Parish Council was accepted and Mr. C. H. Thompson was appointed to fill the vacancy. He was introduced to the parish councillors by the Chairman, Mr. P. Hiron and took over his duties immediately.

It was stated that the telephone kiosk had now been erected on the council estate and was in fact functioning. This item was well received as the negotiations for the kiosk have taken a matter of 10 years or more!

A letter had been received from the Ministry of Transport asking that as far as possible there should be extended street lighting during the Christmas holiday period. This was discussed at length but finally agreed that the charge made by the Southern Electricity Board for the alteration of the street light clocks was too high to warrant the extension.

It was proposed that a request be made to the Rural District Council for the provision of a street light on the north side of Colville Close.

A bill had been received for £6.15s. for the cost of replacing broken lamps in existing lights and a list of the damaged lamps enclosed; this matter received grave attention.

A great deal of thought and discussion was given to plans submitted for comment for a proposed housing estate.

It was agreed that the road leading from the Weald to Primrose Cottages was difficult for pedestrians in bad weather and it was decided that letters be sent to the owners of adjoining land asking if improvement is possible.



JUDO DISPLAY AT BAMPTON FETE

British Legion day

Seven and eight-year-olds throwing their elders—though obviously not their betters—with resounding thumps on to the mat in a Judo exhibition were an outstanding attraction at the annual fete of the Bampton British Legion branch on Saturday.

Members of the Faringdon and Abingdon Judo Clubs, led by Mr. J. Chambers, who is a pupil of the great Abbé, they included the local junior girl champion, 11-year-old Doreen Jackson.

The youngest taking part was seven-year-old Kerry Thomas, of Faringdon, and next in size came John Partiger, who is a year older.

Among others who added to a thrilling display was Mr. Chambers' 14-year-old daughter, Marilyn, who is a green belt.

The fete, held in the grounds of The Grange, home of the President of the branch, Major W. W. B. Scott and Mrs. Scott, was for Legion Funds, but there was also a special stand in aid of the Cancer Research Fund.

Punch and Judy

The fete opened with the crowning of the Carnival Queen, 16-year-old Pamela Quick, who went in procession round the township headed by the Highworth Silver Band and escorted by the competitors in the fancy dress competition.

Among other attractions were children's sports, a weightlifting display, a baby show and Punch and Judy, in addition to all the usual devices for extracting cash from the pockets of the benevolent.

These included the traditional bowling, though a pig is no longer given for the top score, which now carries a cash prize.

"We found a pig was too much trouble nowadays," explained the secretary, Mr. John W. Quick.

Results

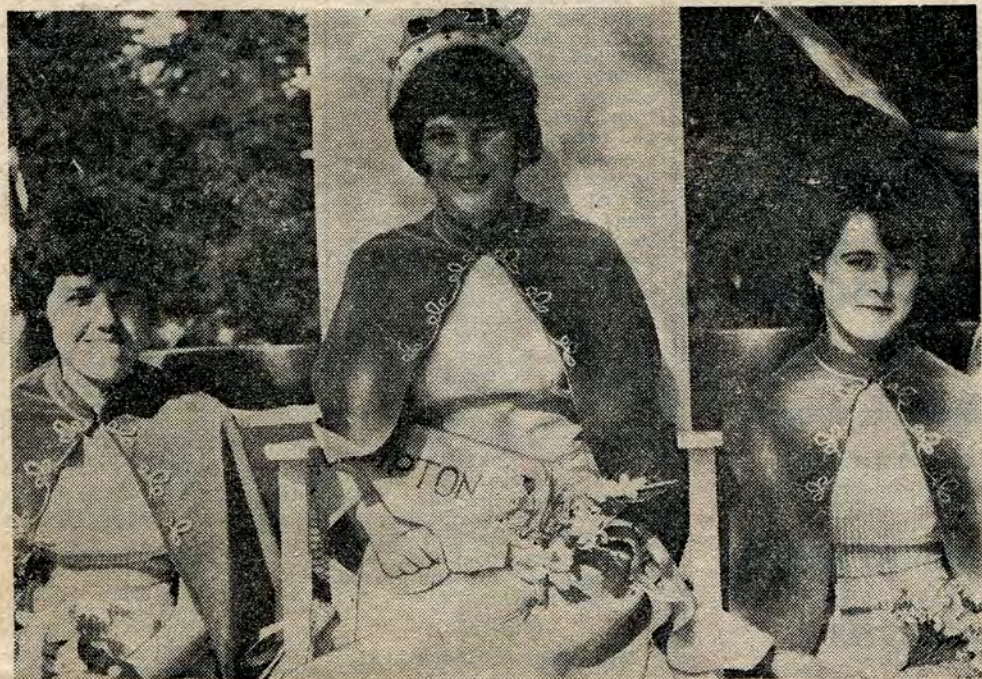
Baby show—up to 6 months: Miss Sharon Smith, of Glebelands; 6 to 12 months: Master Andrew Drinkwater, of Bowling Green Close; 12 to 18 months: Master Billy Rideout, of St. Mary's Caravan Site. Special prizes were given by the judges to the twins, Colin and Sylvia Lewis.

Children's sports: G Halford, A Radband, V Ellerton, R Tili, A Cole, D Hiron, G Walker, C Beckett, C Drinkwater, D Hiron, T Curtis, B Treamore, D Radband, W Harrison, E Howell, S Paintin, I Barber, K Quick and A Wooloff.

Weightlifting: Colin Fitzgerald (from Jersey), Alan Winterbourne and Terry Craven.

Competition winners were—Grand Draw: Major F T A Church, Mrs E Mansfield, Mrs Barlow Vaughan, Mr P Best, Mrs G Fox, Mrs E Radburn. Winner of iced cake: Mrs Wooloff. The clothes stall winner being Miss E Radband. The darts competition was won by Mr K Keyte and Mrs Scully, of Woking. The bowling competition was won by Peter Horn and Evelyn Hornsby.

In addition a draw was also organised by Col. Haslam in aid of the Cancer Research Organisation. The winners were K Bennett (Clanfield), Mr Bromack (Shiford), Dona Dunston (Aston), Miss E Brewer (Aston) and Mr Ellerton (Bampton).



Bampton's Carnival Queen, Pamela Quick, with her two attendants, Carole Edwards and Christine Neagle (right), at Bampton Carnival on Saturday.—(Susan Macfarlane). Story on page 30.



Scenes at the British Legion
Carnival and Parade.



BAMPTON

Remembrance Sunday

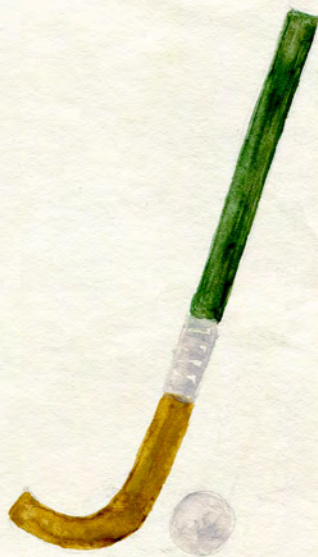
Remembrance Sunday was observed in Bampton with a Service at the War Memorial, conducted by the Vicar of Bampton, Rev. C. G. Dawe, assisted by Rev. S. Webb, the Methodist circuit Minister.

The parade consisted of men from the 3rd. Squadron, 14 Signals Regiment, the Men and Women's Sections of the British Legion, the Fire Service, the Army Training Corps., the Guides, Cubs and Cadets of the Junior Red Cross Corps.

After the two minutes silence and the Last Post, the Vicar led prayers, followed by the Exhortation, given by Mr. E. Spurrett, Chairman of the Bampton branch, British Legion. After the laying of Poppy wreaths on the newly furbished War Memorial, the assembled company, headed by the men of the Royal Signals Regiment marched in procession to St. Mary's Church for morning service.



LEISURE
HOBBIES
HOLIDAYS



LEISURE AND HOLIDAYS

With the increase in the popularity of labour saving devices in the home we have much more time to devote to hobbies and pastimes and to the type of holiday we can take.

As you will have seen from this book one of the most popular hobbies is photography, producing some fine black and white and colour prints. We also have in the village many people who are interested in photography in the form of transparencies and cine film, which we are unfortunately unable to show in this scrapbook.

Here are some of the other things we like to do in the evenings and at weekends:



Caravan holidays are popular. There are several sites with a radius of a few miles from Bampton.

Collecting moths and butterflies. There is increasing evidence of a decrease in the population of certain insects. These insects are also undergoing changes in respect of wing marking. This applies particularly in the case of some of the many moths.





"The contemplative angler."
Mr. Witt of Buckland Road.



Brown Trout
1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. approx 14".
Caught by Colin
Barratt, 13 years.
"Very good eating."



Gardening - on one of our
few really hot summer days.

Mr.H.J.Henly.



Touring the Lake District.

Many people now take holidays abroad as well as in England and these are a few postcards etc. showing the places we visited. Although the Women's Institute organised tour from Oxford was booked to capacity some of our members decided to make their own first trips to the Continent independently.



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ALADDIN'S CAVE, CHEDDAR



"The First and Last House in England", Land's End, Cornwall.

Photo: E. Ludwig, John Hinde Studios.

LAND'S END, CORNWALL.

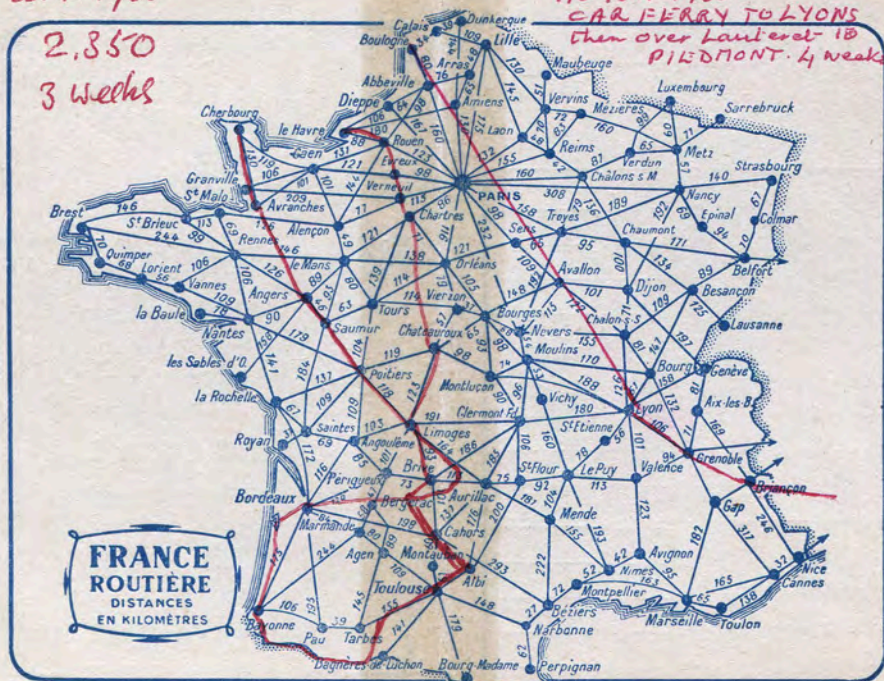


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Mr. John Bosley, Lower Haddon, riding to win in
Lockinge Farmers Hunt Point to Point, 1965.

LEISURE

100% of families

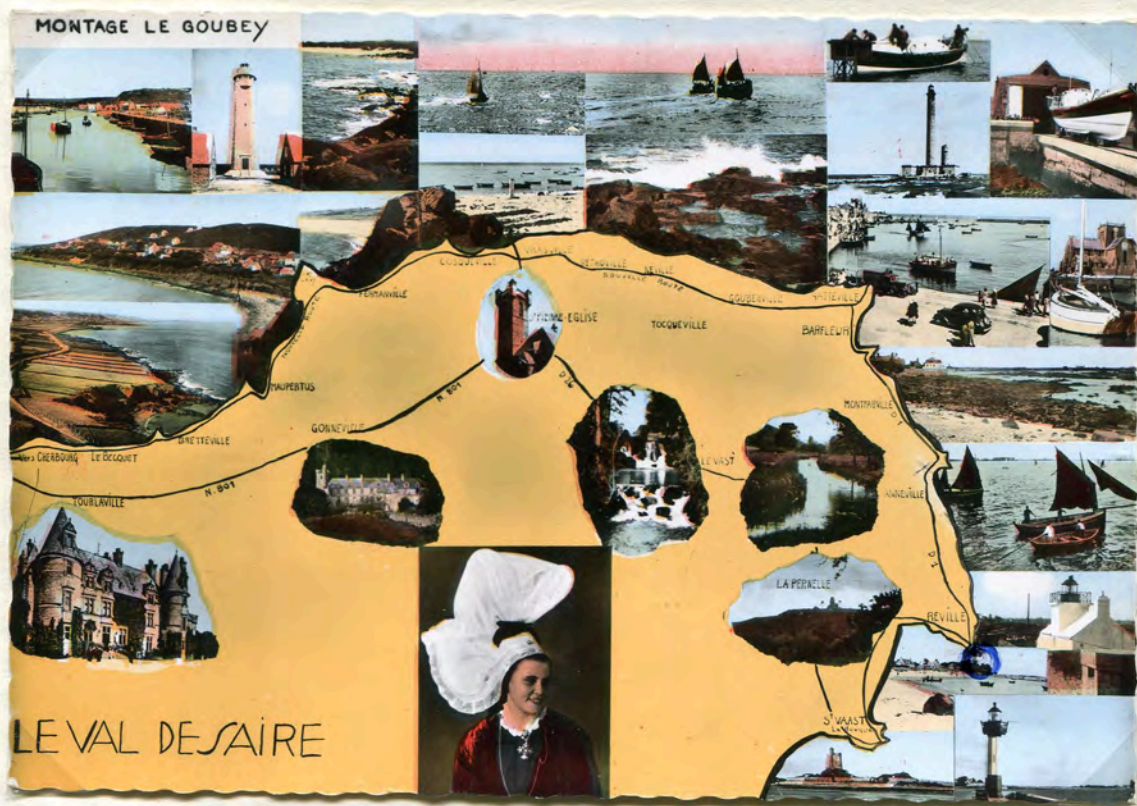
Attend further education classes.
Visit the public library
Do voluntary work.
Attend a place of worship
Take a daily newspaper
Go away on holiday
Visit theatre or cinema.



ONE FAMILY VISITED THE PARISH
CHURCH OF BAMPTON, IN
WESTMORLAND.

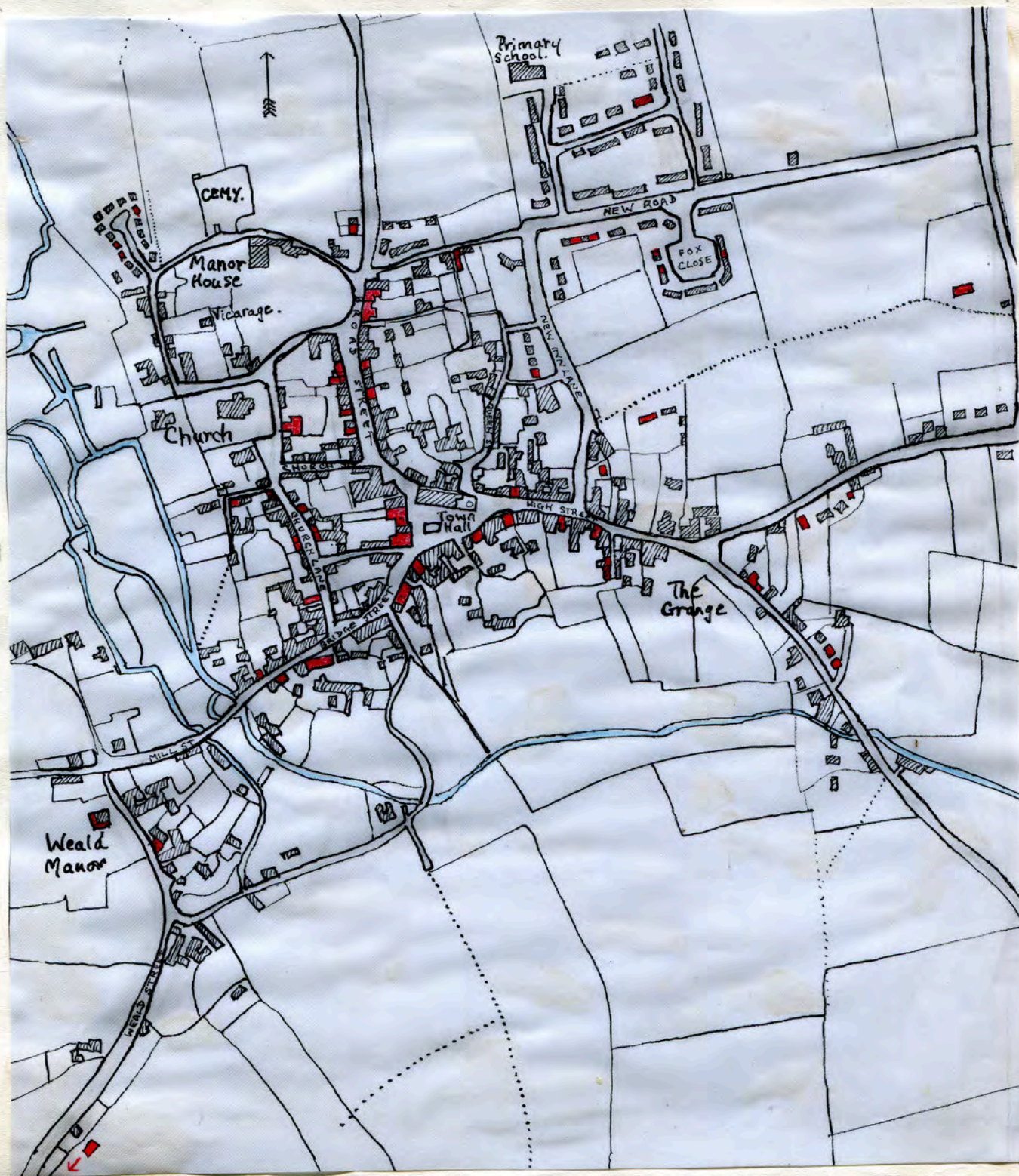


The Elward family took their across from Southampton to Cherbourg on the ferry and went to stay in a little village called La Cap, where they borrowed a caravan. There were only 10 houses there, and the people earned their living by very primitive farming - no machinery was used at all. The women worked in the fields, the ben brought the water in barrels and the children carried in water bags to water the plants. The main crops were carrots and cauliflowers. Each house had a cow which was tethered and only moved when it had completely stripped the ground. They had a few hens and even a rooster tethered to a pole. The older men of the village were fishermen and caught mainly shellfish. Whilst they were there the Elwards visited Omaha and Utah beaches where the Americans landed during the war, the war museums, and at the British Cemetary at Bayeux they put flowers on the grave of a Bampton boy, Godfrey Horne. They also paid a visit to the Bayeux tapestry.





WHERE BAMPTON W.I. MEMBERS LIVE





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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES**

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M^{rs} Barratt

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improve and develop conditions of rural life.*

EXTRACTS FROM RULES

The W.I. Movement is based on the spiritual ideals of fellowship, truth, tolerance and justice.

The main purpose of the Institute is to improve and develop conditions of rural life by providing a centre for educational and social intercourse and activities.

Monthly meetings of an educational and social nature should be held on a regular day and at an hour and place decided upon by members, but any Institute may omit one meeting a year at its discretion.

Membership of the Institute is open only to women and girls.

To become a member after the inaugural meetings, names of intending members shall be submitted to the Committee of the Institute together with the names of the proposers and seconders, who shall be members of the Institute, the Committee to have power to accept or refuse such applications. The Committee shall have power to terminate membership after consultation with and in accordance with an authority from the County Federation Executive Committee.

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The annual subscription shall be Three Shillings and Sixpence to be paid by each member on joining the Institute and in the first month of each Institute year thereafter. Members joining in the last quarter of the Institute year and paying the full subscription shall not pay again during the following year.

The Officers of an Institute shall be:—President, Vice-President or Vice-Presidents (up to three in number), Secretary and Treasurer. An Institute may combine the offices of Secretary and Treasurer or the offices of Treasurer and Vice-President if sanction be obtained from the County Federation; no other offices may be combined. No person shall hold an official position in more than one Institute except at the discretion of the County Federation.

At the Annual Meeting the Institute shall elect a Committee of not less than 10 and not more than 19 members, and from among these shall elect a President. In the case of Institutes having under 30 members the Committee need not consist of more than one-third of the membership. The Committee may co-opt two members in addition to its elected members, provided that the total membership of the Committee does not exceed nineteen.

The Vice-President or Vice-Presidents, the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be elected from among the members of the Committee. The Vice-President or Vice-Presidents shall be elected either by the Institute or by the Committee, according to the decision of the Institute. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Committee. All Officers and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election. The Institute shall have the power to pass a Bye-law limiting the service of Committee members and to determine the time limit.

All elections shall be by ballot. No person shall be eligible for office or entitled to vote unless she has been regularly enrolled as a member and has paid her subscription for the current year. Salaried officials of the Institute shall not be eligible for nomination as members of the Committee, nor as Honorary Officers.

All candidates for election as members of the Committee shall themselves be members of the Institute.

Each member of the Institute and each member of the Institute Committee shall be entitled to send in nominations for the Committee up to the number of places to be filled.

The Committee shall conduct the business of the Institute, arrange the time and place of meetings, outline schemes of work and present the same to the members of the Institute for approval, and administer the funds of the Institute subject to the Institute's discretion.

The Committee may, from among its members and from among the members of the Institute, appoint Sub-Committees for special purposes. The Chairman of each Sub-Committee shall report the proceedings of each meeting of the Sub-Committee to the Institute Committee.

A Women's Institute may make Bye-Laws in addition to these Rules, but only at an Annual Meeting of the Institute or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. The proposed Bye-Laws shall be sent to every member of the Institute together with the notice calling the meeting, and no additions shall be valid unless the same do not conflict with the Constitution and Rules of the National Federation or County Federation, or with this Constitution and Rules, and unless passed by a three-fourths majority of the members present and voting. Before being put into action, a Bye-Law must be submitted to the County and National Federation for approval.

I, Lydia P. Barratt

wishing to become a member of the

Bampton Women's

Institute, in the County of Oxford

promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Institute the sum of Three Shillings and Sixpence yearly while I continue a member. I also promise to keep the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Institute, and all Rules and Regulations made for Women's Institutes by the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

Member's Name L. P. BARRATT.

Date of joining 2/5/62

Secretary of W.I. M. G. Lane

Address of County Secretary 20 Beaumont St
Oxford.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

39 Eccleston Street, Victoria, London, S.W.1



**BAMPTON
WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**



PROGRAMME for 1965-66

President: Miss Wylie, The Beam

Vice-President: Mrs. Pickard, Knapps Farm House

Secretary: Mrs. Barratt, 12 Glebelands

Treasurer: Mrs. Court, High Street

Committee:

Mrs. Barney, Mrs. Elward, Mrs. Gerring

Mrs. Henly, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Wheeler

Meetings held on 1st Wednesday of each month
commencing at 7.30 p.m. with "Jerusalem"
and ending at 9.30 p.m. with "The Queen"

The number of W.I. members has decreased in recent years, but we have an average attendance of 35 members. This may be partly due to the increased employment of women outside their own homes during the day with a consequent shortage of leisure time in the evenings. We do try to cater for all interests and during 1965 had a varied programme. Apart from our monthly meetings we held a Harvest Supper in September for members and their husbands and friends, and a Bazaar and Jumble Sale to raise funds. This produced the sum of approximately £45. We also own and maintain the Village Hall, which is used by many other organisations and private individuals for Bingo, dancing, badminton, weddings, birthday parties, meetings etc.

At the Annual Council Meeting of the Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes on 27th October 1965 we achieved a success with the following Resolution.

Resolution: Proposed by Bampton W.I.
Seconded by Warborough & Shillingford W.I.

"That this meeting will support in every way it can, the campaign of the Disabled Drivers' Association for the improvement of the car issued by the Ministry of Health to disabled drivers".

This was carried unanimously, and has been sent forward to the National Federation of Women's Institutes to be considered as a Resolution for the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

May 5th

Business
 Albert Hall Resolutions, Mrs. Causer
 Competition, Savoury supper dish for two
 Social time, Jumbled names

June 2nd

Business
 Hair Fashion Show, Richard Henry of Oxford
 Competition, A Golden Garden Party Hat
 Social time, Parade of Hats

July 7th

Business
 Enjoy Good Health, Mrs. Delmege
 Competition, Whitsun holiday snap taken in
 Bampton
 Social time, Round Table, suggestions for W.I.

August

No Meeting

September 1st

Business
 Autumn Fashion Show, Mrs. King of Bampton
 Competition, Collection of pressed weeds and
 wild flowers
 Social time, Can you advise me?

October 6th

Business
 Work of a Parish Councillor
 Competition, 1965 holiday souvenir
 Social time, Acting Game

November 3rd

Business
 New Trends in Pastry making, Miss King
 Competition, Photo or drawing of a room in my
 house (with patterns if possible)
 Social time, 6 rules for a Happy Christmas

December 1st

Business
 Oxfordshire Customs & Characters
 Mrs. Mollie Harris
 Competition, Stocking for a patient at Bradwell
 Grove Hospital costing not more than 5/-
 Social time, Carol Singing

1966**January 5th**

Business
 Any Questions
 Competition, Household Hint
 Social time, Country Dancing

February 2nd

Business
 The Silverbells Marionette Show
 Competition, An egg and sixpence
 Social time, Let's Talk

March 2nd

Business
 Film, Oxford Today, Frank Cooper of Oxford
 Competition, Floral arrangement in a grapefruit
 Social time

April 6th

Annual General Meeting

Drama & Entertainment Groups

meet every

Tuesday evening

in the Hall

under the direction of

Mrs. Pickard

O.F.W.I. Council meeting

FULL SUPPORT FOR DISABLED DRIVERS

The Oxfordshire Federation of Women's Institutes will support, in every way it can, the campaign of the Disabled Drivers' Association for the improvement of the car issued by the Ministry of Health to disabled drivers.

The resolution, by Bampton W.I., was carried unanimously at the annual council meeting in Rhodes House, Oxford, on Wednesday.

Delegates and members will write to their M.P. take the matter up at the national Federation meeting, and do all they can to focus attention on the problem.

The aim of the small car campaign, the Bampton representative told the 350 present, was that the provision of a suitably adapted small car for every disabled person who can use one, and their contention is that this would not cost the country more per vehicle in the long run, but would greatly increase the well-being of the disabled and their families."

She said that Jim Clark, the racing champion, had found the present single-seater invalid tricycles extremely difficult to drive.

"He said they are unstable, sluggish, stall easily and noisy and cold which leads to misting and freezing of the windscreen," she went on. They have no spare wheel and many have no towing bar. They break down frequently and the plugs, which give most trouble, cannot be reached from the driving position.

Family life

"There are strong arguments for a disabled driver to use a standard passenger-carrying vehicle. Normal family relationships are already impaired in many ways and complete family life can be restored with the use of a small car.

"The basic cost of a small car adapted for a disabled driver is only £85 more than the cost of a motor invalid tricycle.

"According to the A.A., depreciation and repair and maintenance costs per mile are half those of a tricycle, and running costs, though higher, are still less than 1½d. per mile."

The resolution was seconded by Warborough and Shillingford W.I., whose representative pointed out that if a disabled mother's child had to go to the doctor or the dentist — times when he really needs his mother — he had to be taken by a relative or friend, because even a small baby could not be accommodated on the present tricycle. The driver also had to travel on holidays alone.

Moreover, the garages which could do repair work if there was a breakdown were only open until 5 p.m., which meant the drivers being stranded on cold dark nights on the road.

"Not very good for their health," she said.

Wife's story

A Headington member with a disabled husband said that for 20 years of their married life he had had only a tricycle.

She recalled one night when it had broken down, he was towed to a garage which could not help, and he had had to stay at a cottage until the morning. Meanwhile, she was waiting for him at home, wondering what had happened.

"Imagine what we both went through that night," she said.

The meeting agreed that the existing contribution of 9d. a member be changed to a sliding scale contribution per member to cover the annual deficit of the Oxfordshire Federation.

The treasurer, Mrs. N. King, announced that the deficit for the past year was £876.

A majority of members voted in favour of using the £600 profit from the County open day as capital reserve.

Each Institute will help to eliminate the deficit by their own co-operative effort each year, whereas the funds had previously come from a County function every three years.

The gathering was welcomed by the president, Miss E. A. Sandars, who said she hoped that the spirit of out-looking, enthusiasm, interest and friendliness, so prominent in jubilee year, would continue in the future.

"People have come to realise that the W.I. is not just a monthly meeting in the village," she said. "It is a very great organisation and plays a real and recognised part in our national life."

National plot

Goring W.I. suggested that a plot of land on Britain's coastline should be purchased by the national W.I. Federation to commemorate jubilee year.

Their delegate said: "This Institute feels that 'Enterprise Neptune,' the scheme started by the National Trust to save the remainder of our coastline from further unsightly development and to keep it free for all people for all time, should be supported by all Women's Institutes."

Goring felt that to buy a special piece of ground would give the W.I. an opportunity to do "something memorable and lasting." As far as they knew, the cost would be £100 per acre.

Another delegate endorsed this suggestion, saying that as each W.I. had given its village a present of some kind to mark the golden jubilee, it was surely only right for them on a national scale to donate something to their country as a whole.

The guest speaker was Miss Ann Dolphin, Warden of Denman College, who talked on "Round the world to Denman."

BAMPTON

Womens Institute

To celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Womens Institute movement, the members of the Bampton branch deviated from the usual Harvest Supper by holding a Supper and Social to which husbands and friends were invited. The hall was tastefully decorated with flowers arranged by members, under the direction of Mrs. F. Henly, and the gold motif was repeated on the food tables.

After everyone had eaten the splendid variety of food, prepared by members and organised by Mrs. Wheeler, games and dancing were enjoyed. Mr. F. Shergold acted as M.C. and he and Mrs. Shergold led many of the dances. They also instructed in a few country dances so that everyone who wished could participate. A competitive game was won by Mrs. N. Brooks and Miss Janette Keyte.

One founder member (Mrs. Davey) was present and a letter of good wishes was sent from another (Mrs. J. Rose) who was unable to join the party owing to infirmity.

Garden Parties were in vogue for Jubilee Year, headed by the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Our representative was Mrs. E. Wheeler, here seen leaving her house for the journey to London.



This daisy is our memento of the occasion. It came from the Palace lawn!

Lady Brunner's garden party at Greys Court, Henley-on-Thames, was attended by over 1,000 people, including 10 from this Institute. It was a great occasion - and held on one of the finest evenings of the summer.

Bampton Group also held a Golden Garden Party at Filkins and a large number of our members attended, the majority wearing Golden Hats for the occasion. Our contribution to the evening consisted of country dancing, organised by Mr. F. Shergold

In March the Institute undertook to display handicrafts in the Showcase in the O.F.W.I. office, 20, Beaumont Street, Oxford.





This is the garden party at Filkins, showing at least 8 of our members
enjoying the occasion,
and including Mr. F.Shergold.

GLAMOUR GIRL TO BECOME TEACHER

The large photograph shows the Garden Party at Filkins, with eight of our members included. The solitary man is Mr. F. Shergold.

There are three generations of one family at Bampton Women's Institute.

The youngest representative of the Elward family is 18-year-old Janet. As principal boy she has until now been the star turn of the Christmas pantomimes each year. Her favourite role was "Jack and the Beanstalk," and she has played Aladdin too.

"They put on the most wonderful shows," said another member, Mrs. K. Street. "The Christmas before last, I think, they sold out for the scheduled performance, and so put on another, which in turn played to capacity, so they staged it a third time as well."

But now the drama group will have to do without their glamour girl in her fish-net tights. Having left Witney Grammar School, where she was deputy head girl, last year, she is going to start a teaching course in German at Goldsmiths' College, London, and will no longer be available for the footlights.

Harvest supper

Her mother, Mrs. V. Elward, will continue to attend, though, and her grandmother, Mrs. A. Tanner, who was born in Bampton and has lived there all her life. But she worked until two years ago, and so has

only been an active member since the age of 60.

Bampton is the village famous for its Morris Dancers and Bampton W.I. members who attended the joint Jubilee party at Filkins earlier this year took part in the country dancing on the Rectory Lawn.

In October, Bampton will have their own special golden harvest supper on the home ground.

At present Bampton are running a campaign to get permission for invalid car drivers to carry a passenger. This springs from the plight of a young crippled mother in their village who is not allowed to take her baby out in the car with her and cannot leave it alone at home.

They are taking the matter up with the Oxford W.I. authorities and hope it will reach national level.

People go to Bampton to see the village church, which is so large for such a small place that it is known as the "West Oxfordshire Cathedral."

Bampton W.I. have planted bulbs all over the village to decorate it and, in common with Institutes up and down the country, they are compil-

ing a Jubilee book on their village and its activities.

The vice-president, Mrs. H. Pickard, is also head of the drama group, and produces all the shows. She has also been known to write sketches which the Institute have performed.

The youngest members at the moment are Josephine Keyte (13)—whose elder sister Janet appeared in the fashion show at last week's meeting—and 14-year-old Helen Humphries.

The founder members recall the early days of the Institute in 1921, when it was more a club for old people than anything else. There had been nothing before for the elderly in the village, so the Institute gave them a welcome break.

The only trouble at the beginning was that there were no chairs at the meetings. Everyone had to bring their own!

Now the Darby and Joan Club in the village is run by a long-standing W.I. member, Mrs. Birch, and the average age of the Institute has dropped considerably.

Lady Victoria Forester was the Institute's first President.

Toddlers

The W.I. was given over to the Army during the war, and the Institute had to use the Town Hall for meetings. Most of the members made things for hospitals and many of them also worked for the Home Guard.

We got a surprise at last week's meeting when we walked in and found two little toddlers running about. This was explained, however, when they were carried out by their Mum in front of the dotting audience to model children's clothes in the fashion show. This put us in the picture—I mean, I'd heard of junior W.I. members—but not as junior as all that.



Janet Elward writing down her contribution for the harvest supper while Mary Gerring (standing) and Elizabeth Strutt look on.



"Jack & the Beanstalk"



"The Stolen Prince"

Both these performances were presented by the Drama Group.

The Handicraft Guild of the O.F.W.I. organised a competition for a holiday outfit for a child, or for an old person in hospital, to consist of six articles in six different crafts, all to be packed in a suitcase. Our entry received 91 out of 100 marks and was made up as follows:

Machine made dress
Handstitched nightdress
Machine knitted jumper
Skirt with Dorset Feather Stitchery
A sunhat
A pair of slippers

This was put on display at the Open Day at the Oxford Town Hall.

Bampton Panto

EVERY ticket was sold well in advance for Bampton's annual pantomime, which was produced last Wednesday and Thursday by the Women's Institute Drama Group.

The enthusiastic audience responded well to the fun and frolics of "Jack and the Beanstalk". Jack was played by Janet Elward, whose singing and acting soon endeared to the audience. Her opposite number, "Jill", the Giant's servant, was charmingly played by Carol Court.

AMUSING

There was more comedy than usual in the show, supplied by Marion Clark as Widow Horner, Sylvia Barney as Mr. Egg, the Bailiff, Audrey Court as Mr. Chipps and Mary Witt as Odorous Egg the Bailiff's sister. Some extremely amusing situations resulted when these four characters indulged in knock-about comedy.

The fearsome Giant Snuffle-gobbler was played by Joan Keyte, who contributed much to the fun by her portrayal. Aada Tanner was the Old Woman, who gave Jack the "magic beans".

'CLARIBELLE'

A favourite with all ages was "Claribelle" the cow, played most effectively by two very gallant young men — Keith Barney and Stuart Clark.

School children and fairies, played by Lorraine Barton, Gail Wheeler, Susan Taylor, Anne Morton, Esther Green, Rachel Foresheaw, Jackie Brooks, and Angela Wooloff, added much to the charm of the production.

coffee and biscuits were served

free of charge to the audience during the interval.

The pianist throughout was Vera Elward and the show was produced by Hilda Pickard. In a short curtain speech, she pointed out that the production was quite unique in one respect — it had three generations of one local family taking part. Mrs. Ada Tanner (grandmother) Mrs. Vera Elwood (mother) and Miss Janet Elwood (grand-daughter).



Treasurer - Mrs.A.Court



Secretary - Mrs.P.Barratt



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BAMPTON W.I. DISCUSS FINANCIAL POSITION

THE Bampton Women's Institute held the July meeting last Wednesday and the President, Miss K. Wylie took the chair. A very good account of the O.F.W.I. Treasurer's meeting was given by Mrs. A. Court who explained the sorry state of the movement mainly due to rising costs.

During the social half-hour members discussed ways and means of improving the financial position and several suggestions were made.

The speaker for the evening was Mrs. Delmege who gave an interesting talk on "Enjoying Good Health."

The competition for a snapshot of a Whitsuntide activity in Bampton was won by Mrs. Witt, Miss Mary Witt and Miss K. Wylie.

W.I. Dress Show at Bampton

ON Thursday last the Womens Institute Hall was filled to capacity for a Dress Show organised by the Handicraft Guild of the Oxfordshire Federation of Womens Institutes. The show was open to members of the guild and W.I. members were invited.

Representatives from the Witney and District Institutes displayed dresses that they had made. The chairman was Mrs. Strang and she was assisted by Mrs. Jackson the Secretary of the Handicraft Committee and Mrs. Webb of Witney the Area Leader.

Mrs. Strang gave an interesting talk on the aims and functions of the Guild after which refreshments were served by members of the Bampton Institute under the leadership of Mrs. Wheeler.

The Dress Parade which followed was the highlight of the evening. About 50 members paraded in the dresses which they had made and suitable comments were made by the commere, Mrs. King. 26 outfits were selected by Miss Burridge to be shown in the Town Hall, Oxford in October together with selections from other areas.

The Institute Hall had been tastefully decorated with spring flowers and pot plants which were afterwards sold to the visitors.

On the opposite page are photographs of some of the people in the Dress Parade, together with samples of the materials used for their dresses.

The ladies in the lower picture are all Bampton members, five of whom were chosen for the parade at the Open Day in Oxford Town Hall.

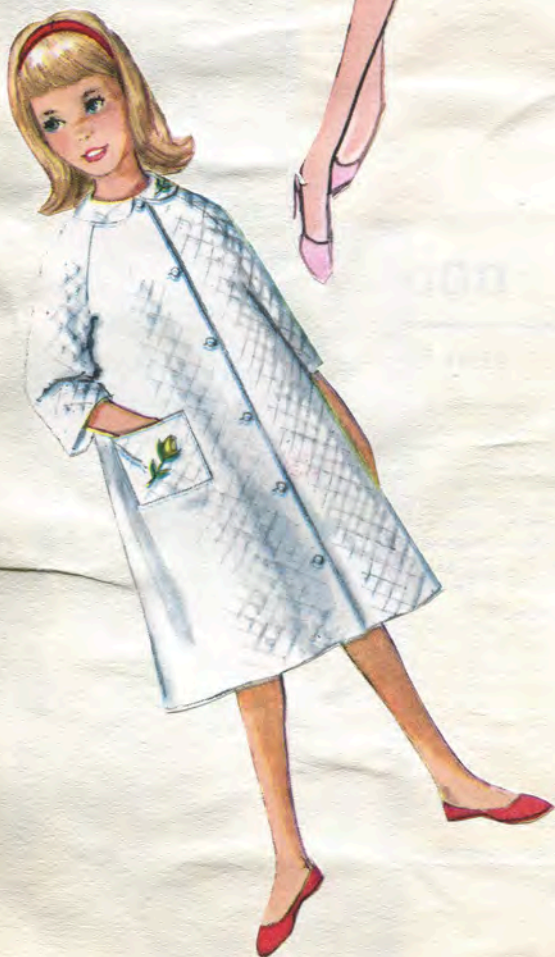




Many members make clothes for themselves and their children. On the following pages are samples of the materials used including man made fibres such as nylon and terylene, as well as cotton, wool and silk.

Also pictured are some of the other clothes we wear.







Knitting is very popular and even though we can buy excellent machine made garments many people prefer to knit sweaters, cardigans, hats and gloves etc., particularly for our children. Here are some of the different materials available.

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2 ply wool
Wool and rayon
3 ply nylon



OUR HOMES



There are many old houses built of Cotswold Stone in Bampton, and a good number of these are at least 400 years old and still in an excellent state of preservation. Near the centre of the town there are a few red brick villas and cottages which were built 80 - 100 years ago.

There has been very little "ribbon" development, a mere scattering of bungalows and houses in the roads leading out of the town, most of the new property has "filled in" gaps of available land within the town itself. There is a fair sized Council estate of good houses and bungalows with modern amenities and gardens and the newest of the Council houses are provided with car access.

There is a new estate of privately owned houses which have been built on land which until 6 years ago belonged to the church - hence its name "Glebelands". These houses have been individually designed for the owners and have been pleasantly provided with trees and shrubs.

There is also a fair size caravan site which is on land owned by a local farmer and which provides homes for many of the younger couples who would find it difficult to obtain houses or other accommodation.



The Caravan Site.



"Blackthorn" - now in process of alteration.



"Pinfold" - a Colt bungalow erected in 1965
on the site of the village pound.



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on the site of the village pound.



The Grange.



Sandfords House
Re-roofing with
original slates



"Turnings", a modern
house in New Inn Lane,
also showing the very
magnificent Chestnut
(Conker) tree.



Commencement of new houses in New Inn Lane,
towards the end of 1965.



Shop and living accommodation — built next
door to the Primary School.

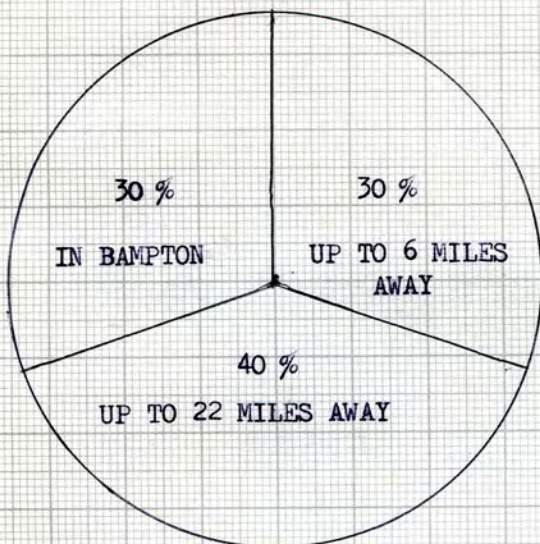


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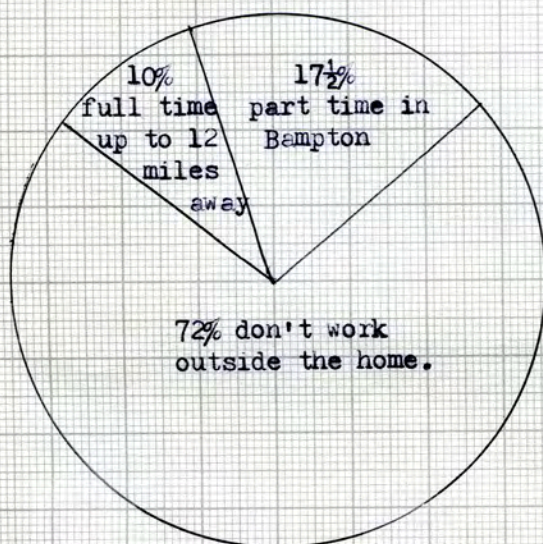


Shop and living accommodation - built next door to the Primary School.

EMPLOYMENT



MEN



WOMEN

OCCUPATIONS

From a questionnaire answered by 30% of families to whom it was sent occupations appear roughly as follows:

Farmers	10%
Smallholders	2½%
Mechanical Engineers	2½%
Plumbers	2½%
Carpenters	5%
Retired	7½%

The remainder are:

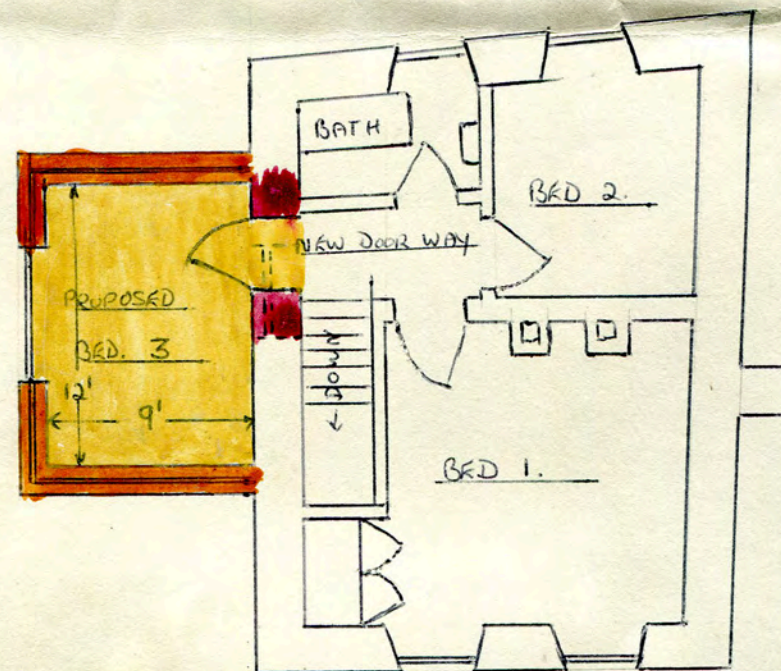
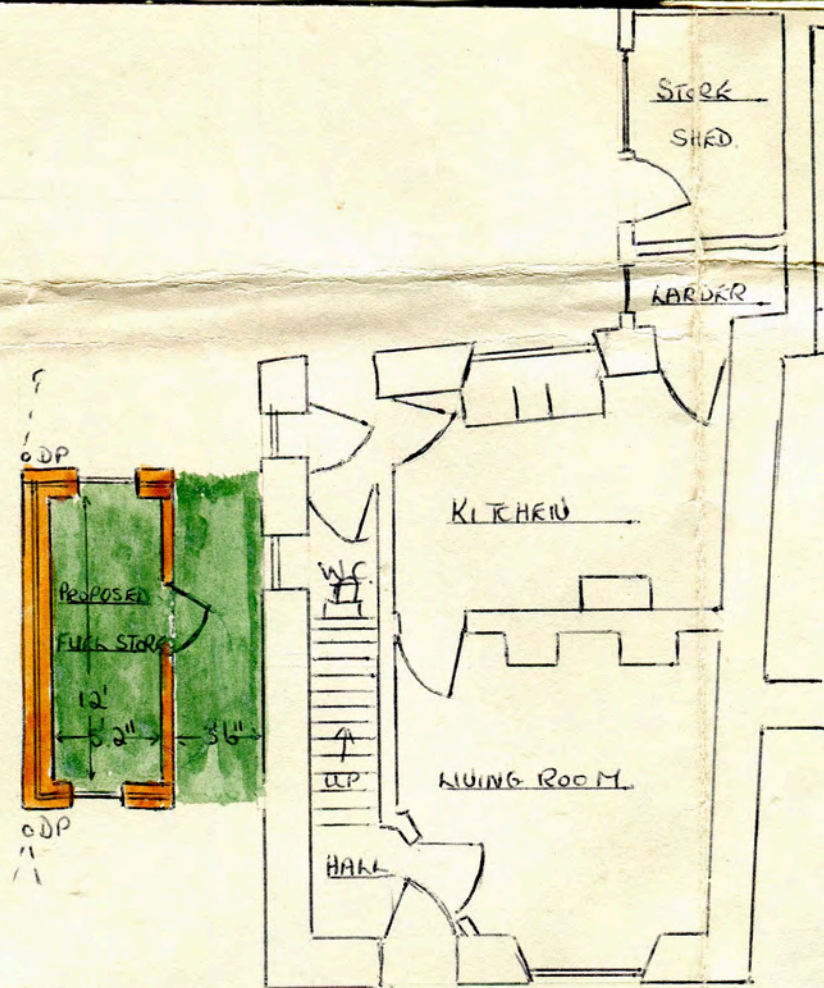
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Coach Operator
Electrician
Labourer
Self employed
Metal worker
Manager
Bank Clerk
Private Gardener
Welder
Police Constable
Lorry driver
Estate Agent
Civil Servant
Upholsterer
Managing Director
Engineering Inspector
Doctor

The women who work follow various occupations, i.e.:

Antique shop
Shop assistant
School Canteen
Housework
School Auxiliary
Clerical Assistant
Comptometer operator
Cleaner



LIME TREE HOUSE



SCALE 8 Feet to 1 inch

PROPOSED FUEL STORE and BEDROOM to COTTAGE AT BUCKLAND ROAD, BAMPTON

This cottage in Buckland Road was originally converted from an old Chapel into a dwelling house. The extension consisting of an additional bedroom and fuel store were added in 1965.

THE BATTLEFIELD

This 7 acre field was the site of a Romano British village. Bones and artifacts were excavated when the main drain was taken across the field, and in 1964, when the present building was begun, the skeleton of a Romano British boy of about 11 years old was uncovered. The bones are now in the Primary School.

It is almost certain that this field takes its name from a skirmish which took place on 27th April, 1649, when Royalists returning from Woodstock, were overtaken by Cromwells men in the fields on the outskirts of Bampton-in-the-Bush. The name is not marked in any way, but Bamptonians have always called it the Battlefield.

This year 35 Army Married Quarters have been built on the Battlefield; the occupants are servicemen employed at the Signals Camp at Weald, and their families, and the streets are to be appropriately named after Mercury and Hermes.



The final crop.



Skeleton of Romano British Boy.

Antoninus Pius, A.D. 138-61.

Mint of Rome.

Bronze as with the reverse

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(Senatus Consulto).

Struck A.D. 154-5.

Britannia seated on a rock

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Roman victories in Britain.



THE BATTLEFIELD



Commencement of building at the beginning of 1965.



Completed buildings are then seen at the end of 1965.



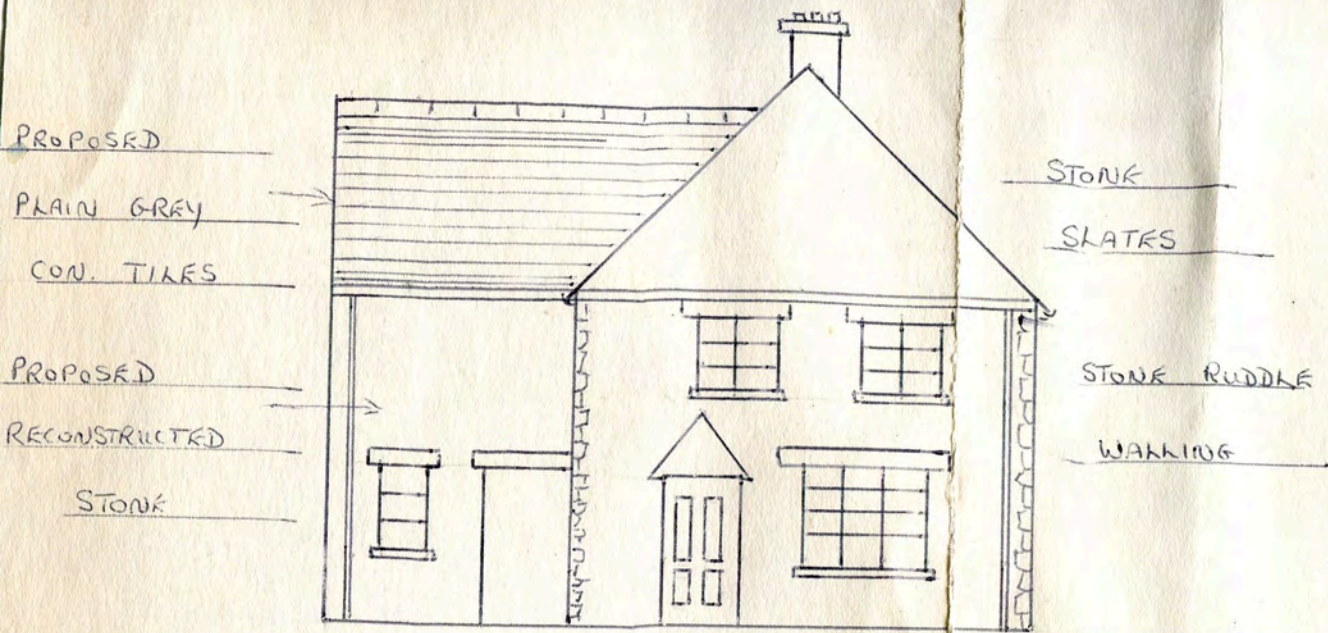
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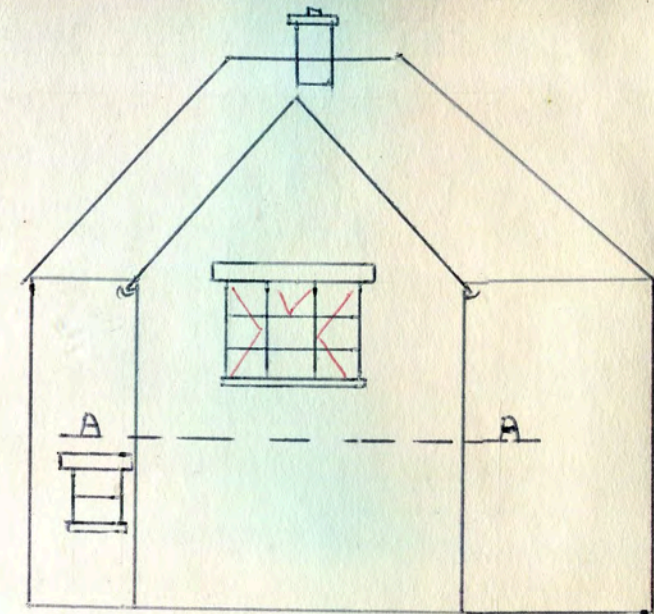
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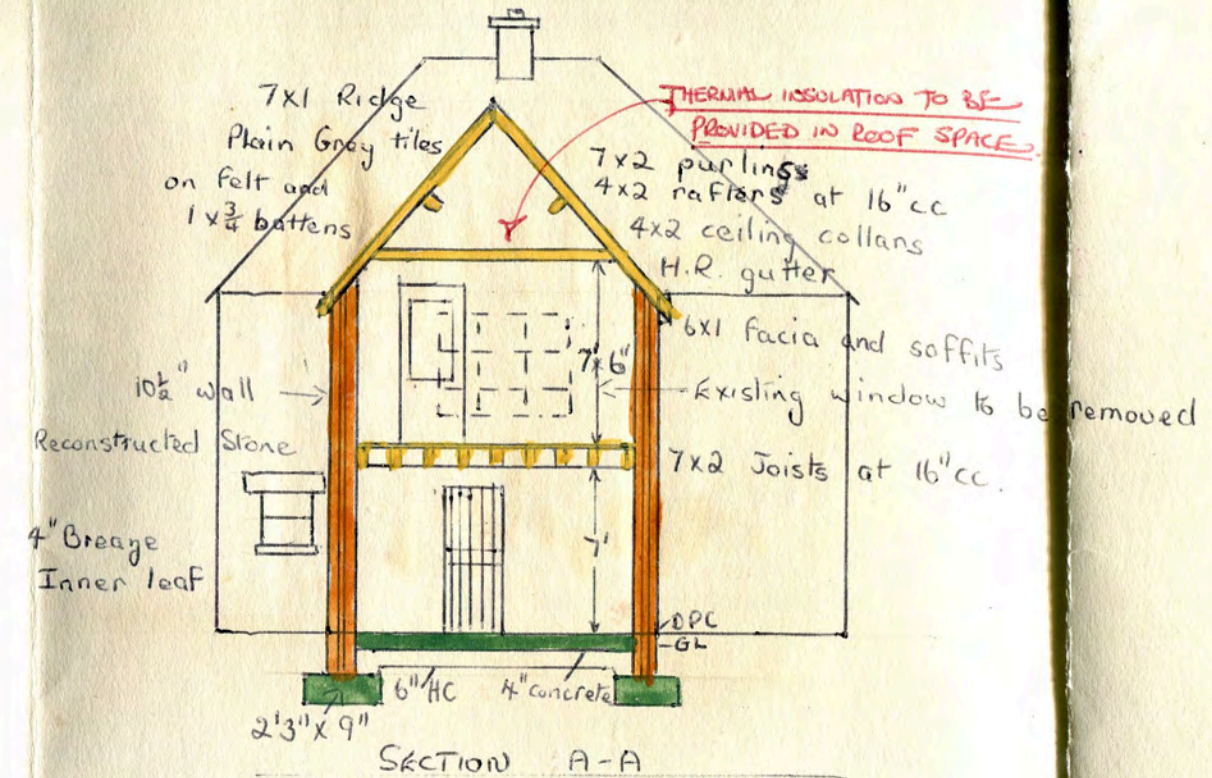




FRONT ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION



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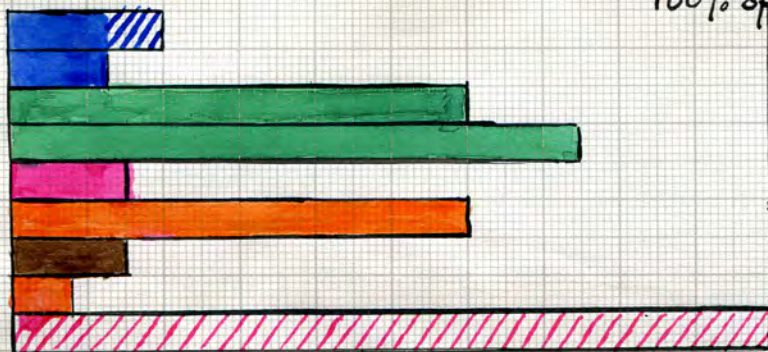
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FOOD

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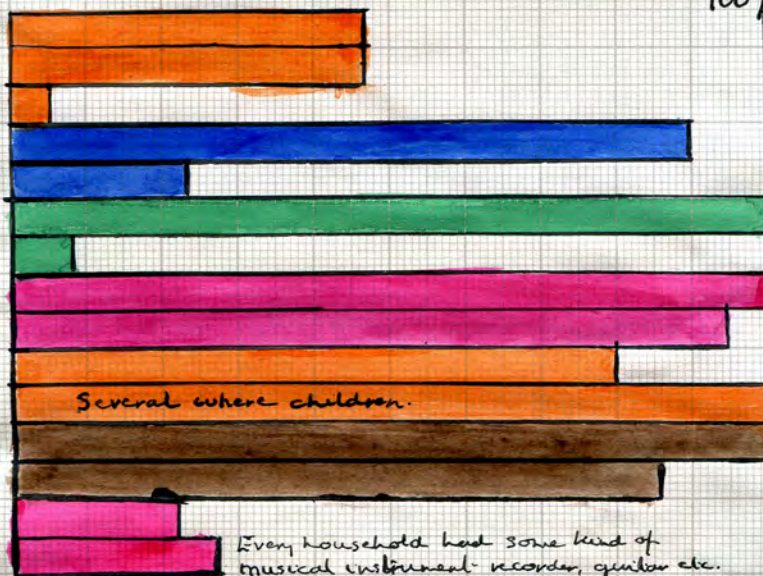


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HOME AMENITIES

100% of households.

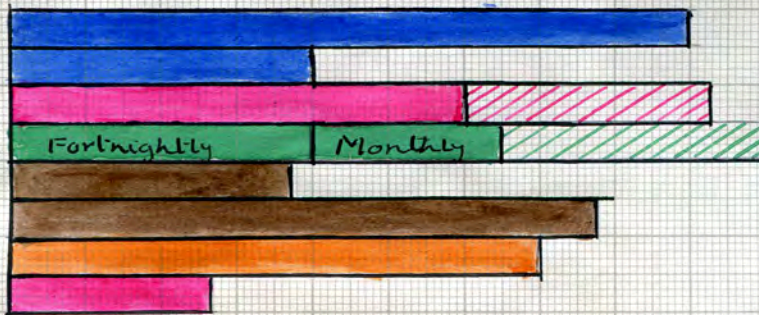
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Washing M/c.
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Sewing M/c.
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Piano.



HEALTH.

100% of housewives

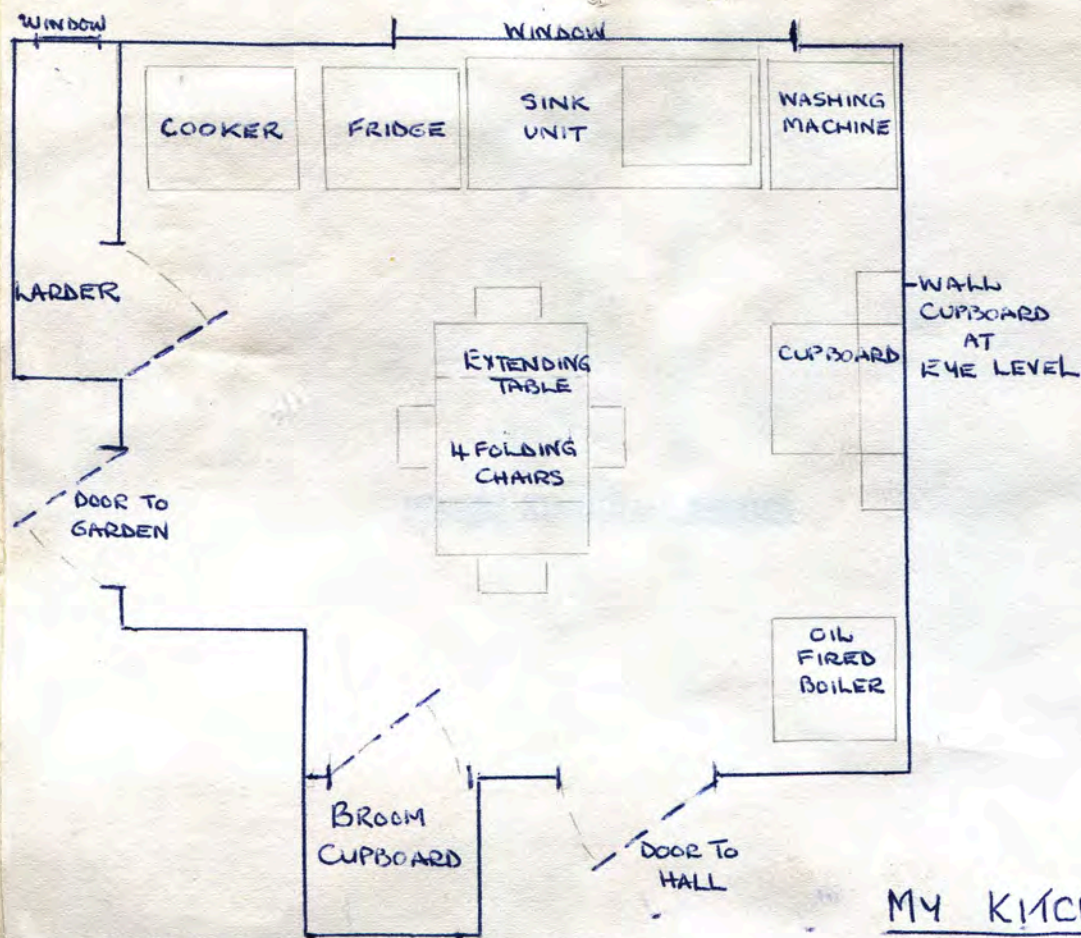
Take aspirin
" Laxatives
Visit the dentist
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Smoke
Husband smokes
At least one member of family wears glasses.
House visited by doctor during past 6 months



HOUSING

100%

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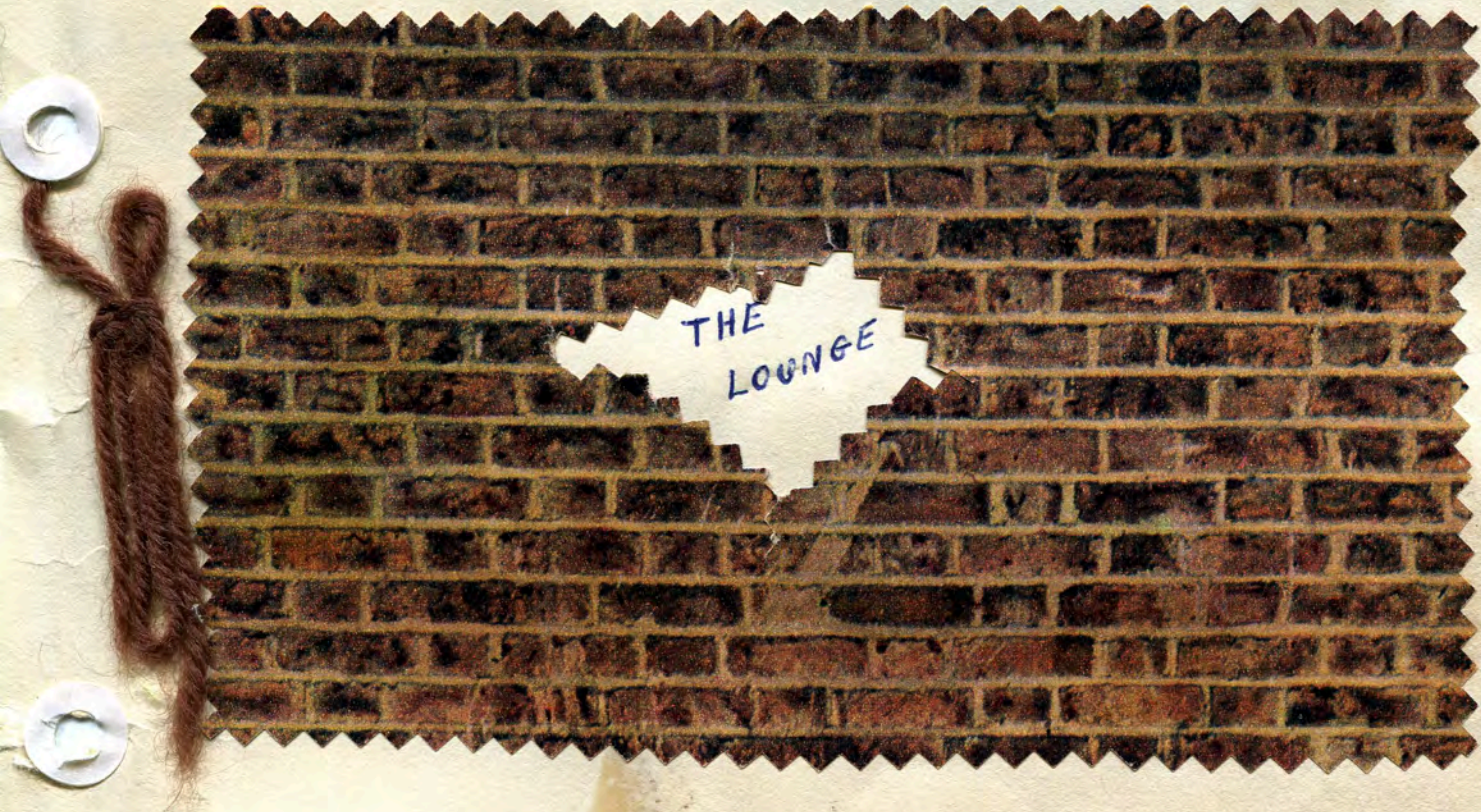


DINING ROOM
AND
LOUNGE FABRIC
AND WALLPAPER.

November 3rd. 1965.

Competition.

Photo or drawing of a room in my house (with
patterns if possible).

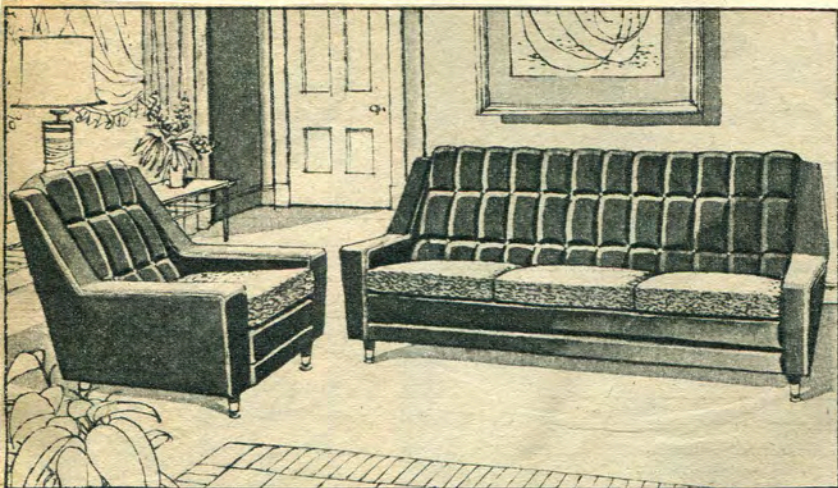


"Marloes,"

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Lebus

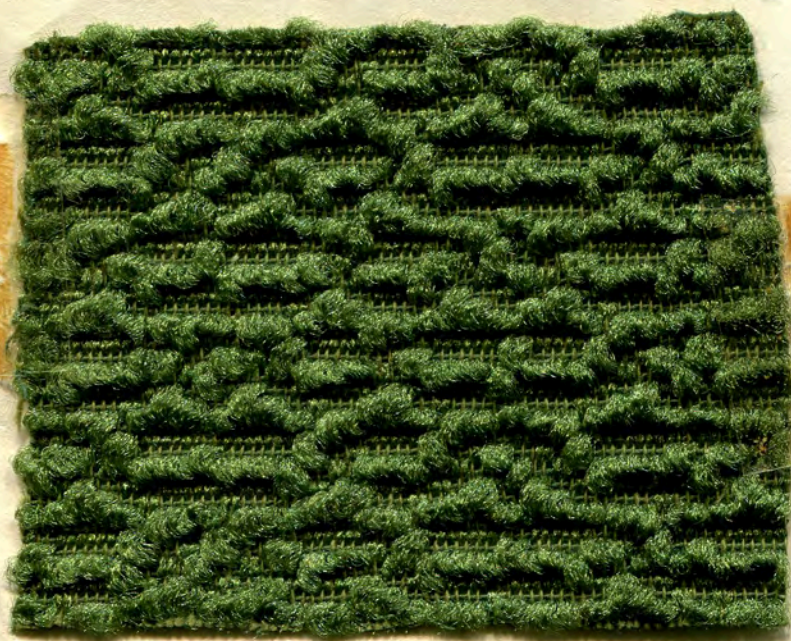


The Beaufort Suite A beautiful modern suite reflecting the best in international design. Luxury-class hide effect in smooth Superlon; cushions either matching or in contrasting soft covers. 3-seater settee about £61 10s. Easy chairs about £33 6s. each.

Lebus Suite. Covered in moss green Superlon with cushions covered in green nylon as pattern.

This nylon at £2.50 per yard was used to cover seats of dining chairs to match. Loose cushions yellow and coral

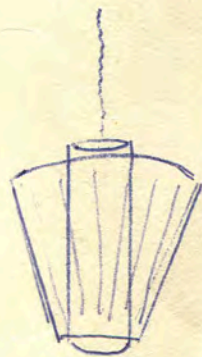
Lighting



3 Wall lights
white opaque
half cylinder
on wooden base



2 Ceiling lights
cylinder as wall
lights with amber
glass over-shade



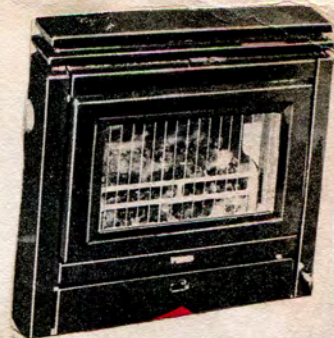
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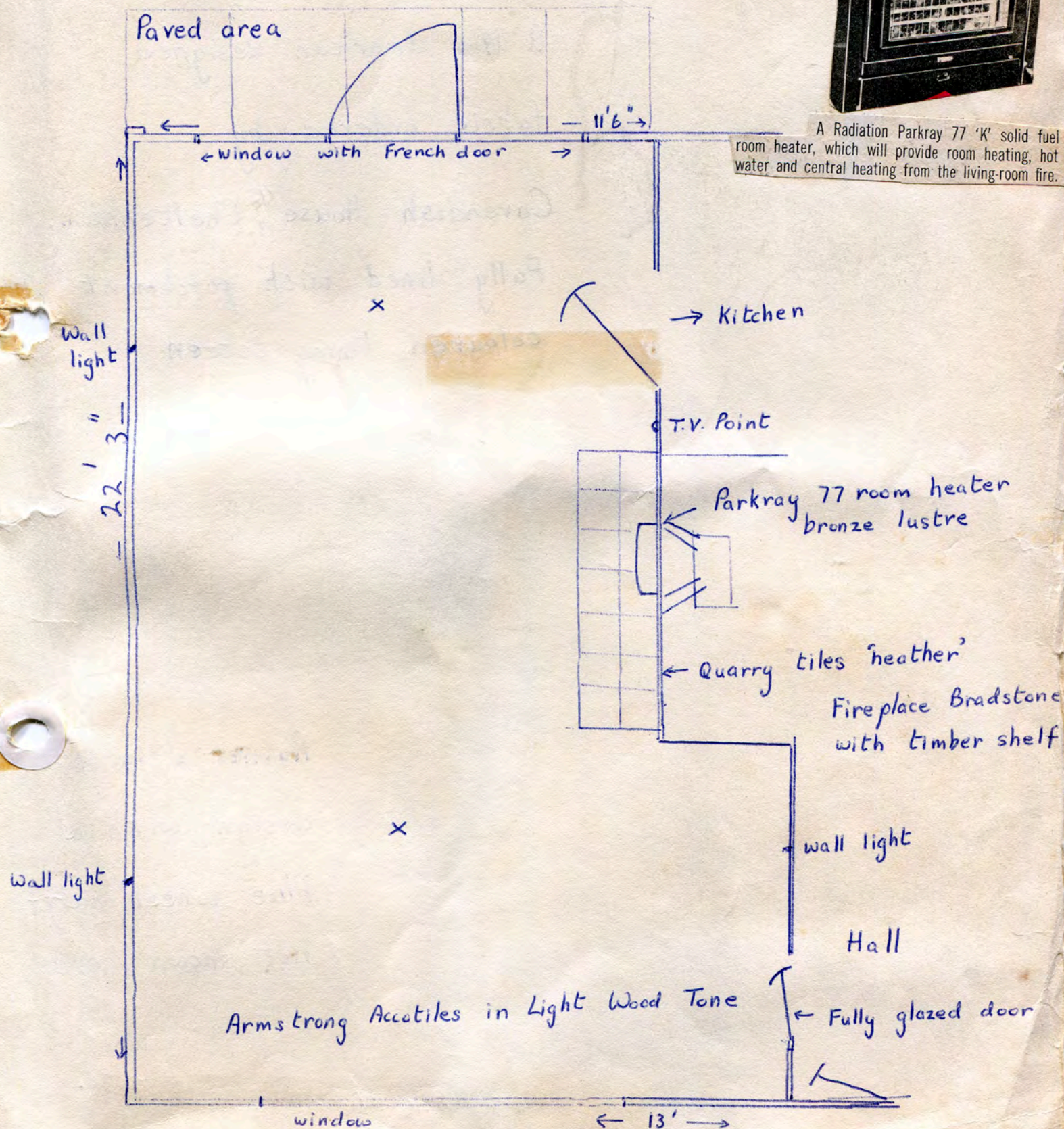
Floor surface - light wood tone

Standard Lamp
Coral shade.

SCALE 3ft. to 1inch



A Radiation Parkray 77 'K' solid fuel room heater, which will provide room heating, hot water and central heating from the living-room fire.



Curtains (see pattern)

A 1964 American designed
fabric ordered by

Cavendish House, Cheltenham.

Fully lined with parchment
coloured lining sateen



Rather a large
design with a
blue wheel motif
not shown here

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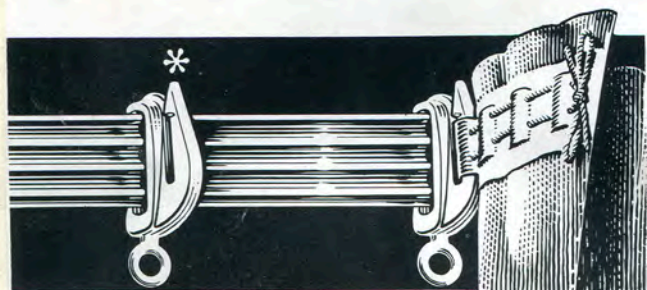


Carpet underlay "Tredaire"

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Light Wood Grain.

Carpet
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the unique no - pelmet curtain rail

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this snap-over glidehook is the special
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slip hooks into tape and snap them on
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a complete unit—no hooks to buy.
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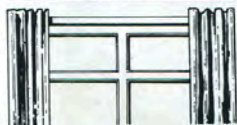
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light, strong aluminium rail, anodised
for **permanent** good looks.



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When curtains are open, you
just see the rail — neat,
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light to your curtain line.



... now you don't

With curtains closed, rail and
fittings are invisible. Curtains
appear suspended in space —
perfectly.



IN CONCLUSION

Bampton seems to have no history - no famous sons. Its inhabitants have lived quiet, uneventful lives for centuries, notable only for their lack of enterprise.

Families like the Tanners, Greens, Buckinghams and Smiths have followed their fathers' occupations for generations. The professional and upper classes have not been so contented and few have remained in Bampton for any length of time. Indeed, nearly all the bigger houses have changed hands since the Second World War, some of them more than once. This may be the reason that Bampton has no acknowledged leaders. Lack of continuity at the Vicarage (3 Vicars in 10 years) may also have contributed to this, but the Colville family has been at Weald Manor since 1925 and holds a special place in the affections of the villagers.

The picture which emerges from this scrap-book is of a village full of autonomous activities, each of which has its own following. As long as the leader remains in the village the activity prospers. When he leaves it may go into a period of eclipse until someone else comes forward and the activity springs to life once more. This is particularly true of youth activities which rely so much on good leadership. It is not true to say "Nothing ever happens in Bampton" - truer to say it comes and goes.

Apathy is a strong characteristic of the Bamptonians. Whether it be the answering of a questionnaire or voting at the Parish Council elections, a 30% response is all that can be expected.

Our expectations, fears and hopes have proved to be very much the same things. We expect that the village will grow and become a dormitory town, indeed with the increase in car-ownership and consequent decrease of reliance on the poor public transport facilities, this is already happening.

Some of us fear that this will bring an end to the security of belonging to a community where everyone knows everyone else and there is always a neighbour to help you in your hour of need.

Others hope that it will bring increased trade and more fun for the young. Some are sad to see the poor quality of modern architecture and building in the village, the urbanisation which garish street lamps and well-made pavements bring - others welcome them as signs of progress.

We have tried in this book to give a balanced picture of our village in 1965. Even a small community such as ours is so complex that amateurs can only make a haphazard collection of factual information, but we have learnt much in making the collection and can only hope that it may prove of some interest to future generations.

Around the Oxford countryside with S. P. B. Mais

BAMPTON STILL HAS NIGHTLY CURFEW

Customs of its own—and big drainage grievance

BAMPTON owes a great deal to its splendid isolation, to the fact that it was formerly roadless, a region of thickets, literally Bampton-in-the-Bush.

It owes to this isolation its unbroken continuity of tradition and custom in which it is richer than any other place of its size in the country.

Every night of the year curfew is still rung from the church at 7.55, followed by the date or calendar bell which rings out the day of the month.

On Shrove Tuesday, at noon, the pancake or pudding bell is rung to remind housewives that it is pancake day.

The annual horse fair, inaugurated in the reign of Edward I, is still held on August 26.

Every year at Christmas the mummers, in their medieval dress, go from house to house acting the ancient play of St. George and the Dragon.

The Ancient Order of Junketry turn out annually in great strength for the wheelbarrow race from one end of the town to the other, in which competitors, dressed in nightgowns, wheel their partners to each of the 11 pubs in turn and there drink a full pint of ale before they change places and continue the hazardous perambulation.

600 YEARS OF DANCING

The Bampton Morris Dancers have danced their own traditional dances every Whit Monday for over 600 years.

Francis Shergold, the head gardener at Weald Manor, showed me some of his dancing clothes.

"I am known as the Squire and bagman," he said proudly, "and my team consists of nine—six dancers, a clown or fool, an old fiddler and a collector who carries the ceremonial cake in a silver container impaled on a sword."

"If you manage to snatch a

once a year, on Whit Monday, but we go round to dance with other clubs—Abingdon, Headington, the City of Oxford and University of Oxford—during the summer.

"On Whit Monday we dance right through the streets all the morning and in the afternoon dance in the gardens of private houses."

Another ancient custom observed on the same day is the



Mr. F. Shergold, squire and bagman of the Morris dancers.

procession of garlanded children who collect withies, bend them into hoops which they decorate with wild flowers, and then march round the town from eight in the morning till noon.

Bampton is certainly to be congratulated on having been able to keep up so effortlessly its many precious and picturesque ancient customs, but isolation has its disadvantages.

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Hockey and publishing seem to go hand-in-hand in Bampton, a most unusual partnership.

Much that I saw in Mr. Owens' school is unusual: the headmaster's study, for instance, which was entirely built by the boys. "And whenever they come to see me they take jolly good care to see that I haven't scratched the paint off the walls," he said.

He took me to see the very well furnished school library and the capacious school hall.

"This is the meeting place," he said, "of our famous debating society and of the girls' club. We also have folk dancing classes here on Wednesdays, woodwork classes, dairying and dressmaking classes, and I have just started a choral society."

"The school seems to be the focal point of all the aesthetic and cultural activities," I said. "Isn't it the obvious place?" he replied.

EXQUISITE SPIRE

From the school I went to the church. St. Mary's is a cathedral in little. Its slender, exquisitely proportioned 13th century spire rises to a height of 170ft., standing out above the tall elms, stone houses and surrounding water-meadows. At each corner of the tower are flying buttresses supporting life-size figures of saints, standing like sentinels.

It is one of the loftiest, lightest and best-kept churches that I have seen and contains, among other treasures, a 15th century Easter sepulchre, a 15th century stone reredos, a Tudor iron chest and an effigy of Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Bampton Castle, who fought at Agincourt.

The Vicar, the Rev. C. C. Kelway, told me that he had already raised £1,300 of the £2,000 required to repair the roof.

"Bampton people," he said, "give readily. They have lately given £800 towards the organ and windows. Bampton is the birthplace of Leofric, first Bishop of Exeter, which explains why the living is in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter."

"All religious denominations thrive here. We have a Methodist and a Baptist Chapel, and the Catholics use a room in the Eagle Inn for their services."

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side and have had Americans from Brize Norton, officers of the Oxford Union, our local M.P. and leading Communists.

"This month John Cripps opposed Com. A. B. Brown, Deputy Mayor of Oxford, so it is perhaps not surprising that we sometimes get as many as three coachloads of visitors from Oxford."

TWO MILES TO STATION

Mr. M. John, the station-master, explained why the station was two miles from Bampton.

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market square every morning taking the girls to Smith's instrument factories, the Witney blanket mills, and the men to work on maintenance at Brize Norton.

"Some go to Pressed Steel and Morris's and some, of course, work in the shops."

STARS

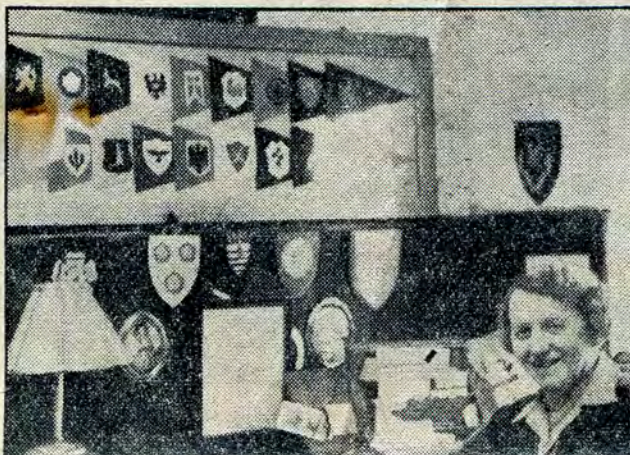
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currant from the cake you will have good luck for a year. Originally it was not a cake, but a buck which we had the right to kill in Wychwood Forest on that day.

"We dance to 27 tunes in all, including 'The Willow Tree' and 'Green Garters,' and everybody at Bampton knows them by heart. All the same, it is difficult to get the youngsters to join.

"Our famous fiddler, 'Jinky' Wells, is dead, and his successor, Mr. Clark is over 70. We usually begin rehearsals about five weeks beforehand."

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She showed me several pamphlets and illustrated books that she has lately published on lacrosse and hockey for girls, and her office is decorated with the multi-coloured badges of all international hockey teams.

At the other end of the town, in the study of Mr J. L. Owens, the headmaster of the Senior School, I got another sidelight on Bampton's interest in hockey.

The walls were lined with photographs of girls' hockey elevens of the last five or six years.

GREAT TRADITION

"I'm specially proud of those," said Mr. Owens. "Ours is an all-age school of 260, and our children's ages range from five to 15. We have a great tradition in hockey, and that team at which you are looking had an unbeaten record that year except for a defeat by the Cheltenham Ladies' College under 15's."

"As I have only about 40 girls to choose from you can see that they are as keen as mustard. But between November and March our ground is better fitted for water polo than hockey. It's pretty well always waterlogged. Our most pressing need is for new playing fields."

"And a drainage scheme," I reminded him.

"Oh! they've told you about that," he said. "I'm chairman of the playing fields and we've already got a grant from the Playing Fields Association. But we must have a dry ground for our boys and girls to play on."

BOYS TEACH FOOTBALL

"I send my boys up to the American school at Brize Norton to teach them to play English football, and we've made good friends up there, but we want to invite them back. We must have playing fields fit to play on, both when they're at school and after they leave."

"Our men's football team are well up in the Witney and



Mr. Wesley Jones

District League, and our cricket team play Merton College Barnacles, so you can see that the sporting spirit is alive enough. We must have a dry ground."

Mr. Owens' school is decidedly go-ahead, not only in games. He showed me a copy of "The Bamptonian," a most attractive school magazine which is not only written and edited by the school, but actually printed and published by the children.

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Brownies are all active, and there is a young men's social club which meets in the old Grammar School.

"Most of our activities are held in the W.I. Hall, which holds about 100."

"They have square dances there on Fridays, whist drives on Tuesdays, badminton on Thursdays, a cinema on Mondays, and the W.I., who have a membership of 80, meet once a month, on Wednesdays."

THE TOWN HALL

"What about the Town Hall?"

"It consists of a fire engine station, a public lavatory and a bus shelter. It's not beautiful. We're not proud of it, but it does contain a clock in the tower which keeps time."

Mr. Wesley Jones told me of another social activity of which Bampton is justly proud.

"Bampton Debating Society," he said, "was founded in 1936 and is now acknowledged to be the most flourishing society of its kind in rural England. We meet once a month in the school dining hall and attendances vary from 80 to 120."

"We get speakers from out-

There are very few buses. There are seven trains each way on weekdays and one on Sundays.

"The Americans use the line a lot, and the schoolchildren and 40 or 50 Bamptonians go into Oxford on Saturdays."

"On the other hand, we are kept busy with freight, particularly with coal, coke, sugar beet, grain, agricultural machinery and stores for the Americans."

"We have six special freight trains for the Americans every week. We are proud of the fact that automatic train controls were first used on this Fairford branch in 1907 and have been in use ever since."

INDUSTRIES

Mr. John told me about the local industries.

"There used to be a tannery," he said, "but that's gone. There are ten farms, one of them at Ham Court, which stands on the site of Bampton Castle."

"Mr. Wilkins, of Coal Pit Farm, has one of the biggest dryers in the country. I suppose agriculture employs about 50 of the population."

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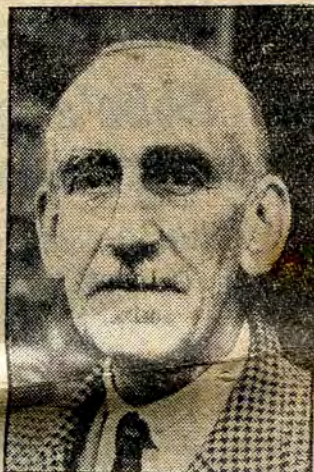
HUGE HANDKERCHIEF

She showed me some sacred pictures worked in silk and wool by her mother when she was 12, and a huge handkerchief, 3ft. square, bearing the date 1769, with picturesque prints of sedan chairs and Thames barges round the border, the body of the fabric being taken up with a table of distances between all the principal towns in the Kingdom.

I was told that the Ashmolean are very interested in this heirloom, as they might well be.

Mrs. P. M. Colville, of Weald Manor, told me that Bampton still has a thatcher, Mr. Tanner, who is scarcely ever at home as he is so busy thatching all over Berkshire and Oxfordshire, that there are still excellent carpenters and stone masons, one saddler, and one shepherd, Mr. Raddband, who is over 90.

Col. J. J. Powell, churchwarden, told me that the bowling club which meets on Mrs. Colville's lawn is extremely



Col. J. J. Powell, churchwarden, who will be remembered by old soldiers as Adjutant of the Depot, Cowley Barracks, about 35 years ago.

active, winning ten matches last season, and that the badminton club is flourishing.

"I should say that we are quite a lively community for our size," he said. "The British Legion is nearly 100 strong and there is also a women's section who organise lectures and social gatherings."

The colonel turned my attention to the tunefulness of the church bells. "We have," he said, "a wonderful peal of eight bells and everybody wishes we could hear them more often."

TWO BUSES DAILY

As I stood in the market place waiting for my return bus (there are only two a day) I was struck both by the silence and the beauty. It was still afternoon, but there was scarcely any movement; just a tram being wheeled and two lorries full of sugar beet passed by.

Spying a fellow creature standing in the porch of the Talbot Inn, I wandered over and put the inevitable question.

"What is Bampton's most urgent need?" I asked.

He slowly took his pipe out of his mouth and pointed it at the grey stone building that occupies the centre of the square.

"See that?" he asked. "That, believe it or not, is our Town Hall. It ought to be blown up. We're genuine antiques at Bampton. That isn't it's bogus. Blow it up, I say. It's a blot on the landscape, a disgrace to the town."

Town halls don't seem to be popular in Oxfordshire.

Next Friday: Bloxham.

CHILDREN



BABYHOOD IN 1965

We never had things so good when my children were born. The times I have heard that since my daughter arrived, and I must agree entirely. The modern baby is very lucky - so much has been done to ensure her health and well being. Even before birth, the mother is advised on anything that might affect her child and constant check ups with doctor and hospital keep her fit and healthy.

I attended relaxation classes before the birth of my baby, where not only did I learn the art of relaxation and anti-natal exercises, but everything about the birth of a baby and the care after birth. I found it very interesting to meet other mothers-to-be and the knowledge and general chatter did much to ease my nervousness. Sharon Susan decided to wait until she was a fortnight overdue before she made her appearance. She was born at Chipping Norton hospital, where we were both very well looked after; I'd never been in hospital before but the general friendliness soon put me at ease. I stayed there for 10 days which enabled me to recover sufficiently to cope when I came home. I say cope, but really it was just a muddle along for a few weeks. I never thought I'd catch up - a baby seemed to take up so much time. Right from the start Sharon was a good baby. She very rarely had to have a night feed, apparently some hospitals used to wake them for a 2 a.m. feed but at Chipping Norton if they slept they were left asleep and Sharon luckily kept up the habit.

I'd never had anything to do with babies before so naturally I read all the books available and sent for dozens of leaflets, but I think this left me more confused than ever as every one was entirely different. I now go to the Welfare Clinic every fortnight and find that this is where the most helpful information comes from.

I only fed Sharon for a few weeks myself and I expected difficulty in getting her to take a bottle. However, no trouble at all. I find a "Free-flo" bottle easiest to use and keep clean. Right from the beginning we had a separate room for Sharon and never made a fuss when it was bed time, just off with the light and she was soon asleep. For the first few months she slept in a Carry-Cot and I found this a very valuable piece of equipment. It just fits into our car nicely and she loves a ride. Most of my baby things were presents, but anything I had to buy myself I bought from "Mothercare" in Oxford. Here they sell absolutely everything that a mother-to-be or baby could want and I found the assistants extremely helpful. One thing that amazed me was the awful price of nappies, so I bought a few good ones and made up the number with cheaper one. This was a false economy as the difference is very marked now.

Not only is the 1965 baby lucky, so also is the mother. There are so many good baby foods on the market to save cooking, and babies clothes have never been so easy to keep nice. I find that a good many dresses are made of drip-dry material which dries in a very short time and needs little or no ironing.

Sharon started on solids at 6 weeks and was eating quite a wide variety a few weeks later. I have a Mouli-baby mincer which is not only just the job for sieving food to just the right consistency for babies, but also a handy gadget for making perfect apple sauce and fruit puree for adults. One ready prepared food which I found useful is Robinsons Instant Foods. These are in powder form and are easier to use when starting a new taste for baby as they keep so well when you only want a small quantity.



During these first 6 months Sharon was quite content to lay in her pram most of the day, and she was out in the air as much as possible. Her first smile was when she was 5 weeks and by 4 months she had a hearty chuckle. From 4 months onwards her main joy was in rolling over and over. From that age she had her little bath in our big one, but before this I used to bath her in her own room. I had a low folding bed which was just right for me to sit on and i now use it for dressing, nappy changing etc. I was shown a very good way of folding nappies which gives all the thickness where it is needed. These I line with a "Kleenex for Men" tissue - these are very strong when wet and save any soiled nappies, All nappies go into a bucket of cold water with alittle Milton added and are washed once a day with Lux flakes. I use Lux for all Sharons washing as, not only does it keep her clothes soft, but also my hands! The Milton solution saves having to boil. I also used Milton to sterilise the bottle - I had a plastic bowl at the side of the sink to keep this in and I changed the solution every 24 hours, the old lot going into the nappy bucket.

So many people seem to think that a baby must take up all my time, but it honestly doesn't. I think it might, but a bit of organisation and a rough schedule help to lighten the load. All Sharons things are kept in one room and all various types of clothing are kept together. I change her clothes very often, as it is much easier to rinse through a garment than to have to rub and rub if it is too soiled. Any clothes I choose myself I make sure are simple to wash and iron. I use plastic pants to keep the sheets dry and have tried several kinds. The ones which I think are neatest are those which are generally used with disposable nappies and have press studs instead of elastic. They fit much better and are not nearly so bulky and do not restrict movements at all. One other item I am glad to have is a "Baby-gro" suit. This is all in one piece of stretch material and actually grows with the baby. It washes and dries like a dream.

These are some of the
rhymes the children
use for skipping games.

The examples were
written by girls in
the Senior class at
the Primary School.

Jelly On The Plate.

Jelly on the plate,
Jelly on the plate,
Wiggle, Woggle, Wiggle, Woggle
Jelly on the plate.

Sixpence on the floor,
Sixpence on the floor,
Pick it up, pick it up,
Sixpence on the floor.

Apple on the tree,
Apple on the tree,
Pick it off, pick it off,
Apple on the tree.

Burglar in the house,
Burglar in the house,
Kick him out, kick him out,
Burglar in the house.

Queen, Queen Caroline,

Dipped her hair in turpentine,

Turpentine made it shine,

She got married to a

Tinker, tailor, soldier, sailor, Richman,

Poorman, Beggarman, thief, tinker etc.

Sharon has started having her vaccinations, a very good thing I am sure. In a few months I have changed from a nervous new mother to a confident one knowing that babies are much tougher than I had imagined and that there is always help nearby if needed. Just after I'd had Sharon the Matron of the hospital said to me "I hope that you will always be friends, as well as Mother and Daughter" and this is something I hope that I will not forget. I don't want to spoil her, but I'm sure that plenty of love is one of the best things in the world.

Sharon is now 10 months old and quite a few changes have taken place. At 6 months she did us proud by winning her class at a local baby show and that was also the day we discovered she could sit up for a few seconds. This was one thing I'd been dying to happen although it was another 2 months before she could get herself into a sitting position without assistance. At six months also her first 2 teeth appeared. From 7 months she ate more or less the same as us; she has quite a good appetite and luckily isn't at all fussy. A typical menu now is

Breakfast	8-0 a.m.	Cereal, egg or bacon & tomato
Dinner	12-30 p.m.	Meat or fish with at least two vegetables or a cheese dish. Fruit or milk pudding.
	3-30 to 4-0 p.m.	Vitamin C drink with biscuit or rusk.
Tea	5-30 p.m.	Egg, if not for breakfast. Toast or sandwiches of marmite, honey or cream cheese. Sometimes fish, fruit or cake.

She eats a little chocolate sometimes, but not too near meal times.

She is still a good baby, and now she has a play pen which she plays in quite contentedly, her favourite toys being old boxes and paper.

In the past few months we have done quite a lot of travelling. Our car is only a two seater so we fix the carry cot behind our seats to make it safe and comfortable and she can sit if she doesn't want to sleep. She is a good traveller and seems to enjoy the ride.

The only thing she has seemed slow in was drinking from a cup and this used to worry me until I bought a "Doidy" cup and then all of a sudden she got the knack and by 9 months was completely off the bottle.

I find that Sharon knows what I am saying now and is getting fun to play with. I only have to say "Pat-a-cake" and she starts clapping her hands furiously. Her top teeth are just beginning to come through but don't seem to be worrying her too much. We have never been bothered with sleepless nights. Sharon can stand now and work her way around a chair whilst holding on to the seat.

If I have any more children it would be foolish to expect them to be as good as Sharon, but one never knows! Even though she's a good baby she isn't dull, just happy and contented with a very sweet disposition and a hint of cheekiness.

INFANT WELFARE CLINIC

The Bampton Infant Welfare Clinic is held in the W.I.Hall on the 2nd and 4th Thursday in each month. It is attended by mothers of Bampton and surrounding villages. A doctor, Health Visitor and 4 voluntary helpers attend regularly. Babies are weighed and may be immunised against whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, diphtheria and small pox.

Mothers may also buy certain foods at special prices, such as

Ostermilk	3/2d.
Delrosa (rosehip syrup)	1/9d.
Adexolin (vitamin drops)	10d.
Ovaltine	2/-d.
Horlicks	4/6d.
Marmite	1/9d.

There are 187 children on the register, 67 of whom were born during 1965, 32 girls and 35 boys, 4 sets of twins, two sets born in 1965. One twin died in its second year.

The most popular boys name appears to be Paul, there being 9 boys so named, and 4 girls are named Helen. The average attendance has been

34 babies under 1 year
10 babies between 1 and 2 years
5 over 2 years

POPULATION

The population figures show a large increase over the last few years, i.e.

1951	1325 people
1961	1427 "
1965	1650 "

The Electoral Roll for 1966, compiled during 1965, gives the names of 904 electors.

The Primary School register contains the names of 170 pupils.

In 1915 there were 20 burials in Bampton cemetary, including 7 octogenarians and 1 nonogenarian. The average age was 66.

In 1965 there were 12, the oldest person being 79 and the average age only 55. Cremation is being increasingly used.

In 1915 there were 20 baptisms at St. Mary's, in 1965 there were 12.

SOME OF THE ADVANTAGES OF EDUCATION IN BAMPTON IN 1965

1965 has brought an Educational revolution to Bampton.

The Secondary School has been closed and pupils over the age of 11 years have been transferred to the Witney Secondary School.

It has been said that the disadvantages of the rural school are smallness of size, absence of varied equipment and activities which are usually found in large schools. Where schools are very small a policy of closure and amalgamation is frequently being adopted and this is meeting with opposition from those who value the special family character of the village school.

Bampton is fortunate in having a go-ahead Primary School which is now in its fifth year. The education of Infants and Juniors is very different from, say, ten years ago. Lessons are presented to the children in the form of games. The child is learning while he thinks he is playing. Group teaching has started this year in the infant section whereby children in the age group five to seven years are being taught in the same classroom, in small groups, with an auxilliary teacher in charge of the art and play group, enabling the teachers to give their undivided attention to the Mathematics and Language groups. In the year of 1965 pupils at the Primary School are still taking the eleven plus examination to decide whether they are best suited to Grammar School or Secondary Modern School education. This will give way to a more acceptable form of selection in the very near future.

After completing their fourth year of Secondary Education pupils have an opportunity either of staying on at the School to complete their studies or transferring to the local Technical College.

At the Technical College they may follow a G.C.E. Course, or take a training in a specialist subject according to their chosen career, e.g. Business Studies, Agriculture or Engineering.



Secondary & Grammar School children boarding their special bus for Witney.



The Secondary Modern School which closed in July, 1965.

Week in London for Bampton children

On Thursday, July 8, 28 children from class five of the Bampton C. of E. Primary School went by coach to London to stay at the University of London Goldsmiths College for a joint field study week.

The children, who left Bampton yesterday morning, are staying at Blackheath Hostel.

Whilst in London they will visit the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, Covent Garden Market, Little Venice, Greenwich and Deptford, Apothecane's Guild and Southwark Cathedral.

Besides visiting these places of interest they will take a trip down the River Thames by launch, to see the London docks.



Primary School

The Headmaster and staff of Bampton Primary School are opening the school on the evening of Tuesday, November 23rd, for an Exhibition of Books. All parents and others interested are invited to attend. The books are all suitable for children and the exhibition may be of great help to parents and relations in solving the problem of what to buy for Christmas or birthdays.

Outside the Apothecaries Guild.
Photograph by Sheila Wilkins,
aged 10 years.

January, February, etc.

Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear spell GOODNIGHT.



Infant Home Corner - Primary School.



Bonfire Night!



Juniors.
Mathematics
and Library.

Study on 19th
Century
Agriculture



I know a girl who's double jointed,
Kissed a boy and made him disappointed,
Now, now Sarah I'll tell your mother,
For kissing Peter Cook around the corner,
How many kisses did you give him,
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc.

Unfortunately some of the teenagers in the village do not appear in a favourable light in the local press.

STOLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS

A 19 year old Bampton youth [redacted] at Witney Magistrates Court last Friday pleaded not guilty at first to stealing a wallet containing £4. He said at the time he was under the influence of drugs, and had been taking purple hearts and hashish.

BAMPTON YOUTH SENT FOR SENTENCE

[redacted] (18), of Bampton, who admitted at Witney on Friday stealing property worth £7 from a house in Bampton, was committed for sentence to Oxfordshire sessions.

He was charged with stealing a sword, an antique paper knife and a compass set between May 1 and July 16 and asked for one other offence, of stealing an ash-tray worth 2s., to be taken into consideration.

He admitted breaking a three-year probation order, imposed at Witney in February, 1964, for stealing petrol.

There are others, the majority we are thankful to say, who make the most of their opportunities. Both the Secondary School and the Grammar School create these opportunities - and the children are encouraged to travel widely in search of knowledge and enjoyment.

Groups of children, both boys and girls, spend several weeks of their school year living and working in entirely different surroundings in Patterdale (Lake District) and Tregoyd (Wales), making exchange visits to France and Germany, and ski-ing in Austria.



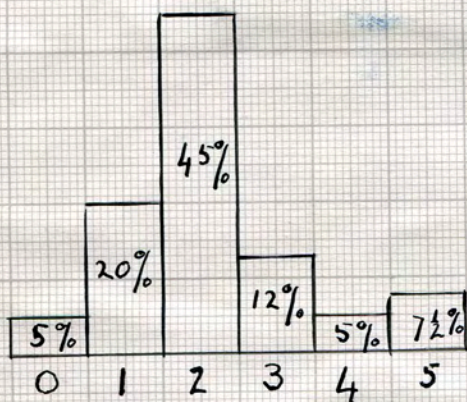






These paintings were
produced by children
in the Infants Department
of the Primary School.

Numbers of children per family



The Big Wheel

Built of Meccano by Keith Barney
and Fred Gerring.



WILD FLOWERS

Several members of the Women's Institute made collections of wild flowers throughout the year, and the following list was compiled from these books.

Daisy family

Daisy
Ox-eye daisy
Fever few
Scentless mayweed
Stinking mayweed
Wild Chamomile
Yarrow, pink & white
Hemp agrimony
Nipplewort
Common fleabane
Common bur-marigold
Corn marigold
Tansy
Coltsfoot
Common groundsel
Ragwort
Oxford ragwort
Spear thistle
Creeping thistle
Black knapweed
Greater knapweed
Mugwort
Cornflower
Wood burdock
Goats beard
Ox tongue
Cats ear
Sow thistle
Dandelion
Smooth hawksbeard
Mouse ear hawkweed
Hawkbit



The vice-president of Bampton W.I., Mrs. H. Pickard (left) watches while Mrs. M. K. Birch is judging the pressed flowers competition.

Mint Family

White dead nettle
Red dead nettle
Ground ivy
Hedge woundwort
Self heal
Greater skull cap
Wood belony
Bugle
Gypsy wort
Horse mint
Wild Thyme
Black horehound

Orchid Family

Early purple orchid
Common spotted orchid
Monkey orchid

Lily Family

Common Star of Bethlehem
Fritillary
Bluebell

Bindweed Family

Greater bindweed (Bellbine)
Small bindweed

Figwort Family

Large flowered mullein
Germander speedwell
Common speedwell
Water figwort
Ivy leaved toad flax
Yellow toad flax
Monkey flower

Teasel Family

Field scabious
Wild teasel

Wallflower Family

Watercress
Yellow rocket
Jack by the hedge
Shepherd's purse
Charlock
Hedge mustard
Lady's smock

Pink Family

Bladder campion
White campion
Mouse ear chickweed
Chickweed
Lesser Stitchwort
Greater Stitchwort
Ragged robin

Pea Family

White clover
Red clover
Hop trefoil
Tall melilot
Birds foot trefoil
Tuft vetch
Meadow vetchling
Field rest harrow
Bush vetch
Sanfoin
Black medick

Violet Family

Field pansy
Wild pansy
Sweet videt
Wood violet

Willowherb Family

Rosebay willowherb
Great willowherb
(Codlins & Cream)
Enchanters nightshade

Nightshade Family

Henbane
Woody nightshade (Bittersweet)
Deadly nightshade

Borage Family

Vipers bugloss
Water forget-me-not
Comfrey

Buttercup Family

Wood anemone or windflower
Travellers Joy or Old Man's beard
Upright meadow crowfoot
Creeping buttercup
Marsh marigold



Poppy Family

Greater celandine
Common poppy
Yellow horned poppy

Cranesbill Family

Meadow cranesbill
Doves foot cranesbill
Shining cranesbill
Herb Robert

Plantain Family

Lambs tongue plantain
Ribwort plantain

Rose Family

Meadow sweet
Wild Strawberry
Barren strawberry
Cinquefoil
Silverweed
Biting stonecrop
Bramble
Dogrose

Dock Family

Common sorrel
Pale Persicaria

Carrot Family

Common burnet saxifrage
Fools parsley
Cow parsnip (Hog weed)
Rough chervil
Wild carrot
Hemlock
Wild parsnip

Bedstraw Family

Hedge bedstraw
Cleavers (Goose grass)
Woodruft
Lady's bedstraw

Primrose Family

Primrose
Cowskip
Yellow loosestrife

Other Families, with only one variety

Wild mignonette
Rock rose
Harebell
Common fumitory
Musk mallow
Purple loosestrife
Honeysuckle
Common centaury
Yellow flag
Ivy
Perfoliate claytonia
White bryony
Wild hop
Lords and ladies
Broadleaved dock
Wood spurge
Stinging nettle

With the widespread use of fertilisers and weed killers many natural plants are disappearing but these flowers still grow in abundance in Bampton in 1965. Field mushrooms - a few years ago an abundant crop are now getting scarce, and an attempt to naturalise cultivated sperm in the paddock at The Beam was a total failure this year.

WILD BIRDS

Many wild birds patronise the bird table in our gardens, nest in the trees and bushes and live in profusion in the fields and hedgerows. Some, in particular the pigeons, are so plentiful that they are a pest to farmers, others are rapidly decreasing in numbers. Although the green plover is growing rarer in many parts of the country around Bampton it seems to congregate in great numbers.

Blue tit	Goldfinch	Duck
Great tit	Treecreeper	Heron
Robin	Yellowhammer	Golden plover
Chaffinch	Lesser spotted	Green plover
Thrush	woodpecker	Snipe
Blackbird	Greater spotted	Hawk
Starling	woodpecker	Kestrel
Sparrow	Swift	Pigeon
Rook	Housemartin	Kingfisher
Crow	Swallow	Owl
Bullfinch	Pied wagtail	Linnet
Fieldfare	Grey wagtail	Red wing
Wren	Pheasant	Partridge
Rustic bunting		Greenfinch

DAIRY FARMING

1965 is the first full year of a modern dairy at Weald Farm. Here you will find the yard, milking parlour and dairy all under one roof. The cows are milked through an eight point - sixteen standing herring-bone parlour and the milk is kept in a bulk tank until collection. This is refrigerated to keep the temperature down to below 40° F. All the cleaning of equipment is done automatically by the pump of the milking machine. The food is stored in a loft above the parlour. This is blown straight into the loft by the delivery lorry thereby cutting out the necessity to handle sacks.

The rest of the building houses the cows in winter with a silage pit under the same roof. Approximately 1,200 tons of silage is made each year. The pit is 75' wide and enables 170 cows to self feed from the silage. It is controlled by an electrified cable to minimise wastage. The collecting yard and bull pens are also housed under the same roof so in winter there is no necessity for the cows to go outside at all. All this enables two men to tend to 170 cows with ease.

The feeding of cows is achieved with fodder grown on the farm with a minimum amount of purchased concentrates. This is based on conserving high quality grass in the form of silage. A high yield is not expected from the cows and is generally in the region of 850 gallons per cow per year - the aim being to use no more than 12/14 cwt. of concentrates per cow over the year.

Calving is spread from August to April. No calves are reared on the farm as the bull calves are sold at four days old and heifer calves are sent away at four days old to be reared on contract. They return to Weald Farm as down calving heifers.

The stocking rate aimed for is one cow per one and a quarter acres to provide summer grazing and winter fodder. Fertiliser usage is high to obtain the output from grass. 10/12 cwt. of nitrogen is applied to each acre during the season.

