

THE BAMPTON BEAM

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Parish Council Councillor Portfolios

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 11 May, the Councillor Portfolios were agreed as follows:

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| Cllr. Gray | Chairman Finance & General Purposes Committee Planning Committee Recreation Ground Bampton Beam |
| Cllr. Allinson | Vice-Chairman Finance & General Purposes Committee Planning Committee RAF Brize Norton Liaison Old School Community Centre Lease & Contract negotiations Projects |
| Cllr. Dowding | Bush Club Representative Bampton CoE School Governors (OCC Appointment) |
| Cllr. Mackie | Planning Committee Village Hall Committee Neighbourhood Action Group |
| Cllr. Norman | Finance & General Purposes Committee Planning Committee Sandfords Field |
| Cllr. Radband | Allotments Grass Cutting Town Hall, Market Square, War Memorial, Bus Shelters, Seats Cemetery |
| Cllr. Turner | Community Shop Disbursement Committee Planning Committee Neighbourhood Action Group Bampton Community Shop Disbursement Committee |
| Cllr. Wilkins | Finance and General Purposes Committee Finance & General Purposes Committee Parish Transport Representative Lengthsman, Footpaths, Trees & Bushes Projects Planning Committee |
| Cllr. Gascoigne | Flood Prevention Working Group Mercury Court & Pembroke Place Playgrounds Recreation Ground Sports Liaison Committee Recreation Ground Sports Liaison Committee |
| Vacancy 1 | Recreation Ground Sports Liaison Committee |
| Vacancy 2 | Roads, Ditches & Drainage, Lighting |

Council Nominees

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| Mrs S Radband | Bampton Exhibition Foundation |
| Mr D Pullman | Bampton Exhibition Foundation |
| Mr D Hawkins | Bampton Exhibition Foundation |
| Mr D Hawkins | Flood Prevention Working Group |

Bampton Fire Station NEEDS YOU

Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service is desperately



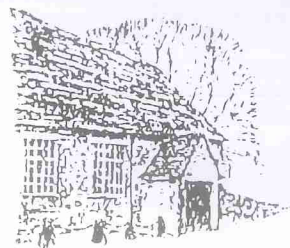
looking for new people from the Bampton area to join that station as part time Fire Fighters, in another push to ensure that station is able to maintain its appliance availability 24

hours per day. Due to the ongoing shortfall in staff numbers and despite previous successful campaigns, Bampton is still running short of fire-fighters and is looking to recruit a further 5 or 6 members of staff to join the team.

Station Manager, Darren Hookway, said: "We are doing all we can, but it's now up to the people of Bampton to come forward; without them it's going to be a struggle" Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue service is extremely proud of the service and work that crew at Bampton has done and which they continue to do, saving lives and working to protect their local community 365 days a year, but they do need more staff to be able to deliver the same level of service in the coming months and years.

Being a fire fighter is rewarding and can provide many skills that will benefit people throughout their life as well as offering people a second income as well a chance to put something back in the community. We are appealing for new recruits to become part of this welcoming team, regardless of background, race, religion or gender. If you think you can help make a difference, then for more information take a look at the Fire and Rescue section of the website - www.oxfordshire.gov.uk or call the information hotline **0800 5 870870**.

Bampton Village Hall



An excellent venue for meetings, classes, parties, performances & fund-raising events.
 Main hall with stage, curtains, lights & piano.
Now with new fully equipped kitchen
 Separate locked bar
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 Disabled toilet facilities
 Conveniently situated in the Market Square
Lettings Officer: Angy Irvin
Telephone 01993 850289
 Email: bamptonv.hall@btinternet.com

BAMPTON VILLAGE HALL - HIRE CHARGES

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| General Hire | £8.00 per hour |
| All day and evening | £65.00 |
| Bar use | £20.00 |

Town Hall & Old School Community Centre Bookings

Contact Sarah Radband
 Tel: 01993 851870

Collect keys for the Town Hall from Bampton Coffee House

Parish Council
 Contact
 Sarah Radband
 Tel: 01993 851870

Email - sarah.radband@bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk

The Bampton 250 Club

The Bampton 250 Club is the local monthly lottery which supports the Village Hall and the Youth Centre. If you would like a ticket please put your name on the list at the Post Office or contact **Anthony Hall: Tel: 01993 851142**

Annual Prize (Drawn at the Village Hall AGM)

£250 Mr Millerchip Bowling Green Close

April (Drawn at the Bush Club)

£25 Mr C. Godwin The Pieces
 £15 Mr J. Ryman c/o Bush Club
 £15 Mrs M. Clack Colville Close
 £15 Mr T. Perry Bushey Row

May (Drawn at the Horseshoe)

£25 Ray & Sally Proctor Bridge Street
 £15 Betty Collett Aston Road
 £15 Mrs B. Lock Church View
 £15 Alan Clarke Bridge Street

There are currently 8 spare places, anyone wishing to join should contact:
Anthony Hall: Tel: 01993 851142

Murder Mystery

St Mary's Social Committee proudly presents a Murder Mystery Evening! The dates for your diaries are the 14 & 15th October for an evening of intrigue, mystery and murder most horrid...plus fish and chips for supper. **When the vicar says he's going to drop in for tea... Just check to see how far he'll be dropping!**

In bustling Bampton, the vicar's wife enlists the help of retired GP, Harriet Ffinch to organize a church fete to raise money for restoration of the Church organ. Furthermore, she persuades the vicar to do a sponsored abseil down the spire with the help of her brother, Staff Sergeant Marsh (Brize Norton RAF Air Cadets). But in a village where everyone knows everyone and everyone has something to hide, is the vicar safe or is he lining himself up for a fall?

Look out for posters nearer the time. Tickets will be available from the usual suspects!

Contact: Ali Mayfield 01993 852702.

The Friends of St Mary's
 By Rosemary Pelham

In 1994 The Friends of St Mary's was inaugurated as a non-denominational trust to build up a substantial long term endowment fund to provide financial help for all major restoration needed in the future by the church. The founder, and Chairman until this year, Jonathan Philips, must be warmly congratulated and thanked for his foresight, successful hard work and commitment which have resulted in the trust being able to contribute significant sums towards recent restoration of the church fabric. We must not forget that Jonathan's foresight and determination greatly helped Bampton to preserve its much loved church as a centre for all.

The retiring trustees, Lord Donoughmore, Mrs Molly Rose and Mr Chris Ruck, were stalwart supporters. They encouraged the committee to appeal twice to the village, supported fund raising and doggedly succeed in persuading people to give generously. A new committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of Mrs Lynne Renwick and we all wish to thank Jonathan and his previous trustees for their invaluable contribution and encouragement to the new committee to continue the good work.

MOVIES ON THE MOVE

Doors open at 7:00 pm – Licensed Bar – Programme starts at 7:30 pm

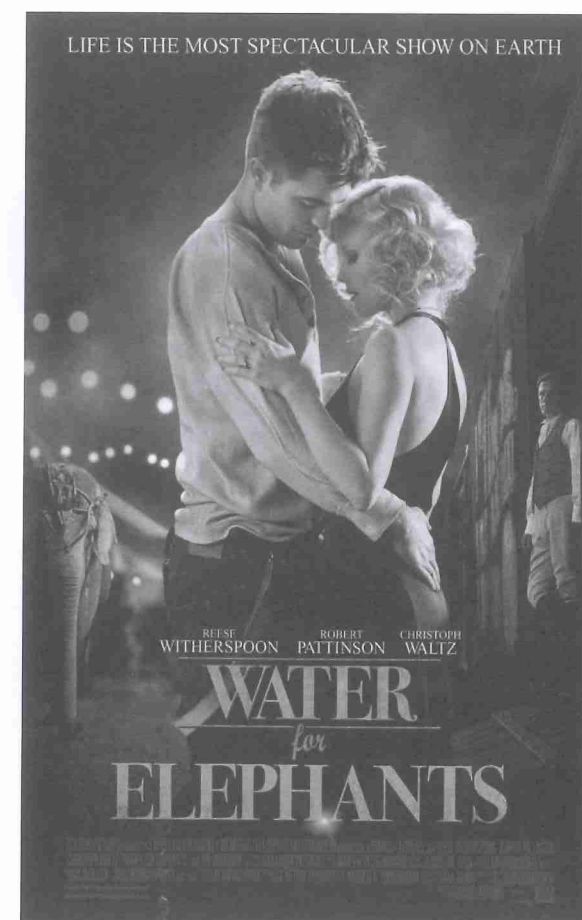
**WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER
 NEVER LET ME GO**

As children, Ruth (Knightley), Kathy (Mulligan) and Tommy (Garfield), spend their childhood at a seemingly idyllic English boarding school. As they grow into young adults, they find that they have to come to terms with the strength of the love they feel for each other, while preparing themselves for the haunting reality that awaits them.



**WEDNESDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER
 WATER FOR ELEPHANTS**

A handsome veterinary student falls for a married circus performer in this romantic drama adapted from author Sara Gruen's bestselling novel, and directed by Francis Lawrence (I AM LEGEND). When Jacob (Robert Pattinson) meets Marlena (Reese Witherspoon), it's love at first sight - their shared affections for an extraordinary elephant stirring profound feelings of compassion within both of them. Theirs is a love that could span lifetimes, though the wrath of Marlena's dangerously domineering husband August (Christoph Waltz) threatens to spell tragedy for all involved.



Tickets £5 from the Coffee Shop from 2 weeks before the performance and on the door on the night

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By Cllr. Fred Gray, Bampton Parish Council

Clerk to the Council

Sarah Radband:
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email:

sarah.radband@bamptonoxon-parishcouncil.gov.uk

The Clerk should be the first point of contact for Council business.

Old School Building and Bush Centre

The work to refurbish and extend the Old School/Youth Centre is scheduled for completion during July. Handover to The Parish Council is expected shortly thereafter. The facility will be named 'The Old School Community Centre'. A Parking Management Plan was submitted to OCC aimed at trying to control parking around the new facility, by limiting the sizes of functions.

New Post Office

The official opening of the new Post Office took place on Tuesday 22



Cllr Barrett Declares the New Post Office Open

March. Cllr Martin Barrett declared the Post Office 'officially open'. A cheque for £1000 was received from Cottsway Housing's Wellcommunity Fund to help with the costs associated with setting up the Post Office on the Town Hall.

Gallery Lift

This project, being project managed by Cllr Richard Wilkins is expected to be completed shortly.

Bampton Library

A Public Meeting was held on 16

March. Officers and Councillors of OCC addressed the Meeting advising what the latest information was on library closures from OCC.

It was clear that in order to keep Bampton's library open, OCC thought that volunteers from the Village would be needed to help run the library while getting some sort of a support from OCC.

It now transpires that OCC has declared itself committed to keeping all of the existing libraries open - but with a catch as far as Bampton is concerned. That catch would appear to be that OCC will look to staff Bampton library by providing 1/3 of the staff, with Bampton having to provide the other 2/3 of the staff needed using volunteers.

By no means a perfect solution, but one which we may have to face, depending on the results of the public consultation, and the subsequent decision by OCC Cabinet later this year. OCC is not proposing to implement the new system before 2012, so our Library will stay as-is for the next twelve months or so. But clearly, if this proposal goes ahead, we will need volunteers - number as yet unknown - to help man the library.

How to Have Your Say

The OCC consultation process has started and will run until 30th September. You can complete the online feedback form which you can find on

the OCC website under 'Respond to a Consultation'. If you do not have access to the internet, then we are sure that our library staff will be able to help you get hold of a copy.

Bampton Youth Club

After pressure from the Council, OCC eventually agreed to re-start the Youth Club in the 'Willow Tree Centre' at Bampton primary school. However, there is doubt whether continued funding will be available come autumn from OCC to maintain the Youth Club, OCC again making suggestions that volunteers from the Village will be needed in order to maintain the service.

Bus Services

Only around 6 of the questionnaires included in the march 'Beam' were returned to Cllr Wilkins. At least two were complimentary about the services.

Council Vacancies

With the resignations of Councillors Robert and Ann Smith, the vacancies were advertised. It is hoped to co-opt two new councillors on to the Council in the short term.

County Council Report Carterton West

By Councillor Don Seale
County Councillor for Bampton

I am aware that housing is a District Council matter. But when proposals for large areas of housing have the potential to adversely affect the well-being of the people I represent and care for as a County Councillor, I feel I must set protocol aside and speak up.

I believe that the West Oxfordshire proposals are unwise because the proposals:-

- Suggest that there remains some imposed imperative from government to build more houses. **There does not.**
- Suggest that WODC believes

Congratulations.....

.....to Alec Dent from Bampton.

Alec rowed at number three for Oxford University (of course) in this year's Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race - the 157th. It was another great victory for Oxford University over their old rivals, with the Oxford crew showing their superiority right from the start of the race, and eventually winning by the impressive margin of four lengths. Well done Alec.....and of course the whole crew! Same again next year please! Also see 'Letters and Emails to The Editor!'

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Meeting 27th April, Village Hall

By Sarah Radband, Clerk to The Parish Council

In the Chair: Cllr Fred Gray, Bampton Parish Council

Minutes: Mrs Sarah Radband, Clerk to Bampton Parish Council

Present: County Councillor, District Councillors, Parish Councillors, 20 public.

The following are the salient points from the reports given.

Chairman's Report

By Cllr Fred Gray

Bampton Parish Council

New Council

At the elections last May, we didn't have sufficient candidates to fill all of the Council positions, so no election was held. Shortly after the Council co-opted George Gascoigne on to fill the vacant position. Councillors were all allocated 'portfolios' which can be found in the July 2010 edition of 'The Bampton Beam'.

Post Office

Arguably the most important issue resolved during the year was the saving of the Post Office, and moving it to its new premises in The Town Hall. Many people have to be thanked for their efforts in securing the Post Office's future, namely:

- Post Office Limited
- ORCC
- Bampton Community Shop
- Downton Abbey
- Cottsway Housing
- Bampton Parish Council - especially Steve Radband & Jacky Allinson
- WODC Planning
- Martin Barrett
- Mr Bajwa (New Postmaster)

Planning Applications

The Council reviews all planning applications relevant to the Parish and sends its comments to the planners at WODC.

Since April 2010 we have reviewed around 42 applications, compared to around the same number in the previous 12 months, and responded to Local Development Framework consultations.

that development beyond that required to satisfy local housing needs and aspirations is necessary. **It is not.**

- Seem largely to ignore the MOD's proposed re-developments. **They should not.**

Mr Cameron very clearly and with great certainty has recently said that so far as central government is concerned, all talk of targets in terms of house building in West Oxfordshire or anywhere else is now completely redundant.

He was absolutely clear that there are now no targets whatsoever. In passing he said that he doubts that West Oxfordshire needs to plan for any houses anywhere in the district beyond those already in the pipeline to exceed any target that might exist.

Secondly, he said that although it is not for central government to dictate how West Oxfordshire conducts its business, it is part of the government's localism vision that those directly concerned should determine the development of where they live.

He said that this means the residents of Carterton and its neighbouring villages should determine if and how Carterton grows and for that matter, how the villages grow.

Thirdly, Mr Cameron said that he believes that not enough has been done to co-ordinate efforts to develop potential sites within Carterton with the MOD's proposals for redeveloping their housing.

He said that he was currently looking at how this co-ordination could be better, and would be happy to intervene further if asked.

I believe that there needs now to be a clear change of direction. Even a cursory glance at the responses to the recent limited consultation shows the underlying local antipathy (both within and without Carterton) to the scale of the proposals. Carterton and the surrounding villages should grow enough to satisfy local housing needs and to support, *but not overwhelm*, local infrastructure.

The large-scale options on offer are rejected by many living in the Broadshires, who are concerned about the increase in traffic on the local area's roads, and an increased risk of flooding.

Gallery Lift

This long outstanding project is now nearing completion. Initially it was in the hands of WestOxArts, but the Parish Council agreed to take over the project a few months ago, and Richard Wilkins has been hard at work pulling it all together.

Unfortunately, and while WestOxArts did a very good job in finding funding, there were items missed in terms of modifications being required to the Town Hall to allow the lift to be installed.

The Council has however, agreed to find the extra funds necessary, and very recently a contract was awarded for these modifications to be done, and it is expected that the project will be completed within the next month or so..

Roads

We continue to liaise with OCC in order to improve our roads in and around the Village, and have a regular walkaround to look at problems with OCC officers.

Environmental Weight Limit

The 7.5T Weight Limit was implemented last year, and while representation was made to OCC to implement a permit system for Bampton businesses to allow access through the zones, this was turned down. It should be noted that the Parish Council requested that a proper feasibility study be performed to look at a permit system, but this was not done, and the request was turned down, in the Council's view, on the basis of untested opinions of OCC officers.

Should the Bampton businesses which are negatively affected by the weight limit get together and write to OCC to requesting a review to be carried out on the introduction of a permit system, then I am sure that the Parish Council would put their weight behind such a request.

Youth Centre & Bush Club (Old School Community Centre)

This project is under construction with completion targeted for July/

August time. When complete, the complex will essentially become a 'Bampton Community Centre', and will not be solely for the use of the Youth Club and Bush Club, and will be rented out to individuals, organisations etc, for functions, and other activities, just as we do with the Pavilion, Village Hall, Town Hall and so on.

The Council has submitted a 'Parking Management Plan' to OCC for approval.

Youth Club

After a lot of representation from the Council, the Youth Club is scheduled to re-open its doors after Easter in the Willow Tree Centre by the school. However, we do not know what is going to happen in the future due to the cuts in funding at OCC.

Mercury Close Playing Field

The project is complete, and many thanks go to Anna Pitt for taking it on, and after coming off the Council last May, continuing with it to completion. Funding issues have finally been sorted out, and we are awaiting a date for an official opening.

Bus Services

The new operator took over the routes in December from Stagecoach. While there has been some negative feedback, the number of complaints has been a relatively very small, and very few replies were received to the questionnaire in The Bampton Beam. While we still have aspirations for increased frequency on the Service 19 and an evening service, we are unlikely to see any improvements until better funding is in place for these subsidised services.

Cemetery

It is estimated that the Cemetery has a lifespan of approximately 10 - 15 years. A project is underway to see how extra land, to extend the life out to another 100 years, can be obtained.

Downton Abbey

Downton Abbey was back last week filming for the new series. We also had the crew of 'The Suspicions of Mr Witcher' here last year, and that one-off drama was shown last Monday on ITV.

Apart from hiring the carpark at the Recreation Ground, the series is also making donations to the Parish Council for Village projects, to the tune of £1000 per filming day.

AGGROW

Subsequent to deliberations of OCC, and the pressure from individuals and groups such as AGGROW, OCC decided not to include the Bampton area in its list of options for future mineral extraction. The situation will, however, continue to be monitored.

ERP + Tabletop Exercise

A Tabletop Exercise was held in July which was led by OCC aided by WODC. The aim was to test how the Council and other agencies, such as Bampton Surgery and Rosebank Care Home, would respond to emergency situations. On the basis of the exercise the ERP Booklet was updated - minor

changes only. Residents can obtain a copy from the Clerk. The next exercise is scheduled on May 14th.

Council Processes and Procedures

A revised Document Management System, Council Standing Orders, and a newly developed 'What We Do' were published during the year. Various items of Council Processes and Procedures can be found on The Bampton Website. These include the latest approved minutes of meetings.

Budget and Precept

The budget/precept for 2011 - 2012 of £70,838 represents an 8% increase over the previous year, due to increased costs associated with, inter

Bampton Emergency Response Plan

The first Emergency Response Plan (ERP) for Bampton was issued in January 2009. Some minor changes have occurred since then, and the Plan has therefore been updated to reflect these changes. It is not intended to re-issue the Plan to all households and businesses, since the changes are minor and do not affect the integrity of the first edition. However, for residents who have mislaid the first edition, and for new arrivals in Bampton, a copy of this update can be obtained, free of charge, from the Clerk to the Parish Council.

In an emergency situation the responsibility for emergency response lies with the Emergency Services (ES), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC). However, it is recognised that help from these organisations may not be immediately available, and hence the need to develop the Village's own self-help plan to cater for such circumstances.

Telephone Numbers

Emergency Services and Category 1 Responders

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| Emergency Services | 999 |
| WODC | 01993 861000 (Office Hours) |
| WODC | 01993 705056 (Out of Office Hours) |
| Environment Agency | 08459 881188 |
| Roads | 0845 310111 |
| British Gas | 0800 111999 |
| Southern Electric | 0845 770 8090 |
| Thames Water | 08459 200800 |

Bampton Parish Council (Emergency Response Team)

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Sarah Radband* | 01993 851870 |
| Fred Gray | 01993 851653 |
| Jacky Allinson | 01993 850368 |
| Lee Mackie | 01993 852531 |
| Marion Dowding | 01993 850167 |
| Dale Turner | 01993 852373 |
| Steve Radband | 01993 210160 |
| Ralph Norman | 01993 850823 |
| George Gascoigne | 01993 851947 |
| Richard Wilkins | 01993 850406 |
| Bampton Town Hall | 01993 852957 |

*First point of contact

alia, the purchase of land for the Cemetery, the taking over and management of The Old School Community Centre, and additional funding for the Bampton Recreation Ground Charity.

On this latter item, it is estimated that funding for the Recreation Ground will need to increase over the next few years from the hitherto level of around £15,000 per annum, to £30,000, because of the increased maintenance costs associated with ageing facilities.

Bampton Library

OCC has promised to 'work with communities' to see how rural libraries can be saved. Agenda items - Jane Wallis.

Flooding Report

By David Hawkins

Nearly 4 years have elapsed since the big flood of 2007, and 3 years since many homes were flooded in Bampton in the lesser flood of June 2008. Understandably, our flood victims are keen on seeking flood prevention measures.

Fortunately, we have a punchy Working Group which has representatives from Bampton, Brize Norton, Clanfield, Aston, from WODC/OCC, Environment Agency and Thames Water, and suffice to say that we maintain a lot of pressure on these flood experts to fund the required measures. Our principle is to treat each village like a bath; if all the taps are turned on full, and the plughole is blocked, the bathroom floods. Restrict the taps, and widen the plughole, and no flooding results.

Successes

Bampton Weald Attenuation Area. Large holding area off Weald Road which should hold back surface runoff water and protect Weald. It was completed in March 2011 by WODC, and was much supported by Weald Manor.

Bampton Holding Area Planned North of Glebelands. This is aimed at holding back the Shillbrook and Highmoor Brook flows after storms.

This awaits funding by the Environment Agency.

Bampton. Twenty dwellings have had £5k grants from DEFRA for flood protection measures.

Carterton (BP Garage Area). The huge holding basin will be taken over

shortly by OCC and used more efficiently to hold flood water from a variety of sources.

This is very good news for RAF Brize Norton, Brize Norton Village, and Bampton.

Brize Norton Village. A big holding area near The Mason's Arms will protect Brize Norton and Bampton. Planned by WODC but not yet funded.

The Chairman thanked David for all of the effort he has put in over the years in getting better flood protection systems in place for the Village.

Police Report

Not available.

Report on the

Recreation Ground Charity

By Cllr Fred Gray, Trustee

The Charity Trustees are all members of the Parish Council and the aims of the Trust are to look after the recreational well being of the inhabitants of Bampton. The Trust owns the Recreation Ground in Pembroke Place, the Buckland Road Recreation Ground, pavilion and facilities, and Sandford's Field.

The Charity has investments that provide some income and an income from the Pavilion, pitches and sports clubs that use the Buckland Road facility, but neither of these cover all the running costs each year so additionally the Parish Council gives a grant to the charity. This year that grant was £20000.

And the Recreation Ground is very busy with all sorts of sporting activities including archery, football, tennis, cricket, netball, to name but a few.

A number of people work very hard in support of this charity, however, I must mention Ray Willis the Pavilion Manager. Ray works tirelessly for the Recreation Ground, making sure it is kept in top class condition, and he also markets the facilities. We would be very much worse off without his services.

We have also been lucky to have Pauline Smith as our DPS or licensed officer. Having Pauline also makes the Pavilion more attractive for parties as licensed bars can be arranged though her.

Funding of the Recreation Ground in general is being looked at given the reduction in interest rates where the

Trust has felt the effect on reduced interest income. However, the Trust at the moment is in good shape and there is confidence that, with an upturn in world finances at some stage in the future, it will continue to remain in a healthy position in the future.

Report for the Bampton Exhibition Foundation for 2010

By David Pullman, Trustee

Last year the Trustees reported that £32000 had been spent over the last three years on maintenance of the Old Grammar School building. I am pleased to say that there has been no need for further expenditure in 2010. In 2010 we had requests for assistance from two young people, and were able to contribute £350. We are concerned that we get few requests for assistance from young people under 25.

The accounts for the year to date show an increase in our reserves of £4500. As you will know, the lease, under which OCC rent the building for rise as a library, has two more years to run. The trustees await developments.

Report for the Bampton Welfare Trust for 2010

By David Pullman, Clerk to the Welfare Trust

The Trustees gave £3150 to local schools, playgroups, and other organisations which benefit the people of the ancient parish of Bampton (which includes Lew and Aston)

The welfare officer recommended payments of £2100, which included assistance with fuel bills for 14, and help for others in unexpected need throughout the year.

We welcomed Mrs Di O'Brien as a co-optive trustee, and we are seeking a new trustee to represent Aston, following the death of Mr Wiltshire.

This year we are looking to increase the amount of fuel payments, and add to the number of those receiving them.

Bampton Community Shop

By Fenella Gray

Director and Company Secretary

We have had another good year at the shop, even though most people are feeling the pinch.

This year though we have had to

spend some money on ourselves due to our back room coming into disrepair.

This cost rather more than we intended but with the added space of a nice big walk in room we now can store most of our stock.

We would also like to thank the Council for offering us their old storage heater. This was working just in time for the real cold weather we had after Christmas.

With Mr Simmonds retiring he asked if we would continue to sell the bird food as he was worried that the Bampton population of birds would die of starvation without their supplies.

This has proved better than we expected and get through rather more than we ever thought. Bampton Birds must be the best fed birds in the county.

Two more good things happened this year; the District Council have let off small businesses from paying their rates which will save us money this year, and we now have a nice big commercial dustbin which the council supply to us at the usual household rate due to the shop having the status of a charity shop.

Also we have credit with Southern Electricity. With the coming of the storage heater we are now on a new tariff which means we should be hopefully saving more money with them.

We ran a Horse Racing evening in June with the Henley Ladies Rugby Team. It was rather disappointing with the attendance, but those who attended had a good fun night out.

We also ran the Table Top sale around the Town Hall in May. This again brought in a nice profit and we will be running this again this year.

This year due to the alterations we only had around half of the money we normally have to give out, but the following was agreed at the AGM and then the Disbursement Meeting –

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL RECREATION GROUND
£500 for a new white line marking machine

BAMPTON LIBRARY
£1500 to help with start up costs for the Library

WEST OX ARTS
£500 to help with cost for the new

lift to be installed

BAMPTON & WITNEY MID-WIVES

£500 to help with purchasing an Ameda Breast Pump

PATRICK MOTORSPORT

£250 for 2 days driver coaching course

BAMPTON ARCHERY CLUB

£900 towards purchasing new equipment

BAMPTON FOOTBALL CLUB

£500 for the feasibility study into a new Artificial Turf Pitch at the Pavilion

BAMPTON CRICKET CLUB

£500 to help with the purchase of new covers for the wicket

BAMPTON BOXING CLUB

£750 to help with the purchase of buying kit for the club

BAMPTON SPAJER

£600 to help with the purchase of a new marquee

METHODIST CHURCH

£250 to help with the costs of secondary glazing in the Drop-In lunch room

BAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

£200 to help set up the new Nature Area at the school

BAMPTON TENNIS CLUB

£500 to help with the costs of providing a junior Coach in tennis at the school

BAMPTON PRE-SCHOOL

£150 to purchase a new printer for the computer

BAMPTON OPERA

£200 towards the costs of the St Beornwald's Day Concert at St Mary's Church

BAMPTON BABY AND TODDLERGROUP

£200 towards the purchasing of new equipment and the rent for the hall

In total, since we opened our doors in 2004 we have given out around £62,000 in grants to good causes and charities in the village.

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all who our customers for continuing to bring in stock and take out stock. Thank you very much.

County Council Report for 2010/2011

by Councillor Don Seale
Oxfordshire County Council
Overall funding from the Government

to Local Authorities will reduce by 26% between 2010/11 and 2014/15, excluding schools, fire and police. This means an average reduction of 7.255 a year but some may be imposed earlier during the period

The Council planned expenditure for 2010/11 was £973M. In the period 2010/11 to 2014/2105 we are expected to make an estimated £ 119M savings phased as follows:

2011/12 £54.6M

2012/13 £37.2M

2013/14 £15.1M

2014/15 £11.9M

Total £118.8M

The way we intend to allocate funds comes under a number of headings as follows:

Grants Withdrawn. The service depending on grants withdrawn will cease unless there is a clear and evidenced imperative to continue

Statutory Services. These are the services which Central Government insists that we provide, however the level of service provided may be decided by members.

Modification to Council Staff Terms and Conditions. Some staff will be made redundant. Some will be moved to other jobs within the Council. Some will have their terms and conditions changed to achieve savings.

With regard to the cuts in library services and youth clubs, money has been allocated to provide help to communities who wish to volunteer to keep the local library working. There will be a consultation starting in May 2011, when all representations and business plans will be considered with the aim to keep as many libraries open as possible.

Youth clubs will receive help from the "hub" system of care for children and young adults.

We have difficult decisions to take, examples are waste recycling centre closures involving a revised strategy, Children and Young People's redesign, and changes to the internal home support services.

We are, however, one of the Councils which have not changed the eligibility criteria for help to vulnerable older people. For this financial year and hopefully the next, County Council council tax will remain frozen at its present level.

District Councillor's Report

By District Councillor, Mark Booty,
West Oxfordshire District Council

We are the SECOND lowest charging district council in the country, at £1.60 per week, for a band D property:

- Refuse collection, Waste management and Recycling schemes
- Planning and development control (environmental initiatives, conservation, planning policies and building control)
- Environmental services (Environmental health, pollution, pest control, Dog warden, Public Conveniences, free car parks and environmental cleaning)
- Housing (provision of affordable housing plus help and advice to the homeless)
- Housing benefit (benefit payments and administration)
- Leisure and Tourism (Leisure Centres, Culture and heritage, tourism, sport and leisure management and visitor information centres)
- Lobbying other levels of government

Recently there have been several challenges facing the Bampton, Clanfield and Black Bourton areas. The possibility of early gravel extraction has receded, and the weight restrictions on the Buckland and Aston Roads from Bampton are in place. Some of the flood schemes have been or are being progressed.

What could have been a fairly traumatic change in the way we have our bins collected has by and large been well received, due to both the patience of the residents and the quality of the contractor.

Our recycling rates have increased dramatically from around 30% to over 60% and rising, and that has a beneficial knock on effect to the overall costs.

In recent years West Oxfordshire District Council has been reducing its own costs and is now sharing Directors, some line managers and even some complete back office services with Cotswold District council. This has the effect of reducing our costs by some £750,000 per year but has yet to affect front line services. We recognise we need to do more of this as our

budgets are squeezed even further. The amount of money we receive from central government has been reduced by some 13.75% for the next year.

The District is also involved in a project called Go4, where we are sharing the cost of operating systems with 3 other Councils in Gloucestershire reducing all of our costs, and we have a shared procurement hub with other Districts within Oxfordshire.

The main District issue is the Consultation on the Local Strategy which is out at the moment. This strategy will inform decisions until 2026 taken by the Council on issues like planning, employment, environment, and just about any development within West Oxfordshire. To our immediate area the enlargement of Brize Norton RAF base, and the potential of an extra 1000 houses in Carterton must raise some issues.

AOB

There was a request for the Parish Council to publish its annual accounts, instead of the public having to request them through The Freedom of Information Act.

The Chairman advised that the accounts were quite large and complex, but that he would look at it with the Parish Council.

There was a request for the Parish Council to ask OCC to turn the land behind the new Old School Community Centre into a car park for the village, seen the shortage of parking around the area, especially now that the land by the old Youth Centre would not be available for parking. The Chairman advised that the parcel of land has already been advertised for sale by OCC for housing, where it was likely that at least 50% of the houses built would be low-cost, which Bampton clearly needed, and that OCC had put £250,000 of the projected proceeds of the sale of the land into the Old School Community Project.

The Chairman also advised that the Parish Council had submitted a 'Parking Management Plan' to OCC for The Old School Community Centre, whereby the proposal was to limit the size of functions using the facility in order to minimise parking problems.

West Oxfordshire's Recycling Rate Almost Doubles

West Oxfordshire has almost doubled its recycling rate over the last six months, with over 66% of the District's waste now being recycled.

Recycling has increased significantly month-on-month since the District Council introduced a new waste and recycling service at the end of November 2010, with latest whole-month figures for April showing that 66% of waste was diverted from landfill.

West Oxfordshire's recycling rate stood at 34% before the service was launched.

The service saw the introduction of weekly food waste recycling collections, continuation of weekly black box recycling collections and optional, free fortnightly garden waste collections, which have so far been taken up by more than 30,000 households.

It also includes fortnightly household rubbish collections for non-recyclable items.

So far, 1,656 tonnes of food waste has been collected from homes in West Oxfordshire and recycled into electricity and fertiliser for farmland at a processing plant in Cassington, instead of sent to landfill, where it rots and produces the harmful greenhouse gas, methane.

In addition to food and garden waste, residents are able to recycle a wide range of materials in their black boxes, including tins, foil, aerosols, plastics, paper, cardboard, glass, textiles, shoes and batteries.

Craig Cutajar, Contracts Manager for May Gurney, the Council's waste and recycling contractor, said: "We're very pleased to have helped with increasing recycling in West Oxfordshire and would like to thank local people for their support.

We've started using vehicles with separate compartments for different materials to collect recycling and this means that more materials can be recycled."

Residents can find out more about waste and recycling collections online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/waste or by calling 01993 861025.

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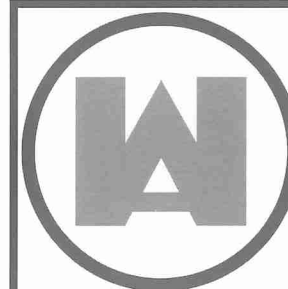
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Other Sporting Activities

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Chairman: Martyn Holder: Tel: 01993 840206; email: martyn-holder@btinternet.com.

Secretariat: Murray Disbrey; email: murray.disbrey@smurfitkappa.co.uk
Junior Contact: Mark Taylor; email: markm_taylor@hotmail.com

Bampton Tennis Club

Bampton Tennis Club's two clubs nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Benefits to members include being able to pre-book and use the tennis courts throughout the year. A number of tournaments are held

throughout the year.

Membership Secretary: Tel: 01993 824670; Email: bamptontennis@hotmail.co.uk.

Bampton Archery Club

Meets weekly at The Recreation Ground. Indoor in winter.
Contact: Gerald Mills: Tel: 01993 850670; or Jeff Dando: Tel: 01993 850643; www.bamptonarchery.co.uk

Bampton Badminton Club

Meets Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall. Contact: Lesley Campbell: Tel: 01993 852846.

The Queen Honours Outstanding Volunteer Group in Oxfordshire with Prestigious Award

Bampton-based Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club has been announced as one of 130 winners of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the MBE for groups of volunteers who work in their local community for the benefit of others.

This prestigious UK National Honour recognises outstanding voluntary contributions and sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, with the work of those awarded being judged to be of the highest standard.

Windrush Valley Amateur Boxing Club has received the Award for providing access to the sport of boxing on a recreational, educational and competitive level, helping all ages and abilities to be the best that they can be.

Those receiving this year's Award were selected from 413 groups nominated by members of the public who have been helped personally or witnessed the benefits of a group's work in their community.

Windrush Valley ABC will receive a certificate signed by The Queen and an exclusive commemorative crystal, presented by Her Majesty's representative in Oxfordshire the Lord-Lieutenant Stevenson at a special ceremony.

The group has also received an invitation for representatives to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in the summer.

More than 980 groups around the UK, Channel Islands and Isle of Man have now received this annual Award since it was created by Her Majesty to mark the occasion of her Golden Jubilee in 2002.

For further information contact Ann Setch 01993851156; email win-drush-valley-abc@hotmail.co.uk

LETTERS AND E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

Thank you to all the owners of the houses we dance at in Bampton on our Whit Monday.

I know it's not the true Whit Monday it is now Spring Bank Holiday Monday but it will always be Whit Monday to me.

There are a few family names you think about when Bampton Morris come out to dance on Whit Monday like the Shergolds, the Wells, the Buckingham, the Tanners and many more. All of these families have kept the Tradition moving forward and given us what we have today.

But it's not just the dancers we have to thank; it is also all of the house owners who allow us to dance in their magnificent gardens, so this is our way of thanking them for helping us as well. Therefore on behalf of the dancers, we thank you.

A special thanks to Alan and Kathy who have made the Horseshoe the

home of our team and looked after us even through their own difficult times. Thank you also to all of the wives, partners and families of the Morris dancers, and not forgetting the people of Bampton and visitors from all over the country who support us.

Spring Bank Holiday weekend is a very busy time in Bampton what with the Shirt race and the Morris dancing so Thank you all for your commitment.

Here's to the next hundred years. Let's hope the Morris teams of tomorrow have as much support as we have now.

Tony Daniels
Squire

Bampton Traditional Morris Dancers

Cold Pressed Rapeseed Oil... ...on your doorstep!

Have you ever wondered what happens to all the fields of distinctive yellow oil seed rape that are prominent across the countryside in early summer?

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I would like to send my congratulations to Alec Dent from Bampton. Alec (Keble College) rowed at number three in this year's Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race which was the 157th.

Those of you who watched the event will know it was a great race with the Oxford crew pulling away from the start to finish with a four length clear victory. Not bad for the lighter crew.

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David Cameron

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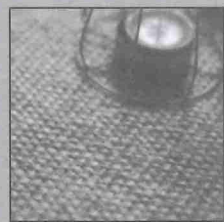
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EasyKart UK Championship

By Patrick Lay

Some say it's difficult, whilst others say... "You push two peddles and turn a steering wheel – it's that easy." Simple? Not quite.

2011 is my sixth season of competitive racing and fourth in succession at national level. Karting may be the entry routes into car racing, a world title pursuit or in some cases even a professional racing career, but it certainly isn't a doddle. The preparations for a two day race weekend start months in advance, so let me take you through the preparations and experiences I had to do with the first two rounds of the Easykart UK Championship this year.

Back in November 2010 I was researching potential companies to contact who might be interested in having the opportunity to sponsor me for this year. With an estimated 5 million companies in the UK this is no easy task to get through to the right person to speak to – let alone sign you a cheque! I was however lucky enough to carry on being supported by Demon Tweaks (a racewear company) who have in the past enabled me to receive free race suits, gloves, boots and visors. I was very surprised and pleased to receive funding of £250 from the Bampton Community Shop. The funding is to go towards driver coaching for this season, something which is possibly the most important part in the development of a driver. A few weeks after receiving support from the Bampton Community Shop though, I was lucky enough to receive a bursary of £250 from the Bampton Exhibition Foundation. I'm pretty sure a lot of people reading this aren't aware of the Bampton Exhibition Foundation, because neither was I. In short, this Foundation gives monetary support to young individuals to enable them to compete in sport, complete an academic course or activity of educational value who live within Bampton/surrounding areas. To receive funding from both the Bampton Community Shop and Bampton Exhibition Foundation is something which I am very honoured to have, because I base the majority of my training in and

around the village, whilst it is also the first time I have been supported by local causes.

Receiving funding to compete in motorsport may well get you onto the grid, but doesn't guarantee that you finish the race – let alone win. I started a 2011 fitness programme before Christmas last year in order to improve my overall body strength. This programme comprises two runs per week, one sprint session, with also press-ups and sit-ups. Keeping this programme up isn't the easiest thing at times, but is crucial to competing at the front of all the races I do. Fitness in motorsport is just like any other sport: you don't play sport to get fit; you get fit to play sport.

The dates for Round 1 of the Easykart UK Championship finally arrived – March 5/6th. We headed up to the circuit, Ellough Park, in Suffolk, on the Friday evening after school. I remember arriving in the paddock after a five hour journey and having to put the awning up in the dark with cars headlights as our source of light. By 22:00 the awning was up though and we drove back to the hotel completely exhausted. Saturday 5th March

was the official test day before qualifying and racing on the Sunday. A test day comprises five sessions per driver where karts in the same class go out for 15 minutes. The weather was dry and wet throughout the day, but I ended up being second fastest in the dry and similarly second fastest in the wet. After the final session we cleaned down the kart and prepared it for the racing on Sunday. Once you've signed on you have to take your kart to a building where officials from the Motorsports Association of the UK check it over for any safety issues and to see if anything is illegal on the kart. I passed this and so we packed the kart away ready for the racing on the Sunday.

Sunday was dry all day, with similar conditions as to when I won the Junior Championship there in 2009. Luck must have stayed with me, as I set the fastest time in qualifying by 0.2 seconds. 0.2 might not sound like a big

number, but in motorsport it's fairly large. In context, there have been races where the top six drivers cross the finish line with less than 0.6 seconds covering all of them. The first race of the day soon came round though, but I wasn't overly happy with 3rd place as I had shown I was the fastest with the fastest lap. If race one hadn't gone to plan though, race two definitely didn't. I was knocked off the circuit out of 3rd place at the start, which meant I plummeted to 16th overall. My luck didn't seem to improve though, as when I was making my way back through the field I was side swiped by another driver.



Patrick at the Wheel

This accident led to me driving back onto the circuit in 21st place overall with only 7 laps to go. I managed to recover to 14th by the chequered flag and again with the fastest lap of the race. This meant that I had to start 14th for the Final, where both trophies and championship points are awarded. I thought that by starting in the middle of the field I would be able to miss any accidents and make up positions – but unfortunately I couldn't. By the end of the 20 lap race I was in 9th place, which was somewhat aggravating as I had again set the fastest lap of the race and reduced the gap between myself and the winner throughout the race. This is motorsport though – sometimes you do have bad days, but like a mother of a fellow competitor once told me: "the good days always outweigh the bad days, Patrick." Round 2 was held on 30th April/1st May at Teesside Autodrome, Middlesbrough. This is one of my favour-

ite circuits on the UK calendar, so I was hoping for a good result. The weather was fantastic all weekend with blue skies and sun dawn to dusk. Despite there being a reasonable wind, I managed to tuck down behind the steering wheel along the straights and come in from qualifying 4th overall. I dropped a place however at the start of the first race, but quickly made it back on the last corner of the first lap. A few laps later though I gained 3rd and on the last lap slipped up the inside of 2nd place on the last corner. I managed to keep 2nd to the finish line which meant I would start on the front row for race two. A poor start would limit my result in this race, as I ended up finishing 6th after the race was stopped due to a serious accident half way through. I didn't actually see the accident, but on lookers described a kart flipping over at 70mph with someone stuck underneath and skidding upside down on their head for 40 feet or so. The driver is luckily OK though, as his dislocated shoulder was pushed back into place at the circuit and should recover in the next couple of months. The Final still went ahead, where I struggled to finish 5th. I was

and still am a bit confused as to why I seemed to get slower throughout the day, but again that's sometimes just motorsport for you.

So far I'm 6th in the UK Championship, but won't be competing in Round 3 due to exams. My next race therefore will be Rounds 4 + 5 at Whilton Mill, Daventry in July. I'm quite busy after then, because only a few days later I fly out to Poland for Rounds 3 + 4 of the European Series. Again, I'm not in contention to win the Series because I missed the previous rounds due to exams, but will be looking to secure wins in both the rounds as they are being held at my favourite circuit in Europe. Despite not winning any races yet this year, I don't see why I won't be able to in July. I'm still training hard, focusing on developing my driving and enjoying my racing. As Ayrton Senna once said: "to finish first, you first have to finish."

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The intriguing title, *The Italian Girl in London*, is that of a delicious operatic farce by the eighteenth-century composer Domenico Cimarosa; with a zany story set in a London hotel, *The Italian Girl* was once famed throughout Europe for its brilliant music and effervescent wit. It's an operatic *Fawlty Towers!* In the relaxed surroundings of the Deanery, Bampton Classical Opera productions are always highly enjoyable and offer the chance to hear exceptional professional singers at a very reasonable price. They say it's going to be a sizzling summer (and there's always the church as our wet-weather alternative if necessary), so why not make up an Italian-themed picnic and come and have a relaxed evening under the stars. Licensed bar, featuring a range of wines including a special Italian selection, at very reasonable prices; coffee also available. This is one of the very special Bampton events – you really don't have to be an 'opera buff' to enjoy it – it's a hilarious musical comedy, and you'll hear every word of the rhyming English translation. And at Bampton you hear the operatic stars of tomorrow – many of our young professional singers have gone on to enjoy amazing international careers.

In gratitude for our grant from Bampton Parish Council, there are 10 free tickets available for Bampton residents preference is given to young people studying music. Please contact Anthony Hall, tel 01993 851142 or anthony@bamptonopera.org.

Gardening Club Page

The Garden Club Annual Show is on Saturday 27th August in the Village Hall. If you would like to enter please fill in the form below and bring it with you on the morning. We would appreciate the trophies being returned to Marion Dowding, Bay Tree Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Bampton before the end of July or please contact Marion if you have difficulty returning the trophy, Tel: 01993 850167. Many thanks. We have a coffee morning on Saturday 23rd July - the last one before the show.

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| 1 Roses x 4 | 36 Drawf French Beans x 5 |
| 2 Roses specimen bloom x 1 | 37 Garden Peas x 5 any variety |
| 3 Roses Floribunda x 3 | 38 Beetroot x 3 with 3" tops |
| 4 Marigolds x 6 any variety | 39 Carrots x 3 any variety 3" tops |
| 5 Pansies x 5 | 40 Onions as grown with tops x 3 |
| 6 Viola x 5 | 41 Onions from sets x 4 dressed |
| 7 Sweet Peas 5 mixed colour | 42 Onions from seed x 4 dressed |
| 8 Carnations x 3 | 43 Shallots x 5 dressed |
| 9 Dianthus x 5 | 44 Squash x 2 matching pair |
| 10 Anthrins x 5 mixed colour | 45 Cabbage x 2 any variety matching |
| 11 Any other Flower from your own garden x 5 | 46 Potatoes x 5 white |
| 12 Dahlia Cactus x 1 bloom | 47 Potatoes x 5 coloured |
| 13 Dahlia Cactus x 5 small | 48 Table Marrow x 2 |
| 14 Dahlia Pom-Pom x 5 small | 49 Any other vegetable x 2 |
| 15 Dahlia Pom-Pom x 3 medium | 50 Tray of vegetables 5 varieties - 3 of each |
| 16 Dahlia Decorative x 5 small | 51 Raspberries x 6 with stalks on a plate |
| 17 Dahlia Decorative x 3 medium | 52 Rhubarb pulled sticks x 3 1 1/2" trimmed leaf |
| 18 Gladioli Spikes x 3 | 53 Apples - Dessert x 3 |
| 19 Chrysanthemums x 3 spray | 54 Apples - Cooking x 3 |
| 20 Chrysanthemums x 3 medium | 55 Plums any variety x 3 |
| 21 Fuchsia (bush) pot max 7" | 56 Pears any variety x 3 |
| 22 Non flowering pot plant pot max 7" | 57 Blackberries with stalks x 6 |
| 23 Cactus Garden pot max 12" | 58 A plate of any other fruit x 3 |
| 24 Single Cactus Plant pot max 7" | 59 6 Herbs 1 stem of each in a vase |
| 25 Geranium pot max 7" | 60 Longest Runner Bean |
| 26 Busy Lizzie pot max 7" | 61 Heaviest Potato |
| 27 Begonia pot max 7" | 62 Heaviest Onion |
| | 63 A Freak Vegetable |
| | Vegetables |
| 28 Lettuce x 2 any variety | Flower Arranging & Craft |
| 29 Radishes x 5 any variety | 64 Arrangement of flowers and foliage depicting "The Royal Wedding" |
| 30 Cucumber matching pair any variety - green house grown 1/2 " stalk | 65 A vase of flowers from own garden |
| 31 Tomato x 5 cherry red or yellow with calyx | 66 Arrangement of flowers not exceeding 4" diameter |
| 32 Tomato x 5 red with calyx | 67 Water Colour or Oil not signed |
| 33 Tomato x 5 yellow with calyx | |
| 34 Courgette x 2 any variety | |
| 35 Runner Beans x 5 | |

- 68 A Sketch Pencil or Charcoal not exceeding 12"x10" un-mounted and unsigned
- 69 Coloured Photograph depicting 'Spring' un-mounted not exceeding 12"x10" and not signed
- 70 Photograph *Black & White* un-mounted not exceeding 12"x10" and not signed
- 71 Item of Embroidery not to exceed 18" (not machined) back open to view
- 72 Item of Patchwork or Quilting not to exceed 18" (not machined)
- 73 Item of knitting
- 74 A Poem not more than 10 lines 'The Garden Show'
- 75 Any other craft - not furniture
- Cooking & Beverages**
- 76 Victoria Sponge 7"
- 77 Fruit cake 7"
- 78 Fruit Flan with homemade base
- 79 Plain Scones x 5
- 80 Apple Pie pastry top and bottom
- 81 Small decorated cakes x 6
- 82 1 Jar of Jam
- 83 1 Jar of Marmalade
- 84 1 Jar of Chutney
- 85 1 Jar of Pickled Onions
- 86 1 Jar of Beetroot
- 87 1 Jar of Pickled eggs
- 88 1 Jar of any other pickled vegetable
- 89 Bottle of homemade Red Wine Dry or Sweet
- 90 Bottle of homemade white wine Dry or Sweet
- 91 1 Bottle of Sloe Gin
- 92 Bottle of any other Beverage

Classes 82 - 88 All Jams etc please label and date all entries

Classes 89 - 92 please label and date all entries. Please will you also provide a glass for tasting and an easy removable top for the bottles. We would like to thank everyone for their support in advance.

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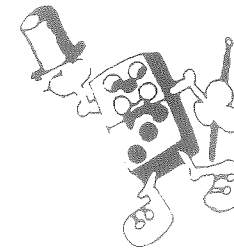
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By Cerian Cooper

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At least once a month, we arrange a special activity, such as a visits from Saltbox Music, baking, and story time with our local librarian. The group is a great way to meet others parents and carers, and we also arrange evenings out.

We are a friendly group and welcome new members from Bampton and the surrounding area. If you have a child under school age, drop in and join us. Your first visit is free and subsequent visits are £2.50 for non-members, £2 for members. For more information, contact Cerian Cooper on 01993 850861, or just come along!

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Shirt Race Report

by Toby Hopkins

28th May, 6pm, The Morris Clown beer garden - it's that time of year again, but I'm not feeling too good. I've got what distinctively feels like a hangover, but worse I've just received a text from my friend, Tobius, saying he can't make it over for the Shirt Race.

The idea, conceived in the pub the evening before was that he would ride in my bike trailer, cover the race (the 59th) - a bit like a modern Alan Whicker, recording interviews on his Dictaphone, etc. Now that idea was off, I didn't know what to do. It was then that the beer garden gate was flung open by a Dalek and in rolled the Doctor Who Tardis, smoke billowing from its as yet unopened doors. Two Daleks then set about re-hanging the gate; an enjoyable image that I'll not quickly forget. Stranger still - I then recognized one of the Daleks from school, Simon Chatterton. I've often wondered what became of him... The door of the Tardis (a police telephone box) then opened amidst even more billowing smoke and out stepped a Tom Baker look-alike offering jelly-babies to all. This hangover is going better than most I concluded and, realizing I had a job to do, dashed to Budgens for a notebook - saying "Hi!" to the pint-size Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as I went. In the centre everybody has gathered for the fancy dress prizes. There's colour, high-spirited vocalness and all manner of racing competitors assembled. It's really rather wonderful. I see a Polish acquaintance and ask "Do you have stuff like this in Poland?" "No," he laughs, "When I was young, for fun - we used to go over to the next village on a Saturday and have a big punch-up!" Back at the Clown gateway, readying for the off, there's a problem.

A gridlock has been caused by an inert Tardis. Apparently Tom Baker and the Daleks are inside buying more Guinness. Aggrieved, behind their cosmic vehicle, are the female Bampton netball team, an impressively athletic and vocal lot; and behind them -

the Bampton Fire Service team, with mini-sirens whirring. Then I meet Tobius! Looking about as sheepish as a man can look without actually being a sheep. Apparently after I left him at the pub last night he carried on drinking, was filmed dancing stupidly (which is, he understands, already available on YouTube) and then cycled into a hedge on his way home. The senior race starts just to the right of us. It's the usual mayhem – Scooby -doo and Batman scrambling for beer... A complete riot – and they've still got about 500 yards to go! I walk back to the centre. When I get there, they're already finishing – the flyers, that is. Tom Clark, looking like a half crazed Alice Cooper after a night out (with wig) insists he came first. It's a wildly optimistic claim. Coming up more sedately are several drunk Daleks, the 'Downtown Abbey' team (a great looking crowd including saucy maids), and the wonderfully colourful pair of Dot Kibble and Ben Tanner, dressed as psychedelic hippies and pushing a cart used in the very first Shirt Race by 'Rocky' (Ernie Hunt) in 1953. An idea hatched in a pub some 60 years ago has come to this! Hoorah to pubs and ideas occasionally hatched in them.

A final mention should be made to the team, 'Quantum Power', who came about 6th. Tristan 'speed' Griffiths and Jack Morris – in what proved to be a highly contested race, sped round the course on a lawnmower. Not even a very good one. Tussling with the Bampton Fire Service all the way, and having overcome some "really bumpy" terrain in Rosemary Lane, they overtook The Service at the last corner on just two wheels. Outstanding.

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OUT AND ABOUT

Guess who was back in Town?



And Downton Abbey will be Back in July



Searching for a suitable care home can be an emotional and stressful journey. All the recent negative press highlighting homes that fall below standards, and run out of monies, has prompted me to write and say we found a jewel of a care home in Bampton.



I want to tell you our journey and express my immense thanks and gratitude to everyone at Rosebank, for providing the most wonderful care for our very precious mum.

As a family, my brothers and I were very close to mum and prided ourselves in that we shared the care. To be honest we were struggling for a while, juggling jobs and our own lives and were in denial that someone else needed to help us care for her. After an episode in the John Radcliffe we were told mum needed a home, handed a catalogue on Oxford Care Homes and left to get on with it. We had no experience of this field and felt overwhelmed and utter despair. We visited many homes throughout Oxford and beyond before we stumbled across Rosebank.

We visited Rosebank on a sunny afternoon in October. Our welcome into the home was genuine, no pomp and ceremony; just warmth, friendly and a palpable desire to help. We talked at length about mum's needs and who she was as a person, and Lynn the Manager, explained the philosophy of Rosebank and how the home could meet our mum's needs.

That day was to change our lives forever. Little did we know then that we had found a home that would not only meet all our exacting standards, but exceed them.

Rosebank was a jewel not just because they were able to care for mum's complex needs, but because they loved her. They treated her with dignity and respect from the way they spoke to her to the new hairstyles and to the painting of her nails. Such important things for mum, who always took pride in her appearance.

Staff are well trained, friendly and compassionate. Nothing is too much trouble. As a family we were welcomed into Rosebank with open arms and will remain connected for many years to come.

Bampton should be proud of the support from everyone in the village. The Doctor's, District Nurses and Pharmacist's provide an excellent service into the home, visiting regularly and always available to offer advice and expertise.

I wish to thank the lovely local school children who frequently visit Rosebank. I can't tell them enough how much pleasure and joy they gave mum and the other residents with their singing, dancing and Poppy making for Remembrance Day. You really make a difference. As do all the lovely people who smile and wave as they pass the home.

I know as a family we will never forget Rosebank and feel blessed that this home came into our lives and more importantly into mum's life. During her time at Rosebank she lived life to the full and was happy, loved and secure.

I wish that everyone who finds themselves in the same position as us, needing help and support, finds their way to Rosebank because this is an exceptional care home, with exceptional staff, who's passion is care.

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Rouse's Ramblings

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By Don Rouse MBE

I have always waxed lyrically about the wonderful charitable spirit that exudes from Bampton and its people; the recent Music in Country Churches Concert that was held at St Mary's in May was a typical example. Members of St Mary's Church went to great lengths to assist in organising and running the concert to raise money for St Michael's Church at Stanton Harcourt. St Michael's being too small to hold such an event.

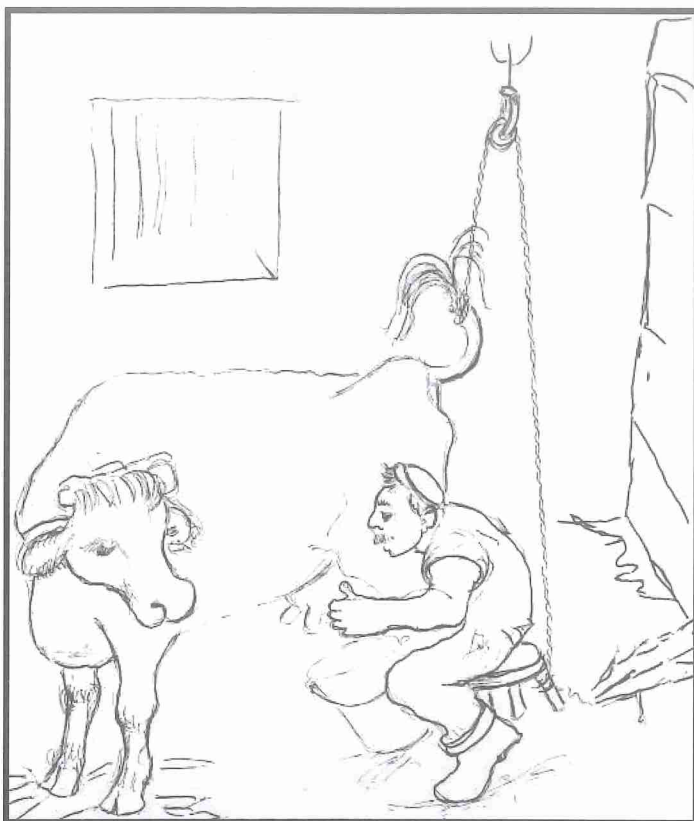
Both evenings were well supported and stewarded by volunteers from both Bampton and Stanton Harcourt. It is too early to know how much the coffers at Stanton Harcourt were swelled by the event; one thing for sure though was the good will of Bampton came to the fore. I took the opportunity to show some of my good 'city' friends the tomb of the 'Sausage Eater'. What a joy it was to be able to walk in comfort across the recently cut and well kept Churchyard!

From the SPAJERS point of view it was a relief that this time His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attended the concert; it did not clash with the Great Shirt Race.

I recently had cause to take David Cameron to task about his 'Big Society' project and I must say he was most helpful in getting a refund for me from WODC.

Through my city twinning connections I had the services of the leading Balalaika Quartet from Russia for one day. So with the help of Carterton Lions I was able to promote a 'Soirée in the Cowman's Cottage' here at Lew. You might think that it sounds simple enough to put on such an event, a String Quartet, no amplification, no alcohol, attended by responsi-

ble enthusiasts of music, held in a private house with the nearest neighbours a quarter of mile away. No way! If you are selling tickets to the general public you need to apply for a 'Temporary Entertainments Notification' (TEN) which I was told by WODC you could obtain the necessary forms 'on line' from their internet site*. I had to print out twenty three pages which included eighteen forms to fill in as WODC wanted my



application in duplicate and the Thames Valley Police needed six pages at their St Aldate's headquarters. Why? What business is it of theirs?

After the Prime Ministers office got involved, it was pointed out to me that as it was my own 'house guests' who were making donations to the event, I did not need a licence and the fee was refunded to me. Which meant that Thames Valley Air Ambulance were £440.00 better off and as it was a Rus-

sian Group giving their services free, a local Charity known as West Oxon Vetka Association, a charity that helps the community in the area of the Chernobyl Disaster, benefitted by £221.00 which included the £21.00 refund from WODC.

What I would like to see come out of this exercise, is for our local Councillors to sit down together and put forward a scheme to help David Cameron sort out some of this stupid bureaucracy. I know that his office was not happy that Street Parties celebrating the recent Royal Wedding was subject to the same stupid rules. It is about time we got our country free from the shackles that tie us down and let the volunteer forces of this country get on with making the Big Society work.

I must admit though that as long as all these idiotic rules remain, we in the SPAJERS will always have something of interest for the media to ridicule the stupid rules that exist. Take our recent Shirt Race. Having our starting pistol confiscated brought the name of Bampton and the SPAJERS Traditional Great Shirt Race to the attention of several of the National Newspapers. I already have something up my sleeve to publicise next year's race! That is of course if the present high standard of stupid bureaucracy is maintained!

I am working with the Bampton Archives Group to log the history of farming as we have known it within our lifetime. At the moment of course the top subject is the complete demise of the milk

industry in Bampton. It is very interesting talking to all the former milk producers and their cowmen, it will make very interesting viewing when it is all complete. It is some fourteen years since I last milked and yet nature still provides me with 'flashbacks'. Walking through a field of wheat today I noticed that it was just about to come into flower; yes wheat does flower, and this reminded me of my father's reassurance as I worried about the drop in milk yield;

'when the wheat is in flower the yields will always drop'. There is so much in the farming heritage that is going to disappear as time goes on. All those little 'tricks of the trade' that will disappear; for instance, how do you stop a cow kicking you as you attempt to milk her for the first time? No you do not hit her or tie her legs together. You just hold its tail up in the air at ninety degrees to its back; this affects the nervous system like a 'pressure point' and she will stand perfectly calm. Simple.

Combining two of the subjects that I have covered in this edition that of stupid rules and farming, my informant in the 'Green Wellies' was telling me of a recent frightening experience that he has just had with DEFRA, that is the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural affairs. Well that his how it started off but it involved many other departments within DEFRA. Also involved were RPA - Rural Payment Agency - BCMS - British Cattle Movement Service - and Natural England, threatening him with the withdrawal of payments. The only mistake that he had

made was to tell a Government Computer that it was wrong!

The story goes like this. When a baby calf is born it has to be registered with the BCMS; this can be done 'on line'. So informant minus his green wellies goes on line. Enters Date of Birth, Sex, Ear Number and Mothers Ear Number which starts to make the Computer flash. 'This is impossible' says the Government Computer 'this animal is too old to have a baby' 'Do you wish to continue?' 'Well as the mother and baby are here and the baby must be ear tagged with two tags within 36 hours. Yes,' said my intrepid informant, and that one manoeuvre created a response much greater than if he had said he had found a 'ticking bomb' on his land. All the aforementioned government agencies would not accept that nature knew more than their computer did and were suspicious that some fraudulent activity was on the go. He was given less than 24 hours to get all his books prepared, get all his animals back home to the farm so that every animal's passport could be inspected and that it matched the number in the

animal's ear. Any mistake and all his payments would be stopped. In the eyes of these agencies, one of the greatest crimes for a farmer to commit is to have one of his animals lose an ear tag, and as they are usually made of plastic it is quite easily done.

The Inspector arrived at 9.30 am, checked and disapproved of the booking technique used by my informant as she could not understand it, yet every question she asked he was able to answer correctly. Anybody who has had experience with government inspectors, like the VAT inspectors, know that they will not give in until they find something wrong. She worked right through the day till 4pm, checking every single cow and calf. My informant is still awaiting the results!

I am sure that she went home satisfied that she had earned her £200.00 or so for a day's work. However I wonder, did she feel she had used her government wages wisely? Was Great Britain's GDP improved by her efforts? Certainly the farmer was well out of pocket having to transport his animals from the field to the farm and back again, a total waste of a day's work. To me the inspector is as guilty of misusing tax payers money as those people on job seekers allowance who don't go looking for jobs. And all because an old cow got pregnant!

My informant tells me that at any given time the Government knows where every animal is, who its mother is and what date its birthday is. Funny how they haven't a clue when it comes to illegal immigrants! May I suggest that the Borders Agency enlists the help of the under-employed at DEFRA, RPA, BCMS and Natural England. Their Rules and regulations would soon have our immigration problems under control. It would probably mean that the immigrants would have to have a large yellow plastic tag in each ear that is clear enough to be seen from the road side!

*Interesting to note Don, that, when the 'Beam' offered to put on the mulled wine at the Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On, the Parish Council had also to get a 'TEN'; but not for the mulled wine, but to be able to sing Christmas Carols around the Christmas Tree!

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Changes to non-emergency patient transport services

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If you would like to find out more about the changes, take part in the consultation or answer the questionnaire you can take a look at what is happening online as follows <http://bitly.com/Patienttransport> or contact NHS Oxfordshire on: Tel: 01865 334641.

In Oxfordshire the current criteria for patients to be eligible for this service are:

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In addition if you meet any of the above criteria, you may be able to travel with an escort, if one or more of the following apply:

- you are under 16 years of age
- you have significant communication difficulties, including learning difficulties, impaired sight or are hard of hearing
- you have a mental health problem that prevents you from travelling alone
- you have a medical condition that requires constant supervision for your own safety
- you require a carer at your destination.

None of this will change, what will change is that:

In addition to patients who meet these criteria we have continued to agree

- transport for patients who do not meet the criteria but believe they need the transport to get to their appointments.

In future we plan to ask a set of questions before a booking is made and the patient's needs will be given a score.

Patients who do not meet the score will not be able to access this service and will be asked to make their own way to their appointments.

The patient eligibility for the service will be assessed by either ambulance staff via a patient booking line or healthcare staff in treatment centres / GP surgeries / secondary care.

In addition some of the questions asked will also allow the ambulance service to identify what kind of vehicle is needed – e.g. patient can walk on to the vehicle, patient needs a vehicle suitable for a wheelchair, patient needs stretcher transport.

For further information please contact Judy McCulloch: Tel: 01865 334363 Email: judy.mcculloch@oxfordshirepc.t.nhs.uk

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Bampton Blister Sisters take on challenge of OXFAM Trailtrekker

By Debbie Landray

Early June four Bampton women took on a team challenge to raise money



Photograph courtesy of Yorkshire Post Newspapers

for OXFAM. The challenge, OXFAM Trailtrekker, involved an epic 100km trek over the Yorkshire Dales, to be completed in 30 hours. The four women who make up 'Bampton Blister Sisters' are Penny Fowler, Becky Fisher, Alison Bardsley and Debbie Landray. In an action-packed day and night which could only have been imagined by a Hollywood script-writer, three of the girls won silver medals but were gradually forced to retire through injury, including blood blisters and strained knees. It was left to Debbie Landray to bring in the gold medal for the team in the creditable time of 29 hours. The support crew consisting of the other halves of the four blister sisters were instrumental in the team's progress. They provided foot baths, meals, and words of inspiration throughout the event. To cap off an amazing experience, the team found their photograph splashed over the front page of the Yorkshire Post. At the time of going to press, we have surpassed our initial target of £2000 and managed to raise over £4000, a fantastic result, and the support from the community of Bampton has been overwhelming. Thank you.

As well as many generous donations received on our web site, money has been put through our letter boxes,

loose change flung in our collecting tins, cakes baked and delivered to our door for our cake sales, and our fundraising events have been supported with whole-hearted enthusiasm. We would like to particularly mention some local names who contributed significantly to our fundraising efforts: Patrick Strainge provided us with a

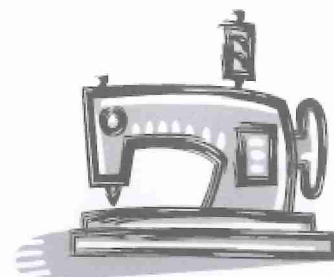
BBQ and all the sausages and burgers we could sell on Whit Saturday, allowing us to raise over £280. Also, Mike Howard at The Outwear Shop

has been kind enough to give us a financial contribution, invaluable training and kit advice as well as a discount on equipment needed for the walk. Mathew Green and his highly talented band put on a night to remember, by playing at our barn dance in the village hall - the event raised over £830! Lizanne Murray-Clarke contributed £100 from the proceeds of the sale of recycled cards. Further afield, Penny's mum had a tea party in her home town in Yorkshire to fundraise. Even the children were kind enough to forego their sweets and donate their garland money to OXFAM instead this year! Finally, Ellis Bardsley's employers, Teka Koppersbusch donated £250 which was very gratefully received.

We have been lucky enough to have the support of our families too, and we would like to publicly thank them for encouraging us over the past few months.

We are now left with amazing memories and sore legs, but a great feeling of satisfaction that we have managed to raise a significant amount of money for a highly deserving cause.

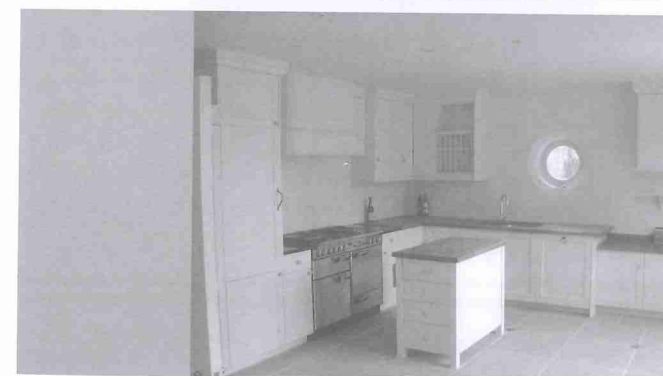
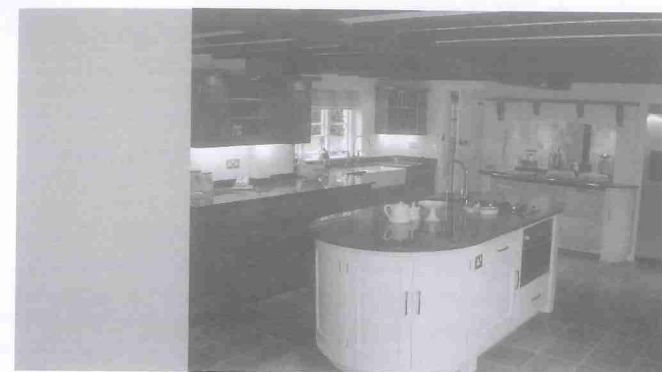
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Bampton Environmental Watch Group

By Ralph Norman, Chairman



We had a good turnout at our AGM at the beginning of March when Ralph Norman was re-elected as Chairman,

Helene Grygar as Vice-chairman, Martyn Bishop as Honorary Treasurer and Sally Proctor as Honorary Secretary. All other members of the committee were also re-elected. Everyone then enjoyed an excellent talk from Martin Way on the Cotswold Wool Trade and Shepherding. Our next meeting should have been a talk from John Letts on Thatching, but had to be cancelled as at the last minute we discovered that our speaker had made an error in his diary and was away. Our apologies to all those who had hoped to come to this talk. Our next talk is scheduled for 28 July when we will have Richard Martin from Cotswold Woollen Weavers in Filkins. This will be followed by a talk on 27 October from Dr Max Peterson on fungi. Meetings are held in the Village Hall starting at 8:00pm. All are welcome, with attendance free for members, £2 for non-members (or join at the door).

Work on the alterations to the old school (youth centre) should be completed by the end of June.

The consultation on the Core Strategy to be used as part of WODC's Local Development Framework (LDF) completed in March. The results of this are being reviewed by WODC's cabinet on 15 June. Due to the large amount of new material available since this consultation, further comments are to be invited by the end of July. (Go to WODC's website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/planning/CoreStrategy.cfm for details and to participate.)

If you would like to know more about BEWG or would like to join us please contact the Membership Secretary (Ann Norman) on 850823, or email bewg@sagaman.co.uk. You can also

see our entry on the Bampton web site:

BEWG open meetings scheduled for 2011 (all in the Village Hall, starting at 8:00 pm).

28 July – Cotswold Woollen Weavers: speaker Richard Martin;
27 October – Fungi: speaker Dr Max Peterson.

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A very big thank you to you all for your support and encouragement.

Planning consent for part change of use to a bistro and wine bar was granted on 23rd May.

I hope to be up and running sometime in October, I look forward to welcoming you.

Best wishes, Biz Gooddy

Council Tax Scam Warning

Residents are being urged not to give out personal information following reports of scam phone calls and e-mails in our district offering either refunds of overpaid Council Tax or asking for payment of an underpaid bill to avoid a fine.

The calls and e-mails claim to be from the local council, valuation office or some similar organisation and they ask for personal information and bank details to allow them to process the refund or payment.

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We are able to keep the charge to our members at a very low level only because of the Volunteers who give their time free of charge as Helpers, Cooks and Drivers. Many of the Volunteers have been giving their services since the early days and are, in a number of cases, as old as, or older, than some of the members!

With the passage of time some of the Volunteers have died and others have had to cease their involvement; and the club is having difficulty in finding younger people to fill their places. Are you able to help in any of the following roles please?

General Helpers - normally assist alternate weeks 9.30 am - 2pm

Cooks - approximately once a month 10am - 1pm

Kitchen Assistants - approximately once a month 10am - 1pm

Lunchtime washing up - alternate weeks 12noon - 1pm

Bampton Ladies Group

We are a group of like minded ladies who meet every third Wednesday of the month (excluding August).

We meet in The Village Hall at 8pm.

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We have our annual 'skittles outing' in February each year, and our Annual Dinner in April.

The first evening you come along is £1. Should you then join it's £10 for the year.

For further information contact Mrs Joan Farthing on: **Tel: 01993 851206.**



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If you are willing help please contact:
Fenella Gray: Tel: 01993 851653 or
Veronica Baker: Tel: 01993 851040.

Cancer Research UK Bampton Branch

Events for the remainder of 2011

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| 17 th September | Autumn Sale |
| Village hall | 10am |
| 23 rd November | Bingo |
| Village Hall | 8pm |
| 2 nd December | Quiz Night |
| Village Hall | 7.30pm |
| 16 th December | Country & Western Dance |

Carterton Social Centre 8.30pm
For more information contact Doris or Michael Cleaver: **Tel: 01993 850682.**

Bampton Junior Church

The children from Bampton School and the village are welcomed to Bampton Junior Church on a Sunday morning.

We run from 10.45am - 11.25am in the Bush Centre. At 11.25am we march back up to church where we join the congregation for drinks. BJC runs every Sunday except for the third Sunday in the month when it is family service.

Bampton Bridge Club

Do you play bridge? If so why not come along and join the Bampton

Bridge Club..

We play on Tuesday evenings from 7-30 to 10pm in Bampton Village Hall. Duplicate is played on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesday of each month with Rubber being played on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.. The annual subscription is £6. Members pay £1 per week table money and visitors pay £2. You will find us a very friendly club. For more information contact Frank Hudson on: **Tel: 01993 842126.**

Old Birthday Cards

Lizann still needs your old greeting cards - not Christmas cards - after you have enjoyed them. She can recycle them to sell and raise money for charities.

Last year 20 charities benefitted from the £2,342 raised.

Cards can be left at the Library, Vesey Room, Bampton Physiotherapy Clinic, Abbey Properties. All places mentioned have cards to sell. Also you can leave them at 3 Broad Street and 4 Glebelands Bampton. For further enquiries please contact Lizann Murray-Clarke Tel: 01993 852747.

Bampton Community Archive

"UNHALLOWED GROUND", Mel Starr's fourth book in the chronicles of Hugh de Singleton, will be published in October and on sale in the Vesey Room, the WOA gallery and The Horseshoes. This book is centred on Cow-Ley's Corner and the suicide of Thomas atte Bridge who took his own life there - or did he? As usual, the book sells for £8.99, profit from the sale going to Bampton Archive.

Bampton Drop-In

Held at the Methodist Chapel every Monday from 12pm, where all are welcome. Don't suffer those Monday blues. When you've done your washing up don't just put your feet up with a cup of tea.

Instead, why not come and join us at this local facility for a very reasonably priced lunch, where you will be served by a dedicated band of country cooks.

You can enjoy a warming bowl of home-made soup, something on toast or a cheesy baked potato, followed by home-made cake, cheese and biscuits, tea and coffee. So come along and

enjoy this friendly informal gathering.

The Annual "Your Community, Your Call" Roadshow

Several agencies will be visiting towns shortly in the district to hand out free advice and information. These include Thames Valley Police, Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue, Trading Standards, NHS Oxfordshire and Cotsway Housing.

Dates and Venues

Monday 11 July: Witney marketplace, 9.30am until 12pm

Thursday 14 July: Carterton marketplace, 9.30am until 12pm

Friday 15 July: Woodstock marketplace, 9.30am until 12pm

Creative Opportunities for All

A group of disabled adults are the latest of more than 200 people to benefit from a scheme set up by West Oxfordshire District Council to get creative workshops into local communities. Members of the Witney-based self-help charity group, The Tryards, have been learning about song writing, singing, performance and film-making from professionals after getting involved in the Taking Part initiative.

The scheme was introduced by the Council in 2010 to give groups and communities the chance to try new activities and learn new skills at workshops led by skilled artists. It offers a package of workshops covering a wide range of activities, from ceramics to circus skills, animation to sculp-

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ture and dance to poetry, suitable for people of all ages and abilities.

So far, more than 200 people have participated in Taking Part sessions and the scheme is continuing in 2011/12. Prices for workshops vary and groups may be eligible to apply to the District Council for help with funding. Communities or groups can choose which workshop or activity they want to try from the Taking Part Menu, available to view online at www.westoxon.gov.uk/takingpart or by calling 01993 861080.

The 21-member Tryards group, whose name stems from the expression 'try hard', spent time with song maker and performer Matt Sage, founder of Oxford's Catweazle Club, writing and recording two songs, entitled 'Tryards' and 'There's No Tomorrow'. The group now hopes to produce a CD to sell in local shops to raise money. They also took part in a film-making session and members were 'interviewed' for the group's own short production with help from film-maker Iona Fabian.

The Tryards was set up in 1993 to provide self-help support for adults with disabilities in Witney and the surrounding areas, and is supported by Leonard Cheshire Disability. The group meets every Thursday at Witney Artificial Turf Pitch and gives members the chance to take part in different activities, socialise with others and go on various trips throughout the year.

For further information contact West Oxfordshire District Council.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

In 2012 The Queen will be 60 years on the throne. The Parish Council is looking to hold some kind of celebration, similar to the one we had for her Golden Jubilee, in line with the rest of the Country. We are therefore looking for volunteers to come on to a committee to help develop ideas on what the celebration event, or events, will be, and to then help run them. If you are interested in helping with the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, then please give your name to the Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Radband, on: **Tel: 01993 851870.**

Dial-a-Ride

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

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**The Abbey Properties
2011 Grand Prize Draw**

By Rupert Mayhew, Abbey Properties
Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Douglas and Sally Read.



The winning couple (centre) with Rupert Mayhew (left) and Damian Leahy of Abbey Properties

This year's grand prize of a 32" flat screen TV, surround sound system and DVD player, for all vendors of properties placed on the market at the start of the year, was won by Mr Douglas and Mrs Sally Read of 10 Glebelands, Bampton.

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The prize was presented to the Reads by Abbey Properties Director Damian Leahy in the Bampton office in March and Mr Read said they 'were delighted to receive the prize and it would take pride of place in our new home'. Abbey Properties sold the Read's home in March and completion took place at the end of May

when they moved into their new house. Rupert Mayhew, the Manager of the Bampton Office added 'it was particularly suitable as the Reads had just started looking for a new television set. We wish them all the best in the move to their new home.'

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Interested? In the first instance for an informal heads up contact:
Su Allen on: Tel: 01993 852882 (susan.allen@brandfish.co.uk), or
Sue Turner on: Tel: 01993 850974 (sue@cardorders.co.uk)

The Switchover to Digital Television is coming.....

.....A message for all viewers

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The role of ORCC is to get the Switchover message out to everyone in Oxfordshire, rural or urban, with a particular focus on the elderly, people with disabilities and those with English as a second language.

In addition, ORCC is spreading the message about the Switchover Helpscheme. This scheme will assist people to convert their TV to digital if they are aged 75 or over; get or could get Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or mobility supplement; have lived in a care home for six months or more; or are registered blind or partially sighted.

Visit the Digital UK website for more information: <http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/>

If you are not connected to the Internet you can telephone 08456 505050 for information about the Switchover or Freephone 0800 408 5900 for information about the Switchover Helpscheme. You can also contact Jayne Bullock at ORCC on 01865 883488.

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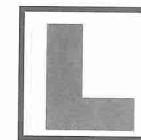
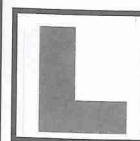
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November 19th
December 17th

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**Carterton
Neighbourhood
Management Update**

By PC Richard Barnes

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC Rich Barnes provides an update on what has been happening this month:

“Youth provision is an ongoing issue that is being addressed by the team along with our partners at the Town Council and Youth Service. As it stands Bampton appears to have secured its future until September whilst the Allendale is unfortunately struggling.

There is movement on the possible future of the Allendale building and future owners. This will take time to come about but hopefully a bright future may lay ahead for youth provision in Carterton. The Town Council is very pleased with the new play park on Alvescot Road and the amount of visitors that it is attracting.

“Speeding is an ongoing issue in most of the villages. I recently attended a meeting in Clanfield with regard to speeding from the Clanfield Tavern through the bends and out to Bampton. The meeting was very productive with members of the Parish Council, Oxfordshire County Council and Traffic Management from Bicester attending.

The Parish Council felt that they were being listened to seriously. The team continues to deploy the Speed Indicator Device and we are in discussions about use of the speed camera van in our neighbourhood.

“Bampton residents are very pleased with the litter clearing in their Market Square and Carterton also has a very good band of litter clearers. The general public would have no idea how the town centre can look on a Saturday and Sunday morning before the litter clearers have done their excellent job.

However, the onus, as always, falls upon individuals using bins and educating their children to do the same.

“Dog fouling is also an ongoing issue and it is not nice to be scraping your shoe over grass after treading in unpicked up dog mess. On behalf of all dog owners, and some of the Neighbourhood Team who own dogs, please pick up after your dog.



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“The Neighbourhood Team attended the Shilton Parish Council Meeting. A general overview was given to those that attended and we were well received.

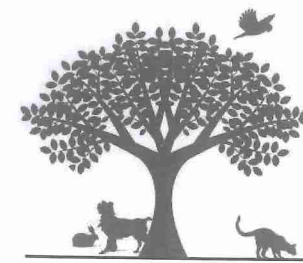
“Sgt Turner attended a repatriation at Wootton Bassett to see how things worked. A lot of information was gleaned and we will be working towards the day that repatriations return to Royal Air Force Brize Norton.

“A Youth Restorative Detection was issued to a young man for graffiti. He has apologised to the victim and will be making good the damage caused. All parties are happy with the outcome and the mother was very supportive of the police action.

“And finally, although the weather has taken a turn for the worse, can I remind residents that most burglaries are opportunist, so please keep your premises secure, especially if you are relaxing in the back garden.

“If you would like to contact the neighbourhood team, please either telephone 0845 8 505 505 or email us at:

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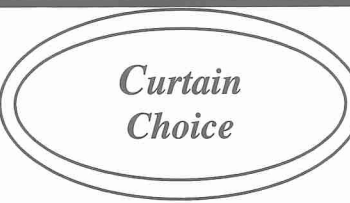
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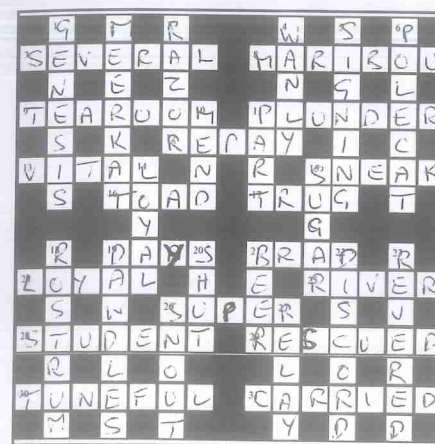
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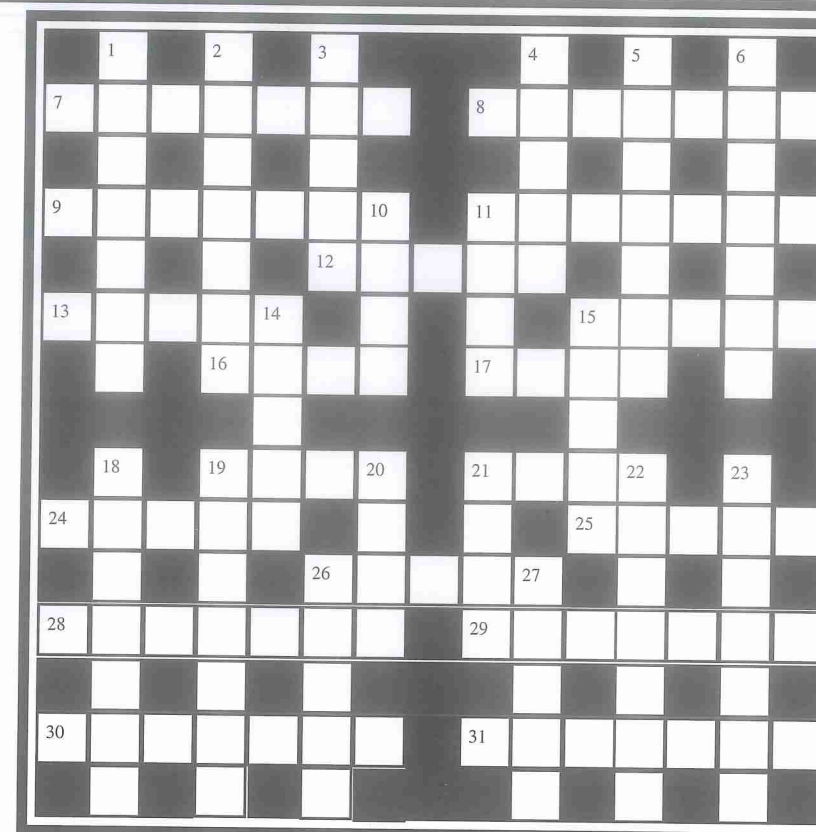
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Solution to the March BEAM CROSSWORD



We didn't receive any correct answers to the March Crossword, so we have a rollover to the November Crossword where the winner will receive a cheque for £20! Thank you again to Annette Minto for producing another crossword for us. In line with her wishes, 'The Beam' is donating £10 to The Bush Club.

THE BAMPTON BEAM'S CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

- 7 Chewy Mints
- 8 Leggy Sea Creature!!
- 9 Stars and ?
- 11 Nosy Person
- 12 Belief or Opinion
- 13 A Game Fish
- 15 Las of All
- 16 Watched
- 17 Opposite of Fat
- 19 Shortly
- 21 Very Dry as Deserts Are
- 24 Italian City
- 25 Hindu Kingdom
- 26 Female Clothing Item
- 28 Girls Name - Mine!
- 29 Shouting
- 30 These Separate Words in Printing
- 31 Ill Mannered - Clumsy

CLUES DOWN

- 1 Very Plain, Severe
- 2 Slanting, Sloping
- 3 Wading Bird
- 4 Very Little
- 5 Russian Composer
- 6 A Number
- 10 Transmit
- 11 Marine Mammal
- 14 Famous Heavyweight Boxer
- 15 Dickens Character
- 18 Root Vegetables
- 19 Absence of Sound
- 20 Sports Wear Manufacturer
- 21 Spacious and Uncluttered
- 22 They Handle Cards or Drugs
- 23 To Discolour or Stain
- 26 Violent Weather
- 27 Male Singing Voice

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SPAJERS News

By Lynne Pointer

We are delighted to share Good News with you on several fronts. New visits arranged and generous sponsorship from local businesses means new equipment available for use.

We are always grateful to our local businesses for ongoing support, with sponsorship for the Donkey Derby, and goods and raffle prizes for our various events. A special thanks to Tony Scott at Budgens here. Organising events would be much harder without help from Tommy and Sylvie at Emmies Newsagents who act as a "postbox" and sell tickets for us, as do The Coffee Shop. We are also appreciative of the shelter given us by the shop front of Abbey Properties when we are out selling raffle tickets on Saturday mornings.

This year we have also received generous donations from Abbey Properties, Trevor Milne-Day and the Rehearsed Reading Group, a grant from The Bampton Community Shop and one from Waitrose shoppers. After much deliberation we decided to put these towards something that will be of use to us and the local community.

Second Marquee now available for SPAJER and local events

As many of you know the SPAJERS Marquee is not only used at events such as The Donkey Derby and Fete and the Fireworks Evening, but is available for a donation to SPAJERS for any event local people are putting on, such as weddings and garden parties. We are shortly to acquire a second marquee. They will be able to be used separately or joined together.

The Grinsell family, who have given us sterling support at the Donkey Derby and other events over the years, got in touch with Waitrose and asked if the SPAJERS could be one of their local charities that shoppers can choose to support at the Witney

Waitrose store. Thanks to all of those who dropped their green counter in the right chute, we recently received £300 from Waitrose. The Bampton Community Shop was able to give us a grant, Abbey Properties came up with a donation and so did The Rehearsed Reading Group. Many thanks to them all. A second marquee will be very useful not only to us but also local people. Once again the community benefitting from each member of the community doing it's bit. Shop Local - we all benefit.

If you would like a marquee (or two) for your event, (and SPAJERS will put them up and take them down for you as well), please contact Mat Green on 850760.

Quiz Night

The SPAJERS first event of the year was The Quiz Night. As we know, it is not the winning but the taking part that counts; however the competition



The SPAJERS Marquee
Dimensions: Approximately 10m x 4m

was still fiercely fought with "The Long and the Short of It" the eventual winners. We squeezed 13 teams into the Village Hall who maintained the traditional "Argue with the referee" aspect as battle commenced. Many thanks to all our helpers and those who donated Raffle Prizes, and we hope a good night was had by all.

Tea Party

As well as keeping up the traditions of Bampton like the Great Original Shirt Race and the Donkey Derby, we also look out for ways in which we can offer something new to the different groups within our large membership. For some time we have been discussing what we could offer as an alternative for those who find the long coach trip on The Annual Outing to the seaside difficult or too tiring. Thanks to a very kind offer from St Hugh's School Carswell, we will be offering an afternoon tea party closer to home in late June.

There will not be places for everyone at this event so we ask you to bear in mind for whom it has been planned, and to let them have first choice. Full details will soon be delivered to all members via our usual "postal system". Numbers are limited to 40, but we expect to be able to offer something similar in the future for those who are unlucky in securing a place this time.

The Donkey Derby

It really is a late summer Bank Holiday this year, but that does give you lots of time to sort out books, bottles and plants for the stalls and save up your pennies to spend on the raffles, tombola and delicious cream teas that will be on offer. Once again jockeys will be required for the races, and extra pairs of hands to help set up, look after stalls and tidy up afterwards are always very welcome.

Any businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor a race or a donkey (and get a mention in the programme if wished, some prefer to remain anonymous) please contact Scottie on 851797.

The Annual Outing

Closely following the Donkey Derby, this year we will be visiting Weston Super Mare on Wednesday August 31st. This trip is open to all our members and again an individual invitation will be delivered to the door. Every year people wonder out loud if we will leave someone behind (as did

happen a few years ago). I think some folk are secretly hoping it will be repeated!

Visit to RAF Brize Norton

After last year's interesting and exciting trip we are pleased to announce another visit this year on Wednesday September 7th 2011. Obviously the first lot did not misbehave too badly, and they feel the safety of the realm will not be too compromised by a further invasion. Posters will be placed around the village, nearer the time, with more details and those of our members who would like to attend should register at Emmie's Newsagents. Please note that numbers are restricted to 45. Places will be allocated on a first-come basis. We kindly ask that anyone who attended last year does not register in order that other members are able to visit.

Archive Exhibition

Have you looked out those photos, programmes, films that you were going to find for the Exhibition about the SPAJERS this September in The Vesey Room? We will be happy to copy them and quickly return the masters to you. Please contact Don Rouse on 850297 if you have any memories or mementos to share.

Thank you to all who support us by buying raffle tickets, putting money in our collector's tins, setting up events and publicising events. We really could not do it without you.

If you would like to become a SPAJERS member then the rules are, you must be over 60 for a woman, 65 for a man and have lived in Bampton for at least 6 months. Sign on with our Membership Sec Jeff Dando on Tel: 01993 850643.

Before putting forward someone else's name, please remember to ask them first. And do not forget to let us know if you move house or change your name.

We are in the 21st century so if you would like us to keep in touch with you by email then please send your name and email to us at noreply@spajers.org

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May Garlands

By Ruth Wheeler

Once again children turned out with their pretty garlands even though it was a miserable day. 4 garlands came to be judged. The following are the prize winners:
1st Prize: Cerise & Pippa Charrington
2nd Prize: Xavier & Edward Walsgrove* and Jenny Allen
3rd Prize: Sara Ader, Anne Hargrove and Arianna Cantarelli, shared with Alice & Isobel Landray



One of the Prize Winning Entries

Thanks to Mr John Grout for sponsoring the garlands, also to Mrs Rose Gerring for the help in providing sweets for the children.

It's good to be able to keep up this old tradition, the other being the Morris Dancers. The teams did well despite the rain. Well done to all.

I hope to see you all again next year.

*Xavier and Edward also managed, through sponsorship, to raise £50 for the Helen House Hospice. Well done to them!

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We are also delighted to announce that Marianne Talbot Oxford Philosopher and author will be at the event between 12 and 2.30 with signed copies of her book 'Keeping mum - Caring for Someone with Dementia'

The Oxfordshire Dementia Information Line is a telephone service that can give information to anyone seeking information about dementia and local dementia resources within Oxfordshire.

There is also an accompanying website www.dementiaweboxfordshire.org.uk

Oxfordshire is currently estimated to have 7,500 people aged over 65, and 160 younger people under the age of 65, who have dementia (Poppi.org 2010). Not everyone who has dementia has a diagnosis. Not everyone has sufficient information about dementia or local resources. The Oxfordshire Dementia Information Line staff will guide callers to seek the appropriate input from health and social care as well as point towards other resources such as dementia support workers, groups, clubs etc.

The service can make a real difference to people. It will contribute to increasing awareness and understanding of dementia; break down barriers of fear, misunderstanding and stigma about dementia and be a valued local resource. Please contact us if there is something you would like to know about dementia or the resources available in Oxfordshire - no question is too small or insignificant. For more information, please contact The Dementia Information Line 01993 700061 between 9am and 7pm Monday to Friday and 10am - 6pm Weekends and bank holidays.

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July

- 2nd Cake Stall, Bampton Methodist Chapel, Chapel, Market Square, from 9.30am on
- 6th *The King's Speech*, Movies on the Move, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 15th/16th *The Italian Girl in London*, Bampton Classical Opera, Deanery Garden, 7.30pm
- 16th Race Night, Help the Heroes et al, Village Hall 7pm
- 23rd Coffee Morning, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
- 28th BEWG Open Meeting, talk by Richard Martin on 'Cotswold Woollen Weavers', Village Hall, 8pm

August

- 27th Annual Show, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall, Staging 9am – 11am, Open to Public 3pm
- 29th The Donkey Derby, SPAJERS, Sandfords, 2am
- 31st *Annual Outing*, SPAJERS

September

- 7th *Visit to RAF Brize Norton*, SPAJERS
- 7th *Never Let Me Go*, Movies on the Move, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 17th Autumn Sale, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 10am

October

- 14th Barn Dance, FOBS, Bampton CoE Primary School
- 14th/15th *Murder Mystery*, St. Mary's Social Committee, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 22nd Coffee Morning, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
- 22nd Coffee Morning, Bampton Methodist Chapel, 10am
- 27th BEWG Open Meeting, talk by Dr Max Peterson on 'Fungi', Village Hall, 8pm

November

- 2nd *Water for Elephants*, Movies on th Move, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 19th Coffee Morning, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
- 23rd Bingo, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 8pm

December

- 2nd Quiz Night, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 16th Country & Western Dance, Cancer Research UK, Carterton Social Centre, 8.30pm
- 17th Coffee Morning, Bampton Gardening Club, Village Hall, 10am – 12noon
- 22nd Village Nativity, St. Mary's Social Committee, St. Mary's, 7pm
- 24th Mummings, SPAJERS, Village Private and Public House, 6pm on

January

- 28th January Hop, St. Mary's Social Committee, St. Mary's, 8pm

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