

# The Bampton Beam

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## A Service Worth Saving

We have become accustomed each year to the calls for massive savings in Local Government budgets and to the threatened cuts to vital services as Councils struggle to keep their spending within government guidelines. The Bampton Fire Brigade is no exception to these alarms and its demise has been debated more than once - happily in 1995 good sense has again prevailed. However, financial problems are not the only worry; the necessary volunteer man/woman power is also essential. Nowadays, most people work away from Bampton and it is becoming increasingly difficult to mount a full crew during the working day. It will be a sad day indeed for Bampton if either lack of cash or volunteers should cause the closure of one of the oldest rural Fire Brigades.

It is not certain when Bampton had its first fire brigade but it was probably towards the end of the 18th Century. *The following account has been taken from THE BAMPTON WE HAVE LOST by J L Hughes-Owens* - Most early fire brigades were organised and financed by insurance companies. There is some evidence to show that, later in the century, the (Bampton) Vestry had an arrangement for sharing the expenses with an insurance company. . . "In 1884 the Vestry reluctantly agreed to buy a new fire engine" and in the same year the renowned 'Cap' Williams, a local builder, became chief officer. "Under his command the brigade reached such a state of efficiency, that in the early years of the

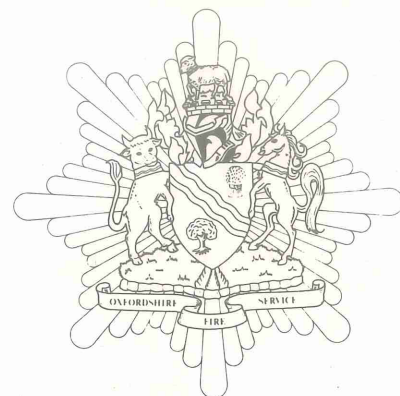
century, it was regarded as the crack rural brigade in the south of England.

In 1896 the Parish Council took over responsibility for the brigade, and one of its first acts was to put the firemen into uniforms; tunics at 17s.6d. each were purchased from Pemby the draper in High Street. The Council then drew up a list of rules which governed the use of the fire engine. For attendance at a fire a charge of £2 was to be made, and it was the duty of the chief officer to ensure that the occupier of the burning premises accepted responsibility for payment. No payment no fire engine. Each fireman was to be paid 5s. for attendance at a fire, while the two officers were to receive an extra half a crown each. These remunerations were quite generous if we remember that most labouring men were earning less than £1 a week at the that time. But as Captain Williams was careful to point out, the element of danger in firefighting ought always to be recognised.

In the early years of the present century the brigade took part in numerous competitions, and its many successes earned for it an enviable reputation. . . 1904 was the brigade's great year of achievement. Early in the year it became the Champion brigade of the South Midlands District, and later went to the Crystal Palace where it won the National Championship. (see photograph page 4)

When news of the great triumph reached the town the place went wild with excitement; never did the flames of Bampton

  
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pride burn more fiercely. Many people decorated their houses, and flags appeared every where. The heroes arrived at Bampton station by the last train, and were given a rapturous welcome by a large crowd assembled there. . .

In 1919 the long reign of Cambria Williams came to an end. In his letter of resignation to the parish Council he stated that he had been a member of the brigade for over fifty years, and Chief Officer for forty -five - a tremendous record - and in recognition of his meritorious services he was appointed Honorary Chief Officer. He was succeeded in the command of the brigade by Ted Green another local builder."

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### May Day Bank Holiday

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### VE DAY - 50th Anniversary Celebration

3rd May - Come Along & Sing Along with the  
Bampton Evacuees (see page 20)

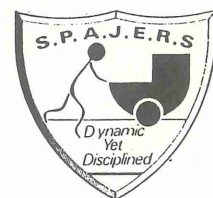
7th & 8th May - 'ALL CLEAR' (see page 13)

### Spring Bank Holiday

27th May

42nd Shirt Race

(see page 10)



29th May

Children's Flower Garlands (see page 12)

Morris Dancing (see page 7)

Farewell to a Bampton Squire





## The Friends of St Mary's continue their efforts

£23,500 has been either given or promised by those Bampton people who have been approached so far and a great debt of thanks is owing to them. This is an encouraging sum but there is still a long way to go to reach the ultimate goal of £250,000! The purpose of this fund is to finance further necessary repairs and renovations over the next decade or more without having to undertake individual fund-raising activities.

Thanks to a successful start to this ambitious fund-raising campaign; gifts from local charitable foundations of £7,500 and the £17,000 raised by the Church Council - the repair work on St Mary's Spire should have started on 27th March and the bells will be ringing again before long - but financial help is still urgently needed.

The most effective way for a tax-payer to contribute is by a monthly or annual covenanted donation - your £1 a month becomes £1.33 at no extra cost to you! Already a cheque for £2000 has been received from the Inland Revenue - this is tax paid by you coming back to help your own community! If you are a tax payer and have not yet made a donation in this way - please give it your serious consideration - the new Tax Year starts on 5th April 1995! - every contribution counts! Leaflets and forms are available from Jonathan Phillips Tel: 850321 or from Abbey Properties.

Various Bampton organisations and individuals have held fund-raising events and their contributions (included in the £23,500) have been most gratefully received.

Sale of Christmas Cards £647

Local History Lectures £335

Chain Entertainment £307

Bridge Drive £315

Bampton Summer Opera £219

Royal British Legion £50

Women's Institute £10

The Horseshoes - raffle £50

Bampton Primary School £107

FOBS £58.15

Tocco Jewelry £34.74

Sale of dried flowers (Mrs Eeles) £100

Bampton Wives Club £37.85

### Future Events:

**8th April**

Bampton Morris & Friends -

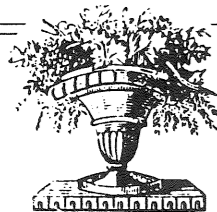
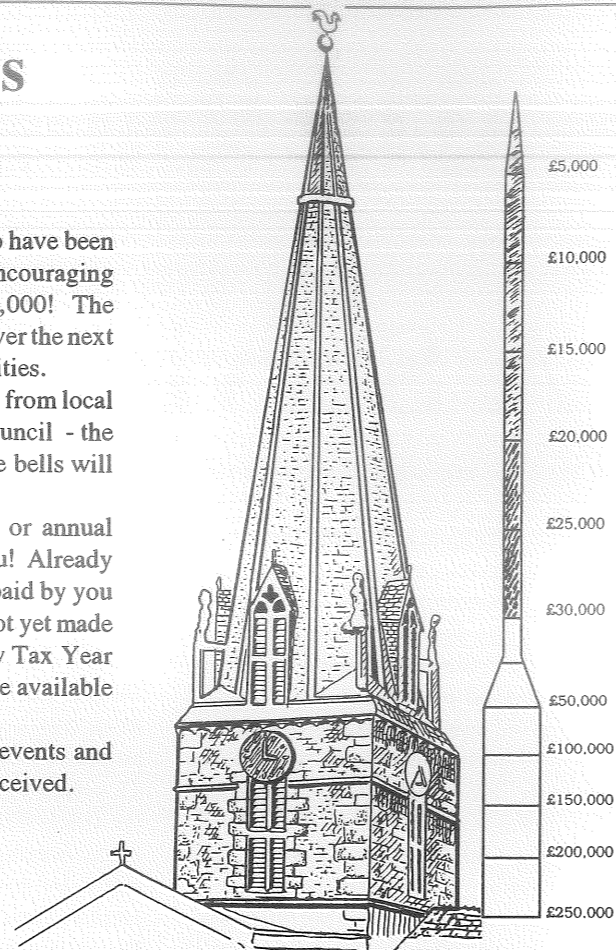
- Evening of Music, Dance & Song in The Village Hall

**9th April** Weald Manor Open Garden and Teas

**6th & 7th May** WOOA presents "ALL CLEAR" -

- an evening of prose, poetry & songs from the Second World War

**September/October** A Harvest Supper and Local History Lectures



## An Anniversary Performance

This year's Bampton Summer Opera will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the death of perhaps England's greatest composer, Henry Purcell, with a performance of 'Dido and Aeneas', one of the very earliest operas in the whole repertoire. The performance will be given by an invited professional company, the Mayfield Chamber Opera Company, who specialise in the performance of early music. The production will feature the internationally-acclaimed singer Evelyn Tubb, who has many recordings to her credit and who recently appeared in a televised BBC celebration of Purcell broadcast from Westminster Abbey.

After the 'full house' for last year's performance, there is bound to be considerable demand for this memorable production, so watch out for further announcements and posters.

*If you would like advance notice, please send a S.A.E. to  
Bampton Summer Opera, Holcot House, Market Square, Bampton.*

The performance will be on Saturday 19th August 1995  
and once again will be in the beautiful garden setting of The Deanery, Bampton  
by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Ferstendik

## Easter Celebration Services at St. Mary's Church

**Palm Sunday - 9th April**

9.00am Mass (Roman Catholic)

10.30am Holy Communion and  
Distribution of Palms

**Maundy Thursday - 13th April**

7.30pm Holy Communion

**Good Friday - 14th April**

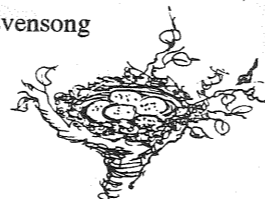
10.30am Matins & Litany

**Easter Day - 11th April**

9.00am Mass (Roman Catholic)

10.30am Holy Communion

6.00pm Parish Evensong  
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### Bampton Fire Brigade 1904 Winners of the National Championship at the Crystal Palace

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G. Green - J.A. Constable - H. Fox  
Lt D Rose - 1st Fireman O Williams

### Bampton Fire Brigade 1995

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Firefighter S. Pearce  
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Firefighter P. Beckley  
Firefighter P. Attwood  
Firefighter K. Spencer  
Firefighter E. St. John



Arthur Beckley remembers his time in the Bampton Fire Brigade from the war years until his retirement in 1977.

"It was housed originally in one room of the Town Hall being run and partially financed by Parish Funds and payment of services by Insurance companies. They were called out by a bell housed in a structure on top of the Town Hall with a rope to the ground floor and a key in a glass case outside. This was superseded by the siren, with a bell in each fireman's house and now of course a bleeper.

During the war they were called to many large Towns and Cities to help with the Air Raid fires and devastation Initially this was not very successful as there were many different hose and standpipe connections, so in their wisdom the Home Office Nationalized all Fire Brigades with all uniforms and equipment being standard. The old brass helmets and berets gave way to the military style cap and tin hat.

The old traditional fire engine was driven down Moonraker Lane, ( I heard rumours the lockers became rabbit hutches to supplement the meat ration) to the Grange gardens to rot. Bampton Fire Brigade became NFS 15D5 and installed was a trailer pump with a towing vehicle, where the crew could ride in comfort and out of the elements, and a lot more use when they arrived after a 70 mile journey. Also on home ground this pump remained at the water source capable of pumping 500 gallons per minute along long lines of hose as not many of the surrounding villages had water mains with Hydrants.

This was the situation when I joined in 1946 and continued for a short while after the war. The NFS was then de-nationalized and each County or City had to provide regulatory fire cover so Oxfordshire Fire Service was formed and Bampton became Stn 4. Priority was given to the building of new Fire Stations, and Bampton, as bad as it was, had to wait as many were much worse. A room at the side of the bay was acquired for uniforms and lectures, as in the old bay with no heat the uniforms tended to get mildew. To house the new appliances the Lintel was raised and an extension built jutting out for length.

Allocation of new appliances were given to stations as available. One drill night a machine drew up outside the Town Hall not quite what we wanted so I asked them to take it back and I would ring HQ in the morning. We had a new class A Bedford not many weeks later.

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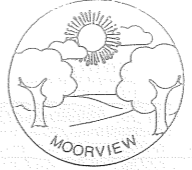
If you are looking after others - family, relatives, friends and neighbours and you want more information about what is available, or some-one to talk to about your problems, or to meet people who work with Carers, please come to the first meeting.

This will take place at the Bush Centre, Church View, Bampton on 25th May 1995 2 to 4pm. April Marshall from the North Oxford Carers Centre will be present and will talk about Rights for Carers. We will be able to help with transport, looking after the person you care for in your home, or you can come together.

If you are unable to get there for any reason, please leave a message at the Bampton Surgery for the Carers Group or telephone 01993 851997 and leave a message.

Oxfordshire Health, Oxfordshire Social Services and ORCC are holding **A Rural Well-being Conference on 28th April 1995 at The Windmill Centre, Deddington**


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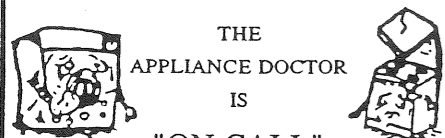
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## Farewell to a Bampton Squire Arnold Woodley 1926 - 1995

If Bampton is world famous for anything at all it is famous for its tradition of dancing. Morris dancing has been an integral part of Bampton life for a very long time and has been a source of both contention and pride since time immemorial. The Morris is now an international phenomenon and where ever it is danced you can be sure that tunes and dances from Bampton will be part of the repertoire. Bampton Morris, a living tradition, is part of the folk lore of dancing and the village means as much to Morris men as Lords does to cricketers or Twickenham to rugby players.

When sides visit Bampton for the annual day of dance they have a tendency to dance better, leap higher, caper more nimbly than their norm - such is the magic of the place and the experienced eye of the spectator. It is not just this that causes the adrenaline to surge. There is that long line of dancers who have passed the tradition on from generation to generation without a break from that unknown beginning; father to son, uncle to nephew, friend to friend, elder to younger and so on down the centuries into something unique in Morris. As a boy Arnold was taught by his uncles and first danced out at Whitsun 1938. In those days, following the famous row in which Jingy Wells fiddle was smashed, there were 2 sides in Bampton (currently there are 3) Arnold dancing with the side led by Billy Flux.

Although Arnold had no children of his own he nonetheless had a large 'family' to whom he passed on the tradition. To Arnold

and his wife Win, the team that he led as squire and musician was his family. It was from his home at Honeymoon cottage that the side set off each Whit Monday morning to dance the long day through. And it was at Honeymoon Cottage that beginners were taught their first steps at 11 o'clock every Sunday morning from Easter onwards.

Always the same dance, The Nutting Girl jig, that incorporated every step a dancer needed to master before joining in a 'six-hander'.

It was also to Honeymoon Cottage that dancers from all over the world would come to listen and to learn, pens poised, cameras clicking, tape recorders whirring away. He was a great teacher; over forty boys, grown into men, are even now stepping the steps he taught, or teaching others, passing on the tradition. He himself danced with the effortless economy that is the hallmark of a good dancer, his first step into a dance a statement of graceful elegance. He taught himself to play the fiddle and in his prime was considered one of the foremost English-style folk players.

The esteem in which he was held could be gauged by the large crowd that filled St Mary's Church on Friday 3 March to pay tribute to this son of Bampton who had served his village so well. Apart from relatives, friends and mourners represent-



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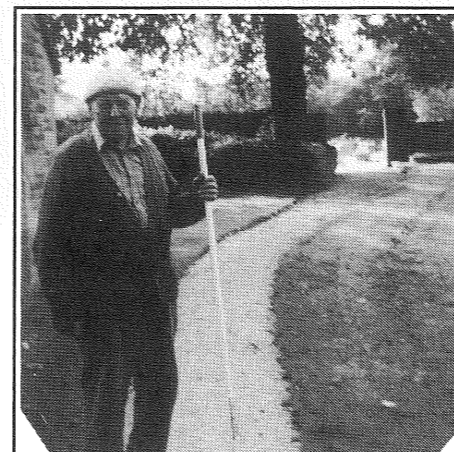
ing those village institutions of which he has been such an active member - The Parish Council, The Horticultural Society, The Coin Club, The Pumpkin Club - there were Morris men from all over England including 4 past squires of the Morris Ring.

Six pall bearers, dressed in Bampton kit and wearing the red and gold ribbons of Woodley's side, escorted the coffin into the church where the Reverend Andrew Scott conducted a fitting service, a simple service made poignant by Matthew Green's playing on Arnold's own fiddle of Bampton's traditional farewell dance - Bonny Green Garters.

Arnold was laid to rest with his Win on a bright blue sunny day, and when the last mourners had gone his men danced their farewell Bonny Green in the Lychgate.

Arnold is gone but the dance goes on.  
Brien O'Rourke

## Mr Bill (Pop) Fowler



I'm sure that many other people, like myself who live in Bampton would like to pay tribute to "Pop" Fowler, who died recently.

He was a hard-working man, and for a long time he was dedicated to keeping the local cemetery in peak condition. You would see him, in all winds and weathers, perhaps three or four times a day, walking to the cemetery with his tools. He took pride in the work he did there; cutting the grass, edging the grass verges and sweeping the leaves. He had a great love of horses and farm life which he would often talk to me about as I tended my parents grave. I'm sure we shall all miss him.

God Rest His Soul. Ruth Wheeler

## TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

On Saturday 25th February, during the daytime, the Ambry in the Lady Chapel of St Mary's Church was broken into and consecrated wafers and a silver paten stolen.

On the same day human excrement was found behind the altar and in the Horde Chapel.

The police welcome reports of any suspicious characters and activities at any time.



# Letters TO THE EDITOR



Dear Mrs Phillips

Can I through your publication, The Bampton Beam, thank all the people living in the village who are active in keeping up the traditions and keeping Bampton so unspoilt. The drawing by Richard Wise of the Bampton centre, 1904 could have been drawn recently.

Those of us born in Bampton but exiled through wartime marriages or work elsewhere can not but feel "a kind of magic" when entering the village.

I for one am transported back to my childhood and teenage years immediately. In those days social life centred around the churches - I remember Sundays rushing from St Mary's Sunday school - to the Wesleyan and in the afternoons to the Baptist - not because I was exceptionally good, but with the ulterior motive of going on three summer outings and three Christmas parties.

There was a man in the village named Mr Jack Tanner, he would attend funerals, a little man in an oversized top hat. When a death occurred he would ring a bell, a large heavy toll for a man, a lighter bell for a woman, we called it the "dead bell", also every evening at eight o'clock he rang a bell, which we called the "bed bell", when we had to go home if we were out playing, but it was indeed an old curfew (anyone know the origin of it?).

Best wishes to anyone who remembers me.

Mrs Muriel Edgar (nee Hunt)

Street, Nr Glastonbury

Somerset

Dear Editor,

I would like to appeal to Bampton dog owners to keep their dogs under control when walking them.

On New Years Eve at approximately 4.30pm my Golden Retriever 'Frankie' a well known dog in the village and who was just recovering from a major operation was attacked by a Black Labrador type dog being walked with another dog by a woman near Beam Paddock. Despite several visits to the vet my beloved dog died a week later as a result of this incident. This caused my family a very unhappy start to the New Year and the loss of a very dear friend.

The person who undoubtedly knows who they are as do many people I have spoken to and whose inability to control their dog has caused so much distress has not had the human decency to say sorry despite many appeals.

I would also like to express my thanks to the many people who offered their condolences.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Trish Green,  
Yew Cottage, Aston Road

**The Editor regrets that she is unable to publish letters unaccompanied by a name and address - a pseudonym may be used on the letter page.**

Dear Editor

There is an urgent need for Volunteer Hospital Drivers in the Bampton Surgery area.

I organise this scheme for the Red Cross in this area. The objective being that no one will have to forgo a hospital appointment or treatment due to lack of transport.

The driving is either local or to Oxford. There is a mileage compensation scheme and no one has been called upon more than once per month.

May I through your good offices appeal to any of your readers who can join in this good work to contact me on 01993 850276.

Yours faithfully, Ernest Rosengard

Dear Mr/Mrs Phillips

We are writing to you to express our feelings for the teenagers of Bampton, we know that we have not got a very good reputation because of the noise we make around the Market Square, this is due to not having any activities which we could take part in during evenings.

We appreciate that we have the Bampton Youth Club but that only occurs for one evening a week and we cannot afford to take part in every week.

We would love to have a place where we could go most evenings which is warm, cheap and fun, we agree that this would be very difficult to achieve but it would be much appreciated if you could help.

Thank you,  
Gemma Clack & Melanie Jobson

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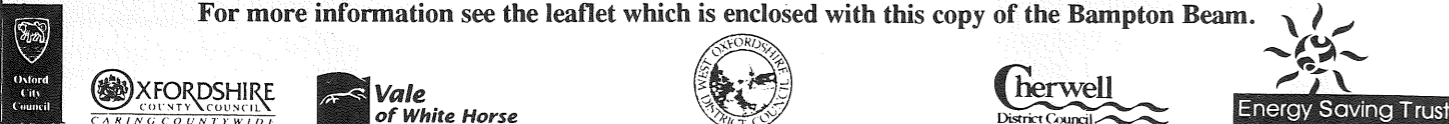
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The competition is part of the Centre's RURAL ENERGY ACTION PROJECT (REAP) '95 and aims to offer the benefit of energy saving to all households in the County so that as many households as possible can reap the benefits of lower fuel bills with warmer and more comfortable homes.

Quite simply, the village with the greatest number of households receiving energy saving advice through the OEAC combined with actual measures taken up by those households in relation to the size of the village will win. The winning village will receive a donation towards energy conservation measures for the village hall/community building of its choice. Apart from the prize, which we expect to be at least £2000 there are practical benefits not least of which is the potential saving in fuel bills for every household in the village. There are also grants available for those on benefits and for all over 60 regardless of income, pensions or tenure of the home.

The OEAC has been open for just over 12 months during this time we have given free advice to over 1,500 households from which, market research show us, the Centre has saved each household on average £50 per year from its fuel bills, and offset the greater proportion of fuel bill increases from VAT.

For more information see the leaflet which is enclosed with this copy of the Bampton Beam.



## A New Food Page

As a child of an Indonesian mother, my family's staple carbohydrate was rice. It is probably the food I enjoy above all other: I have only recently started to do any potato cookery and, much as I like it, have never been entirely comfortable cooking pasta.

If you do not know how to cook rice let me assure you that it is easy, provided that you use good rice. Don't use anything that hints of being pre or part cooked; e.g. so-called 'easycok' rice. It's not any quicker and is usually nearly tasteless because they never seem to rehydrate properly. Par-boiled rice, such as Uncle Ben's, has been soaked and steamed before milling, which means that the grains are more likely to remain separate; personally I think this makes it less flavoursome. It is also more expensive and takes longer to cook.

If you want to buy white rice, the best types are either long grain white or, by far the best, basmati. The latter was about twice the price of the former the last time I looked, but it is not really expensive and is the type I always use. I can recommend Tilda brand. Good brown rice is harder to find: go for the type that looks as if it still has its outer coat of bran (most supermarket brown rice is semi-milled and should be



## 'A Preference for Rice' from Gilly French

treated as, indeed it tastes like, white rice). I get mine from specialist food shops such as Holland and Barrett or the Bean Bag in Witney. Italian rice, such as arborio, is best used for proper risottos and will have to be the subject of an entire future column!

The cooking is easy. Modern processing means that rice does not need to be washed before cooking, although some books suggest that you can rinse basmati rice. Measure the rice by volume, not weight, using half a pint for 4 servings. Put this in a saucepan, add exactly twice the volume of boiling water (i.e., 1 pint for four people) and a generous pinch of salt, cover and leave to simmer undisturbed for 10-15 minutes (35-40 for brown rice). The salt is essential for a good flavour; don't miss it out even if you do not normally use it. Delia Smith suggests coating the grains with olive oil or melted butter before adding the water, which is a nice touch. After 10 minutes, or 30 for brown rice, check by tasting a few grains and decide for yourself if you think it needs any longer (cooking times vary from brand to brand). Serve as soon as possible.

I had long puzzled how to make fried rice without ending up with a horribly soggy product. I had just about given up trying when I read Yan-Kit's 'Classic Chinese Cookbook' and saw that the trick was to use much less water than I had previously thought. The recipe reproduced below is hers; the other is for what I think is a superlative method which will stun your dinner guests. Both are given in quantities for four people.

### Fried Rice

2 cups (3/4 pint) white rice  
2 1/2 cups boiling water  
4 spring onions, cut into small rounds  
2 eggs, lightly beaten with 4 tps oil and some salt  
4 tpsns soy sauce

Put the rice into a saucepan, add a little oil and the water, bring to the boil and cook, covered, until most of the water has been absorbed. Reduce the heat and continue cooking for a further 12-15 minutes. (This much is best done in advance and the rice left to cool).

Heat the oil in a wok or large pan, add the spring onions, stir and pour in the egg mixture. Leave for 5-10 seconds so that the egg sets at the bottom but remains runny at the surface. Add the cooked rice and cook for 3-4 minutes, stirring continually. Season with soy sauce and salt.

### Persian Rice

This is the ultimate rice dish. Vary the amount of butter if you wish, but it won't work with margarine.

1/2 - 3/4 pint white rice  
boiling water  
butter

Cook the rice in plenty of boiling, lightly salted water until it is nearly but not quite done (test by tasting a few grains: there should still be some 'bite'). Drain the rice into a colander. Melt about 2 tablespoons butter in the saucepan, add the part-cooked rice and stir well. On the top of the pile of rice add about another two tablespoons butter. Do not mix in. Cover the pan with a clean tea-towel, put on the lid and leave on a low heat to steam for about 40 minutes. The final product is deliciously buttery with a wonderful crust that forms on the bottom of the pan.



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## S.P.A.J.E.R.S

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Is your team sharp enough to walk away with the coveted Brains of Bampton Team trophy?

Will the Drama group be able to repeat their triumphant form of last year?

Will you just turn up for the supper? Questions like this and more will be on offer at the 'Brains of Bampton' Team Quiz Night in the Village Hall on Friday, April 21. Teams of 6 are invited to enter on a first come first served basis. The entry fee per head, including supper, is just £5.00, and the SPAJERS invite you and your team to register with Alan Gaydon, 3 Broad Street, Bampton.

The 42nd running of the SPAJERS Shirt Race will be on Saturday evening, May 27. Prizes will be awarded for Best Funny Dress, Juniors, Intermediates, Seniors and for the most sponsorship money raised. Sponsorship forms are available from any committee member (see Bampton Directory for names and telephone numbers)

## THE MS SOCIETY

## West Oxfordshire Branch

The following dates have been booked for Street Collections. Please write them in your diaries and let the organiser of your nearest venue know of your willingness to help.

Saturday, 6th May Burford (Brian Taylor Tel: 702819); Saturday, 3rd June Cotswold Wildlife Park (Edna Moss Tel: 772748); Saturday, 15th July Chipping Norton (Sheila Parker Tel: 01608 642822); Saturday, 19th August Woodstock (Ann Elsmore Tel: 843605); Saturday, 2nd September Witney (John Newcombe Tel: 772771 & Edna Moss Tel: 772748)

These are our main source of income and without collectors, we cannot operate.

## BAMPTON WIVES CLUB

The Club meets in the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm. It's very informal and, we hope, enjoyable.

April 19 **BEESWAX PICTURES**  
May 17 **Brenda Cook**

## COTSWOLD PERFUMERY

June 21 **Outing to be arranged**

July 19 **AT HOME**

Subscription: £5, Guests £1.

Chairman: Eva Gooding Tel: 851049

Treasurer: Jan Webb Tel: 851533

Secretary: Joan Farthing Tel: 851206

## BAMPTON PUMPKIN CLUB

The Bampton Pumpkin Club ended 1994 on a high note. To celebrate the Club's 25th Anniversary, village pensioners received double the normal monetary gift at Christmas as well as the normal Christmas cake. If there are any pensioners who didn't receive a Christmas gift from The Pumpkin Club, please contact Jim Gascoigne Tel: 850119 and next Christmas you will be included.

New Year's Eve saw the final Dosh Box Draw by the Club. As usual it was drawn in The Romany Inn. The £1000 went to a Mrs Crozier from Kidlington and the Club's funds benefited by over £3000. We would like to thank all those who participated, the ticket sellers and Bob & Ursula for allowing us to run the Dosh Box from September to December.

The Club Committee is now planning for the Annual Street Fair. This year it will be held on Bank Holiday Monday, 8th May. The format will be as previous years. The committee are always in need of helpers for the day. Can you spare 2 - 3 hours on Street Fair Day? If so, please contact either Jim Gascoigne Tel: 850119 Roger Glyde Tel: 851085 or Dave Close Tel: 851302. As usual there will be a raffle on the day. Any donations of raffle prizes/tombola goods would be gratefully received.

This year, due to unforeseen circumstances the Annual Easter Bonnet competition will not take place. If there is any organisation within Bampton that would be prepared to step in, please contact:

**Max Norman Tel: 844591.**

## BAMPTON BRIDGE CLUB

The Club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday from 7.30pm. Duplicate Bridge is played on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month; Rubber Bridge on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday; on any 5th Tuesday Individual Chicago is played for a prize. The Annual subscription is £5 with a charge of 75p per session Table money.

For more information please contact

**Mrs Joan Granville Tel: 850407**

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 11th April 1995 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Chairman: D. Cleaver Tel: 850682

Secretary: M. Smith Tel: 850729

Treasurer: M. Cleaver Tel: 850682

## TABLE TOP SALE

Bampton Village Hall

Saturday, 8th April 10.00am - 1.00pm

## CAR RAFFLE

Monday, 29th May - Market Square

# Notice Board

Please submit items for the Notice Board page in a sealed envelope together with a pre-payment of £1.50

## BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB

**PRESIDENT - LADY LATHBURY**  
CHAIRWOMAN  
Mrs L. Edgar, Braelyn, Primrose Lane, Bampton OX18 2HL Tel: 851770

**SECRETARY**  
Mrs Yvonne Taylor, Sedges Farm, Northmead Lane, Charney Bassett OX12 0BH Tel: 01235 868864

**TREASURER**  
Mr A Jenkin, Fairacres Nursery, Wuckland Road, Bampton Tel: 850801  
Membership Secretary - Mrs Betty Collett Tel: 850363

By now most of you will have noticed that the Bampton Horticultural Society has changed its name to the **BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB**. Hopefully this title will encourage more people to join who might otherwise have been put off by the rather grand word 'horticultural'. We are all enthusiastic amateurs who have a common interest and though all our marrows are not giants we hope to have some fun in growing our plants.

**Membership £2.50 per year (£1.25 for senior citizens).**

We will try to include everyone in our events and have planned a number of activities for the coming months and aim to provide something for everyone at all levels of gardening.

This year there will be only one **FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW on September 16th in the Village Hall**. The schedule will be more comprehensive with additional classes for Allotment Holders and Small Garden entries, each carrying cups for the winners. The Craft sections will be expanded and much more available for children to enter. The Schedule (posted automatically to members) should be available from Committee members in April.

**Events planned for the future:**

Coffee Mornings in the Town Hall 10.00 - 12.00 (for dates see Diary of Events on back page)

April 12th Village Hall - A talk on **PREPARING YOUR EXHIBITS FOR THE SHOW** - Learn how to prepare and stage your exhibits to the best advantage.

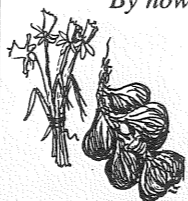
May 10th Village Hall - A **SWOP EVENING** when you can come along and swop your surplus plants etc. with other members. A **GARDENER'S QUESTION TIME** will also be on this evening when Ray Borrett, Stan Hawkins and George Winfield will be available to answer your questions.

May 29th (Bank Holiday Monday) Town Hall - Coffee Morning/Small Bazaar 10.00 - 12.00

July 9th **OUTING TO WISLEY GARDENS**. The whole trip including transport is **FREE** to members. Now fully booked.

September 13th - Town Hall **REGISTRATION FOR THE SHOW**  
By now you will have all the information you need and will be raring to go!!

**September 16th - The Village Hall - THE BIG DAY**  
the culmination of all our work!  
Further details will appear in the August edition of The Bampton Beam.



## FUN AEROBICS

## "Shape up for Summer"

Shake off those winter blues and tone up for the Summer. **£2.50 per session.**

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Please bring a mat or towel for floorwork

## BAMPTON MORRIS AND FRIENDS

will be holding a

Music, Dance and Song Evening

in the Bampton Village Hall

on Saturday, 8th April 1995

from 8 to 11pm

in aid of the

Friends of St Mary's Spire Appeal

Entrance £3.00 Children under 16 £1.00

there will of course be a Bar & a Raffle.

come and join the "Inspired Folk"

for an enjoyable evening of jollification.

## BAMPTON ENVIRONMENTAL WATCH GROUP

There was a record attendance at the AGM held on January 25th, when the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were re-elected along with nine serving members of the Executive Committee. George Howell resigned, to everyone's regret, as he had put in a hard-working two years on the taxing job of finding speakers for the Open Meetings, coming up with a varied selection of topics, some rather unusual. Frances Denne was elected to replace him. After the business the audience heard a most illuminating illustrated talk by Philip Hicks on the effect that living in Bampton has had on his style of painting as a background to which he also described how he had painted in earlier phases of his career as an artist. A most enjoyable instructive and educational experience. The next two meetings on April 26th and July 26th cover a different facet of the environment, with talks on the flowers of the Pyrenees by Mrs Arnold and landscape gardening by Mrs Susan Helm who has recently settled in Bampton with her family.

As of writing this BEWG, along with our District Councillor and the Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Bampton, are giving evidence at the Public Inquiry concerning the West Oxfordshire Local Plan in regard to its effect on Bampton, particularly proposals for housing and industrial development which have been rejected by the full WODC. Developers are mounting an Appeal against this decision. Earlier in the year BEWG applied to the Department of National Heritage to have the Old School in Church View spot listed as a building of historical and architectural interest. Although both these facets are represented by this building two later additions (the porch on the front and an extension on the east side) disqualified it for listing.

Membership now stands at 119; new members interested in Bampton's environment, in the broadest sense, should call Ann Norman (Tel: 850823) for further information.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION  
Bampton Branch

Mrs Yvette Brown, Poppy Area Organiser, would like personally to thank all those who took part in the House to House and Street Collections in November 1994. £1514.05 was collected in the Bampton and Lew area. Mrs Norah Crowdy received her 25 Years Certificate and "For Merit" Badge for her service as a Poppy collector - many congratulations.

## BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE

The old Victorian Primary School in Church View houses the Youth Centre which provides accommodation for a range of activities for the young people of Bampton. The Centre is generously supported by the County Council and the Bampton '250' Club.

The Youth Club continues to provide a wide range of activities with occasional outings in addition to the regular Thursday evening meetings. Volunteer helpers would be greatly welcome and anyone who is willing to assist should either contact the Youth Leaders - Tracy Charlton (Tel: 705416) and Gary Gummer (Tel: 851913) - or the Club Chairman, Frank Piercy (Tel: 850005).

There has been a change in the arrangements for the Scouts who are now meeting on Monday evenings at 7.00pm. Beavers and Cubs remain on Wednesday evenings. All groups are continuing to flourish but there is still a pressing need for new leaders for the Beavers and Cubs plus assistance from anyone who can spare a little time as a helper. No previous experience is necessary in either case. Contact should be made with the Scouter in Charge, Barbara Heaton (Tel: 706020) or the Group Chairman, Ian Tupman (Tel: 01367 810277).

The Centre is available for private bookings at weekends and also most mornings and afternoons. With extensive parking space, attractive architecture and pleasant atmosphere the Centre is particularly suitable for wedding receptions and larger gatherings. The Centre is also licensed for public entertainment. For further information please contact: -

**Hire of Hall - Liz Banham - Tel: 850019**  
**General - Colin Allport - Tel: 850411**

## THE BAMPTON BUSH CENTRE

The Club meets every Wednesday in the Scout Hut in Church View, and caters for 40 Pensioners. We provide tea, coffee and a hot meal, and for many this is the only day they have away from their homes during the week. All helpers, cooks and drivers are volunteers.

We encourage our Members to play games, and take part in activities. Money is raised by many Fund Raising activities, and is spent on outings to places of interest, theatre trips and to pay for some of the speakers who come.

We are planning our 10th Anniversary on the 18th November 1995 and would welcome some new helpers to assist us on a regular basis. **Joint Co-ordinators -**

**Joan Granville Tel: 850407**

**Vera Allport Tel: 850411**



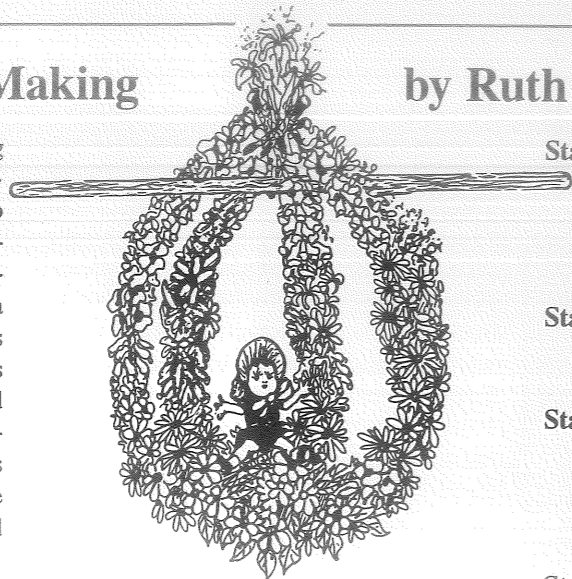
## Traditional Garland Making

What a splendid day the 1994 Spring Bank Holiday turned out to be. After dreadful weather for weeks the Lord was good to us and sent glorious sunshine. I think everyone who came to Bampton for this weekend must have enjoyed themselves. It's a pleasure that so many people can mass together in friendship, chat about times gone by, perhaps meet very old friends and acquaintances, without there being any trouble or disputes. I think the Shirt Race was again a success (no rain!) which meant the competitors could keep dry except for spilled beer and squash.

The Garlands I must say were very good. Such a lot of children had worked hard with their parents to make them. Fourteen pairs of children came to be judged, and what a hard job it was for Mrs Humphries and myself to come to a decision. Once again we must thank Mr Reg Pratley for supplying the prizes and chocolates for all the children.

I think it would be a good idea if we could just let the newcomers to Bampton know what is required to make sure a garland does not have to be disqualified for any reason. I would have you understand that these are not printed rules but have been handed down by our parents and from their parents and so on. Many thanks to everyone who took part and please continue to keep this lovely tradition alive.

**Stage 1.** Pick as many flowers as you can because a garland needs lots. Flowers must be of WILD origin. Garden flowers that have seeded by the wayside are NOT acceptable. Maybe as the wild flowers get scarcer this may have to be altered, but not as yet. Some flowers you must NOT have in the garland - Horse chestnut blossom, Sanfoin, May blossom (white or red). If you can find some wild iris (flags) or reeds you will need these for the top of your garland.



**Stage 2.** Cut 2 willow sticks about 1 meter long (not too thick as you need to be able to bend them in to a kind of circle).

**Stage 3.** Bend each stick thus and tie securely at the top. Place one inside the other and tie top and bottom. You now have 4 sides.

**Stage 4.** Bunch flowers into small bunches and tie



Dean, Tanya and Corrina Newland with their flower garland on Whit Monday 1975

by Ruth Wheeler (nee Shergold)

**Stage 5.** At the top of your garland tie the wild flags or reeds to hide the protruding sticks. Then tie the bunches of flowers up the 4 sides so that all the sticks are covered.

**Stage 6.** Place a doll in the middle of the garland, hanging down or sitting (whichever you can manage).

**Stage 7.** You need a stick ( broom handle or something similar) to carry your garland. Place it between the sides so that each person has a handle with which to hold it.

**Stage 8. OPTIONAL** Some children like to have a third party to carry a small staff which is made up like this. Cover a stick with ribbon twisted up and tied at the top leaving some room to tie a bunch of flowers on the top.

**Stage 9.** You need a small collecting tin. If you ask nicely for people to see your garland, you may get a few coppers to put to a charity if you wish.

**Stage 10.** Judging takes place on Monday 29th May outside the Jubilee Inn at 11.00am if you wish to take part.

### A New Prize for the Winning Garland

As well as the prizes for the winning garlands and consolation prizes that have been kindly provided for many years by Mr Reg Pratley, former landlord of The Jubilee Inn, there will also be a small plaque for the winner to keep for a year.

This prize has been presented by Mrs Dawn Knight in memory of her daughter, Corrina Newland, who died in a tragic accident in 1989. She loved anything to do with nature and as a child enjoyed making the annual flower garland.



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Admission to all exhibitions is free. New members are always welcome.

Membership forms are available at the Gallery.

Single membership - £12  
Family membership - £20  
Student membership - £5  
Junior membership - £10

For further information Tel: (01993) 850137

## LIFE CLASSES

MONDAY MORNING CLASSES

Untutored Weekly Sessions aimed at those without the need for guidance. No booking necessary, pay as you attend, in the Gallery.

(No classes on Bank Holidays)

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES START AGAIN

Untutored Weekly Sessions aimed at those without the need for guidance. No booking necessary, pay as you attend, in the Gallery.

If you need more information.

Contact Sarah Edwards Tel: 850137



'art materials-on-wheels'



will be parked outside The Gallery in the Market Square on Sunday 28th May 1.30pm - 4.30pm. Paints, brushes, paper, sketch books etc. on sale at reasonable prices.

Come and have a look!

# Arts Page

FORTHCOMING EXHIBITIONS:

INSIDE-OUT

from Sunday 2 April to Thursday 23 April

An exhibition of paintings & drawings by



Jacquie Nicholas - Shirley Davies  
Peri Hankey - Ariana Clarke Windle

Sunday 21 May - Sunday 11 June

"HAY FEVER"

Members Open Exhibition  
paintings, drawings, crafts, sculpture, prints & photographs.

**'ALL CLEAR'**

West Oxfordshire Arts Association presents a commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of VE Day with an evening of prose, poetry and songs from the Second World War to be held in the Bampton Village Hall on Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May at 8.00pm

Tickets from the Gallery and Health Matters. Licensed bar.

Proceeds to be shared with Friends of St Mary's Spire Appeal

On three Saturdays in March we held craft workshops for children. Within a week all 60 places were filled and over 30 children had to go on our waiting list. The response was overwhelming and thanks to our volunteer tutors - Hilary Bowley, Frances Denne and Tessa Milne-Day, Stephanie Carter and Liam Count and Sarah Edwards we were able to keep our fees as low as possible. \* see below

The children worked very hard and produced some lovely art work - cards, bead bags, badges, key rings, decorated boxes, pens and pots.

We hope to have some more weekend workshops in the Summer and at Christmas so call in at the Gallery to find out more.

Please contact Sarah Edwards at the Gallery if you wish to enrol for:

**CALLIGRAPHY WORKSHOP** Sunday 30 April 1995 10.00am - 12.00pm 9 - 12 years £3.00 WOAA members; £3.50 non-members (all materials are provided)

**PAINTING WORKSHOP** Saturday 13 May 1995 10.00am - 12.30pm "LETS PAINT A PICTURE" Come & experiment with acrylic paints - everyone takes home a picture mounted and ready to frame. £3.00 WOAA members; £3.50 non-members (all materials are provided)

Are you interested in a **CORN DOLLIE MAKING WORKSHOP?**

WOAA would like to thank - The Flower Mill, Market Square, Bampton Burford Garden Centre; Shillbrook Services - Carterton & Witney Evenlode Press Witney for contributions towards children's workshops

FASTASTIC CHILDRENS Weekend Workshops.



**STOP PRESS**

5 - 16 year olds - If you join as a JUNIOR MEMBER (£10 per annum) your first workshop is FREE! Plus concessions on other workshops throughout the year.







## A New Village Appraisal Planned for Bampton

The last Village Appraisal for Bampton was carried out between 1982 and 1985. Many changes have occurred since that time. The Parish Council considers that a new appraisal by the residents of Bampton is needed to find out what people want over the next 10 years.

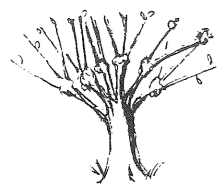
The appraisal will be made using a questionnaire covering many subjects and distributed to every resident. It will help to find:-

1. How we can improve our village
2. Determine vulnerable features that do or could exist
3. What problems we face - and possible solutions
4. What residents opinions are
5. What actions are required

How do we carry out the appraisal?

A Public Meeting to explain the plan will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 24th May 1995 .

Support from Bampton residents is vital - the Parish Council will initiate the appraisal but we need about 12 volunteers from the village to form a steering group. This group will work out the issues to be covered and from this, determine the content of the questionnaire. Subjects could include:-



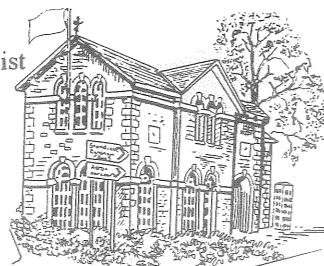
- Population details
- Housing position - existing and required
- Local services, education, shopping, transport
- Public utilities - gas, water, power etc..
- Recreation facilities
- Traffic
- Health and community care

Distribution of the questionnaires will then follow together with assistance in their completion where requested.

Analysis of completed questionnaires and the publication of the findings will be the final stage in producing the new Bampton Appraisal.

After that, Bampton will want action on the results!

**DO COME TO THE PUBLIC MEETING  
DO VOLUNTEER TO HELP**



## BAMPTON VILLAGE HALL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

in The Village Hall  
on Friday, 7th April 1995 at 8.00pm

All Bampton residents over the age of 18 are entitled to attend, give their views and vote on any proposals concerning the running of the Hall. All Bampton organisations are entitled to nominate a representative on the Management Committee; five members of the Committee will be elected at the meeting.

**IT IS YOUR HALL - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO HELP RUN IT**

The Village Hall provides Bampton with a popular venue for many fund-raising, sporting and social events but more use needs to be made of it during the daytime particularly on weekdays.

Do you know of any group or business who could use the facilities for classes, seminars or meetings?

Please contact Christine Greaves, 38 New Road, Bampton Tel: 850675

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place in the Gallery, The Town Hall on Wednesday, 26th April at 8.00pm.

### PARISH RATE for 1995/96

The amount needed for general parish expenses for the financial year 1995/6 was determined at £19000 - an increase of 3% on the previous year. However the Parish Council has reluctantly increased this amount due to expenditure reductions made by the Oxfordshire County Council. These increases are £2000 to continue the work done by paid youth leaders at the Youth Centre and £2000 for traffic matters. Both these items would previously have been paid from County funding.

### A NEW RECRUIT

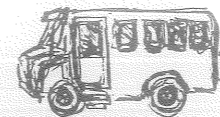
To replace Miss Sue Casson who resigned from the Parish Council in November, an election was held on 15th February and the three excellent candidates presented the voters with a very difficult choice.

Mr Alan Dunbar was duly elected by a majority of 3.

He first came to Bampton in 1969, and lived here with his family until he left the R.A.F. in 1975. Unable to find work in UK they went to live and work in the Middle East and later in Europe. They returned to their home in Bampton for holidays.

His special interests are to keep Bampton as a village, with the "village feel", encourage affordable housing for younger Bampton people, and promote the Recreation Field in Buckland Road.

## REPORT



### THAMES TRANSIT BUS No.19

Jonathan Phillips has had several requests from people living in Bampton and Clanfield for an earlier bus in the morning and a later bus in the evening to get them to work and home again. 7.00am from Bampton and 6.30pm from Witney have been suggested. Thames Transit are uncertain whether it would prove to be a viable operation and with the cuts in their budget the County Council are unable to help with a grant. More information is needed about who would make use of such transport before it could be contemplated.

- Would you use it if it was provided?
- Would you use it to get to work in Oxford to avoid the stress of driving and the cost of parking?
- What times would best suit you?
- If there is a minibus owner who would like to give it a trial run, grants may be available.

Please let  
Jonathan Phillips (Tel: 850321)  
know your views.

### RAF BRIZE NORTON

A considerable number of aircraft noise complaints were received by Council before Christmas. A meeting was held with the Commanding Officer at RAF Brize Norton. He advised that new noise abatement procedures had now been introduced together with increased simulator training, which is reducing the number of training flights.

Further noise reduction actions are planned, including examining the Council's suggestion that the RAF's "southern circuit" from airfield be made slightly larger by going up to half a mile further south.

The RAF were very conscious of noise pollution and gave their firm assurance to minimise the problems.

## Local Traffic Problems Your comments and suggestions are needed

Like many villages, Bampton has significant traffic problems - particularly speeding on the A4095 (Clanfield - Bampton - Witney) and on the Buckland Road - plus parking in the Market Square and on adjoining roads.

Many complaints about traffic have been received from Bampton residents.

Councillors have had discussions on traffic with our Member of Parliament, County Council, district council personnel and the police. Traffic calming methods are limited by both regulations and finance.

The major problem is that no effective traffic calming - such as road humps - is permitted on the A4095 due to Department of Transport regulations. To overcome this, the possibility of down grading the road to 'B' status is being encouraged. The provision of a speed camera - not just camera signs - has been requested but without success as yet.

Councillors have been told by the County Council that as the rate of accidents in Bampton is still much lower than for many other places in the County, we do not get a high priority rating for traffic calming. The worst locations, in safety terms, in the County will get first priority.

The Parish Council has considered it essential to take some preventative action itself to try and reduce traffic speed. County Council Road Safety personnel were consulted.

To ensure drivers approaching Bampton are aware that a 30 mph limit is ahead some dramatic road signs will be erected to give very visible warnings to drivers. The signs will be sited on the Clanfield Road and Station Road approaches to Bampton on the A4095, outside the conservation area. If found effective, further signs can be placed on the Buckland and Aston roads. The signs may not be welcomed environmentally but the need to prevent accidents is paramount.

Market Square parking problems are obvious to all residents and visitors. The parking situation does NOT enhance Bampton's attractiveness or reputation. A revised layout for the Square with a one way traffic flow is under consideration.

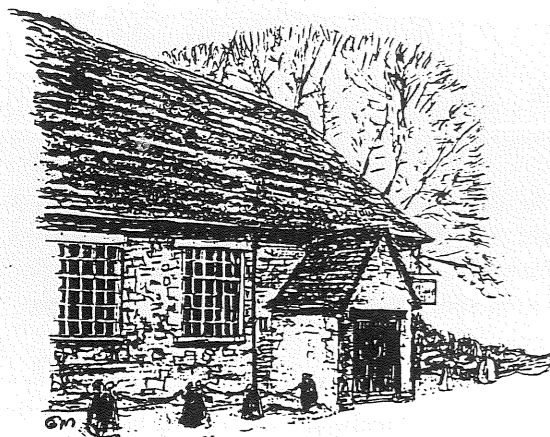
Several suggestions on traffic problems have already been received from residents. **YOUR VIEWS are invited on such problems including the following proposals:-**

- A. Provision of a mini roundabout at the Broad Street/New Road/Station Road intersection
- B. Changing the priority at the junction of the Buckland and Aston roads so that the Buckland Road traffic has to give way.
- C. Provide one way street systems on certain roads in Bampton:-
  1. Landells - one way from Broad Street to the road to the Medical centre
  2. Rosemary Lane - one way from Market Square
  3. Church Street - one way either
    - a) From Library to Bridge Street or
    - b) From Bridge street to the Library

Your interest and comments on these proposals together with your own further suggestions will be appreciated.

Please send them in writing by the end of April to:

J. Taylor, Chairman, Bampton Parish Council,  
Middle Prospect, New Road, Bampton OX18 2LF



## Bampton - Old Photographs - 100 Years

As advertised in the last issue of the Beam, Parish Councillors Roger Howard and Janet Newman are heading a project to publish a book of Bampton photographs covering the past 100 years. Photographs in the following categories are still being sought. *Transport/vehicles eg Omniphorous Collet's Car, Bampton Railway/Station; Coaches; Public Transport; Old Vehicles/Horse & Carts; Bampton Gas Works; Special Events/Milestones of the last 100 years; Sports/Clubs/Organisations; Farming; Craftsmen; Bampton in World War I & II.*

If you can lend any suitable ones, you are assured that they will be treated with the utmost care and returned to the owners as soon as they have been copied.

To achieve a launch timetable of summer 1995, the project now urgently needs some extra help. The skills required are those in the fields of design, pre-press, printing, picture research and collating, editorial and copy writing.

Anyone who is able to spare a few hours to help in preparing this project for publication is asked to contact:-  
Roger Howard Tel: 850588 or Janet Newman Tel: 850755.



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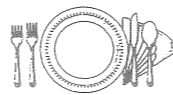
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## Sports News

### BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

Progress is being made and we now have a store. Shrubs are being planted on the south side of the car park and a quickthorn hedge along the northern boundary. The south west quarter of the field will be sown this spring and it is hoped to have services connected before too long.

Fundraising is gathering pace. We are running the 'Dosh Box' in The Romany at the moment so do buy tickets each week to help the cause. The winner on 12th March was sent a cheque for £1400! More ticket sellers are still required. If you can help contact Jacky Allinson Tel: 850368. Car Boot Sales are planned this summer (see below).

A concrete cricket strip is to be laid as soon as possible (the mat is in store) and the game could be played once again in Bampton if someone is prepared to come forward and take responsibility for running a club. There are plenty of young who would like to play but help is needed with organisation.

The next major facility to be provided could be an all weather pitch for five-a-side football, tennis, basketball and netball with possible floodlighting for evening training. This will depend on fundraising efforts but it would be a valuable addition. A pavilion is still a dream for the future but a bid will be made in an application to the National Lottery.

### CAR BOOT SALES

to raise money  
for the development of  
The Bampton Recreation Ground  
Buckland Road

will be held there  
from 10.30am to 1.00pm  
on

- Sunday 14th May
- Sunday 18th June
- Sunday 23rd July
- Sunday 20th August
- Sunday 17th September

£5 for a car pitch - 6ft  
(£4 if paid in advance)

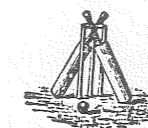
Refreshments will be available

For details contact:  
Pauline Smith Tel: 850503 or  
Jacky Allinson Tel: 950368

### BAMPTON BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

There's quite a new look to the Boys Football Club management as the second half of the season progresses. Ian Tupman has decided to step down as chairman after several years of valuable service and he has been replaced by David Hawkins, who is no stranger to the club after helping out as referee on several occasions. New managers have been appointed to some of the teams and we now look forward, hopefully, to a period of stability.

The teams have had a stop-start approach to the second half of the season as the weather has caused many postponements. However, the U10s and U12s in particular are doing well and there is still time for all 5 teams to creep up their leagues.



### BAMPTON CRICKET CLUB

The following reply was sent by John Lawrence to Mrs Fenella Gray in answer to her letter printed in the December issue of The Bampton Beam. Sadly his optimism appears to be ill-founded, to date no-one has come forward to carry on his enthusiastic single-handed efforts to re-start a Bampton Cricket Club.

Dear Mrs Gray

I am writing personally to you in response to your letter in the Bampton Beam, just published. I will submit a formal response for publication in the next edition of the Beam.

First of all, I wish to advise you that the money donated by the supportive members of the village, myself included, has not gone to waste as some would have you believe. The money from the village has gone to purchase the following equipment:

One artificial cricket mat (£2000)

One complete set of cricket nets (£275)

A set of stumps for use on the artificial wicket (£99)

Additional cricket kit for club use (£150)

In addition the following kit is available: Scoreboard & numbers, pads, gloves, safety equipment, bats etc.

The following items of club property will be donated to the new sports field facilities: Benches, tables, chairs, various items of kitchen ware, hand roller, grass cutter.

The problems that we have encountered this year have come from our own making. Unfortunately our policy of encouraging the youth of the village to play has meant that of 21 players on our list, 15 at the beginning of the last season were either away at University or College. This meant that until the end of July we did not have enough players to put out a team. By the

Dates for the diary:

17th June 1995

TROPHY NIGHT

6.00 - 8.00pm U8s U9s U10s

8.30 - 10.30pm U11s U12s

2nd/3rd September 1995

11-a-side Tournament at Buckland Road

Managers:

U8s VOLUNTEER WANTED Tel: 851066

U9s Dot Clifford - Tel: 850055

U10s Ron Trinder - Tel: 702979

U11s Chris Smith - Tel: 850506

U12s Mike Whalley - Tel: 850048

Contact the Managers if you want your son to join - even at this late stage of the season.





## Diary of Events in Bampton

## APRIL 1995

- 7th Bampton Village Hall AGM Village Hall 8.00pm  
 8th Cancer Research Campaign Table Top Sale Village Hall 10.00 - 1.00  
 8th Bampton Morris & Friends "Music, Dance & Song" Village Hall 8 pm  
 12th Bampton Gardening Club Talk on Preparing for Show Village Hall  
 15th Bampton Gardening Club Coffee Morning Town Hall 10 - 12  
 19th Bampton Wives Club Beeswax Pictures Village Hall 8.00pm  
 21st S.P.A.J.E.R.S Brains of Bampton Teams Quiz Village Hall  
 26th BEWG Open Meeting The Village Hall 7.30pm  
 26th ANNUAL PARISH MEETING The Gallery, Town Hall 7.30pm

## MAY

- 3rd "Come along & Sing along with the Evacuees" Village Hall 1.30pm  
 6th & 7th WOAA 'All Clear' The Village Hall 8.00pm  
 8th Bampton Pumpkin Club Annual Street Fair  
 10th Bampton Gardening Club A Swop Evening/Question Time Village Hall  
 14th CAR BOOT SALES Bampton Recreation Field Buckland Road see page 19  
 17th Bampton Wives Club Cotswold Perfumery Village Hall 8.00pm  
 27th S.P.A.J.E.R.S 42nd Shirt Race  
 29th Morris Dancing and Children's Flower Garlands  
 Bampton Gardening Club Coffee Morning/Small Bazaar Town Hall  
 Cancer Research Campaign Car Raffle Market Square

## JUNE

- 17th Bampton Boys Football Club Trophy Evening  
 10th Bampton Gardening Club Coffee Morning Town Hall 10 - 12  
 21st Bampton Wives Club Outing to be arranged

## JULY

- 8th Bampton Gardening Club Coffee Morning Town Hall 10 - 12  
 9th Bampton Gardening Club Outing to Wisley Gardens  
 19th Bampton Wives Club AT HOME The Village Hall 8.00pm  
 26th BEWG Open Meeting The Village Hall 7.30pm

For WOAA dates & events see page 13 or collect a Calendar from the Gallery  
 Please let us have your Notice Board (£1.50) and Calendar entry (free)  
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## BAMPTON DIRECTORY amendments

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page 3 County Councillor, Mr G.M. Fowler Tel: 01367 810252

page 4 PARISH COUNCILLORS

*delete* Miss Sue Casson, Irima Cottage, Church Street Tel: 850878

*add* Mr Alan Dunbar, 3 Bushey Row Tel: 850207

page 8 BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY Medical Loan:

Michael Hinton, Headford House, Shilton OX18 4AS Tel: 845834

page 13 BAMPTON PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Assistant (*not Afternoon*) Supervisor: Mrs Caroline Smithson Tel: 850724

page 21 BAMPTON HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

change to BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB

Chairwoman: Mrs Lin Edgar, Braelyn, Primrose Lane Tel: 851770

Secretary: Mrs Yvonne Taylor, Charney Bassett Tel: 01235 868864

Membership Secretary: Mrs Betty Collett Tel: 850801

page 21 BAMPTON WIVES CLUB

Treasurer: Mrs Jan Webb, Sweetbriar Cottage, Bridge Street Tel: 851533

page 22 BAMPTON PUMPKIN CLUB

Secretary: Mr D. Close, 37 Ampney Orchard Tel: 851302

page 29 BAMPTON BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB - 'THE BEES'

Chairman: David Hawkins, Mill Green, Bampton

page 31 HEALTH, BEAUTY & CLOTHING

*add* The Cotton Club Duttons, Bridge Street Tel: 851234

page 32 BAMPTON BUSINESS DIRECTORY

*add* Marks Kitchen Chinese Take-Away Market Square Tel: 851691

Steve Finley Driving Tuition 39 Pembroke Place Tel: 851304