



Miss Karen Dowley, of 11 Chandler Close, Bampton, was married to Mr Alan Day, of 7 Broad Street, Bampton, at St Mary's Church, Bampton on July 6.

The bride's parents are Mr and Mrs M. Dowley, of Bampton. She was attended by Paula Day, Leanne Dowley, Gemma Head,

Hannah Shuker and Ian and Paul Mackrill.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr and Mrs J. Day, of Bampton. The best man was Mr Adrian Day.

There was a reception for about 160 guests at Carterton Social Centre.

Picture: National Wedding Photo Services.



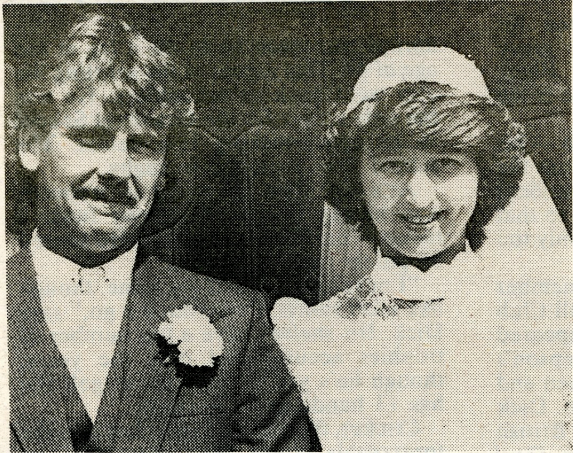
Miss Shenna Johnston, of Chandlers Close, Bampton, was married at St Mary's Church, Bampton, to Mr Michael Ellis, of New Road, Bampton.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs M. Johnston, of Sirdrie, Scotland. She was attended by Kerry-Ann Woodley and Tiffany Edwards.

The bridegroom's parents are Mr and Mrs Ellis, of Bampton. The best man was Mr N. Wardall.

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Miss Shirley Ann Biles, of Fox Close, Bampton, was married to Mr Charles Reginald Hewer, of New Road, Bampton, at St Mary's Church, Bampton, on July 20.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Biles, of Bampton, and the bridegroom is the son of Mrs Iris Hewer, of Bampton, and the late Mr S. Hewer.

Mr Alan Hatton was best man and Louise and Vicky Gough, Vicky Smith and Adrianne Hewer attended the bride.

A reception for 80 guests was held at Elder Bank Hall, Brize Norton. Picture: A. Walker

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## Anniversary of 'disaster' school

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# Bampton Festival

St. Mary's Church, Bampton celebrated the Patronal Festival during the weekend, also coinciding with the start of Bampton Festival week.

The church was beautifully decorated with floral arrangements by Mrs. Anne Stevens and her band of "flower ladies" and the Vicar's colourful vestments, richly embroidered, were well displayed.

On Saturday a gift day was held and parishioners took their gifts to the Vicar outside the church.

Refreshments were available all day, prepared by a band of hard-working ladies whilst at the back of the church stalls sold home-made cakes and a variety of gift items.

There was an exhibition in the Lady Chapel prepared by Dr. Blair, Oxford Don, showing that there was a church in Bampton long before the Roman conquest, together with evidence that the church houses the shrine of an Anglo Saxon saint called Beornwald.

During the afternoon Witney Citizens Orchestra played a selection of varied music.

On Sunday morning there was a large congregation for the Patronal Eucharist service conducted by the Vicar the Rev. Andrew Scott and in the evening there was a united parish service also attended by members of the Methodist church, led by the Rev. Andrew Scott with sermon from the Rev. Donald Woffenden of the Methodist church.

Bampton Festival Week began on Saturday morning with Bampton Bellingrings ringing a peal in the church.

Exhibitions on the Arts Centre, the Old Grammar School, the Youth Centre and 350 years of fine needlework displayed in Kilmore House were opened for public viewing. A short sharp shower prevented an evening of operatic items in the Deanery gardens. Instead the "Opera Integra" sang excerpts for Rossini, Verdi, and Beethoven in St. Mary's Church.

On Sunday afternoon 17 gardens of all sizes were open to the public, attracting many visitors, whilst tea was provided in the village hall by WI members.

The week continued with the exhibition open daily and a series of talks from specialist speakers in the village hall and Scout training centre.



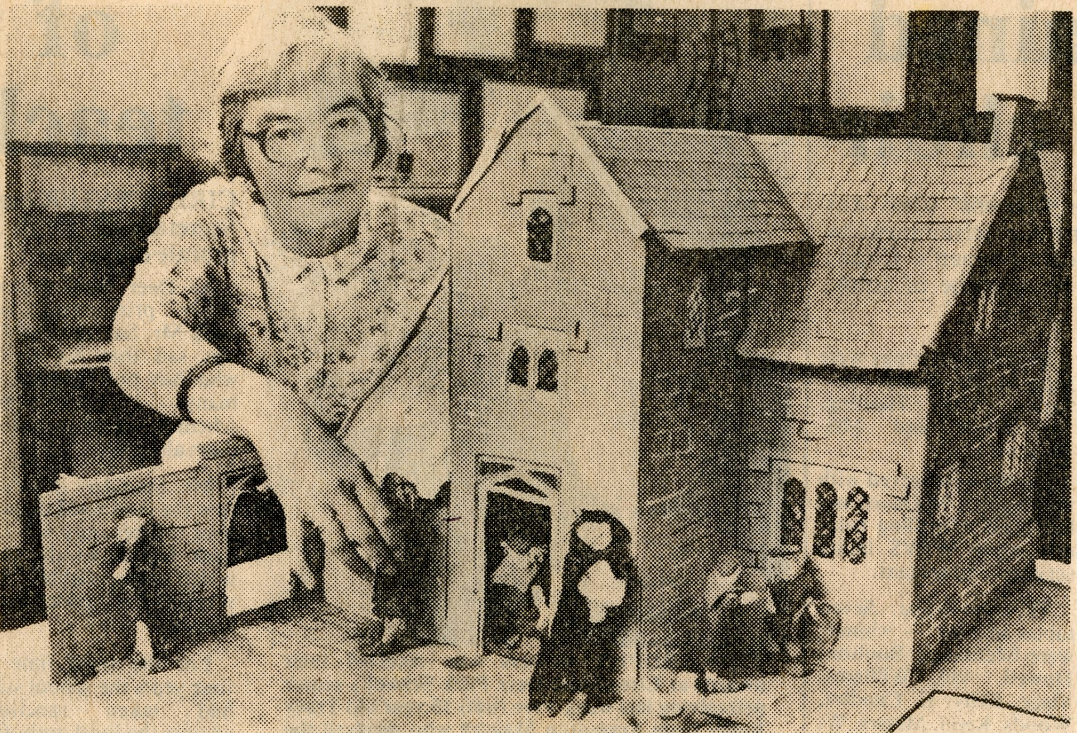
JANE NEWMAN adjusts one of the costumes of the Bampton Mummer which were on display in the Old Primary School as part.



AMANDA GOSTLING with this huge, solid silver, lidded flagon—one of the exhibits on display in 'The Treasures of Bampton Parish' exhibition.

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# Bampton celebrates



**HEAD TEACHER** Miss Janet Glanvill of Aston Bampton School with a model of the Old Bampton School built in 1635 which was on display in the building during the festival celebrations.

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# Narrow escape for Kim

Water board worker Kim Phillips had a narrow escape last week when his pneumatic drill struck an electricity cable at Bampton.

Twenty-three year old Mr. Phillips was working with a team on a mains repair in Aston Road, Bampton, when his drill hit the cable and he was thrown back by the force of the blast.

Mr. Phillips of Thorney Leys, Witney, was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital at Oxford suffering minor burns to his legs and face, but was released after treatment.

A spokesman at Thames Water said that it was fortunate that Mr. Phillips only hit a low voltage cable or the injuries could have been far more serious.

The accident happened last week and caused disruption to electricity supplies in the area.

A number of homes in Ampney Orchard, Bampton, were without electricity for five hours until workmen could repair the damage.



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# Bampton

**School Fete:** despite the appalling weather on the day of the PTA Bampton Primary school's annual fete, they are to be congratulated on raising £300 towards the cost of repairs to the school's swimming pool, now in progress. Winners of the grand draw were, 1 £100—Stephen Pierce, 2—Wine Hamper E. Churchill, 3 Cheeses—Mrs. Sturgiss, 4 Fireside Rug—B. Simmonds of Charlbury, 5 Whiskey—J. Richards, 6 £5 meat voucher—A Gardner and six others.

**Baptist Women's League:** a large number of members attended the last meeting of the Baptist Women's League before the break for the summer holidays, held in the Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon. All were welcomed by leader, Mrs. Rose Greenway, who led the service in which members took part. Some chose their favourite hymns and others gave readings or recitations. One member delighted by singing a solo — Amazing Grace. Refreshment time was a happy one with members chatting to each other and the leader and helpers were thanked for making the last session so enjoyable.

**Darby and Joan Club:** an enjoyable afternoon was spent last Thursday by members of the Darby and Joan Club who instead of having their normal meeting in the village hall were given a coach trip to the Bibury Trout Farm. The ride through the lanes was greatly enjoyed and the hedgerows in full bloom added to the pleasure. On arrival back at the village hall they found a tea of savouries, cakes and ice cream awaiting them prepared by members of Mrs. Henly's band of voluntary helpers.