

# THE BAMPTON BEAM

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## TRAFFIC CALMING BUILD OUT SAGA FINISHES!

*By David Hawkins, Bampton Parish Council*

The Parish Council has now received the report of the trial carried out in mid July to assess the effectiveness of the 2 traffic calming devices. An extract from the report follows: 'The object of the trial was to determine the effectiveness of a vehicle activated sign compared to a physical feature installed on the carriageway



The New Chicane on the Clanfield Road  
The Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) remains in place  
Neither of the above vehicles activated the VAS  
confirming the OCC report that the Chicane does have the  
effect of slowing traffic

which in this case is a chicane, in regulating traffic speed in both directions along an 80m stretch of carriageway within a 30mph speed limit. A 7-day 24 hour traffic flow survey trial was carried out by the OCC Traffic Monitoring Team on two roads at Bampton after the installation of a chicane on Station Road and the Vehicle Activated Sign erected on Clanfield Road. The results confirm the chicane is successful in restricting the traffic speed in both directions to approximately 30mph and maintaining this traffic speed entering the village

along the 80m stretch of the monitoring area. Whereas the VAS has no significant affect on the traffic speed and failed to restrict the traffic speed to the imposed speed limit of 30mph in both directions. The survey confirms that the 30mph speed restriction imposed along Clanfield Road is generally ignored by the travelling public. Based on these findings it is concluded the chicane only is successful in achieving the objectives of regulating the traffic speed in both directions to the 30mph speed limit imposed on this stretch of carriageway'. As a result of the above trial, chicanes have now been installed at the other 3 entrances to Bampton during October. The Vehicle Activated Sign on the Clanfield Road, used in the survey, also remains in place to reinforce the calming measures

## A New ATM at the HSBC Bank

Subsequent to the astonishing bank robbery, where the robbers used a JCB to rip out the ATM machine, and cart it away, HSBC took an immediate decision to replace the machine that was stolen.

Of course, ordering a new ATM, and then installing it, does not happen overnight, but the new machine is now in place, and it is to be hoped that we will not see any repeat of the incident which robbed us of the convenience the ATM brings to people of the Village and the surrounding area.

The 'Beam Team' would like to thank HSBC, on behalf of all who use the ATM facility, for taking the brave - but very welcome - decision to install a new machine, and hope that the Villagers will respond positively by continuing to make good use of the bank itself, and the ATM.

The 'Beam Team' would also like to thank the staff of the bank in keeping the branch open during the time it was mostly boarded up, and helping to keep the wheels of Bampton operating smoothly.

It could not have been easy working in such an environment, and the staff are to be applauded for continuing to serve their customers in their usual cheerful fashion.

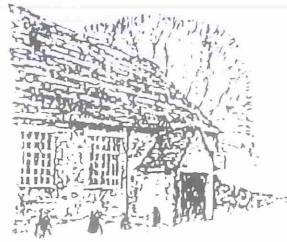
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	£15	103	Mrs B Collett	Aston Road
JULY	£15	129	Linda Kerswill	Bridge Street
	£25	043	D Foreshew	c/o Church View
	£15	003	Becky Fisher	Glebelands
AUGUST	£15	205	Mrs B K Terry	The Lanes
	£15	138	Mr & Mrs Taylor	Oathurst Estate
	£25	242	Mrs Ward	Broad Street
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**The Bampton We Have Lost**

*By J.L Hughes-Owen*

The revised and re-designed book has been sent to the printers and will be on sale at £15.00 from mid-November from Emmie's, Bridge Street, Bampton.

It is a fascinating history of Bampton which has been greatly enhanced by modern printing technology and the inclusion of extra photographs. All profits from the sales will be donated to The Friends of St. Mary's who would like to thank Sarah Wearne and Annabel Jones for all the hard work they have put in to produce this excellent book. They are also very grateful

to the Hughes-Owen's family and Bampton Museum for providing the photographs.

For those whose names are on the pre-publication lists the books can be collected from The Library and Temples price £12.00. Thank you for waiting so patiently!

**Movies On The Move**

Thanks to funding from the West Oxfordshire Network Leader + 2000 - 2006 Programme, The Theatre, Chipping Norton is able to bring up to date films to Village Halls.

Bampton Village Hall is taking part in this project and films are currently being shown on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every other month.

There were encouraging numbers at the first three performances and the audience commented on the very high quality of both picture and sound.

The programme for the next few months is:

Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 7.30pm  
**'A Good Woman'. A short local film by Hilda Kent will also be shown.**

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 4.30pm  
**'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.**

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm  
**'Casablanca'.**

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May (*time to be decided*) **'The Narnia Chronicles'.**

Tickets £3.00 are on sale at Temples for 2 weeks in advance and at the door.

Don't forget refreshments are for sale in the interlude. Proceeds go towards the Museum Fund.

**More Aid for Community Projects**

Applications are invited from groups, individuals, local councils and businesses for funding for projects that will benefit the rural community.

This is because the West Oxfordshire Network has been awarded an additional £200,000 of 'European' money as part of the LEADER+ Programme.

"Projects must be based in West Oxfordshire, and demonstrate involvement from the community," explains Caroline Bellanger the Programme Manager. "They must also be original and improve access to services, support rural enterprise or develop local facilities." Cllr Mary Neale, Cabinet Member for Economic Development adds, "We hope that anyone who feels that extra funding will help their community will come forward with their ideas.

So far 36 projects in the District have benefited from the LEADER+ Programme and with this extra money we look forward to seeing many more." Details of the criteria that must be met are available from the West Oxfordshire Network team who can be emailed on won@westoxon.gov.uk or Tel: 01993 861480.

The Team can also advise and help with any project applications. This money needs to be committed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006, but can be spent up to December 2008.

**BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

*By David Hawkins*  
*Bampton Parish Council*

**Highway Issues**

Of the 10 highways issues on our 2005 'wish list' that we asked OCC Highways to consider, we are most grateful to them for completing no less than 7 projects already. The improved surfaces in Buckland Road, Village centre and Primrose Lane plus the repairs to damaged kerbs, the installation of bollards along the damaged grass areas in Broad Street, and the eventual installation of the 4 chicanes are all welcome improvements. We now await the new flat top ramps in New Road, the installation of proper drains along Landells to stop the large puddles outside the surgery, and a rebuild of the left hand pavement in Broad Street as you leave the village. Please note that if you have any comments about damaged street signs, please pass them to the Parish Clerk on 851476.

**ATM Robbery**

Bampton residents are still shocked to realise that such an audacious robbery could take place in our peaceful village. The 'ram raiding' attack on the HSBC Bank in the centre of the village on 16<sup>th</sup> August resulted in considerable damage and the loss of the ATM. As we go to print, there is no news of the amount stolen nor of anyone yet being arrested. The Council understands that the ATM will be reinstalled shortly. We hope that residents will use the bank and Post Office regularly, along with all of our other retail outlets, so that we don't lose these valuable facilities.

**Extension of Facilities at RAF Brize Norton**

Although the move from RAF Lyneham to RAF Brize Norton is not planned until 2012, plans for the extra buildings and infrastructure required are being drawn up. Bampton Parish Council is particularly concerned that yet again more concrete is being laid in the Carterton area without any mention being made of flooding considerations downstream. A flash flood in Carterton from thunder

storms would almost certainly mean that areas of Bampton would suffer shortly afterwards. We would very much like to see another overflow reservoir constructed between the airfield and Bampton.

**Fire Station Future**

The Council was pleased to receive a briefing from Mike Symth from the Fire Service at Kidlington on the conclusions from a recent study into the need for a fire station in Carterton. The study concluded that at present there is adequate cover for Carterton from the Bampton and Burford fire stations and unless one of these were to close for any reason, the recommendation to the OCC is that there is no justification to establish a station in Carterton. To build a new fire station at Carterton would cost approximately £1million and need £90,000 per year to run. Bampton's fire station is well manned at present and we are all most grateful to the many Bampton employers who allow their staff to act as part time firemen. This is very much appreciated by the whole community.

**New Safety Surfaces for Play Equipment**

Following criticism from inspectors about the safety of the surfaces around play equipment in the Pembroke Place playground, the Council has spent nearly seven thousand pounds replacing most of the surfaces. With another two and a half thousand having been spent earlier this year on new equipment in the playground, this has been an expensive time. We trust that parents will teach their children to look after this important facility, and the other facilities around the Village, since we still experience acts of vandalism, which costs money to repair, and in turn means higher Council Taxes!

**Use of Pavilion**

If you wish to use the excellent facilities for Christmas parties etc, please call Ray Willis on 07766 264684.

**Full House Starts**

*By West Oxfordshire District Council*  
October sees the start of a season of quality arts performances in Village Halls and Centres throughout West Oxfordshire. Running until March 2006, the 'Full House' programme shows will be visiting 12 villages and giving a total of 19 performances. Chadlington Village Hall is the first 'Full House' venue. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October villagers will be entertained by the Hilary James Trio - featuring music from Hilary's highly acclaimed album 'Bluesy', which has been described as having some of the most moving songs of the twentieth century, but with some toe-tapping earthy blues ones too.

The season continues with theatre for the family, puppets for children, comedy, Irish harp and guitar music and more.

To find out if 'Full House' is coming near you, the programme can be picked up from Council Reception areas, Visitor Information Centres, libraries and online at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/culture](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/culture).

Cllr Tony Walker said, "Bringing top quality performances to rural communities is a great way to enjoy the arts. There are social benefits that come along from evenings such as these too."

Full House is provided by West Oxfordshire District Council as part of its commitment to support facilities at the heart of rural communities and promote a fulfilling and varied lifestyle for all.

The programme is supported by the Arts Council and other councils in Oxfordshire.

For further information contact:

Carys Davies / Olga Joven  
Publicity Office

Tel: 01993 861615 Mobile: 07771 965360.

**The new telephone number of  
The Clerk to the Parish Council is: 01993 851476.**

## Our Community Police Team

### A Word of Advice to Help Reduce Crime

By Bill Butcher,  
Crime Reduction Advisor

A stranger phones and announces: "I'm a burglar and I've got my eye on your house. When are you next out?" Would you tell him? Of course you wouldn't. But what if a stranger rings, addresses you by name and says: "We were driving down your road earlier and noticed you had some trees which need lopping. We'll pop round on Friday about three to discuss it." You might just, inadvertently, reply: "I don't do business with people who cold call. And anyway, nobody will be in that afternoon." So now a complete stranger knows when the house is empty. They probably got your name through the electoral register and the number from the phone book. Recently local police have been getting calls from worried residents realising they have told strangers when they will be out. The secret is never to reveal personal information of any sort, about yourself, your family, neighbours or friends, to callers unknown to you. The same applies to door to door sellers. According to Oxfordshire Trading Standards goods and services offered on the doorstep include alarms, double glazing, tarmac driveways, gas and electricity. They advise not to buy in these circumstances, not give personal details, to be firm, and to call the police if the trader refuses to go. Back to the problem of strangers discovering who lives where and the phone number. This time of year households are asked by West Oxfordshire District Council who is eligible to vote. Eventually two versions of the register are published - full and edited. The edited register is available for sale and can be used for commercial activities. However, there is a tick box available on the registration form if you do not want to be included. To reduce unwanted phone calls, going ex-directory is an option Tel: 0845 601 5884 and there is also the Telephone Preference Service

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#### Report

If your phone is lost or stolen, report it to your network operator as soon as possible. To find the right number for you network, call our Immobilise information line on 08710 123 123. Reporting your phone as lost or stolen will enable us to block both your SIM card and your handset, just like a stolen credit card.

#### Reunite

If your phone is recovered you will be contacted and told your phone is safe. Remember the best chance you have of getting your phone back is to register your details, and the more people that register, the more people will get their phones back.

### 'IMMOBILISE PHONE CRIME'

## Neighbourhood Policing

By PC Steve Patrick

Neighbourhood Policing is now being implemented across West Oxfordshire, and this area was the first to 'go live' back in the summer. Our Neighbourhood consists of the towns of Carterton, Bampton, Burford and their surrounding villages and hamlets, with the Neighbourhood Police Officers working out of Carterton Police Station under the command of the Neighbourhood Manager, Sergeant Mark Smith.

The other three Neighbourhoods in West Oxfordshire, Witney, Woodstock and Chipping Norton are due to commence early in the New Year. In overall command for the Neighbourhoods in West Oxfordshire is Inspector Nick Deacon.

The Neighbourhoods are also supported by the Mobile Police Station, which some of you may have already seen in Bampton. It is manned by PC Bob Hooke and currently has a two week rota, spending a day at each of the eight locations of Bampton, Carterton, Witney, Woodstock, Chipping Norton, Charlbury, Eynsham and Burford. The Station visits Bampton every other Monday, the next being Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The Mobile Police Station is there to promote high visibility, public engagement and community information, so please use it, Bob will be more than pleased to see you.

For those of you not yet familiar with the term 'Neighbourhood Policing', the idea is that those organisations involved in managing our communities, like the Police, District and County Councils, Housing Associations and you, the Community, work together to improve our lot. This is your Community, and your concerns and priorities become our concerns, priorities and focus. In order to try and achieve this we have voluntary representatives from each Neighbourhood, who together with representatives from the organisations such as Police and Councils, form the Neighbourhood Action Group, which meets regularly to voice your concerns and work with us to try and tackle the issues raised.

The majority of complaints, or concerns to date, are speeding and anti-

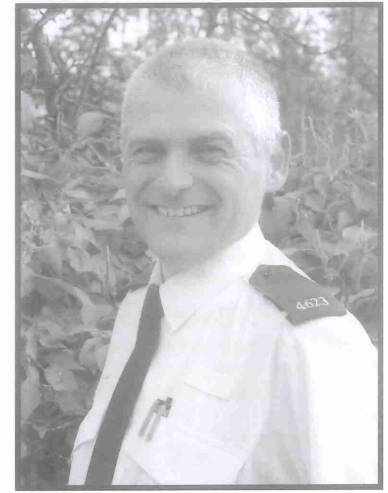
## The Neighbourhood Team for Bampton, Carterton, Burford



PC Steve Patrick



Sergeant Mike Smith  
Neighbourhood Manager



PC Richard Barnes



PC Mike Bennett

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PC Ray Hamilton



PC Rod Lovegrove



PCSO Sara Holmes

social behaviour by the local youths. We are currently tackling anti-social behaviour in Carterton, especially that connected with underage drinking, using poster campaigns and increased patrols in problem areas. On the speeding front, we are in the process of obtaining data in areas of high concern, with a view to deciding where our efforts are likely to have best effect. Bearing in this in mind, history tells us that many speeding vehicles in Bampton are driven by *Bampton Residents*, and the anti-social youths are *your children!* So hopefully many of you reading this article can help in reducing some of these concerns.

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**NEWS FROM ST. MARY'S**

**GOD'S ACRE**

*By Jo Lewington*

Some of you may have noticed that St Mary's churchyard has been looking a little different this year. In fact some of you may have thought it looked rather unkempt. Don't despair. This short article will explain what is happening.

Our churchyard is part of a nationwide scheme called 'The Living Church Yard'. The aim is to maintain the church yard in such a way that a variety of wild fauna and flora will



*The Churchyard. Part of 'The Living Church Yard' Plan*

flourish there. Part of the grass is to be kept trim, part of it left long and part intermediate. This system of mowing allows the wild flowers to seed and increase, and it creates a habitat for a varied number of species of insects and therefore of birds.

Now you may think that too much has been left too long and for too long a time and you are right. This is the first year we have been managing the churchyard in this way and it has taken most of the year to find the proper kind of mower to cope with the long grass and to find a man sympathetic to the scheme who would be willing to cut different parts at different lengths. Because we have to rake up the mowings we also had to find enough volunteers to give up their time to raking.

We are now on top of these problems and next year should see God's acre

looking somewhat trimmer, with the really long grass confined to the area on the West side.

In cooperation with the Museum there will be an exhibition this Autumn in the Vesey Room showing just what a variety of trees and plants are growing in the churchyard. The exhibition will also incorporate a herbal list of these plants, showing how, in the past, these plants were valued for their medicinal properties and how some of their chemical constituents are the basis for to-day's medicines. Someone has also been keeping a bird watch on the churchyard and you will be surprised at how many species it is supporting.

Next year we should have notice board by the church gate showing the progress of the scheme. We hope to put labels naming and pointing out the more interesting of the wild flowers there. Given time, our churchyard, should become a wonderful wild-

flower garden.

*So what do you think of the plans for the Churchyard? From various comments the 'Beam Team' has heard, not everyone in the Village is enamoured by 'The Living Church Yard' approach. Some would certainly prefer to have the grass kept short and tidy.*

*It's your Churchyard, so let's hear your views! Ed.*

**Bampton Methodist Chapel ..... What Next?**

*By Philip Shaw*

The 'Methodists' have been a part of the life of Bampton for nearly 200 years. They started with meetings held in cottages, moving into the then defunct Bampton Workhouse, in Weald,

around 1840. There they stayed until the present church, in Bridge Street, was completed in 1892. We have very little information about this community prior to the 1960s, except that servicemen, billeted locally during WWII, used the back 'schoolroom' for evening recreation .....so not everyone went to the pub!

After the war the congregation declined and, but for Ted Wilkins, our Senior Steward for many years, the Chapel would have closed around 1965.

However, since then we have steadily grown in numbers - there are currently 33 members - and the building has slowly been made more appropriate for the needs of today; including, a hearing loop audio system, and a toddler and baby area close to the worshippers. In passing, our services are friendly and relaxed, occasionally including graphics etc; also, we sing both new and traditional hymns and songs.

Seven years ago, we started a village Monday lunch club, 'The Drop-In', where people are welcomed from 12 to 1pm, to a light lunch that is served by volunteers, in return for a donation. "Eat your fill, give what you feel" being the motto.

The Chapel tries to play a full part in village life, and in recent years we have hosted an evening of carols, led by Swanny Lane, in the 'Romany', to mark the start of the Christmas season.

Naturally, as a Chapel, we have responded to local needs, like raising funds for the surgery and Play-group, assisting an orphanage caught up in the Asian Tsunami, supporting the people of Zimbabwe (the Bampton Project), also the Dharfur relief programme.

Our latest project, to update the chapel and provide a new kitchen, meeting room, store, and refurbished toilets, has been passed by the planners, and will be contracted to a local builder as soon as sufficient funds become available.

If you would like to help us in any way, no matter how small, please contact Tony Jenkin (our Honorary Treasurer) Tel: 850801, or Phil Shaw (Senior Steward) Tel: 850016.

**News from Bampton C of E Primary School**

*By Richard Pitt, Parent Governor*

Term began in early September and it was lovely to see everybody looking so smart at the important first assembly of the new school year, indeed first assembly at school for our newest pupils.

Over the summer two new buildings were installed on the school site, one to replace the Reception classroom and one to replace the Pre-School Playgroup building. This was a welcome coincidence as the two schools have decided to set up a very close working relationship under the title of a Partnership Foundation Stage Unit. A steering committee made up of staff and governors from the two entities will meet regularly to ensure a common curriculum is followed. It will also look at aspects such as presentation of the classrooms and the outside learning areas so that they too have a similar look and feel to them. For example, plans are currently in hand to landscape the outside areas to provide the most stimulating learning environment. By having this very close relationship we hope to provide a seamless transition for the young children when they move from Pre-School to "big" school.

Last term finished with an array of events. Mid July saw The Open Day and Art Exhibition which was a

chance to visit the school and be taken on a guided tour to see what the children had made using a variety of media and in a range of styles. The work was framed and exhibited in the school art gallery. It was an impressive display. And in the final week there was the Sports Day, where it is always heart warming to see how all of the children come together to help each other out in their mixed age group teams. This was followed by a magnificent rendition of The Owl & the Pussycat in St.Mary's Church.

Moving into this term and the range of activities and clubs that the children can take part in continues to grow. There are the sports clubs - football, netball, cross-country, rounders and hockey; the music clubs - keyboard, violins, orchestra, percussion, guitar and recorders; then there's the book, gardening and art clubs.

Our international links continue to be strong. Our Comenius Project, where we work with partner schools from Germany, Spain and Holland, has been approved at European level. The next stage in the process will be for members of our school to visit Holland. Then next summer representatives from our partners will visit us.

**Christmas Fete**

**In aid of Bampton Pre-School**

Village Hall: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2005, 1pm - 3pm,

Lots of Christmas gifts, refreshments, and hopefully a Santa's Grotto! Stall places are still available, so if you would like to support the event by having a stall, please Tel: 07789 017107.

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Email

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OES is part of Social and Health Care, Oxfordshire County Council.

## A Visit to Normandy, France The Peace Festival 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2005

By Phil Shaw

Faringdon Twinning Association were invited to Le Mele Sur Sapthe in Normandy, for the 2005 Peace Festival. Le Mele is also twinned with Falkenstein in Germany and Libcany in Czech Republic. I went along on to



carry the Bampton Royal British Legion Standard for the Laying of wreaths Ceremony at the War Memorial. On the Thursday, the first evening, a warm welcome was given to all the foreign delegations. We then went



to see the exhibition of 'Peace-Friendship-Tolerance' produced by school children from the four countries.

Friday we were shown around Le Mele, visited various schools and colleges, given demonstrations and enjoyed a concert in the evening - each country having to bring their own choir and perform 3 or 4 songs in their own language.

Saturday we had a walking tour with our hosts around Le Mele with the Official Ceremony taking place at 5pm followed by a Dinner and Dance. During the speeches a young representative from each visiting country read a poem in their own language.

Sunday was the Laying of Wreaths. Each country had the standard bearer a veteran of the war and a child carrying the Twinning Charter to take part in the ceremony. It was a very emotional day, especially with the Germany Standard flying alongside the other countries.

## The Royal British Legion Bampton Branch

The Bampton Branch of The Royal British Legion held its AGM in The Horse Shoe - as one does - on 25<sup>th</sup> October. Around 20 members attended the evening - the AGM was followed by an excellent supper put on by Alan and Kath Clarke. The committee for the following year is as follows:

President	Dr A Gaydon
Chairman	Mr B Deane
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr F Gray
Service Member	Mrs E Banham
Standard Bearer	Mr P Shaw
Poppy Appeal Organiser	Mrs L Shuker
General Members	Mrs F Gray, Mr K Langford, Mr G Gummer

## Why Not Join?

*You do not have to have been in the Armed Forces to join*

The Royal British Legion is a charity whose aims are to safeguard the welfare, interests and memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces.

A very worthwhile cause.

To many, it may appear that you can only become a member if you are presently serving in, or have served in, the Armed Forces, but this is not the case! In fact, anyone - including the ladies - over the age of 18 can join, and there is even an opening for the young amongst us, since anyone who 'accepts and support the objects' of the Legion, and who is between the ages of 14 and 18 can become a Youth Associate Member,

For those of us over the age of 18, there are basically two classes of membership. Those who are presently serving, or have served in the Armed Forces can become an 'Ordinary' member; those who have not served in the Armed Forces, can become 'Associate' members. Both pay the same subscriptions annually - £10.50 at the moment - and enjoy essentially the same membership benefits - some of the higher offices can only be held by Ordinary members.

The Bampton Branch of the Legion has just over 50 members, but we could do with seeing some new faces around, and hence this 'advert'!

And what do we do in the Bampton Branch?

Well, we hold regular meetings (roughly quarterly) where we get hold of guest speakers to give a talk for 10 or 20 minutes on a topic of interest (not always military), followed by a light supper and 'refreshments'! The venue is normally The Horse Shoe, Bridge Street, since listening and talking is a thirsty business!

Additionally, we are looking at livening up our events schedule, by possibly arranging some trips - taking a leaf out of the Bampton Gardening Club's Book - to places of military and non-military interest.

There are also many events run by other Legion branches and groups up and down the country, which are advertised via our newsletter, and there are also 'special offers' for such things as insurance, etc., where members of the Legion can obtain discounts on various goods and services.

So why not consider joining us?

We're not a bad bunch really! Just call either Dixie Deane Tel: 01993 850756, or Fred Gray Tel: 01993 851653, and we will be delighted to provide you with an application form. Annual subscriptions can now also be paid by Direct Debit - a painless way to pay!



## RAF Brize Norton : The Future

From an Interview with Wing Commander Mark Baker, OC Operations Wing  
by Fred Gray

Before I cover 'The Future' let me begin by telling you about today's operations. Currently we fly C17, VC10 and TriStar aircraft - where necessary we also charter aircraft - with the main 'milk run' flying operations being into Iraq, Afghanistan, the Falkland Islands and the Balkans. We also support the Defence Exercise programme with routes to Brunei, United States, Kenya, Singapore - and many more.

On an ad hoc basis, we support relief operations such as Tsunami Relief to Banda Aceh, Sri Lanka and Thailand, the recent relief effort to the southern USA - where we chartered B747 Jumbo Jets and the Russian heavy lift special, the Antonov 124 Condor, taking 1 million ration packs to Little Rock Air Force Base for further distribution to Louisiana and Mississippi. There was significant media interest - including Sky, CNN Headline News and BBC/ITV - in our work on this operation, and it was a lot of hard work, but worth it in the end. Of course, even more recently we have been flying Chinook helicopters into Pakistan in the C-17 in support of the relief efforts for the earthquake.

Another source of work is the Department for International Development (DfID) who also call on our resources for major relief efforts in supplying needy countries - where we carry everything from heavy plant, generators, tents and medical supplies. And then of course there was the recent operation to deploy a Royal Navy mini-submarine to the Kamchatka Peninsula to rescue a Russian submarine from the sea-floor.

So times have been busy at the Station, and it's not therefore surprising that we have had to undertake re-surfacing works on the runway. Runway replacement is carried out about once every 15 years or so. On this occasion, we are taking the opportunity to renew the airfield lighting and install an arrestor gear system to allow BZN to operate as the southern UK military emergency diversion air-

field. This will not mean any increase in aircraft in the area, however, it offers the fast jets a greater safety margin in emergency situations. As well as the runway re-surfacing, lighting and the arrestor gear, the contractors will also be putting concrete fillets on the taxiways to enable future Airbus operations - the Airbus A330 aircraft is the expected replacement for the VC10/TriStar fleet at around the turn of the decade.

The work on the runway started on 19<sup>th</sup> September, with the handover to the contractor Lafarge.

At the time of writing, we are operating out of Fairford with all of our missions continuing as normal throughout the 'bolthole' period; and we have not lost an hour of flying due to the transfer. Planning of the bolthole took 6 months and to be honest, what has been achieved is nothing short of astonishing. RAF 40-footer juggernauts were running 16 hours per day for weeks going backwards and forwards from Fairford to transfer all of the ground handling equipment, aircraft steps, servicing kit, etc.

The work on the runway is due to finish at the end of this year and we will then carry out the whole process in reverse - we expect to be back at BZN on or near the second week of January.

**Now what is The Future??**

Project CATARA (Centralisation of Air Transport and Air Refuelling Assets). This will see the replacement of the C130K(Hercules) - presently based at Lyneham - with the all new Airbus A400M aircraft, and the VC10s and TriStars by the FSTA (Future Strategic Transport Aircraft - the Airbus A330?). The exact timing is not yet clear but 2008 - 2010 seems to be the sort of timeframe we are hearing about - although it may take some years to replace all of the aircraft. With the closure of Lyneham, the C130J aircraft will also come to the base. By 2008 we would also hope to have another C17 to add to the 4 we have now.

CATARA will see aircraft numbers increase from the current 32 to approximately 75 to 80.

Work to accommodate this increase taking place concurrently with the runway re-surfacing, taxiways will be extended and additional parking areas built across the airfield, allowing the provision of more aircraft stands.

Now, an almost tripling of the aircraft numbers may have some of you worried that that will mean an increase in noise levels. However, this does not follow automatically!

The vast majority of training operations in the future will in fact be done in simulators, and therefore you are likely to see a big reduction in the 'Circuits and Bumps' when the VC10s/TriStars are retired. At Lyneham for instance, with the arrival of the new C130J and its simulators, the 'Circuits and Bumps' flying was cut by around 70%. Also, the new aircraft are all very much quieter than those they replace, so even fully loaded A330s will make a lot less noise than the VC10s.

In fact we believe from our studies, that the noise levels will actually decrease when the new aircraft arrive, compared with what they are today.

As we progress to 2010 we hope to see a rebuild or replacement of the passenger terminal and a new build freight terminal. Additionally, there will be new hangars for FSTA/C130J/A400M and new accommodation/office buildings erected to house the new squadrons/organisations arriving here.

All in all a huge amount of construction/modernisation of the base infrastructure which will see the future of BZN guaranteed for many years - BZN is already the largest Main Operating Base in the RAF and by 2012 will house between 13-15% of RAF uniformed manpower.

Notwithstanding the increase in size of future operations, we intend continuing to maintain our close links with the community - an association that has lasted many decades already.

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We would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our current services, some of which are new. Our services include:

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- ❖ Saving stamps.

Plus, of course, all the traditional day-to-day items: stamps, stationery, greeting cards, computer paper, photocopying and fax services and so on.

And for those Christmas or birthday ideas why not send someone a Gift Voucher? We now supply vouchers redeemable at Habitat, Mothercare, Debenhams, Woolworths, Halfords, Miss Selfridge, Comet, B&Q, Wallis, River Island, Dorothy Perkins, Evans, Burton, Goldsmiths, Outfit, Topman and Topshop. You know what to do – just ask for information. We will be happy to help.

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Finally: have a *very* happy Christmas and great New Year!

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## THE BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

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### The Tennis Club

#### Tournament Review 2005

*By Andrew Mann, Chairman BTC*

Sixteen players took to the tennis courts dotted around Bampton's private gardens for the Annual BTC Roaming Tournament in July. It was a sweltering July afternoon but this did not deter the competitors who were looking for the chance to get their name on the tennis club's trophy.

Two groups of four pairs split up and played each other at three venues: Sandfords, The Manor and The Deanery, with each pair playing the others over the best of four games at each venue. Eventually a top pair from each group won through to the final which was held at the club's own courts at the Recreation Ground. A full set was played between David Hawkins and Irene Smith and Steve Ackroyd and Rebecca Butler with the latter pair eventually winning through. Everybody was able to relax at the end of a hot afternoon with food and drinks at a barbecue next to the courts. As is always the case at the roaming tournament, fun is the main aim and was certainly had by all.

Bampton Tennis Club are always looking for new members – we are a friendly club who accept people at all levels of ability. Club nights are on Tuesdays and Thursdays (starting in spring with the lighter evenings), and benefits to members include being able to pre-book and use the tennis courts throughout the year. In addition to this we have had a number of adult friendly



*Winners Steve Ackroyd and Rebecca Butler with the BTC trophy*

evening matches against local teams. We are also hoping to run coaching sessions for both juniors and adults next season.

Membership fees remain at £25 per year for adults, £50 for families, £10 for students and £5 for juniors.

For further details contact Karen Easterbrook, Membership Secretary:

Tel: 01993 850772.  
e-mail membership@bamptontennis.org.uk

or turn up and see us on a club night.



*On court in the idyllic setting of Sandfords garden*

**See you on court soon**

### THE PAVILION

The Pavilion, with its large social area, changing rooms, referees' facilities, kitchen and bar is for hire by members of the public for all varieties of functions such as wedding receptions, birthdays or anniversary parties. The Multisport court can also be hired for games or practice sessions for floodlit tennis, basketball, and netball.

#### Some General Hire Prices

##### Pavilion

08:00 - 13:00 : £40

13:00 - 18:00 : £40

18:00 - 23:59 : £80

Whole Day : £160

**Football Pitch : £25 per game**

**Changing Facilities : £10**

**Multisport** Bampton Residents

£10.00

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£12.50

For more information on charges and facilities for hire please contact:

**Ray Willis Tel: 01993 852483 or**

**Mobile: 07766 264684**

### A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE IF YOU USE THE RECREATION GROUND

#### While using skate park

Minor accidents continue to occur on the Skatepark because of the lack of protective clothing.

The Parish Council ask all parents to insist that their children wear the appropriate clothing.

#### Insurance Liabilities

Residents using the Recreation Ground to practice golf, fly kites or model aircraft or even hitting cricket balls should note that they are responsible for third party liability should an accident occur.

Whilst the Parish Council has ample insurance should it be at fault - for example if a slate falls off the roof of the pavilion - we expect all users of the excellent facilities to have their own insurance.

Consider including this cover in your home contents policy. Dog walkers should also have insurance.

## Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club

*By Martin Landray, Chairman*

2005 was a fantastic year for English cricket but a transitional season for our own cricket club. Thanks to the support of the Parish Council and the generosity of the club's Vice Presidents, the replacement artificial wicket was finally laid in May. Sadly it proved impossible to organise any fixtures for the adult team this year. However, the youth section continued to flourish, and each Monday saw around 20-30 boys (and 1 girl - Alice) attend training. It was really gratifying to see their enthusiasm grow and their ability develop during the summer, and I'd like to thank all those who helped with these sessions.

We are already planning ahead for next season, and this is no small task, particularly as it is now 2 years since we last played a match in Bampton. Our ambition is to organise a full season of friendly fixtures for the adults, together with nets one evening each week. The weekly evening training sessions will continue for the children, and we hope to be able to enter teams into the local youth cricket league at 2 age-groups.

All this will only be possible with sufficient support. We are keen to hear from anybody who would be willing to help coach, umpire or provide teas, fill rabbit-holes in the outfield, cut the grass around the cricket nets, operate the scoreboard, keep up with the paperwork, fund-raise, etc. If you would like to play yourself, if you have children who are interested, or if you could help in any way, we'd love to hear from you. Tel: 01993 850939.

#### Other Sporting Activities

##### Bampton Archery Club

Chairman: John Hill Tel: 850513.

##### The Horseshoes Football Club

Chairman: Alan Clarke Tel 850201

Manager: Bill Godfrey

##### Bampton Weightlifting Club

Chairman: Don Rouse Tel: 851480

Sec: John Davies Tel: 702266.

##### Bampton Badminton Club

Enquiries: Lesley Campbell Tel:

852846. Meets every Tuesday 10 - 12am Bampton Village Hall.

**Bampton Town Football Club**  
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#### Bampton Football Teams

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Secretary: Andrew Squires: Tel: 01993 852278; Email andrew.squires@huntleigh-healthcare.com

#### The Horseshoes Football Club - Sunday League Football.

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Secretary: Bill Godfrey: Tel: 01993 850014

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## The Radband Family of Bampton

One hundred and forty-four years, that's the span of one Bampton family; a family which has also had most of their weddings in St Mary's. No doubt many of you will know this family, and may indeed also be in some way related to them; you may have also attended one or more of the weddings!

So who was the man who started it all of here in Bampton? At least as far back as the family can trace, his name was Henry Radband, a Bampton man who claimed he had been involved with the Bampton Morris Dancers for fifty-six years, first as a dancer, and later as a sword bearer. He married local girl Mary-Anne Hughes in 1861. They produced 11 children in all, and the family took it from there! Because of space constraints, we cannot hope to include the complete family history, so the following photographs are aimed at providing a few 'snapshots' as the family made its way through the ages to the present day. I'm sure the rest of the Radband Family history is in the Museum under 'Bampton Families'.



Here are 7 out of the 11 children Robert, Elizabeth, Louise, Ellen, Fred, Edie, and Ephraim. Robert the eldest son married Emily Portlock Clark in 1892. They produced Robert, Doris and Meta.



Tom Hart and Emily-May's wedding in 1922. Albert, Tom Hart, Emily May, Dorothy and Ethel sitting in front. The 3 other people we don't know.



Thomas Robson and Dorothy's wedding on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1924. They produced Mavis.



Albert and Beatrice Preston's wedding on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1930. They produced Joan



Reginald Smith and Joan's wedding in 1949. They produced Lynda and Michael.



Ann Radband being taken to the church by her brother Robert. Ann married Brian Carter in 1967. Brian as most people know is now our friendly manager in Londis. Anne and Robert were Ethel Radband's children along with Brian and Margaret.



**Farewell to Jan Fretton**  
Our Librarian for nearly 30 years has retired.  
From all of us Jan, thank you so much for being such an important part of the Village life for so long...and have a very long and very happy retirement.  
We would like to welcome Sarah Harrison who is temporarily standing in for Jackie Edwards who takes over from Jan before Christmas.



Michael Smith and Susan Walker's wedding in 1974. Micheal is Reg and Joan's son. Susan comes from another old Bampton Family.



Tracey and Iain Smart's wedding in 1994. Tracey is Reg and Joan's grand daughter who belongs to their daughter Lynda.

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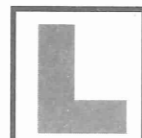
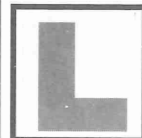
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**The Bush Club Needs You!**

**Drivers:** Once a fortnight for ½ an hour in the morning at 9.45am, or ½ an hour in the afternoon at 1.45pm.

**Cooks:** Approximately once every 5 weeks from 9.45 to 1pm

**General Helpers:** From 9am – 1.45pm on alternate weeks. Times to suit individuals.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Louise Gray and Christopher Baker for accepting the challenge of the parachute jump. Both have full filled this very brave undertaking now and the Bush Club is having its new face lift. Thanks again to all three Hilda, Louise and Christopher.

Anybody willing to help, or join the Club as a new member please contact Fenella Gray Tel: 01993 851653 or Veronica Baker Tel: 01993 851040.

**Bampton Baby Toddler  
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We meet in the Village Hall every Thursday between 10am - 11.45am. We provide toys, slide, singing and drinks and biscuits for children 0 to Pre-school. For more information contact Angela Irvin, Tel: 01993 210096 or

E-mail [angy.Irvin@tesco.net](mailto:angy.Irvin@tesco.net)

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**Bampton Bridge Club**

The Club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday, 7:30 pm to 10pm. Duplicate Bridge is played on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.. Rubber bridge on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. The annual subscription is £5

with a charge of £1.00 per session. New members are always welcome. For more information contact, Joan Granville, Tel: 850407.

**Old Birthday Cards**

Please continue to let me have your Birthday Cards, after you have enjoyed them, so that I can continue to recycle them into re-saleable items which then make money for worthy causes. Daphne Gaydon, 3 Broad Street.

**Volunteer Link Up**

If you have a car of your own getting from A to B is no problem but people who have no car or live in areas with little or no public transport can have real difficulties. This is especially true of elderly people who need to get to health centres, podiatry appointments, hospitals or shops. We are in need of more drivers to enable us to meet these needs.

If you have a reliable car, clean driving licence and a few hours each month please contact Pat, Ruth or Caroline at Volunteer Link-Up Tel: 01993 776277 for more information. Volunteer drivers receive 38p per mile expenses.

**Or Pop In and Visit**

If driving is not for you then you may like to pop in on elderly, lonely or younger disabled people who can't get out much and need a bit of company from time to time. Some would love to be pushed out in their wheelchairs on sunny days.

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*Wonderful Weather for a Wonderful Day Out*



*The Annual Fair : Usual Rides but Fewer People?*



*The Gardening Club Annual Show : And the Prizes*

# OUT AND ABOUT

*The Show was Well Attended as Usual*



*The Donkey Derby and Fete*



*The Start and the Finish : Good Fun had by All - Including the Donkeys*



*Huge Crowds : Another Great Weekend in Bampton*

**Bampton Exhibition Foundation**

The Foundation exists to maintain the Old Grammar School building (now the Library), and to provide financial support to young people residing in the Ancient Parish of Bampton, Aston, Lew and Weald. The financial help is for young people who would like to participate in any academic or sporting course or activity of educational value which would otherwise be beyond their means. Anyone who feels they qualify (or knows of someone who may do so) should contact the Correspondence Secretary, **Marion Dowding, Bay Tree Cottage, Rosemary Lane, Bampton, OX18 2NF or Tel: 850167.**

**Bampton Ladies Group**

We are a group of Ladies who meet in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of each month at 8pm. Our aim is to have a variety of light-hearted talks, demonstrations and outings. If you would like to come along, the first visit is free. Further information from **Joan Farthing Tel: 851206.**

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**Methodist Chapel**  
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**December 11th:** Carols by Candlelight 6pm  
**December 25th:** Family Service 10.30am  
**St Mary's**  
**December 24th:** Midnight Mass 11.30pm  
**December 25th:** Family Eucharist 10.30am  
**St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, Carterton**  
**December 25th: Mass 9.00am - St. Mary's Church, Bampton**  
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**Welcome to West Ox Arts**

West Ox Arts is a registered charity (no. 266542), part-funded by West Oxfordshire District Council and Bampton Parish Council, and staffed by volunteers, except for its part-time administrator.

West Ox Arts is dedicated to

- Promoting participation in and appreciation of the arts and crafts in West Oxfordshire
- Supporting the area's artists and craftspeople

**WOA Membership** is open to everyone and new members are always welcome.

Benefits include:

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- discounts at local art suppliers
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Membership fees Single £15, Family £25, Student £7.50

Administrator Olivia Thornton is usually in the gallery Tues-Thurs 10am -4pm.

**Robert Vesey Room at Bampton Library Exhibitions**

The Robert Vesey Room Opening Hours are:

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If you would like to book this exhibition space for a month please contact Ailsa Matheson on 01993 851004. The only charge is 20% commission on sales.

**Are you sitting comfortably?**

WOA always needs volunteer sitters to look after the exhibitions. It's a great way to meet like-minded people and to see each exhibition.

If you could spare a couple of hours a month to support WOA in this way then please contact the Administrator Olivia Thornton for the gallery, on 01993 850137.

Or for the Robert Vesey Room, Barbara Daw on 01993 851491.

**If you are interested in the arts and would like to join West Ox Arts please ring the Gallery on 01993 850137 for a membership form or call in during opening hours**

**For details of exhibitions, leaflets are available at The Gallery, and details are published on the Bampton Website.**

**Bampton Gardening Club News**

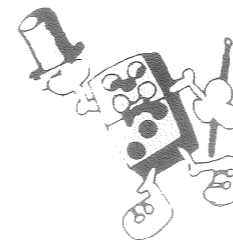
The AGM will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. We will be having our usual cheese and wine supper and a perusal of the day trips and holidays we have been on in 2005. through Gordon's slides.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November** — Another trip for the shopaholics this time to Blackbush Market and the Festival Place Shopping centre at Basingstoke.

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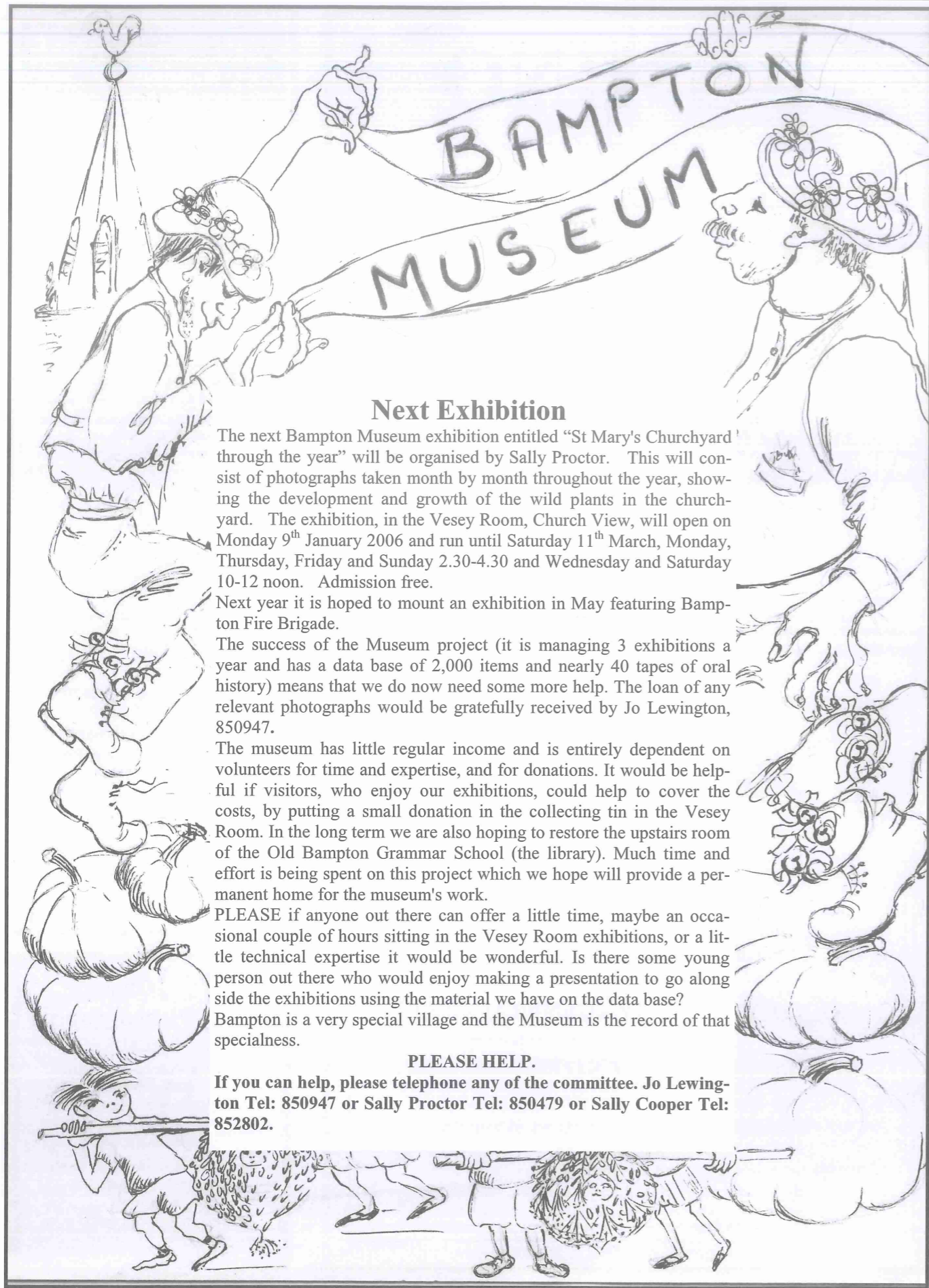
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### Next Exhibition

The next Bampton Museum exhibition entitled "St Mary's Churchyard through the year" will be organised by Sally Proctor. This will consist of photographs taken month by month throughout the year, showing the development and growth of the wild plants in the churchyard. The exhibition, in the Vesey Room, Church View, will open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and run until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March, Monday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday 2.30-4.30 and Wednesday and Saturday 10-12 noon. Admission free.

Next year it is hoped to mount an exhibition in May featuring Bampton Fire Brigade.

The success of the Museum project (it is managing 3 exhibitions a year and has a data base of 2,000 items and nearly 40 tapes of oral history) means that we do now need some more help. The loan of any relevant photographs would be gratefully received by Jo Lewington, 850947.

The museum has little regular income and is entirely dependent on volunteers for time and expertise, and for donations. It would be helpful if visitors, who enjoy our exhibitions, could help to cover the costs, by putting a small donation in the collecting tin in the Vesey Room. In the long term we are also hoping to restore the upstairs room of the Old Bampton Grammar School (the library). Much time and effort is being spent on this project which we hope will provide a permanent home for the museum's work.

PLEASE if anyone out there can offer a little time, maybe an occasional couple of hours sitting in the Vesey Room exhibitions, or a little technical expertise it would be wonderful. Is there some young person out there who would enjoy making a presentation to go along side the exhibitions using the material we have on the data base?

Bampton is a very special village and the Museum is the record of that specialness.

#### PLEASE HELP.

If you can help, please telephone any of the committee. Jo Lewington Tel: 850947 or Sally Proctor Tel: 850479 or Sally Cooper Tel: 852802.

## Bampton Environmental Watch Group

By Ralph Norman, Chairman

In July we welcomed a number of visitors, who joined members at our open meeting. Kerry Lock, the project officer for the Chimney Meadows nature reserve, gave an enjoyable and informative illustrated talk about this BBOWT (Berkshire Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust) reserve. We are very lucky to have this new nature reserve on our doorstep. When you read this copy of the Beam we will have had our October meeting with the welcome return of Martin Way with a talk entitled "The Home Front". Future open meetings scheduled for 2006 are: 2<sup>nd</sup> March - our AGM; 27<sup>th</sup> April - Alison Hopewell of the Wychwood Project will talk on the Lower Windrush; further open meetings will be on 27<sup>th</sup> July and 26<sup>th</sup> October.



The summer and autumn have seen a number of planning applications for Bampton, although the only one of general significance is a revised plan for the business park on Fair Acres. Permission for six units in natural stone was granted in February 2004.

In July this year a new application was submitted for 7 units in red brick, more than a metre higher than those in the original granted application. This revised application was withdrawn in August, then re-submitted in September with the red brick changed to natural stone, but no other changes. The PC and BEWG have objected to the increased height, which will increase the visibility of the development on this soft edge of Bampton. WODC were scheduled to review this new proposal on October 17<sup>th</sup> but it was again withdrawn by the applicant at the last minute due to the lack of an adequate flood analysis.

In March this year you will recall that the proposal to build 10 dwellings Littlemead (Aston and Buckland Roads junction) was granted at appeal. You will all no doubt have seen that work has now commenced. It is understood that the developers hope to complete construction in mid-2006. The main item of planning news is the publication of the inspector's report from the public inquiry into the WODC local plan, which will take us

up to 2011. This was issued in July and reviewed by WODC in October this year. WODC has agreed to the inspector's recommendations related to proposed development sites in Bampton, see [www.westoxon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/meetings.cfm/1696/](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/meetings.cfm/1696/) [www.westoxon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/meetings.cfm/1699/](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/yourcouncil/meetings.cfm/1699/) for all the gory details.

These recommendations are: the removal of the 100 dwelling proposal for New Road; the exclusion of proposals for large residential developments at Aston Road, Buckland Road, and Station Road; the exclusion of an employment site on Buckland Road (this last one not to be confused with the Fair Acres development). The next stage will be for WODC to publish all its agreed changes to the plan. There will then follow a six-week public consultation period with the results of this known mid-2006. WODC will then finalise and publish its adopted Local Plan for the period to 2011.

If you would like to know more about BEWG or would like to join us please contact the Membership Secretary (Ann Norman) Tel: 850823, or email [bewg@sagaman.co.uk](mailto:bewg@sagaman.co.uk). You can also see our entry on the Bampton web site at [www.bamptonoxon.co.uk/bewg.htm](http://www.bamptonoxon.co.uk/bewg.htm).

## Miss Dorothy (Dor) Graeme Thomson

By Susan Phillips

A great number of friends gathered at The Bampton Youth Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> September to pay tribute to Dor Thomson who has recently died in her 95<sup>th</sup> year and to bid farewell to her closest friend and companion for many years, Kate Wylie, who is going to live with her foster daughter, Julie, in Stroud.

Dor and Kate first came to Bampton in 1949 after having met during the Second World War while working together at the Aeronautical Inspection Directorate and at the prestigious Handley Page factory. They settled at The Beam on the outskirts of Bampton and Dor worked all hours to establish a successful market garden, selling produce at Witney, Brize Norton and Oxford while together they fostered two children, Roger and Julie. The hospitality at The Beam, and later at Westbrook and Lock's Lodge, has been appreciated by so many in Bampton and newcomers were always warmly welcomed. Many local institutions and charities were the recipients of Dor's interest and quiet generosity and she played an important role in local government. Dor succeeded Marjorie Pollard as Independent Rural District Councillor for Bampton and, at the age of 50, was elected to Oxfordshire County Council where she served on the Education and Social Services Committees for 15 years. Frustrated by her own lack of formal education, Dor was devoted to furthering the educational opportunities of the County's children and of promoting their welfare, especially those of the underprivileged. She was Chairman of the Children's Committee and took a great interest in the local Primary and Secondary schools as well as Turners Court near Henley, a school for disadvantaged boys. She continued to serve as a governor for Wood Green, Henry Box, Carterton and Burford Schools and of the West Oxfordshire Technical College for ten years after retiring from local government. Elsewhere in this issue there is a tribute from the Governors of Bampton Primary School of which she was also a Governor for many years. Happily she also had more time then to enjoy the arts and music in which she had always been interested. She encouraged and promoted the work of the West Oxfordshire Arts Association and served as Chairman for a number of years.

Although Dor was born in Scotland most of her long life was spent in Oxfordshire, an idyllic and privileged childhood at Shipton Court, which sadly came to an end with the death of her father. Than 50 adult years in Bampton where she devoted her talents to furthering the welfare and education of young people. She was a truly remarkable woman and a good friend to all in Bampton.

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## Let's Get Bampton Fit!

By Calum Taylor

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So why do the over fifties generation believe that they can't get fit now because they are too old. You are never too old! If you find going to the gym boring, then why not take up a sport one like golf that is social and productive because whilst you're playing the game and talking you don't realise how many miles you have walked around the course. Remember to consult your doctor before you decide to undergo a new fitness regime but here are a few simple exercises that you could undertake on a regular basis. You need to be having at least 30mins of activity a day.

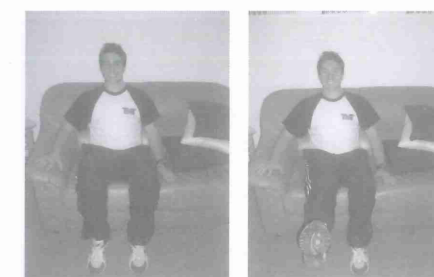
### Aerobic Training (Working your heart and lungs)

Instead of taking the car to the centre of town to get your papers or milk, try and walk there. There are many easy routes around Bampton that you could take. If you don't like walking try cycling. Take the stairs and not the lift. There are many things that you could change often just think to yourself that what ever you can do rather than a machine then it will help you

Wall Press Ups 20 reps  
Start Finish



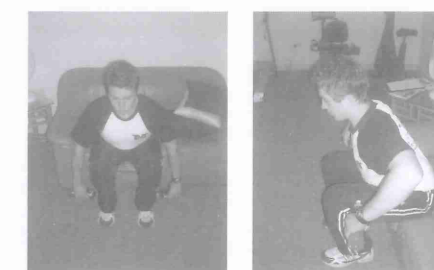
Leg Extensions Sitting on Chair 20 reps



Shoulder press Sitting on Chair 20 reps



Sitting Bent Over Row 20 reps  
Start Finish



Front Plank Hold Position up to 1 Min



Back Plank hold Position up to 1 min  
Start Finish



become much fitter and healthier e.g. hand washing your plates and cups instead of using a dishwasher.

### Resistance Training (Toning muscles and increasing your metabolism)

Here is a simple low impact circuit training programme that anyone can do. Make sure that you stretch all the

muscles that you are going to be using during this workout (Chest, Back, Legs, Shoulders, and Arms). This programme will take about 8 minutes. If you feel you can do more then why not do 2 sets of every exercise. In these pictures, I have used 2 bottles of drink, you can do the same or use baked bean cans it just needs to be heavy enough so you can feel your working but not so heavy you think to yourself that it is impossible to do the exercise. As you can see all of these exercises can be done at home without the use of trendy treadmills or gym equipment so there is no excuse not to be exercising more. Taking 30mins of exercise a day can greatly improve your overall fitness, confidence and figure, so just read this and start it right away. If you are unsure of any exercise or would like further guidance then please call on 0771 7125326 Good Luck

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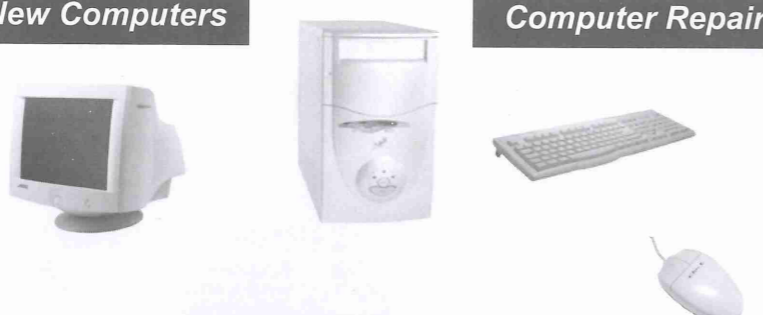
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## OUT OF WORK FARMER - TURNED AGRICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

By Don Rouse

What a wonderful shop window for farming and rural pursuits the area's annual ploughing match held at Weald Farm was. There was something for everyone, young and old, male and female. I took two of my grandsons along who were absolutely astounded by the skills and pride shown by the ploughmen. So many people drive along our country roads, probably cursing like mad if they get stuck behind a tractor and plough, yet not giving a thought that the driver of the tractor has probably got more skills and cares for the countryside than they ever will. Mind you I have to reiterate what I have said in previous 'Beam' articles, the modern ploughman bears little resemblance to the craftsmen that were on view at the ploughing match. Nowadays the workload is so great with so many acres to do and so few men to do it, that farmers have to resort to those enormous tractors that can do as much ploughing in an hour as we used to be able to achieve in a day. They were also on show at the ploughing match and the difference in the quality of the work was obvious for all to see.

I was fascinated by all the old tractors that are still working to this day, many of them were older than their drivers! It just goes to show how well farmers and their staff look after their things. Is this why farmers wives live to such a good age? My dad always said that you must keep things well oiled and then they will then last forever. Trouble is at my age I cannot remember where my oil can is! There is now quite an interest in the preservation of these old tractors with many local companies being set up to

accommodate the interest. That has got to be good for the local economy as well as indulging old fogies like me who are still stuck in the past. It was nice to see the hedge-laying section still maintains a lot of interest, this is certainly one of those skills that would be terrible if it were to fade away. Their finished product was a completely stock-proof fence. No need for barbed wire or wire netting, it was totally stock-proof. Mind you I would have liked to have seen the ditch dug as well, with the spoil placed around the roots of the hedge. That would have been perfection and would have probably qualified the participant for a nomination to the Nobel awards for hedging and ditching!

I know that I am treading on danger-



ous ground, especially as my sub-editor has had a lot to do with the 'build-outs' on the approach roads to Bampton. But as a Scotsman he is a firm believer in free speech and I am sure will let me have one more say on the subject. I do not have a problem with the Clanfield, Buckland and Aston road approaches, they are generally on straight roads with a good vis-

ual approach, but Station Road is a whole different story. In the last issue of the Beam the photographer showed a picture of the site taken from the East side of the road, a very nice photograph, but it did not portray the picture of what a motorist leaving Bampton would see. Had he crossed to the other side of the road to take the picture it would have shown just what a dangerous position it is in. The maximum distance that a motor cyclist, leaving Bampton riding on the correct side of the road would visually get of the chicane, would be forty yards, travelling at thirty miles an hour he would be covering fifteen yards a second when you allow for 'thinking distance' there is not a lot space left to take evasive action if there is a big lorry coming through, let alone reading the priority sign. Coming from Lew direction the priority sign is completely obscured by greenery, still it is autumn and the greenery won't be there much longer. As I have said before, this 'build out' is an accident waiting to happen.

I am having a great time going around the area giving talks on 'Growing up in Bampton'. In fact you could say I am 'SPAJERING', having fun whilst making a bit of money for the SPAJERS.

It is surprising how well known Bampton and it's residents are, invariably there is someone in the audience who knows exactly what or who I am talking about and often knows more. Last week I met up with Ray Applegate whose parents used to

own the greengrocers shop in Bampton, he was also one of the Bampton Scout patrol leaders when I joined as a ten-year-old. Later this month I shall be out Wantage way speaking to a group whose organiser is an old Bamptonian. The last time I saw her was when, as an eight year old choir boy, I sang at her wedding! That was when the choir was all male with over twenty members! Just think what we

could have made of that today with modern sales techniques. Bampton Male Voice Choir!

I was at a Barn Dance the other day in Crowthorne and saw a picture of Mr Chandler who was for a long time the Chairman of Bampton Parish Council. What a lovely character he was, quiet, kind, always willing to listen and having a very wry sense of humour. He used to work in his shop come work-room which overlooked the Market Square, so he had a good vantage point to observe all that was going on in Bampton. He was a saddler of the highest degree; he used to repair all the canvases on our harvesting equipment, he also made my first school satchel as well as making belts for the Bampton Weightlifting Club. Bampton acknowledged his work by naming Chandlers Close after him. I wonder how many people living in Chandlers Close are aware of the man after whom their close is named.

Following on with that what about Pockocks Close? Named after Harry Pockock. Once again a Parish Council Chairman. Harry's roots were in Agriculture, I am not absolutely sure, probably some of our readers can help me, but I thought he used to employ at least ten men doing all the corn threshing and hay baling in the area. One of my best memories of him was during the bad winter of 1947 when 'Horaces Horse' could not get about on the icy roads to collect the 'night soil buckets' (what a lovely expression that is even though I do say it myself!). He got his tractor out, did a modified coupling to the cart and with other volunteers went round collecting the buckets so that Bampton could maintain its movements! I hope Pockocks Close residents will think of him more as the kind and caring man that he was rather than for his rescue act of 1947.

I see in the Witney Gazette that some entrepreneurs from Standlake have managed to do what I have been advocating in the 'Beam' for some time. They have started to produce diesel fuel from vegetable oil on a commercial basis, at a cheaper rate than you can get from the pumps at the garage. Whether it is made from oilseed rape that can be produced by local farmers, I do not know.

The description was a bit ambiguous,

but whatever it was made from, it has got to be a step in the right direction, at least the exhaust fumes will be non-pollutant. My dream is that all those acres of land that are left barren year after year can be put to good use. If a diesel engine can run on the bio-fuel, then domestic boilers could be converted to run on it. It is about time that this country got back to being more self-sufficient.

I have read that the government is proposing to stop all meat imports if the chicken flu epidemic gets serious. Somebody should tell them, that to get our cattle numbers back up to where they were before the BSE problems took effect, would take at least four years! Sheep and pig numbers are down due to the poor economics, but their gestation period is shorter therefore things would take about a year to improve. Having said that the whole infrastructure for keeping more animals in the country has disappeared. Ten years ago there was an abundance of vets that would be on hand to visit and treat the animals. Now they have had to adjust and treat only small domestic animals. Let's hope that it does not happen.

I had to smile the other day, when the news broke that the Americans had rejected our food aid parcels sent to the starving casualties of the hurricane, just because they contained our beef. Evidently it is OK for their well-fed servicemen that are over here to

eat it, but not for the desperate individuals who need it most. I would suggest to George Bush that he studies the facts on British Beef.

There are more people who have died eating British Beef through choking on it, than there has, or likely to, die from the human form of BSE! So the secret is Mr Bush make sure that you take smaller mouthfuls, chew things thoroughly and digest before opening your big mouth again.

Mary and I looked out of our window this morning over Bampton; it was a beautiful site. Once again after more than thirty years Bampton is looking more like its original (*unofficial name - sub-ed*) name 'Bampton in the Bush'. It looks now like it did in the 1960s when there was an abundance of elm trees about. It is obvious that many

Bamptonians have been busy planting trees. Weren't the slogans of the 1970s 'plant a tree in seventy three' then 'plant some more in seventy four'? Well I can assure you it has worked.

Perhaps our resident photographer will come on up here and take some pictures for you when he takes those pictures of the chicane from the other side of the A4095.

I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible when I am with the Mummings this Christmas. To all of you who read my 'ramblings'.

**Have a Happy Christmas.**

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### PLEASE NOTE

*The next meeting at which applications will be considered is on Monday 30th January 2006.*

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## The Cookery Corner

By Emma Deacon

### Brandy Truffles

What could be nicer than homemade Christmas presents? If you're like me (a very poor student!) it's the answer to all your Christmas problems! These brandy truffles are delicious and so easy to make. Put them in fancy boxes as Christmas gifts.

6oz (175gm plain chocolate)  
3 tablespoons (or more!) of brandy  
100 glacé Cherries  
1½ oz (40gm) butter softened  
2oz (50gm) icing sugar  
2oz (50gm) ground almonds

Place two thirds of the chocolate and brandy in a bowl and stand over a pan of hot water until the chocolate has melted. Meanwhile, chop 6 cherries and quarter the others. Add the butter, sugar, almonds and chopped cherries to the bowl and mix well. Leave to cool until firm enough to shape. Divide the mixture into 16 equal pieces and make into a ball. Grate the remaining chocolate and place in a plastic bag. Drop in the truffles one by one and shake in the bag until covered with chocolate. Decorate with the remaining cherries.



### Homemade Pickle

Homemade pickle and chutney is another wonderful gift to make.

Chop up a large onion. Peel and core 6 apples and 6 pears. Cut and put into a heavy pan. Add ¼ pint of vinegar. Add enough sugar to cover. Add any dried fruit you wish to add. Then season with mustard, salt and pepper, and cook slowly until the fruit is soft and has set. Transfer to jam jars and decorate with bows etc.

You can use any fruit you like for this recipe and you can add curry spices for a hot chutney.

### Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

Now a little treat for Christmas Day – or any other special occasion.

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries

These are impressive and so easy!

Melt dark/milk or white chocolate in small bowls. Trim a small piece of the end of the strawberry so it will stand up. Then holding it by the hull, dip into the appropriate chocolate. Stand on baking parchment (or tin foil) until dry. Then eat and enjoy!

## BAMPTON MUMMERS



The Bampton Mummers will be maintaining their Christmas tradition performing on Christmas Eve around the town. Should you wish them to perform at your party please contact **Don Rouse Tel: 01993 850938**, who will do his best to accommodate you at this very busy time. The important thing is to give your name in early so as to assist your time preference being considered. All those families with little children want the Mummers at the same time! With all the wonderful hospitality that the Mummers receive they often run late, so you can see it is a very difficult task to get it right!

The Mummers start performing at 5pm with the last performance at 11.30pm in one of the local Pubs.

The price of a performance is a Donation to the SPAJERS put into the MUMMERS BOX, which will be passed around. All the Mummers need from you is 'A room to rhyme this Merry Christmas time', and, of course, room enough for a Knight in shining armour to die. Don't panic, there will be a good Quack Doctor on hand to raise him up again.

Last year the Mummers raised nearly £800.00 for the SPAJERS. **Don't forget the number to call -Tel: 01992 850039**

## SPAJERS

### News

By Don Rouse

On August Bank holiday Monday we enjoyed our best ever Donkey Derby, not only by the number of people there, but also the amount of money that we were able to raise for our senior citizens. When you think about it the SPAJERS are just re-cycling Bampton money whilst having a bit of fun!

What you might call Junketing!

Our total profit for the day was a record £3627.00. So thanks to all of you who supported us in so many different ways. It was wonderful to see so many people helping and giving so generously.

This year we used a different company for supplying us with Donkeys. What a surprise it was for us to see Donkeys with Saddles! A bit posh for us I thought. But what a difference it

made. No one fell off so it was safer. Many close finishes making it even more thrilling, we even had a 'dead heat' which was repeated in the 'run off'. A very stressful time for the 'Course Steward'! We will probably have to instal equipment to enable us to have photo-finish evidence for the future!

What a great Finale the Donkey man gave to the show. He just walked off the field and all the Donkeys followed him! Pure magic.

Once again we were very lucky with the weather for our annual outing, as last year our destination was Poole; it seems to suit so many people. But I promise you it will be somewhere different next year. The response to our invitations was so great that for the first time we had to take three busses.

Important events that no doubt will have happened by the time that you read this are a bonfire and fireworks night on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, for this we are joining forces with our Fire brigade to create an evening to remember. On 11<sup>th</sup> November we shall once again be holding 'Josies' draw at the Romany. This is where Josie, her friends and family raise a lot of money for our cause.

The Mummies will be going around on Christmas Eve also raising money for our fund.

Events in the New Year will once again include our Quiz Night for the best team of six participants on the 7<sup>th</sup> April and the Village Garage sale on the 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Whilst we do our best to keep our membership list up to date, we do need your help to keep us informed. The criteria to membership, is that you must have been resident in Bampton for a minimum of six months and have achieved the national pension age.

If you know of anyone who qualifies and is not on our list, please let Jeff Dando know on 01993 850643. You must of course obtain their permission.

Your SPAJERS committee would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. They feel healthy is more important than wealthy. They can't help with health but they can with wealth! Providing of course that you will still help us!



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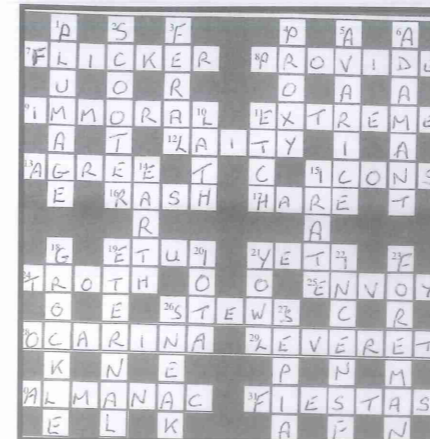
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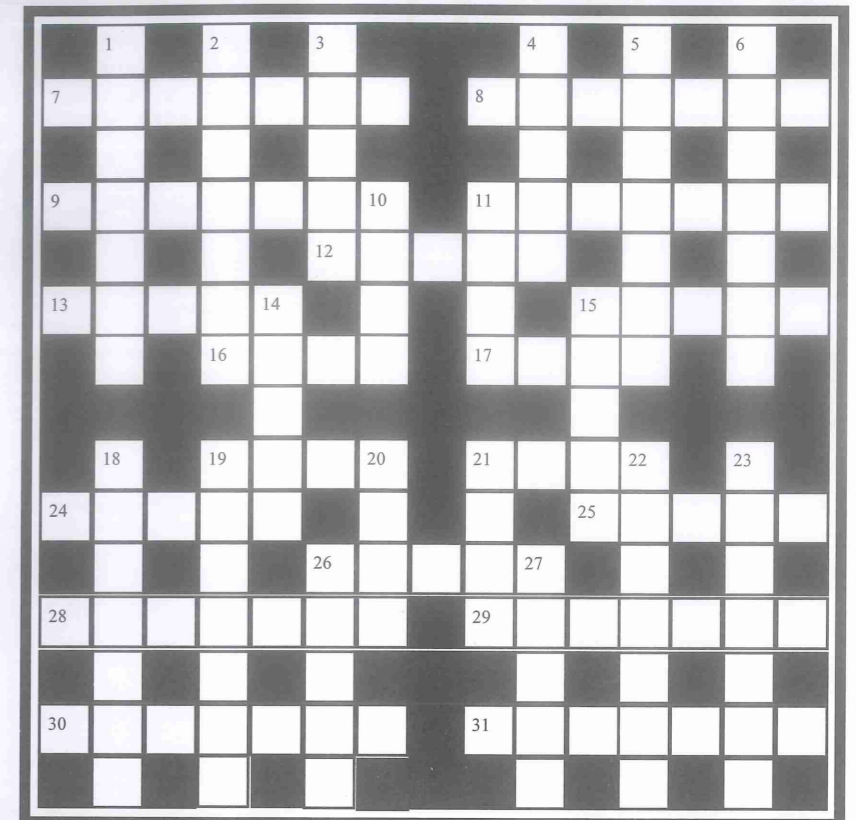
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The winner of the July Crossword is Mrs B Peace, Woodstock Road, Witney. Congratulations, the £10 prize is yours!

We would also like to donate £10 to Cancer Research, as a thank you to Bill Govier for producing yet another crossword for 'The Beam'.

### THE BAMPTON BEAM'S CROSSWORD



#### CLUES ACROSS

- 7 A green vegetable of the goose-foot family
- 8 Able to float
- 9 A branch of mathematics
- 11 Gymnastic circus performer
- 12 A type of soft sweetmeat
- 13 To work dough
- 15 A carnivorous doglike mammal
- 16 Marked with contrasting colours
- 17 Test by question and answer
- 19 To poke
- 21 Give up
- 24 Regretful
- 25 Scandinavian troglodyte (myth)
- 26 Blacksmiths block
- 28 Food fish of the cod family
- 29 Fervent, ardent
- 30 Determining principle in a speech
- 31 A public performer

#### CLUES DOWN

- 1 Having or indicating wealth
- 2 Patella
- 3 Muffler
- 4 Ignoramus
- 5 Word meaning the same as another
- 6 Weird, eerie
- 10 A Scottish word for old
- 11 Fever
- 14 Filofax
- 15 Usual custom
- 18 Small kitchen garden
- 19 Frugal, politic
- 20 Damp and cold
- 21 Test of knowledge for entertainment
- 22 Framework for climbing plants
- 23 Displays ostentatiously
- 26 Sharp or severe, intense
- 27 To gain knowledge

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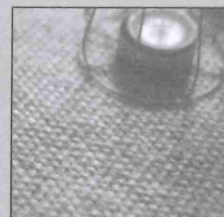
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**November**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Josie's Draw, SPAJERS, The Romany
- 12<sup>th</sup> Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir, St Mary's Church, Witney, 7.30pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Pre-Christmas Bingo, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
- 19<sup>th</sup> Outing to Blackbush Market/Festival Place Shopping Centre, Gardening Club
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fete, Pre-School, Village Hall, 1 – 3pm.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Talk on "Geodiversity and Biodiversity", Witney Methodist Church, 7.30pm.

**December**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quiz Night, Cancer Research UK, Village Hall
- 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM, Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Outing to Cadbury Garden and Leisure Centre, Gardening Club, Market Square, 9am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Bonfire Evening, SPAJERS, Recreation Ground
- 4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carols, Methodist Chapel, The Romany, 8pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas Drinks, WOCA, Cobb House, Bampton, 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> C&W Dance, Cancer Research UK, Carterton Social Centre
- 18<sup>th</sup> Carols by Candlelight, Methodist Chapel, 6pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mummers, SPAJERS, Private Houses and Public Houses, 5pm – 11.30pm – Approximate
- 28<sup>th</sup> Movies on the Move, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', Village Hall, 4.30pm

**January**

- 9<sup>th</sup> "St Mary's Churchyard through the year", Bampton Museum, Vesey Room, Library (runs until 11<sup>th</sup> March)

**March**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Movies on the Move, 'Casablanca', Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM, BEWG, Village Hall, 8.00pm

**April**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Quiz Night, SPAJERS, Village Hall, 8.00pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> BEWG Meeting, Village Hall, Talk on the Lower Windrush, 7.30pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Village Garage Sale, SPAJERS

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