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Mum takes degree in her stride



Mrs Janet Newman pictured after receiving her degree

JANET Newman is a woman who thrives on having plenty to do.

She collected her Bachelor of Education degree from Oxford Polytechnic yesterday.

It has taken her three years during which time she has also brought up three children, been a part-time teacher and helped her husband to set up a business.

"I have been rather busy. But then I thrive on it," said Mrs Newman, of The Pieces, Bampton.

Studying for her degree meant going into Oxford at least twice a week for lectures and tutorials. Mornings and

afternoons she took and collected Adam, 13, and Luke, 11, to school in Witney. And Annabel, six, also had to be taken to Bampton primary school.

In the past year, as well as working part-time as a supply teacher for Oxfordshire County Council, Mrs Newman has spent a lot of time helping husband Graham to launch a computer firm.

"It's involved many hours everyday going into data work and market research. It's a great challenge," she said.

Despite the workload, though, she still finds time to sing with Bampton church choir, and is president of Bampton playgroup.

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WITH SOME OF THE books on sale at the St. Mary's Church Bazaar on Saturday are, left to right, Mrs. Hilda Pickard, Mrs. Marion Casson, and Mrs. Jennifer Parrish. The bazaar was held at the Bampton WI Hall to raise money for church funds.

Bampton

For Earl Haig Fund:

Members of the women's section of the Bampton branch of the Royal British Legion began their fundraising for the Poppy Fund with a jumble sale last Saturday afternoon in the WI hall. This realised £134 and will be followed by a house-to-house sale of poppies. Competition winners included Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. L. Betts, Mrs. Broadbridge, Mrs. L. Shergold and Mrs. E. Radband.

Baptist Meeting: There was a good attendance at the meeting of the Baptist Women's League in the Bampton Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon. Members were welcomed by leader, Mrs. Rose Greenway, who led a short service with favourite hymns chosen by members. The guest speaker was Mr. A. Edmunds of Witney. During social time, committee members served refreshments.

Group Meeting: Bampton WI was host for a group meeting of members from WI's in the Bampton group on Wednesday evening in the Institute hall. The theme of the meeting was Hallowe'en and the hall had been decorated with witches, cats, rats, moons and other symbols, including two hollowed-out, lighted pumpkins at the entrance to the hall. Group convenor, Mrs. Calcutt, read the minutes of the last group meeting and explained how the committee dealt with group finances. Executive member, Mrs. Grundy, gave a good report of county activities and she spoke of the success of the recent produce day and international day, both events held in the Kidlington Hall. She gave details of future events and said that in response to popular request another train trip to York was being arranged for May 7. She reminded members that photographs for the 1986 calendar were to have the theme of Oxfordshire wild life.

The guest speaker was Mr. "Dusty" Rhodes, a member of the Folk Lore Society, who gave an entertaining talk about "Superstitions". He found a superstition for every letter of the alphabet and added many amusing anecdotes. A ploughman's supper was served to each visitor by the Bampton members and afterwards winners of a large raffle were found. The group competition winner for a "witch" was the Filkins Institute who were presented with the cup. The evening ended with a performance of a comedy sketch, "United We Stand", by members of Bampton WI which was well received.



MRS. BARBARA MOLYNEUX and Helen Ramsay display some of the cakes on sale at the St. Mary's Church Bazaar on Saturday.



MRS. JOYCE LEE with some of her sewing bags which were on display at the St. Mary's church bazaar on Saturday. The Christmas bazaar was held in the WI Hall, Bampton.



MRS GILL LOMAS and Rupert a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel at the Pumpkin Club's Easter Competition, Bampton.

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CHAMPION PUMPKINS WEIGH IN

IT WAS THE night of truth for Bampton pumpkin growers last Saturday as they entered their best fruits in the pumpkin club's annual competition for the heaviest specimens.

The great weigh-in was held in the WI Hall which was full of spectators anxiously waiting for each pumpkin to be weighed by official weighmasters, Mr. John Simpson and Mr. Ron Bateman of Radio Oxford.

As in previous years there were some huge gourds on display proving that keen growers can defy even the worst weather conditions. But, the number of entries this year were down on previous years and there were some envious faces in the audience among those those pumpkins had refused to grow.

CHAMPION

The champion this year was grown by Mr. Bob Stock and weighed 122½

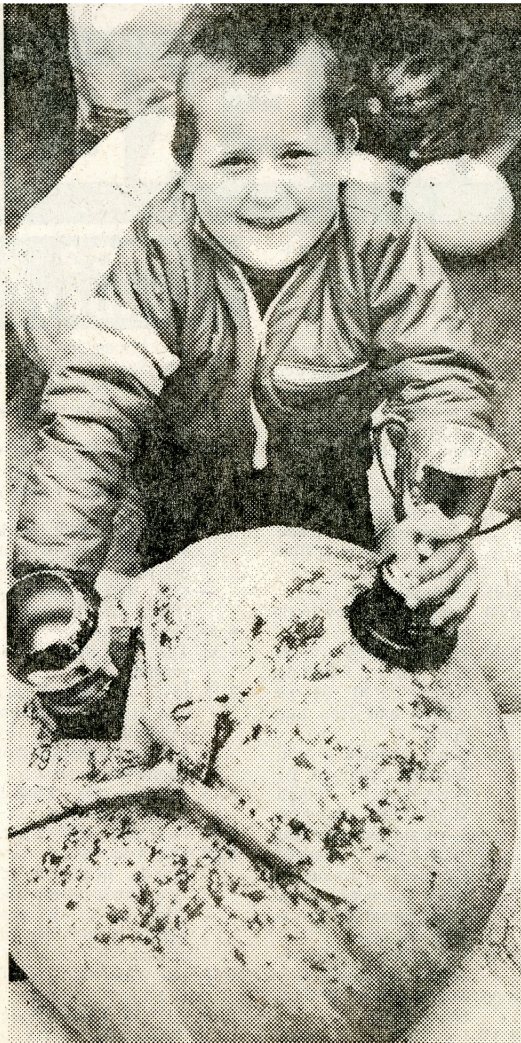
lbs. In second place was Mr. M. Buckingham's pumpkin tipping the scales at 91 lbs. Mr. Sykes was third with a 66 lb. entry.

In the junior section Jason Sykes was first with a 55½ lb. pumpkin, Jennifer Buckingham was second with a 33 lb. gourd and Gary Market was third with a 25 lb. entry.

Mr. Joe Stephens won the marrow competition with a fine specimen weighing 25½ lbs.

Cups and trophies were presented by the Pumpkin Club's May Queen, Miss Helen Daniels.

This was followed by a lively auction of produce, groceries, wines, plants and other items donated by Bampton people to aid the Pumpkin Club's funds.



ALL SMILES from five year old Jason Sykes from Bampton whose pumpkin was weighed in as the winning entry in the children's section of the Bampton Pumpkin Club's weigh-in on Saturday.



ON HAND to lift the giant pumpkins on to the scales at Saturday's Bampton Pumpkin Club weigh in were Don Bradbury, left, treasurer and Peter Lewin, committee member. Due to this year's hot summer and drought, entries for this year's weigh-in were fewer and lighter, except for this 91 pound specimen.



ON HAND to present the award for the heaviest pumpkin on Saturday at the annual Bampton Pumpkin Club's weigh-in was the Bampton May Queen, 12 year old Helen Daniels. Unfortunately the grower of this prize winning 122½ pound pumpkin, Bob Stock, was not at the event to see his entry win.

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SIX-YEAR-OLD Annabelle Newman with her winning entry in the under seven class in the Bampton Easter Bonnet competition.



18-10-84

Married at St Mary's Church, Bampton, on October 6 were Miss Jane Colby, of 77 Town End Road, Faringdon, and Mr Anthony Collett, of Weald Manor Farm, Bampton.

The bride's parents are the Rev. Mr and Mrs D. Colby, of Ewyas Harold, Herefordshire. The bride-

groom's parents are Mr and Mrs F. Collett, of Bampton.

Attending the bride were Mrs Sally Fathers and Miss Jane Norman. The best man was Mr Stephen Southgate.

There was a reception and barn dance at Weald Manor Farm.

Picture: E. Adkins.



PERFORMING their annual weighing-in duties as judges at this year's Bampton Pumpkin Club weigh-in on Saturday were Radio Oxford's gardening expert, Ron Bateman (left), and Radio Oxford presenter, John Simpson. However, the two were let off lightly this year as entries were down in numbers and size due to the hot dry summer.

25-10-84

Bampton ball charity boost

Kidney transplant research at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, has been given a £2,000 boost by a charity ball held last month in Bampton.

Members of the committee who organised the ball are pictured handing over the cheque to Professor Peter Morris, the head of the hospital's transplant team.

The organisers include the Countess of Donoughmore, of Bampton Manor, who recently received a kidney in an operation performed by Prof. Morris.

The £2,000 was only half the sum raised by the ball at which 350 masked guests danced the night away at Weald Manor, Bampton, the home of Mr and Mrs Robert Colvile.

A second £2,000 is being given to the Distressed Gentlefolks' Aid Association, of which Mrs Rosemary Colvile is an official. It will be spent on decoration at the charity's Oxfordshire home, Rush Court,



Receiving the cheque on behalf of the Dr Clark Memorial Fund is Professor Peter Morris, (Nuffield Professor of Surgery). Presenting the cheque are, left to right, Belinda Laycock, Isabel Collins, Sarah Wearne, Karen Cowan, Rosemary Colvile and Lady Donoughmore.

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SUE BARKER

Former WI hall under new management



Six-year-old Joshua and Toby Perry (3), of Queen Street, Bampton, helping to arrange some of the cuddly toys for sale on one of the stalls on Saturday.

Bampton's main meeting place, the WI Hall, was under new management on Saturday.

And the first local group to hold an event in the new-styled village hall was the village's Pre-School Playgroup.

Father Christmas called in to help them raise funds for new equipment as supporters and bargain hunters poured in to the annual bazaar.

The Playgroup, which meets five days a week in its own building at the local primary school, now has 35 children, aged from three to five.

The village hall has been taken over by a management committee following 60 years during which it was run by the local Women's Institute.

Early in the New Year there will be an official handover and celebration concert.

6-12-84