









Bampton British Legion

Members of the Bampton branch of the British Legion together with representatives of the woman's section held the Annual General Meeting last Wednesday evening in the Old Grammar School. Fifteen members attended and after the exhortation the secretary presented the minutes of the last meeting. The treasurer was unable to present the financial report as the balance sheet had not been returned from the auditors but it was announced that the branch now has 102 fully paid-up members. The Service Secretary, the Rev. Pearce stated that 15 people had been helped during the year and that approximately £45 had been distributed in the form of vouchers. At Christmas £30 had been spent for those in need. The election of officers to serve for the coming year took place and the following were elected:

President, Captain C. R. Radclyffe; Chairman, Mr. P. Matthem; Vice-Chairman, Mr. E.

Spurrett; Secretary, Mr. J. uick; Treasurer, appointment still to be made; Standard Bearer, Mr. W. Jackson; General Committee, Messrs. Barton, Bye, P. Sheppard, Jackson, Jones and Paice.

The Fete which was held last Whit-Monday resulted in £122, and £50 of this sum was given to the womens section together with a vote of thanks for their help given to the branch during the past year. It was decided to hold a Fete this year on 3rd June and organised by the combined efforts of the men's and women's sections.

Over the years the sum of £800 has been raised for the eventual provision of a Legion Hall in the district. It was decided that the Legion Financial Committee be asked the best way to invest this sum.

A vote of thanks was given to all retiring officers and to the Service Secretary for his excellent work in the past.

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Women's Institute

Bampton Women's Institute's July meeting last Wednesday had a floral theme. A bowl of "Peace" roses was provided by Mrs F. Wilcox for the president's table. Mrs Warburg (widow of a famous professor of botany) who spoke on flowers and the occult, illustrated with many specimens. She was thanked by Mrs Dinah Green. The competition, judged by Mrs Warburg, was for a posy for a blind person and the winner was Mrs Sheebere. There was a larger entry than usual for this competition and the hall was enhanced with the fine display and with the perfume. All the posies were taken by Mrs Gering for distribution to the residents of Lavender Place. The winning entry and a bowl of mixed plants was presented to Mrs B. Moye, an institute member who had undergone several operations on her eyes. Two new members, Mrs Bye and Mrs Wilson, were welcomed and Mrs Howells was welcomed as the newly appointed assistant secretary. Mrs Howells reported on the visit to the Standlake Institute where they saw a demonstration of paper sculpture. Mrs Lee stated the Bampton Women's Institute stall at the fete in aid of Cheshire Homes, had produced £30. Mrs Eccles was thanked for planting the additional shrubs in the plot in Cheapside and Mrs Cole for cutting the grass so regularly.

Legion women's trip

Bampton Royal British Legion women's section last Wednesday evening visited RAF Brize Norton where they were given a conducted tour.

Badminton club

Winners at bingo in aid of Bampton Badminton Club were Mesdames Barratt, J. Smith, Hope, Northam, Snooks, Davies, B. Craddock, Pullen, Radband, Stevens, McDonald, Papworth, Comley, Keeble, Burrill, Cookson, A. Tanner, Bendall, Bartlett, Sandford, Walker, R. Wheeler, the Misses L. Wheeler, S. Foreshow, P. Bartlett, P. Roberts, M. Radband, Messrs Bishop, S. Beckett, D. Foreshow and Runyard.

Numismatic Society

Bampton and District Numismatic Society heard a talk by Mr F. J. Jeffery, who illustrated his talk with coloured slides. Much of his talk was devoted to the showing of mementoes of the late Duke of Windsor and included stamps, coins and crockery inscribed by King Edward VIII. Slides were also shown of enamelled coins. Mr M. Bull gave a vote of thanks and arrangements were made for a coin auction to be the main feature of the next meeting on August 13, at the society headquarters, the George and Dragon Inn.

Darby and Joan Club

A social afternoon was held on Friday in Bampton Old Grammar School for the Darby and Joan Club. Prizes were won by Mesdames C. Tanner, Williams, J. Smith, G. Smith, Shergold, Ivings, Lovell, A. Tanner, Green, Wilkins, Preston, Craddock, Townsend, Jackson, Lock, Whitlock, Taylor, the Misses Goulding, Wiltshire and Wickson, Messrs Hargreaves, Wells and Preston.

Primary school fete

Although most of the attractions at the Primary School fete on Saturday afternoon had to be brought inside owing to rain, there was full support of parents and friends. Draw winners were: Mrs Tanner, Mrs Walton, Miss R. Brooks, Miss E. Radband, Miss Josephine Buckingham, Miss Norburn, Miss Janet West, Mrs B. Taylor and Mr Stephen Hornsby. Canteen staff raffle winners: Mesdames Owen, V. Beckett, Wooloff, R. Wheeler, Wixey and Mr A. Martin. The event raised £130.

Please could I have this one returned sometime, no hurry. (27 posies)

Trade Meeting

BAMPTON 1950

DANCE in the W.I. Hall, Bampton, on Saturday raised £11 10s. for the Bampton Football Club. Music was supplied by the Windrush Dance Band, Witney.

BOWLER'S DEATH— The death occurred on Sunday, of Mr. John Daniels, Buckland Road, Bampton, aged 81. He was a native of Bampton, but for 45 years had worked at Swansea, returning to Bampton on his retirement. He belonged to Bampton Bowls Club for several years. The funeral was on Wednesday, at St. Mary's Church and was conducted by the Rev. C. Kelway.

A WHIST DRIVE was held in the W.I. Hall, Bampton on Tuesday organised by Miss D. Townsend in aid of the Red Cross. Mr. Roberts was M.C. and Mrs. A. Tanner distributed the prizes. Winners — Women—1 Mrs. E. Green, 2 Mrs. Ledger, 3 Mrs. Gordon; other prizes, Mrs. Stroud, Miss A. Monk, Mrs. White; men—1 Mr. Bryant, 2 Mrs. Papworth, 3 Mr. Lodv; other prizes, Mrs. Foresheew, Mr. Radburn and Mrs. M. Green.

BRIDAL PEAL.— The wedding took place on Saturday of Miss Betty Gifford-Harris, of Fulham, and Mr. John Joyce, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Joyce, Buckland Road, Bampton. The bride wore a dress of duck-egg blue, with brown accessories and carried a bouquet of anemones. She was attended by Miss Millie Joyce (bridegroom's sister), who wore light navy and carried a posy of pale pink carnations. The Rev. C. Kelway officiated and in the afternoon peals were rung on the bells of Bampton Parish Church by the bridegroom's colleagues, who gave the couple an electric kettle, to which the choir had also subscribed.

LEGION WOMEN — Bampton branch of the British Legion Women's section's standard was dedicated on Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Bampton. The service was conducted by the Rev. Kelway. Standard Bearer was Mrs. J. Horne and her escorts were Mesdames Whitlock and Sheppard. The parade, which assembled at the Town Hall, was marshalled by Col. J. Powell. Men's branches present were, Bampton, Aston, Clanfield, Carterton and Witney, and Women's sections represented were Bampton, Bicester, Carterton, Clanfield, Filkins, Goring, Northleigh, Dorchester and Witney. Mrs. Coker County chairman, attended. The Salute was taken by Lt. Col. Colville. Tea was served in the W.I. Hall, and collections for Earl Haig's Fund realised £7 16s. 6d.

The Prince of Wales' British Legion Pension Fund

PATRON : HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

Trustees :

Major Sir BRUNEL COHEN, K.B.E. (Chairman).
Admiral Sir HAROLD BURROUGH, G.C.B., K.B.E.,
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6th December, 1957

In reply please quote

LPE/10514/74.

Mrs. E.B. Green,
Church View,
Bampton,
Oxon.

Dear Madam,

Thank you for your letter of the 2nd December enclosing a specimen signature. Arrangements are being made for the Bank to accept your signature on the Pension receipts from your husband's Prince of Wales' Pension book, and I suggest you wait a few days before presenting them at the Bank for payment.


I sincerely hope that your husband's health will be soon showing signs of improvement and when it is possible for him to sign his name perhaps you will be good enough to let me know.

Yours faithfully,

A. G. Webb
Secretary.

EGL/MPR
ENCL.





Lyn
Beckley

Esther
Green

Mathew
Green

Anne
Jackson

Dr Cole's
3 daughters

Annabel



The large and representative congregation at the Funeral Service was eloquent of the many-sided activities of a lady who had lived in Bampton for the past twenty years and of the affection in which she was held. A good and faithful Church woman she had served on the Parochial Church Council for a long time. Her particular outlet for service was the Darby and Joan Club, whose members will especially feel her passing. It is difficult to realise that only last Sunday she was attending Evensong in the Church she loved and served. During the Service she was taken ill, and in a few hours she was called to her rest. It was a wonderful end for one who had served the community well, and we believe that in the fuller life she will find increasing opportunities of service. Of her someone has said that she was the perfect lady with the common touch.

R.I.P.

**MRS. MILLICENT
BIRCH DIES
AT HOME**

The death occurred last week at her home at Weald Manor of Mrs. Millicent Birch, a greatly loved Bampton resident.

The funeral service was held at the parish church of St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. C. G. Dawe the Vicar of Bampton. Interment followed in Bampton cemetery. A large number of local people attended the service to pay their last respects to a very dear friend.

Mrs. Birch had lived in Bampton for the past 25 years and had made her home with Mrs. P. Colville, of the Manor Weald. She came to live here whilst her brother was the Vicar of Bampton, and very quickly became an outstanding figure in local activities. She was a regular churchgoer and was a founder member and first president of the present women's section of the British Legion.

Mrs. Birch was also a keen member of the Women's Institute and was the president for many years. She also founded the present Darby and Joan Club.

The 'Beatles' are staged at Bampton

TO a packed and enthusiastic Women's Institute Drama Group, the pantomime "Aladdin and his V" was performed at the Institute Hall last week.

The show went with a swing from the opening chorus, and the singing was very good. The costumes were bright and cheerful, and the lighting and the lighting and six scenes, were very effective.

One of the scenes was topically amusing with the younger girls disguised as the Beatles, suitably dressed, and miming to a record. But as a concession to the pop stars, they called themselves "The Beatless."

Those taking part were Janet Elward, Audrey Court, Sylvia Barrey, Barbara Molyneux, Joan Keyte, Carol Boaden, Pat Rose, Marion Clark, Betty Griffiths, Barbara Peates, Lyn Rouse, Josephine Keyte, Linda Smith, Sandra Pierce, Sylvia Hughes, Barnadette Walsh and Carol Hampton. Pianist was Vera Elward, and the show was produced by Hilda Pickard.

LEGION PARTY

Bampton British Legion held their annual children's party on Saturday afternoon in the W.I. Hall, and more than 100 children and their mothers attended. There was a fancy dress parade, and the costumes were judged by Mrs. M. Killen, of Coventry.

Prizes were awarded to Lyn Wheeler (Daffodil), Angela Collett (Flower Seeds, 1964), Bridget Shergold (Peasant Girl), Penelope Shergold (Red Riding Hood), Anthony Collett (Red Indian), Gary Ellis (Bingo), Graham Cooke (Indian) and Daniel Hiron (Indian).

Mr. Percy Best, of Oxford, entertained with conjuring, and a Punch and Judy show, during which the children were given ice lollies. In the games session Josephine Keyte won the musical chairs, and Gillian Hammond, Julie Curtis and Elaine Painting won the junior twist competition.

Mrs. Joan Keyte, chairman of the Women's Section, acted as M.C., while teas were prepared and served by members of the Women's Section. At the end of the party each child was given fruit, sweets and balloons to take home.



LORD LADY
MUCK





Nuala
Barker

Leslie
Taylor

Ester
Green

Dave
Taylor

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT BAMPTON CARNIVAL

Favoured by Fine Weather, Event Attracts Large Crowd

A CHANGE in the date made little difference to Bampton Carnival on Saturday. For although the organisers avoided the new Bank Holiday there was still good holiday weather and a fine crowd.

The carnival and fete held in the grounds of the Grange, the home of Major and Mrs. W. W. B. Scott certainly provided something for everyone and the attractions varied from a baby show to weightlifting and from fancy dress to judo.

The carnival, which is organised by the Bampton branch of the British Legion, got under way at the Town Hall with the crowning of the Carnival Queen, pretty 16 year-old Pamela Quick. The crowning ceremony was performed by Mrs. Whiteley, and the Queen was attended by Christine Neagle and Carole Edwards. Matthew Green acted as crown bearer and also presented Mrs. Whiteley with a bouquet.

A procession, which included the Queen and her attendants and the fancy dress competitors, then made its way to the Grange headed by Highworth Silver Band.

FANCY DRESS

The children's fancy dress competition was judged by Mrs. F. G. L. Whiteley and Mrs. B. Whatley and prizewinners were: Most work — under 5 years, Les-

lie Taylor (Ice Cream Seller); 5 to 10 years, Susan Taylor (Dalek); 10 to 15 years, N. and W. Harrison (Yogi and Boo-Boo).

Most original — under 5 years, John Barker (Safety First); 5 to 10 years, Francis Morton (Tiger in Tank); 10 to 15 years, Karen Quick (Top of the Pops); Most Decorative — under 5 years, Penny Shergold (Flower Girl); 5 to 10 years, Olivia Phillips (Queen of Hearts); 10 to 15 years, Christine Edwards (Gipsy).

In all there were 45 entries in the fancy dress competition and there was also a high entry in the baby show which followed. Winners were: under 6 months, Sharon Smith; 6 to 12 months, Andrew Drinkwater; 12 to 18 months, Billy Rideout. A special prize for a twin awarded by the judges, Mrs. H. Chandler and Mrs. Bradley, was won by Colin and Sylvia Lewis.

Apart from the various competitions there were a host of sideshows of interest the crowd with roundabouts coconut shies pony rides and stalls of clothes and produce.

Special stalls included one devoted entirely to goods made by disabled ex-servicemen and also a stall run by Col. J. P. Haslam from Stanton Harcourt who is the appeals secretary for the British Empire Cancer Campaign for Research for the counties of Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Rutland and Northamptonshire.

Highworth Silver Band were present at the fete during the afternoon and they entertained those present with a varied selection of music. A big crowd pulled as far as the children were concerned were two performances by Mr. Percy Best, the Oxford Punch and Judy man.

JUDO AND WEIGHTLIFTING

Perhaps most interest was aroused by the two special attraction, judo and weightlifting. The display in judo was given by members of Faringdon Judo Club and they had a large audience for their performance. After giving a demonstration of the throws and holds they held a series of contests.

The musclemen of Bampton — the town's local weightlifting club — also gave an excellent display and a special competition organised by the weightlifters was won by Colin Fitzgerald of Jersey from Allan Winterbourne and Terry Craven. Commentator was Mr. Don Rouse.

Further entertainment followed for the children in the form of sports organised by Mr. W. Taylor and June Taylor. Winners were: G. Halford, A. Radburn, V. Ellerton, R. Till, A. Cole, D. Hirtons, G. Walker, A. Beckett, C. Drinkwater, T. Curtis, B. Tremore, D. Radburn, W. Harrison, E. Howell, K. Quick, S. Painting, A. Wooloffe, J. Barber.

Competition winners were: Major F. J. A. Church, Mrs. E. Mansfield, Mrs. Barlow-Vaughan, Mr. P. Best, Mrs. G. Fox, Mrs. E. Radburn. Other prizewinners: iced cake competition, Mrs. Wooloffe; clothes contest, Mrs. E. Radburn; darts competition, men — Mr. K. Keyte; lady — Mrs. Scully.

Cancer research competition winners: K. Bennett (Clanfield), Mr. Bromack (Shifford), Dona Dunston (Aston), Mr. Kilgare (Bampton), P. C. Radburn (Bampton); Mrs. Dugdale (Carterton), Miss Ely (Aston), Mrs. Basson (Bampton), Mrs. Newman (Oxford), Mrs. Mullis, Mrs. Wheeler, Mr. J. Quick, Mrs. Brewer, Mrs. Ellerton. Mens bowling — Mr. Peter Horn; ladies bowling — Evelyn Hornsby. The disabled ex-servicemens stall realized a total of £45.

HELPERS

Helpers were: Sir Roderick Carr, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Foreshaw, Mrs. Peacock, Mr. and Mrs. Kearsey, Miss A. Kearsey, Mrs. Ellis, Miss P. Ellis, Mrs. Tanner and family, Mrs. Coles, Miss Thompson, Ian and Mike Dickenson, Mr. P. Sheppard, Mr. R. Shergold, Mr. H. Foreshaw, Mrs. A. Beckley, Miss Quick, Dinah Taylor, E. Sheppard, Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Birch, Miss J. Kyte, Mr. and Mrs. R. Green, Mr. F. Collett, Mr. Pratley and Francis, Mr. E. Spurrett, Mrs. J. Keyte, Mr. J. Quick, Dr. A. D. Cole.