



MISS OXFORD and Bampton May Queen Naomi Delaney attended local functions regularly throughout 1980. In May she made friends with a calf at the Witney Rugby Club Gala,

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Bampton news

From the beginning of this term, newly appointed head-teacher Mr Malcolm Mason was deputy head-duties in Bampton Primary School. Previously Mr Mason was deputy whead-teacher at the Bishopswood County Junior School, Hampshire.

He is hoping to buy a house in the Bampton area for himself, wife and new baby daughter. He says that he is delighted with the reception given to him by members of the staff and is most grateful for the help given by deputy head-teacher Mr John Collier who served as acting head-teacher during last term. Mr Mason has plans for providing the school with a good library and to begin football training for the older pupils. On Wednesdays and Thursdays, after school classes will be held for recorder and guitar playing.

Mothers' Union

Members of the Mothers' Union of the parish of Bampton - with - Clanfield

met on Tuesday afternoon in the Old Grammar School for their first meeting of the new year. They were welcomed by enrolling member Mrs Betty Cooper and a short service was conducted by the Rev. Derek Frost, Vicar of Bampton-with-Clanfield. The guest speaker was Mrs E. M. Paul who spoke about the Life of St Richard of Chichester, one of the first Oxford students to be canonised.

Wives club

Bampton Wives Club celebrated the new year meeting on Wednesday evening in the WI hall with a barn dance and pot luck supper. Several guests were welcomed by chairman Mrs D. Peck and some lively dancing was enjoyed to the music of the Woodpecker and Step and Setcher groups with Mr Matthew Green as MC and caller. Competition winners were Mrs A. Roach, Mrs D. Green and Mrs M. Kavanagh. A collection was taken for the funds of the NSPPC.

²⁹⁻¹⁻⁸¹ Pumpkin club

Bampton Pumpkin Club held its annual meeting in the Eagle Inn, presided over by chairman Mr Ken Mullis.

A successful year had raised £2,305.06 and £5 had been paid to 295 local pensioners at Christmas. Plans for the year start with a Country and Western dance on February 12 at the Cotswold Wild Life Park. Officers elected were: president, The Countess Munster, vice-president, Mr Ray Saunders, chairman Mr Ken Mullis, vice-chairman Mr Arnold Woodley, treasurer Mr Frank Piercey, secretary Mr Bill Govier.

Coin club

At the annual meeting of the Bampton Coin Club officers elected were: president Mr M. Bull, vice-presidents Mrs S. Brookson, Mr A. Woodley, Mr G. Smith, chairman Mr Ted Winfield, vice-chairman Mr A. Woodley, secretary Mr B. Allen, treasurer Mrs Win. Woodley.

Members heard a talk by Mr Wilfred Townsend who showed medals and spoke about A. C. Webb who was born in 1866 and in 1884 joined the Oxford and Bucks regiment. He was posted to India, served until 1924 and died in 1927.

Collections

The Bampton Mummers, who performed in private houses on Christmas Eve, collected £75 for the SPAJERS' funds for local elderly people and the Bampton Folk Club's carol singing raised another £28.28.



One of the first visitors to the West Oxon Arts exhibition.

Largest show yet

The largest ever exhibition of work by members of the West Oxfordshire Arts Association has been mounted at the Bampton Arts Centre. The association was formed about seven years ago and has more than 300 members with interests varying through art, literature, music and photography.

The annual art exhibition, which opened on Sunday contains mostly paintings, but does include some fine examples of craft work.

The centre will be open to the public on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10.30 am to 1 pm and from 2.30 pm to 5 pm and on Sunday afternoons from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm until February 22.

Next Sunday there will be an added attraction — teas will be served to visitors throughout the afternoon.



Married at St Mary's Church, Witney, on Saturday were Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald, of 26 Southlawn, Witney, and Mr Jim Wheeler, of 2 Colville Close, Bampton.

The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Fitzgerald, of Witney, and the bridegroom's parents are Mr and Mrs R. Wheeler, of Bampton.

The best man was Mr B. Bowles and the bride was attended by Miss Ann Rose. There was a reception for about 120 guests at Witney's Masonic Hall.

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Picture: Shayler.



MR. MALCOLM MASON who has moved from Tadley, Hampshire, to become Headmaster at Bampton School, pictured with some of the pupils.

NEW HEAD TEACHER AT BAMPTON

Newly appointed head-teacher of Bampton Primary School, Mr. Malcolm Mason began his duties at the beginning of this school term. Until the end of the Christmas term, Mr. Mason was deputy head-teacher at the Bishopswood County Junior school, Hants and is now hoping to move house shortly to live in the Bampton district with his wife and new baby daughter. He is most grateful for the help given to him by deputy head-teacher Mr. John Collier who served as acting head-teacher during last term and liaised with Mr. Mason during that period.

Mr Mason says that he is delighted with the reaction given to him by members of the school staff and is enjoying working with the infants' department. He has plans for providing the school with a good classified library and to begin "after school" football sessions for older pupils.

On Wednesdays and Thursdays after school classes are to be held for recorder and guitar players.

CHANGE OF PARISH

Vicar of Bampton and Clanfield, Rev. Derek Frost will be leaving his five parishes at Easter to become vicar of Minster Lovell.

The Rev. Frost presently looks after Bampton, Clanfield, Aston, Bampton, Shifford and Lew.

He arrived five years ago, the first vicar of the combined five parishes.

"The sense of community following the combination of those parishes has been most encouraging", he said.

BAMPTON

Mothers' Union. — The first meeting of the new year for members of the Mothers' Union of the parish of Bampton with Clanfield was held in the Old Grammar School. All were welcomed by the Enrolling Member Mrs. Betty Cooper and the afternoon began with a short service conducted by the Rev. Derek Frost, Vicar of Bampton-with-Clanfield. The guest speaker was Mrs. E. M. Paul of Bampton who spoke about the "Life of St. Richard of Chichester," one of the first Oxford students to be canonised. The afternoon ended with the serving of refreshments provided by ladies of the committee and much enjoyed.

Wives Club. — The January meeting was celebrated with a barn dance and pot luck supper in the WI hall, and the chairman Mrs. D. Peck welcomed several guests. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of the "Woodpecker" and "Step & Setcher" groups with Mr. Matthew Green as M.C. and caller. Competition winners were Mrs. A. Roach, Mrs. Dinah Green and Mrs. Molly Kavanagh and a collection was taken for the funds of the NSPCC.