

# THE BAMPTON BEAM

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## FIRE!! EMERGENCY!! FIRE!!

By Divisional Commander Martin Crapper

### You are at risk!

My name is Martin Crapper. I am a Divisional Commander in Oxfordshire's Fire Service with the responsibility for overseeing the fire crew in your area. I have had the pleasure of working with a small group of volunteers, led by Sub-Officer Brian Kew, who are committed to ensuring a quick response to any emergency, should one arise. This dedicated group of people are the Retained Fire-fighters at Bampton, who unselfishly give up some of their time to provide the fire cover in your area.

Unfortunately, due to retirement and people leaving the area, fire cover during the working week is no longer available, which means that any emergency response has now to come from Witney. This will result in a delay in the response of the Fire Service to a local call of 12-14 minutes, which could have very serious consequences for both the community and its business! To rectify this deficiency we are looking for several members of the community, male or female, who are willing to respond from their home or place of work, should there be a need, and work as part of a team to deal with any incident, whether it be a fire, a road traffic accident or any other type of emergency.

### The Commitment

The commitment we ask you to make is not onerous. All we ask is that you be available for as little as 25 hours during the working week to respond to emergency calls. We would also ask you to attend Bampton Fire Station for training on a Wednesday evening between 1900 hours

and 2100 hours, and to attend our Training Centre for two 1-week courses within the first 2 years of your service. In exchange for this commitment you will receive an average salary of approximately £2000-2500 per year (depending on the number of incidents you attend). You will be trained as a Professional Fire-fighter, have the opportunity to learn about First Aid, and Health and Safety matters (useful things to know in any circumstances), and of course be a valued and respected

member of the community doing a worthwhile job.

### How can you help?

If you are between 18 and 50 years of age, reasonably fit, live or work within 5 minutes of Bampton Fire Station (within 1-2 miles) and are interested in volunteering for this essential role, please ring

Station Officer Andy Marrant (during office hours) on **Tel: 01865 855261**. Alternatively, you can attend Bampton Fire Station on a Wednesday evening where an information package will be available.

If you don't want to lose Bampton Fire Station, act now - Crew it or lose it!

Bampton Fire Station has an emergency - volunteers are desperately needed! The Parish Council strongly urges

you to consider giving some of your time to this much-needed service.

Think seriously about this situation - we don't want anything horrific to happen in Bampton do we? If it does, it may be too late to do anything about it as the Fire Station may be gone! Many people now work from home and could give some time, and not just the men! Ladies, come on! You can do it too!



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**CREW IT OR LOSE IT!**





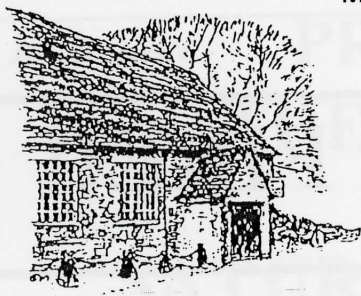
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## Bampton 250 Club - List of Winners 1998

### April

- £25 No. 074 Dean Newland - Witney
- £15 No. 100 Mrs Dent - New Road
- £15 No. 760 Mr P. Curtis - Colville Close
- £15 No. 078 Carol Newland - Bowling Green Close

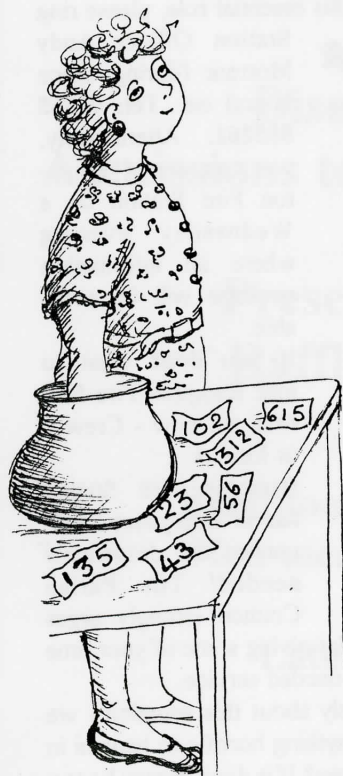
### May

- £25 No. 197 Mr C. Wheeler - Church View
- £15 No. 135 Brigadier Crowdy - The Lanes
- £15 No. 089 Mr J. Dando - The Pieces
- £15 No. 061 Mr A. Clarke - The Horshoe

### June

- £100 No. 126 Mr R. Bishop - Fox Close
- £25 No. 080 Mrs C. Greaves - Bushy Row
- £15 No. 093 Dr & Mrs Perry - Queen Street
- £15 No. 239 Mr J. Rainey - Bowling Green Close
- £15 No. 227 PC. G. Hardy - Talbot Fields

The £250 prize for 97/98 was drawn at the Bampton Village Hall AGM in April and was won by Mrs Joyce Lee (No. 177) of Copse Wood, Oathurst Estate. This was a very popular win as Joyce has been a valued member of the Management Committee for many years and a supporter of the 250 Club from the beginning.



## Bampton Directory 1999/2000

The Directory will be updated and reprinted in September/October 1998.

A copy will be delivered to every address in Bampton.

Extra copies will be available from The Post Office and Abbey Properties.

If you wish your business to appear in the Bampton Business Directory, please send information to The Editor, The Bampton Directory, c/o The Cotton Club, Bridge Street, Bampton OX18 2HA.

If you have a query about this, please contact **Jonathan Phillips, Tel: 850321**

# HIS HEART WAS IN THE CHURCH

by Terence Crowley

There is a legend about St. Mary's Church, Bampton, which, as it doesn't seem to be very generally known these days, might perhaps be worth the re-telling. It is not mentioned in Giles or Hughes-Owen's, but an account can be found in *The Music of a Merry Heart* by Edward Leclerk (London Library, n.d.). The author was the Revd G. Hunt, vicar of Bampton 1873-1895, who died 19th May 1895.

Robert Holcot, whose brass is in the Chancel, was vicar of Bampton and died in 1500. His was an ancient local family, the last member of which was his nephew, who was a lay scripture reader in the reign of Edward VI, 1547-1553. It may be that such people acted as standbys for the incumbent and also gave open-air gospel readings.

When Mary I came to the throne, Robert was regarded as a recusant and criminal, and fled the country, settling in Geneva, where he died soon after. He gave orders in his will that his heart should be removed from his body, embalmed and returned to Bampton, where it should be buried in the church.

St. Mary's used to be plastered inside, as were most churches, and when this was removed in the 1870s the workman found a niche in the wall north of the altar and in it a round box with a cover. In the box was an embalmed human heart. There seems to be no record of what happened to it.

*Wouldn't it be nice if someone could come up with the ending of this story? Is there anyone out there who could help us?*



# Press Release from Bampton C.E. Primary School

## Bampton School 'Celebrates' Ofsted Report.

Bampton Church of England Primary School has come through the recent Ofsted Inspection with flying colours. The Chairman of the school's governing body said that given the restrained nature of the 'official language' used in such Government reports the results are "Excellent! This is a report to be celebrated".

The report praised the progress of science and reading standards at the end of Key-stage 1, which are above the national average, as are the standards of science, music and reading at the end of Keystage 2.

There are very pleasing quotations from the report that give an indication of the overall quality of the education provided. "The school has a positive ethos and places appropriate emphasis on the importance of good behaviour and relationships". The quality of teaching is "very good", with the school benefiting from "the enthusiastic and effective leadership of the head teacher who is well supported by the deputy and staff". The report also states that "A consistent feature of the good teaching is the effective management of pupils and the good use of the assessment and planning procedures which the school has developed".

Mr David Wiseman, Chairman, also said he was very pleased with such a high standard of overall educational provision to the village, but that this is now the minimum level, and the Governors will immediately address the need to make more provision for play facilities for reception pupils and more Information Technology equipment for Keystage 2, these being the only matters the report indicated should be improved.

For further information please contact Graham Newman, Communications Governor, Bampton C of E Primary School, Tel: 851600 or Fax: 851036.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING BEHIND THE BUSH CENTRE ?

written and drawn by Gilbert Marsh

This site is owned by Oxfordshire County Council, who are preparing to put it on the market in September with the benefit of Outline Consent for residential development. We in Bampton have just enough time to consider what should be built on the land. If the the site has to be sold, there are many who think that single storey development

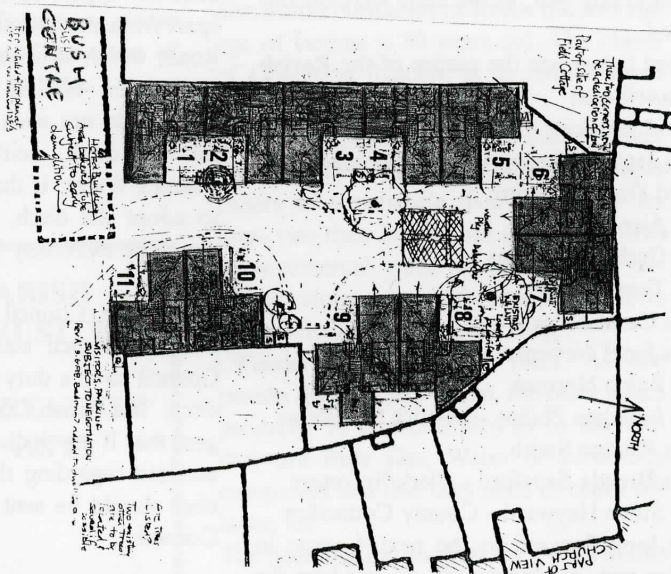
would be preferable to two storeyed houses. With careful design, overlooking of existing rear gardens could therefore be avoided. The site is small. One way to achieve a competitive value is for single storey dwellings to surround the perimeter, and this leaves an important central space.

This sketch layout has been prepared to explain the possibilities, West Oxfordshire

District Council Planning Department is generally supportive of the proposal, but they are not convinced that there is a demand for single bedroom accommodation. It is hoped that a Housing Trust could take up these ideas and think about Housing for the Elderly. The proximity to the Bush Club is ideal. The nearness to the centre of Bampton is a strong point in favour. More two and three bedrooms dwellings could be introduced. car parking is kept away from the central space, which would be laid out to a high standard of landscape design and be reserved for pedestrian use.

If readers of the Bampton Beam could write in support, this would give encouragement to a bidder who was sympathetic to the scheme.

*The Beam Team try to keep their eyes and ears open to what's happening in Bampton and let you know first! This is just one suggestion for this little piece of land, we wouldn't like to see it turned into an industrial site or a hotel, let alone all the traffic going up Church View. Please show you care what's happening in the village and write letters to the Parish Council or District Council even the Oxfordshire County Council if your not happy. You never know what these people have up their sleeves!!*



## THE BIKE PATHS

We had the biggest response we have ever had from a request in The Beam asking you to fill in a form to say if you or your family is interested in future use of bike paths around Bampton. Following this massive response we have created, with the backing of the Parish Council, a small group to try and forward a bike paths project. The most favoured routes suggested were to Aston, to Buckland and to Witney, with one or two optimistically requesting bike paths to all the surrounding villages. We have decided to work on two routes for a start: one to Witney the other to Tadpole Bridge and Rushy Lock. Witney is also planning bike paths in and around the town, we are hoping that the Bampton path will join theirs. We have got the backing of SUBTRANS, the National Bike Paths Organisation, who can give us help with surveying, costs and legal advice. We are currently speaking with local land-owners to try to get their co-operation. Contact **Jo Lewington, Tel: 850947.**





# BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council did not have to hold an election this year, as the seats were uncontested.

Listed below are the names of the **Parish Councillors:**

David Hawkins - Chairman

Mrs Jackie Allinson - Vice Chairman

Lord Donoughmore

Mr Alan Dunbar

Mr Graham Haslam

Mr Tony Hughes

Mrs Carol Jones

Mrs Janet Newman

Mr Ralph Norman

Mr Jonathan Philips - District Councillor

Mrs Pauline Smith

Mrs Brenda Sapsford - Clerk/Secretary

Mr Steve Heyward - County Councillor

We look forward to the next 4 years in office and, as always, will do our best for the village.

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Members of the public are always welcome.

## Traffic Calming

The Traffic Calming Scheme has now met with full approval from the necessary bodies and, as soon as tenders have been received and decided upon, work will begin as quickly as possible.

## Pavements

Following discussions between the Parish Council and County officials about the Parish Council's perception of the worst pavements in the village, the County Council have responded quickly by repairing the first three of the five that were highlighted.

## Ditch between Ampney Orchard and Chetwynd Mead

For several years the Parish Council have received complaints about the poor state of the above ditch. Before undertaking clearance work the Parish Council decided to make enquiries as to the ownership of this area. Extensive investigations have

been made and the fact is that the ditch does not appear to be owned by anyone - apart from the first section from the Aston Road, which is privately owned. No land registration can be found. The County Council do not wish to take responsibility for the ditch, neither do WODC nor Thames Water. If the Parish Council were to adopt the ditch, the ongoing expense would be extremely high.

The Parish Council have written to the County Council stating that the County Council have a duty of care regarding the ditch. The Parish Council respectfully suggest that if any individuals have cause for concern regarding this ditch, correspondence should be sent direct to the County Council.

## Bottle Banks

Following the vandalism of the Bottle Banks at Cowleaze lay-by, the Parish Council have been asked by WODC to consider alternative sites closer to the centre of Bampton. The Youth Centre car park, the Market Square and the Recreation Ground car park have all been considered, but for the moment the Parish Council have decided not to recommend a change to the location of the 'banks'.

## Millennium Planning

There will be an open meeting on Thursday 10th September, at 8pm in the Village Hall, to consider a range of proposals (some of a permanent nature - some temporary) to celebrate the Millennium and to identify a cross-section of village groups (church, school, Bush Centre, Youth Club, SPAJERS, pubs, local services, etc.) to be represented on the Millennium Working Group.

## Cemetery

Work will commence shortly to extend the Cemetery. One new path will be laid and existing paths need to be lengthened. Hopefully, the work will be carried out with the minimum of disruption, but please

expect a little noise and the presence of workmen in the Cemetery.

## Bampton Parish Council, Standing & Statutory Committees.

For your information, the following is a list of the Standing and Statutory Committees covered by the Parish Council, together with names of the current members.

**Finance and General Purposes** - To regulate and control the finances of the Council. To consider and report to the Council on matters of policy and principle, and any other matters that may be assigned to them by the Council. This Committee must consist of members of the Council only: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Alan Dunbar, Lord Donoughmore, Tony Hughes.

**Public Grounds and Footpaths** - To manage the grounds vested in the Council (i.e. the Cemetery and both playing fields), with the power to spend up to £100 per quarter in respect of the playing fields only, without prior reference to the Council. The Committee consists of seven members, two of whom are from the Parish: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Alan Dunbar, Ralph Norman, plus two members from the Parish.

**Allotments** - To manage and oversee all matters relating to allotments, lettings and collection of rents. The Committee has the same powers as the Parish Council concerning allotments.

**Conservation Area** - The Council appoints two members of the Council to this Committee: Chairman, Ralph Norman.

**Primary School Governors** - The Council as a minor authority appoints one person (who need not be a Council member), to this Board, to serve for a period of 3 years: M. Rivers.

**Bampton Welfare Trust** - The 1960 Charities Act provides for the Council to appoint four representatives to the Trust, to serve for 4 years: J. Haslam, I. Humphries, Major Colville, J. Newman.



**Village Hall Committee** - One member of the council serves on this Committee: A. Dunbar.

**Transport Representative** - The Council appoints one representative to attend meetings with the County Council: vacant.

**Representative to Youth Centre Management Committee** - Carol Jones.

**Bampton Exhibition Foundation** - The Council appoints three representatives for a period of 4 years, one of whom must be a Council member: J. Harrington, R. Snow, D. Hawkins.

**Planning Advisory Committee** - To examine planning applications before presentation to the full Council, in order to bring out any particular problem or other implications that may result should the application receive consent. This Committee consists of five members of the Council: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Ralph Norman, Lord Donoughmore, Carol Jones.

**Sports Complex Steering Committee** - This Committee consists of five trustees, two of whom must be present at all meetings of the Steering Committee, and such other persons as may be considered useful in any advisory capacity to the Committee: J. Phillips, A. Dunbar, J. Allinson, Lord Donoughmore, D. Hawkins, G. Haslam.

**Millennium Committee** - D. Hawkins, J. Newman, J. Phillips.

## Vacancies on Statutory Committees

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in serving on the following Committees, which have vacancies:

**Public Grounds and Footpaths** - To manage the grounds vested in the council i.e. cemetery and both playing fields. To have power to spend up to £100 per quarter in respect of the playing fields only without prior reference to the council. The committee shall consist of seven members of whom 2 shall be from the Parish.

**Transport Representative** - The council appoints one representative to meetings with the County Council. Meetings are very infrequent. Is there anyone who regularly uses the local bus service who would be willing to act as a representative?

If anyone feels they would like to give some time to the above Committees or would like any further information, please contact: **Mr D. Hawkins, Chairman of the Parish Council, Tel: 851066.**

### BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL as TRUSTEES OF BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND CHARITY

have a

#### MANAGERIAL VACANCY

A Manager is required from February 1999 to supervise the day-to-day running of the New Pavilion and other facilities at the Recreation Ground. The successful applicant should have recent managerial experience, could be male or female and any age between 20 and 70 years.

There will be a modest salary for up to 15 hours' work a week and possible commission on bookings for non-sporting use of facilities (wedding receptions, anniversaries, etc). Working hours can be flexible.

Applicants should send personal details plus qualifications to:

**The Clerk,  
Bampton Parish Council  
Cotsway,  
Church Street,  
Bampton,  
Oxon. OX18 2NA.**

**Before 30th September 1998**

## Thames Valley Police Report

by PC Bill Oddy

### Distraction Burglary - Operation resolve

During the past 2 years, Thames Valley Police have dealt with more than 1,300 distraction burglaries in which the average age of victims is 80 years old. The object of Operation Resolve is to reduce these particularly nasty crimes.

Most distraction burglaries involve thieves preying on elderly people. They are bogus callers who persuade their victims to let them into their homes and then steal items of sentimental value or life savings. Although violence is rarely used, the effects on the victim can be devastating.

Offenders often work in pairs. As one person distracts the victim, the other steals property. A common ploy is to say that they are from Gas, Water or Electricity companies and that they need to check for leaks, etc.

The main utilities support the Police in this campaign and urge everyone to check thoroughly the identity of callers. All genuine employees will carry identification and will not mind waiting while you check them out. Don't be fooled by the caller who says that he is in a hurry or that he does not have his identification card on him. If you are in any doubt, make the caller wait outside while you phone the company to check if they have workmen in the area. Vulnerable people are encouraged to fit a door chain and door viewer. Use these every time you answer the door. The police urge everyone to get involved by identifying elderly and vulnerable people who live in your street. Offer to keep an eye on them and if you see anyone calling at their door simply go out and ask if you can help them. Often this is all that is needed to deter offenders. If anyone calls on you or one of your neighbours and you think they may be a bogus caller, please contact the Police immediately on **Tel: 01235 776000**, with as many details as possible, including a description of the offender and details of any vehicle used. Please help us to help some of society's most trusting and vulnerable members from becoming victims of this type of crime.



# THE BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

*Buckland Road, Bampton.*

## WORK STARTS ON BAMPTON'S NEW PAVILION



*Digging the first sod*

*David Hawkins Chairman of the Parish Council, A Representative of Wensley Builders, Alan Dunbar Project Councillor and Lord Donoughmore Chairman of the Pavilion Project.*

## BAMPTON BOYS FOOTBALL CLUB

### 1998 Annual Dinner

Bampton Boys Football Club held their sixth Annual Trophy Night at the Village Hall on May 15th. The hall was packed with over 70 excited boys aged 7-15, plus parents and friends, who were equally as excited! After a superb buffet supper, the Awards Ceremony began with each team member receiving a named trophy. There were also four special awards per team. The winners were as follows:

#### **Under 8s, 9s and 10s**

Managers' Player: Michael Bird; Parents' Player: Andrew Hewer; Players' Player: Sam Johnson; Most Improved Player: Arron Mullis.

#### **Under 12s**

Managers' Player: Charles Deacon; Parents' Player: Stuart Whalley; Players' Player: Luke Paintin; Most Improved Player: Chris Hickin.

#### **Under 14s**

Managers' Player: Adam Bowman; Parents' Player: Danny King; Players' Player: Mathew Townsend; Most Improved Player: John Edwards.

#### **Under 15s**

Managers' Player: Russell Plumb; Parents' Player: Mathew Smith; Players' Player: Mathew Smith; Most Improved Player: Stuart Barkley.

### Pavilion project begins

Following a recent lottery grant of nearly £200,000 and welcome grants from WODC and other organisations, a start has been made on building the badly needed pavilion on the Recreation Ground at Bampton. As well as providing changing rooms for the football, cricket and tennis teams, there will be room for indoor short bowls, indoor archery and table tennis. The building should be ready for use early next year. The construction of a 'trim trail' around the perimeter of the ground as well as the landscaping are included in this exciting project.

### Bampton Boys con't.

The Club is very grateful to the Bampton Parish Council and to the following businesses and individuals who sponsor the Club throughout the year: Abbey Properties, Andrew Bowman, Burford Garden Centre, CBL Electric Vehicles, Carpet Options, Chennells, Edby Vines, Emmies, The Flower Mill, Grey Gables Garage, Dion Hickin, Londis, Market Square Garage, RAF Brize Norton, Simmonds, Temples, Ian Tupman and Neville Woodley.

The highlight of the season was the winning of the League by the Under 15 team, a tremendous achievement for the boys, their Manager, Mick Whalley, and Assistant Manager, Fred Knight. By way of celebration, the boys boarded an open-topped bus for a lap of honour around Bampton prior to the trophy presentation. The event was captured by the television cameras and was shown on Central TV that weekend. The Club is very proud of the Manager, Assistant Manager and the Team. Well done! Next season, we are hoping to form a new Under 11s team and continue with the Under 15s team. The teams are fully equipped with kit, etc., but both teams are looking for Managers. If you would be interested in taking over a team, or in helping in anyway towards the continued success of the club, please do not hesitate to contact: **Mike Whalley, Tel: 850048, or Linden Burley, Tel: 850793.**



# BAMPTON LADIES TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE

*By Fenella Gray*



*The Pitstop Ladies challenge Team*

*Shiela Richardson, Gill Gummer, Fenella Gray, Christine Hughes (the Captain) Natasha Papworth, Lorraine Saunders and Perry.*

On Saturday 26th June, six ladies decided to take up the Marie Curie Ladies Challenge and raised over £700 as a result! Not really knowing what we were in for, we arrived at Upper Heyford Air Base. With anticipation on everyone's faces we went off to register.

At our first challenge we had a choice, either to go Go-Karting or go on the Skid-pad. We all voted for the skid-pad - we thought we might learn something useful from it. Three of us at a time got in the car with an instructor who controlled the car from his little black box. We went through snow-drifts, black-ice, mud and leaves - even aqua-planing at some times. What an experience (but we hope we can all remember what we learnt)!

Next was the heavy goods vehicles - most of us opted for the car transporters (full, let me add, of brand new cars!). Sheila (with Perry) tried the Army lorry (with no power steering!), and Christine drove the canvass-sided goods' vehicle. We all managed the obstacle course, though some of us needed a bit more practice on the cornering.

Thirdly - JCB driving. That was fun. Once we mastered the art of going forward we had to drop the bucket, reverse, then go back and pick up the bucket. Gill had a go at digging a hole and then had to fill it back in. Lots of concentration and co-ordination needed (Gary needs to watch it now!)

Fourthly - Off-road Vehicles. Christine took the Army Snow-cat through its paces, while Lorraine, Sheila and I had a go in the Army Jeep, with an instructor, and went over another obstacle course - even a see-saw. But we achieved it, knees knocking together when we returned to base.

Fifth - Racing Car. This we didn't get to drive (shame said Christine!), but on the whole I think its worse not to be in control! What an experience - I think my stomach's still back there. I don't know whether we were lucky or not - when our turn came we had had the most tremendous downpour of the the day, so the cars were really sliding about, with no help from the drivers. I dread to think what speed we were going. Natasha had a go in the Jaguar (closest thing to a Austin Martin she said), the rest of us tried the rally car.

Sixth - Novelty Vehicles - little diggers and electric wheelchairs. This was a bit of a come down after driving the extra large vehicles about, but most of us had battle with the electric chair, while Christine took on a digger - need I say more!!!

We collected our well-earned certificates and returned home exhilarated with ourselves for taking the challenge.

We would all like to say thank you to our sponsor Pitstop for having faith in us, and for all the people who sponsored each and everyone of us.

Also to thank Christine Hughes for suggesting and organising the team. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, Roll on the next one. . .

Thanks Christine from us all.

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# WHAT'S BEEN - WHAT'S TO COME

## BANK HOLIDAY

**Monday 4th May**

Unfortunately the Pumpkin Club were unable to hold their Street Fair this year, but the Bampton Environmental Watch Group and West Oxfordshire Arts Association together took over the reins, so Bamptonians could still claim this day as their own.

Stalls and refreshments were held in the Village Hall, an exhibition was held in The Town Hall, and children were playing and dancing to music arranged by Felicity Cormack and Joan Holloway in the Market Square.

Hopefully, next year the Pumpkin Club will have returned to full strength and taken over once more!!

## SATURDAY

**23rd May**

### The SPAJERS Annual Shirt Race

This race of stamina around the village looked very much as if it would have to be made slightly shorter as we've got short of pubs! Luckily, however, the new owners of the George and Dragon and The Eagle (now private houses), both agreed to participate in this annual event, and allowed tables to hold the beer for handing to the competitors during the race to be set up outside their houses. Originally there were 13 public houses on the route around the village, but sadly only 6 are now left.

The competition for the fancy dress seems to be getting more ingenious as the years go by. This year, a double four-poster bed on wheels and 'Titanic on wheels' were on display for all to see.

The winners were as follows:

**Senior race** - Jack Wearne and James Thomson

**Intermediate race** - Ray Steele and Steve Aldous

**Junior race** - David Radband and Charles Deacon

The oldest couple participating went to G. Ickford and Martin Adams.

The £50 raffle prize winner was Len Harrison.



## WHIT MONDAY

**25th May**

### May Garlands

It was nice to see this old tradition still being carried on in the village by children who bought their garlands along to the Market Square to be judged.

For several years now Ruth Wheeler has been organiser of this event, and it is due to her determination that these garlands appear each year for all of us to see.

The winners were:

**First** - Laura Knight and Gemma Knight  
**Second** - Jody Paintin and Nathan Beckett  
**Third** - Rachael Cook and Emma Cook.

## Morris Dancers

The day started at 7am for the three Bampton teams. Each team has its own route dancing through the village, calling at different houses and pubs on its way round. The number of spectators grew as the day wore on, and Bampton became a centre of activity. Sadly, though, the heavens opened at around 5pm, when the visiting teams were getting ready to dance, so everyone disappeared off the streets into the nearest pub. Later, as the rain dried up, music and dancing were heard once again throughout the streets, as only Bampton knows how to do!!

## Bampton School

**Friends of Bampton School**

**Forthcoming events**

The Friends of Bampton School have been pretty busy this year, having had a School Fete on 27th June and a Treasure Hunt in July, and there are still things to come! Details will be found in the Diary of Forthcoming Events on page 23, but here's a taster:

Saturday 29th August: Table-top sale in the Village Hall (time to have a clear out ready for winter)

Friday 18th September: Bingo evening (eyes down and be ready to shout 'full house!')

For further details of these events, please contact: **Judy Bebb, Tel: 851620 or the school on 850371.** Everyone is welcome and they would love to see you there.

## BANK HOLIDAY

**Monday 31st August**

### Donkey Derby

Once again its time to saddle up for this annual event organised by the SPAJERS. If you would like to be a owner of a donkey for a race, please contact one of the Committee - its a lot more fun when its your donkey running! Also, don't forget that they need jockeys (preferably children), which adds even more excitement to the day. So if you want a good family day out for Mum, Dad and the children, where everyone can participate in something, come along to see us at The Donkey Derby.

Please contact: Alan Dunmore, Tel: 850207; Dixie Dean, Tel: 850756 or Frank Hudson, Tel: 842126.

## The Pumpkin Club Pumpkin Weigh-In

Hopefully, this will still be in October, so keep your eyes open for the posters. This is a really enjoyable evening and helps towards providing Christmas presents for the pensioners of the village.

If you would like to help on the Pumpkin Committee, please contact: **Dave Close, Tel: 851302.** Don't let this event come to an end - there must be someone willing to help somewhere in Bampton!!



# A POEM COMPETITION

## Organised by Temples Bampton Ltd.

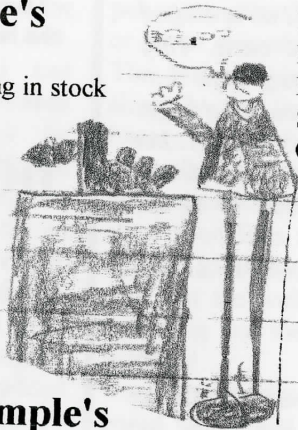
Many thanks to all the children who took part in the Competition - from all in the shop.



**First Prize went to  
Sara Thomas, age 9 years,  
79 New Road, Bampton**

### Temple's

I like to visit Temple's Shop  
Because they have got everything in stock  
Plant and paints and toys too  
Plenty of stock for you to view  
Often people you do meet  
Richard is often there to greet  
My pocket money I do spend  
And any money Mum will lend  
Temple's is the shop to see  
So come on people follow me.



### Temple's

Temple's with shelves of plasticine to putty  
Everything for D.I.Y.  
Mountains of books  
Precious china, looks  
Like the Aladdin's Cave of Bampton  
Everyone should come  
So get your money bags run, run, and come.  
Oliver Foster aged 9 years



### Temple's

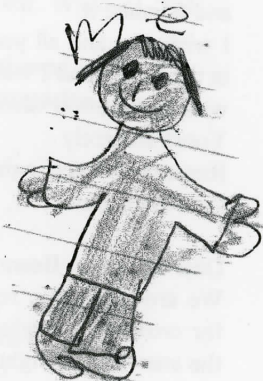
Mr Temple's Shop  
In Mr Temple's shop the cars are great  
In Mr Temple's shop you never need to wait  
In Mr Temple's you can get everything you need  
You can buy a lot for quite a small sum  
It makes shopping loads of fun  
I love it in Mr Temple's shop  
And my Grandma says its got the lot.  
Robert Williams age 7 years

### Temple's

Temple's is a hardware store,  
They sell a lot of things,  
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They have things that go whizz and pop.  
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They also do sell seeds,  
But best of all they've got everything you need.  
Neil Moyses, age 10 years

### Temple's

Toy cars and scarves bouncy balls shiny rings.  
Lots of things.  
Motor control cars.  
Garden tools gloves can holders pencils.  
Poppy, age 6 years



## BAMPTON BILL

### DONKEY DERBY

Oi! THE FINISHING POST IS THIS WAY!

EYE!.. BUT THE BOOZER'S THIS WAY!

Andy!





## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

One of the longest driving residents of Bampton I know is Mrs Phylis Farmer, my neighbour. A lovely kind person (who could tell you a few stories of the past and has nearly reached her 90th birthday), she still digs her own garden and grows all her own vegetables. When she digs up her new potatoes, I always get a first tasting and they're always the best.

I would also like to mention Mrs Money Snr. She doesn't drive, but she is another lady who I've never heard say an unkind word about anyone, who is always been smartly dressed, loves a laugh and joke when one meets her and who must be nearing her 100th birthday.

May I also say that I did find the crossword a little daunting with (hum-hum) missing and wrong clues, still I persevered and finished it.

I wish you and all your helpers good luck in the future and I would be willing to help with distribution when needed.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Sweetingham, Rosebrook, Aston Road, Bampton.

Dear Bampton Beam,

We are writing in response to your pleas for crossword entries. We are not sure if the answers are right, as a couple of clues were missing, but we hope for the best!

Although we don't live in Bampton now, we were both born and brought up there, and rely on The Beam to keep us up to date on current events in our native village.

We look forward to reading the August issue, which hopefully we will receive from our 'Secret Supplier'!?

Yours sincerely, Mick and Sue Smith, The Brambles, Brading, Isle of Wight

Dear Editor,

As a crossword enthusiast I take up your challenge again - many of the issues of The Beam crossword have many errors and omissions, which I am sure were not in the original presented by the setter.

In the April crossword, I am sure 44 across should be trials and not trails, 31

is the clue for 32 down, there is no clue for 31 down, 49 across is 'tidy' and presumably the missing 51 across is 'overgrown'! But, don't lose heart - we all enjoy The Beam.

Yours sincerely,

Alan Gaydon, 3 Broad St., Bampton

*I would like to thank everyone who wrote and told me about the errors that appeared in the last crossword. I have never had so much mail (above are just a few examples), so at least it has everyone contributing to this edition. I do apologise for the mistakes that were made. They usually occur when I'm trying to fit articles on to or taking them out of a page. Normally I try to be so careful but something always manages to slip through the net, and it always seems to be the Crossword that suffers!*

*Sorry once again, Ed [nothing to do with me...! Sub-Ed]*

Dear Editor,

Concerned about your remarks on Bampton apathy, I thought I should try and contribute a pennyworth, enclosed herewith, which I hope you will be able to accept as a gapfiller, somewhere in a future issue of The Beam.

With regard to Bampton's longest driving licence holder, it is not I, unless you admit a separate class for motorbikes. My father bought a lightweight Triumph on being demobbed in 1919, for use in his practice as a doctor, and I started riding this in 1930, regrettably without legal sanction, and didn't acquire my driving license until the next year, at the age of 15. Since then I have never ceased riding, usually having at least two machines. The Triumph was laid up, but kept, in the mid-30s, and when the vintage motoring movement gathered momentum in about 1960 it was put back on the road and used for many a rally and time trial. This continued until a couple of years ago, when I laid it up again because, having no kick-start, the normal starting procedure involves a run-and-jump, and I've got too stiff for that now! However, the bike, surely now an heirloom, remains, as does my license.

Thank you for your work on The Beam. The result is great.

Yours sincerely,

Terence Crowley, Thatched Cottage, Church St., Bampton.

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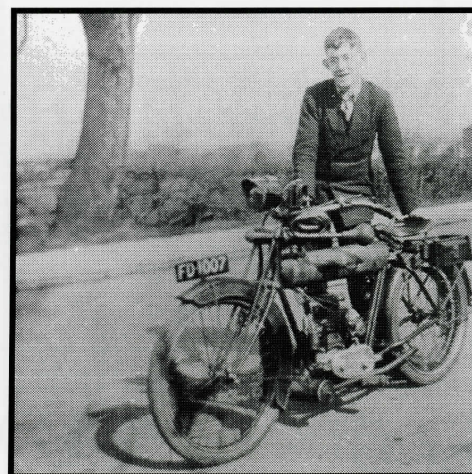
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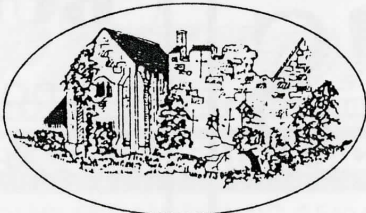
**Don't forget the Pumpikin Club Bingo**  
Eyes down every Monday Evening in the Bush Centre at 8pm. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Mrs E. Foresheew or Sharron, Tel: 850922.



March 1939

*Mr Crowley taken in Bilton lane,  
Harrogate after his first ride on the  
Triumph*



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## WITNEY AND DISTRICT CARERS

Helen de Salis, Carers Support Worker for the Witney area, sets up her new sign outside Witney Community Hospital (picture). Carers are now able to call in three mornings a week to see Helen. The Carers Centre in Witney is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9am-1pm, or **Tel: 602943 (at other times Tel: 01295 264545)**.

### Why does the Carers Centre need to organise Fund Raising?

As the Carers Centre has become better known, more and more carers have contacted us for information and support. We are committed to making sure that any carer in North and West Oxfordshire can get help from us, which is why we now have a base in Witney Community Hospital and we visit carers at home. The travel and other office costs of helping carers go up each year.

- Our Grants for 1998-99 will be:
- Oxfordshire Social Services   £81,504
- Oxfordshire Health Authority   £16,190
- Cherwell District Council       £7,100
- South Northamptonshire       £500
- WODC           Not yet known.

We are very pleased to have new project funding toward our specialist help to carers, but in order to keep in touch and support everyone 'on our books' we need more money. When someone offers to organise a fund-raising event for the Carers Centre, we decide with them how the proceeds will be spent.

### Date for your Diary

Monday 28th September, 1998:  
Carers Centre Annual general Meeting  
1pm, Windmill Centre, Deddington.

Don't forget - The Bampton Carers Group meets on the last Wednesday of each month in The Town Hall at 2.30pm. They would love to see you.

## Could you help a child to read?

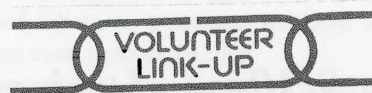
Could you help a child to read? You've probably taken reading for granted for years. Imagine struggling to make sense of the simplest words.

Many children, not just those with Special Educational Needs, require some extra help with reading.

Could you spare 2 hours twice a week as a Volunteer Reading Helper in a local school? You don't need any special qualifications, just enthusiasm and kindness. Its amazing the difference it can make to a child's life.

We already have schools in this area waiting for new volunteers. Full training is given and travel expenses are reimbursed. Our next training course will take place in September.

Please contact: Virginia Carter or Alison Souster, Volunteer Reading Help (behind The Old Police Station), Church Green, Witney, OX8 6AW, **Tel: 771294**.



## Volunteer Link-Up

Calling anyone who has some spare time during the day or at any other time. There is an urgent need for help in the community, especially volunteers to:

- mow grass and tidy the gardens of pensioners no longer able to do it for themselves
- help brighten up the homes of elderly people (often all that is needed is just a coat of paint)
- drive elderly and disabled people to hospitals and Day Centres (expenses are paid)
- encourage and enable people with special needs to take part in the activities they enjoy
- act as secretaries or treasurers for local charities (clerical or financial knowledge is required).

For more information about these and a wide range of other volunteer opportuni-

ties, please contact: Volunteer Link-Up, Methodist Church, 10 Wesley Walk, High Street, Witney, Oxon. OX8 6ZJ, **Tel: 776277** (answerphone for out-of-office hours), Open Mondays - Fridays 9am-1pm.

Volunteer Link-Up is the co-ordinating centre for voluntary work in West Oxfordshire.



## West Oxfordshire

## Citizen Advocacy

### The way of a Citizen Advocate . . .

There are many people living in West Oxfordshire who have difficulty in expressing themselves effectively. Some live on their own or with a parent; others live in staff-supported, small-group homes or in large establishments. Many would benefit from having a citizen advocate of their own, independent of their carers, who would call on them regularly and be prepared to be a voice for them.

Citizen advocates are volunteers who are prepared to give 1 or 2 hours a fortnight to work at creating a one-to-one relationship with another person who may not be able to talk very well. The BT advert says it is good to talk - and so it is - but if you can't then life can be very frustrating and disempowering.

Citizen advocates are not expected to be experts in any field, but just ordinary citizens who know where to go for expert advice if they need it. The West Oxfordshire Citizen Advocacy supports advocates in their relationships with their partners and is always looking for more volunteer citizen advocates to meet the needs of all those on their waiting list. If you could spare the time, and offer the commitment and loyalty needed in becoming a citizen advocate for another person, then please **Tel: 704826**, or write to West Oxfordshire Citizen Advocacy, PO Box 138, Witney, OX8 5YJ, for more information. Someone, somewhere, is very much looking forward to meeting you. . .

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*Thursday 7.30pm - 10pm. Seniors 15 - 20 year old*

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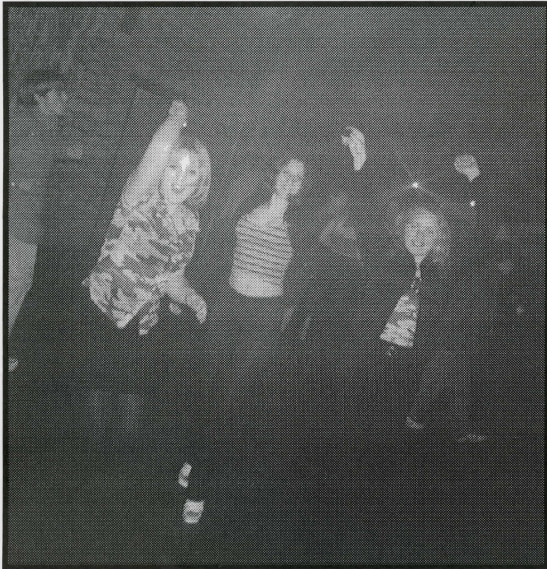
# THE BAMPTON YOUTH CLUB

By Youth Leader Gary Gummer

## What's been going on at the Senior Youth Club?

During the past year there has been a significant change in the policy regarding admittance to the Senior Club (Thursday evenings). Previously, to use the club facilities, members had to pay a fee on entry. This fee, however, was found to be preventing young people from using the club. We now make no admittance charge for the Senior Club. This positive change in policy has meant that the club is now attracting larger numbers of young people, some coming from afar as Clanfield and Aston. This has enabled myself and other youth workers to make much-needed face-to-face contact with the younger residents of Bampton.

But... the facilities we provide are not entirely free! Members pay for tuck and coffee and for the use of the pool table and a computer games machine. Members are also encouraged to raise funds for the Club, by organising discos and other events.



We have been very fortunate, having received a number of donations of equipment from residents, and we thank you for the sofas, TVs and Hifi equipment (not

forgetting the vacuum cleaner), which keep on being donated.

A new Youth Club Committee has now been elected, whose aim is to raise the profile and standard of the club and its facilities. We are currently running a competition among club members to design a logo and letterhead for the club. Using this higher profile, we aim to approach local businesses with a view to financial help or support, with which the club can buy much needed computer and printer, musical instruments, recording and DJ

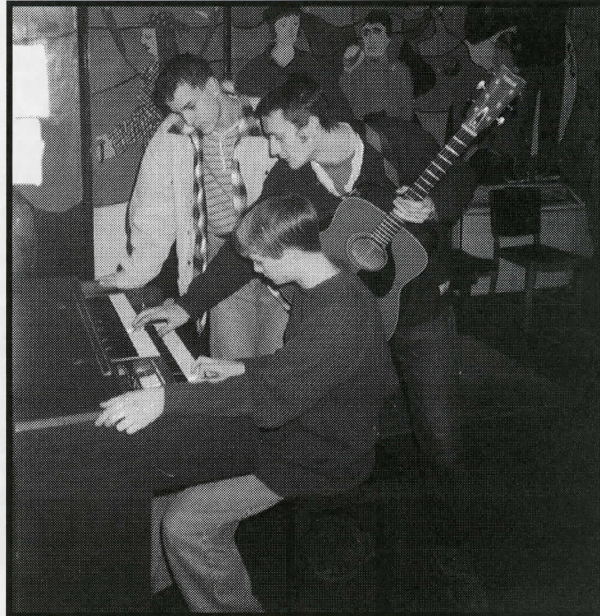
equipment. We would also like to arrange subsidised trips away from Bampton.

The club is always interested in attracting new members, and new volunteers. We would especially welcome musicians or bands that would be willing to teach members to play a musical instrument. Sports enthusiasts or local residents who have knowledge on subjects or issues pertinent to living in our society, are also very welcome.

The next fundraising event being organised by the Youth Club members is a Car Boot Sale - to be held on Saturday 19th September 1998, 10am-1pm in the Youth Centre, Church View. For more information on the Senior Youth Club or Car Boot Sale please contact: **Gary Gummer Tel: 851913; Fax 852173 or Email: GFGummer@compuserve.com**

## What's been going on at the Junior Youth Club?

We are open from 6.15pm - 8.15pm on Tuesday nights, and have an age



range of young people from 9 - 13 years. The group is run by Miriam Blackie who is assisted by Mary Williams. Mary and Miriam are also helped by two young

people who are being trained in Youth Work; Sarah Constable and Luke Hopcroft. Sarah is excellent at organising the individual and team activities while Luke organises the football and pool matches.

We soon hope to have both a football match, and a music quiz against the Finstock Youth Club. Every three months, our members enjoy a Disco, organised by two other members who give their time and equipment for the benefit of all.

Our aim at the club is to provide a safe, and pleasant environment for young people, and to help them mature into responsible adults.

You are welcome to call in when the Youth Club is on, or offer any support, or ideas you might have.

**For more information contact: Miriam Blackie Tel: 774097, Mary Williams Tel: 852009, Sarah Constable Tel: 850236 or Luke Hopcroft Tel: 851161.**



## BAMPTON BUSH CENTRE

The club meets every Wednesday in the Scout Hut in Church View, and caters for 40 pensioners. We provide tea, coffee and a hot meal, and for many this is the only day they have away from their homes during the week. All helpers, cooks and drivers are volunteers.

We encourage our members to play games, and take part in activities. We raise our own funds for outings to places of interest, theatre trips and to pay for speakers. For more information please contact **Joan Granville, Tel: 850407** or **Vera Allport, Tel: 850411**.

## THE BAMPTON METHODIST CHAPEL

### The Methodist Drop In

The Drop In will be closed from Monday 13th July until Monday 9th September.

We would like to thank everyone for joining us for lunch and hope to see you once again in September. If you would like to help in anyway please contact: **Ruth Wheeler, Tel: 850808**

### Harvest Supper

The service for the Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 13th September. The following week the Harvest Supper will be held at 7pm in the Chapel, (date to be advised) Afterwards there will be an Auction of produce.

Tickets available nearer the date. For more information contact **Mr Tony Jenkins, Tel: 850801**, or call at Fair Acres Nursery.

## BRITISH RED CROSS

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# NOTICE BOARD

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At the Trustees Meeting on 9th July, Major R.A. Colville asked for his resignation to be accepted. This done with great reluctance as it is thanks to his foresight and dedication that the Trust is so well organised and able to perform such a useful function in this day and age. Mr E. Stephenson, who has been the clerk to the Trustees since the Bampton Welfare Trust was set up in 1972, has also resigned and appreciation for his loyal and efficient work for so many years was expressed by the Trustees. Mr Nigel Wearne has kindly agreed to take on this task.

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### Bampton Branch

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Christmas Bingo, The Bush Centre.

**Friday 18th December -**

Country and Western Dance, Carterton Social Centre.

For further information please contact **Doris Cleaver, Tel: 850682.**

## BAMPTON EXHIBITION FOUNDATION

The foundation exists to maintain the Old Grammer 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.

We try to offer a bursary of 50% of the amount required. Anyone who feels they qualify (or knows of someone who may do so) should contact **Roger Snow, Tel: 850113.**

## BAMPTON BRIDGE CLUB

The club meets in the Village Hall every Tuesday 7.30pm - 10.30pm. Duplicate Bridge is played on the 1st, 3rd, and any 5th Tuesday of the month; Rubber bridge on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

The Annual subscription is £5.00 with a charge of 75p per session.

New members are always welcome.

For more information please contact **Mrs Joan Granville, Tel 8504067.**

## THE WEST OXFORDSHIRE CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

### Bampton Branch

On Saturday 6th June a Garden Party was held in the garden of Mr and Mrs Fred Gray. The weather was unpredictable, but fortunately the heavens did not open. It was attended by 30 members, who wrapped in their winter woollies had a very enjoyable time.

The next event in Bampton will be a Barn Dance on Saturday 17th October, in The Village Hall. Don Rouse will be there to show you how to do it, dancing of course.

Also in the New Year Burns Night will be celebrated in The Youth Centre.

For more information contact **Fenella Gray, Tel: 851653.**



## THE CHILDRENS SOCIETY

Thank you to all those people who



generously gave up some time to help with our annual house-to-house collection this Easter. We raised £291.31, for which we are very grateful. This was a wonderful effort, but I know that some of you cannot collect again next year . . . so, if anyone is over 16 and could spare an hour or more to help I would be very glad to hear from you. The Society does a worthwhile job helping young people and their families and deserves our support. You may have seen young people and their families and deserves our support.

You may have seen recently a lot of publicity in the press and on the radio about the work of the Society with truants and run aways, a problem that can only be addressed properly if funds are available. Please contact me soon: **Pauline Hawkins, Tel 851066.**

## NOTICE BOARD

## THE BAMPTON YOUTH CENTRE

The Youth Centre is situated in the old Victorian Primary School in Church View. This attractive building is of considerable architectural interest - having been designed by William Wilkinson, one of the leading ecclesiastical architects of the early Victorian era. The centre provides accommodation for youth activities in the village and receives limited funding from the County Council. Appreciable support is also given by the '250 Club' but the centre is, otherwise, dependent on rental income from letting the premises for meetings, wedding receptions and parties of all sorts. In this respect, the facilities are probably the best in Bampton, with a large central hall, a pleasant atmosphere and an abundance of parking space. Jill Ruck, Tel: 852010, has recently taken over responsibility for hiring the centre and will be happy to receive any enquiries. For any general matters, please contact: **Colin Allport, Tel: 850411.**

*This is a new venture we are about to start with the help of Susan Phillips, into trying to get volunteers into the local community.*

*Unfortunately, space is very limited, below are just a few adverts we received.*

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Support is available from the Executive Committee and training is available from the District Organisation.

Can you help to spare an hour a week? If you would like to help, please contact **Phil Roberts, Tel: 851267.**

### 1st BAMPTON GUIDES & BROWNIES

We are desperately short of Adults to run the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Anyone interested in becoming a leader can move towards getting a warrant whilst actually running one of the units. Each unit should have two leaders and back up from parents. Be prepared to go on training courses and not be afraid of challenges. There is also help from other Guides, Trefoil Guild and informative literature etc. Guiding is fun and all the girls learn from a confident leader. For more information please contact: **Mrs Margaret Fleetwood, Tel: 703496 or write to: 70 Penclose, Witney, OX8 6BQ.**

### THE BUSH CENTRE

We meet most Wednesdays during the year. We need Drivers, General helpers, Kitchen helpers and Cooks on a regular basis. Please contact: **Vera Allport, Tel 850411 or Joan Granville Tel: 850407.**

Volunteers are also desperately needed for The SPAJER'S, The Pumpking Club and The Youth Club. Without volunteers these clubs etc, cannot continue to run and contribute to the village life here in Bampton. Show you care and join in the fun of giving and not expecting!!!

## BAMPTON BRITISH LEGION



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St Mary's Service 11.15am

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Has not ended in deep regret  
Let each of us wear our Poppy

**We will Remember**

**'Lest we forget'.**

*W.E. Evans*

The 'Standards' are also taken to the Evening Service held in the Methodist Chapel, Bridge Street, at 6pm.

On Wednesday 11th November at 11pm, The Women's section of The British Legion will be at The War Memorial to honour the one minute silence. If you would like to join them, please do come along.



# BAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

By Paul Tanner

Bampton Town Football Club has been running for many years and, although we have been improving on the football pitch and have achieved success this season, there is still a lack of interest from the people of Bampton.

Bampton Town Football Club is situated along the Buckland Road, opposite the Bampton Boarding Kennels. As we own our ground all maintenance has to come from funds that we try and raise ourselves and, as you know, nothing is cheap these days! We are helped by the good support and sponsorship of Pitsop and the Bampton Boarding Kennels, who we would like to thank very much for all their help. Our thanks also go to George and Pat at the Elephant and Castle for letting us hold our meetings there, and also our before- and

after-match gatherings.

On the football side, Bampton Town runs two teams, the First Team and a Reserve Team, in the Witney and District League. In recent years we have had little success, but this season ended with the first team winning Division One and the John Richen's Charity Cup. They were also Runners-Up in the Witney and District Senior Cup. In addition, the Reserves just missed out on promotion by losing in the semi-final of the Supplementary Cup.

When the First Team played the Senior Cup Final at Witney Town Ground against Hanborough Football Club, there was a crowd of around 300 people, 200 of whom were supporting Bampton. This, as you can imagine was fantastic, and if we could get only a half or even a quarter of

this number supporting us every week, we feel we could reach the top of the local football league.

Our Annual Dinner was held on May 16th, where the Players of the Year Awards were presented.

The winners were as follows:

**1st Team Players' Player:** A. Jameson

**1st Team Managers' Player:**

A. Jameson

**Reserve Team Players' Player:**

N. Goodridge

**Reserve Team Managers' Player:**

G. Fichett

**Clubman of the Year:** M. Walsh

Flowers were also presented to Mrs C. Tanner, Mrs C. Wheeler, Mrs M. Paintin and Mrs P. Blackwell.

We are looking forward to the start of the new season, and will start training after the World Cup. Training takes place every Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Buckland Road Ground.

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# The Gardening Page

By Edie Bindweed

I was sat reading a very old book called *'Make your Plants work for you'* one afternoon during that very wet month of June, when one couldn't get out into the garden. When the thought went through my mind some of my readers may be interested in some of these old fashion ideas, especially now with organic gardening coming into fashion.

Take Nasturtiums for example planted near broccoli they help to repel aphid. Planted in ones

greenhouse greenfly and whitefly disappear. Also nasturtiums planted at the base of apple trees and allowed to climb up the stem will stop woolly aphid. If they have beaten you to it, a tea made from the whole of the nasturtium plant with boiling water poured over it, and sprayed on the branches should sort out the problem.

Nettles are another useful member to have in the garden (kept under control of course). Nettle spray (nettles soaked in water, preferably rain water, and left for 2 - 3 weeks), can be used on roses and other plants to control black fly and as a fertiliser for tomatoes.

The best time to use nettles is before they go to seed, they make excellent mulch mixed with thistles, as slugs and snails don't like crawling over the rough prickly foliage. This mulch is also good to go around your strawberry plants, but please be careful when picking the when picking the fruit.

Some of the aromatic herbs, such as lavender, rosemary, sage, mint, mugwort and rue also act as pick-me-ups to other plants. These herbs can be dried and finely

powdered before sprinkling around the garden to keep slugs, snails and even rats away. Before planting sprinkle seeds with this powder then cover with soil this also

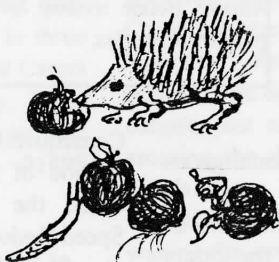
keeps pests away from roots. Sage, rosemary or mint planted near your cabbages will help to deter the cabbage butterfly, be careful though as herbs can take over the garden, so plant in pots then you can remove them later

Chives are another friend in the garden - planted near the roots of your apple tree it will help prevent scab disease, and chive tea can be used to control mildew on gooseberries and cucumbers, plus the rust which attacks the mint family. I could go on and on, it's so interesting reading how they went about looking after their gardens years ago, none of these weed killers or pesticides we have today were even thought of then.

The sun's back once again, so I'm off to try my hand at making some nettle brew to use in my garden. One last thing though if your gardens like mine, it's not moles at the moment but ants. I've just read where growing penny royal in the garden stops ants, so if you visit my garden you'll see it planted everywhere, (useful to know it also repels mosquitoes).

I've got to pay a visit to George Winfield though and find out what mugwort and rue are, I expect we call them something different these days!!

Happy gardening to you all, mind you visit the show on the 12th September, and I may even see you there.



## BAMPTON GARDENING CLUB NEWS

### Hanging Baskets, Small Gardens, etc.

Entrants of Classes 100-105 will find a list of winners pinned up in The Post Office. Please don't forget to come along to the show on Saturday 12th September to collect your prizes.

We would like to thank the Judges for all the time they put into judging for us. It must be a hard task to choose the final winners. The hard work that everyone puts into getting their gardens, hanging baskets, tubs and allotments ready goes without saying. Well done everyone!

### Registration Night

Don't forget - Registration Night is on Wednesday 9th September in the Town Hall 7 - 9pm. Late entries after this date will not be accepted.

Entry fees - Members 20p, Senior Citizens 15p and Non-members 25p (Children free).

### Cups and Trophies

Please can all of last years' prize winners return the cups and trophies before 31st August to Mrs Christine McLintock, 2 Weald Manor Cottage, Clanfield Road, Bampton, Tel: 850736. This will enable her to get them polished, etc., before they are needed once again.

The Show - 12th September

Staging takes place from 9-11am

Public viewing times - Disabled 2pm, Public 2.30pm

Presentation of Cups - 3.30pm

Raffle - 3.40pm

Auction of Items - 3.50pm

Please remember anything left after the raffle has been announced will automatically go into the Auction.

### Calendar of Events

Gardening Coffee Mornings start once again on Saturday 6th October and Saturday 7th November. These are held in the Town Hall 10am-12pm. Come along and visit us - we sell plants and produce, provide help with gardening problems and of course enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

### Talks and Trips

The next Coach Trip is to The Malvern Autumn Show on Sunday 27th September. This trip has been thoroughly enjoyed by all on previous visits. For more information please contact: **Ellen Parker, Tel: 843985.**

### Friends of St Mary's Bampton

## SECRET GARDENS OF BAMPTON

The Friends of St Mary's are extremely grateful to all those who agreed to open their gardens on Sunday 5th July 1998. £305 was raised and many people enjoyed a pleasant sunny afternoon viewing some of the lesser known gardens of Bampton. Mr & Mrs Tony Jenkin also provided a plant stall and served teas to those who took the time to explore down the Buckland Road. The Burford Garden Company kindly donated three £10 Gift Vouchers for a prize draw. Those who had visited most of the gardens qualified. The winners were; Mr and Mrs A. Brown, John and Aletta Warne and Mr Avery.



## LETTERS TO: AUNTIE BEAM

Dear Auntie Beam,  
Can you solve my curiosity?

Some of us elderly folk are puzzled as to why we still have a Police House in Bampton, yet, no resident officer. I remember when the two houses were built, we grew up and went to school with the policeman's children. We had far fewer houses here, but the families were very much larger! It was always to see the 'Bobby' on his beat

(sometimes on a bike), although after he had turned the corner, the pranks would often start - but I'm sure

he knew more than he let on!! I'm puzzled to know what the vacant Police House is now used for? Occasionally I have noticed a Police car parked there, but there's no sign of activity. Maybe I shouldn't ask, but I feel we have a right to know.

Yours  
A concerned Grandmother.

Dear Concerned Gran,

Yes, all of us are rather nostalgic for the time when there was a Bobby on a bicycle. It took only two phone calls before a very helpful Inspector from Carterton told me that the second Police House is in police ownership and is serving as a 'transitory office'. It looks like remaining in use as an office for the foreseeable future there being no plans at the moment for it to become the home of a local policeman. However, although if we phone the police we will still be dialling a Wantage number.

Yours Auntie Beam.

Dear Auntie Beam

Goodness! How thankful I am to be home! I have just 'dun' my shopping in our local

Londis store. Good marks for quality, price and varieties - but, oh, the horror of the tills!

Queues - no space on the counters - mind the door! - apologies! - push - shove - wait for cashiers to do the Lottery! - what no videos out today? - sorry, you'll have to move to the other till (no chance - I'd rather leave my shopping than go to the 'pathetic' bit of room allowed for shopping on there!). Oh, I could go on forever . . .

Please, please, Mr Scott, can we have an Entrance and Exit? Or even put the lottery and videos at the other end of the shop?

I remember when this first became a supermarket it did have two doors - the outside structure of a doorway is still there. Please help us to stay in our 'right minds' after such a fraught half-hour. And now, after a strong cup of Auntie Beam's Cure for All', I have just had another sudden thought - 'Fire Exits'. Where, Dear Auntie Beam, are they? Don't let's have a calamity before we realise just what could have been avoided.

Yours, A harassed shopper.

Dear Harassed shopper,,

I spoke to Mr. Scott about your suggestions and showed him your letter. He said he agreed that there is a problem with the tills but he constantly has to do a balancing act between the space that is available and the services he wants to give the public. If he opens the other door he loses a shelf space. But he has taken your letter away with him to 'give it some serious thought'. If a fire were to break out in Londis customers would of course use the exit via the store room at the back. I do know that the shop-keepers like to hear your suggestions. Auntie Beam.

Dear Auntie Beam

I live on the main road through Bampton and very much appreciate the work by the Parish Council and others to try and reduce the numbers of cars which drive through the village at excessive speeds. However, there is a limit to what can be done when an increasing number of people, including Bamptonians, have little consideration for the safety of others.



If you would like to write to Auntie Beam the address is Auntie Beam, c/o The Cotton Club Bridge Street, Bampton, Oxon. OX18 2HA. She will do her utmost to answer as many of your queries as space allows. Auntie Beam wishes to say that she cannot give out personal replies.

Consequently, I have devised an additional method of traffic calming, which I have called the 'Bampton Mobile Vehicular Speed Reduction Method'. The more people who use it, the more effective it becomes and, therefore, I thought that you may wish to advertise it in your esteemed publication.

Essentially, it involves driving through the village at no more than 25mph. To date my best effort has been 5 cars behind me in the time it took to drive from one end of the village to another. As a refinement to the basic system, when a car is driven really close behind me I slow down even more. After all, you never know when there might be a little hedgehog or fluffy bunny just round the corner. Best of all, even those drivers who drive far too fast seem to enjoy meeting me in my car and they invariably wave enthusiastically when they pass.

However, when I was in the Elephant last week, a friend suggested that hanging out of the car window and making one fingered victory signs wasn't really waving and I shouldn't give you my name and address for publication. If I thought that I was upsetting all these drivers so much that they wouldn't ever drive through Bampton again, I'd be very sad. Can you offer any advice?

Dear Confused,

No - no advice. Just carry on the good work. Those of us who live here are aware of how dangerous these speeding vehicles are, should try and stick rigidly to the 30mph speed limit, so as to remind other drivers to do likewise. I do think things will improve when we get the long awaited traffic measures in place.

Good Luck, Keep up the good work,  
Auntie Beam.



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# A friendly guide to the Cotswolds

Bampton may not be in the Cotswolds, but its not far off. The border of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) is only 7 or 8 miles away, roughly following the line of the A40. Burford and Minster Lovell therefore lie just within the



AONB, whereas Lechlade and Shilton are just outside the area: see the map for an idea of the actual boundary.

The Cotswolds AONB Service has the help of 200 or Voluntary Wardens, who aim to promote its enjoyment through a wide range of activities, including guided walks, varying in length from 4 to 11 miles. The walks are conducted throughout the year (weekdays and weekends) and are designed for all standards of

fitness, so there should be something for everyone in the two programmes that run from April to September and October to March each year.\*

The shorter walks usually take place in the morning; the longer walks include a halt for lunch, and a few take place on summer evenings. Many walks feature an optional pub meal, either halfway through the walk or as an enjoyable climax to the outing. The leaders interpret items of interest along the way (such as wildflowers, local history, architecture and archaeology) so the walks are relaxed and informal. They are sociable occasions and anyone coming alone soon feels they are among friends. Sensible clothing and footwear are advisable, but the walks never involve mountaineering and they're certainly not route marches!

You certainly don't have to be an experienced walker and the walks are ideal for anyone who isn't too sure about their map-reading, or is anxious about wandering off a legal footpath or meeting un-

friendly farmers or aggressive animals. They're great for anyone of either sex or any age who may be wary of walking alone: walk leaders are trained in First Aid and usually carry mobile phones in case of emergency.

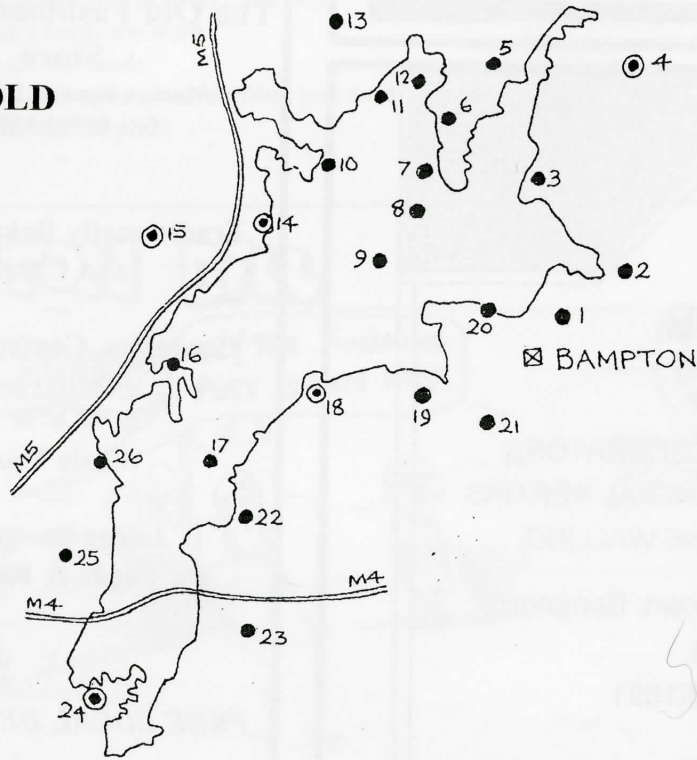
All Cotswold Warden's walks are free. The leader will produce a collecting tin at the end of the walk, but there's absolutely no obligation to make a donation. He or she will explain at the time how voluntary contributions are used for conservation work.

\*Programmes are available free of charge from Tourist Information Centres and most Libraries. Or send a self-addressed SAE to: Cotswold AONB Service, Environmental Dept, Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2TH or **Tel: 01452 425674**.

PS. New volunteer Wardens are also always welcome. Please contact the above address, or your nearest Warden, **Tel: 851273**.

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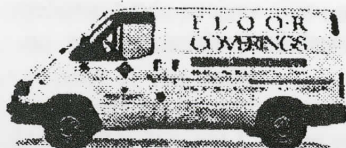
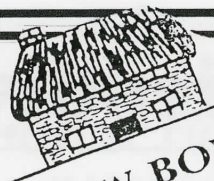
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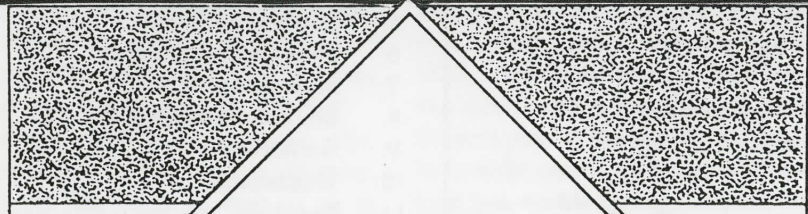
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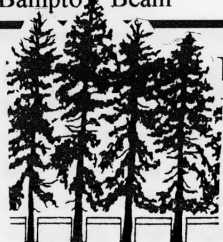


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## Bampton Enviro- mental Watch Group

By Mrs Margaret Bruce-Mitford

At the opening meeting in April, Christopher Hayhurst-France gave an extremely interesting lecture on the 'Lost Manor of Wick'. The Manor is recorded in mediaeval documents and through the efforts of archaeologists and other interested persons (such as the speaker), has been located in fields to the left of the road between Radcot and Faringdon.

Artefacts of differing phases of its history were displayed and, as the site was familiar to almost all of the audience, the Manor came gratifyingly alive.

The next meeting, on July 29th will deal with a more modern feature of the environment when Jeremy Iles, Regional Manager of Sustrans (the nationwide organisation that is exploring more sustainable means of transport), will talk about bicycle paths.

On October 28th we will be host to members of the local Council for the Protection of Rural England who will discuss their work with special emphasis on planning, hedgerows, rivers and brooks.

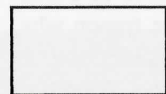
Meetings are held in The Village Hall at 8pm, with visitors welcome for a donation of £1. For further information, contact: **Jo Lewington, Tel: 850947.**

In the absence of the traditional May Street Fair on Bank Holiday Monday (4th May), BEWG flexed its muscles and set up a bric-a-brac stall in the Village Hall. We also rented tables to several other local charitable organisations - The British Legion Women's Section, Bampton Ladies and two Cat Protection Leagues.

The 'market' was well attended and purchasing was quite brisk - Bampton Ladies' produce and cake stall sold out within half an hour of opening! BEWG itself made over £300, and the other groups attending were also very satisfied with their day.

The first prize in the raffle was an extremely large teddy bear called Griselda. She was won by an 'expectant mum' who was delighted with this potential occupant of the nursery.

By way of a celebratory conclusion, the Workshop 'Fiddles and Feet' organised by the West Oxfordshire Arts Association for young people up to 15 years, gave a demonstration of its skills outside the Jubilee at 3.30pm, which was enjoyed by everyone..



## Christian Aid Supermarket Receipt Campaign

The Bampton and Aston Churches joined this campaign in March and April and, as many readers will know, we collected receipts from various supermarkets, totalling over £37,000. Given the size of Bampton and Aston and the short period of our campaign, this figure compares well with the £60,000 raised by Witney and Ducklington and £90,000 collected by Wantage and Grove. The highest value of receipts came from Sainsburys followed by Waitrose and Bampton's Londis.

The object of the campaign is to encourage supermarkets to ensure that the workers who produce goods for them are being fairly treated. We are therefore asking Sainsburys and Waitrose for details of their policies on the treatment of the Third World workers, as well for a list of the Fairly Traded Products that are available in their shops. We shall also be asking Londis to stock some Third World products. A wider range is available in the Oxfam shop in the Market Square, Witney. Sainsburys, Waitrose, Co-op and a number of other supermarkets already take their Third World obligations seriously and stock some products; a wider range is available in the Oxfam shop in the Market Square, Witney.

However, the supermarkets will not offer these products unless their customers buy them. If you support this campaign, please buy Fairly Traded Products such as Cafe-direct and Clipper teas whenever you can, and remember to ask for them when they are not available.

I will keep you posted.

For more information, contact: **Jill Ruck, Tel: 852010.**

## Freda's Memoirs

Recently, I was shown an aerial photograph of Bampton, and asked if I could identify one particular feature on it. The picture was taken in March 1944 and the feature in question was thought to be an avenue of trees in a field. I recognised the field, but I couldn't remember any avenue of trees in it. I was puzzled at first, but then I remembered that a detachment of white American troops moved into this field at this time, and pitched bell tents there. Having remembered this, lots of memories then came flooding back.

At that time, black American troops were stationed in the village and as, in those days, the black and white troops weren't allowed to mix, there was a lot of fighting between the two groups in the middle of Bampton, even to the extent of them driving lorries at each other.

Can anyone else remember this?

*Ed's note - Freda's story is a reminder of how racial segregation, legally enforced in the USA at that time, affected American troops stationed here during the war. It was not until the Civil Rights Movement, over a decade later, which was led by people such as Martin Luther King, that the situation in the USA began to change, and equal rights, along with the integration of the black population, were eventually given the force of law.*

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# OUT OF WORK FARMER - TURNED AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

by Don Rouse

You read it in The Beam first! The headline in the Daily Express on 13th April read 'Rip-off at the Butcher Counter'. The article went on to say that supermarkets were making huge profits on meat sales at the expense of farmers and shoppers, and quoted similar figures to those we quoted in the last issue of The Beam! So there you have it folks - if you want to keep abreast of the times, then make sure you become an avid reader of The Beam!

I know that our own local butcher was a bit upset by my comments, but it was the big supermarkets that I was getting at, not the tradesmen that keep our small towns and villages alive. Anyway, we're still talking and we still buy all our meat from him. He also says that it is a joy to serve me (was that a piece of tongue I saw in his cheek?).

### What happened to the MMB?

On the point of being supportive to our local traders, I would like to tell you of the tragedy that has befallen dairy farmers. In the good old days when the Milk Marketing Board (MMB) had total control over all milk sold in the UK, there was a stable milk price to both consumer and the farmer, controlled by the Government in conjunction with the MMB. Everyone was happy, except the Dairy Trade Federation who produce the butter and cheeses, etc., for selling in the shops. They were unhappy because they were also under a strict price control. One of their leaders managed to cry on Maggie Thatcher's bosom (they were after all very good friends!) and she, yielding to her maternal

instincts, took compassion on him and did away with the MMB. "Let there be a free trade," she cried. (This is the reason why you no longer see adverts advising you to 'drink-more-milk'.) When this happened, 90% of dairy farmers vowed to stick

these lower prices, because this would mean no cream for the fat cats who first sought Maggie's bosom! You can't have that! So, at the end of the day, those that thought they would make a fast buck have found they are now facing slow strangulation, because the big boys have all the power. My advice, for what its worth, is that what might appear to be so much cheaper in Witney won't continue to be if village traders close down, because if the big boys get a monopoly they will screw us all! The headline in my copy of the latest Farming News reads "Consumers paying 2% more for milk." But farmer's incomes are down 25%!!

**Ear Tagging - What's next?**  
I always find bureaucracy amusing (well it could be, but the Government is always so serious about such matters that one could end up in big trouble if one did not obey!) The latest law to come out



together and support Milk Marque (the then new sales wing of the MMB). Then along came the big companies that were part of the Dairy Trade Federation offering farmers more money for their milk if they sold direct to them. But instead of standing up and quoting a price off their own initiative they kept saying that their price would be higher than that offered by Milk Marque. Farmers should have smelt a rat, but they didn't. Over 40% succumbed to this seduction (a much better phrase than "money grabbing baskets")! They thought they were getting a good deal, and so they were for a time, but now, as the power of the big companies has increased and that of Milk Marque has decreased, the price paid to farmers for their milk has dropped dramatically, resulting in a mass exodus from the industry of the smaller operators who can no longer make ends meet. But, once again, the consumer is not benefiting from

of Brussels is to do with ear tagging. In the past, before the EEC, calves were tagged using a small metal tag, about 1 1/2" long and 0.3" wide in the right ear. These would last forever and recorded the farm number and the animal's individual number. Now the EEC say that we must insert a plastic tag in each ear and that each tag should carry the following information: country of origin, the farm holding number and, of course, the animal's individual number. These numbers should all be 'distance' readable, so that when the man from the Ministry calls he can read it from the roadside gate. (After all, we can't have him getting out of his nice warm car and going into the field in case he contravenes the health and safety at work regulations!) How big will the tags need to be to contain all this info? The mind boggles! Will the calves be able to lift up their heads? I've heard of force feeding, but this is ridiculous. I reckon this is fodder for



## Green versus Brown: a neutral's view

The Beam's resident cartoonist (Andy Halditch). The crazy thing is that, in my experience, plastic tags get caught in hedges and fences, and are usually ripped out (very painfully) within 2 years. Then you have to get the animal in and read the metal tag in the traditional way!

Is there anybody out there who, like me, wonders, when a new crazy rule is brought out, what the person who thought of it must look like? Are you surprised they're human?

### Yes, cows still have names

I had to laugh at a TV programme the other night, which showed the crazy things that happen on our roads. It showed two cows running along a dual carriageway, closely followed by a police car. The officer in the car was reading the numbers that were branded onto the cows' rumps over the radio to the central control officer as if they were a car number plate, hoping the DVLC could tell them who the owner was! These rump numbers are purely for management purposes and often coincide with the computer numbers that contain all the information pertaining to that animal. Yes, cows do still have names, but can you imagine the cost of branding the name 'Buttercup' across a rump? What about when her skin gets wrinkly - all you might see is 'burp'. There is a £5 prize for the reader who in the opinion of the Editor and her team can come up with the most amusing abbreviation of what could be a cow's name. Keep it clean though, my mum reads The Beam!

### Summer's Harvest

While it is nice to have a bit of rain in June to keep the grass growing and to swell the grain, even I, as an ex-dairy farmer, thought that June's rainfall was a bit over the top. It is going to make harvesting a bit difficult where the corn has been flattened. Modern combines are very adept at lifting up the heads of corn - a bit different to when we had to go out to lift them manually with pitchforks. It will mean that there will be a bit of dust flying around, but that is a lot better than the smoke that used to festoon Bampton years ago (from burning the stubble).

There are at least two sides to every disagreement, and the 'Greenie' versus Agriculture dispute calls for comment from someone who thinks he can understand something of both points of view. I ought to be reasonably well-

qualified to comment, since I've been sneered at for being a townie (by a hard-line farmer) and for being an apologist for farmers (by quite a few dedicated greenies)!

David Polle made some good points, but he was definitely unfair in accusing farmers of creating a new threat to mankind (i.e. BSE via the sue of unnatural feed supplements). It's well-known that feedstuff manufacturers consistently refused to divulge the constituents of their feeds, and I cannot believe that many farmers would have fed animal proteins to cattle if they had known. As for agrichemicals, from antibiotics to pesticides and herbicides, a farmer is many things, but no-one can expect him to be a chemist and he can only follow the guidelines issued by the people who make the stuff and abide by the demands of a whole range of Government organisations.

But Mr Rouse is also in error where BSE is concerned, since experts have certainly stated that unnatural feed supplements are to blame. The Somerset farmer who apparently blamed BSE on organophosphates (OPs) may also have a point (who knows, the stuff may have acted as a catalyst for the infection), but it's quite a few years since the lady farmer in Shropshire started the ball rolling when she suggested that neurological diseases in agriculture workers could be due to exposure to these same pesticides. A different subject, perhaps, but it serves to illustrate Mr Rouse's remarks regarding Government regulations and ultimate responsibilities. What about the responsibilities of whichever unnamed 'genius' (definitely not a farmer and probably not a civil servant at MAFF, but someone working for the feed manufacturers), who decided that feeding animal protein to vegetarian beasts was a good idea.

Mr Polle also mentions hunting and reckons the nation objects. He's probably correct, but exactly which part of the nation objects? The vast majority of people live in towns and, while I can appreciate the emotional revulsion caused by hunting, I venture to suggest that most of the urban electorate is not really qualified to vote on the matter. How many town-dwellers have seen what a fox can do in a chicken-coop for instance, or returned to a stand of newly planted saplings to find them ruined by deer?

As for cheap food policy dating back to the 1950s, how many farmers would like to compete in a truly free market? Some would, no doubt, especially if a free market policy also released them from some of the Government restrictions, but I bet there's quite a few who certainly wouldn't like to lose their subsidies.

Something is being done about replacing some of our woodlands, too, and I'm not referring to the 'community forest' projects. The evidence is there for anyone who cares to look. Many landowners are planting trees as commercial ventures or for the ecological benefits, e.g. by making use of awkward areas on their land.

And so I come to the matter of public access to the Countryside. It's been a long time since I found a blocked footpath. They have been opened up by pressure from interested parties, helped by County authorities and landowners, who have come to realise that most people keep to a path when it's kept clear and plainly marked. Access is one thing, however, but the so-called 'right to roam' is a horse of an entirely different colour. There may be a case for more freedom of access in moorland and mountain areas, but the fact of the matter is that there would be definite risks to both sides if people were allowed to wander willy-nilly across farmland (e.g. damage to crops and animals by people and their pets, and damage to people (and their pets) by crops, animals and machinery!). Farmland features, such as fences, hedges and drystone walls would inevitably both suffer and cause damage . . . or will each farmer be expected to install a stile in every field boundary? What will the next demand be, I wonder? Will farmers have to make sure there's no slippery mud and no nasty country smells? Will people demand the right to roam on their motorbikes too? Will they finally find somewhere appropriate to drive their off-road vehicles, other than taking the kids to school or to shop at Sainsburys?

Let me address my final remark to your agriculture correspondent, just to show I'm fair-minded. No, I'm afraid you can't picnic on my lawn - but then, unlike your farm, there wasn't a centuries-old footpath crossing my garden when I bought my house...!





## WEST OXFORDSHIRE ARTS ASSOCIATION NEWS AND EVENTS

The Gallery, Town Hall, Bampton, Oxon. OX18 2JH., Tel: 01993 850137

Opening hours during exhibitions:

Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am -12.30pm and 2pm - 4pm, Sunday 2pm - 4pm.

The Administrator is usually in the Gallery every Tuesday and Friday morning.

Membership fees - Single £12, Family £20, Student £5

### AUGUST

**Tuesday 4th-Sunday 30th August**

By Invitation - the Oxford Scribes - Summer Exhibition of Calligraphy.

All work will be for sale and there will be demonstration days and workshops. Cards and prints will be for sale.

### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday 13th-Sunday 27th September**

**WOAA Members' Annual Exhibition**

Come and see the latest creations by members. A wide range of works of art at good prices.

The Preview - to which all members and friends are cordially invited - will be held on Sunday 13th September at 11.30am.

### OCTOBER

**Sunday 4th-Sunday 18th October**

**PAST/PRESENT**

An exhibition of paintings and other works by Anita Graham-Dixon,  
and small sculptures and drawings by Michael Graham-Dixon.

**Saturday 24th October**

WOAA presents 'The Frozen Finger'. Victorian ghost stories performed by Jonathan Wyatt of the Impetus Theatre.

Highly recommended! 7.30pm in Bampton Village Hall (Bar from 7.00pm).

Tickets available at the Cotton Club, Bridge Street, Bampton from September.

### NOVEMBER

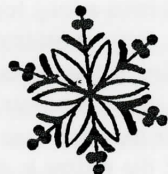
**Sunday 1st-Sunday 22nd November**

**IMAGES OF ELSEWHERE**

An eagerly awaited exhibition of new paintings (water colours and mixed media)

by Ann Manley and Dennis Harrison. Mainly landscapes,

inspired by recent visits to France, Greece, Venice, Suffolk and Cumbria.

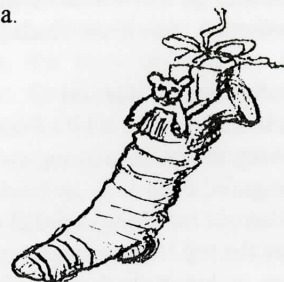


### DECEMBER

**Sunday 6th-Sunday 20th December**

**GIFTS IN THE GALLERY 1998**

An Aladdin's Cave of gifts for Christmas.



### WOAA NEWS

**The WOAA trip to the Bilbao Guggenheim Museum**

will depart on Tuesday 4th May 1999 and return on Tuesday 11th May. There are up to 30 places available;

the price will be about £460. For more information contact:

**Richard Morbey, Tel: 851004.**

**WEA/Rewley House/WOAA Literature Group**

Following the last successful course, Karen Hewitt will again be tutoring

'A question of influence' - contrasts and compares the works of WB Yeates, WH Auden, Elizabeth Gaskell, Thomas Hardy and the contemporary novelists David Lodge and Adam Thorpe.

Mondays 2.15pm-4.15pm in the gallery. Price: £76, which can be paid in two instalments. For further information contact:

**Margaret Bishop, Tel: 850412**



## WOAA Highlights

March, April, May and June

Variety has been the keynote of exhibitions in these past months. In March, an exhibition entitled 'Paint, Print and Glass' by Anthony Eyre, Brien O'Rourke and Di Gold highlighted the interesting contrasts between oil, monotype and stained glass as artistic media, and in April, 10 makers of stitched textile art from Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire demonstrated the effectiveness of yet another medium.

As a finale to this period, the members of Oxford Art Society put on a magnificent

exhibition of nearly 100 paintings and sculptures, all of a very standard and highly decorative. The new President, Patrick Proctor, who is a friend and contemporary of David Hockney, had two exhibits and the other 60 exhibitors included many familiar names including Anthony Baynes from Minster Lovell and Peter Ross, who won the Burford Garden Centre Spring Painting Competition in 1997.

Art Week in May was celebrated locally in Aston and Clanfield. Marsh Cottage Artists in Aston held an exhibition of water colours and pastels, and of patchwork bedspreads and cushions by Libby Calvert, who is a founder member of WOAA; Peter Farley, a former WOAA chairman had a highly successful exhibition of recent work in Clanfield.

In this year of photography, an exhibition entitled 'Responses to the Visual World' was held at the Gallery in June. Five photographers - Jill Staples, Virginia Khuri, William Bishop, Gunnel Rosengard and Rosemary Cockayne - showed personal work, all with different visions from representation to abstraction. If you really wanted to know what you could do with a camera, this was the exhibition to see!



## Forthcoming Exhibitions at the Robert Vesey Room, Bampton Library

This additional exhibition space is open on a regular basis during Library hours, providing a pleasant display area where visitors can find something both to interest and to refresh them. In the course of the next few months there will be a chance to see the work of Jean Rome, Anne Allen-Stevens, Isabelle Spencer and Felicity Cormack among others. Do call in!

### Revised Library Opening Hours from July

Monday 1-5pm, 6-7pm; Wednesday 10-12pm; Thursday 2-7pm; Saturday 10-12am.

### Robert Vesey Room Opening Hours

Monday 2.30-4.30pm; Wednesday 10-12pm; Thursday 2.30-4.30pm; Saturday 10-12am.

## FIDDLES AND FEET WORKSHOP

by Joan Holloway and Felicity Cormack

Our next three workshops will culminate in a Family Barn Dance with display items on 5th December in Bampton Village Hall. All are welcome. Information regarding tickets will be in the WOAA calendar for November, December, January and February. The calendar is free of charge and available at the Gallery during the relevant period.

Fiddle playing and dancing for young people will be continuing in the Autumn - please contact Felicity Cormack for more information, Tel: 01367 242293.



### Music and Dancing in the Market Square.

On 4th May, eight children, aged 8-11 years, performed outside the Jubilee as part of the 'Fiddles and Feet' group, to a gratifyingly large crowd.

They performed a dance for 4 players and 4 dancers, followed by a dance for 5 players and 3 percussionist, and finished with a dance for 8, accompanying themselves on the fiddle and leading of still playing.

We'd like to say thank you to everyone who came along to watch and for the supportive comments, and we hope to see you again next year.





# THE COOKERY PAGE

By Gilly French

As I write this, more than halfway through June (a week past the deadline as usual), it appears that the relentless rain has at last stopped and the sun has successfully won its battle through the clouds. Out comes the barbecue, which has been sitting forlornly in the garage since last August, and we try to remember what to do with it. Barbecues, or rather the mechanics of them, have never been my family's strong point. Usually ours reaches the right temperature a good hour after we've eaten, and we've pretty much given up providing barbecued courses to dinner parties because my husband (its men's work in our household) has never mastered the intricacies of the timing. Then there is the complication of the actual cooking to overcome. My best barbecue cookbook is devoted half to kettle barbecues and half to open barbecues and I have never managed to work out why there should be a difference! So why have I devoted this column to a technique about which I openly admit ignorance? The answer is that I do have some rather good recipes to share.

*This is from Claudia Roden's splendid guide to outdoor eating, Picnic:*

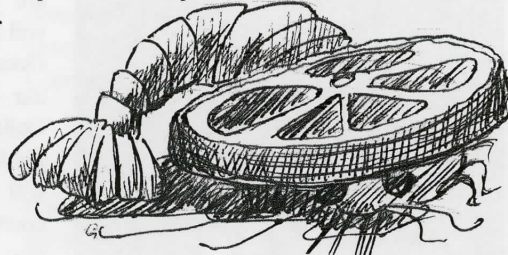
## Seekh Kebabs

2 lb minced lamb  
1 tsp. ground cumin  
2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
Pinch nutmeg  
Pinch mace  
Pinch ground cloves  
1 tsp. garam masala  
Seeds from 3 cardamon pods  
1 large onion, grated  
1" piece ginger, crushed  
3 cloves garlic, crushed  
Squeeze of lemon juice  
3 tbsp. natural yoghurt  
Fresh coriander, mint and parsley, all chopped  
1 or 2 chillies, minced, or ½ tsp. chilli powder (these can be omitted)  
Salt and pepper  
Mix together, leave to stand in a cool place for a couple of hours, then either mould around skewers or shape into burger. Cook until done.

*This recipe is from the Dean and Deluca Cookbook.*

## Prawns with lime and coriander

1 bunch fresh coriander  
8 spring onions, chopped  
2 green chillies  
2 tsp. chopped garlic  
2 tsp. ground cumin  
Pinch turmeric  
1 lb uncooked prawns, peeled (you could include some scallops as well).  
Mix together the ingredients for the marinade and marinate the prawns for 8-12 hours. Grill until done (about 3 minutes). Serve with a garnish of salt, pepper, chilli powder, lime juice and coriander leaves.

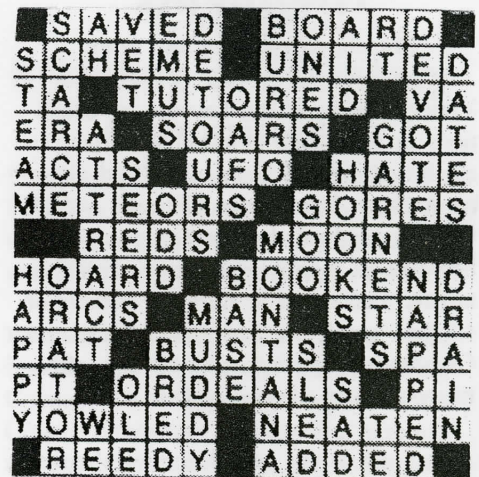


*This is an excellent vegetarian recipe.*

## Halloumi and Pineapple

1 packet halloumi  
1 small fresh pineapple  
Olive oil  
Nut oil (optional)  
Pineapple juice  
Dijon mustard  
Salt and pepper  
Peel pineapple and chop into cubes (you could use tinned pineapple if you wish, but the texture is a little too soft). Cube the halloumi (a Greek cheese that doesn't easily melt on heating).  
Make a dressing consisting of 4 tablespoons of oil - equal quantities of olive and walnut/hazelnut oils - a dessertspoon of dijon mustard and a dessertspoon of pineapple juice. Season to taste and marinate the cheese and pineapple for a couple of hours before grilling until done (about five minutes).

### Solution to BEAM PRIZE CROSSWORD APRIL 1998



Thank you to all those who took part in April's crossword competition. The record number of entries, and lots of letters. The winner of our 'Rollover Crossword Competition' is Mrs Trish Pickford, Rosemary Cottage, Rosemary lane, Bampton. We are not having a crossword puzzle this month, but anyone can take part in counting how many spelling mistakes they can find while reading The Bampton Beam. Send answers to usual address. £5 for the winner.

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### Diary of Forthcoming Events

#### August

4th - 30th The Gallery **Exhibition of Calligraphy**  
 29th Friends of Bampton School **Table Top Sale** Village Hall  
 31st SPAJERS **DONKEY DERBY**

#### September

7th Methodist Chapel **Drop-In Re-opens** 12am - 2pm  
 9th Gardening Club **Registration Night** Town Hall 7 - 9pm  
 12th Gardening Club **ANNUAL GARDEN SHOW** Village Hall  
 13th Methodist Chapel **Harvest Festival** 11am - 12pm 6 - 7pm  
 13th - 27th **WOAA Members Annual Exhibition** The Gallery  
 18th Friends of Bampton School **Bingo** School Hall  
 19th Youth Club **Boot Sale** Youth Centre 10am  
 26th Cancer Research **Coffee Morning** Village Hall  
 27th Gardening Club **Trip to Malvern Show**

#### October

The Pumpkin Club **WEIGH - IN** Village Hall  
 4th - 18th The Gallery **Past / Present**  
 6th Gardening Club **Gardening Morning** Town Hall 10am - 12pm  
 17th WOAA **Barn Dance** Village Hall 8pm  
 24th WOAA **'The Frozen Finger'** Village Hall 7.30pm  
 28th BEWG **'Protection of Rural England'** Village Hall 8pm

#### November

1st - 22nd The Gallery **Images of Elsewhere**  
 7th Gardening Club **Gardening Morning** Town Hall 10am - 12pm  
 8th Royal British Legion **Memorial Service** The Market Square 10.45am  
 8th St Mary's Church **Memorial Service** 11.15am  
 8th Methodist Chapel **Memorial Service** 6pm  
 18th Cancer Research **Bingo** The Bush Centre

#### December

6th - 20th WOAA **GIFTS IN THE GALLERY 1998**  
 11th Friends of Bampton School **Carol Concert** School Hall  
 18th Cancer Research **Country & Western Dance** Carterton Social Centre

Please let us have your Notice Board and Diary entries before the next deadline - 31st October 1998

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**Admissions to the Show, Adults 30p, Senior Citizens 15p,**

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**Presentation of Cups and prizes - 3.30pm**

**Raffle and Auction commencing 3.40pm**

## **REGISTRATION NIGHT**

**Bampton Town Hall, Wednesday 9th September 7 - 9pm**

**Non-members 25p, Members 20p, Senior Citizens 15p,**

**Children free**

**Late entries after this date will not be accepted.**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1998**

**Tuesday 22nd September - Trip to Malvern Autumn Show**

**For more information contact Ellen Parker, Tel: 843985**

**Wednesday 14th October - Talk 'An Evening of Bonsai'**

**in The Village Hall, Bampton 7.30pm**

**Gardening Coffee Mornings - Saturday 3rd October and 7th November**

**in The Town Hall, Bampton 10 - 12am**

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