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YES! THE MOSIAC'S COMING TO TOWN

By Sally Proctor, Administrator for WOA Gallery.

On 15 October 2001, £9,450, the bulk of the money needed for the completion of the Bampton Millennium Mosaic, was awarded to West Ox Arts by the Regional Arts Lottery Programme. West Ox Arts initiated the idea of a pavement mosaic to celebrate Bampton in the year of the millennium in 1999, and as well as pursuing this idea through the labyrinth of lottery application forms, is contributing £1,000 towards it. Bampton Parish Council is also contributing £1,000, as well as having had the site re-paved. With the new notice board and the seat round the tree, the whole area now looks so much smarter, and when the mosaic is installed next May, this will add the finishing touch to an area we can all be very proud of.

Bampton people, including Bampton School, the Youth Club and the Bush Club, have all had the chance to take part in the creation of the mosaic, and those who attended Ros Wates' work-

remains of grants from phase I (from West Oxfordshire District Council) and phase II (from Awards for All). West Oxfordshire District Council has agreed to keep the mosaic clean, and

Oxfordshire County Council will insure and maintain the site. All this backup helped to persuade Southern Arts that this was a worthwhile project, and West Ox Arts will take future responsibility for the surveillance of the site.

The volunteers forming the Millennium Mosaic Project Committee are Ernest Rosengard (chairman), Ailsa Matheson (minute secretary), Angie Bell and Sally Proctor, with much help and advice from Hannah

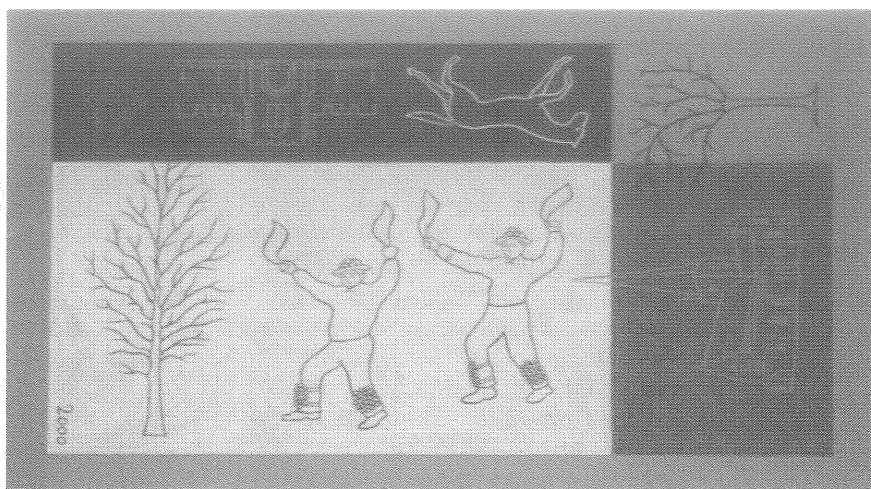
Cervenka, W.O.D.C. Arts Development Officer.

This committee has found an artist, persuaded the various authorities, effected the project and dealt with the paperwork - have you **any** idea how much time and effort those last four words imply? Ernest knows only too well!!

All this has been done with the goodwill of the West Ox Arts Management Committee, so that Bampton can have a piece of modern art in a centre site, to complement its historical beauty.

Ros will be holding 'drop-in sessions' in the Middle Room at the Town Hall on Tuesday 19th February, from 2-4.30pm., and 7-9pm and on Wednesday 20th February from 10am-12.30pm and 2-4.30pm. When you will be able to help make the actual mosaic!!

The mosaic will be unveiled on the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations on Tuesday 4th June at 12 noon.



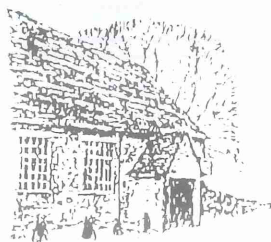
This is the design for the mosaic by Ros Wates, to be installed in May 2002, and unveiled on Tuesday 4th June 2002.

shops in 2000 enjoyed the opportunity to find out about this art-form, and to work with a very knowledgeable artist.

West Ox Arts was allowed to keep the



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Saving our Services

*By Jonathan Phillips,
 District Councillor*

In the past two years Bampton has lost the Market Square Garage, Health Matters, Chennells - hairdresser, The Paper Shop, Taylor Associates - Financial Services. New 2 You closed in the summer but happily this has been taken over by Outerwear from Alvescot, a welcome addition to our dwindling number of shops. The Flower Mill is sadly the latest departure. How can we prevent more closures apart from the Parish Council's 'Use it or Lose it' campaign? The loss of the Jubilee Pub has certainly had a detrimental effect on the commercial-heart of Bampton.

After nearly eight years on the District Council I have become convinced that building more and more houses has little or no effect on keeping services - although many more low-cost houses for local people are desperately needed here. The large housing developments which were built in the 70s & 80s did nothing to halt the closure of shops. The real answer lies in providing more jobs in Bampton which will keep local people here during the day and possibly bring in others to make use of such facilities as the Bank, the Post Office, shops and pubs.

Bampton is the largest village in West Oxfordshire which does not have a light industrial estate or Business Park. Should one be built to provide local jobs? Many people now run businesses from home and might like a small unit in a local business park as their business expands. There may be others in Bampton who would like to start up a business if premises were available. Do please let me know if you fit these categories.

In a survey recently West Oxfordshire

to advertise these? There is a great shortage of beds for visitors wanting to stay here and self-catering accommodation is much in demand. Bampton is an ideal place to stay on holiday for all age groups as it is within easy reach of so many tourist attractions - Oxford, Cheltenham, Bath, the Cotswolds and even London (thanks to excellent coach service from Oxford) - without being in any way a tourist trap. More first class accommodation would encourage visitors who would spend money in local shops and help keep the facilities for residents as well. Those who already have self-catering cottages or B&B can testify to the number of enquiries they have and how many potential bookings have to be turned down. Farmers wanting to diversify and others with spare room might well be interested in

this type of business venture. The Tourism Officer at West Oxfordshire District Council would be happy to give advice.

I am convinced that providing jobs here and encouraging low-key tourism could be the answer to saving our services. As District Councillor I would be very interested to hear from anyone who has views on this subject and ideas for reversing the trend of shop/business closure. The Parish Council would also value suggestions. Please write, telephone or email: **Jonathan Phillips, Haytor, Lavender Square, Bampton OX18 2LR** Tel: 01993 850321 Email: philipsj@ukgateway.net.

Bampton Village Hall

The kitchen floor has recently been renewed with a slip-resistant vinyl sheeting. There are plans to install a 'hearing loop' and sound system in the hall in the coming year.

The cellar continues to flood occasionally and it is impractical to keep furniture down there. The Committee has decided to get rid of the 5 heavy wooden tables with folding legs and the old metal frame wooden chairs.

If anyone has any use for these items, please get in touch with **Susan Phillips** Tel: 850321.

BAMPTON '250' CLUB

A monthly lottery which raises money for The Bampton Village Hall and The Bampton Youth Centre.

List of Winners

JULY

£25	001	Mr & Mrs Battersby	Buckland Road
£15	076	Mrs R Walker	New Road
£15	191	Mrs M Smith	Church Street
£15	096	Dr S Perry	Broad Street

AUGUST

£25	220	Mrs B Daw	Chetwynd Mead
£15	188	Mrs B Sapsford	Church Street
£15	126	Mrs R Bishop	Fox Close
£15	192	Mrs A Bardsley	Calais Dene

SEPTEMBER

£100	005	Mr Drew	Ampney Orchard
£25	162	Mr & Mrs Wooloff	Chandler Close
£15	118	Miss D Thompson	Cheyne Lane
£15	007	Mr C Rossie	c/o Church View
£15	056	Mrs D Gaydon	Broad Street

OCTOBER

£25	151	Mr J Gascoigne	Lavender Place
£15	166	Mrs S Brooks	St. Mary's Court
£15	034	Mr & Mrs Williams	Bushey Row
£15	156	Mrs L Poole	Bowling Green Close

BAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

By David Hawkins, Chairman, Bampton Parish Council

Golden Jubilee Plans

A very successful meeting took place to start planning Village celebrations for the Golden Jubilee on **Tuesday 4th June** next year. Most Bampton organisations were represented and the many suggestions included a special peel of bells to start the celebrations, a combined church service, 'Pub Lunches' at our five inns, traditional sports afternoon at the Recreation Field, early evening street parties in safe areas (organised on a self-help basis), and finally a grand barn dance in the Market Square. Additionally, prizes will be given to the best-decorated private house and commercial building. More details later.

Bampton to Oxford Bus Service

Thames Travel has been again awarded to contract to continue their very good service between Bampton and Oxford. We will be encouraging them to put copies of the timetables at each of their pick-up points.

Please use this service or we may lose it!

West Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011

The Parish Council was pleased to note that the first draft of the local plan concentrates new housing developments in Witney, Carterton, Chipping Norton, and Woodstock, in order to meet the requirement of 6,750 new homes in the West Oxfordshire area before 2011.

Only infilling, or rounding-off would be allowed in Bampton, and there would be no outward expansion beyond the existing built-up areas. With nearly 30 new dwellings being built at the moment, we are already providing our share of the target.

Litter

Although a lot of your rates goes on the collection of litter from pavements

and footpaths, we seem to be fighting a losing battle if children continue to throw paper and cans all over the Village. Parents, please encourage your offspring to use the litter bins. Dog owners, please continue to use the dog bins - several owners of late have forgotten to do so.

Booster Packs for Mobile Phones

Orange approached the Parish Council earlier this year to ask whether we would allow them to put up 2 booster packs on the Town Hall to improve reception for mobile phones in the village. They offered a rent of some £2000 per year which would have helped to reduce the Parish rates. The Council were assured by Orange that the packs which, would be about the size of a burglar alarm, would be very low powered and the radiation, even if you could get close to them, would be no more than a 100w bulb next to your bedside. We agreed to proceed up to the planning stage but we also sought advice from an independent advisor. He agreed that although the power was indeed low, the long-term effects of such radiation were uncertain. At this point, and after listening to the concerns of several residents, the project has been dropped.

Changes on the Allotments

A committee has recently been formed from amongst the allotment holders to co-ordinate requests to the Parish Council for improvements to this valuable facility.

Marion Dowding, who is the Councillor responsible for allotments, chaired the initial meeting to set up the new arrangements, and she has been given £250 to fund a number of self-help projects at the site.

Please call her on 850167 if you would like to go on the waiting list for a half or full plot.

Wish List for Recreation Field

The Council produced a 'wish list' of small projects that we hoped to complete in 2001 to improve the Recreation Ground even further. By careful management of the small budget, we have now introduced car park lighting, the complete repainting of the multisport, the relining of the tennis courts and the construction of 2 cricket practice nets. The resurfacing of the main entrance to the carpark, which suffered flood damage last winter, is underway. The Pavilion and other facilities at the ground can be booked on **Tel: 01993-852483 or 078-5553-7559**.

Market Square Mosaic

The Council congratulates WOA on getting lottery funding to enable them to proceed with the Bampton Mosaic, which will be positioned next to the circular seat in the Market Square. Work will start, we understand, in late spring.

New Books on Bampton

The Council was pleased to hear of two new publications being released in October.

'*Bampton Folklore*' by John Blair is on sale at 'Emmies' at £5.95. This 48-page illustrated paperback describes morris-dancing, mumming and other traditions in Bampton (including ghost stories!).

The second publication is '*Bampton - The Way it Was*' by Freda Bradley. Freda has lived in Bampton for over 70 years. Both her parents came from Bampton, so her Bampton knowledge goes back a very long time. The book is on sale at 6 shops in Bampton.

The Bampton Website

The official website for Bampton can be found at

www.bamptonoxon.co.uk.

The website contains a wealth of information on the Village, and is now being accessed by people all over the world - see 'Letters and e-mails to the Editor'. With Christmas coming, why not help advertise the Village, by including our web address in your Christmas card greetings to your family and friends? Every little bit helps!

START UP

and Expansion Rate Relief Grants

Are you involved in manufacturing, storage, distribution or the production of IT hardware/software?

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- Register of available land and business premises in West Oxon.
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THE BAMPTON RECREATION GROUND

Buckland Road, Bampton.

Bampton Archery Club Summer of Success

By John Hill, Chairman Bampton Archery Club

With the nights drawing in the Archery Club will once again move indoors to use the range facility within the pavilion. This excellent facility has helped develop the club's skills and accuracy over the long winter months and this season has seen the Bampton Archery Club taken full advantage of this. Back in July, the club won its first team competition, an annual friendly with established Oxford club the Cherwell Archers. It has to be said that this was actually our fifth attempt at competing with the Cherwell Club but more importantly it has shown how the Bampton Archers have developed over the years. Currently with over 30 members the club has a friendly base of people who spend their Wednesday evenings enjoying this relaxing sport. Nonetheless the first victory has given the club encouragement for the future. This includes our junior archers who have developed tremendously under our club coach Gerald Mills (now affiliated as coach with the Grand National Archery Society). This coming year we hope to increase the number of entrants into the Annual County competitions and develop our skills even more.

Yes, gone are the warm and bright summer nights, but after founding the club back in 1996 I for one will remember that proud evening back in July. Collecting the first trophy for the Bampton Archery Club on behalf of our winning team will be one of those memories to cherish.

If you are interested in joining the Archery Club, please contact **Gerald Mills** (Coach) **Tel: 850670** or **John Hill Tel: 850513**.

Other Sporting Activities held in the Recreation Ground

Bampton-in-the-Bush Cricket Club
Sec: Pauline Smith Tel: 851503.
The next AGM will be held on Wed.
31st January, 8pm, at the Horseshoe.

Bampton Youth Football Club:
Sec: Mrs Mandy Bowman, Tel:
850116.
Under 13's Adrian Smith Tel:
212549.
Under 9's Alan Day Tel: 210093
Under 6's Philip Walker Tel: 852361
Meetings at The Talbot Hotel every
1st Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

Bampton Tennis Club:
Membership Sec: John Williams Tel:
850680.

Bampton Archery Club:
Chairman: John Hill Tel: 850513.

Short Mat Bowls:
Mr G. Taylor Tel: 850566.

Other Sporting Activities held in Bampton

Bampton Town Football Club
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Sec: Mr S. Paintin Tel: 850871

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822327.
Enquiries: Trevor Gardner Tel:
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Clay Pigeon Sunday 10-12am

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Meets every Tuesday 10 -12am in
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1pm – 6pm	£20 per session
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6pm – 1am	£60 per session
Wedding Receptions	
Whole Day	
8am – 1am	£150 per day/eve
Football Pitch	£25 per game

For more information on charges and facilities for hire please contact:
Derek Moscrops - Home Tel: 851354 or Mobile Tel: 07855 537559.

Shillbrook Wood

By Colin Allport.

The site is being prepared for planting and this is expected to be carried out early in the New Year. This operation will be much smaller than the Millennium planting of November 2000, with only 1 ½ acres to be covered, but it is intended to use this opportunity to introduce more variety into the woodland, and to ensure that the public right of way is enclosed in the most interesting way.

The woodland will be a village amenity for all time and we would very much like to make the planting entirely a village effort. A number of volunteers have already indicated a willingness to help but more are needed, and anyone owning a spade who would like to participate should contact **Colin Allport at Wheelgate House, Market Square - Telephone 850411.**

WODC NEWS

by Jonathan Phillips
District Councillor

Fly Posting

The District Council 'hit squad' is at work removing posters stuck to trees, lampposts and other street furniture. It is, in fact, illegal to put posters up in these places and prosecutions are in the pipeline for persistent offenders. The Council will allow charitable and community posters for local events but please **don't** put them up too far in advance of the event. The organisation will be held responsible for taking them down **as soon as the event is over**. If you leave them up, you could be prosecuted.

Has your car reached the end of its life?

If so, don't just dump it. West Oxfordshire District Council will take it away for **FREE** if you let them know before the end of March 2002. If you have a car that needs to be removed, **Tel: 01993 770222**.

A Thank You to Carers

Jonathan Phillips, as District Councillor, hears from many people in Bampton how grateful they are for the care they receive from those who provide help at home. On behalf of the community he would like to thank the District Nurses, the Health Visitors, the Surgery Staff, the Home Helps and the many unpaid volunteers who give their time and expertise to help those in need. We are fortunate to live in such a caring community.

Elections May 2002

Parish and District Council elections will take place in May. Bampton has 11 Parish Councillors and although some of the present Council will seek re-election there will also be places to fill. Bampton needs energetic and committed people to take an interest in local affairs. If you would like to see improvements or changes in the way things are run in Bampton, here is your chance to have your say. If you could offer some of your time, **stand for election to the Parish Council**. Bampton would value your contribution.

Under the review of local electoral areas Bampton will be linked with Clanfield and Black Bourton and will be represented by 2 councillors on West Oxfordshire District Council. It is very important that councillors should live in their electorate if at all possible so that they know what people need and want from their representatives particularly in the fields of Planning and Housing. If you are interested in this very worthwhile job, contact Jonathan Phillips Tel: 850321 who would be delighted to explain what is involved. We need people who are prepared to give something for the good of the community.

News from Bampton Primary School

By Jenny McCardle

The autumn term has got off to an excellent start with the school gaining International School Award status. This was achieved with joint efforts from staff pupils and volunteers. A presentation pack was put together and sent to a Central Bureau in London for consideration. This pack contained a wealth of information illustrating how an international theme is incorporated into everyday life in the school, broadening the horizons of the pupils. Topics presented included special assemblies, charity collections, poetry, dance and song projects, after school clubs and our Bampton Bears.

National Poetry Day

National Poetry Day was celebrated throughout the week with each class selecting and presenting to the whole school their choice of poem. The week culminated with a special visitor reading poems to the children. Many children took part in the summer holiday project, the theme being "Images of Bampton". A lot of hard work was put in by the children who choose to take part. They were all rewarded by being able to select a free book from the book fair, which was held in October.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival saw the school collecting foodstuffs for Romania. The gifts will be transported together with the shoeboxes stuffed full of goodies during November.

School Clubs

The list of after school clubs continues to grow thanks to the volunteers with a multitude of talents. We now have Art, Violins, Recorders, Fabric Design and Sewing, Football, Choir, Keyboard, Netball, French and Gardening. The Netball and Football teams have recently commenced matches against neighbouring schools.

FOBS

Friends of Bampton School (FOBS) raised £4,436 last year. £4,000 has been pledged to the new paved seating area, which is under construction. This will provide a quiet haven for children who may want a break from the rough and tumble of the playgrounds. Smaller projects FOBS have funded this year were swimming pool equipment and Life Guard training, playground equipment and skipping workshop (another of these fun and healthy days is planned), and gift tokens for children's prizes.

The next FOBS events are

**Saturday 7th December
School Christmas Bazaar 3pm.**

Lots of activities and stalls, including a raffle, toys and books, Christmas crafts, tombola, face painting, and of course, Father Christmas!

**Saturday 14th December
Christmas Carols Around Village from 6.30pm.**

All money raised goes to the school funds, so please do come along and give us your support.

LETTERS and E-MAILS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

I have lived in Bampton all of my life, along with my parents, brother and sister. Most of my other relatives live in and around Bampton. Both my sets of grandparents and great grandparents lived in Bampton. Yet I have had to move out of the Village when I married, because there appears to be no support for young couples in Bampton who are trying to find somewhere to live.

In my quest to find accommodation other than with my parents I spoke to Mr Philips in January 2000 to see if he could help in any way. After checking our position on the council waiting list, Mr Philips told us that we were at the bottom of the list because we were a married couple, and I was not pregnant. I wonder if I was single and pregnant would I be higher up the list?

I married my fiancée in November 2000 in Bampton - a happy occasion attended by all of my local relatives as well as many other local people. We have a small 1-bedroom flat in Witney next to a bus stop. At first we thought the bus stop would be an advantage but it soon turned out not to be as the buses run all night. People who use the stop late at night are often noisy and use abusive language; and some seem to think it is fun to bang loudly on its sides and roof.

For this and other reasons, my husband and I decided that we would try and move back to my 'home' village of Bampton. However things were not that easy, house prices in Bampton are high and we could not get a mortgage big enough to allow us to buy even a small 1-bedroom flat.

In August 2001, *The Bampton Beam* published an article about new houses to be built behind the fire station for local people with local connections to the village. It said 'for further information contact Mr Philips', so I eagerly contacted Mr Philips and was told, "Go to the local council and show a keen interest and contact the people responsible for building the houses." After many trips down to the council offices on Church Green I

have almost given up hope, because each time I go to the housing department and enquire about new houses being built in Bampton, I

am told by the lady behind the counter "I don't know", and am handed some forms to fill in and update in case my circumstances have changed.

I also contacted the West Oxfordshire Citizens Housing Association who are building the houses. They were more helpful, and the lady at the end of the phone advised us to try for a part buy part rent house as we had a better chance of getting one of these houses than a flat from the council's social housing stock. I was sent forms from the West Oxfordshire Housing Association, which I filled in and sent back along with a letter asking for more information, as it became available. In less than a week I had received a reply telling me my information had been received and I had been added to their waiting lists and further details would be sent as they became available.

To date, both my husband and I have filled in the same sets of forms for the local council over half a dozen times, yet not once have we received a reply from them to tell us that our information has been received, or any advice on the possibilities for a house in Bampton. We are still no further forward than when we first applied to the council in August 1999, and no one in the council seems willing or able to help us.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Walgroves, nee Buckingham

Hi Fred

I enjoyed very much reading the history of the village (on the Bampton website) and was particularly interested to read that my ancestor William DUTTON opened a shop on Mill St in 1751. Can you tell me anything further about William or where this information came from? Or can you put me in touch with the village historian or someone who would know or who wrote this history? I am trying to trace William's ancestry as he is my oldest known relative in the DUTTON family. I am descended through his son Leonard. I am interested in whether or not he was connected to the DUTTONS of nearby Sherborne.

So far we have not been able to find William's birth place. We do have a will he left upon his death in 1568. Thanks very much for any help or advice you can offer Fred.

Sandra Dawson

Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

Dear Fred

Is there anyone locally who can assist with the history of a local family the Duttons? I am trying to link the family in Lew, Bampton, in the 1500s, with the Duttons of Sherborne. Any help would be gratefully received.

Sincerely

Bob Bartlett

Hi Sandra; thank you for the e-mail, and I hope I can point you in various directions to help you find the information you seek! First of all, I received another e-mail on the Duttons this week, and am herewith copying Bob Bartlett, to put you in touch with each other. The other avenue you might like to try is contacting the Oxford Central Library. Unfortunately, the library is closed at the moment for building works, and I'm not sure they will answer e-mails at the moment, but try them on www.oxfordshire.gov.uk. Thirdly, my wife's sister lives in Sherborne, and we are going to send both your e-mails to her, and see what she can dig up there! Fourthly, my wife is the Editor of our local newspaper 'The Bampton Beam', and we will include your e-mail in the next edition and see if we get any response. The reference material I used to develop the history of Bampton for the Website is referenced on the Webpage, and those books are all I have. However, I'm sure the Oxford Library will be able to provide you with the titles of further books which may help. Hope this helps, and good luck with the hunting! I'll get back in touch if we hear anything from Sherborne, or from the 'Beam'.

Regards

Fred Gray

Dear Editor

We would appreciate it if you could advise our Bampton friends the following. 'As of 4th November 2001, *The Flower Mill* is relocating to *Mill Race Farm, Mill Lane, Black Bourton, OX18 2PJ*. Our service will con-

tinue, except for a change in opening hours - please call 01993 850436 for further information'. Our thanks to all our customers and friends for the support you have given us. We hope that as many of you that are able will continue to use our service. We have enjoyed the years we have spent in Bampton, and the lovely people we've been privileged to meet. We will miss you all.

Christine & Terry Pope

Dear Editor

I have very fond memories of Bampton, my husband and I ran the *George & Dragon*, Cheapside for 27 years, until we retired and moved closer to Oxford. We moved after 15 years to live near our daughter in Devon. My friend Vera Edward sends me *The Bampton Beam* and *Contact* to keep me in touch with the changes. The 'Beam' is very good, especially the August magazine. We always came to see the Morris Dancers on Bank holiday Monday, and see old friends. Sadly Fred passed away in June. Best wishes for the future of *The Bampton Beam*. Long may it continue. I am looking forward to the next issue.

Ileane Hammond

Paignton

Dear Mrs Gray

Since I do not know exactly who they are, perhaps I could use the 'Beam' to thank those who were in any way responsible earlier this year for enlarging the drainage ditch which runs close to Weald Street, but is on private land. The work is of significance, because it has increased the capacity of the ditch and thereby reduces the risk of flooding to which some properties in Weald remain liable.

As winter approaches and recalling the floods which affected some parts of the country last year, anything which landowners and others can do to ensure that drains and ditches are not blocked could prove invaluable. Many thanks for the excellent magazine, always interesting and stimulating.

Yours sincerely

Geoff Soames

Dear Editor

I have played in Bampton Classical Orchestra's orchestra, danced in it,

and painted scenery, but before this year, I had simply never watched it! The work this year, *The Philosopher's Stone*, is a fairy tale opera written by a group of composers for a suburban opera house in Vienna in 1790. Mozart was involved in a minor way, and this music sounds Mozartian - witty and melodious. In fact all the works chosen by *Bampton Classical Opera* are of course from the classical period. So all have been immensely accessible to anyone, easy to listen to, musical comedy of the eighteenth century!

A year after the original first performance of *The Philosopher's Stone*, Mozart used another fairy tale libretto from the same source for his opera *The Magic Flute*, and I for one am off to find a way to hear this now. Classical opera really is delightful and it's happening in Bampton! So if anyone missed *The Philosopher's Stone* (complete with spaceman and a dance for the dalek!), don't miss next year's chance to have a go at opera.

Yours sincerely

Felicity Cormack

Dear Editor and Fred

Robert Daniel "Danny" Ricketts who contacted you through your website has the wrong Bampton - he needs the Cumbrian village of the same name.

My family has a similar Lord Wharton's Bible used as a family Bible since it was awarded to my great, great, great uncle in 1820 by the same J Bowstead B.D. It has written records of my ancestors back to 1715. John Farrer was obviously a very bright boy - learning all that at age 7. I did the same in the 1930s, and was awarded both Bible and Prayer Book - I was about 11 years old! Only determination to match my granny who did likewise in the 1870s kept me at the task! I shall write to Danny and point him in the right direction and wish him luck. What will *The Bampton Beam* surprise me with next?

Best wishes

Molly Kavanagh

Dear Sir,

My name is Jane Walsh (maiden name Dalton). I have an old friend that I am trying to get hold of who used to, or still lives in Bampton. Her

name is Jackie Sveck (I think her surname is spelt like that!). I have fond memories of her and her parents (they all lived in a bungalow - her parents in one half, and Jackie and her two sons in the other! I have now lost touch with her - I last spoke with her about four years ago, but can't find her name in the phone book. She may well have moved on. I know this is a long shot - but do you, or any of your friends, remember her? She is very pretty with very long hair, divorced with two sons. You may know her parents who hopefully still live in Bampton. If you do know her or her relatives, I would be grateful if you could forward my e-mail address to them ask them telephone me on 01327 354677. It would be great to hear from her, or her parents - and hopefully pop over to Bampton to visit them. Many thanks for your assistance.

Kind regards,

Jane Walsh

Anyone out there able to help Jane? We are sure that there must be! Ed.

Dear Editor

I would like to thank all the kind people who have given me their birthday cards to recycle. They have helped me give away over £350 to charities. I hope they will keep me supplied via my letterbox or the Vesey Room at the Library, where they could also buy them.

Daphne Gaydon.

Dear Fred

Why not have a Webpage devoted to the old families of Bampton (on the Bampton Website)? I was born there, and my Godfather was John Joyce (Buckland Road). Rose Wells (related to Bobby) was my sister's Godmother. My relations go back generations - the Temples. Many thanks and a good web site.

Peter Hogarth

Alright; we are up to the challenge, and have asked Peter to compile a Webpage on his ancestry! Any volunteers to compile one on their family history? We will publish in the 'Beam', and on the Website, and you never know what might then turn up in terms of long lost relations! Ed.

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A Challenge for the First Years of a New Millennium

West Oxfordshire Citizen Advocacy (CITAD) is a registered charity giving support to citizen advocates throughout the district. A citizen advocate is someone who acts and speaks up on behalf of another person who, for one reason or another, is unable to do it for themselves. Those who cannot express their own needs and wishes may find themselves disregarded and not given the respect and consideration which the rest of us enjoy.

CITAD has worked for four years in West Oxfordshire and, with a continuation grant from the National Lottery, we are now set fair to expand our work in both short and long-term citizen advocacy into this new millennium.

How can you help?

You could become a volunteer citizen advocate. This involves regular meetings with a 'partner', initially to get to know that person sufficiently well to be able to represent them effectively in short or long term contexts as appropriate. Then to hear their concerns,

and speak up on their behalf and to help them obtain their basic rights as a member of society.

No prior qualifications are needed. All volunteer advocates are given initial preparation and information followed by ongoing support at all times from the CITAD co-ordinators.

An advocate can have a major impact on the quality of life of a person who up to now has been unable to express him or herself adequately and may even have been unaware that they have the right to make choices which most of us take for granted.

If we cannot speak up for ourselves others may think we have nothing to say. There are very many potential advocacy partners living in West Oxfordshire. At the start of this millennium you could bring real help and support to such a person. If you think you could, we would like to hear from you at **CITAD 33a High Street, Witney, OX8 6LP, Tel: 7048226 or e-mail - info@CITAD33a.freemove.co.uk. We are also on The Web at www.CITAD33a.freemove.co.uk.**

Witness Service Oxford Magistrates' Court

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The Service is now in the process of recruiting volunteers to enable the service to be offered to all Magistrates Court in Oxfordshire. Volunteers are being sought from all sectors of the community. Training and support is given to ensure the service is carried out to a very high standard. If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer for this important service, across the county, or has been called to give evidence and would like to talk to us, we would be very pleased to hear from them **Tel: 01993 708147**; or write to Oxfordshire Magistrates Court Witness Service, PO Box 270, Witney, OX28 6YU.

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Bampton Environmental Watch Group

By Margaret Bruce-Mitford

The most significant news on the environmental front is the notification by West Oxfordshire District Council of the First Deposit Draft Review Local Plan 2011, for which comments were due by November 2nd. The Parish Council, BEWG, and The Society for the Protection of Bampton all supported it, particularly the fact that, contrary to previous local plans, Bampton has not been designated as an area for increased housing development. This is very fortunate recognition of the fact that the Village has already made a substantial contribution towards meeting the government target for increased housing in Oxfordshire. The next stage of the process will be the publication of comments on the draft plan, some of which may express opposition, particularly to the omission of Bampton from housing development.

More immediately, BEWG has been involved in some major planning issues, the most significant being the redevelopment of Moss Rose Cottage in the Buckland Road, which was a complex planning venture, with some unfortunate misunderstanding of the real situation. Now that it has been resolved, it should be clarified for 'Beam' readers, for the benefit of the developer, as well as for opponents of the scheme. The facts are these. An application was made for planning permission to replace an existing lean-to kitchen and garage, with a two-storey extension to front and side elevations, and the construction of a new detached double garage. BEWG and the Parish Council objected to this plan, and Ralph Norma, as Parish Councillor, met with the developer to explain the objections. As a result, an amended application was submitted and approved. When the work started on the building, the fabric of the cottage was revealed to be very fragile, and the developer felt it necessary to demolish the entire building, which he did while applying for retrospective planning permission to cover the change of plan. Retrospective planning permission is used when the situation demands it, the risk to the developer being that it may not be granted, and the structure would have to be taken down. In this case, retrospective planning permission was given, with the result being a virtually new building in lieu of an improved version of the original cottage. There was considerable criticism of this venture, but the developer was within his legal rights, and the Planning Department of the West Oxfordshire District Council supported his action.

A less difficult problem was the proposal to build two residential units behind Home Farm in High Street, which evoked strong opposition because of its envisaged impact on Lavender Place flats. An amended application for one residential unit was approved, but the property changed hands, and the new owner altered his plans from a single residential unit, to the erection of a first-floor extension, and two, two-storey ancillary buildings, to house a double garage, swimming pool, plant room, play room, and covered area. There were also internal and external alterations to the east (front)

elevation of the house. All these were approved, on the understanding that the access gate to the property would be moved to reduce the intrusion into the area of lavender Place flats. We understand that the owner has met with the residents of the flats and made it clear that he does not want his proposed changes to be detrimental to his neighbours.

Finally, a happy outcome to an unpopular development. The application for the gravel extraction on the Lechlade Road, near Grafton - described at length in the August issue of the 'Beam' - has been withdrawn because of such strong opposition from a number of significant bodies and individuals - inter alia West Oxfordshire District Council, the Parish Councils of Bampton and Clanfield, BEWG, The Society for the Protection of Bampton, and a very large number of individual letters from residents of all of the communities likely to be adversely affected by the proposal.

Another environmental plus is the designation of The Cottage, Church Street, as a Grade II listed building. The open meeting in July, hosted by Jean Saunders, who gave a riveting, if very depressing, account of local GM crop trials, explaining all too lucidly the wide damage these specialised agricultural ventures wreak upon the natural environment, and describing the strong business interests that underlie, or back up, these experiments. Jean is a magnificent speaker and will be returning to an open meeting in 2002 to give her alternative environmental message - namely recycling rubbish.

A different, but very interesting subject, was Julia Stubbs' lecture on otters and their re-emergence in the countryside. Our next talk will be after the AGM when Ray Borrett - a doughty BEWG member - will enlighten us all on footpaths. This valuable service goes on apace with useful information on footpath damage or misuse being provided by BEWG footpath walkers and members, and sometimes the population at large. These complaints or observations are passed to the Field Officer of Oxfordshire County Council and gratifyingly most of them are promptly investigated. It is heartening for the doughty walkers, braving the weather, to know that their efforts are appreciated, and serve a valuable purpose.

On November 24th BEWG hosted a Book Bash in the WOA gallery to celebrate four publications by BEWG authors - two were mentioned in the August issue of the 'Beam'. These relate to Bampton, being *Bampton Folklore* by John Blair, and *Bampton, The Way it Was* by Freda Bradley. Though the authors' approach their theme from different perspectives, both deal with the social history of Bampton, and complement each other quite remarkably. In addition to BEWG members, representatives of the groups mentioned in John Blair's book - namely The Mummers, Morris men, and Garlands - Ruth Shergold - were also invited, plus friends on both sides who had given specific help in producing the books, family members, and owners of the shops who had marketed the books. Also in evidence were books by other BEWG officers, *Expanding the Girths*, by Ralph and Ann Norman, Chairman and Secretary of BEWG respectively - see the WOA page for further information. Finally, we have a very useful book by our Treasurer, Ray Proctor, entitled *Managerial Accounting for Business Decisions*. Although its title does not suggest high relevance to the environment, we all know that to preserve a good one always costs money!

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BIKE PATH UP-DATE

As the Beam was going to press, we received the very disappointing news that we have NOT been awarded a grant from the Sport England Lottery. This is the only source of large scale funding available to us and although the group submitted a huge application in July, the size of the Yellow Pages, the decision went against us. This is a massive disappointment because the application was the culmination of three years work of fund-raising and surveys and lobbying.

The reasons given for the refusal were as follows:-

1. Our proposed bike path would not have linked up with any existing bike path or any planned for the near future (we knew that; we merely wanted to be able cycle in safety away from Bampton's main roads and on to safer quieter roads in the vicinity).
2. Our proposed bike path might be seen as doing the work proposed by Oxfordshire County Council's Agenda 21 proposals (OCC is considering a route to Carterton but this is currently at least 3 years away from even being assessed).
3. Because we received advice from Sustrans, the national bike path organisation, this may have used millennium money, which disqualifies us from receiving lottery money.
4. Bampton does not contain sufficient of Sport Lottery "target groups"; i.e. we do not have sufficient racial minorities, though we do have a proportion of the poor and needy, and women and girls (another "target group") would make up 50% of the users.

The Bike Path Group is now deciding what to do next. Unfortunately if we cannot finish our proposed bike path within the next two years we lose some of the grants we struggled to earn. The group is meeting after this issue of the 'Beam' goes to press, but in the next issue we will tell you what are future plans are in the face of this set-back.

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Bampton Exhibition Foundation

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Contact Richard Morbey immediately on Tel: 851004 if you are interested!

Bampton Badminton Club

Bampton Badminton Club has started up again in the Village Hall. We are playing every Tuesday morning, 10am - 12am. We will be very pleased to see any players, beginners to experts. Please come along or contact Judy House Tel: 851406.

Bampton Ladies Group

We are a very casual group of ladies who meet in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday of every month at 8pm.

We have speakers or go on outings and just have a pleasant evening together. Posters are put up around the village, so if you spot one and would like to come along please do. The membership is £6 yearly but your first visit is free. For further information please contact Joan Farthing Tel: 851206.

The 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. For many this is the only day they have away from their homes during the week. All helpers, cooks and drivers are volunteers - more would be welcome.

We encourage our members to play games and take part in activities. We raise our 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.

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Bampton Classical Opera

The singers and soloists of Bampton Classical Opera, with strings and organ, present again their tribute to Bampton's patron St Beornwald in St Mary's Church on Friday 21 December at 7.30pm. This year they are joined by the flautist Anne Allen for a programme of meditative works for voice and flute by the great J.S. Bach. The celebratory part of the evening is represented by works by Handel and Purcell written for Royal occasions including the incomparable *Come ye sons of art, away*, and two anthems written for the coronation of George II in 1727. With an interval glass of Jacky Allinson and Pauline Smith's incomparable warming mulled wine the evening is guaranteed to be a party

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The **Pumpkin Club** made around £1,000 during the evening of the Annual Weigh-in, and would like to thank everyone who supported them in their endeavours.

The **SPAJERS**, not to be outdone, raised nearly £3,000 on Donkey Derby Day, and would also like to say a great big 'Thank You' to all who supported, and gave so generously.

It is quite incredible the level of support that the Village gives to worthwhile causes - also see next page - and long may it continue.

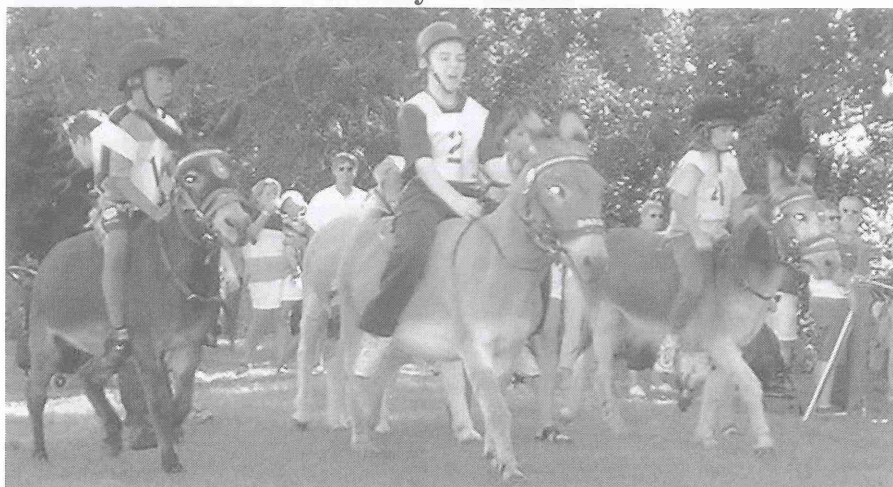
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For a small village these are excellent totals, and *The Bampton Beam* would like to join our Firemen and the HSBC in thanking everyone for supporting this very worthwhile cause.

Yes, it's Anne, returning for a few days to help out at her old branch! Anne was transferred to Witney a couple of months back after serving us extremely well for 7 years. Thanks for the years of service Anne!

Sue remains with us, and will be joined, on a three-weekly rotational system - sounds like Chelsea FC! - by Ellen and Carol. Keep up the good work ladies!

And remember, Bampton: Use it or Lose it!



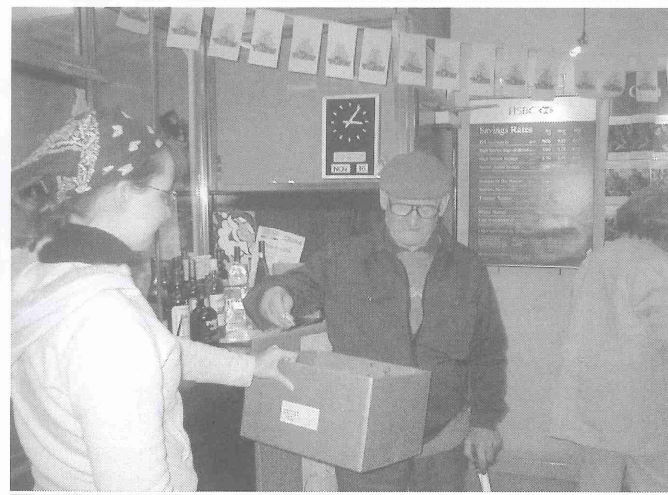
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Oirinoco is Oxfordshire's scrapstore, one of many nationally - a charity that collects interesting and unusual scrap materials from businesses in the area and makes them available to schools, voluntary and community groups etc. for creative use at low cost. We also run themed creative workshops to help with ideas of what to do with the scrap as well as mobile scrapstores - where we bring a van load of materials out to a venue in the county for people who are unable to travel to Oxford on a regular basis. Our mobile scrapstore service is run regularly - every 6 weeks or so - at Witney Methodist Church - the next date being 22nd January 2002 - to be confirmed. For more information, please contact: The Oxfordshire Scrapstore, Unit 33a Botley Works, North Hinksey Lane, Botley, Oxford, OX2 0LX. **Telephone: 01865 200747.** **Email: onoco.scrapstore@lineone.net**

Community Lunches

Community Lunches enable people to meet informally, to find out what projects are happening in the community, and to meet other workers/volunteer organisers and like-minded people, established and new, who are contributing to those projects. Community lunches are held in each location every four months. Please bring your own lunch but drinks can be purchased if required.

The next dates for Witney are:

Wednesday March 6th 2002

Wednesday June 19th 2002

12.30 - 2pm

Methodist Church, High Street.

Youth Club

The Youth Centre is, once again, facing financial problems that threaten its long-term future. Early last year we were able to report that Oxfordshire County Council had agreed to recommence limited funding so that, with rental income, and the generous support of the 250 Club, we were just

able to cover the basic outgoings of rent (to the same County Council), rates, electricity etc. Payments from the County Council were again suspended at the beginning of this year, and after months of uncertainty we have now been told that we shall receive only a little over half of last year's amount. On top of this, the District Council has reviewed the rebate that we receive on the rates, which has substantially increased our costs in this area. Despite all the rhetoric from on high, our impression is that the provision of services for the young people of Bampton does not command a high priority within the County Council and its officers.

On the positive side, the Youth Centre building has now been scheduled as a Listed Building and should, in theory, be protected against demolition or serious alteration. This was due to tireless work on the part of Tony and Liz Page - who are near neighbours of the Centre.

Until recently, the Youth Club was thriving but the regrettable departure of the leader for the younger people on Tuesday evening meetings and sickness of the Thursday evening leader have resulted in a period when neither group has been operating. We are now assured that a new leader has been appointed for Tuesday evenings, and hope that a full service will be resumed well before the end of the year. Anyone able to offer help as an organiser, or who is interested in joining as a member, should contact either **Gary Gummer Tel: 851913** or **Jo Melling at Carterton Allandale Centre Tel: 842416**. There is, unfortunately, no news of the Scout Group recommencing activities. The problem still appears to be one of leaders, and anyone who can help in this respect should contact Phil Roberts (851267). Finally, a reminder that the Centre is a splendid place for social functions with good facilities, an attractive atmosphere and more than adequate parking space. The Centre has always been popular for wedding receptions,

family parties, and also for children's parties. Our public entertainment licence covers dances, etc., for up to 100 people. Anyone wishing to hire the premises should contact **Jill Ruck Tel: 852010**. For general enquiries, please contact **Colin Allport Tel: 850411**.

Bampton Websites

Bampton's official Website can be found at www.bamptonoxon.co.uk. It contains a wealth of information on the Village, and is being accessed more and more by Web users all over the world. There are also excellent 'unofficial' Websites around, for instance www.ox18.com, which is a directory of the local villages around the area including Bampton, and www.angelfire.com/ok4/bamp, which also contains information on the Village. Anyone with non profit-making events around the area can advertise on these sites free. For the official Bampton Website contact **fredgray@witneyservice.net** or on **01993 851653**, and for the other two contact David Oakey at **dave@ox18.com**

Some Useful Telephone Numbers

Police	Witney	01993 703913
	Carterton	01993 893951
	Urgent	01865 266000
Witney Hospital		01993 602900
Minor Injuries Unit		01993 602966
Power Cuts		0345 708090
Gas Emergency		0800 111999
Water & Sewerage		0645 200800
BT General Enquiries		0800 309409
BT Line Fault		151
Env.Services		01993 770222
Abandoned Vehicles		01993 770308
Bulky Waste		
	Collection	01993 770222
Witney Town Council		01993 704379
Tourist Information		01993 775802
Citizens Advice		01993 705691
Train Information		08457 484950
Trading Standards		01865 815000
Bampton Surgery		01993 850257
	- out of hours	01993 851616
Witney Health Centre		01993 703641
Stagecoach Witney		01993 702197
WODC		01993 702941
Lost & Found		01608 659029
Clerk Parish Council		01993 850776

Bampton Methodist Chapel

By Linden Burley

May Day morning our green and yellow tabletop raised the sum £80. This was sent to the Home Missions charity. Our Annual Coffee Morning, also in May, raised the grand sum of £309.74 and was very well attended. The Garden Party in July was also well attended and raised the sum of £220.24. Thanks to the children from Bampton Primary School who entertained us in the afternoon, and our friends from Carterton who also performed some lovely songs and hymns. The afternoon was lovely and warm and the weather was perfect. Ironically, the moment we had packed everything away, the heavens opened and a terrific thunderstorm started and lasted for over 2 hours.

The summer period was fairly quiet. The 'Drop-in' takes place each Monday from 12 noon to 1.30pm. If you would like a superb light lunch and chat, then do please come along. It has proved to be very successful over the years and has become a focal point for many Bampton residents. The Christmas Drop-in will be on Monday 17th December, after which it will close until Monday 7th January 2002.

September 23rd was our harvest festival and our friends from St Mary's Junior Church joined us. Graham Faulkner led the service and everyone agreed it was one of the best harvest services ever. Graham managed to involve **everyone** from the youngest to the oldest person present. Tuesday

September 25th was our harvest supper and this was followed by an auction of all the produce, tins and flowers that had been donated to decorate the chapel and the harvest table. This raised the amazing sum of £181.65. October 6th was our annual grand book and bric-a-brac sale. This raised the sum of £137.22 and the morning proved to be very successful. If you have any unwanted books, then please bring them to the Chapel on any Sunday morning or on a Monday morning. Or if you would like them to be collected then please ring **Linden** on **Tel: 01993 702561** I no longer live at The Willows on the Aston Road, so please do not leave books there! Our singing evenings continue to be successful, and the dates for November and December are Thursday 8th and Wednesday 21st November, Thursday 6th and Wednesday 19th December. We start at 7.30pm, break for refreshments about 8.30, and continue until everyone has had enough. If you like singing for fun, then please come along.

The Candlelit Service will take place at 6pm on December 16th, and, once again, we will be welcoming the Bampton School Choir and Recorder Groups. The Chapel is lit entirely by candles and the atmosphere is magical.

There will be a short, informal all age worship on Christmas morning at 10.30am, led by Phil Shaw, so please come along and join us in this celebration.

Christmas Services during December

St Mary's Church

Thursday 13th December

Concert by the children from Bampton Primary school - 7pm

Friday 21st December

Bampton Classical Opera - 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd December

Carols by Candlelight - 6pm

Monday 24th December

Midnight Mass - 11.30pm

Tuesday 25th December

Family Eucharist - 10.30am

Sunday 30th December

Family Eucharist - 10.30am

The Methodist Chapel

Thursday 6th December

Sing-along - 7.30pm

Sunday 16th December

Candlelit Service - 6pm

Wednesday 19th December

Sing-along - 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th December

Morning Service - 10am

Bampton 150 Years Ago

By Jonathan Phillips

In the 1851 National Census the number of people in Bampton and Weald over the age of 15 was 1684 not much less than we have today which is 2000 on the electoral roll. Over 50% were employed in agriculture.

There were 19 stonemasons 15 Carpenters, 12 boot-makers, Coopers, glove Maker & chimney sweep. There were 27 farms. Ham court employed 27 workers and Haddon 32. 80 girls worked as servants in houses in the Parish. Bampton had 10 Public Houses in 1851 but a lot of the landlords had several jobs to earn their living. Mr Tom Spurrett, landlord of the Elephant & Castle was the town's only coal merchant and also kept a grocers shop. Even in 1851 more than one half of householders and their spouses were born outside the parish. By 1861 the population had grown to 1713 and then fell to 1167 by 1901. This was due to migration to the industrial midlands and to the colonies mainly Canada.

The above information has been taken from 'The Bampton we have Lost' by J.L. Hughes-Owens. With the kind permission of his family The Friends of St. Mary's are hoping to reprint the book. At present enquiries are being made to see whether it would be a financially viable proposition.

ADMINISTRATOR WEST OX ARTS

West Ox Arts (WOA) is the charity that runs the Gallery in Bampton Town Hall.

WOA requires an Administrator to take over from Sally Proctor

Full details of the job can be obtained from the WOA Gallery, Market Square, Bampton, Oxon.

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Thames Travel Bus Service 18 Timetable

(Correct at the time of going to press)

Clanfield – Bampton – Standlake – Stanton Harcourt – Eynsham - Oxford
(Timetable now also on the Bampton Website)**Mondays to Saturdays**

	M-F	SAT					
Clanfield, Carter Institute.....	07.10	07.15	09.00	11.00	13.04	15.04	-----
Bampton, Horse Shoe	07.14	07.19	09.04	11.04	13.08	15.08	17.10
Bampton, Bushey Row	07.15	07.20	09.05	11.05	13.09	15.09	17.11
Aston, Red Lion.....	07.21	07.25	09.11	11.11	13.15	15.15	17.16
Brighthampton, (Golden Balls).....	07.25	07.28	09.15	11.15	13.19	15.19	17.20
Standlake Business Park (County Store).....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.21
Standlake, High Street.....	07.28	07.31	09.18	11.18	13.22	15.22	-----
Standlake, Heyford Close.....	07.30	07.33	09.20	11.20	-----	-----	-----
Northmoor, Red Lion.....	07.35	07.36	09.25	11.25	-----	-----	-----
Bablockhythe, Ferry Turn.....	07.38	07.38	09.28	11.28	-----	-----	-----
Stanton Harcourt, Harcourt Arms.....	07.42	07.42	09.32	11.32	13.32	15.32	-----
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys.....	07.44	07.44	09.34	11.34	13.34	15.34	-----
Sutton.....	07.46	07.46	09.36	11.36	13.36	15.36	17.25
Eynsham, Oakfields Ind. Estate.....	07.49	07.49	09.39	11.39	13.39	15.39	17.28
Eynsham, Church.....	07.51	07.50	09.40	11.40	13.40	15.40	17.30
Cassington Turn (A40).....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.33
Botley Road, Seacourt P & R entrance.....	08.02	08.00	09.52	11.52	13.52	15.52	--W--
Oxford, Castle Street stop M1.....arr	08.15	08.07	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	17.52

W = Operates via A40 and Woodstock Road

Oxford – Eynsham - Stanton Harcourt – Standlake – Bampton - Clanfield**Mondays to Saturdays**

	SAT	M-F					
	M-F	SAT					
Oxford, Castle Street, Westgate Centre stop M1	08.07	08.15	10.00	12.00	14.00	16.00	18.00
Oxford, Radcliffe Hospital, Woodstock Road.....	08.12	08.20	10.05	12.05	14.05	16.05	-----
Cassington Turn (A40).....	08.19	08.30	10.15	12.15	14.15	16.15	-----
Botley Road, Seacourt, Opposite P&R.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.08
Eynsham, Church.....	-----	-----	10.20	12.20	14.20	16.20	18.20
Eynsham, Oakfields Ind. Estate.....	-----	08.35	10.22	12.22	14.22	16.22	18.22
Sutton.....	-----	08.38	10.25	12.25	14.25	16.25	18.25
Stanton Harcourt, Flexneys.....	-----	-----	10.27	12.27	14.27	16.27	18.27
Stanton Harcourt, Harcourt Arms.....	-----	-----	10.28	12.28	14.28	16.28	18.28
Bablockhythe, Ferry Turn.....	-----	-----	-----	12.32	14.32	16.32	18.32
Northmoor, Red Lion.....	-----	-----	-----	12.35	14.35	16.35	18.35
Standlake, Heyford Close.....	-----	-----	-----	12.40	14.40	16.40	18.40
Standlake, High Street.....	-----	-----	10.38	12.42	14.42	16.42	18.42
Standlake Business Park (County Store).....	-----	08.42	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Brighthampton, (Golden Balls).....	-----	08.43	10.40	12.45	14.45	16.45	18.45
Aston, Red Lion.....	-----	08.46	10.44	12.49	14.49	16.49	18.49
Bampton, Bushey Row	-----	-----	10.51	12.55	14.55	16.55	18.55
Bampton, Horse Shoe	-----	08.51	10.52	12.56	14.56	16.56	18.56
Clanfield, Carter Institute.....	-----	08.55	10.56	13.00	15.00	16.00	19.00

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**Stagecoach Bus Service 19**
(Correct at the time of going to press)**Witney - Carterton**
via Bampton**Mondays to Saturdays**
(except Bank Holidays)

Days	M-F											
am/pm	am	am	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Witney Market Place	6.55	7.25	8.30	9.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	3.45	
									4.30	5.15	6.00	
Ducklington Pond	7.01	7.31	8.36	9.06	10.06	11.06	12.06	1.06	2.06	3.06	3.51	
									4.36	5.21	6.06	
Aston Red Lion	7.09	7.39	8.44	9.14	10.14	11.14	12.14	1.14	2.14	3.14	3.59	
									4.44	5.29	6.14	
Bampton Bushey Row	7.14	7.44	8.49	9.19	10.19	11.19	12.19	1.19	2.19	3.19	4.04	
									4.49	5.34	6.19	
Bampton Town Hall	7.16	7.46	8.51	9.21	10.21	11.21	12.21	1.21	2.21	3.21	4.06	
									4.51	5.36	6.21	
Clanfield	7.21	7.51	8.56	9.26	10.26	11.26	12.26	1.26	2.26	3.26	4.11	
									4.56	5.41	6.26	
Black Bourton Memorial	7.25	7.55	9.00	9.30	10.30	11.30	12.30	1.30	2.30	3.30	4.15	
									5.00	5.45	6.30	
Alvescot Memorial	7.27	7.57	9.02	9.32	10.32	11.32	12.32	1.32	2.32	3.32	4.17	
									5.02	5.47	6.32	
Carterton	7.34	8.04	9.09	9.39	10.39	11.39	12.39	1.39	2.39	3.39	4.24	
									5.09	5.54	6.39	

M-F: Operates Mondays to Fridays.

Carterton - Witney
via Bampton**Mondays to Saturdays**
(except Bank Holidays)

Days	M-F											
am/pm	am	am	am	am	am	am	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm	pm
Carterton	-	7.40	8.10	9.15	9.45	10.45	11.45	12.45	1.45	2.45	3.45	
									4.30	5.15	6.00	
Alvescot Memorial	-	7.44	8.14	9.19	9.49	10.49	11.49	12.49	1.49	2.49	3.49	
									4.34	5.19	6.04	
Black Bourton Memorial	-	7.47	8.17	9.22	9.52	10.52	11.52	12.52	1.52	2.52	3.52	
									4.37	5.22	6.07	
Clanfield	6.51	7.51	8.21	9.26	9.56	10.56	11.56	12.56	1.56	2.56	3.56	
									4.41	5.26	6.11	
Bampton Town Hall	6.56	7.56	8.26	9.31	10.01	11.01	12.01	1.01	2.01	3.01	4.01	
									4.46	5.31	6.16	
Bampton Bushey Row	6.59	7.59	8.29	9.34	10.04	11.04	12.04	1.04	2.04	3.04	4.04	
									4.49	5.34	6.19	
Aston Red Lion	7.04	8.04	8.34	9.39	10.09	11.09	12.09	1.09	2.09	3.09	4.09	
									4.54	5.39	6.24	
Ducklington Pond	7.12	8.12	8.42	9.47	10.17	11.17	12.17	1.17	2.17	3.17	4.17	
									5.02	5.47	6.32	
Witney Market Place	7.21	8.21	8.51	9.56	10.26	11.26	12.26	1.26	2.26	3.26	4.26	
									5.11	5.56	6.41	

M-F: Operates Mondays to Fridays.

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OUT OF WORK FARMER - TURNED AGRICULTURAL CORRESPONDENT

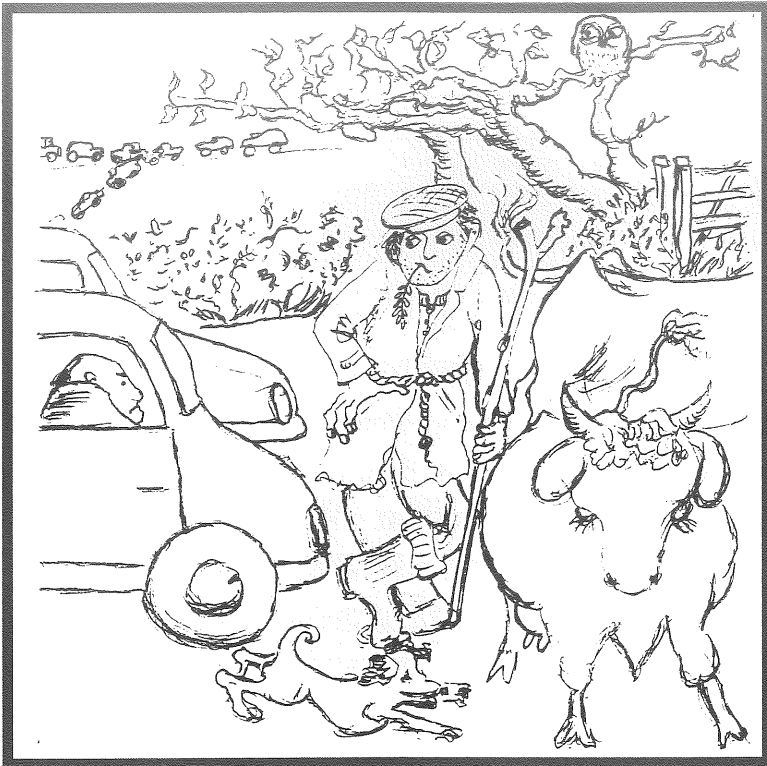
By Don Rouse

Looking back through previous issues of 'The Beam' it appears that my attitude is similar to the chap who became a Monk and joined a Monastery. He was allowed to speak to the Holy Father just once a year. After the first year he was invited to say his piece; he complained that his room was too cold. The next year when invited to speak he complained about the food being terrible. The next year when the time came around for him to speak again he said, "I'm leaving". With that the Holy Father said "Thank Goodness for that, you've done nothing but moan since you've been here!" So I am going to do my best to stop moaning, but it will be hard, as Government Officials really know how to make life difficult for the Farmers.

What did you make of those scientists who were studying Sheep Brains for B.S.E., and together with the Government came to the conclusion that the whole of the UK's flock of sheep would have to be slaughtered! Then after four years they realised that they were looking at COW brains by mistake! Why is it that people in Officialdom appear to have all the necessary educational qualifications, yet have absolutely no idea at ground level about the subject they are dealing with? We once had a man from the Ministry visit us and, on seeing three animals in the field enquired "Why have the black animal and the white animal got horns, and yet the brown one hasn't?" My brother took great delight in telling him that the black one was a British Friesian Cow and that they have horns, the white one was a Shorthorn Cow and they also have horns. And the reason that the Brown one hadn't

got horns was because it was a HORSE!!!

Talking to a 'Horsie' friend the other day I was voicing my concern about horses on the roads, which I know is often a 'Beam' subject. Cows have been off the roads for years. Although back in the 1990s, Bampton people



travelling to Witney were often treated to the sight of 100 of my cows heading for the fields after milking. I travel some 60,000 miles a year yet I cannot remember the last time I saw a cow on the road. From a motorists point of view this is of course a good thing. Although I accept that there were cows and horses on our roads well before there were cars, it is still a big surprise to me, in this day and age, to be doing no more than the legal speed limit, go round a bend and be confronted by a pair of horses in the middle of the road. The road is not the best place for them. It is unsafe for them to gallop and get really fit, all they can do is walk or at best a gentle trot. Yet farmers in the area have acres of 'Set Aside' where both horse

and rider could get the wind in their hair and have fun and for a Small remuneration I'm sure everyone would be happy and safe. However, our farmers tell me that the Government would not allow it! Farmers are not allowed to make extra money out of 'Set Aside'. What a shame! One cannot put a price on safety!

According to the Government - and this is official - horses are not farm animals! What on earth do they think pulled the carts of yesteryear, heaven only knows. Perhaps you now will believe my story about the man from the Ministry not knowing the difference between a horse and a cow!

Although it appears to the general public that the foot and mouth is now over, believe me it is not. Farmers still have to apply for movement licences. Vets must still inspect the animals before movement, and the animals have to be moved within 24 hours of the license being issued, or the whole process has to start all over again. Evidently it is possible to have an

Occupier's licence which allows you to move anything at any time, but with the amount of extra work that it entails it is

better to continue with the movement licence system.

There has been a petition going around for people to sign demanding that the Government holds a public enquiry into the whole foot and mouth debacle, and not one behind closed doors. If you feel that you would like to support this view, please get in touch with your local MP

I have just started to read the November issue of Private Eye! This month it identifies many of the cock-ups made by Government scientists and advisers. Did you know that there was a funeral pyre of over half a million sheep and yet not one of them was found to have the disease? There are so many questions that need answering in public. I do hope that farmers

get their way.

This year's planting season has gone extremely well with the crops looking better than I have seen them for years. Lets hope we don't have too harsh a winter to ruin things, although the main fear for farmers is that if the crops are that good, then the sale price of next year's corn could be as low as £56.00 per tonne. This year's prices are round about £64.00 per tonne - about what they were back in the 1960s. To put things in perspective a Mini car in those days cost about £500.00. Therefore 9 tonnes of wheat, which needed about 4.5 acres to grow would have bought a top-of-the-range Mini.

At today's Super Mini prices you would need 180 tonnes, which with modern techniques, would need 53 acres to produce. No wonder my brother has taken to riding a bike! For many years now successive Governments have told farmers to diversify. Why farmers cannot be allowed to earn a living by doing what they do best, I just do not know, so diversification comes second nature to me. With my new role in life as a Private Hire driver, when the chance of a little diversification came along I grabbed it with both hands. With my colleague, who is also of farming stock, we set off in a farm pick-up truck to Hastings to transport a hive of bees to Long Hanborough. "Don't lose any we were told". "Well how fast can they fly", we asked, "so that they can keep up with us?" Halfway home we got out to see how they were doing, and to our shock-horror they were all clinging on to the outside of the hive! A quick phone call to the farmer (thank goodness for mobile phones), assured us that all would be well providing we kept going! Needless to say we did not hang about! Although the trip was successful, what worries me is, what if we had been stopped by the Police and one of the Bees were to have stung the Policeman, would we have been done for constructive assault? Or would the Policeman have just told us to "Buzz Off!"

To all of you, who work the soil, gardener, smallholder and farmer, have a good Christmas and may next year be good to us all!

SPAJERS NEWS

By Don Rouse

Donkey Derby

The SPAJERS Committee would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped us so much at the Donkey Derby. All those of you who helped us run the stalls, give us things to sell; all those youngsters who rode the Donkeys to give us older ones some fun; and of course to all those of you who came along and spent your money. In all we raised £3000. Thank you.

Next year we are already planning to have even more stalls for you to participate in, and if you have any ideas that you think might help us to raise more funds for our Senior Citizens, and that you are willing to help us run it, please don't be shy just give me a ring Tel: 01993 851480

What's to come in 2002

This coming year's Shirt Race will be our Fiftieth. We have got a sub-committee working on this to make it something really special for Bampton's Jubilee celebrations. One thing that has already cropped up is the desperate need for prams! So please talk to your friends no matter where they live, and if they've got one going spare we want it! Further up-dates can be obtained on the Internet on the Bampton Webpage. Quiz night next year is planned for Friday 12 April. The title of "Brainiest team of Bampton" is at stake here.

Teams of six. Just get in touch with our secretary Al Newing Tel: 850809.

Josie's Draw

Now I want to tell you a story! Where have I heard that before? It starts with Josie's draw. My how hard that girl works for the Bampton SPAJERS. I know that she is ably assisted by her family and friends but it is Josie who is the driving force. This year she raised the amazing amount of £785. But it is not just the money that SPAJERS is all about. Our founder, the late John Quick, wanted Bampton people to Junket. To Feast and make Merry! The evening of Josie's Draw was all of that. Swanny Lane entertaining us with his singing and music

that we were all able to sing along with. Pat and George, our hosts at the Elephant, were magnificent with their hospitality. One of the highlights for me was when a lorry driver from Aylesbury Mushrooms, who delivers hundreds of tonnes of mushrooms in a year won a Box of Aylesbury Mushrooms! I do hope that Mike Dowley and his family will continue to support us in spite of this. But to get back to the story, each year at Armistice weekend, Mary and I have guests from Leiden in Holland, who come over to participate in the Oxford City Parade and service at the War Memorial in St Giles. They have in the past sampled a night of Josie's Draw, but this year being the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Twinning between these two University Cities, they had the opportunity to attend a special party at the Thames Valley Police Headquarters in Kidlington with fellow Civic dignitaries. What did they choose? Josie's Draw of course! They had such a wonderful time enjoying true Bampton hospitality; they said it was an experience that they will treasure for a long time, so much so that when it came time for them to go home on the Monday they gave us a donation of £50.00 for our SPAJERS funds.

The winners of our recent £1.00 quiz sheets are:

Shirt Race Quiz

1. Mrs Pat Robson
2. Mrs Margaret Chaundy
3. Emma Wells

Donkey Derby Quiz

1. Mrs Lesley Parker
2. Mrs Pat Robson
3. Pearl Broome

It is more than my life is worth to make a comment on the fact that all the prizewinners are female! Congratulations to you all.

The Mummers

Don't forget we're about on Christmas Eve. Keep your doors locked if you don't want a visit from Robin Hood and his band of men. If you would Tel: 851480. All donations go to the SPAJERS. Have a jolly Merry Christmas from the SPAJERS, and an even better New Year.

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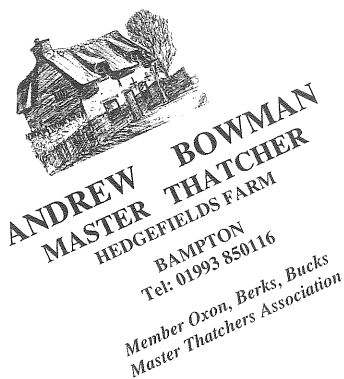
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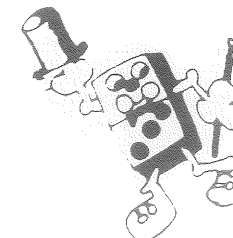
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THE COOKERY CORNER

By Gilly French

Flavours of Provence

This column was inspired by a recent autumnal short break to Aix, which can be reached in six extremely civilised hours by train from Waterloo. With its narrow streets, bright yellow buildings and street life, along with the Mediterranean climate, it is a place that is rightly pleased with itself, and exudes comfortable but unostentatious living. The locals clearly take their food seriously, and the thrice-weekly market was full of stalls offering a zillion types of saucisson; local olives and olive oil; the prized cep mushroom, where a good-sized specimen costs about £10 per kilo (by comparison, the last time I looked at Carluccio's in Covent Garden the were £18 per quarter!; the delicious brandade, which I've never had the patience to make but think I'd better start; vegetables of a quality only dreamed of here, and freshly caught fish and shellfish in abundance. Not to forget cheese, flowers, local honey and the local pastis. Provence has a cuisine all of its own – the famous bouillabaisse, for example, which purists say is simply not obtainable more than an hour's drive from Marseilles (something to do with the required rascasse and, I suspect, the climate, and the questionable quality of the local water!)

Ancholade

This classic Provence dish is wonderful.

1 jar anchovies in oil
4 tablespoons olive oil
3 cloves garlic
pepper
raw vegetables, e.g. cauliflower, radishes, carrots, baby corn
Put the anchovies in a small pan with the crushed garlic, and warm until the

anchovies have disintegrated. Add the oil a bit at a time until incorporated. Add pepper to taste. Put the sauce in ramekin dishes and surround with the vegetables, which are dipped into it. Serves four.

Boeuf en daube

The daube is Provence's answer to Burgundy's Bourguignon.



900gm beef
stewing meat
olive oil
1 bottle dry
white wine, e.g.
Chardonnay
2 tbspn Dijon
mustard
1 can plum to-
matoes, plus
juice
3 onions
3 cloves garlic
Bouquet garni of
thyme, parsley,

tarragon, and a bay leaf, tied in a bundle

Heat the oil in a casserole or heavy pan. Season the meat and brown, a

few pieces at a time. Remove all but a light film of fat from the pan. Add the wine, bring to the boil, scrape in any browned bits and reduce until half the volume (7-10 minutes). Whisk in the mustard, and return beef plus accumulated juices to the pan. Add the tomatoes, onions, garlic and herbs, and simmer for 2-3 hours, until the meat is fork tender. Remove and discard the bouquet garni. Remove the beef, onions and tomatoes to a platter. Increase the heat and boil until reduced by a third (about 10 minutes). Return the solids to the casserole and reheat gently. It is a nice idea to serve the same wine as that used in the cooking.

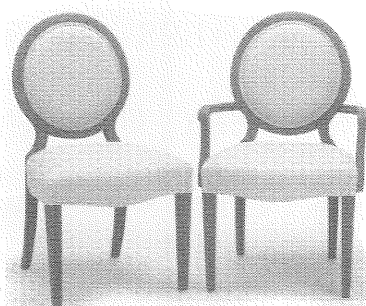
Lemon Comfit

This recipe is not from Provence, but was gleaned from the chef of a French restaurant in Birmingham! Quarter two lemons. Add 100gm sugar, and water to cover, and a half-teaspoon of five-spice powder. Warm until the sugar has dissolved and cook until done – that is until the lemons seem to have incorporated the sugar syrup and have a glazed appearance. You can serve as part of a plate of lemon puddings – a mousse, jelly, some sorbet – or just on its own.

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The Gardening Page

By Edie Bindweed

Looking after house plants in December

If you're like me, watering my poor houseplants is a hit and miss affair. Either they are too dry or too wet. Finding just the right spot in the house for a plant is difficult. My rubber plant (which I inherited), after many years doing nothing, has suddenly taken on a new life in the conservatory, and I can't stop it growing now! This is what the experts have to say about it

With today's modern radiators, gas and electricity fires, plants have to try and survive in a much drier atmosphere than they like. Placing peat around the outside of the pot and keeping it moist does help with this problem. Another way is to put all your pots together into a trough or a fairly deep tray, packing peat all around the pots and keeping this peat moist at all times.

Window sills are one of the best places as plants receive light and moisture, but remember it does get cold at night so delicate plants may have to be removed to the centre of the room.

Turning the plants occasionally will help to prevent uneven growth, as we all know plants tend to grow to the light.

If you want your pot plants to be as healthy again this time next year, try this. When the new growth starts showing, tap the pot so it releases the plant, have a good look at the root ball, if it looks over-crowded re-pot to a larger size, otherwise put it back in its old pot, replacing the old compost with new.

Thank you

Auntie Beam is away on holiday at the moment, sitting in the evening glow of the Orient somewhere, and no doubt sipping away at 'Singapore Slings'! We would both like to take this opportunity to thank you all for helping to contribute to *The Bampton Beam* through our columns, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Merry New Year.

The Gardening Club News

Saturday 25th August turned out to be a lovely sunny day. Plenty of people came along with armfuls of flowers, garden produce, and of course the cakes, jams, pickles, needlework, etc etc, to our annual Garden Club Show. After everyone had finished setting - up and gone home it, went very quiet. The Judges did their job, several people running backwards and forwards with the winning certificates of each class, breaking the atmosphere. With the judging over the committee and judges sat down to a lunch (sandwiches from the Elephant & Castle - superb!), where they also tried out the 'homemade wine' along and a cup of tea. It was certainly more 'noisy' in the afternoon with everyone coming back to see what lay by the side of their exhibits - a red, blue, or green certificate; or perhaps nothing at all! Then it was the prize-giving, while everyone enjoyed a cup of tea - and more homemade wine—followed by the raffle. Ray, the Chairman, thanked everyone for coming and for their support in keeping the show prospering, and hoped for even better support for next year. The following is the list of this year's winners.

Trophy Winners of 2001

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Mrs E. Parker
Vice Presidents Cup
Mrs D. Pullin
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Peter Rainbow Cup
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Well done to everyone who entered and please join us at the show next year.

Trips

The committee hope you have all enjoyed the many trips which Ellen organised for you. It was rather hard going to get the bus filled at the beginning of the year, but as we progressed onwards the bus once again began to be full to brimming over. Westonbirt Enchanted Wood is the next trip, then it's off to Northampton in December for a good old fashioned sing-song at Turners 'Merry Go Round'. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ellen for all her hard work in organising everything, Gordon for letting Ellen do it! And Keith and Dolcie for making the bus rides so enjoyable.

2001/02 AGM

Friday 24th November the AGM will be held. There will be a slide show of the various places we have visited, and home-made wine tasting., to supplement a cheese and wine supper! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members.



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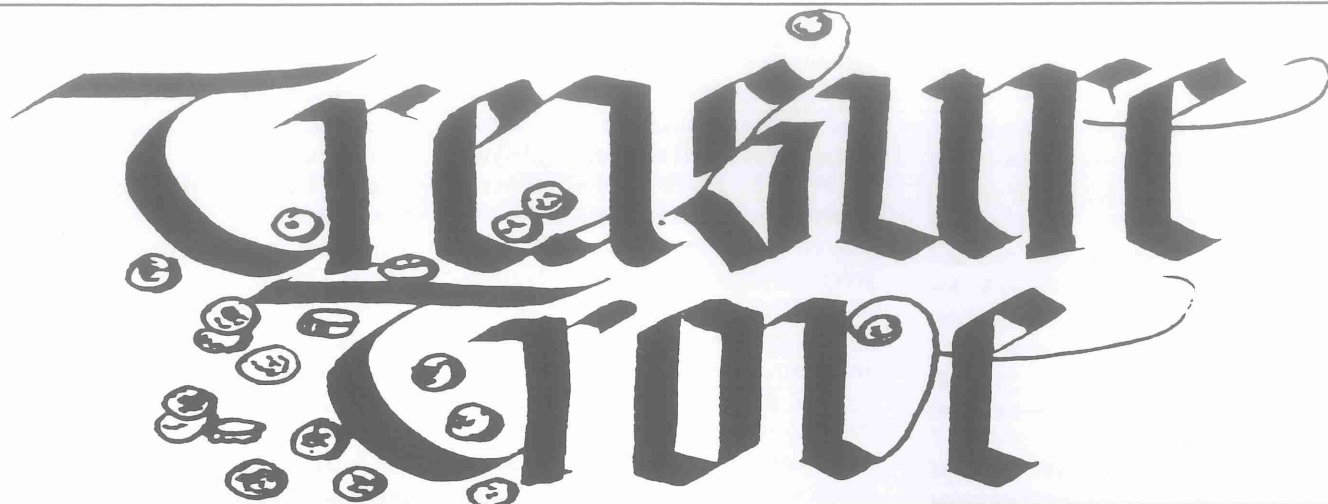
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In the Gallery



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Thursday 20th December

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Words of the Century

Jimmy Symonds

Wednesday 9th to
Sunday 27th January

Each year, new words and phrases are added to English dictionaries. The artist has chosen one such word or phrase for each year of the 20th century to accompany one of his photographs. A Southern Touring Exhibition, in conjunction with West Oxfordshire District Council.



shopaholics - 1984



cone off - 1996



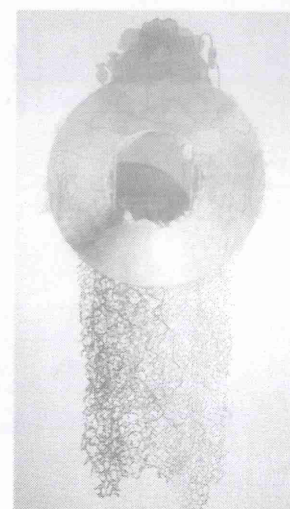
grey pound - 1998

Natural Partners

Kerry and Andrew Forkner

Saturday 2nd to
Sunday 17th
February

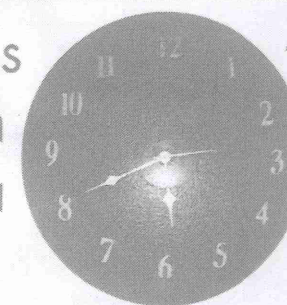
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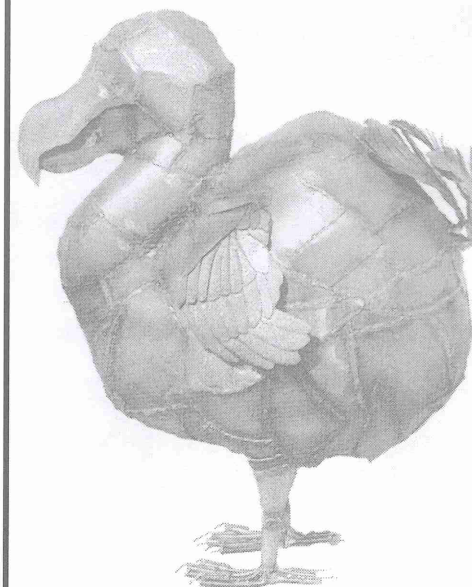
24 March to 14 April	Students: North Oxfordshire College Banbury
21 April to 5 May	Alison Merry—with a medieval theme
11 May to 3 June	WOA members for ARTWEEK
10 to 23 June	Paul and Cathy Williams

Christine Burgess Sophie Thompson and Simon Lea



SAT 23 FEB
to
SUN 17 MAR

An exhibition with a sculptural theme – lively animals from Sophie Thompson using found metals; ceramic works using figurative images and also drawings exploring the human form from Christine Burgess; and from Simon Lea, functional metal works with touches of humour, such as clocks, masks and garden lighting.



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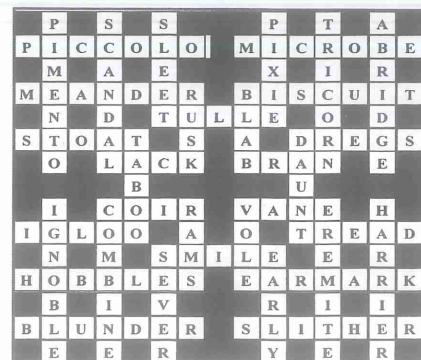
FRIDAY 15TH February, Bampton village Hall 7PM. Tickets £5.50, £4. Concessions (WOA members, children, students and unwaged with ID), available from the Cotton Club, Bampton from 18th January. **Book Early.**

Robert Vesey Room Bampton Library

Mon. and Thur. 2:30-4:30pm, Wed. and Sat. 10am-12pm

The Robert Vesey Room will be closed for re-decoration 3rd to 15th December. We are always glad of new additions to the regular team of Gallery or Vesey Room sitters. If you could spare a couple of hours once a month to support WOA in this way please contact the Administrator on Tel: 850137 or Barbara Daw for the Vesey Room Tel: 851491.

Solution to April's BEAM CROSSWORD



The £5 winner for April's crossword is Alan Gaydon, of Broad Street. Congratulations.

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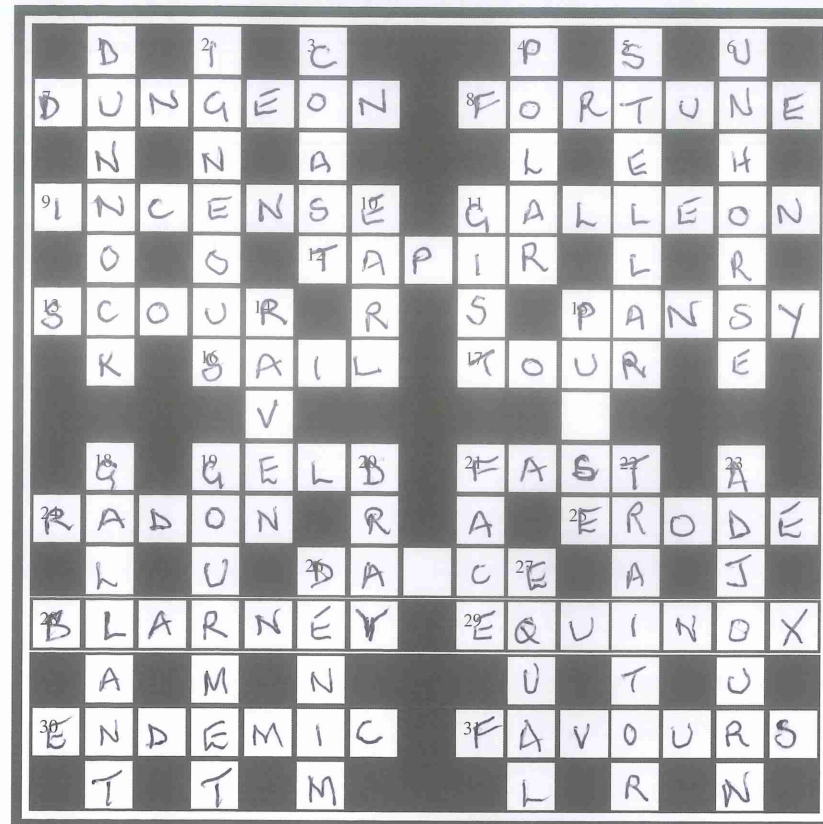
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CLUES ACROSS

7. Underground cell
8. Chance, Luck
9. Fragrant smoke from aromatic herbs
11. Large Spanish sailing ship
12. Swine-like mammal with flexible proboscis
13. Clean by friction
15. Heartsease
16. To begin a voyage
17. Journey from place to place
19. Emasculate, (esp. a horse)
21. To abstain from eating
24. A gaseous radioactive element
25. To wear away gradually
26. Move with rhythmical steps
28. Smooth, flattering speech
29. When day and night are of equal length
30. Peculiar to a particular region
31. Acts of goodwill

CLUES DOWN

1. The hedge sparrow
2. Of the nature of fire
3. The seashore
4. The white bear
5. Of or pertaining to stars
6. Dislodge from the saddle
10. A title in the British peerage
11. The main point of the question
14. Large black British bird
15. A rhythmical beating
18. Brave, chivalrous
19. One with a delight in food
20. Brewers cart
21. A watch dial
22. One who violates his allegiance
23. Suspend proceedings
26. A course cotton fabric
27. Same in number, size, etc

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 15th **Christmas Concert** Bridewell Organic Gardens Witney Methodist Church 7.30pm
 16th **Turners 'Merry Go Round'**, Gardening Club
 16th **Candlelit Service** Methodist Chapel 6pm
 21st **Country & Western Dance**, Cancer Research, Carterton Social Centre
 21st **Works of Bach, Handel, etc**, Bampton Classical Opera, St. Mary's 7.30pm

January

22nd **Mobile Scrapstore** Orinoco Witney Methodist Church 9.30am-10.30am (TBC)
 31st **Cricket Club AGM** Horseshoe 8pm

March

6th **Community Lunch** WODC Witney Methodist Church 12:30pm - 2pm

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