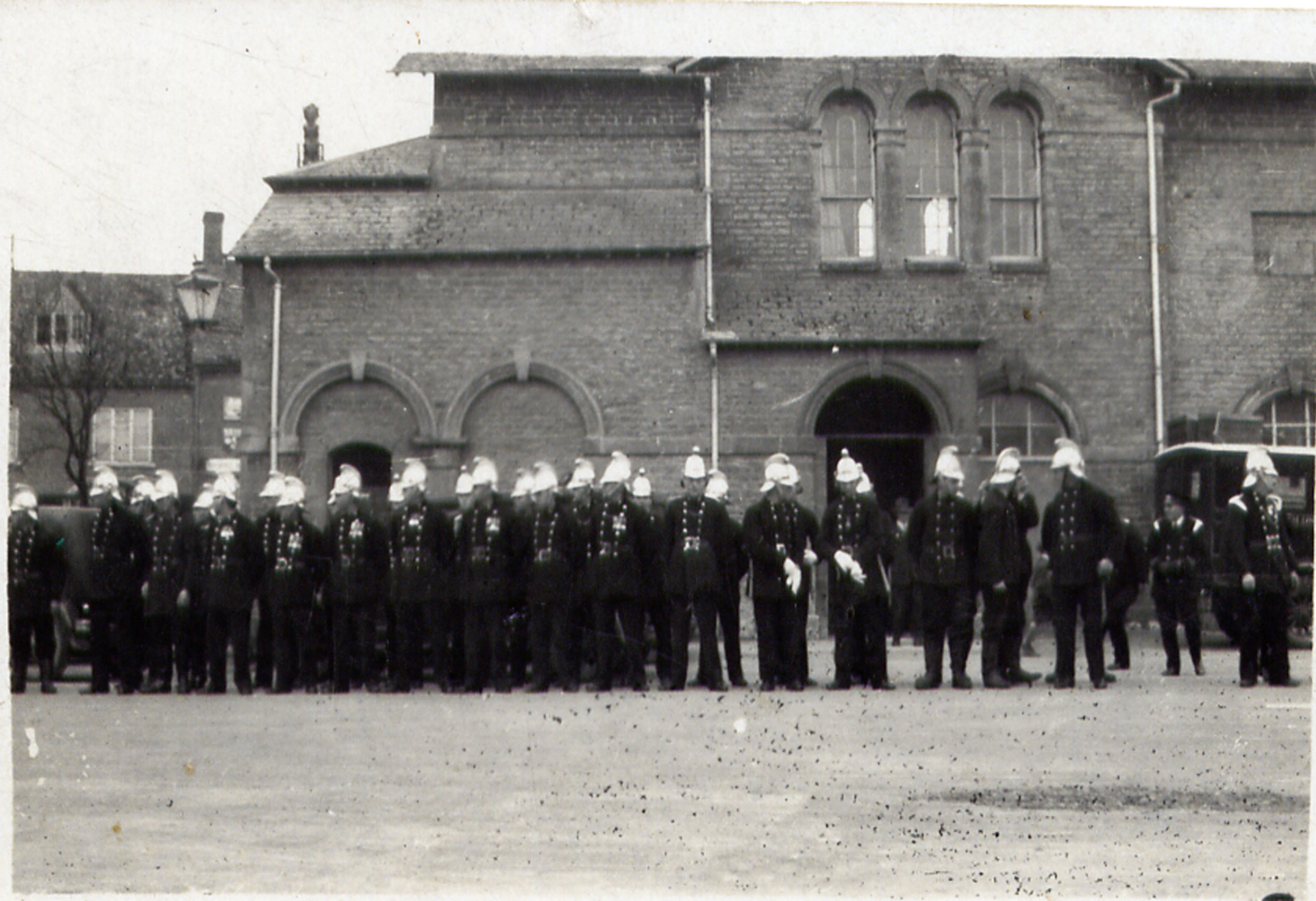


FIRE
STATION









March, 1929. All Previous Schedules Cancelled

SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Approved by the National Fire Brigades' Association.

FOR ATTENDANCE AT FIRES
IN THE UNDERMENTIONED AREAS:—

London Fire Area

APPLIANCES.	For Turning Out.	For run out and back per mile.	For appliances at Fire Per hour or part thereof	
			Standing by	Engine Pumping
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Motor Pump.				
300 galls. per minute or over ...	2 10 0	7 6	1 1 0	2 2 0
Under 300 galls. per minute ...	1 10 0	5 0	1 1 0	1 10 0
Motor Hauled Steamer or Petrol driven Steamer or Trailer Pump, including motor tractor, tender or motor lorry hauling same	2 0 0	4 0	15 0	1 10 0
Motor Hauled or Motor Mounted Manual	1 10 0	2 6	10 0	10 0
Motor Escape	1 5 0	4 0	1 1 0	
Motor Tender (limited to 5 hours) ...	1 5 0	4 0	10 6	
Motor Lorry	1 0 0	2 6	5 0	
Motor Car not included above ...	7 6	1 6	3 6	
Fire Float.				

BAMPTON Fire Brigade.

RULES AND SCALE OF CHARGES.

1. The Brigade shall consist of a Captain, Sub-Captain, and not less than eight men, the Captain to be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

2. The Captain to select men and submit names of the Sub-Captain and Members of Brigade to the Parish Council for confirmation, and in the event of death or retirement of a Member, the Captain shall notify the same to the Council, accompanying such notification with the name of the person proposed to fill the vacancy.

3. The Captain to have control of the Engine and Accessories, and be responsible to the Council for its proper working.

4. Any Repairs that may be required shall be reported to the Managing Committee, who are to cause the necessary work to be done, and report to the Council at their next meeting.

5. The Brigade shall meet for Drill not less than four times in each year, and once in each year for the purpose of thoroughly testing the whole of the appliances, for which Annual Drill the sum of £2 shall be paid from the Engine Fund. Each Member of the Council to have notice of the place and time of Drill.

6. That each Officer attending a fire be paid the sum of 10/-, and each Fireman the sum of 7/6 for the first three hours; and a sum of 3/- each Officer, and 2/6 each Fireman for every additional hour the Brigade is on duty.

7. That the Officer in charge at a fire be empowered to engage what helpers be considered necessary, at a charge per head not exceeding 2/- for the first hour, and 1/6 for each hour afterwards.

8. That the Brigade shall attend all fires in Bampton, and also in other Parishes within a radius of 5 miles who contribute a sum of £3 3s. od. annually towards upkeep of appliances. No charge for use of appliances will be made in the above. The Officer in charge may, at his discretion, attend any serious fire in non-contributing Parishes within the above radius, but in such case double the usual charges for use of appliances will be made, and the person sending for the Brigade will be held responsible for such charges.

9. That the Fire Engine, or any Property connected with it, which belongs to the Parish, shall not be used for any Competition, or other purpose, excepting attending at a Fire or for Drills, as authorised by the Rules, without the previous consent of the Fire Brigade Committee.

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2. When a call is received for a fire outside the parish of Bampton, the Engine must not be allowed to leave until there are present at least ONE OFFICER, or MEMBER OF THE FIRE ENGINE COMMITTEE and FOUR FIREMEN. No person except members of the Brigade or the Committee, will be allowed to ride on the Engine without special permission.

3. Each member on arriving at the Engine House will take a metal disc corresponding with his number so that members coming later may see who has gone forward.

4. Every Fireman is expected to appear in FULL UNIFORM at Fires and it must be distinctly understood that he is to take orders only from the Officer or Senior Fireman in Charge for the time being, to whom all enquiries or suggestions must be referred.

November, 1897.

C. Williams, (Captain.) }
T. Carter, }
J. P. Oates, }

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OF
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3	"	-	-	-	"Make up hose &c."
4	"	-	-	-	"All available hands wanted."

POST CARD

CARTE POSTALE

17-6-39

Percy
Green

John
Quirk

Son
Townsend

Fred
Green

Percy
Wilkins





N.F.B.A. Church Parade, Basingstoke, 1922. 17.

INTRODUCTION.

The following instructions and information are intended for the guidance of new employees. The Management reserves the right to alter the Rules as and when necessary, and invites the co-operation and goodwill of all concerned in order that the desired results may be achieved.

Employees are required to comply with any orders the Management may issue. If a grievance arises with regard to any order issued, the complaint should be made to Shop Foreman, or in extreme cases to the Management.

The Management desires to recognise and encourage to the fullest extent the ambitions of employees when supported by ability and conscientious effort. Whenever possible, promotions will be made from employees whose records confirm these qualifications.

This book of rules is the property of the Company and must be returned on leaving.

PASSES.

A pass will be issued to you on your first working day with the Company, and it is your authority to enter these premises. Every care must be taken of this pass, and if lost, reported to the Security Officer **immediately.**

RULES

1. TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT.

Before starting work for this Company it is necessary to give to the Employment Office details required for our Employment Record Card, and to sign the Record Card. National Health and Unemployment cards must be handed over on starting work.

2. TIME RECORDING.

When engaged a "Clock Number" is allocated to you, and a Clock Card placed in the rack situated by the time clock. The stamped recordings on your attendance card is the only demand you have for payment of hours worked. Failure to "clock in" or "out" may penalise you financially for any time you may work without conforming to this very important procedure. Written entries on clock cards will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances and initialled by a supervisor. Any employee "clocking" the card of another renders both liable to instant dismissal and to prosecution.

3. PASS-OUT SLIPS.

To cover cases where an employee requires leave during working hours, he or she must obtain a "pass-out" slip from, and signed by their foreman.

The "pass-out" is handed to the gate police who enters time of leaving. Should you require to re-start work before the start of the next shift, the "pass-out" is reclaimed from the policeman and returned to your foreman. It is essential that you "clock-out" when leaving and "in" when returning.

4. WORKING HOURS.

(a) Day Shift—Monday to Thursday.

From	To	Period	Normal Hours	Overtime Hours
8.00 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	Work	... 4½	—
12.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	Meal	... —	—
1.30 p.m.	5.30 p.m.	Work	... 4	—
5.30 p.m.	5.45 p.m.	Meal	... —	—
5.45 p.m.	7.30 p.m.	Work	... —	1¾
			<hr/>	<hr/>
Total...			8½	1¾

Day Shift—Friday.

From	To	Period	Normal Hours	Overtime Hours
8.00 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	Work	... 4½	—
12.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	Meal	... —	—
1.30 p.m.	6.00 p.m.	Work	... 4½	—
Total...			9	—

Day Shift—Saturday.

From	To	Period	Normal Hours	Overtime Hours
8.00 a.m.	12.00 noon	Work	... 4	—
12.00 noon	12.30 p.m.	Meal	... —	—
12.30 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	Work	... —	3½
Total...			4	3½

Day Shift—Sunday (if worked).

From	To	Period	Normal Hours	Overtime Hours
8.00 a.m.	12.30 p.m.	Work	... —	4½
12.30 p.m.	1.30 p.m.	Meal	... —	—
1.30 p.m.	5.00 p.m.	Work	... —	3½
Total...			—	8

Sunday hours may be varied as required.

(b) Night Shift—Monday to Thursday.

From	To	Period	Normal Hours	Overtime Hours
8.00 p.m.	12.30 a.m.	Work	... 4½	—
12.30 a.m.	1.30 a.m.	Meal	... —	—
1.30 a.m.	5.00 a.m.	Work	... 3½	—
5.00 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	Meal	... —	—
5.30 a.m.	7.30 a.m.	Work	... 1½	½
Total...			9½	½

Night Shift—Friday.		Period	Normal Hours	Overtime Hours
From	To			
8.00 p.m.	12.30 a.m.	Work	... 4½	—
12.30 a.m.	1.30 a.m.	Meal	...	—
1.30 a.m.	5.00 a.m.	Work	... 3½	—
5.00 a.m.	5.30 a.m.	Meal	...	—
5.30 a.m.	7.30 a.m.	Work	... 1	1
Total...			9	1

Saturday and Sunday, if worked, will be the same hours as Monday to Thursday with overtime payable as laid down under Rates of Pay (Page 5).

4. RATES OF PAY.

(a) Rating.

The normal rating of wages will be as agreed nationally, i.e. shillings and pence per 47 hours plus bonus, plus National Award.

(b) Overtime Allowance.

This is paid on the basic rate plus National Award.

(c) Day Shift.

(9 Hour Day on Friday).

After the normal 8½ hour day, the first two hours overtime is paid at the rate of time and one third; after two hours at time and a half. Overtime that extends after midnight is paid at double time and continues until normal start of the next day's shift when the rate returns to normal. On Saturday, all time after the normal four hours is classed as overtime and is paid for at the rate of time and one third for the first two hours, and time and a half after the first two hours. This rate for Saturday overtime only applies if a normal 47 hour week is being worked.

(d) Night Shift.

The normal night shift is of 47 hours made up of four nights of 9½ hours and one night (Friday) of 9 hours. Overtime is any time worked longer than these hours. All night shift work is paid for at the rate of time and one fifth. Overtime is paid at the rate of time and one third for the first two hours, and time and a half thereafter.

For both day and night shift each day counts for itself for the purpose of calculating overtime.

6. ESSENTIAL WORKS ORDER.

In accordance with the provisions of the Essential Works Order 1941, no person may leave the employment of this undertaking without permission of the National Service Officer, and giving at least seven days' notice.

7. ABSENTEEISM.

An employee absent through sickness must submit a Doctor's certificate to the Labour Officer not later than the second day of absence.

8. LOST TIME.

Lost time will be recorded, and will be an important factor in the consideration of an employee's promotion. Continued lateness or absenteeism will be reported to the Works Committee and renders the employee liable to prosecution by the National Service Officer.

9. PAYMENT OF WAGES.

The wages week is based on hours worked from Sunday morning to Saturday evening. Wages are paid the following Thursday.

10. HOLIDAYS.

The Works Holidays will be customary Bank Holidays and such exten-

sions as may be decided by the Management.

Notices will be posted on the Works Notice Boards as early as possible prior to each holiday period, notifying the time of stopping and re-starting work. The Management reserves the right to make exceptions or changes to meet pressure or shortage of work.

Employees working on any of the undermentioned days will be paid as follows:—

10 (a) DOUBLE TIME RATE

Sundays.

Christmas Day.

Good Friday.

Easter Monday

Whit Monday.

August Bank Holiday.

TIME AND A HALF RATE (Day Shift).

Time and Two-Thirds Rate (Night Shift).

Boxing Day.

The working day immediately following Boxing Day.

Easter Saturday.

Whit Tuesday.

The Tuesday following August Bank Holiday.

Holidays, as in the case of Sundays, shall be computed midnight to midnight.

10. (b) ANNUAL HOLIDAYS.

Hourly paid workers are credited, for each full week's work performed, with a sum representing one-fiftieth of the appropriate basic rate plus National Award for the time being.

A full week's work is a week of 47 hours. When less than 47 hours has been worked in any week, the amount credited for Annual Holiday will be in proportion.

These credits will be accumulated and paid out during the week preceeding August Bank Holiday.

11. SYSTEM OF PRODUCTION BONUS PAYMENT.

All productive operators are able to earn an incentive piece work bonus, based on the results of their efforts. The basis regulations set down are as follows:—

1. Bonus is payable on the basic rate of wages only.
2. Time allowed is based on the actual time taken for a given operation and plussed by 50 per cent.
3. Time allowed cover all contingencies except machine breakdown.
4. Machine breakdown is covered by the operator clocking on to a "Waiting Card" when a bonus of 20 per cent over the period of breakdown will be paid. Operators can under these circumstances be asked to work on another machine, or alternatively to assist with the repair of the breakdown.
5. In extreme cases when work is not available to the operator, he will clock on a "Waiting Card" and a bonus of 20 per cent over the wait-

ing period will be paid. At no time should "waiting" period exceed three hours. It is essential that clockings, both "on" and "off", are signed by the foreman.

6. It is the responsibility of the operator to clock "on" and "off" Job Cards for each batch of work done.

12. PAYMENT OF BONUS TO NON-PRODUCTIVES.

Non-productive workers, i.e. Inspection, Stores, Progress, Tool Room, Maintenance and Heat Treatment are paid a lieu bonus of 25 per cent on their basic rate.

13. SETTLING IN OR TRAINING PERIOD.

A period of 100 hours can be allowed to a new employee, during which time a lieu bonus of 20 per cent will be paid on the basic rate.

14. MACHINE BREAKDOWN.

Machinery out of order must be stopped immediately by the operator in charge, and reported to the charge-hand of the department. Electrical equipment must on no account be tampered with. The slightest trouble must be reported to the electrician through the charge-hand.

15. CLEANING OF MACHINES.

Cleaning time is allowed. Operators are responsible for the cleanliness of machines under their charge. No machine may be cleaned whilst in motion. Machines must not be interfered with by any person other than their operators. Guards or fences must not be removed from machines in motion.

16. ACCIDENTS.

All accidents, no matter how trivial, must be reported to the First Aid Room, when treatment will be applied and instructions as to subsequent action will be given.

Failure to report renders employees liable to loss of compensation.

17. SMOKING.

Smoking will be permitted throughout the Works and Offices except

in such "Non-Smoking" sections as will be designated from time to time. In such sections smoking will not be permitted in any circumstances or at any time owing to Home Office regulations.

18. LOITERING.

Loitering in the lavatories or elsewhere during working hours is prohibited.

19. PILFERING.

The Management reserves the right of searching any employee while on the Works premises. An employee found in possession of Works property without authority, will be prosecuted.

20. FIRE PREVENTION A.R.P.

Under the Fire Prevention (Business Premises) Order 1941, No. 1 and 2, all personnel are required to take their turn on "Fire Watch". A rota is posted on A.R.P. board every four weeks and it is the responsibility of every person liable for fire watch duty to see whether his name appears on the rota.

21. A.R.P. SHELTERS.

It is essential that you acquaint yourself with the shelter allocated to your section.

22. WORKS SAFETY.

Every effort is made by the Management to ensure the maximum safety of employees. A Works Safety Committee has been formed, and any complaints or suggestions regarding this subject should be made to the Shop representative of this Committee.

23. LOOSE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT.

Each employee must sign for all loose tools and A.R.P. and other equipment (including helmets) which are issued to him from time to time. He remains personally responsible for such tools and equipment, and must check them into Stores whenever required. Any Loss must be immediately reported to the Foreman. Breakages and wear must also be immediately reported to the Foreman. Before leaving the services of the Company, each employee must return to Stores all tools and equipment issued to him.

24. LEAVING.

On leaving, an employee is required to surrender all properties of the Company. Wages due will not be paid until this condition is complied with.

25. GENERAL.

These rules are subject to any conditions which may be imposed on an Employer by any Act of Parliament, Government Order, or Order in Council, affecting engagement and conditions of employment.

26. WORKS COMMITTEE.

A Works Committee, appointed by the employees, is in being, and representatives of the Committee are entitled to meet the Management on any point of difficulty or dispute.

27 SICK AND BENEVOLENT CLUB.

A Sick and Benevolent Club is run by the Works Committee. Membership is voluntary. Full particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the Club.





BAMPTON

DEATH OF MR. C. WILLIAMS.

FIRE BRIGADE FUNERAL OF A NOTED VETERAN.

Wonderful tribute was paid to the memory of the late Mr. C. Williams, who was buried at Bampton on Saturday last.

Mr. Williams was well known to all the Fire Brigades for many miles round, having been a member of the Bampton Fire Brigade since its formation 53 years ago, and for the most part of that time its Chief Officer. He had also acted as judge in many brigade competitions in the district, and under his leadership the Bampton Brigade won many competitions. In consequence of this, all the local brigades united on Saturday in paying the last honours due to the late gentleman, and representatives were present from practically all of them.

The funeral procession from the house to the Church was led by the firemen in uniform, while the coffin resting on the Bampton Fire Engine was immediately preceded by Chief Officer Green and Second Officer Wilkins of the Bampton Brigade, together with the other members. Four members of the Bampton Brigade also acted as bearers, and on the coffin were placed the late fireman's tunic, helmet and cap. Behind the family mourners were representatives of the Parish Council, Lt.-Col. Colvile, Messrs. A. E. Dutton, G. W. Gordon, I. E. Busby, J. Brown, W. Mitchell and Mrs. Nettlefold, Mr. Williams having once been a member of and for a number of years the Clerk to the Council. There were also present representatives of the Cricket Club, in which Mr. Williams was also keenly interested. Large numbers of friends had assembled at the Church which was practically filled, and the service was conducted by the Vicar, Preb. F. W. Gegg, while the singing was led by the full choir. At the cemetery the firemen, about 50 in number, formed a square around the grave, and after the interment each man passed by the graveside and gave a last salute.

The Brigades represented at the funeral besides the Bampton Brigade were:—Brackley, Chief Officer Amos (representing the Midland District Association); Oxford V.F.B., Mr. F. H. Ballard (Vice-President of the West Midland Division) and men; Witney, Chief Officer Valentine, Second Officer Keates and men; Morris Motors, Chief Officer Thornton, and Second Officer Jewell; Swindon, Chief Officer Baker and men; Banbury, Second Officer Kilbee and men; Mr. R. T. Rose (Southmoor) for 30 years second officer under Mr Williams.

The many beautiful floral tributes received are as follows:—"In loving memory from your devoted daughters, Eva, Gert, Ethel & May"; "To dearest Dad from Min Campbell & boys"; "In loving memory, Os, Em & Freda"; "In loving memory, Horace, Nellie & Ted"; "In loving memory, Norman & Kit"; "In loving memory, Lewis & Emmie"; "In loving memory, Jack & Vi"; "With best love from his Sisters, Belle, Fou & Edie"; "In loving remembrance, Eugenie & Arthur"; "In loving memory of our dear Granddad, Molly, Phil & Norman"; "From 'Peggy' to darling Grandad"; "With sincere sympathy, Con & Daisy"; "In loving memory & deepest sympathy, Harry & Bess"; "With sincere sympathy from Tom & Clara"; "In loving remembrance of Uncle Cam from Molly & Bert"; "In affectionate sympathy, Gert, Gwen & Flo"; "From Dolly & George, with loving sympathy"; "With loving sympathy from Ciss"; "With sincere sympathy Sir Ernest Petter"; "Vicar, Organist, Choir & Church Wardens, with pleasant remembrances"; "With heartfelt sympathy to an honoured Chief & Friend, from the Bampton Fire Brigade"; "With kindly remembrances from Chairman & Members of the Executive Committee West Midland District"; "With deepest sympathy from the Officers & Members of the Oxford Voluntary Fire Brigade":—"With deepest sympathy from C.O.A.E. Banbury & Woodstock F.B."; "Remembrances from Officers & Members, Swindon & Boro' F.B."; "With sympathy from the Officers & Men Morris Motors F.B."; "With very sincere sympathy from F. M. Green, Witney"; "From the members of the Bampton Cricket Club with sincere sympathy"; "Kind remembrances from the Officers & Men of the Banbury Fire Brigade"; "In remembrance from the Church Wardens and Sidesmen of Bampton Church"; "Deepest sympathy, E. Vaux"; "Kindly remembrances of many years of devoted service as their Clerk, from the Chairman and past and present members of Bampton Parish Council"; "A token of regard from Mrs. Jenner"; "A token of remembrance from Miss Cobb"; "With deepest sympathy, Katie, Florie & Clara"; "With loving sympathy, Miss Creed"; "In remembrance, Mr. & Mrs. J. Roberts"; "With deepest sympathy, Mr. & Mrs. Colin Townsend & Family"; "With sincere sympathy J. T. Rose, Bampton"; "With sincere sympathy Dr. & Mrs. Atkinson"; "From Messrs. T. & A. Saunders, with deepest sympathy"; "With much sympathy, Mrs. William Spooner"; "With deepest sympathy, George Hill & Family"; "Deepest sympathy, S. & E. Langley"; "With deepest sympathy, the Girls, 15, Harewood Place."

BAMPTON'S NEW MOTOR PUMP



BAMPTON FIRE BRIGADE'S new motor pump which displaces a 45-year-old manual pump.



THE NEW MOTOR PUMP in operation. Testing the pressure of the water.

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HISTORY OF BAMPTON FIRE BRIGADE

Parish records began in 1896 and from then until 1947 the Parish Council ran the brigade. All equipment was bought by the Council from local firms where possible. This was the same all over the country, so there was no standard equipment and clothing.

During the Second World War, Bampton firemen went to places like London, Coventry and Portsmouth. On many occasions they were unable to use their equipment because all the fittings were different.

In 1947 individual Parish Council brigades were brought under the control of each county and fittings were all standardised throughout the country. Fire pumps were not immediately changed but modified to the new fittings. Bampton became part of Oxfordshire County Fire Service (Station 4) in the Southern Division.

In 1974 counties in England re-formed their borders, Oxfordshire taking over part of Berkshire and, therefore, some of their fire stations.

The Oxfordshire Fire Service now included the 2 stations in Oxford city and was divided into three Divisions, A, B and C.

Bampton now became Station B5, but shortly after, in a divisional change, resorted back to B4.

In the early 1980s Oxfordshire again re-formed, now into 2 Divisions and Bampton became part of A Division as Station A 12, which they still are today.

1861. Dec. The Surveyor of the Turnpike Roads approached the Weald surveyor for a contribution towards the upkeep of the turnpike - presumably between Market Square and the Clanfield/Bampton boundary. It was resolved Messrs Arkell (Ham Court) and Lyford accompany the local Surveyor to meet the Clerk of the Turnpike Roads before the Magistrates in order to protect the interests of the ratepayers of Weald.
1862. Apr. Wm Edwards, Bampton surveyor, reported to Vestry that owing to 'the breaking of the bank at Faringdon' £2.10s belonging to the Highway Rate had been lost.
1866. Nov. J. Teall is paid an extra £2 for two levies of special rates in respect of the 'Cattle Plague'.
1868. Apr. First mention of proposed restoration of parish church. Sum required £2,686. Agreed to apply to Commissioner of Public Works for a loan of £1000.
1869. Jan. Further to a meeting held 23.xii.67 when it was agreed that the village should be lit at night, and nine 'inspectors' were appointed to effect this, Dr Atkinson proposed and John Clack seconded that the sum of £80 be raised to meet the cost. Messrs Hall and Clinch put forward an amendment that a sum of £5 only be raised. This ~~would have been intended~~ was intended to nullify the earlier decision, but the amendment was lost, and the original motion carried by a large majority.
1870. Jan. Lighting Act. Mr Hall proposed and Jas Clack seconded that the sum of £5 be raised for lighting the village. The motion being carried it meant as Dacres Adams put it 'The Act, of course, fell to the ground'. No lighting in the village.
1871. Feb. Resolved that a meeting of the inhabitants be called 'to consider the necessity of purchasing a fire engine.' (No record of such a meeting being held)
1871. June. A complaint that Bampton's rates were the highest of any parish's in the neighbourhood
References to 'the great changes which will be made at Michaelmas.'

1871. July. Highway Board empowered to sell the Pieces when the gravel pit was exhausted, and to purchase a suitable piece of land to provide a substitute.
Also to sell land in Welcome Way where Weald gravel pit was exhausted,.
1875. Oct. Vestry required to consider 'what steps can be taken to put the Belfry in proper repair, and to get together a band of volunteer ringers' Much regret having been felt at the little use which was being made of the bells.
The names of thirteen persons who were willing to ring were submitted to the meeting - it being understood that they made the offer on condition of the Belfry being put in a ~~rotten~~ state
An estimate from Mr Stone was then read in which he proposed to do the necessary work therein for the sum of seventeen pounds.
1876. June. Proposed by A. Smith, seconded by Philip Southby that the repairs to the Fire Engine with other needful expenses be defrayed out of the Poor Rate according to the Act. Defeated by 4 votes to 2.
- 1878.4.26 To consider if the Gravel Pit belonging to the Parish (Bampton?) of which the materials had become useless should be sold, and if sold to what purpose the money should be applied. It was agreed that the offer by the Rev G. Hustler of £100 be accepted.
The Waywardens were requested to find out from the Highway Board if it would be permissible to spend this money on repairing gutters in the streets.
- 1878.6.14 Vestry met to appoint a successor to John Teall deceased. Salary of £26 p.a.
- (a) T.H. Bateman. Pr. W.H. Gerring.
sec. Wm Beard.
- (b) Wm Bayliss (Aston) Pr. T.J. Rose
sec. Ch. Hobbs
- Bateman 5 votes. Bayliss 4 votes.
J. Edwards & W.H. Gerring sureties for Bateman at £150 apiece.
- 1879.4.15 Attention was drawn to the fact that on the decease of the late assistant overseer, which took place very suddenly, a deficiency appeared in his accounts, which his estate was insufficient to meet.
It was agreed to invite the ratepayers to unite in paying a voluntary rate of one penny in the pound

1881.7.7 Discussion on what action to take against Bateman on account of the deficiencies in his accounts.

Highway Rate(B)	£28.	8.	7.
.. .. (W)	£21.	0.	4d.
Church Loan Rate	£ 8.	12.	11d.
Overcharge for collecting Church Loan Rate for $2\frac{1}{2}$ yrs.	£ 8.	15.	Od.
Total	£66.	16.	10d.

The attendance being small, and the meeting adjourned sine die.

1881.7.15 Decided to levy a voluntary rate of $1\frac{1}{2}$ d to cover deficiencies.

Nothing of interest over the next few years of vestry meetings.

1886.11.19. Once again concern is felt about the state of the church bells and a tender from Mr Bond of Burford for £26.12s is considered. Meeting agreed to call for more estimates..

1886.12.3 Three tenders for the bells studied.

(a) Messrs Mears & Stainbank for a complete restoration of the bells including an entire new frame and re-casting of the 5th bell which was cracked.....£236. 15s. Od.

(b) Mr White of Appleton. Two estimates.

1. £15. 10s.

2. £22. 12s.

(c) Mr Bond of Burford. Second estimate £14. 10s.

Agreed to accept Mr White's first tender of £15. 10s.

1887.3.27 The Sexton James Plaster instructed to regard weeding the churchyard paths, and shovelling coke into the cellar as part of his duties and meriting no extra payment.

1889.4.26 Government Inspector order closing of the churchyard for funerals.

Addita. 1883.4.15. Vestry adminishes resident's Nigh Street for depositing household rubbish in the gutters.

* 1884.1.12. Street cleaning put out to tender

1884.3.16. 'Cap' Williams complains that the road cleaners spend too much time 'cleaning in their shovels'.

* See minutes for 1859.11.25.



The Fire Brigade in the first half of the C20th

BAD444 The Town Hall seen from the south east in the 1980s. The ground floor arcades are nearly all windows. The gents toilets are on the south side where the fire engine used to be housed and the ladies on the east. The fire siren is still under the eaves on the south side. Upstairs, West Ox Arts rent the space. The far side of the Market Square the Market Square Garage is visible. The clock donated by Squire Southby that used to be on the Town Hall is on the front panel of the garage, unfortunately hidden from view here by the Town Hall.

Img090 The south aspect of the Town Hall prior to the 1972 restoration of the building. An addition was put on to the south side of the Town Hall to accommodate the new Bedford TK chassis fire appliance which was too long to be able to shut the original doors. The new machine meant all equipment could be carried on the engine for the first time and it had a water tank able to hold 200 gallons of water.

BA4424 Bampton Fire Brigade seen leaving St Mary The Virgin in Bampton after a memorial service for Edward VII in 1910

FIREBRI1 The Fire Brigade schedule of charges at March 1929

FIREBRI2 Fire Brigade Rules and Scale of Charges

A969 Williams family, Os Williams centre back, 1890s. Os was in the local fire brigade

A614 Back of a postcard which shows, on the other side, the Bampton crew taking part in the National Shield competition at Crystal Palace in 1904 which they won.

A615 Back of a postcard which shows 'Fire Brigade with Shields and Cups'

A639a Outside Bampton Town Hall Fire Station. L.to R. Cripps. Fox. Jesse King. Fox. (1 of the Fox's is Mavis Green's Grandfather). T.A. Constable. Cambria Williams. Dick Rose. Edward. J. (Ted) Green. George (Pet) Townsend. Alec Townsend. Eustace.

A749 Fire brigade at Bampton Town Hall. They used to hang the hoses from the top of the Town Hall to dry out and one is still hanging while another one is being rolled up. The appliance was kept in the Town Hall and the doors of the area are standing open with the appliance outside

A936 Bampton Fire Brigade, outside Bampton Town Hall which used to house the fire appliance. This was the gathering of firemen to mark the passing of Cambria Williams who served the fire service for decades and was in charge when they won the National Shield at Crystal Palace in 1904

Img166 The congregation leaving St Mary The Virgin after the memorial service for King Edward VII who died May 6th 1910. The banner belonging to the Foresters is being carried. The fire brigade are leading the exit from church. Notice all the large black hats worn by the ladies.

Img873 Fire station in the Town Hall; an extension had to be built to accommodate the longer, new fire appliance which allowed the fire crew to have all their equipment with them on the appliance and it carried 200 gallons of water. The clock on the roof of the Town Hall was a gift in memory of Squire Southby. The fire siren is under the eaves on the south wall of the Town Hall.

Img291 The Town Hall with the east room used to house the fire appliance. The firemen are hoisting up their hoses to drain them out. Note the arches of the Town Hall have been filled in on the west and south sides. Little girls watching the firemen have white over-pinafores on.

Img514 People leaving St Mary's after a memorial service for King Edward VII with the town's firemen leading the people out from the church grounds. As people are in black, it must be his death in 1909 that they are commemorating.

Img769 Extract of an article in the Witney Gazette - an elderly person recalls the time Bampton Fire Brigade won the National Trophy at Crystal Palace in 1904

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Img051 & 052 This was part of a church parade of many firemen in Basingstoke. The number 17 is written on the picture so it may have been taken in 1917; certainly, the dress of the public would fit this date.

Img361 A report of the annual Fire Brigade dinner attended by 75 people. Chair was taken by Major the Hon E Forester supported by Vicar GEC Rodwell. The National Challenge Shield for manual engine drills was won this year at Ramsgate and the District Shield at the West Midland District Competition at Melksham. Chief officer Cambria Williams was awarded a long service medal along with fireman Fox, both having given 30 years of service and Lieutenant Rose for 25 years.

Img365 A newspaper article recording the death of Cambria Williams in May 1931. He had been a member of the fire brigade since its inception 53 years previously and for most of the time was its Chief fire officer. He was also Clerk to the Parish Council

Img371 Oxford Mail October 1929. A photograph of Bampton Fire Brigade's new motor pump which replaces a 53 year old manual pump. A second picture showing the men testing/practising with the new motor pump.

Img372 Bampton Fire Brigade regulations 1897

Img376 A History of Bampton Fire Brigade. Parish records began in 1896 and from then until 1947 the Parish Council ran the brigade. In 1947 all equipment was standardised throughout the county and all counties used the same things so there was no longer a problem with fittings.