

We're ready to open for our 10th season



Our shop is fully stocked and the display cabinets full. You will find everything you need in the usual places. There is a simpler sheet to record sales and donations. Don't forget the children's quizzes and games when you have families visiting and the town trail quiz which they can take away. Now is the time to refresh your memory with our video clips and church history. Take a look at our section of the website

<http://www.bampton.org.uk/BHVC/heritage-videos.html>

Volunteer opportunities

We are looking for help with our 10th anniversary activities and for some specific roles. Our **events calendar** is now on the volunteers' section of the website. Take a look, and see if anything interests you and contact Alison or Judi to get involved. The login details are: User name – BHVC (must be in capitals); password – stmichaels (lower case).

Town trails – we are reviewing our standard town trail and we are also creating some themed trails which will include a railway trail, Our Buildings trail and possibly a quarries trail. If you would like to become a trail guide or backstop let us know. Trails are great fun to lead, and you don't have to memorise everything as you have notes with you, to refer to when needed. The information becomes easier to remember when you have done a few trails.

To begin, you would go with an experienced trail leader to learn the trails and how to manage visitors. The trails will last no longer than one hour and will be booked in advance so you would know when to be available. When the trails are ready, we will be offering all of you the chance to go on the trails so you will know what they are if visitors ask questions when you are in the church on a shift. Let us know if you are interested.

Newsletter editor – would you like to have a go at producing these newsletters? You could give them a whole new look or stay with the current style, but you could bring a completely fresh approach. You would have help in formatting them and be given the key information to include as well as inviting items from other volunteers. If you are a journalist in waiting let us know!

My Bampton reminiscence recorders – we are gathering memories of living in Bampton from more of our older residents but need these to be properly recorded to add to our

archive. Collecting memories is such a good thing to be involved with – people are sharing their own life experiences with a mix of poignant, funny and fascinating stories. It is such a privilege to hear these stories. If you would like to become one of our memory recorders you will have training in the skills needed with the conversations and with the use of the recording equipment. Contact Judi on 07595 497476 if you are interested.

General handyperson – we occasionally have tasks such as general repairs or cleaning equipment. We need someone we can call on who is handy with a screwdriver or hammer. Currently we need a repair on the Heritage Centre board opposite the deli which has rusted screws that need removing and replacing. If you have the time and the tools to help please let us know.

The headlines from our Trustees meeting on Tuesday February 2023 are:

- The AGM will be held in the LARC on Tuesday 18th April starting at 7.00pm
- Our annual accounts and annual report are nearing completion and will be available at the AGM. They will reflect a financially stable year and note our activities and achievements
- We continue to sign up local businesses for the new tear off map pad
- We have renewed our subscription to the Visit Mid Devon brochure and website for 2023 and hope this encourages more visitors
- We are reviewing our presence at Bampton Fair. The street information stall is no longer needed for Fair information and is so weather dependent that we will no longer continue it. We will focus our activity in the church where we can occupy our Centre area and make it both a great attraction with Fair history but also a good sale point for our stock
- Date of next meeting: 4th April 10am at 4 Primrose Court, Ashleigh Park.



10 events for 10 years



Connect with our Collection

This was a great success. Ken and Judi and Marian spent a week in our cafes. We were made very welcome and given good spots to sit where residents and visitors talked to us about the objects Ken had chosen from our collection. We had children playing our games and everyone guessing the objects. We even had a couple of new items donated to our collection. We plan to repeat this activity during the year. If you would like to be involved let us know.

See the calendar for the other **10 Years** events.

Centre opening for the new season

We will be ready to open and welcome visitors on Thursday 2nd March. We will open from 11-1 on Thursday and Friday mornings and from 11-1 and 1-3 on Saturdays. If you haven't yet signed up on the rota, please do try to fill in a shift or two. Here is the link to the rota <https://volunteersignup.org/MW7QD>

Street stalls

Brook Street stalls will run again and we would love you to be on the stall, chatting to residents and visitors. As usual we will have displays of photographs, our shop stock and our donations box. The dates for the first stalls of the season are: March 11th, April 15th, May 6th, Jun 10th and July 8th.

These dates will be on the rota so sign up if you can.

Tiverton Pannier Market offers us as a charity 12 free stalls each year. We won't take up the full offer, but we do plan to have two or three stalls during the year. The first of these will be on Good Friday, 7th April when the church will be closed for services. The stall will run from 8.00-4.00. Two-hour slots will be on the rota so please sign up if you can. Set up and take down will be managed by Trustees and we will have at least two people on the stall though the day. We have enough volunteers to set up on 7th April but will need more through the day.

