

## CURATOR'S NOTES #8

*(An occasional series of notes from the Curator of Bampton Heritage & Visitor Centre)*

### THE WIDE BAND OF CLOTH

A new suggestion has been made by Helena – the initials LPLMA could stand for “Landelijk Protocol Laag- en Middencomplexe Ambulance Zorg”. The Ambulance Zorg is the Dutch Ambulance Service. Do any of my readers understand enough Dutch to translate the rest? (I have a copy of a 96 page document with this title!)

If the first letter is an “I” rather than an “L”, they could stand for “Irish Power Loom Manufacturers Association” suggests Fiona. Part of a WW2 medical kit?

Justin Elson of the Rusty War militaria shop in Chesham, suggests that it is a hand towel from the armoured Royal Train, built in Wolverton in 1941.



### A MYSTERY METAL OBJECT

This was found in a local field – thanks, Cliff!. It is filled with wood (now somewhat rotten). Julian, the Curator of the Weald and Downland Museum near Chichester tells me:- “What you’ve got is a wheel box; that is the metal lining which is inserted into the knave (hub) of a wooden wheel. This metal lining stops the interior of the knave wearing away once slotted onto the axle and also provides much smoother running. The wooden material inside has nothing to do with the function of the object.”



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