

# Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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## Bampton's Community Christmas 2009

Katrina Munro, of Toucan, planned the The Bampton Community Christmas Evening for Friday December 4<sup>th</sup> and firstly decided to raise some business sponsorship to pay for a large community Christmas tree, which was to become the focal point for the evening's celebrations. Having decided that locating the tree on Serengers island would give it maximum exposure from all directions, Andrew the new owner of Serengers was approached and he kindly agreed to put the tree on his property and plug the lights in!



Bampton church bells were rung at 5pm to mark the start of the evening as the Rotary Club arrived with Father Christmas and his sleigh in Brook Street with free presents for the children. Bampton Player Colin Williams performed his Town Crier duties magnificently and there were a good few hundred locals surrounding the tree at 6 o'clock to see local girls Lucy and Emily turn on the lights and join in with carol singing lead by Bampton School and Mabel Vellacott and some adult carol singers. Later, there was a fantastic street dancing display by Sally Stairs and her 'Dance Moves' pupils.



The local retailers all supported the evening by opening their doors and donating gift vouchers for the raffle. Sally Jackson was outside Bampton Butchers cooking sausages for customers to sample, there were free mince pies and snacks offered around the town and everyone made an effort to offer something special on the day. Money was raised from

charges to stall holders who were selling festive presents inside the Toucan and Seddons (who kindly offered their offices for use on the evening). This money was donated to Bampton School PTA and Bampton Church. The Rotary Club also had a successful collection on the evening.

There was a real sense of community spirit and everyone seemed to really enjoy the event. A great deal of appreciation was passed on through Katrina to all those who helped make it happen and of course everyone is extremely grateful to Katrina herself for the tremendous job she did organising such a successful and enjoyable evening. Looking forward to next year's Bampton Community Christmas Evening.....

## Bampton Newsletter via E-mail

Copies of the Bampton newsletters are available by email. If you would like to receive it send your email address to:-

## Application for Grants from Bampton Fair Tolls



The Tolls for Bampton Fair are leased to Bampton Town Council by the Lord of the Manor on condition that they are distributed to local projects, charities or organisations within the 5 parishes.

The Tolls, which are distributed after costs relating to the street market have been deducted, will be on the Agenda at Bampton Town Council's next Meeting in February.

Please send applications, giving details of how the grant would be used, to the Town Clerk (contact details below) by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

2nd February, 2nd March and 6th April 2010

## Leyland Cypress on The Stage

The Leyland Cypress Tree, the roots of which have caused damage to the paving on The Stage, is to be felled and replaced with an Acer, which will be attractive and a more suitable size for the site. Planning permission for this replacement has been granted by Mid Devon District Council Planning Committee

## Help you neighbour...

With near arctic conditions experienced recently, Bampton Town Council is urging residents to make sure elderly neighbours and those with mobility problems are not forgotten.

With many likely to be kept indoors by the weather, the Council is asking everyone to make sure vulnerable neighbours and relatives are safe, warm and stocked with food. Due to the prolonged wintry conditions there may well be people who find themselves in difficulties.

We're asking everyone to be a good neighbour and make sure no one is having problems keeping warm or getting food, fuel or prescriptions. If you have a neighbour who needs help please contact one of your councillors who will be able to organise assistance for them.



*Photos courtesy of Humphrey Berridge and the Bampton website*

## Station Road Playground Refurbishment

Plans are being drawn up for the refurbishment of the Station Road Playground, thanks to some funding via Mid Devon District Council.

A Parents Action Group has been formed and they would be glad to hear from interested parents, grandparents and carers so they can find out exactly what those who use the playground would like to be included and their ideas for layout, etc.

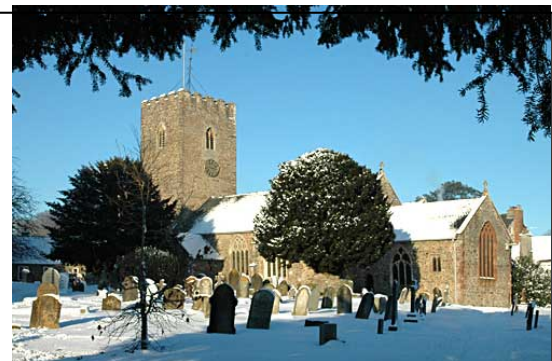
For the latest information and contact details of the Parents Action Group, please contact the Town Clerk ( details at the foot of the page)

## Grasscutting Contract 2010

Bampton Town Council welcomes applications for the Grasscutting Contract for 2010. Details are available from the Town Clerk (telephone 01398 331335 e.mail: [bamptontownclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bamptontownclerk@hotmail.co.uk)) and applications should be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

## Vacancy for Councillor

Bampton Town Council has a vacancy for a Councillor. More information is available from the Town Clerk (contact details below) and applications should be received by the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2010.



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