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Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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NEW COUNCILLOR

We welcomed a new member to Bampton Town Council at the Meeting on 2nd March. Lynn Compton has lived in Bampton for most of her life and will be known to most Bampton residents, having worked in the Post Office for 5 years. Lynn has strong ties to Bampton and looks forward to contributing to decisions affecting the Bampton area. Her local knowledge will be an asset to the Council.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH BURIAL GROUND

Rev. John Stone recently spoke to the Town Council about the Burial Ground attached to St. Michael's Church. Extra space has been acquired twice in the past, using Glebe land and there now remains space for approximately 5 or 6 years.

If no further space is found the cemetery will be closed. For burials to continue in Bampton it is necessary to find a suitable site and for Bampton Town Council to acquire it. The Parish Church Council only has the income from the collections and is unable to purchase further land. If no cemetery becomes available for burial in Bampton, alternative cemeteries, eg Tiverton are an option but of course these are also filling up.



The minimum size for a suitable site would be approximately ½ acre. If anyone has land they would be prepared to offer as a suitable site (perhaps part of a large garden) or can suggest a possible site, please contact the Town Clerk (contact details below).

Rev. Stone added that ashes may still be buried even in a closed churchyard.

PLANNING CONSULTATION

The representations made by Bampton residents and Bampton Town Council in connection with the Allocations and Infrastructure Development Plan Document are being considered by the Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State. Hearings, which provide the Inspectors with the opportunity to cross-examine MDDC and to question the other participants further are due to start on 7th April. These hearings are public meetings and two Bampton Councillors will be attending to speak on behalf of the Town Council. A further "Non-Allocated Sites" consultation is also taking place. Included in this consultation is the proposed site on the South Molton Road.

BTC will be submitting a representation that if further development has to take place in Bampton, the South Molton Road site would be the preferred option to any further development on the Morebath Road.

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SATELLITE DISHES IN THE BAMPTON CONSERVATION AREA

Bampton Town Council has heard from Catherine Marlow, the Conservation Officer of Mid Devon District Council, reminding residents that planning permission is required to erect a satellite dish on the wall, roof slope or chimney stack of a building facing a public highway in a conservation area.

Mid Devon DC appreciate that television reception in Bampton can be difficult and say that satellite dishes can be erected on short poles in gardens, located on the ground itself and can sometimes work successfully from loft spaces. They state that alternative locations that do not damage the street scene are usually possible.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

6th April, 4th May, 1st June 2010

REV. JOHN STONE TO RETIRE

John Stone, vicar of St. Michaels will be retiring in April. A collection box will be available in the post office courtesy of Claire and Bruce so that parishioners can show their appreciation by contributing to a leaving present for the Vicar.

JOHN THE POSTMAN IS ALSO RETIRING!

Bampton's Postman, John, will be retiring shortly and will be very much missed by everyone not least all the dogs who know he has a biscuit in his pocket for them. Claire and Bruce have kindly offered to put a collection box in the Post Office so that Bampton can show its appreciation to John for his exceptional cheerful friendly service.



BAMPTON ROADSHOW

Mid Devon District Council are hosting *THE BAMPTON ROADSHOW* in the Community Hall on Wednesday 28th April from 2 – 7pm. A similar event was held in Sandford recently where local residents were invited and rumour has it that tea and scones were served! For more information look out for posters around the town nearer the time.

KISSING GATES IN BARNHAY

It will soon be possible for Mobility Vehicles to use the path from Barnhay to Mary Lane by using their Radar key to open the replacement Kissing Gates wide enough to get through.

The new Gates were designed to allow mobility vehicles, wheelchairs and buggies through whilst preventing access for motor bikes or vehicles which might cause problems for pedestrians. The gate is being made and fitted for Bampton Town Council by PFG Engineering in Station Road and will be paid for by Mid Devon District Council thanks to some assistance from Mid Devon District Councillor Polly Colthorpe.

Millennium Green Multi Use Games Area

After several frustrating changes of sites, plans are finally being submitted to MDDC for permission to build a hard surface games court close to the entrance of the Millennium Green. This will make a very useful safe practice area for Bampton's ball games enthusiasts.



ST GEORGES' DAY – 23RD APRIL

The Bampton and Morebath Society of St. George would like to encourage more flags of St. George to be flown around St. George's Day as well as other times of the year. They are offering 20 St. George's flags, measuring 2ft x 3ft plus a bracket to fit to their house if needed, to anyone willing to fly the flag on at least 14 days around 23rd April each year. They also invite all who would like to join them in their annual celebration of St. George's Day. This celebration includes a Church Service followed by a Festive Dinner. For more information contact Rev. A.R.N. Appleby (331122)

BAMPTON FAIR TOLLS GRANTS

Grants from the 2009 Bampton Fair tolls have been made to the following local groups:-

Bampton Community Christmas Evening	£100	
Kalash Dance Troupe	£100	
Bampton Twinning Group	£100	
BACON Snowdrop Project	£70	
Bampton Junior Players	£200	
Bampton Netball Club	£100	
Rotary Group—towards their contribution to organising the Fair		£1630
Bampton Town Council – towards Christmas Tree Lights		£200
Bampton Fair Working Group – towards Street Entertainment at the Fair		£100
Shillingford & Petton Village Hall – towards Fire Escape Doors		£400
Bampton in Bloom – contribution towards plants		£311



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