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# Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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## BAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> June was a great success. Approximately 70 residents came to the Meeting, refreshments were served and everybody took the opportunity to have a good chat and to look at the displays put on by seventeen local groups and societies.

*There were some amazing displays – never let it be said that nothing ever happens in Bampton!*

Humphrey Berridge showed the big screen version of Bampton's website ([www.bampton.org.uk](http://www.bampton.org.uk)) and photos displayed by some of the groups showed what a great time they all had when they got together for social events. (Contact the Town Clerk for a list of the groups and their contact details.)

The speakers at the Meeting covered a wide range of subjects – the Neighbourhood Police Team, the Mid Devon District Council Dog Warden and of course The Parish Plan. (If you are interested in joining the Steering Group for this please let the Town Clerk know and you will be told when the first meeting is due to take place.)

The more people who take part in producing the Parish Plan the better it will be. The only way your point of view or your particular interest can be included is for you to make it known – it can't be included if nobody knows about it!



## Bampton Newsletter via E-mail

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The Council members were delighted to have such a good response to their efforts to open up communication with Bampton residents. Next year the sound system will be used so that everybody can hear the speakers properly!

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## Station Road Playground

You will be aware that we are in the middle of plans to refurbish Bampton Playground. This is a costly exercise but we have managed to obtain 60% of the funding from the Open Space Enhancement Fund, S106 held by MDDC. Other smaller, but much needed and welcomed contributions have been promised by Cllr Lucie Moore, from local funds raised and from Keith Pope who is negotiating a grant from MDDC towards groundwork. We have also submitted an application to the DCC County Committee Locality Budget, via Cllr Colthorpe for an additional £1,000. Our efforts to date have raised approximately 70% of the funding, however, at the time of going to press, we need another £13/£14,000 to complete the project. Where appropriate local companies will be engaged to do the work. This is where you the Parents & Residents of Bampton can help us complete the project and ensure that the younger children of Bampton have a safe and interesting place to play. We already have the names of some parents willing to help in our endeavours, but need more of your bright ideas on fund raising and ways to reach our goal. If you can help please contact the project co-ordinator, Cllr Broom, or the Town Clerk, Ann Guilfoyle.



### Bampton's Website – [www.bampton.org.uk](http://www.bampton.org.uk)

It was interesting to see Humphrey Berridge's BIG SCREEN version of the Bampton Website.

There is so much information on this Website and it is always changing and expanding. So often local websites are produced and then forgotten but we are fortunate to have a very active Webmaster in Humphrey. This is another case of letting him know what's going on, when and where. He is always happy to add items to the website and it is a very good way of letting people know what's happening. Take a look at the Bampton Fair page and see who you can spot in the crowds!



### STATION ROAD TOILETS

A badly needed redecoration and repair programme is starting at these toilets. They are often the introduction to Bampton for visitors and the town and its residents will be judged by them. For this reason the Council places a great deal of importance on the standard of cleanliness because a favourable impression on visitors will encourage them to stay longer and therefore benefit the town's economy. Maintaining a good standard again depends on everyone reporting misuse and vandalism. Continual damage and vandalism will inevitably lead to them being closed for good.

### Notification of Road Closure – Work Ref: NC2932820/1

May Gurney have a proposed road closure for Old Tiverton Road, Bampton from 19/8/10 to 25/8/10. All efforts will be made to maintain access to properties within the area of the closure and minimise disruption. If you require any further information please call South West Water on 01726 224400 between 09.00 and 17.00, Monday to Friday or contact South West Water Helpline on 0800 1691144 at all other times.

### NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

6th July, 3rd August and 7th September



The Multi Use Games Area on the Millennium Green is due to be completed by the time this newsletter is published. Now that the youngsters have a purpose built place to play ball games the children's playground can again be used by the smaller children and the Car Park will no longer need to be used as a makeshift football pitch.

The surface of the ball park is marked out for football and baseball but it is suitable for all types of ball games or practice. This piece of equipment has been well constructed and will be regularly maintained but it is important that it is looked after by those using it because the Council does not have the money to repair damage. If anyone sees it being mis-used please report it to the Council or the Neighbourhood Police.

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