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Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR BAMPTON - THE OUTCOME OF THE INSPECTION.

The Core Strategy included Bampton. Therefore this Town Council was powerless to alter the fact that the prescriptive housing requirement includes Bouchier Close in the Development Plan as well as extra homes at Ashleigh Park and Newton Court. The Plan also includes the Old School site allied with part of a neighbouring field at West Street.

We mustered every argument we could to oppose development at Bouchier Close with access into town being a focal issue as well as the fact that development was to include industrial units and in total take up three fields off the Morebath Road. We suggested an alternative site, the South Molton Road site, which would benefit Bampton by rationalising High St. This alternative could not offer the possibility of industrial units and was therefore rejected by the Inspector and the Bouchier site proposal upheld.

The Town Council wish to see the development of the Old School site with the hope of more affordable housing being included for young Bampton people. We also expressed our view that the Planning Condition of keeping the old school gate closed on safety grounds should be respected but as a compromise, a one way system could be negotiated using the West street access through the adjacent field. This combination of sites is still included in the Revised Development Plan but so, regrettably, are the other sites.

We can only hope that new legislation will come into being allowing local opinion to have more influence. All the submissions from Bampton are included on the MDDC website in the Planning portal as are the Revised DPD and the Inspector's Report.

Computers for Rural People

The Arthur Rank Centre has set up the "Computers for Rural People " scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step to using Email and Internet.

If you are retired or approaching retirement and have seen how your own computer could enrich your life if you are a really busy person and find that organising things by telephone and letter are just too slow, or if you have children at school and want them to be able to keep up with their work the Arthur Rank Centre can help you.

At a really low price the Foundation can provide a computer of your own, pre-loaded with Microsoft software and delivered to your door, to get you started. The Centre simply asks that you make a voluntary donation of just £12 minimum to cover costs and help its charitable work. If you have access to a Computer you can order directly by going to the website www.oasisfcf.org and click "Purchase Computers" tab or contact Paul Tucker, Community Development at Mid Devon District Council, Tiverton Tel: 01884 234930 (ptucker@middevon.gov.uk).



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THE BAMPTON PARISH PLAN: HAVE YOUR SAY!

What is the Bampton Parish Plan ? The Bampton Parish Plan gives the residents of Bampton Parish an opportunity to say what we want to achieve for our community. Its purpose is to make Bampton a better place to live in the short, medium and long term. The Plan can include anything that is relevant to the people that live and work here, eg transport, recreation, housing, youth provision, protection of our rural community etc. Local and National Governments and other organisations want local people to be more involved in deciding the priorities for action within their neighbourhood: But how are they to know what your priorities are - The Bampton Parish Plan! It will identify what people value, as well as problems and opportunities in the Town. It will quantify how residents want the community to develop and will identify actions needed. All this information will then be incorporated into a public document – the Bampton Parish Plan.

LOOK OUT FOR THE BAMPTON PARISH PLAN STALL AT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENING ON 3rd DECEMBER TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY!

BAMPTON BUSINESS GROUP

Advertising is often an expensive item for a small rural business. This newly-formed group is planning a **BAMPTON AREA BUSINESS DIRECTORY** which will give details of businesses, individual tradespeople and groups in the area. This is being produced, at cost, by the Business Group and the cost of advertising in it will be approximately £15. A full colour print run of 3000 will be delivered free to local households. At their last meeting information was given about two websites which also offer a low-cost form of local advertising. The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th November at 7.30 in the Community Hall. If you would like to contact the Group with any suggestions or ask any details contact Katrina at the Toucan Cafe-Bistro (01398 331777) enquiries@toucanrestaurant.co.uk or Lucie at lucie@one-body.co.uk.



Have a look at lots more photos in a slideshow at www.bampton.org.uk !

The Fair was a great success again – lots of people having lots of fun – and the weather was kind to us too! Thanks to everyone who gave their time and energy and helped to make it a really special event. Being part of the team makes Bampton Fair even more enjoyable – if you can spare a few hours before, during or after the Fair it would be good to hear from you – the more helpers the merrier!

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

7th December

DEVON ACTIVE VILLAGES PROJECT

Project Co-ordinator, Emma Higgins has made a good start with this project, including weekly sessions of Tai Chi, a gentle exercise for all ages and most abilities - every Friday from 11am – 12 noon in the Riverside Hall and Basketball sessions at Bampton School. Circuit Training is another activity in which there is a lot of interest. There is still time to let her know if you are interested in setting something up – telephone her on 077583561494 or email her at e.higgins@toneleisure.com or speak to any of the councillors.

VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

John Broom is moving from Bampton, which means there is a vacancy for a Councillor. There will be an election in May next year so perhaps now is a good time to find out more about being involved in the Council. Visitors to the Meetings are always welcome on the first Tuesday of every month or speak to any councillor to find out how the council works.

THE SKIP IS COMING.....

The rubbish skip will be in Station Road Car Park from 10am until 4 pm on Saturday 27th November.

Make good use of this opportunity – rumour has it that the recycling centre at Brushford is to close.



Friday 3rd December 5pm-8pm

BAMPTON COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVENING

Indoor Christmas market, carol singing and lighting up of the Big Tree, Father Christmas and festivities around the town....

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