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Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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LOCAL ELECTIONS - YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU AND YOUR VOTE.

Local Elections are to be held on Thursday 5th May. Now is the time to ensure that your name is on the Electoral Register so that you can support your community and vote. Copies of the Electoral Register are kept at the post office, libraries and by the Town Clerk. It's your right to vote, so don't miss out.

Parish and Town Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community, whatever their background and local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the local team. If you are interested in becoming a councillor, or know someone who might just need some encouragement, now is the time to act - get the forms from Mid Devon District Council and send them off or ask any councillor for more information.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

1st February, 1st March, 5th April



*Pictures courtesy of
Steve Lee.*

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EMERGENCY PLANNING VOLUNTEERS

Most Bampton residents will be aware that the town has a 'Flood Plan'. This was initiated by members of Bampton Town Council in consultation with the Dept. of Environment. The plan has yet to be tested by serious flooding and we hope it never will be but we are as prepared as we possibly can be. However, there is a real, if remote, chance that the Town could be hit by other emergencies, such as a serious road accident, a fire, a pandemic or prolonged extreme weather conditions. If the emergency services were delayed or unable to attend for any reason it would be left to us to take action.

The recent heavy snow should remind us that our town is easily cut off and the current and pending reduction in public services could increase the risk. All this may seem unnecessarily alarmist but some other towns have already put together an Emergency Plan and BTC considers that we should do the same, as part of the Parish Plan.

Terry Knagg – Chairman, Bampton Town Council.

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BAMPTON FAIR TOLLS 2010

Bampton Fair Tolls 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 five parishes, after costs relating to the street market have been deducted. Under the terms of the lease, Bampton Town Council is not permitted to make a profit or loss from the tolls. The total tolls available for 2010 are £3,567.96, which is £300 more than last year. After allocating 50% to the Rotary Club in respect of their involvement in the organisation of the fair this leaves £1,783.98 available for distribution by Bampton Town Council. Applications in writing should be sent to The Town Clerk by January 31st, 2011 giving details of how the grant will be used.



Please note: Only one grant per organisation is eligible in any one year either from Rotary or Bampton Town Council.

BAMPTON MILLENNIUM GREEN TRUST

On Saturday 8th January twenty six people were kind enough to give time to examine the legal paperwork and agree with the existing trustees that from 8th January 2011 Bampton Town Council should act collectively as sole trustee instead of individual people.

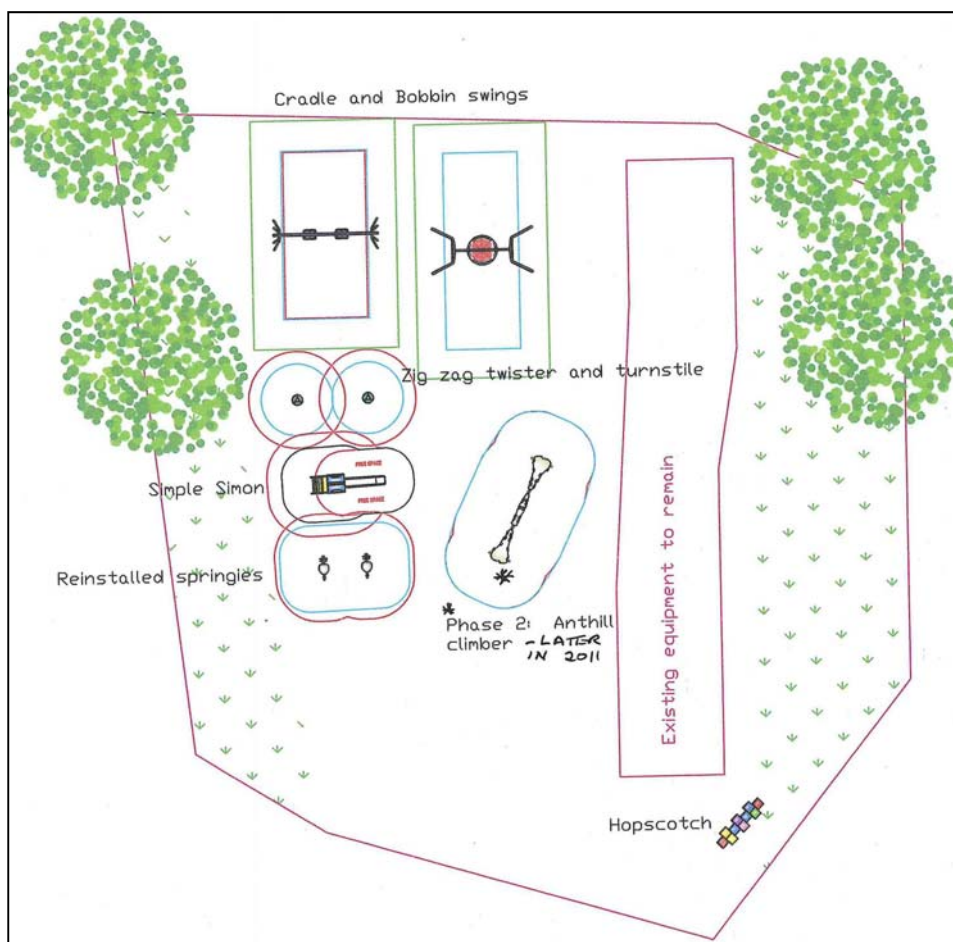
Thank you all for your support in this matter. We hope you enjoyed the coffee, cake and chat!

PARISH PRECEPT 2011/12.

The annual request to MDDC for funds to pay for necessary local expenditure in Bampton was discussed at the last Council Meeting. Having now managed to build up an adequate contingency reserve the Council voted to retain the precept request at £36,192, as last year, with no increase.

Station Road Playground

Plans have been drawn up and funding is in place for the refurbishment of the Playground in Station Road. If the weather is kind to us work should be starting fairly soon and is scheduled to be completed for Spring - in time for the longer evenings and warmer weather.



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