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The "Grand Opening of the refurbished Station Road Playground" took place on Saturday 2nd July. At least fifteen years have passed since the last update of the playground which meant that the whole area was badly in need of attention.

Thanks to funds received from local housing development, Bampton Town Council were able to resurface the whole area, replace worn out and damaged equipment, add a variety of up-to-date play equipment and with the help of Bampton School PTA and several Councillors, the wooden shelter and climbing frame were given a new lease of life with colourful paint. Finally new safety railings and a second entrance were installed to create an exciting area for youngsters of all ages. Bampton's new Vicar, Rev. Lynne Burgon was there to cut the ribbons to open the Playground and the children were quick to put everything to the test! The overall result was declared a great success by everyone!

The photos shown are on the Bampton Website - <http://www.bampton.org.uk/council-playground.html>

The Residents of Barnhaven enjoying a Celebration Tea for the Royal Wedding courtesy of a grant from Bampton Fair tolls.



Emergency Planning

Bampton's Emergency Planning Committee has ordered two salt/grit spreaders to make sure that in snow and icy conditions residents can safely use pavements and side roads which are not treated by Devon County Council.

Terry Knagg, Bampton's Snow Warden, will be co-ordinating the scheme and he is creating a list of contacts in the various residential areas throughout town who will keep him informed of local needs and conditions and even more important, a list of volunteers to man the salt/grit spreaders. One of the machines is hand operated (for pavements etc.) and the other can be towed behind a 4W drive vehicle. DCC will provide insurance for named drivers and training can be provided.

This scheme will only work if residents from each community within Bampton are willing to help. For more information contact Terry on 01398 332280. Every resident can also play an important role by making sure the pavement outside their home is kept clear.

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Bampton's Parish Plan

An important stage in the production of the Parish Plan has now been reached. A questionnaire has been produced which will go to every home in Bampton, Shillingford and Petton. This will give everyone an opportunity to have a say in the future of the area for themselves and their family. Delivery is scheduled for the end of September and the Steering Group needs as many volunteers as possible to deliver the forms in their immediate locality.

If you care about the future of Bampton and can spare an hour or so of your time please contact the Town Clerk on 01398 331335 email bamptontownclerk@hotmail.co.uk

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

6th September, 4th October, 1st November

BAMPTON FAIR – 27TH OCTOBER

Stewards are urgently needed for just a couple of hours on Fair Day to help everything run smoothly. Please contact any of the Councillors or the Town Clerk.

MILLENNIUM GREEN

Things are looking up at one of Bampton's Secret Open Spaces and Wildlife Areas. The Millennium Green, which is found through the School Car Park, is gradually receiving some TLC courtesy of a joint committee of the church and the Town Council. The new Ball Park gives everyone an all weather area to play and the orchard has a wonderful set of apple trees which are cropping nicely giving lots of apples to pick. The old lime kiln area has been restored and on Saturday 3rd September the Millennium Green Committee invite you to a **GRAND HOG ROAST** from 12 noon to 2.30 pm.

FOLLOWING A RECENT INCIDENT, a local farmer has asked Bampton Town Council to remind residents that dogs should always be kept on leads when using public rights of way across fields where sheep could be grazing. Allowing a dog to worry, chase, injure or kill sheep is an offence that has a very real and emotional effect on the farmers that raise these animals and find them in states of horrible suffering or traumatic deaths. The police view is that any farmer who sees a dog worrying stock is perfectly within their rights to shoot the dog. PLEASE ALSO BE SURE TO SHUT FARM GATES BEHIND YOU.



SCHOOL GARDEN CLUB

Bampton School Gardening Club received a grant from Bampton Fair Tolls to provide extra tools and equipment.

BTC received a lovely thank-you letter from the keen young gardeners and the photos show them making good use of the new equipment.

BTC THANKS.....

BACON for their contribution of £350 towards Floral decoration. PCC for their contribution towards improvement work at Millennium Green

QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – 2ND – 5TH JUNE 2012

A special extended Bank Holiday from 2nd – 5th June 2012 will give everybody a good opportunity to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. How would you like BAMPTON to celebrate?

Here's some ideas –

Throughout the UK 2012 Beacons will be lit

Six million trees will be planted across the UK, creating hundreds of new woodlands

The Big Jubilee Lunch – people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends – a traditional street party or a picnic lunch in small or large groups

"Party in the Park" to celebrate Bampton Fair's 750th birthday was a resounding success

On Sunday 3rd June a flotilla of decorated boats will travel down the River Thames in London

Can Bampton put on their version on the Bathern?

WHAT'S YOUR VIEW – contact the Town Clerk with your ideas.



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