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Bampton Town Council Newsletter

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Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations

It has been proposed that a "Big Street Party" be held on 4th June, 2011 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The plan is to use Station Road Car Park as the site for the party, as this would not cause any restrictions in the normal movement of traffic.

All clubs and organisations in Bampton are to be asked if their members would like to get together and be part of the "Big Party". Each group will be responsible for providing their own food and drink. People who do not belong to any particular group would, of course, be able to attend as individuals, families or groups of friends.

There would be no charge for attending because everyone would be responsible for providing refreshments for their group or themselves. BTC have agreed to provide a grant, perhaps for entertainment or music.

Of course, none of this prevents people from holding their own street parties if they prefer to do so but it would be good if all the people of Bampton could join together to celebrate this historic occasion.

For further information and to register interest, contact Terry Knagg, on 01398 332280.

Bampton Fair 2011 - Report from The Tolly, Sherie Webber

Bampton Fair is an event which large crowds attend from all over the country, which is fantastic for the town and keeps us on the map. It was a very enjoyable day in spite of the rain and everyone involved contributed to the success. Street stall tolls were on a par with previous years – 117 pitches sold prior to Fair Day.

Interesting and varied stalls and attractions such as the blacksmith (as seen on TV) generated a lot of interest. Traders feedback was all positive – good trade and lots of visitors.

Overall a successful fair, despite the atrocious weather conditions. A very successful thank you party was held recently for all the Stewards and other volunteers whose help in organising and running Bampton Fair is invaluable, appreciated and essential. (Photos from Bampton Website)



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Bampton Community First Responders Scheme

The idea of setting up a Bampton Community First Responders Scheme was conceived from other such schemes and initiatives around the South West. Relevant ambulance service trusts train local volunteers in first aid skills and life saving techniques within communities that are geographically far enough away from ambulance stations to affect the ambulance crew response times and relay the treatment of casualties following life threatening illnesses or injuries. Bampton is over 10 miles away from its nearest ambulance station – in Tiverton which covers a wide area with often only one ambulance and one response car crewed by a paramedic. BTC has agreed to provide funding for the necessary equipment and training of the group, which will be able to cover the community 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival took place in the church from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th December. The theme this year was "Children's Books" and BTC took the book "The Mousehole Cat" as its theme, complete with the sea, fishermen's cottages, a fishing boat and lots of shiny fishes. Sitting atop the tree was the Mousehole Cat – keeping a beady eye on all the visitors..



NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

3rd January, 7th February and 6th March

Bampton Traffic Problem Areas

At the BTC Meeting in December, Steve Leigh, DCC Highways proposed a consultation system to give residents the opportunity to submit their views on Bampton's traffic problem areas. After analysis of the submissions a Public Meeting will be held to allow DCC Highways to put forward viable options to deal with problem areas pinpointed in the consultation. The Councillors agreed to go ahead with this plan in the New Year.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

This project, launched to mark the Queen's Diamond jubilee, is designed to permanently protect and improve outdoor recreational space. The Recreation Ground on the Morebath Road has been nominated to ensure that it is safeguarded in perpetuity for future generations for sport, play and outdoor recreation.



RESULTS OF ELECTION OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR FOR CLARE & SHUTTERN - 15th December, 2011

Polly Colthorpe	- 385 Votes (elected)
Terry Knagg	166 Votes
A J McIntyre	54 Votes

Parish Plan

The questionnaire is due to be delivered from the printers any day now and the Steering Group are hoping to deliver a copy to every household in Bampton, Shillingford and Petton in the New Year. Once the completed questionnaires have been analysed the Parish Plan will then be produced.

What does a Parish Plan look like?

- A detailed report that explains how the consultation has been carried out, the issues raised and conclusions drawn.
- An action plan, that clearly sets out what needs doing, when, why and by whom.
- It is up to the community to decide which issues it would like to tackle, and to agree priorities for action.

What can be achieved through a Parish Plan?

- Identify, prioritise and make known those issues that affect our community.
- Produce an ACTION PLAN to promote the changes that the community wants.
- Defend the community from unwelcome changes
- Be useful in identifying actions that the community can undertake itself
- A plan helps communities influence and engage with the local Planning Authority.

With approximately 800 houses in the parish the Steering Group needs volunteers to deliver questionnaires in their local area. Several residents have already kindly offered to help but of course many hands make light work. If you can spare just an hour or two of your time please contact the Town Clerk (details below).

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