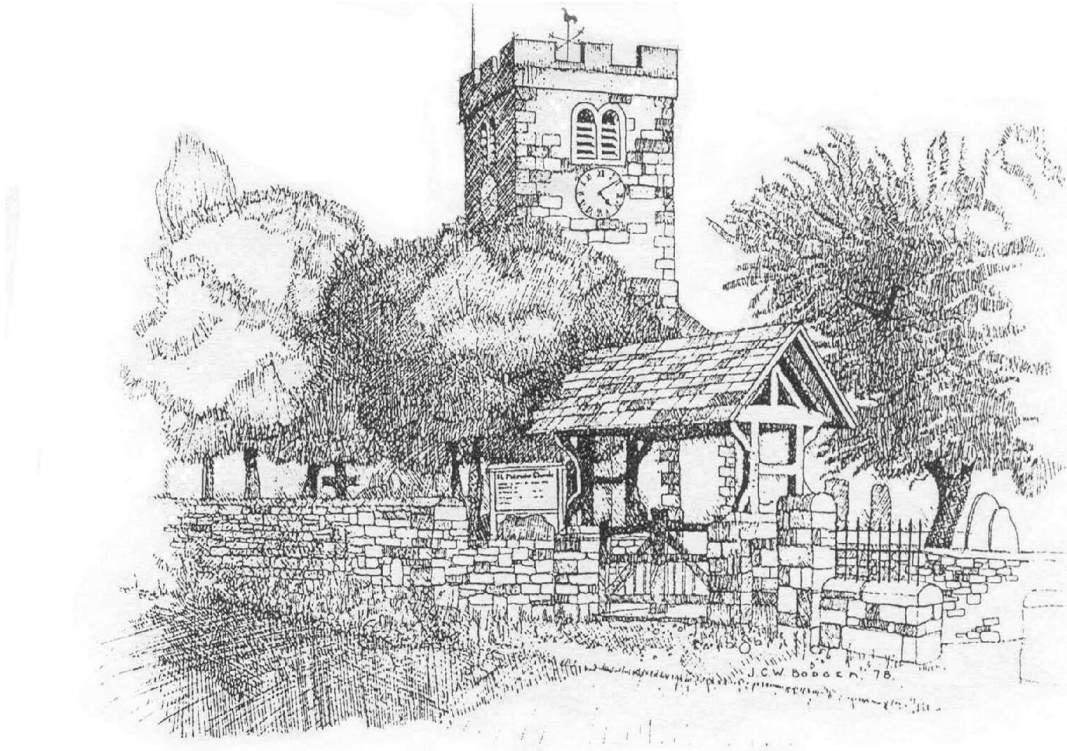


BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY - MARCH 2018



Dear Friends

I am writing this at the beginning of January and, though I know you will not read it until February, I do hope that it is not too late to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Or, should I rather say that I wish you many happy times during 2018, because we all know that our lives are a mixture of joy and sorrow, of success and failure, of contentment and of worry and that an entirely happy week, let alone a year, is not going to happen.

Looking back at 2017, some of us will remember it as a year when we had much to rejoice over – a new baby, a member of the family obtaining a degree or getting an exciting new job, a special anniversary, a particularly enjoyable holiday, a longed-for reunion. For some it will have been a sad year because of bereavement, illness, family breakdown, the loss of a job or money worries. And if we look beyond ourselves, our families and our villages, and think about some of the events which happened in the UK and the world in 2017 then it is much easier to remember the bad things, the Grenfell Tower fire, the terrorist attacks, the wars, the refugees of all nationalities, the expulsion, murders and rapes of the Rohingya people in Myanmar, the man-made famine in the Yemen rather than the successful, life-enhancing events like the Invictus Games. In the

UK there is the uncertainty of Brexit; we find that we are living in a society which has many problems, where the gap between rich and poor seems to grow ever larger, where homelessness is an increasing problem, where more and more people, many of whom are working, have to rely on foodbanks and where children go hungry to school. And the world seems a more insecure place with the rise of far right parties and nationalism, tension between the nations increasing and leaders who do not believe in diplomacy and international institutions – think of the USA, Russia, North Korea. It's not what any of us would want, but it is easy to worry and to think that there is little we can do to change things.

But there are things that can be done and fortunately many people of all faiths and all nationalities do act. They protest about injustice; if they live in a democracy they make use of their vote and take an active part in local government; they give generously of their time and money to help those in need. I know that many, probably most, of you who read this do these things. May your efforts in 2018 bring you joy and bring real, positive changes to the lives of others.

Christians believe that God showed himself to the world in the person of Jesus and if we look at his life and his teaching and try to follow him in loving and serving others, then the world *can* be transformed. After all, nothing could be more amazing than the way that Christianity has spread throughout the world, and how individual Christians, such as William Wiberforce, Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu and many others have been the driving force behind the abolition of slavery, the Civil Rights Movement and the overturning of apartheid in South Africa without the bloodbath many were expecting.

So, as well as wishing you a Happy New Year I would like to end with some words which are often used in both the Anglican and Presbyterian churches at the conclusion of a service:

Go forth into the world in peace;

be of good courage;

hold fast that which is good;

render to no one evil for evil;

strengthen the fainthearted;

support the weak;

help the afflicted;

honour everyone;

love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,

be amongst you and remain with you always.

Diana

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Christmas Coffee Morning at St Patrick's

The annual festival event provided a familiar, yet ever fresh, slant on our preparations for Christmas. After a slightly slower start, the morning warmed up and by midday the church had been thronged by folk who took the opportunity to enjoy the rightly famed, delicious cakes of the skilled Bampton bakers, along with their coffee and an opportunity to relax from everyday cares. Amid the hubbub of warm and friendly conversation and traditional Christmas music, could be seen keen bargain hunters looking for those extra, decorative and useful gifts. A familiar mix of stalls, raffle, books and cards proved popular, along with a challenging "guess the cake weight" competition. Among popular local winners of the top raffle prizes was a welcome win for our bells project manager to general approval and acclaim.

This event is of course a major fund raiser for the everyday running expenses of St. Patrick's, and we are glad to report that just over £1,000 was raised to help towards those essential overhead costs for which the church is responsible. Truly, a tribute to the ever-generous parishioners of Bampton and district.

Tony Hall, Church Warden

Production of the Newsletter

The PCC would like to thank the Bampton Trust who has kindly given their support towards the cost of this newsletter.

Lent at St Patrick's

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14th February and during Lent we shall, as in previous years, be holding both Lent lunches and a Lent Discussion group.

Lent Lunches

These will be held in the Church Hall **every Monday from 12 noon to 1.30pm**. The first one will be on **19th February** and the last on the **19th March**. A simple lunch of homemade soup, rolls and coffee or tea will be provided. There is no charge but all donations will be shared between Hospice at Home and Christian Aid, which provides aid for refugees and the poorest people throughout the world whatever their religion.

We do hope that many people in the village will take this opportunity to enjoy a sociable lunch and also to support two such worthwhile charities.

Lent Discussion Group

As in previous years the group will meet on **Tuesday** afternoons from **2.30pm to 4pm** and again we shall be following the York Lent Course. This year the title is "on the Third Day" and focuses on the resurrection.

It is an ecumenical course and, as always, the contributors are leading Christian thinkers and there is plenty of chance for discussion and different opinions. We should very much welcome people who are not regular churchgoers or, indeed, are not Christians, so we can all get to understand each other's viewpoint more clearly. The venues are:

Tuesday 20th February – Irving House, Sleagill – Kathy Jenkins

Tuesday 27th February – 65 Burnbanks – Philip and Diana Nicholson

Tuesday 6th March – Leyton Barn, Bampton Grange – Maureen Barber

Tuesday 13th March – Scar View, Butterwick – Elizabeth Coy (to be confirmed)

Tuesday 20th March – Truss Gap, Swindale – Richard and Jenny Lendon (to be confirmed)

Mothering Sunday weekend 10th and 11th March

Leading up to Mothering Sunday we shall be having a craft afternoon and tea for parents and children on the **Saturday** from **2.30-4.30pm** in the Church Hall. We shall be making cards, floral sprays and other Mother's Day items – no charge!

On the Sunday there will be an informal **Mothering Sunday Café church at 10am** in the Church Hall.

Do come and join us for one or both of these events.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 29th March at 7pm

Service in the Church Hall to celebrate the Last Supper. This will include a bring and share supper. If you are planning to come, if possible please contact Kathy Jenkins on 01931 714400 in advance. But please don't be put off from coming if you are unable to do this.

Good Friday 30th March at 10am

Quiet service in church to reflect on the Passion.

Easter Sunday 1st April at 10am

Holy Communion with Alun

St Patrick's Day – Saturday 17th March

We are having our usual celebration of our patron saint, Patrick. At **6.30pm** there will be a short service in church and this will be followed by another jolly supper (£15) in the Church Hall.....three courses and a tot of whisky – what more could you desire?

Please book your place by contacting Maureen Barber on 01931 713314.

Ding Dong Merrily On High

For the first time in many years St. Patrick's church bells rang out across the parish before a church service – this time to celebrate the inauguration of the new bells before the Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols. After the opening rounds by the Bampton ringers the ropes were then handed over to bell sponsors and tutors who gave an introduction to method ringing to the assembling congregation. The bells were then in action on New Year's Eve when the old year was rung out and the new one rung in.

It is with real optimism that we hope that the bells will be rung for services to fulfil their primary function. Already the bells have captured the interest of 9 potential ringers with introductory learning sessions having started. Anybody who would like to learn will be most welcome and should contact the Bell Captain, Bridget Kelly email@bridgetkelly.me.

The remaining work to complete the project is now underway and it is hoped that the final job to re-install the clock and paint the clock faces will be completed during February.

Bampton PCC

Healing and Prayer Ministry Day

All are warmly invited to come and take part in a teaching and learning day for the five parishes of High Westmorland with Dr. Alison Fleetwood, Diocesan Healing Adviser and GP. Alison is a highly experienced and wise practitioner so we can learn how to share in such ministry within our own churches. Those with previous experience and those with none at all are very welcome to come on **Saturday 10th February at Shap School between 9.45am to 3pm**. A £10 charge will be made – bring a packed lunch. Please book by email to alunjurd@gmail.com or phone Kristy Pattimore on 07480 935119.

Women's World Day of Prayer – Friday 2nd March 2018

You are warmly invited to the service at **St Michael's, Shap at 2pm**.

The service this year has been prepared by Christian women in Suriname which is a small country on the north east coast of South America. The title for this year is "All God's Creation is very Good!" and is particularly relevant as it raises the issue of the pollution which is threatening this beautiful little country and indeed the whole world. This is the one time of year when we have the opportunity to worship together with Christians all over the world and to learn more about one particular nation and the lives of its people. Although the service is prepared by women – often giving women a rare chance to take an active and upfront role in their churches – it is for everyone, men and children as well as women. If you have never been before, do come this year – you will enjoy it and learn lots of new things.

Drop in for Coffee

Our drop-in dates for the next two months are **Wednesday 14th February** and **Wednesday 14th March**, any time between **10.30am** and **12 noon** in the Church Hall. This is not a fund raising event; it is just an opportunity to get out and meet people so do come and join us. If you would like to come and need a lift, then please contact me. We look forward to seeing you.

Diana Nicholson 713194

Sports Events

A time to make sure that certain dates are in your diaries....it's easy to lose information as we change years.

Winter Sports – **Sunday 4th February 1.30 pm** – Bampton Memorial Hall.

Indoor fun and games for all the family....join in to dispel the February gloom. This is fast becoming one of the highlights in the middle of winter. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult!

Spring Celebration – **Saturday 14th April** – Bampton Memorial Hall.

Another ceilidh at last! It is a while since we had one here so hopefully lots of people will come to share a great evening. Dancing to the much recommended band, Striding Edge. Tickets will be on sale later from the Post Office, to include a supper but bring your own drinks.

Summer.....then it's time for the Bampton Sports. This year it will be held on the afternoon of **Sunday 1st July**. Keep the day clear! For more details about any of these activities, or offers of help, please contact Vickie Haddock on 713466

Bampton Sports Committee

Huddersfield Scout Summer Camp back at the Bampton Recreation Field

In July 2013 one of the best weeks of the summer was enjoyed by 48 Scouts and Leaders from Huddersfield North District in West Yorkshire on the Recreation Field. It was a traditional camp with canvas tents and marquees where patrols of Scouts were self-sufficient cooking and cleaning for themselves for 7 days.

Patrols enjoyed walking, abseiling, canoeing and building a rope bridge across the stream and into the Chapel garden. A great time was had by all including a camp fire performance by the Scouts at the Schoolhouse.

This July we'd like to come to Bampton again and although we've looked at using the Memorial Hall field there's a clash of dates. So from 21st – 27th July we hope to be on the Recreation Field with 1st Shap Scouts as we did last time.

The Field Committee are happy to host us again and should you have any questions about the camp please drop me, Seamus Quinn, a line at scouts@huddersfieldnorth.org.uk or ring me on 07775 585 125.

Looking forward to meeting up again this summer.

50/50 Club

We are now in the 8th year of running the 50/50 Club and in total we have raised £8,000. Very many thanks to all who have supported this fund raiser over the last 7 years and to those who have already enrolled for 2018. Your allocated numbers for 2018 will be displayed on the Post Office notice board, as soon as possible. If you have forgotten to renew your membership or you are a new member it's not too late to join. All monies collected are shared equally between cash prizes and the Memorial Hall funds. Application forms are available from Bampton Post Office or from Christine Evans at Brandscroft, Gatefoot, Bampton. The 50/50 Club is open to everybody and costs £1 per month to be paid in a lump sum for the year i.e. £11 pounds for 11 months, £10 for 10 months etc. Full details are on the application form. **Remember, if you're not in, you can't win!**

Christine Evans (713645)

Haweswater Half Marathon

Another Half Marathon, where does the time go! This will be held on **Sunday 4th March from 10am** and as always at the Memorial Hall. We would love some volunteers to do an hour or more to serve refreshments or help sell food on the stall, situated in the main hall until around 3pm. Please note weather permitting parking will be in the field and if the helpers could share cars all the better. Thank you. Please ring Lesley 713530.

Lesley White for Bampton Memorial Hall.

Tinclar's Library

The Library will be open in the Church Hall on **Monday 5th February** and **Monday 5th March** from **7pm – 9.30pm**.

The Trustees

Orienteering on Knipe Scar

The local orienteering club, Border Liners, is holding an event on Knipe Scar on the morning of **Sunday 18th March**. The event is based at Bampton Memorial Hall with the start/finish down by the swing bridge. There will be courses, from 2km to 10km, to suit any age, fitness and experience. Beginners and families are very welcome and help is on hand for those new to the sport. The event is open from **10am** and you can start on your chosen courses any time **between 10.30am and 12.30pm**. Wear clothing and footwear appropriate to an outdoor winter activity. A compass is useful but not essential: the cost is £4.50 per map. Courses are being planned by Dan and Karen Parker from Butterwick. The event is relatively small with about 150 competitors expected. Hopefully any disruption to the village or walkers on Knipe Scar will be minimal.

For more information see the club website at www.bl-orienteering.org.uk, or contact Dan and Karen at danankaren@btinternet.com.

Bampton Amblers

Although the weather has been very mixed over the last couple of months we have enjoyed several outings. These have ranged from an interesting walk in Grizedale Forest, an ascent to Angle Tarn and a couple of local forays. Our Christmas amble in the valley ended with lovely home made soup and mince pies before a roaring fire and a recent climb of Knipe Scar almost necessitated the wearing of snow skis!

Why not help shed those few extra Christmas pounds by joining us on any of the forthcoming walks. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

Sunday 11th February Meet at **9.30am** Alison (713350)

[Moderate: Loughrigg Fell – 6¾ miles – 1,870 feet of ascent]

Monday 19th February Meet at **9.30am** Ruth (713197)

[Moderate: Heughscar Hill & Arthur's Pike – 7¾ miles – 1,200 feet of ascent]

Monday 26th February Meet at **10.00am** [See PO notice board]

Tuesday 6th March Meet at **9.30am** David & Katharine (713392)

[Moderate: Sour Howes & Sallows – 7 miles – 1,800 feet of ascent]

Monday 12th March Meet at **10.00am** Alison (713350)

[Easy: Great Mell Fell – 1¾ miles – 900 feet of ascent]

Sunday 25th March Meet at **9.30am** [See PO notice board]

Meet at the Memorial Hall in Bampton and bring a packed lunch, unless advised otherwise. Please note that start times may vary from those quoted depending on the nature of the walk, so please see the notice board in Bampton Post Office for full details of/changes to all walks. In the event of bad weather please contact the above leaders.

Heather Pitt and Alison Jones

Bampton Plants & Produce Bring & Buy Fair for Hospice at Home

Calling all gardeners, makers and bakers! If you are green-fingered or a dab hand at baking or making any kind of preserves and home-made treats, please do plan an offering for the Plants and Produce Fair in aid of Hospice at Home which takes place again this year at the Memorial Hall on **Sunday 20th May from 10am – 3pm**. There will be lots of plants, all home-grown in the area and plenty of delicious home-made produce, honey, eggs and so on with interesting stalls and a Raffle with great prizes. The Country Café will be serving delicious food and refreshments.

Please do bring along any home-grown plants or home-made produce on the day or plants may be delivered to Jeannie Wright at the Old Chapel near the date of the Fair. Just drop by, or Jeannie would be happy to collect in the local area. Jeannie's mobile is 07771 652427, email is Jeannie.jkg@hotmail.com. Look forward to seeing you there.

The Plants and Produce Fair Team

Rainfall 2017 Mill Craggs Bampton - Another Very Mixed Year

I know it will not agree with the perceptions of many residents, but 2017 was another drier than average year. However, it was a wetter than average summer. The year started very dry and despite over half as much rainfall over average in March, the first quarter was the 6th driest this century.

The dry weather continued through April and May but June was wet but not enough to compensate for the preceding months and the first half year was the 4th driest this century.

July and September experienced significantly heavier rainfall than average and the summer quarter was the 5th wettest this century.

Each month of the fourth quarter was drier than average but 60% wetter than in 2016. Overall 2017 rainfall was 90% of average and the least since 2010 and the 5th driest of the century as there were no major periods of heavy precipitation.

Below zero temperatures were experienced in all but June, July and August, with 19th September having first frost of autumn and at 8am on the 11th December -11.2c was registered.

	Rainfall mm	% of Average 1993-2016	Min Temp
January	64	33	-6.1c
February	117	84	-3.1c
March	150	152	-3.1c
January-March	331	76	
April	31	38	-3.7c
May	51	56	-3.3c
June	147	186	+5.5c
April-June	229	91	
July	120	140	+4.1c
August	99	95	+4.0c
September	171	141	-0.4c
July-September	390	132	
October	147	99	-3.4c
November	143	82	-3.3c
December	125	60	-11.2c
October-December	415	78	
January-June	560	81	
July-December	805	97	
Year 2017	1365	90	

January 2018 is repeating January 2017 as of the 13th, but what will the next 50 weeks bring.

David Cooke

Welcome Pack

Bampton Parish Council and the PCC are working together to produce a *Welcome Pack* for people moving into Bampton and the surrounding area. The intention is to provide useful contacts for local facilities and services that newcomers will find helpful. We will also be asking organisations who regularly appear in the newsletter to give a summary of their activities to include in the pack. If you are a member of other groups that you think would welcome new members then please contact us.

Mike and Marion Jones 713555 & Joan and Ray Bruin 713172

Bampton and District Local History Society

We held our revived Christmas Quiz on Tuesday December 5th at the Haweswater Hotel. A tasty supper was provided, the bar was open and a very warm, convivial evening was enjoyed. The exhibition prepared by the society showing the history of the Haweswater Hotel and its links to the reservoir scheme and to Bampton was on display around the bar.

The January meeting that we planned to hold was to have been a ‘drop in’ session to continue discussion of people’s ‘Bampton Memories’. We are grateful to those Bampton residents who collected their photos, scrap books and memories and offered to share their experience of Bampton. Sadly, weather conditions were such that we were forced to postpone the meeting but hope to rearrange it at a later date.

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday February 6th** when we hope to demonstrate new ways of identifying archaeological features that might previously have remained undiscovered. We have a number of archaeological sites in Bampton, Knipe, Helton and Setterah Park. Joe Ridley has been using the new technique – LIDAR – and he will discuss this and some of his local findings. Everyone welcome at what promises to be a valuable talk about aspects of history which are new to us. And please note in your diary, our meeting on **Tuesday 6th March** when Angus Winchester will be talking about the visible and not so visible features of ‘Dry Stone Walls and Landscape History’.

Pat Garside, BDLHS

Pilates

Pilates is continuing in Bampton Memorial Hall on **Monday** evenings at **7pm and 8pm**, with Alexis, a physiotherapist with a specialist interest in Pilates. If you would like to join us and give it a try, then please contact Alexis on 07411 902674 or penrithpilates@gmail.com. More information about Alexis can be found on my website: www.penrithphysiopilates.co.uk, which is kept up to date regarding when classes are running. There will be **no Pilates on Monday 5th March**, but otherwise we are here every Monday for the next couple of months.

Village Choir

Future meetings of the Village Choir will be on **12th & 19th February, 5th & 26th March and 9th April**. Usual time (**6pm**) and place (Bryham House). Do come and join us if you like a good sing. No need to read music and better than singing to yourself in the bath. If you would like to discuss beforehand give me (713294) or Marion (713555) a ring.

John Garside

Bampton REMOTE Cinema

Saturday 3rd February: *Beauty and the Beast (2017 USA/UK) cert PG, 129 mins, genre: Family/Fantasy/Musical/Romance*

Saturday 24th February: *Touching the Void (2003 UK/USA) cert 15, 101 mins, genre: Documentary*

Saturday 24th March: *Hidden Figures (2016 USA) cert PG, 127 mins, genre: Biography/Drama/History*

Saturday 21st April: *La La Land (2016 USA) cert 12A, 128 mins, genre: Comedy/Drama/Music/Musical/Romance*

Bampton cinema goers enjoyed two evenings of great films with **Get Santa** and **Dunkirk**. An extra treat at Dunkirk was hearing Nick Lindwall's stirring account of "Aquamarine", his grandfather's river boat which took part in the armada of small craft crossing the Channel throughout the evacuation.

We begin and end the season with the wonderful world of music, dance and romance. Of La La Land, more in the next newsletter but to start, a **FREE** film for all comers at **5pm (no supper)** with: **Beauty and the Beast**: Disney's latest animated-to-live action classic fairy tale tells the story of a bewitched young prince, imprisoned in the form of a beast who can be freed only by true love. What may be his only opportunity arrives when he meets the film's heroine Belle, an independent, book-loving girl. The Beast's servants try to make them fall in love to break the spell but the course of true love never did run smoothly....

Touching the Void: May 1985: Peru; Joe Simpson and Simon Yates, ambitious young mountaineers, set off to scale the unclimbed west face of Siula Grande, a remote and treacherous 6,344 metre peak in the Peruvian Andes. Simpson and Yates reach the summit but shortly after starting the descent, disaster strikes when Simpson falls and breaks his leg leaving Yates to lower him the rest of the way with ropes. When Simpson is lowered unknowingly over the lip of a crevasse and weather closes in, progress becomes impossible and Yates has to decide on the unthinkable....to cut the rope.

Hidden Figures: As the United States raced against Russia to put a man in space, NASA found untapped talent in a group of African-American female mathematicians who served as the brains behind one of the greatest operations

in U.S. history. Based on the unbelievably true life stories of three of these women, we follow them as they quickly rose through the ranks of NASA.

The venue is Bampton Memorial Hall: films begin at **7.30pm**, doors opening at **7.15pm**, except **Beauty and the Beast** at **5pm**, doors open at **4.30pm**. Tickets are on sale at the door on the night, price **£5 adults, £2 U16** for **Touching the Void/Hidden Figures** or **film plus supper ticket can be bought at Bampton Post Office, price £10 adults; £7 for U16** from 8th to 21st February/8th to 21st March. We *try* to restrict numbers for supper to 36 so buy early; we don't like to disappoint; menu details in post office; supper served at **6pm**; bar, ice-creams and an interval. See you soon!

Hazel (713311), Katharine (713392), Mike (713555), Vickie (713466) David (713586) Bampton REMOTE cinema committee

Bampton CFR team – 2017 report

We had 20 call outs (at least) in 2017: Up from 6 in 2016.

Pat Garside has rejoined the committee as Secretary which has allowed me to concentrate more on my paramedic studies this year. Something I've been very grateful for!

The CFR team passed their annual assessment of patient assessment, Basic Life Support, oxygen therapy and defibrillation with flying colours. I have completed the NWS Team trainers training programme which was an interesting and informative 3 days and I can now 'officially' train Bampton team members and also, when time allows, teach new CFRs.

I'd like to thank the whole team, the committee and the fundraising committee for their continued commitment and the amount of hard work they all put into the training and fundraising necessary for the team to keep providing a service for the community. Thank you!

In fact, due to the success of the fundraising committee's past efforts and the generosity of the local community it has been decided to 'pause' further fundraising efforts in the immediate future, with this decision up for review later on in the year. However, the team still hope to maintain a presence at the Bampton Sports Day and other village events where appropriate.

If you think you'd like to join the team and help provide essential emergency cover for the local community please feel free to get in contact with me for an informal chat or look at the NWS CFR page <http://www.nws-responders.info/> All applications are submitted through the web page and are confidential.

If you feel unwell and think it is a medical emergency DIAL 999 or 112 and ask for AMBULANCE. Any on call CFR's will then be tasked by Ambulance control to attend if appropriate. CFR's will not be tasked to attend all 999 calls but will be asked to attend the following type of emergencies: abdominal pain, severe allergic reaction, breathing problems, fitting, diabetic emergency, chest pain, stroke, loss of consciousness,

collapse, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, some trauma. We will not normally be tasked to any incident involving children under 12.

*Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team,
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Bampton Parish Council

The Parish Council unfortunately lost two important members in the last few months when first Vicki Buss and then Richard Carruthers resigned. They are both thanked for their work for the council and community. Richard was chairman for several years and was very conscientious in that role while Vicki was vice chairman. At the recent meeting Jim Campbell was chosen as interim chairman; interim because the chairman is elected annually at the AGM in May. Mike Jones was elected as vice chairman. A co-option also had to take place to replace Vicki and Richard and co-opted were Kerry Harmer, who had been a councillor in the past, and India Tuer. They were welcomed to the council and took an active part in the meeting straight away.

The usual financial details were discussed and the budget for the next financial year was agreed. It was decided that the precept requested from EDC would be the same as last year – £4,500. This is the funding that keeps the council running and able to carry out projects for the benefit on the parish. The extension of the Millennium Footpath to join up with the path alongside the Haweswater Beck is one such project that is being pursued with assistance from the LDNPA.

Questions were asked of Neil Hughes, County Councillor as well as parish councillor, about the lack of gritting of the road between Bampton and Burnbanks which had left it dangerous during the very cold icy weather. He said that it was not on the gritting schedule at present but he would bring the matter up with Highways for next winter. There was also concern expressed over the cuttings left on the road following hedge trimming but this is down to the contractors probably hired by farmers, not Highways. It is a perennial problem, not easily solved.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 20th** and all parishioners are welcome to attend and listen or bring up matters of concern or comment on items on the agenda although they can't take part in the debates.

Marion Drinkwater (Clerk)

Cameo

The dates and times of our meetings vary so if anybody wishes to come along why not give me a ring for full details. All are welcome.

Maureen Ostle 713349

The Mardale Inn @ St Patricks Well

A beautifully situated and wonderfully cosy village Inn, boasting delicious home-cooked meals using the very best of the Lake District's produce and serving top quality Cumbrian Ales, brewed just down the road! Our roaring log fire is just the trick after a frosty walk along the fells so, by all means, pop in and put your feet up in our warm and inviting snug area and treat yourself to a glass of something fruity from our wine list or maybe just a nibble with your pint! Our comfortable country style rooms, complete with Cumberland breakfast, are a lovely place to rest your head for the weekend and ideal for walkers and family breaks alike. Everybody is welcome...including any furry friends you may have! We are open from **4pm on Thursday to 5pm on Sunday** during our winter season. Call 01931 713244 to book a table or for more information.

Events in Shap

Shap Playgroup (at The Old Courthouse) – Everyone welcome.

Soft play session £1 per child: **Mondays 2-3pm**

Family sessions 0-5 years: **Tuesday & Wednesday 9.45-11.45am**

Children free up to 6 mths; 6 mths - 1 yr £1.50; 1 - 5 yrs £3 (younger siblings £2)

Rhyme-time Wednesday **28th February, 21st March 9.45-10.15am**

Rheged Soft Play sessions free for those who attend Shap Playgroup.

Call in for more details, we will be happy to see you! Tel: Playleader on 716484

Beetle Drive - Saturday 9th February 7pm at Shap Memorial Hall

Refreshments & Raffle: £3 Adult, £2 Child

All proceeds for Shap Swimming Pool

Highlights Performances at Shap Memorial Hall **Saturday 28th April at 7.30pm**

‘Hymn to Love – Homage to Piaf’ - A Theatre by the Lake & York Theatre Royal co-production.

In a Manhattan hotel room in New York, Edith Piaf rehearses for her last US concert. But for Piaf the hotel holds memories. Eight years earlier in the same hotel she had telephoned her lover, boxer Marcel Cerdan, begging him to overcome his fear of flying and leave France to be with her. Hours later she heard the terrible news that his plane had crashed. Marcel was dead.

Past, present, and future merge in this thrilling performance by Olivier Award-nominated actress Elizabeth Mansfield. An extraordinary musical homage to Piaf, ‘Hymn to Love’ explores love, loss and longing with 13 of Piaf’s songs, each given fresh meaning in vibrant new translations. Passionate, memorable and unmissable theatre.

Suitable for aged 14+ - occasional strong language and adult themes

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Extracts from Cumbria Constabulary report

Cumbria Police are seeking to implement a Community Speed-Watch Scheme throughout the EDEN area. Volunteers are being sought. Would you be interested? For further details please speak to your local Police Community Support Officer, or contact Scheme co-ordinator PC493 Colin BAILIE directly Tel 101 ext 40493 colin.bailie@cumbria.police.uk

Emergency repairs - the cost!

Cumbria CC, Trading Standards are warning Eden residents of the cost of emergency repairs following complaints. Emergency repairs can be a distress purchase and whilst most emergency roofers and plumbers may be legitimate, some may be unqualified and are past-masters at dragging the job out to maximise their income. Winter of course will be a busy time and the rogues know this!

It is accepted that most emergency repairs will cost more than your standard callout but don't give the rogues an opportunity. Have the confidence to question or get a second opinion.

Contact police on 101 - For emergency always call 999

Your Police Community Support Officer is: PCSO 5206 Karen Dakin and PCSO 5133 Larmour.

Email: karen.dakin@cumbria.police.uk or joel.larmour@cumbria.police.uk

Extracts from the Herald: January & February 1918

Weather: Blizzards then wet. Food shortages.

Bampton's Our Day – Red Cross Sale made £25 – the largest sum for any place in Westmorland other than Kendal).

On Thursday and Friday evenings, 27th & 28th December, Bampton Church Choir Concert was held in the school, which included a 'fairy play' by the choir and others and raised over £5.

On Thursday, 3rd January at Bampton Grange a whist drive was held for Reading Room funds. It was the last whist drive of the season and the series has raised £11 for local soldiers' comforts.

Reported on 5th January, killed in action on 12th December, Lance Corporal Jonathan Noble Holme, Border Regiment. Eldest son of Mr R. Holme, Bridge End, Bampton, aged 21.

Bampton has collected £2 10s 0d for the Blind Soldiers Fund.

At a West Ward War Tribunal sitting at Penrith, late January Mr M. Cormack, blacksmith, Bampton, appealed for Herbert his son, 21, single, to be exempted. Capt. Lambert (Army): "We need 500,000 more men, and must get them where we can". Mr Cleasby (farmer, on the tribunal): "Ploughing's the thing now. We need Herbert to mend ours". Capt. Lambert: "When's the ploughing

finished?" Mr Wood (farmer on the tribunal): "Never". (Laughter).
".....Exempted"

6th February. Mr Robert Cookson died at Gill Head, Bampton, "at the ripe old age of 73", who had lived there over 50 years. He had 5 sons, 1 daughter. Was an Oddfellow. Funeral to be held on Saturday 9th February, at 2 pm, Bampton.

Jeremy Godwin

The local bus

The bus is run by Fellrunner and operates every **Thursday**. It will leave **Burnbanks at 10.00am**, travelling via **Grange Bridge (10.07am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 1.30pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.02pm** and **Burnbanks at 2.16pm**. For those in the Rosgill area the bus reaches **Rosgill Head around 9.45am** and returns **around 2.30pm**. Fellrunner tell us it is a 'hail and ride' service i.e. the bus will stop if you flag it down. However, it would be better to ring 01768 88232 in advance so the driver has warning. Use it or lose it!

Bampton Village Website - www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on chris@phdcc.com or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

PARISH DIARY (Note MH = Memorial Hall)

FEBRUARY

Sa 3rd Bampton Cinema, MH, "Beauty & the Beast. Doors open 4.30pm
Su 4th Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin, **9.15am**
Winter Sports, MH. Doors open 1.30pm
Mo 5th French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
Tu 6th BDLHS, MH, 7.30pm, 'LIDAR: New light on Archaeological Sites' by Joe Ridley
We 7th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
Sa 10th Orton Farmers' Market, 9.30am-2pm
Healing & Prayer Ministry Day, 9.45am-3pm, Shap School
Su 11th Bampton Amblers. Meet at MH, 9.30am
Holy Communion by Reservation with Neil, **6pm**
Mo 12th Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
We 14th Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30-12 noon
Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
Su 18th 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10am**

Mo 19th Bampton Amblers. Meet at MH, 9.30am
 Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm. All welcome
 French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
 Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Tu 20th Lent Discussion Group, Irving House, Sleagill, 2.30-4pm

We 21st Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

Sa 24th Bampton Cinema, MH, "Touching the Void". Doors open 7.15pm

Su 25th Holy Communion with Alun, **10am**

Mo 26th Bampton Amblers. Meet at MH, 10am
 Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm. All welcome
 Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Tu 27th Lent Discussion Group, 65 Burnbanks, 2.30-4pm

We 28th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

MARCH

Fr 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer, 2pm, St. Michael's, Shap

Su 4th Holy Communion with Ian Elliott, **9.15am**
 Haweswater Half Marathon, MH, 10am

Mo 5th Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm. All welcome
 French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
 Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm
 Tinclear's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm

Tu 6th Bampton Amblers. Meet at MH, 9.30am
 Lent Discussion Group, Leyton Barn, Bampton Grange, 2.30-4pm
 BDLHS, MH, 7.30pm, 'Dry Stone Walls & Landscape History'
 By Angus Winchester

We 7th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

Sa 10th 'Mothering Sunday' craft afternoon & tea, Church Hall, 2.30-4.30pm
 Orton Farmers' Market, 9.30am-2pm

Su 11th Mothering Sunday Café Church, Church Hall, **10am**

Mo 12th Bampton Amblers. Meet at MH, 10am
 Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm. All welcome
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Tu 13th Lent Discussion Group, Scar View, Butterwick, 2.30-4pm

We 14th Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30-12 noon
 Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm

Sa 17th St. Patrick's Day service, **6.30pm**, followed by supper in the Church Hall, 7pm

Su 18th 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10am**
 Orienteering event on Knipe Scar, 10am

Mo 19th Lent Lunch, Church Hall, 12.00-1.30pm. All welcome

French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm
 Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
 Tu 20th Lent Discussion Group, Truss Gap, Swindale, 2.30-4pm
 Bampton Parish Council Meeting, MH, 7.30pm. All welcome
 We 21st Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
 Sa 24th Bampton Cinema, MH, "Hidden Figures". Doors open 7.15pm
 Su 25th Bampton Amblers. Meet at MH, 9.30am
 Palm Sunday, Holy Communion by Reservation with Diana, **10am**
 Mo 26th Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm
 Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm
 We 28th Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
 Th 29th Maundy Thursday service, **7pm**, with bring-and-share supper
 Fr 30th Good Friday service **10am**
 Walk of witness from St Michael's to Shap Abbey, Keld Chapel
 (time for Hot Cross Buns & tea) & back to St. Michael's, **12 noon**

APRIL

Su 1st Easter Day, Holy Communion with Alun, **10am**
 Mo 2nd Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm

Copy deadline for the February/March issue is 5pm on Saturday 24th March. Please send all items to Heather Pitt (Tel no: 01931 716861) pathfinders2728@gmail.com; Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) roger_storey@btinternet.com; or leave at the Post Office. Thank you.

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