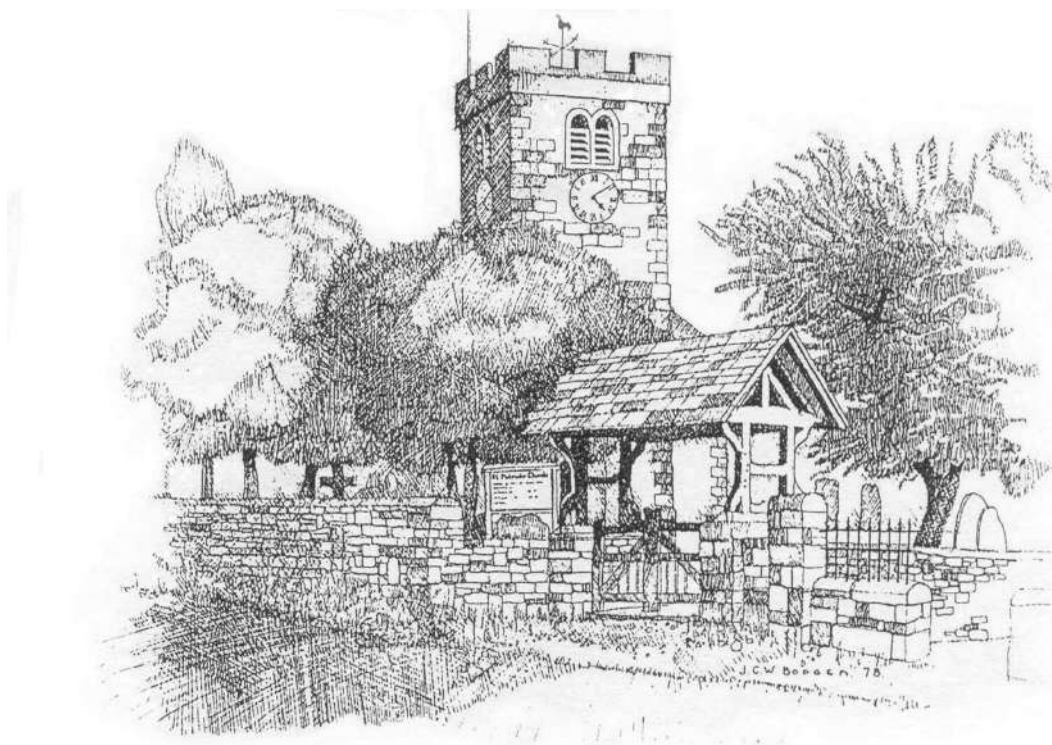


BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER OCTOBER – NOVEMBER 2021



Dear Friends

The last eighteen months with all its ups and downs has showed us not only how much we need each other but how essential ‘community consciousness’ and ‘community spirit’ actually are. We’ve also seen plenty and suffered much; some of our loved ones and neighbours possibly even more so. Each of us can probably think of a time, maybe completely unrelated to the pandemic outbreak, when had it not been for the intervention(s) of at least one other person, events might have turned out extremely awkwardly or even destructively.

The *Letter of James* in the Bible’s New Testament advises Christians – and by extension everyone – to look after and also to pray for one another. “*Be doers of the word, not hearers only, deceiving yourselves*” (James 1.22) its author encourages. He continues, as St. Paul often did, to offer specific instructions to groups of individuals who were known as ‘followers of the way’ – those who met under the cause of and had faith in the power of the name of Jesus Christ.

“Pure, unspoiled religion before God...is...to visit orphans and widows in their trouble (1.27).

However, James recognises that we do all need that mutual support that was a prime reason Jesus first established around him twelve disciples, not just one or even two close allies (although close friends do play a vital role, we know).

“Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him” (5.14). The writer of the letter also counselled each of his readers to pray privately if and when things became difficult (5.13). Both of these sayings extended to cures from both justified or unjustified feelings of guilt or mutual discomfort too. We can pray for our own needs and God will doubtless pay attention but when others pray for us or we for them that can be immeasurably more effective still.

Job – contrastingly an Old Testament figure – was someone whom we might describe a little cryptically (and anachronistically) as a ‘good churchgoer’. He did ‘all the right things’ and paid respect to both neighbours and colleagues without ever necessarily loving them as much or as well as he could or should have done. Job said prayers after a fashion but it was from a comfortable, well-off standpoint where the true greatness and forgiving nature of God towards everybody, not just Job’s family, didn’t really come into matters (Job 1.5). Then things began to go badly wrong. The Bible says that it was Satan who caused all the havoc but the chief point is that many aspects of Job’s life began to go awry, financial difficulties and deaths of close family members amongst them. To Job’s credit he didn’t curse God then or ever although his own wife (2.9) did suggest he ought to! Job experienced ill health in himself too; the final straw came when so-called ‘friends’ told him that his troubles and worries were only really his own fault! *“Can a human being be better than God?”* one of them, Eliphaz, slightly caustically remarks, suggesting that Job is, in the well-known phrase, “too flippin’ holy to be of any earthly use”. The undertone of the comment though is that Job has been deceiving himself and isn’t even as good a fellow as he thought he was. After much agonising self-examination – and eventually a little slightly better advice from acquaintances a shade more reliable – Job hears the true voice of God speaking to him in his misery. Only then does he come to realise how great, how enormous, how relevant to others rather than solely for himself and his immediate relatives the Creator really is. The Bible says that God spoke to Job *“out of the whirlwind”* (38.1) i.e. an indication of how sad and separated from others he had in fact become.

Job begins to address God more humbly:

*“I know that You can do everything
And that no purpose of Yours
Can be withheld from You”* (42.2)

Verse ten of the same chapter tells us that God the Father “*restored all Job’s losses when he prayed for his friends*”. Even the errant Eliphaz and Job’s two other false comforters were forgiven when they themselves quietly apologised for their earlier misjudgements of character!

So the message here is pretty clear even if not always so apparent in the hurly-burly of our daily lives: let’s try to remember and act on others’ needs as much as our own and recognise others’ motives for doing what they do. Let’s all try to reconstruct too, the community or communities that we sensed we were part of – to a greater or lesser degree – before the pandemic began.

Above all we need to attempt to control unruly tongues when they’re tempted – in stressful times – at odd moments to spit venom (James 3.6). Instead we’re reminded “*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*” (James 4.10)

Neil

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From the Registers

Baptisms

Ronnie Dennis Sproat

Alana Mae Hodgson

Sunday, 4th July

Sunday, 22nd August

COME AND JOIN US

at

ST PATRICK'S CAFE CHURCH

on Sunday 10th October at 10.30am

(please note later start time)

in the Church Hall

to celebrate **Harvest Sunday**.

This will be followed by a lunch of

Hot Pot and puddings

Do come and share in our fellowship

Christmas Coffee and Gifts Morning

Once again our Christmas Coffee and Gifts Morning will take place, this year on **Saturday 27th November** from **10am till 12 noon**. There will be the usual selection of cakes to enjoy with your coffee or tea, together with preserves, gifts, books and good quality bric-a-brac items to purchase. Additionally there will be our usual raffle with excellent prizes for the festive season including £50 in cash and a very desirable Christmas food hamper. Raffle tickets will be available in advance from PCC members, the Post Office or on the day and will be drawn at the event. Make a note in your diary!

Winter Supper

We are pleased to say that our annual Christmas supper will be held once again this year. The date will be **Friday 12th November** at **7pm** in the Church Hall. The format may be slightly different this year, not a turkey and tinsel meal but traditional winter fayre to put you in the Christmas mood nice and early! The cost is £15 each so reserve your place by ringing Maureen Barber on 713314. Don't forget to book early as numbers are limited and it's always a popular event!

Bampton PCC

Community Lunches

We are pleased to say that The 'Soup & Pudding' lunches will be resuming again. Please put the following three dates in your diary:-

13th October

17th November

15th December

The lunches will be served from **12 noon to 1.30pm**. All age groups are welcome.

If anybody needs transport, please contact Jane Storey on 713490 and we will try to arrange for a lift to and from the hall.

Alison Jones, Alison Kitchen, Vickie Haddock, Jane Storey

Annual Boxing Day Quiz

Sunday, 26th December 7pm for 7.30pm

As we do not have a pub at the moment the annual Boxing Day Quiz will be held at Bampton Memorial Hall this year. Christmas jumpers/attire optional but there will be a small prize for the best effort. There will be a fun quiz and raffle. All proceeds to charity (to be announced on the night). More information in the next newsletter.

Wendy & Alison K

Bampton & District Local History Society

The Bampton & District Local History Society (BDLHS) start the 2021/2022 programme of activities on **Tuesday, 5th October at 7.30pm** with a meeting at Bampton Memorial Hall. The subject for the first meeting is on "Curious Ancient Paths, Lonnings and Trods in Cumbria". The speaker is Mr. Alan Cleaver. Members may remember that Mr. Cleaver gave a very interesting talk to the Society on "Corpse Roads" last season, but by "Zoom". The talk will be followed by the Annual General Meeting.

On **Tuesday, 2nd November**, local speaker, Val Corbett will be giving a talk on "Helen Sutherland, Art Collector and Patron" and the meeting on **Tuesday 7th December** will be a local history quiz.

Meetings of the BDLHS are open to members and visitors alike, and new members are always welcome to join. Those interested in joining should make contact with the Membership Secretary, Heather Pitt (716861).

Andrew Yates, Chair BDLHS

French Group

The French Group has enjoyed many outdoor sessions over the summer months but will be meeting fortnightly in the Small Hall as the weather deteriorates. Our confidence is growing and we are sustaining our enthusiasm by exploring the French language on a number of fronts. If you'd like to join us, please note the dates in the diary section and come along.

Marion Jones (713555)

More than just about cooking

That's a fair description of the Bampton 'COVID Lockdown Cooking Comforts'. The pictures and the details about where the recipes originate make it a pleasure to pick up. Still, it is a cookbook and having tried a few of the recipes I can say it is a very good cookbook. For myself, I really relished the chance to make dishes I'd enjoyed when offered them by the authors. I even managed a passable version of Rita's Moroccan Spiced Pie, though more practice is needed to make other dishes to standard. Now, as I have picked up the book to write this review, I am eager to try some more of the dishes and treats. The book is still available at Bampton Stores if you missed out earlier. The £10 cost includes donations to Hospice at Home and the Bampton Memorial Hall. It's a bargain.

Katharine Cooke

Bampton REMOTE Cinema 2021

It's cool to be back for another season of films!

Saturday October 16th: *Supernova: Year 2020, Certificate 15:* Veteran actors Colin Firth and Stanley Tucci dazzle in this elegant and restrained drama about love and mortality. This one is filmed all over the Lakes.

Saturday November 6th: *Wildfire: Year 2020, Certificate 15:* A standout of last year's London Film festival, this powerful debut from Irish director Cathy Brady will stay with you for a long time.

Saturday November 27th: *The Witches Year 2020, Cert PG. Children and Families matinee at 2:30pm (free for children).* This is a reimagining of Roald Dahl's brilliant novel starring Anne Hathaway.

Saturday November 27th: *Tina Year 2020 Certificate 15:* Made with Tina's full support, this documentary is a loving swan song to Tina Turner's stellar career.

Saturday January 15th: *Looted Year 2019 Certificate 15:* Shot in Hartlepool, Redcar and Stockton, this impressive first feature avoids grim-up-north clichés and stars This Is England's Thomas Turgoose.

Tickets are on sale at Bampton Shop and Post Office for film and meal (£10 full, £7 U16). Please book tickets early to avoid disappointment! Dates for this are available on posters around the parish, generally 2 weeks before the film, up to the preceding Wednesday. Or for film only, tickets are available at the door on the night (£5 full £2 U16). Bar and ice-creams of course are on sale and there is a short interval. The **meal** is served at **6pm** and the **film** starts at **7:30pm**.

Thank you so much for such a cracking first night at "Cool Runnings" on Saturday 11th September. Huge thanks to Justin and Dan at Bampton Shop and Post Office for handling the ticket sales.

Keep being Covid aware at film evenings and leave by the double doors at the fire exit when leaving the hall at the end of the evening. There is no need to help tidy up at the end but thank you for the thought as always!

Call Hazel (713311) or Dave (713586) for any questions about cinema including menus and Lesley for hall (713530).

Bampton REMOTE cinema committee: Hazel, Mike, Vickie, Sue and Dave

Tincler's Library

The library is now open as normal, **every Monday 12-2pm**

The Trustees

Bampton Parish Council

Tenders invited for grass cutting to Bampton Parish Council. For further details please contact clerkbamptonpc@gmail.com

Bampton Community First Responder Team

The team are continuing to respond as and when they can. We are back to face to face training and recently had a very good session covering CPR. The annual assessment for the team is coming up soon but I have every confidence in their abilities and look forward to them all passing with flying colours. No pressure!

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.nwas-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 07771934996
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Bampton Valley Community Pub Update

Activities have been continuing apace in September to progress 'our community pub' for the Bampton Valley.

Paperwork has been submitted to incorporate a Community Benefit Society (CBS) and Stage 2 'Feasibility Assessment' work has been continuing. A 'Business Buyer & Market Appraisal Valuation Report' has been completed on the Mardale Inn. In addition we have been working to evaluate the work required to renovate the Mardale considering the tenant accommodation, letting rooms, kitchen and bar area.

Draft plans for the tenant and landlord businesses have been revised and extended. Our Plunkett Business Adviser has been reviewing our work and has commented on progress positively, particularly noting the community's engagement with the project.

A full Stage 2 update will be provided in mid to late October, which will include another Public Meeting and online Webinar. Please send an email to info@bamptonvalleycommunitypub.org if you wish to receive regular updates.

Bomby Green – an update

I hope you were all able to see the green in its summer glory. This year particularly, the flowers were splendid. I'm sure we've all enjoyed having the open space on our doorstep so close to both villages. Of course, it wouldn't stay in a good condition without a bit of maintenance. Thanks go to Stephen for topping the grass and to Neil for clearing the ditch, time consuming jobs which help us to keep habitat as it should be.

Moving forward, there will be a meeting on **November 11th** in the Small Hall at **7pm** so we can consider plans for the future. Everyone is welcome and any offer of help very much appreciated.

Katharine Cooke for the Bomby Green committee

The local bus

Face masks are now optional on the Fellrunner bus weekly **Thursday** service. The bus will go down **Rosgill Hill at 9.47am**, then travel via **Bampton Grange (9.55am)** to **Burnbanks (10.02 am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.11am** to arrive (via Morrisons) at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.40 am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 1.00pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 1.27pm**, **Burnbanks at 1.38pm** and **Rosgill at 1.53pm** (subject to passenger requirements). Bus passes can be used and children under 16 years travel free.

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.

Copy deadline for the December/January issue is 5pm on Thursday 23rd November. 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.



PARISH DIARY

(Note MH = Memorial Hall)

OCTOBER

- Su 3rd** Service at **10am**
Mo 4th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
Tu 5th BDLHS, MH, 7.30pm, "Curious Ancient Paths, Lonnings and Trods in Cumbria" by Alan Cleaver followed by the AGM
Su 10th 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10.30am**
Mo 11th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
We 13th Community 'Soup & Pudding' lunch, MH, 12 noon to 1.30pm
Sa 16th Bampton Cinema, MH, "Supernova". Doors open 7pm
Su 17th Service at **10am**
Mo 18th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
Su 24th Service at **10am**
Mo 25th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
Su 31st United Zoom service at Ravenstonedale, **10.30am**

NOVEMBER

- Mo 1st** Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
Tu 2nd BDLHS, MH, 7.30pm, "Helen Sutherland, Art Collector and Patron" by Val Corbett
Sa 6th Bampton Cinema, MH, "Wildfire". Doors open 7pm
Su 7th Service at **10am**
Mo 8th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
Th 11th Bomby Green meeting, Small Hall, 7pm
Fr 12th Winter Supper, Church Hall, 7pm
Su 14th Remembrance Sunday service, **10.45am**. Reading the names of the fallen and the two minutes silence
Mo 15th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
We 17th Community 'Soup & Pudding' lunch, MH, 12 noon to 1.30pm
Su 21st Service at **10am**
Mo 22nd Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
Sa 27th Christmas Coffee & Gifts Morning, 10am-12 noon
Bampton Cinema, MH, "The Witches", 2.30pm
Bampton Cinema, MH, "Tina". Doors open 7pm

Su 28th United Zoom service at Tebay, **10.30am**
Mo 29th Tincar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm

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CAFÉ TAKEAWAY GIFTS

JENNY AND THE TEAM LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU

Tuesday to Saturday 8.30am to 4.30pm