

# BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016 - JANUARY 2017



## *Dear Friends*

Perspective is a funny thing. An Irish comedian described, on radio, his meeting with the Irish president, whose tiny stature and Leprechaun looks have made him quite an iconic figure. “He frightened the life out of me,” said the comic, “I thought he was far away in the distance, then suddenly realised he was right there beside me!”

Things can seem far away, when in fact they’re very close to you. Christmas itself can have that effect – you think it’s months away, then suddenly it’s here and you’ve left it rather late to do your shopping (or perhaps that’s just me). But more profoundly, God is always closer to us than we realise. He promises that he’s very close to us all the time, but it doesn’t always seem that way. Sometimes he seems far away, sometimes he doesn’t seem to be there at all. It’s not that he is far away (or very small). It’s just that to our perspective, he seems it.

Whether things are far or near depends entirely on *our* perspective. Perspective is a purely subjective concept, describing how *I* relate to things around me. Sometimes God feels far away because we’re suffering. That doesn’t mean he’s *actually* far away, it just means that we’re struggling to notice anything much above the pain – people close to us can sometimes seem just as far away at such times. Sometimes God seems far away because we’ve wandered off into a

different mental place and have stopped noticing him. Sometimes, it's because we're looking in the wrong direction and sometimes it's because we're looking for the wrong thing – we're expecting God to be like *that*, when in fact he's like *this*. These are common human experiences.

Christmas is a celebration of God drawing close to us. It is an annual season of amazement and wonder that God should step down into our world appearing as someone we can relate to, seeing what we see, touching what we touch, tasting what we taste and speaking to us in our own language. To me, reading about Jesus in the Gospels is a constant thrill, seeing how God himself lives this human life of mine, relating to others, coming up against all the same problems and struggles I do, and sharing my love of climbing hills, enjoying fun, bread, wine and company. He's so very human! And yet he's God, suddenly much closer than I ever expected.

Every year I get the old tingle of wonder at those words from the start of John's Gospel: "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." It's so objective, so solid, so deeply comforting. He's in the world! He "lives among us"! If we're feeling lost and want to know where God is, he's out in the wilderness tracking us down like a good shepherd. If we're suffering and want to know where God is, he's right beside us on his Cross. If we have money worries and want to know where God is, he's right beside us in a cold manger, relying on a neighbour's kindness. He's right here, quietly transforming everything with his presence – touching each sore, broken, frightened thing in this earth with his love, his forgiveness, his hope and his life-giving power. Every year, Christmas restores my sense of perspective and reminds me how close God is. "I thought he was far away in the distance, then suddenly realised he was right there beside me!" Happy Christmas and may God be with you all.

*Stewart*

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### **Christmas Coffee and Gifts Morning – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

December is upon us and so we hope the Christmas coffee and gifts morning is already in your diary but if not it's from **10.30am – 12.00 noon** in the Church. Come and enjoy delicious coffee and cakes and then browse the stalls for essential Christmas shopping on your doorstep – decorations, gifts, books, cakes and preserves. If you haven't yet bought your raffle tickets they will be available at the door – there are some wonderful prizes including a Christmas hamper, a Christmas drinks hamper and £50! Entry price for **adults** is **£3 (children free)** and will include tea/coffee and home bakes. See you there!

## **Festive Tea with Carols 21<sup>st</sup> December**

'Winter draws on' as the saying goes, and to lighten our spirits we invite you to come along to the Church Hall on **21<sup>st</sup> December at 4pm**, for a festive tea and a good singsong of favourite carols. Do come along, share good company with festive fare, and help us raise the rafters! Everyone is most welcome.

## **Starting January – Café Church**

On **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 10am** we will introduce Café Church to be held in the Church Hall. For the first half hour we will enjoy coffee/tea with cake/treats, and this will be followed by an informal half hour service. We hope that this new approach at a more accessible time will entice you to join us, or 'check us out' if you don't already know us. We would love to see you there and everyone is most welcome.

## **Church Bells**

The launch evening was a successful occasion with everyone enjoying an illustrated talk about bell ringing by Ron East, the Diocesan Bell Advisor – as well as enjoying the wine and nibbles! It set us firmly on the road to the success of the appeal, with the sponsorship of a bell and other donations. There has been excellent publicity in both local newspapers and we are confident that with the support of the community and friends we will achieve our target. Five bell ringers are now under tuition and more will be welcome – please contact Bridget Kelly on 01931 716822 for more information. A leaflet giving more details is enclosed.

## **Thank you**

In this, the last edition of the year, it is important to thank everyone who is involved with the parish newsletter. Particular thanks go to: Heather Pitt and Jane Storey who collate, edit and type-set the articles they receive and then organise the printing and distribution of the newsletters, all to a very tight deadline; the distributors who brave all weathers to ensure every household gets a free copy; the local businesses who support the newsletter through their advertisements; and Bampton Parish Council whose generous contribution helped fund the newsletter this year. The newsletter really succeeds in keeping everyone up to date with village activities.

*Bampton PCC*

## **Drop in for Coffee**

Our drop-in mornings are continuing to be a great success, providing opportunities for a warm drink and a catch-up. Our drop-in dates for the next two months are **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** and **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**, any time between **10.30am** and **12 noon** in the Church Hall. As before, this is not a fund raising event; it is just an opportunity to get out and meet people. If you would like to come and need a lift, then please contact me. We look forward to seeing you.

*Diana Nicholson 713194*

## **It's Panto time!**

Once again the village panto is due to be staged in January and this time it is to be 'Peter Pan'. Tickets are now on sale at the Post Office so don't delay – get your tickets early in order not to miss out on all the traditional panto characters and hilarity. There will be three performances on **19th, 20th and 21st January** with curtain up at **7.15pm**. Please don't leave it until the last minute to buy a ticket or assume you can get one on the door – you may end up missing out on all the fun!

*Heather & Alison*

## **50/50 Club**

We are now at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> year of running the Memorial Hall 50/50 Club – congratulations to all this year's lucky winners. I'm pleased to report that we have raised nearly £1,000 this year with 50% going to the Memorial Hall and 50% going in the monthly prizes. Very many thanks to everybody who has supported this fund raiser.

Now is the time to enrol for the 2017 draws and with thanks to the Editor an application form is enclosed with this Newsletter, so nobody will miss out. Additional forms will still be available from Bampton Post Office or from Christine Evans at Brandscroft, Gatefoot. Forms should be returned by **30<sup>th</sup> December 2016** to be included in the January 2017 draw.

The 50/50 Club is open to everyone and only costs £12 per year – i.e. £1 per month. Full details are on the application forms. Anybody can enter. Best of luck to everybody for 2017.

*Christine Evans*

## **Village Choir**

The Choir is making good progress with a number of new works as well as continuing to enjoy old favourites. We will meet before Christmas on **Monday 12th December** then have a break, starting again in the New Year on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**. Meetings will then continue every 2 weeks, all being held **at Bryham House, 6pm to 7pm**. Do think of coming along if you enjoy singing. No need to be able to read music, just enjoy a good sing in friendly company.

*John Garside (713294)*

## **Stretch and relax into the New Year**

After the Christmas indulgence and with no Pilates in the village at the beginning of the year, we are offering a special, one-off movement session on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm - 9 pm**. This is a gentle, fun way to help us keep moving freely through the cold winter days. It will focus on exploring how we move, releasing and relaxing. The evening will be run by Susie Tate, who is trained in dance but now works within the NHS and with voluntary groups developing health and well-being programmes. The cost of the session will be **£6 per person**. There needs to be a minimum of people interested in order for the evening to be confirmed so if you would like to attend, please contact Alison Jones on 713350 by **19<sup>th</sup> December**.

## **Bampton and District Local History Society**

Our AGM in October was well attended and three new committee members were elected – Hazel Eccles, Lizzie Lindwall and Roger Storey. We look forward to working with them and to using their ideas to shape the society. A fresh view is always welcome! The AGM also returned to the topic of gathering and distributing water from the valley and our sponsored MA student, David Morgan, spoke about his latest research into the Haweswater Action Committee. Some members present had direct knowledge of the 1970s events and proposals to raise the level of Haweswater further and they brought banners and press cuttings to show it! The evening was lively and the exchanges mutually informative.

In November an old friend of the society, Andy Lowe, reviewed his life's work as conservation architect for the Lake District National Park. He called his talk 'A Career in Ruins' and many members present had reason to be grateful for his advice in carrying out their own schemes. Andy reminded us though that times are changing at the LDNP and officers there, reduced in numbers, no longer hold a watching brief for historic villages, even those like Bampton which have Conservation Area status. Like so many things, it is people themselves who must safeguard what is precious about their environment.

**PLEASE NOTE: BECAUSE OF OTHER PRESSING COMMITMENTS, THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO CANCEL THE XMAS QUIZ ON DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you to Jane who agreed to host the Quiz at the Crown and Mitre and to all our loyal supporters.

*Pat Garside, Chair, BDLHS*

## **Overwintering Bomby Green**

At our recent committee meeting we were able to look back on a good summer for the Green and reflect on what we had done and still need to do. However, this is no longer the season for working outdoors. Our next meeting will be held in the Spring.

We were pleased at the way the bonfire and fireworks were organized on the green this year. Also we look forward to the tree planting in memory of Liz Hall. Both these activities mean working with other village groups, which is good. The green is for all the community.

*Katharine Cooke for the Bomby Green Management Committee*

## **Pilates**

The Pilates classes will continue each **Monday** evening up to and including 19<sup>th</sup> December. There will then be a short winter break and classes will recommence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Anyone is welcome, whatever your age, gender or fitness level.....we all need to look after our bodies. Whilst it is more economical to pay for a short course, you can come on a drop-in basis if that suits you better. Classes are either **7pm – 8pm or 8pm – 9pm** in the large hall. For further details, contact Alexis, 07411 902674 or [penrithpilates@gmail.com](mailto:penrithpilates@gmail.com)

## **Bampton Trust**

As we approach the anniversary of Storm Desmond it is time to reflect on an eventful year for the Trust. The storm led to the temporary evacuation of Gillian Robinson and her entire family from Essendy for 6 months – one unexpected benefit from the absence of an occupant at St. Michael's vicarage! Whilst the necessary insurance renovation work was being done the opportunity was taken to add other facilities.

What we could not have envisaged was that on 1<sup>st</sup> November we would have three empty properties but the good news is, at the time of writing, that there is interest in the residential properties; John and Janet are continuing to run the Post Office and shop until the vacancy is filled; and prospective tenants for the Post Office, Graham Uney and Olivia Abbott, are expected to take over very early in the New Year. Opposite is a small piece by Graham and Olivia introducing themselves.

There are also imminent changes in the trustees. At our meeting next February we shall be losing the services of Pat Garside, Margaret Pearson and Sarah Richardson all of whom have contributed greatly to the establishment of the Trust as a force for good within our community – in Margaret's case since the Trust's inception in 1996. At this meeting we will be delighted to welcome three new trustees, Steadman Bowness, Kerry Harmer and Mike Jones who will bring to the Trust's affairs a good combination of local knowledge, enthusiasm and business acumen.

*The Trustees*

## **Bampton Village Store & Post Office**

Due to our impending move, the shop will have to close on certain afternoons (prior to Graham and Olivia taking over) but to ensure no major impact is caused we will try to inform customers, by way of signs on the shop door, the day prior.

### **Christmas and New Year opening and closing times:**

#### Post Office.

Boxing Day	Closed
27 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas substitute)	Closed
28 <sup>th</sup> December	Open 9am to 12 noon
2 <sup>nd</sup> January (New Years substitute)	Closed
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Open 9am to 12 noon

#### Bampton Village Store.

Christmas Eve	Open 8am to 3pm (helping Santa again!)
Christmas Day	Open 10am to 3pm – please note that newspapers NOT published, but do please call in for a drink and a mince pie!
Boxing Day	Open 9am to 1pm
27 <sup>th</sup> December	Open 9am to 1pm

As this is no doubt our last entry in the newsletter, as Bampton Village Store, may we wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, good health for the coming years, and finish by saying it was a pleasure knowing and serving you all.

*All the very best. Janet & John*

P.S. John may be in some times to collect his pension!!

## **Hello Bampton!**

We're the new tenants at your shop, Post Office and tea room, and we thought you might like to know a little bit about us. Olivia was a journalist – she used to work on the Cumberland News and the Carlisle News & Star, some years ago – but is now going to be indulging her love of baking, coming up with cakes and savouries for the tea room, as well as looking after the Post Office and shop. Graham is a mountaineer, and is the fell top assessor for Weatherline on Helvellyn, so when he's not at the shop during the winter, he's most likely to be up a snowy mountain! And finally, the most important member of the family is Bert, our rescued Jack Russell who'll be welcoming you to the premises.

We hope to move in at the end of December and to be running the business from 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Our aim is to offer you the best service we can – so do come in to see us and tell us what you want from your village shop and tea room.

We hope you'll pop in for a cup of tea and a piece of cake and we look forward to meeting you soon!

*Graham Uney and Olivia Abbott*

## **Bampton Amblers**

Autumn looked kindly on us, in the main, providing good weather for our forays onto the hills. An intrepid group made mincemeat of the Fairfield Horseshoe (even though we were all very tired at the end) and the autumn colours were beautiful as we ventured up to Easedale Tarn and over Silver How. Gentler local walks were also on the agenda together with a fascinating exploration of Millican Dalton's cave near Keswick. The walking year was rounded off with our usual Jacob's Join supper at Alison's and once again it was as much fun as ever! With Christmas and darker nights on the horizon our forthcoming programme is somewhat curtailed but nevertheless we hope one or two of you might be tempted to join us. Dates for your diaries are as follows:

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** Meet at **10.00am** Alison (713350)

[Easy: Surprise Christmas walk – see PO notice board for further details]

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January** Meet at **9.30am** Ken & Rita (713201)

[Mod: Around the Naddle Valley – see PO notice board for further details]

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January** Meet at **10.00am** Alison (713350)

[Easy: Butterwick via Gillhead & back along the river – 3¾ miles – 520 foa]

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January** Meet at **9.30am** David & Heather (716861)

[Mod: Maulds Meaburn, Reagill & Haberwain – 7¼ miles – 900 foa]

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*

## **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Once again a fabulous get-together for this very worthwhile cause. I am always overwhelmed by your generosity and this year you raised £559. Thank you to all those who contributed. See you all again next year. A BIG BIG THANK YOU.

*Lesley*

## **Bampton Cinema: 2016-2017**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December: *Amelie*** (2001), 15, 123 mins; Parisian romantic comedy

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January: *Everest*** (2015), 12A, 150 mins; mountaineering drama

What a brilliant start to the new season: a great atmosphere in the hall for both films, Macbeth dialogue apart!

And now for something completely different we present:

***Amelie***: when Parisian Amelie Poulain discovers a hidden collection of childhood toys in her flat and conspires to return them to their now elderly owner, the happiness on his face is enough to start her on a campaign of further good works. So she sends her father's garden gnome off on a tour of the world, begins a whispering campaign which helps her colleague Georgette find a boyfriend and comes up with an imaginative way to stop a local grocer being cruel to his employee. But even although Amelie brings happiness to her family and neighbours, she herself remains unlucky in love. This is a feel-good romantic comedy with a host of eccentric and wonderful characters; just right for the season of goodwill. French language with English sub-titles.

We hope that you will weather getting to the hall and back safely in January for ***Everest***: inspired by the incredible events surrounding an attempt to reach the summit of the world's highest mountain, *Everest* tells the tale of the awe-inspiring journey of two different expeditions challenged beyond their limits by one of the fiercest snowstorms ever encountered by mankind. Their mettle tested by the harshest elements found on the planet, the climbers face nearly impossible obstacles as a lifelong obsession becomes a breath-taking struggle for survival.

The venue is Bampton Memorial Hall, **doors opening at 7pm**. Tickets are on sale at the door on the night, price **£5 adults, £2 U16**. Or, a **film plus supper ticket can be bought in advance at Bampton Post Office, price £10 adults; £7 for U16**. Supper is served at **6pm**. Please remember to buy tickets for supper by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December** for *Amelie* and **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January** for *Everest*. Suppers are proving a very popular sell-out, exactly what we all want, so make sure you have a ticket.

Bar, ice-creams and an interval as always, look us up on Facebook, see you soon.

*Hazel (713311), Katharine (713392), Mike (713555), Vickie (713466)*

*Bampton cinema committee*

## **Bowls**

Numbers have fallen this autumn so there are no matches at present. We have seen one or two new faces recently but more are needed to bring us up to strength. Come and join our friendly group on Wednesday evenings – see diary for dates.

*Bampton Bowlers*

## **Bampton Parish Council**

The Parish Council held their last meeting of 2016 recently and Mike Jones was co-opted to replace John Stones who resigned because he is leaving the village.

The half yearly financial report was presented by the Clerk and discussion led to the decision to keep the precept at the same level as last year. The precept is the amount given to councils by EDC so that they can carry out their duties for the benefit of the community. Parishioners will have noticed the smart new parking area near Grange Bridge created by CCC Highways. The work will be partly financed by the Parish Council with the help of a grant from the Lake District Park Authority.

A new notice board for parish rather than church use is to be installed to the right of the church gate as the existing one is small and difficult to reach. The new one is artificial rather than real wood and it is hoped that this will prove to be more durable and weather proof while still looking acceptable. If it proves to be successful other old boards may be replaced.

The council has commissioned a memorial plaque to be placed by a rowan tree which is to be planted on Bomby Green in memory of Liz Hall. She is sorely missed by the council on which she served for many years as chairman and councillor.

It has been suggested that the Millennium Footpath should be extended towards the river, linking up with the riverside path and the LDNPA has agreed that it would be a good idea. Landowners and farmers have also been consulted and are in agreement so the project will probably go ahead next year.

There have been notices of road closures which will take place in January between Bampton and Shap. Notices of exact dates and locations will be put up in the Post Office. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday January 24<sup>th</sup>**.

For information on the current NHS consultation regarding the future of local services please use the following link <http://www.wnecumbria.nhs.uk>. This gives more information and tells you how to submit your views. Copies are at the library or doctor's surgery.

*Marion Drinkwater (Clerk)*

## **Bampton Sports**

A reminder that the Winter Sports are planned for **Sunday 5th February**, doors open at **1.30pm** and will continue until we run out of energy at about **4pm** – so you have plenty of time to practice your snowball throwing for the indoor snowball fight! Watch out for the posters with more details.

We would also like to welcome Roger Storey to the committee: Roger will be taking over the role of Treasurer from David Cooke. A huge thanks to David for all his support over the last 20 years; also thanks to Beth Leckie who has also decided to step back from the committee.

*Vickie Haddock for the Bampton Sports Committee*

## **Bonfire Night**

Another successful Guy Fawkes Night was had by all who attended. Many thanks go to the firework display organiser and all those who helped him. Also, thanks go to those who worked on the stalls, collected donations and helped behind the scenes. A big 'thank you' goes to Cooke Aquaculture and Migdale Transport who made a donation to help keep this event running. The good weather and warm fire helped to make a good night more enjoyable. Unfortunately we did have a problem with fly tipping on the bonfire beforehand. The Environmental Health Department were involved due to the threat of toxic waste being burned.

A meeting will be held in mid February, date to be organised, to discuss Guy Fawkes Night 2017. To continue to make this evening so successful we would like more volunteers to help with the event. Would any new helpers please let us know of your interest so that we can advise you of the date of the meeting.

*Maureen Barber & Trevor Barber*

## **Bampton Community First Responders**

The Bampton CFR 2017 Calendar is now ready for sale in the Post Office. Only £10 each! This features landscapes of Bampton and the surrounding area and would make an excellent Christmas present as well as helping raise funds and awareness for the team.

The team had its AGM recently and here is the Chairwoman's report on team activities during the past year:

Team members attended a range of call outs in the last year. It was with great pleasure that the team welcomed Vickie Haddock to the fold earlier in the year. Sadly, 3 team members also left the team: Paul and Judy Johnson due to their move to Sheffield; and Pat Garside also decided it was time to stand down from active service. The team now numbers 6 members, with 3 having been successfully re-assessed and the remaining 3 being assessed on the 25<sup>th</sup> November. All team members also completed a 2 day emergency first aid course in November 2015. Team training has been every other month due to Christine's University commitments and this seems likely to continue for the next year. Members of Hackthorpe and Askham CFR team have been joining us regularly for training.

The team was involved in the purchase and placement of a public access AED at Bampton Post Office. This was followed by a very successful and well attended Defibrillator awareness morning, kindly hosted by Janet and John at the Post Office. CPR skills were refreshed and some myths and misunderstandings about defibrillators and their use were debunked and cleared up. By the end of the session everyone who had attended said they felt much more confident about how and when to use a defibrillator.

The Big Breakfast earlier in February was very well attended with over 80 people served and approx £400 was raised. Petra Russell and family did the bulk of the preparation and work on the day and I'd like to thank them for their hard work. Thanks also to Pat and John Garside who helped on the day itself and Paul Johnson

who designed the posters. The support from the local community really was amazing, quite humbling and very much appreciated.

The team also received a very generous donation from the family of Leonard Holme for which we are also very grateful.

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 NWAS 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. We will not normally be tasked to any incident involving children under 12 or traumatic injury such as falls, fractured bones, car accidents etc.**

*Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team,  
07771 934996/01931 713210 christinehillski@gmail.com*

## **Bampton WI**

In October we had Chizzer Childs with his adventures in Egypt in 1991. Chizzer had slides and music to accompany his talk.

November 8<sup>th</sup> was our Annual General Meeting. All the officers were re-elected. After all the business we had a lovely supper to which all members had contributed.

In December we have our Christmas meal which this year is at Dockray Hall in Penrith. Our next meeting has been changed – just for January. This will take place in the Small Hall but will be on 24<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm.

I wish everyone a lovely Christmas and all the best for 2017.

*Elsie Mounsey*

## **Tinclar's Library**

The Library will be open in the Church Hall on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** and **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January** from **7pm – 9.30pm**.

*The Trustees*

## **Crime Prevention**

**As it becomes darker earlier, please consider the following safety advice:**

### **Protect your Home**

- Fit burglar alarms and good outside security lighting.
- Lock doors and windows before you go out.
- Leave a light on in a room and draw curtains when you go out at night.
- Remove keys from locks and keep out of reach of windows and doors.
- Ensure your house is secure, preventing someone entering when you are busy elsewhere in the house or garden.

- Ensure side gates and sheds are locked.
- Keep gifts, cash and valuables safe and well hidden, so they can't be seen or reached by thieves.
- Postcode your valuables with a UV pen, consider registering your valuables with immobilise.com

### **Protect Yourself**

- Where possible don't walk alone after dark.
- Keep to well-lit streets avoiding alleys and shortcuts.
- Watch out for your friends, stay together and get home safely.
- Consider getting a registered taxi home.

Contact police on 101 or for emergency always call 999

*PC Karen Dakin*

### **Events in Shap**

#### **The Old Courthouse**

Winter Opening Times (from 1st October to 31st March)

Mon: 10am - 2pm    Tues: 2pm - 5pm    Wed: 12pm - 2pm    Thurs: CLOSED  
 Fri: 2pm - 6pm    Sat: 10am - 2pm    Sun: CLOSED

#### **Christmas and New Year Opening**

CLOSED: Sat 24<sup>th</sup> December, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December

OPEN: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 12 noon – 2pm, Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2pm – 6pm, Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 10am – 12 noon only

CLOSED: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. As normal from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – Davies Family Band** will be giving a talk and performance entitled 'Traditional Cumbrian music in the time of William Wordsworth' at the Old Courthouse - Tel. 01931 716273 for details.

#### **In the Memorial Hall**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7.30pm** – St Michael's Christmas Domino Drive

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am till 2pm** – St Michael's Christmas Fayre

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm – Highlights Rural Touring**

'Little Red Riding Hood and Other Tales' is a new combination of well loved, familiar and unfamiliar fairy tales: a collection of funny and scary stories including Little Red Riding Hood and The Wolf and The Fox, making ideal seasonal entertainment for family audiences. With lots of music, chilling moments and plenty of laughs - this is imaginative storytelling at its best.

Suitable for families (children age 6+) Box Office 01931 716273

*Janet Wood*

#### **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**. Bus passes can be used. Use it or lose it!

## **Bampton Village Website - [www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk](http://www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk)**

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on [chris@phdcc.com](mailto:chris@phdcc.com) or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

### **Thank you!**

This is the time of year when I have the opportunity to thank everyone who helps to make this Newsletter so successful. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to the contributors – both regular and occasional; advertisers; John & Janet at the Post Office who have taken in contributions; distributors, often delivering in stormy conditions; and of course, the readers! May I wish you all the Compliments of the Season.

*Editor*

## **PARISH DIARY** (Note MH = Memorial Hall)

### **DECEMBER**

- Sa 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Coffee & Gifts Morning, Church, 10.30am-12 noon
- Su 4<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion with Sandra, **9.15am**
- Mo 5<sup>th</sup> French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm  
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm  
Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
- Tu 6<sup>th</sup> CANCELLED - BDLHS, Christmas Quiz
- We 7<sup>th</sup> Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 10am  
Prayer Group at 65 Burnbanks, 10.30am  
Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
- Sa 10<sup>th</sup> Orton Farmers' Market, 9am-2pm  
Bampton Cinema, MH, "Amelie". Doors open 7pm
- Su 11<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion by reservation with Neil, **6pm**
- Mo 12<sup>th</sup> Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm  
Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
- We 14<sup>th</sup> Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30-12 noon  
Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm
- Su 18<sup>th</sup>** Carol Service, **6pm**. All welcome. Mulled wine & mince pies in Church afterwards.
- Mo 19<sup>th</sup> Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
- We 21<sup>st</sup> Festive tea with Carols, Church Hall, 4pm
- Sa 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion with Sandra, **9pm**. Mulled wine & mince pies in Church afterwards.
- Su 25<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion. Joint service at Shap **10.30am**
- Mo 26<sup>th</sup> No Pilates

### **JANUARY**

- Su 1<sup>st</sup>** Holy Communion with Ian Elliott, **10am**. Joint service with Shap.
- Mo 2<sup>nd</sup> No Pilates
- We 4<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group at 65 Burnbanks, 10.30am
- Sa 7<sup>th</sup> Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 9.30am

**Su 8<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion by reservation with Neil, **6pm**  
**Mo 9<sup>th</sup>** French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm  
 Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm  
 Stretch & Relax session, MH, 7-9pm  
 Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm  
 No Pilates  
**Tu 10<sup>th</sup>** Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm  
**We 11<sup>th</sup>** Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30-12 noon  
 Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm  
**Sa 14<sup>th</sup>** Orton Farmers' Market, 9am-2pm  
**Su 15<sup>th</sup>** Holy Communion with Sandra, **9.15am**  
**Mo 16<sup>th</sup>** Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 10am  
 No Pilates  
**Tu 17<sup>th</sup>** Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm  
**We 18<sup>th</sup>** Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm  
**Th 19<sup>th</sup>** Pantomime, MH, 7.15pm  
**Fr 20<sup>th</sup>** Pantomime, MH, 7.15pm  
**Sa 21<sup>st</sup>** Pantomime, MH, 7.15pm  
**Su 22<sup>nd</sup>** 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10am** (see special notice)  
**Mo 23<sup>rd</sup>** French Group, Church Hall, 2-3pm  
 Village Choir, Bryham House, 6-7pm  
 Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm  
**Tu 24<sup>th</sup>** WI meeting, Small Hall, 2pm  
 Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm  
 Bampton Parish Council Meeting, MH, 7.30pm. All welcome  
**We 25<sup>th</sup>** Indoor Bowls, MH, 7.30pm  
**Sa 28<sup>th</sup>** Bampton Cinema, MH, "Everest". Doors open 7pm  
**Su 29<sup>th</sup>** Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 9.30am  
 Holy Communion. Joint service at Shap **10.30am**  
**Mo 30<sup>th</sup>** Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm

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