

Crabtree Cottage, 6 Church Terrace, Bampton

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*Dear LARCS*

I'm delighted to report our very Good News that LARCS' bid to *Power to Change* has been accepted and that the full amount of £150,000 will be awarded for Bampton's LARC. News came in time to be announced at the LARCS party on Friday evening and an even jollier time was then had by all. Many thanks to everyone who participated and gave items for the raffle and the refreshments, for the generous musical offering from Whirligig and Special Guests Aladdin and Abarnarzaa who joined our Patron, Neil Parish MP to present the Story Competition prizes (Rothwell & Dunworth book tokens). £479.98 was raised. There are comments and photos of the evening, I'm told, on Facebook.

Thanks are due to individuals and organizations for backing the project with enthusiasm, practical and financial help. Team-working and community support are essential ingredients in achievement of such a successful outcome. There are still some processes to undergo before the scaffolding goes up around the Old School, but all aspects of the project are proceeding smoothly.

We need to ensure that once the renovation is completed, we are able to maximize the use of the building providing the services, activities and events which the community identified as being needful. 8 of us met prior to the party to discuss the potential for a Youth Club and ways in which young people could be contacted – Snap Chat is the latest mode of communication evidently (writing from my old-fashioned state of ignorance!). There's an invitation to attend a day conference **Youth Work Works with (free) lunch on 20 February**. Please contact us if you'd like to attend this or be involved in any way at all.

Some of the LARCS team will be making a presentation to senior management of Devon County Council/Libraries Unlimited at **09.30 on 15 February at the Community Hall**. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Library services are an important part of the services in the new LARC, and the latest technology will ensure stock can be accessed by members whenever the building is open. If you're not already a member, the Bampton Librarians would be pleased to enrol you at the current library.

There'll be a multi-disciplinary meeting to discuss provisions for the elderly later in February (details tbc). If you'd like to attend, please let us know.

Finally, may I remind you about **Harry Potter's Book Night** for Junior LARCS, aged 5 – 11 16.30 – 18.00 on Thursday, **4 February** at the Community Hall? There'll be a charge of £1 per child to cover costs.

*With warmest wishes*

*Janet*

Janet M Crabtree, Chairman