

Dear LARCS

Many thanks to everyone who kindly attended the first LARCS' AGM at which the Annual Accounts were approved. (Annual returns are also required by and being prepared for the Charity Commission.) After a welcoming glass, presentations were made to bring everyone up-to-date with developments. Kelvin Holdom and Hugh Saxby were elected to join the 'old' re-elected Board of Trustees, to make a team of eight, a goodly number. We're also very fortunate to have an extended management team of a further four members, and able to call upon a network of specialist supporters on an ad hoc basis.

Everyone can see the building works in progress at the Old School (on target and Ware Construction making a very impressive job of it). What can't be seen is the enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work (furiously paddling feet propelling the beautiful swan!) the pace of which is accelerating as we near our target opening date of 1 September. LARCS is facilitating the provision of a wide range of services and all these need to be established with clear agreements in place. The team is also assessing quotes for fitting out the building including installation of computers for public use. (Libraries Unlimited will provide its own telephone and IT equipment separately which will only be available during the six hours' designated library time.)

I should emphasize that services which the new LARC will help to establish, in addition to hosting the library, are new to Bampton, ie not conflicting with current service provision. Indeed, it is hoped that the renovation and constant use of the Old School will enhance Bampton's existing facilities and services, encouraging more visitors and thereby ensuring Bampton continues to have the lively and friendly buzz about it that we all value. In the next circular we'll be able to give a flavour of what the weekly schedule will look like, bearing in mind, however, that this is still very much a work in progress.

Thanks very much indeed to Devonshire Homes for its letter of support and cheque in the sum of £1,000 to support our project. LARCS is also extremely grateful for the letters of support, some with donations, from many local groups including the Rotary Club of Exmoor (which has invited me to talk about LARCS later this month); Bampton's Business Group, Heritage Centre, Ladies' Group, Luncheon Club, Primary School, St Michaels's Church, Bampton Society and our Surgery. And not forgetting Bampton Players, whose *Murder is a LARC*, is being performed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month – full details below.

Bampton Players are putting on the première performance of a Murder Mystery Play on **Friday, 24 June , 19.00 at the Riverside** to help LARCS' fund-raising in a hugely enjoyable way. ***Murder is a LARC!*** has been written especially for LARCS by Wendy Boothroyd. **Tickets @ £14.50 will include supper and are on sale at Bampton Fruit'n' Veg and Costcutter's.**

A busy summer lies ahead!

With the warmest of summer greetings

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