

# Bugbrooke

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# Bugbrooke LINK Magazine

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Chairman: Paul Cockcroft



At our last committee meeting we had a minor change in the way we summarise our roles, see the opposite page, to reflect the way the organising and publishing of the magazine has evolved. We realised that the editorial role is shared between us and have dropped that specific title but **will of course continue to make decisions about what is and isn't included in any particular issue.**

You may not have noticed but the magazine is made up of two equal parts, the adverts and the articles, which are then threaded together as part of production before the copy is sent off for printing. The advert part is generally prepared by Tony and the articles by Geoff but sometimes these are passed between the two to maintain cover for holidays. Geoff has spent many days building and maintaining the website which serves the village more widely as well.

Sheila has a massive role in obtaining payment from the majority of advertisers and keeping track of potential advertisers so that they can slot in when there is space. Jim watches the money and tries to ensure that we can keep printing and Pat checks the emails between issues to respond where necessary to enquiries. Barbara takes notes in a most efficient manner and ensures that we stick with protocol as well as keeping us informed about the word on the street.

I am genuinely delighted to be part of such a team and trust that you appreciate all the effort that goes into producing your village magazine. If you would like to assist I am sure we can find some way of sharing the load and you could then be involved in part of something that is both informative and worthwhile. In the more immediate term we are looking for someone to prepare a selection of quizzes and puzzles for the Christmas issue of the magazine, so please let me know as soon as possible if you can assist as we would require the input by 05 November 2012.

Our website can be found at [www.bugbrookelink.co.uk](http://www.bugbrookelink.co.uk), containing an impressively wide range of items and links to other organisations and websites, including back issues of LINK as well as current and historical information that is not contained within the printed magazine.

Michael Foord tells us he has started a free website for posting classified ads, which already has around 90 items on it. If you want to give it a try you will find it at <http://www.flogthedogs.com/location/Northamptonshire/Bugbrooke/>

The deadline for articles and advert changes for the next issue is Monday 05 November 2012, but earlier submissions are most welcome. Please note that the preferred way of us receiving copy is by email to [editor@bugbrookelink.co.uk](mailto:editor@bugbrookelink.co.uk).

*Front Page:* Wednesday Club take a ride on an old open train during their visit to Leighton Buzzard.

## Letters to the LINK

I thought that I would contact you on the attached as it may be of interest to the village readers.

Sadly, 3 years ago Pete Neary, a much missed local character of Bugbrooke, passed away. Prior to this sad occasion Pete had been converting a Honda Gold Wing motor cycle into a trike, which was his ambition to ride after having an operation to amputate his leg due to illness. The Trike was virtually completed, but alas Pete never got to ride it in anger.

Since then his widow Irene contacted BLESMA, (British Limbless Ex Service Men's Association), the national charity for limbless serving and ex service men and women and their dependants with a view to donating it as a good cause, the attached completes the story.

*Paul Carey*

Mrs Irene Neary rang HQ with an offer of a trike conversion started by her husband, who sadly passed away prior to its completion. John Francis (AWO) happened to be visiting with a member, Mike Riley, who was a biker prior to his amputation. He was on the phone to Irene and had organised the collection almost before John had got back into the car! Mike is absolutely delighted and it's nearly ready for road tests and a polish before Mike will be out and about with Sharon (Mrs R) on pillion. Mike tells us it will give him a new lease and quality of life. Thank you Irene, for such a generous donation.



## Bugbrooke Parish Council

New allotment holders are now installed on their plots and have been hard at work planting up and securing their land against intrusion by rabbits. Congratulations to all those who have got stuck in so quickly and particular thanks go to Peter Wilkins who has co-ordinated the purchase of rabbit netting and the erection of fences. The Parish Council agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of securing the site against farm animals in the adjacent field.

With reference to the new burial ground the parish clerk moved swiftly to arrange a meeting with the land agent for the Peterborough Diocese. It was quickly established that they would prefer an offer for the whole of the Glebe Field, including the car park. This offer has been made by the Parish Council, after a special meeting, and we wait to see the response from the Diocese when they meet on Sept 24th.

The trustees of the Millennium Green met on Sept 13th to see whether they would agree to releasing part of the Green for burial purposes should the Glebe Field

be acquired and turned into an extension of the Millennium Green. A request would then need to be made to the Charity Commission for their approval. Any change of ownership of the Glebe Field would not diminish the ability to hold fetes or other activities on it, or to park for any activities relating to the church.

A hearing regarding the application for a village green at the end of Johns Road was heard on July 30th. The inspector chairing the hearing has since informed the NCC that he recommends the application be turned down. Should this recommendation be confirmed by NCC we can expect moves to soon take place to sell the site for housing. The chairman did say it was not in his remit to award costs against the applicants.

It has recently been announced by the Planning Inspectorate that the 70 houses applied for at Firs Field (The Wharf) and the 17 houses applied for behind The Leys have been turned down; the Inspectorate has dismissed appeals by the appellants on both sites.

The Parish Council is still trying to get NCC to address the issue of congested parking around Waggon and Horses Green. It is appreciated that there can be dangerous incidents at this point and they are requesting measures to alleviate them.

The clerk has been asked to arrange a meeting between Heygates Ltd and the parishes of Bugbrooke, Heyford and Kislingbury, to see whether agreed routes to the Mill and appropriate timings regarding school times, can be established.

On a personal level, many thanks to those who have congratulated me on getting a 'gong' and wishing Marian and I a happy Golden Wedding Anniversary. We have seen lots of changes in the village since we moved back here in 1968 at a time when Bugbrooke doubled in size in just over 10 years, with no improvement in facilities being built into the planning permissions. Things have changed since then and we have all worked together as a community to ensure the village now has some of the best education, medical and leisure facilities in the county for a village of this size. I hope we continue to strive to improve things for future generations.

*John Curtis*

## **Speedwatch**

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to support the return of Community Speedwatch. Volunteers from the village have been trained by the Police to use the Laser Speed Gun, and they report speeding vehicles to the Police who issue warning letters. This scheme has worked in Bugbrooke for a number of years but was stopped eighteen months ago when funding was taken away. The scheme will become fully operational from next April when as many as seventy villages in Northamptonshire will be taking part.

Stowe House is holding a Christmas Craft Fayre in its magnificent house and grounds, offering unique gifts for the whole family on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th October 2012. Adults £6 and Children £4. For more information contact [events@stowe.co.uk](mailto:events@stowe.co.uk) or 01280 818282. We hope to see you there.

## **Your First Responder Team Needs You!**

As summer continues the Community First Responder (CFR) scheme that operates in South Northants is on the lookout for more volunteers to be in trained in life-saving during the coming year.

CFR volunteers help to save lives in their local communities throughout the East Midlands and across the UK as a whole. They can provide life-saving care if the patient's condition is serious and give reassurance to patients and family prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

The responders gain confidence, skills, knowledge and new friends through their local schemes and volunteering can be flexible to work around the individual. They are trained to give initial help to people suffering from medical emergencies such as chest pains, breathing problems, strokes, collapses and cardiac arrests.

The South Northants community Responder scheme which operates in Towcester, Weedon & Crick has been in operation since May 2011 and has attended over 130 emergency calls in that time.

We are also recruiting members to launch new activation points in Bugbrooke, Roade, Woodford Halse, Sulgrave, Deanshanger & Daventry to fall within the South Northants Scheme.

CFRs give as little or as much time as they can to be 'on call' working on a rota basis and may be activated by the Ambulance Emergency Operations Centre should a suitable '999' call be made from the responder's local area. Because they live or work in their own communities they can often arrive sooner than the ambulance, which can make all the difference in situations such as a cardiac arrest where the patient has stopped breathing.

The equipment responders carry includes an automated external defibrillator (AED), oxygen and other first aid equipment. Training is conducted by the ambulance service to the standard the ambulance service has set for their responders.

Community First Responders come from all different walks of life and volunteer for the good of the community.

Potential CFRs need to have a caring attitude, be aged over 18 years, with a full clean driving licence that has been held for at least a year, access to a car and live within South Northamptonshire, especially in the areas identified.

Your local CFR team needs more volunteers now. Could you make the time to help members of your community in their time of need?

If you are interested in finding out more information on providing financial support or with a view to volunteering as a CFR, then please get in touch with the group coordinator via the website [www.southnorthantsresponders.co.uk](http://www.southnorthantsresponders.co.uk) or calling on 01327 828733.

## **What does it mean that our Father is in heaven?**

For more years than I care to admit, once again this August Bank Holiday Week I took on the role of Chaplain to the members of the North Staffordshire Boys and Girls

Brigade annual camp - this year on a camp site ten miles short of Blackpool.

Apart from eating and laughing too much, my role is to lead the whole camp in **daily worship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit along with leading the Officers' Prayers** before breakfast each morning. In these early morning prayers this year, I **took the leaders through 'The Lord's Prayer' posing the question 'Do we say the prayer with too much familiarity?'** For if we say the prayer seriously it is not only very challenging as we make some phenomenal statements about and to God our Father, we also undertake to live in a way that is often far from our personal day to day experience!

**This is no truer than when we open the prayer with 'Our Father in Heaven'.** This very statement not only places God in the supernatural realm we also have both the audacity and privilege of calling Him Father. A title that can either have warm and gratifying overtones as we have a good experience of our own earthly Father, or fills us with fear and loathing as put upon God our negative experiences of an earthly Father.

As I too struggled to put the picture of a powerful and awesome God with the picture of an intimate loving God that stoops down to us and not only to call Him Father but Abba Father, Daddy.

**The following extract from 'I Am Your Father' by Mark Stibbe (p119 Monarch Books 2010) helped both me and the officers in our reflections and struggles, and I now offer the same to you to ponder on. So the next time you pray 'Our Father in Heaven' it may take on a new dimension. . .**

**It means that there's no one bigger than our Dad – our Dad rules.**

He flung stars into speckled space.

He fashioned the blazing sun and deep lagoons of clouds and cluster.

He created the planets, the constellations and the galaxies.

He conceived the Milky Way, the Helix Nebula and the Pleiades.

He made bubbles and arcs, nebulae and auras.

He paints supernovas in effervescent colours and stellar jets of iridescent glory.

He out-thinks the physicist and he dazzles the theologian.

He preoccupies the astronomer and inspires the poet with abundant wonder.

He is beyond the reach of the Hubble telescope or the probing range of any Orbiter.

**He is what Einstein called "The Superior Reasoning Power"  
and the Bible calls "the Father of Heavenly Lights".**

He is my Dad and He is your Dad.

Our Dad, who is in Heaven, the Third Heaven.

Who swells in unapproachable light and will one day make His home with us,  
on this tiny dot that is Earth.

*The Revd. Stephen R.J. French, Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe*

## Friends of St Michael and All Angels Church

Our annual wine tasting this year will be on Friday 30th November at the Community Centre. Tickets will be on sale in a few weeks time. Members and previous supporters will be getting a letter shortly with details. If anyone else is interested please contact **Roy Smith (tel 832715), or myself, or any other committee member. It's always a fun evening.**

The Committee will shortly be taking a decision on funding further maintenance work at the Church; and I intend to give more information about this in the next issue.

*Jim Inch*

## The Olympics

What a difference! In 1948 I was captain of Boston Swimming Club, and organised a trip to see one of the Olympic swimming competitions. No special pool – just Wembley swimming pool. If my memory serves me, the Japanese won most of the breast stroke races because they swam butterfly, which if you think about it, is a form of breaststroke. After these Olympics butterfly came into being.

In water polo, the ball was rather more in the water than in the air. The ball was made of leather and became quite slimy.

In the recent games I witnessed the water polo in a specially designed pool. Four generations of my family had a wonderful unforgettable day in the Olympic Park. Myself, son, grandson and great grandson. Fantastic.

*George Staniland*

## Bugbrooke WI

On August 6th our members visited Bay Tree Cottage, where we strolled in the gardens and had the opportunity to purchase plants from Down To Earth's Nursery.



Members appreciated the tea and cake provided at Bay Tree Cottage after a busy year making cakes for the village at the Jubilee and Church Fetes.

The Bay Tree Cottage runs a wonderful selection of art, craft, gardening and cookery workshops: using a fun combination of presentation, demonstration and do it yourself sessions to help you learn a new skill or hobby.

Our ladies were all looked after really well and were treated to a selection of delicious cakes, all rather a little different from the norm, the chocolate and beetroot being one of them. We were also able to buy a selection of handmade chocolates, jams and preserves.

**There was a quick quiz relevant to the evening's tour, and one lucky member went home a winner!**

All in all it was a most enjoyable evening and not a rain cloud in sight.

Being a member of the WI brings many opportunities to get involved in arts and crafts. Just finished by Carol Hammond, Muriel Smith, Jenny Brewerton Owen and I, **is our entry for the NCFWI Trophy. A poem in praise of "High Flyers", to be presented as a hand crafted item in any medium; watercolours, oils, embroidery, tapestry etc. Our ladies chose watercolour. So, fingers crossed!**

On Saturday 29th of September there is a jewellery workshop at WI House, non-members welcome, and Andrea, who runs the course, is very patient aiming at all levels of ability.

In October there is a chance to visit Alexandra Palace for the knitting and stitching show. There will be demonstrations plus the chance to purchase items not seen locally.

As always new members are always welcome to our meetings on the first Monday of each month in the Sunday School rooms.

*Kim Baughan*

## **Flu Clinics 2012**

Annual Flu Vaccination Clinics will be held at the practice on the Saturday mornings of the 20th & 27th October. There will also be an evening clinic this year, the date is still to be arranged.

You will be able to ring the practice to book an appointment towards the end of September. When you ring it will be helpful if this can be done after 11am in the morning and after 3pm in the afternoon.

*Val Skidmore, Practice Manager*

## **The Wednesday Club**

Hello everyone. By the time you read this the so called Summer will be over and our club will be back to usual meeting times after the break.

On July 25th, on one of the good hot days we had, there was an outing to Leighton Buzzard. First we had lunch then a ride on an old open train. Tea was taken at Dobbies Garden Centre in Milton Keynes.

I am sad to report the loss of member Mrs. Doris Harding. She enjoyed playing whist at the club. We think of her family at this sad time.

As always we would like to welcome new members to join us as we have several events starting soon, all at home “The Sunday School”. To join ring Cherry on 830389 or Linda on 831219.

## **Help save a life – could you be a matching stem cell donor? Father and husband in Bugbrooke needs a stem cell transplant to stay alive**

There are currently 1600 people in the UK who need a stem cell transplant. For many of these patients, a stem cell transplant from a matching donor is their last chance of survival.

If you are 18-40 and in good health, then you can have the opportunity to help save a life. Signing up is easy and simply involves filling out an application form on the Anthony Nolan website and giving a saliva sample in a pot which will be posted to you.

Every day, Anthony Nolan helps find matching donors for two people in desperate need of a lifesaving transplant.

**Sadly, for every person we help, there’s another we can’t, because we can’t find a match for them.**

By joining the Anthony Nolan register, you could be a match and help save their life.

You have a 1 in 250 chance of ever being a match to a patient in need. If you are a match, you will undergo a check-up and a nurse will come to visit you on 3 consecutive days prior to the donation. They will visit you wherever you are and give you a small injection into your abdomen.

If you ever become a match most people donate in a process similar to giving blood. If you are a match, you and a companion will get a train to the hospital, then off to a hotel for the night, your travel and accommodation costs will be paid for. Most patients donate stem cells through the blood. Blood is taken from one arm and sent through a machine that filters off the stem cells, before being returned to your other arm. It takes about 4 or 5 hours, and you are **free to leave as soon as it’s done.**

**It’s that easy to save a life! For more information the following link is a video of how to be a donor and what happens.**

<http://www.anthonynolan.org/What-you-can-do/save-a-life/What-happens-if-you-are-a-match.aspx>

## **Nature Notes**

When we did the bat survey in 2010, I asked those who took part whether they were interested in doing a bat walk, and on September 7th 15 of us went looking for bats. We used a bat detector to identify those we saw, as well as relying on visual recognition of their behaviour. Before we left our house we looked in the porch where we have a night roost for a brown long-eared bat. It is easy to identify as you find a lot of moth debris, such as wings and heads, and sometimes droppings which are like

mouse droppings but when squashed in a tissue they crumble to dust (whereas mouse droppings just squash). One of our group was pleased because she realised that she too had a long-eared bat night roost.

Immediately when we got outside we saw a pair of pipistrelles flying together that may have been a mother and young one. They were doing the familiar darting, just above head height, flight. They are catching very small flying insects such as **midges, and when using the bat detector you hear a “wet” sort of slapping that** increases in intensity as the bat homes in on its prey. We also saw a brown long-eared bat with its much quieter response on the bat detector. They do not need to emit such loud calls as their hearing is more acute because of their long ears. Next we went to the churchyard where pipistrelles were flying there too.

Our next stop was the canal bridge on the Banbury Lane, where we have seen pipistrelles displaying in the past. We did detect some but not in the same numbers as previously, but that may have been because it was late and pretty dark, and also that we were rather an intimidating, large group. We had little success further along the canal towards the aqueduct where we had hoped to see daubenton bats flying close to the water in pursuit of caddis flies. There were a great number of barges moored and I wonder whether the bats may have been further along the canal where there would be more space to hunt.

On our return journey we saw (and detected) lots of bats on Captains Close (the field between Great Lane and Ace Lane footpath, alongside the brook), particularly under the trees and close to the brook where you would expect lots of flying insects. **We didn't see any noctule bats but I had detected one in our garden earlier in the week.** I have also seen them on the cricket field near to the pavillion, and there has been a report recently of seeing a bat flying high and straight at the field end of Johns Road. Flying high and straight is what distinguishes noctule bats from others. They are hunting for cockchafers and dor beetles.

By around 9.30pm we returned to have a glass of wine!

Recent sightings: A grass snake was seen basking close to a house wall in West End. It was a sunny but cool morning and it was probably warming itself up to get its metabolism working. Because they are cold-blooded animals they cannot regulate their own temperature and rely upon the sun or being in a warm place like a compost heap to get them warm enough to move. Like all reptiles in the UK, they are protected and although they are startling they are harmless to humans. If you see one and feel worried, go and make a cup of coffee and read the newspaper. You will probably find they have disappeared when you go back.

Kingfishers: I have had reports of kingfishers seen on the canal.

*Margaret Cooke 832125*

## **Bugbrooke & District Flower Society**

In July we travelled north to the Tatton Park Flower Show - we eventually arrived after a long hold up on the motorway and luckily avoided the showers to enjoy the

day. In August Pat Broughton taught us how to arrange a traditional pedestal. Pat gave us a relaxed and informative day and we went home happily with our creations.

Our autumn programme continues with Wendy Pitkin (Wendy won the South Midland Area's competition to go forward to the national event in London with a chance to represent the UK at the World Show in Dublin) so it is sure to be a lovely evening. Her title is "The Last Colour of Autumn". In November Lorena Dyer returns **to demonstrate "It's Christmas, Let's Sparkle"** - sitting here writing this on the most glorious early September day I can hardly bear to type that "C" word!!!

Please join us on the 4th Monday of each month in Nether Heyford Village Hall at 7.45pm where a warm welcome awaits you.

*Jane Barker*

## **Bugbrooke Village Hall Playgroup**

The new school year will be well under way by now and, dare I say it, activities for Halloween and Christmas will be starting. However, I would like to mention a few things that took place at Playgroup before the summer break.

### Sports Day and Raffle

During July the children took part in their sports day which, this year, took an Olympic theme. It was a lovely event, very well supported by family and friends. The children took part in their keygroups and competed in a number of events – horse jumping; penalty shoot out; running races; balancing, to name a few and a trophy was awarded for gold, silver and bronze positions. This was such a fun event, helped by the weather and the enthusiasm of the children and Victoria is planning to continue it next July. The draw for the summer raffle then took place and we had some fabulous prizes, all donated by local businesses. We would like to give many thanks to these companies as it helps greatly with the fundraising efforts. Huge thanks go to PRP Optoelectronics in Towcester for donating the first prize of £100 John Lewis vouchers and thanks must also go to Brook Farm Rare Breeds, Heygates, Whittlebury Hall, Nuffield, Cineworld, Tenpin Bowling, Silverstone and Northampton Town FC.

### Summer Trip

In June all the children at Playgroup were invited along on the summer trip to Rookery Farm in Stoke Bruerne. It was a lovely hot, dry day and the children were able to see the animals and have a lot of fun on the play equipment and bouncy castles. A slightly longer coach trip on the way home would have had most falling **asleep I'm sure!**

### New Garden Equipment

Just before the end of term new play equipment was installed in the garden at Playgroup. From the surplus income we were able to purchase a wooden balance trail with log walks, balance weaver, clatter bridge and a balance beam, all at low level to suit the young children. Hopefully, we will be able to add to this from future fundraising.

Please look out for details of our fundraising events and support us wherever

possible. Last year we held a quiz night and bingo night, both of which were very successful and a lot of fun and we hope to continue with these events along with those held specifically for the children. You may be interested to know that we have a website at [www.bugbrookeplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.bugbrookeplaygroup.co.uk) which is regularly updated with news and events so please add us to your favourites and keep an eye on what is happening.

If you, a friend or family member has a child aged between 2 and 5 years and would be interested in looking around Playgroup please contact me on the number below as we have spaces available for this year or if you would like to put them on our waiting list do please call.

If you would like any information on any of the above or to look around our new and improved facilities please contact Julie Tompkins on 07563 574155 or at [bugbrookeplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bugbrookeplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk).

*Julie Tompkins*

## **A New School Year at Bugbrooke School**

I am sure you will have noticed how busy the school was over the summer; the long holiday is a perfect time for schools to undertake refurbishment and improvement projects which require a building empty of children in which to work. This has certainly been the case at Bugbrooke, and we hope you will have noticed the repainted front of the school and the newly rendered front wall, which looks much better!

We were pleased to welcome back all our existing children and some new ones: we had a number of new families join us after moving into the village and had 42 new children join our Reception classes. We are already making preparations for the 2013 cohort and parents can now register a place for their child on-line or by coming into the school; if you know of anyone who may require a place for 2013, please ask them to contact us. We also hope to see many new parents at our Open Day on Thursday 25th October.



Year 3 Recorder Concert

As always, we are striving to improve outcomes for all our children and in addition to the ongoing focus on raising standards of achievement, we also work hard to develop their personal, social and emotional skills. The school's involvement in the

community is a key part of this and we want to help our children respect and value theirs. Therefore we welcome any individuals or groups from the village who feel they could come into school and spend time working with the children - the opportunities for this are literally limitless: art, design, woodwork, gardening, music, **environment, reading..... We would love for you to join us and share your experience, expertise or just enthusiasm with the children!** Please get in touch with us on 01604 830610 if you feel you can become involved in your local school.

*Debbie Bastin, Headteacher*

## **Primary School Admissions**

**It's time for parents to apply for their child's primary school place.**

The start of the new school year sees many parents across the county on the search for the right primary school for their child.

This year, Northamptonshire County Council is running a campaign targeting all parents with children who turn four years old between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, to help raise awareness to parents of the right time to apply for **their child's school place and how to do this.**

Applications open on Monday 10th September 2012 and will close on Tuesday 15th January 2013.

**There are many myths surrounding applying for a child's primary school place** which the county council aims to stamp out as part of this campaign. **For the first time ever, they will be contacting parents directly to tell them it's time to apply for their child's primary school place which will reinforce the fact that they must do this** regardless of whether:

- **They have put their child's name down at their preferred school**
- The child lives in the area near the school
- They have an older brother or sister already at the preferred school

Late applications are always a problem – this year in Northampton alone there were over 200 late applications which resulted in disappointment for many parents as they missed out on a place at their preferred school.

With this in mind, the county council is running an early bird incentive and has secured an iPad which has kindly been donated by Capita, to give away as a prize. All online applications that are received by 31st October 2012 will be entered into a draw to win this fantastic prize (terms and conditions apply).

**Parents are encouraged to apply for their child's school place online rather than by paper form and they can do this at [www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions)**

## **Tanzania 2013 – Let's build a school and a clinic**

We keep thinking that our winters in Tanzania are over, but for some reason we keep going back and it seems that next winter will be no different. When we were there last winter a local community asked if we would help them to make a clinic. They have no free local healthcare and the nearest government hospital is 10 miles away.

In Tanzania the local community is responsible for providing the building and then the government will pay for the doctors and nurses. The community of Olmotoni, north of Arusha, has a building to convert into a clinic but it does not have the money and that is where we can help. Through the year we have been trying to raise the money required (about £27,000) but success has been limited and we need more help. We think we may have enough to do the building work but they need more than that – basic things like desks, chairs and tables.

*If you can help in any way, please make a donation to the Bugbrooke East Africa Trust (Charity No. 1116470).*

So our plan was for a relatively small project; 5-6 weeks away instead of the usual 10. But then a new opportunity came along in the form of a new donor who likes the way we work – particularly the fact that every penny is supervised and spent on the projects – nothing is lost in overheads along the way. If we could find a suitable project then we were being offered a large amount of money. We knew of just such a project. This community also urgently needs a secondary school. Again it is a similar arrangement – the community builds the school and the government pays for teachers and some limited additional support.

In early September Tony made a short visit to check that this project was realistic and viable. What he found was the three nearest secondary schools are all grossly overloaded and that the project has very strong support from both the community – who have provided a large site—and local government officials. So now, in addition to the clinic, we hope to start building a whole new school. But a school needs more than buildings; it also needs books and desks and science equipment so they still need more help. Would you contribute to the costs for children who are desperate for an education which, in this country, we take as a basic right.

If you would like to learn more about the Bugbrooke East Africa Trust and our projects, please visit our web page at the LINK web site. You will also be able to read our letters home about life and project work in Tanzania.

*Tony & Sue Pace (832516)*

## **Bugbrooke History Group**

Our production and sales of Bugbrooke History books, including the two books of photographs, have made it possible for us to continue welcoming people to our meetings free of charge. We always have top notch speakers covering a variety of topics.

Diana Cockrill gave an illustrated talk at the last meeting about life on the Fens. Her father was a Fen Drainage Superintendent and they lived next door to a Beam Engine. The Fens constitute a very special area of England where the management of water is paramount and the sky is enormous. Diana has written a book called **‘Parallels’ about her experience and her mother’s being brought up in this part of East Anglia.**

On the subject of books, my article in the autumn edition of This England about

Frank Wright the 19th Century Master of Bugbrooke School has stimulated a lot of interest from around the country and I even had a letter from Canada. I am so delighted that the work of this amazing man is being recognised and appreciated.

The Bugbrooke History Group belongs to the Northamptonshire Association for Local History, and therefore we are invited to meetings and events organised by other groups. There is a Heritage Day at Sulgrave Manor on Saturday 27th October which promises to be interesting. There was evidently a castle there at one time. Contact me if you would like to attend the Heritage Day, or look on the web site [www.sulgrave.org](http://www.sulgrave.org)

Our next meeting is November 14th 7.30pm at the Community Centre. More details later.

*Pat Kent (secretary) Tel 830518*

## **Bugbrooke Guides**

In the summer holidays I had the opportunity to meet the Princess Benedicte of Denmark. This was a great honour for me and I felt very proud representing Bugbrooke Guides and presenting her with a posy of flowers. This was the highlight of my day, but before this a selection of Girl Guides and myself welcomed her to Northampton starting at the Shoe Museum. It



was there that I presented her with the posy and then we moved on to the Guild Hall where we then welcomed her with national flags. We then walked around the Guild Hall which was an interesting end to our day. This is the first princess I have met and I am very grateful to the Girl Guiding Association for making it possible for me to do this. I hope many more Guides have the chance to meet royalty like I did.

*Polly Webster*

## **Upper Nene Villages U3A Group, meeting monthly in Bugbrooke Community Centre at 2.30pm on Monday -**

- 15 October - Table Talk - members' informal discussion groups, with tea and biscuits.
- 19 November - The Gunpowder Plot - an illustrated talk by Malcolm Deacon.
- 10 December - It's all been Magic by Kevin Burke, Northampton's official Jester

## Bugbrooke St. Michael's FC

The season is now in progress for adult teams. The 1st XI has made an impressive start considering they are made up mostly of last year's Reserve team. Manager Paul Field has continued where he left off last season and they have already won 2 rounds of the F.A. Cup beating Rushden and Higham F.C. and Ely City F.C. after a replay. They next meet Dereham F.C. at Birds Close on Sept 8th.

The Reserve Team were promoted last season and have had some good early results suggesting they might hold their own in the higher division. The enthusiasm of manager Graham Derby is likely to carry them through.

**The 'A' team started with an impressive win in their first league match in a higher division but the 'B's took a drubbing after gaining promotion last year, which suggests they may need a manager on the touchline sooner rather than later.**

The youth sides will be starting as soon as schools return in September and we wish them enjoyment and success. We do not wish them luck because that tends to be gained by hard work on the pitch rather than heavenly intervention.

The Committee have settled into their roles for the coming season and the club is looking stable. Thanks to all those who support the club and we hope you all have an enjoyable season watching the teams. There are usually 2 games on a Saturday afternoon with the clubhouse open for refreshments at half and full time. There are youth games (7 – 16 years) on Saturday and Sunday mornings for those interested in spotting future potential within the club.

*John Curtis*

## Bugbrooke Cricket Club

A difficult season on the pitch ended with some good news as it was confirmed that **both the club's senior sides will avoid relegation from their respective divisions of the Northamptonshire Cricket League.**

**The two Chris', Rea and Chapman, led the way with the bat for the first team,** the latter hitting consecutive centuries as the side battled their way to division seven safety, while captain Ian Street once again led the way with the ball.

It was also going to be a tough year for a young second team in division 13, but Chris Lamb led the side to three victories in the campaign, while giving opportunities **for a number of the club's juniors to make the step up to adult league cricket.**

The junior section itself continued to go from strength to strength, with once again the club fielding four sides at various age groups including an Under 17 side for the first time. Despite a number of fixtures falling victim to the weather, all four teams were competitive, often against some of the biggest clubs in the county.

**August bank holiday Monday saw the annual vice president's day, which once again was a success with a great turn out of Vice-Presidents for the lunch, while on the field, the Over 30's side regained the Jack Dawson shield with victory against the Under 30's.**

Off the field, the wettest summer in history had its effect with a huge number of

games cancelled, but a number of club social nights, including a well-attended quiz night last month, helped the club make up for the lost bar income from the weather.

**Plans for the redevelopment of the club's pavilion continue to move forward**, with finance now being raised so the club can move forward with the initial aim to build a brick skin around the existing building.

Attention now turns to the presentation evening and club AGM, both of which will be held later this autumn, details to be announced shortly, before the preparation begins in earnest for the 2013 season with winter nets starting in the new year.

*Ciaran Thomas*

## **Tree of Light Service**

This year's **Tree of Eternal Light** service will be held at **St Michael and All Angel's** church at 7pm on Thursday, 6th December. The service offers a quiet hour, when we remember family members and friends who are no longer with us. A Christmas tree covered in lights which will shine in the church every day throughout the Christmas period. Each light represents the life of someone dear to us, people from all walks of life, some closely connected to the Church during their lifetime, many with no connection at all but whose families and friends find the Tree of Light a fitting way to remember them at Christmas. The opportunity to leave a message on the tree after the service. A focus for the deep feelings people face at Christmas time, beautiful music, a few carols, the names of our loved ones read out one by one, a book of remembrance which can be viewed after the service and throughout the Christmas period. And afterwards, if you wish, coffee and mince pies and the opportunity to talk to someone if you need to.

All we ask is for a donation for each person remembered. This year donations will be distributed equally among the following recipients:

British Heart Foundation  
Alzheimer's Society, Northampton  
and Bugbrooke Church.

Names and donations please to the Benefice Office, Sunday School Building, Church Lane (830373), or Lynne Clayson, Orchard Way, The Paddocks (830480) by 29th November, (cheques made payable to Bugbrooke PCC).

## **OAP Gift Scheme**

The application form for this year's OAP Christmas Gift Scheme, is on page 38.

Bugbrooke Old Age Pensioners Christmas Gift Scheme

APPLICATION FORM

Applications can be made by the individual themselves, a relative, a friend or a neighbour. All applications must be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2012.

Applicant 1

Name .....

Address.....

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Applicant 2

Name .....

Address.....

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This form can either be delivered to  
one of the Committee members (as shown below)  
or placed in the receiving box at the POST OFFICE.

Addresses of Committee members –

Mrs J. Piper            71 High Street

Mrs E. Bignell        27a Camp Hill

Mrs A. Bird            51 Camp Hill

Mr & Mrs N. Burt    4a Pilgrims Lane

Mrs R Harries        7 Ash Grove

Mrs C. Pilcher        6 Ace Lane

DECLARATION

I confirm that the above named person/s normally lives in Bugbrooke and is/are aged 65 years or over and therefore qualifies to receive a Christmas Gift voucher from the Bugbrooke O.A.P.s' Christmas Gift Scheme.

Signed .....

Address .....

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# Services and Events at St. Michael and All Angels Church Bugbrooke

A weekly leaflet is available in Church. Please take a copy and keep up-to-date with Bugbrooke Church Services, News and Events. The leaflet also covers the Anglican parishes of Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe.

## Sunday Services

- 8:00am BCP Communion 3rd and 5th Sundays in the Month  
9:45am 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month Holy Communion  
1st Sunday in the month Morning Worship  
3rd Sunday in the month Family Worship  
5th Sunday in the month watch for details  
6:00pm **1st Sunday in the month 'Sunday@Six'**  
a service of Praise and Worship.



## Other Services

- Tuesdays during term time 2:30pm Tiny Tots Service in Church  
First Wednesday in the month :9:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Lady Chapel  
7:00pm Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

## Regular Events

- Mondays at 8pm Bell Ringers  
2nd and 4th Mondays 7:30pm Bible Study at 15 Lime Grove  
Thursdays 9am to 11:15am Family Morning during term time in the Sunday School Rooms  
**Alternate Wednesdays 2pm 'The Wednesday Club' in the Sunday School Rooms**  
Thursdays 7:30pm S.M.A.S.H. (*St. Michaels At Someone's House*)  
Fellowship and Bible Study at 41 Pilgrims Lane.

## Dates for the Diary

- Sunday 14th October 9:45pm Harvest Celebrations 2012

Next Edition of Bugbrooke LINK will contain all the details  
for our Christmas 2012 Celebrations

Home Communion by prior arrangement.

Enquiries about Baptism ring 830373

Enquires about marriage ring 831621

For all other enquirers please ring either of the above numbers

If no one answers please leave a message and we will return your call.

## Family Announcements

Curtis – The family of the late Celia would like to thank everyone for their kind contributions, messages and cards following their sad loss.

Baxter – Paul and Sandra (nee Course) would like to extend their warmest thanks for all the gifts, cards and good wishes on the occasion of their marriage on Saturday 28th July. It was lovely to see so many friends at the Church which helped to make our day very special .

## Diary

October

3rd	1pm	Wednesday Club Fish & Chips & speaker	S.S.
6th	2pm	Guides Jumble Sale	S.S.
17th	2pm	Wednesday Club	S.S.
20th	a.m.	Flu Vaccination Clinic	Health Centre
25th	all day	Open Day	Primary School
27th	a.m.	Flu Vaccination Clinic	Health Centre
31st	2pm	Wednesday Club	S.S.

November

14th	2pm	Wednesday Club	S.S.
14th	7.30p.m.	History Group Strange Happenings in the Mail - Derek Smeathers	C.C.
28th	2pm	Wednesday Club Xmas Outing	
30th	7.30p.m.	Friends of St Michael & All Angels Wine Tasting	C.C.