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Chairman: Paul Cockcroft



I hope by now that the wintry weather is well and truly behind us and that we enjoy a sunny Easter weekend. We have much to be thankful for and lots to look forward to, as detailed in these pages. The Christian Aid Week and Spinal Injuries Association articles reminds us what we take for granted, along with why we should be thankful and how to raise money to help others.

Along with football, the warmer weather pursuits of cricket, tennis and bowls receive attention in this issue with invitations to attend and be introduced to the sport and current members and players. If you make that first step who knows where it might end? If you are looking for something less active the Art Group exhibition, Music Group or History Group presentations may be for you.

As usual we have included a lovely selection of photos, which always brighten up the page and I thank those organisations who think of contributing to the magazine in this way. Without doubt, the images add interest so if you remember please think about this for your next article.

We are fast approaching 30 years of LINK, which may not be a record but is certainly impressive. As always, we would be pleased to hear from you with news and information about the village, our people and the local environment.

Our AGM is at 7.30pm on Thursday 09 May 2013 at 31 Pilgrims Lane.

Our website can be found at www.bugbrookelink.co.uk, containing an impressively wide range of items and links to other organisations and websites, including issues of LINK back to July 1993 as well as current and historical information that is not contained within the printed magazine.

The deadline for articles and advert changes for the next issue is Monday 6 May 2013, but earlier submissions are most welcome. Please note that the preferred way of us receiving copy is by email to editor@bugbrookelink.co.uk.

Bugbrooke Parish Council

The Parish Council is still making progress in negotiating with Peterborough Diocese for the purchase of the Glebe Field. It is now hoped that the bottom end of the churchyard (near the brook) can be incorporated into the sale, so that the Millennium Green can run from West End through to Church Lane. An application has been made for change of use from recreation land to churchyard for part of the Millennium Green adjacent to the current churchyard. Once these arrangements have been made fences will be repositioned and new hedging plants will be planted.

The new allotments have recently had a new water supply put on. The pipe

Front Page: Sue and Tony Pace at the opening of the Esther Dispensary in Tanzania, built as part of the efforts of the Bugbrooke East Africa Trust.

was kindly mole drained into the ground by local farmer Chay Adams. New allotment holders have worked hard to get their plots ready for the Spring, and they should look forward to good crops this year if they can deter Pigeons and Rabbits.

The County Council has recently put a notification in the Chronicle and Echo to the effect that Meadway will be resurfaced sometime during the next 18 months. They will also be looking to see whether repairs can be made in Chipsey Avenue. The Parish Council is also pushing for improvements to be made to Smitherway and Pilgrims Lane.

South Northants Council intends to review its recycling and waste collection from April 2013. Please take note of any leaflets you receive regarding this issue. Bugbrooke will be changed from a Monday collection to another day.

The Parish Council has taken advice from Northamptonshire ACRE to upgrade the hours of the Parish Clerk to bring Bugbrooke in line with other villages of a similar population. As we have not changed since 2004 it is probably an overdue adjustment.

Great concern is currently being expressed by many residents about the amount of dog mess being left on public footpaths and in public areas. Their view is that part of the responsibility of having a dog includes clearing up after it if it despoils public places. This is a requirement in the interests of public health and is the reason why the Parish Council has invested in a number of strategically placed Dog Waste Bins throughout the village. We are all part of this community and need to treat the village with respect. I hope everyone can agree to treat waste (whether litter or dog mess) as their responsibility, and not expect someone else to clear up after them.

John Curtis (chairman)

There's no such Thing as the Dog Poo Fairy

There's no such thing as the dog poo fairy

Where ever you leave it, it stays

On our picturesque footpaths, canal sides and fields

Ready to be stepped in it lays

And who on earth thinks that to bag it is sane

If to hang it in a tree is your ultimate aim!

Why not take a stick on your walk with your pooch

And flick it in the undergrowth away from my boots.

Our village exists for us all to enjoy

Man or dog or girl or boy

Please be a considerate and responsible dog owner

I really do hate to be seen as a moaner

Whether out for a short walk, a wander or jog

Let us all celebrate man's best friend,....the dog!



Carol Tuckley

Bugbrooke is Changing Rubbish and Recycling Collection Day

From Tuesday 2nd April 2013, refuse and recycling collections in South Northamptonshire are moving to a four day week. This is to reduce the issues around collecting on Bank Holiday Mondays, to save money by making collections more efficient, and to allow for more time for crew training and vehicle maintenance.

Bugbrooke's collection day will be changing to TUESDAY, and we will have an extra black bin and box collection on Saturday 30th March. All households should have received information in the post last month regarding these changes, but please check the Council website (www.southnorthants.gov.uk) for more information. SNC's Twitter account (@SNorthantsC) is also a good place to keep an eye on updates.

Community talks regarding these changes and the forthcoming blue bins and food waste collections service (to be introduced this summer) are still available, so please contact the Council if your group would find a session useful. There is no charge for this service.

Unity, But Not Uniformity!

By the time you read these words in all probability there will be a new Pope for the Roman Catholic Church and the new Anglican Archbishop of Canterbury will be or preparing to, send warm greetings and renewing the commitment to work together for peace and unity.



This greeting in whatever way it comes brings the question **'Will Christians ever be altogether in one Church' to the top of the agenda once again. However, if you ask me that question I have to answer. No! 'But why?' you say. Isn't that God's will? Isn't that what we aim for? This time I have to say. Yes, and No!**

Yes of course, Christians are part of God's one family, and Yes, of course, we must work and witness together, and Yes too, there are some silly things that divide us one from one another which we need to work at sorting out. But still, No, I don't believe we shall ever be all in one church. It's true that Jesus prayed that we would all be one, but I've always taken that to mean, one in our service and devotion to Him and to His heavenly Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Once we begin our spiritual journey in company with Him, we find a freedom and a diversity and a variety which on the one hand is liberating and on the other hand seems to separate us from each other.

Over the years I've come to see that not all Christians need to be like me (God forbid!). Instead I've discovered that many have different experiences and ways of doing things which I can learn from. The way that I express my faith is valid but so too is the way that they express theirs. What I long for is not that we should all be like each other, and cloned together in one mammoth organisation, but that we should all be free to live out, in a variety of ways, the faith that we have discovered in Jesus, and that we should give up criticising each other or pretending that one way is better than another.

That's not to say I think 'anything goes'. I do have a doctrinal bottom line. Jesus, He is the one way to God – the starting point. "No one can come to the Father except through me". "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" was how he himself put it.

I don't believe there are many roads to God. There can be only one way – but I do believe that there are many ways of worshipping God and serving Him and that he gives us a diversity of gifts to use for the benefit of each other in His gloriously varied Church.

So when it comes to the question 'Will Christians ever be altogether in one Church', my gut reaction these days is that we shouldn't spend wasted hours trying to sort out our doctrinal differences. Instead we should concentrate on the things we hold in common and be open to use each other's insights and gifts. In short give up politely talking together and instead get on with the business of working together so that those who are without a faith can through our diversity discover Jesus, the one who holds us all together.

So if you have a faith, some faith, a struggling faith or no faith, all the church in all its diversity is here to help you in your journey and there is no top limit on numbers for membership.

Stephen French, Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury, Rothersthorpe

Bugbrooke Community Café

The new Bugbrooke Community Café will open on Saturday, 16th March at the Sunday School Rooms in Church Lane.

Opening times are:

Saturday 9 – 4pm

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 – 12.30pm

During the week, we will be providing breakfast, light lunches, cakes and drinks together with lunch on Saturdays. The Café will also be offering a book exchange scheme, young children's play area and, over time, many more facilities for the village.

The Café will be operated on a not-for-profit basis with any excess funds going into taking on and training unemployed youngsters from our area.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Café.

Jo Stevens, Café Manageress

Bugbrooke Art Group

We'll be holding our annual Art Exhibition on the weekend of 11th – 12th May. As usual this will be at the Community Centre and the opening times will be from 11 am to 5pm on both the Saturday and Sunday. Entry to the exhibition will be free. Most of the pictures will be on sale, as will a good selection of original handmade greetings cards. Tea/coffee and homemade cakes will also be available at very reasonable prices.

To add interest we'll be having a little competition again, which visitors will be able to take part in. Last year's competition proved to be perhaps a little too hard, so

we are hoping to correct that this time, without going too much the other way. We are also intending to change the format so that the questions will relate to pictures spread around the exhibition, rather than having a specific set of quiz pictures in one location. The prize for the winner will be a bottle of wine.

We are expecting it will be a very enjoyable weekend, so please drop in.

Jim Inch

Friends of St Michael and All Angels Church

Our AGM will be on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 pm in the Sunday School. If **you are interested in our work of assisting in the upkeep of Bugbrooke's lovely church building**, then please come along. There is no need to be a churchgoer to become a member of the Friends.

Our annual Fish & Chip Supper/Quiz will be on Friday 5th July in the Community Centre. This is always an enjoyable event and there will be more details in the next issue of LINK. We will also be sending a letter to members and previous supporters nearer the time.

Jim Inch

Northamptonshire Association for the Blind

The NAB will continue to visit locations in Northamptonshire and the Mobile unit will be situated at the following sites on the days shown below.

- Northampton Abington Street, outside Central Library, Friday April 5th 2013 between 10.00am and 2.30pm
- Northampton Market Square Events Area, Wednesday April 10th 2013 between 10.00am and 2.30 pm

The Cricketing ball by ball service will again be offered from the Northants County Ground at all 4 day and 40 over games. Other options are being discussed and we hope to advise details of an improved service in time for the May publications. The NAB commentary team will also be covering the special game between Northants Disability and a Help for Heroes XI on Friday 19th July, and the prestigious friendly against the Australians on August 16th and 17th.

Upper Nene Villages U3A Group

The U3A – the University of the Third Age, aims to stimulate educational and recreational activities among the retired or otherwise not fully employed from middle-age onwards. Your friendly local group meets in the afternoon on the third Monday of each month at Bugbrooke Community Centre, usually at 2.30pm and **non-members are welcome as guests**. There are also 'Special Interest' groups that meet regularly, including Book Exchange, French, Genealogy, German, History of Music, Literature, Luncheon Club, Music Appreciation, Play Reading, Scrabble and Snooker.

Forthcoming Meetings:

15 April – **‘The Klondyke: the Last Great Gold Rush’** by Amanda Wood. This promises to be an amusing and enthralling illustrated talk.

20 May at 12.30pm – the Annual General Meeting for paid-up members only, followed by lunch.

17 June – **‘Views of Kew’** by Stuart Phillips. An illustrated personal look at some of the treasures of Kew Gardens.

Enquiries to 01604-831627 or 01327-340407

Bugbrooke School

Bugbrooke is a busy, happy and successful school and we are delighted to share our news with the village community. Those of you connected with the school will know that each day at school is important for our children and we maximise every opportunity to develop and shape them as future citizens, ensuring that they can make their own valued contribution to village life.

We are always happy to welcome visitors into the school to see our work and are delighted to have a few new faces from Bugbrooke WI to help us with our lunchtime Craft Club and reflect the values and interests of the village.

If anyone reading has spare time during the day, we are looking for volunteers to help us with our school garden project. We have plenty of space to grow vegetables on our allotment plots but do not have enough adults to help the children get fully involved in this and make the most of our fantastic garden space. Please contact us if you feel you could help.

Cross Country Success

Yet again, we have enjoyed real success in the Campion Cluster Cross Country competition taking 40 children to participate with other primary schools from the surrounding villages. Although it was a glorious sunny day, the conditions were wet and muddy underfoot which meant that the course was hard work for all the children, particularly our youngest Year 3s for whom this was their first time! However, the soggy ground did not stop us from achieving outstanding results in each of the four races, with great performances from many individual children. Overall we came 2nd in the Year 3 and 4 race and 1st in Year 5 and 6!

Thinking Day

On ‘Thinking Day’ in February we celebrated the occasion by asking all our Rainbows, Beavers, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Guides to come to school wearing their uniforms. We have lots of children that belong to these groups and enjoy being part of the Scouts and Guides organisation.

Fire Fire!

Earlier in the term, our infant children were visited by fire officers and a fire engine from Mereway Fire station as part of their Bright Sparks topic on the *Great Fire of London*. The fire engine parked on the school drive to show the equipment to each of the four infant classes and every child was given the chance to sit inside the fire



Snow fun at Bugbrooke Primary School in January



Fire officers and their fire engine visiting Bugbrooke School



Bugbrooke School team who enjoyed real success in the Campion Cluster Cross Country races



Children of different ages working together in Dream Teams



engine! The children asked questions and were delighted by a demonstration of how the hoses worked, especially when it involved wetting members of staff! The children also took part in a talk about fire safety where they found out more information about fire fighting and how to keep safe.

Dream Teams celebrating Chinese New Year!

Dream Teams are vertically grouped classes with children from *Reception through to Year 6*. They have been meeting all year on a Friday afternoon to do paired reading activities but earlier this term we brought them together for a whole day for a special curriculum event to celebrate Chinese New Year. The Dream Teams help children to build relationships wider than their immediate classes and to develop their confidence and communication skills – the pictures show how well children of different ages work together and help one another.

Snow Fun

By the time this issue of the LINK goes to press and arrives on doormats, we hope that we will have seen the last of the snow and are enjoying the spring weather. However, the first two months of 2013 brought snow and all its issues to the school! Despite the disruption and inconvenience caused we tried to enjoy the positive aspects of the snowy weather and challenged the children to a Snow Sculpture Competition. The children had great fun and we had a wide range of creations from a sphinx, a badger, a horse, a teddy bear and a family of snowmen as you can see from the photos!

Debbie Bastin

On My Bird Table

It is usually considered silly to give human values to animals or birds, and I do not in any way wish to up-stage the wonderful work that Margaret Cooke does with regard to the bird life in the village, but over these last snowy weeks I have had time in plenty to watch the particular birds that come to my feeding station [a bird table, a cylinder of sunflower seeds and a peanut feeder] and some of their antics might just amuse you.

The first birds down are the collared doves. Now he is a fine fellow, and knows it, all puffed-out breast feathers and shiny neck plumage. He struts and preens himself on the pergola for several minutes before coming in to feed. She, the object of his desire, is a little smaller and he loses no time in pursuing her all over the place. But each time that he is within a lunge of getting what he wants, she simply hops forward, and in the end when no hints can get through to him, she rounds on him, **pecks him and flies away. He is left muttering to himself that he doesn't care** [poking around the feet of the bird table] and there are plenty more doves in the trees, so there!

Next to arrive are the starlings. I have a colony of them in my gutter, and at times it is like being on the set of Eastenders; a long brooding silence broken by scrabbling noises and a few squawks, then the Old Lady lets out a yell of anger, and all the

family spill out over the garden where they spend time visiting each other and asking if it is safe to go home yet. But on the bird table they behave as a unit. Remember HMS Pinafore – well, this is their version.

When the crumbs go out, the Head Bird gives a shout And down come his sisters **and his cousins and his aunts ...**

One or two of them have mastered the art of eating from the peanut feeder and are **regarded with awe by their less clever siblings who just can't get the idea.**

Starlings are messy feeders, and in their haste to gulp down as much as possible they throw bits everywhere, so while the opera is going on up top, the smaller birds are taking advantage. I have one particularly pugnacious pied wagtail who is no respecter of size. He will spread out his tail feathers and charge at anything in his way, even as large as a blackbird. I saw him recently leap on a sparrow half as big again as he was and bury it in a heap of swept snow. The sparrow came out with the bird equivalent of **"What was *that*?" on its face.**

Blackbirds must have some Irish blood in them, because they spend more time chasing each other round the garden looking for a peck-in than actually feeding. Up and over the raised boxes, into the conifer, over the garage roof non-stop

A pair of chaffinches visits me regularly. They feed on the ground and at the slightest commotion from the other birds they whirr their wings and leap up as much as ten feet into the plum tree, just like a maiden aunt who has finally discovered a man under her bed. When all has quietened down again, they return to feeding – whether **that applies to maiden aunts I don't know.**

Both blue-tits and great-tits visit the peanuts. One wonderful day I glanced out of the window and saw not one but three long-tailed tits on the feeder, each one at a different angle so that it looked like a jar full of pencils. Perhaps the funniest of them all is one particular blue-tit who must, I think, be a bachelor uncle in the tribe, and was probably a librarian in a past existence. He comes to the sunflower seeds, picks out one, flies up into the plum tree to eat it, wipes his beak pedantically on a branch and then comes back for another, like a retired colonel lunching in his Club.

I wonder what the birds would say if they could do a similar article on us?

Diana Cockrill

Bugbrooke History Group

Steve Parish was dressed and armed for battle when he came to the History Group meeting on 13th February. He brought with him spears, bows and arrows, poleaxe, sword, dagger and a primitive gun. Also there were bullets and a large 10cm diameter canon ball which came from the Battle of Northampton, dated 1460, and found on the **battlefield close to Delapre Abbey. Shields and helmets were the soldiers' only defence** against such weapons, and all soldiers were very likely to change sides if their own army appeared to be losing. Sounds like a sensible system. The Battle only lasted about 20 minutes and the Yorkists won. Steve has a way of bringing the time and situation to life. He had a large audience who enjoyed his talk.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 10th April Andrea Pettigale from Northamptonshire Libraries will talk about Researching Family History. The meeting is free to anyone who is interested. We only request a small donation towards refreshments. This happy state of finances may not last for ever so make the most of the free talks now. You will be made very welcome, 7.30 pm at the Community Centre.

I received some information about the plates I mentioned in the last LINK. It would seem these are not particularly rare and not antique, but of course if we hang on to them they might become important artefacts in time.

Pat Kent (secretary)

The Wednesday Club

Hello Everyone: Today March 4th as I write this, the year seems to be passing along too quickly. Weather has been very wet and cold, but today the sun shines, it's fine and gold so perhaps things will improve.

Feb 6th our first meeting of 2013. It's always good to meet again after the winter break. Several members have been poorly so it's good to see them out and about again. This year we have a full programme of all meeting dates, and each member has a copy. Very helpful.

Feb 20th. Our AGM. A summary of assets given to all to read. No changes to the club's running. **Cherry, Linda and Ann carrying on as leaders. We are very grateful** to them for all they do, also the tea ladies and helpers. A long-time member, Betty Bass has had a big O birthday just recently. She treated us to sherry and birthday cake. We all wish Betty "Good Health and Happiness" and many more games of whist.

We would be very pleased to welcome new members. Meetings are 'the more the merrier'. Ring Cherry on 830389, or Linda on 831219 who will be pleased to tell you how meetings run.

Mrs D.M. French

Bugbrooke WI

Hello Everyone. At our last meeting we were pleased to welcome members of Bugbrooke Art Group and we watched as Sarais Crawshaw created a beautiful picture of swans on the water at sunset. What a talented lady! She brought some of her work with her and talked of how she researches her wildlife subjects.

Next month we are very excited at the prospect of a visit from a well known local author, Judith Allnatt. She has two books listed on Northamptonshire Libraries Reading Group list -- "A Mile of River" and "The Poets Wife " which is set in 1841 and tells the interesting story of Patty, wife of John Clare the Northamptonshire poet. So why not come and listen to Judith tell how she came to write this unusual story? Surely a date for your diary is 8th April; you will be most welcome.

Carole Bowling (832421)

Christian Aid Week May 12–18th

Many Christian Aid supporters use the discipline of Lent to remind themselves how fortunate we are in our country, and of very practical ways we can share our blessings **with those in greatest need around the world. “Count your blessings” is one way of raising money for Christian Aid’s work.**

For instance, think about these–

1. Education – give 30p for each non-fee paying school in your area (24% of children in **sub Saharan Africa don’t go to school**).
2. Peace and human rights – **give £1 if you didn’t use your vote at the last election.**
3. Environment – give 50p for each unnecessary light left on in your house and give **thanks that we don’t have to worry what happens when we flush the toilet!**
4. Women – give 20p for every pregnant woman you know who is receiving decent medical care.
5. Health – give 30p for every bed in your house. and 10p for every child you know who has time to play.
6. Food – give £1 if you threw away food this week.

Many people in the developing countries don’t enjoy any of these “luxuries”. Give thanks that progress is being made and consider what you might do this Christian Aid Week to help further.

The Guides will be distributing the envelopes on 9th May. I would be very grateful for any volunteers to collect in their area during Christian Aid week 12–18 May.

Thank you.

Sue Pace (tel. 832516)

Nature Notes — Bugbrooke Birdwatch 2013

This year’s Birdwatch was on 26th – 27th January, the weekend when the snow began to disappear. Many people had seen lots of birds during the week preceding the Birdwatch, but with the thaw they started to leave the gardens. Fieldfares and redwings had been seen in abundance, but only a few were recorded during the weekend. There were 38 sets of results, which are fewer than last year, and all but one came from Bugbrooke. The top ten of the most likely to be seen in gardens remains the same although they are in a slightly different order. The top four are in the same order, and are blackbird, wood pigeon, house sparrow, and robin, followed by starling, collared dove, blue tit, chaffinch, great tit and dunnock.

In terms of numbers the top ten does see some changes. The top five remains the same and in the same positions. They are house sparrow, starling, blackbird, wood pigeon and blue tit. Jackdaws have lost their 7th place and have fallen to 12th position, but they have been replaced by goldfinches. This is the first time since we started doing the Bugbrooke Birdwatch that goldfinches have appeared in the top ten. The others in the top ten are collared dove, chaffinch, great tit and robin.

The number of species seen in each garden ranged from 4 to 19 and the average

was 9. There was the first report of redpolls being seen on feeders this year where **they were eating niger seeds and where the goldfinches “couldn’t get a look in”!**

Crows seem to cause some confusion in identification. The crow family covers quite a few birds. There are those that are quite distinctive and are difficult to confuse with anything else such as the jay and magpie, both of which are relatively common around Bugbrooke, although they can be cautious as they have been persecuted. The jay is a colourful bird with pink, black, white and blue plumage and can often be seen in the ash trees by the canal. The magpie, which has many superstitions associated with it, is a striking long-tailed black and white bird that is often seen cleaning up road kill. The confusion comes when distinguishing between the black crows – the carrion crow, the rook and the jackdaw. As its name suggests, the carrion crow feeds mainly on carrion and is most likely seen eating road kill rather than being in the garden. It is of about the same size as a rook, but its beak is smaller and less vicious looking. The rook and jackdaw are more likely to be seen in the garden. The rook is much bigger than a jackdaw (which looks big enough until you see it alongside a rook). The rook has a large, pointed beak with a white area around its base. The top of its head



The rook with its distinctive white face area and pointed beak

has a **“peak”** and its **plumage is all black**. The smaller jackdaw is grey-black with a definite lighter grey area around its head and shoulders, with a small black cap. Both the rook and jackdaw roost and nest in the **churchyard**. The **“rule of thumb”** that **rooks are only seen in colonies and crows are solitary**, is misleading. Sometimes crows will be seen in a group and sometimes rooks can be seen alone.



The smaller jackdaw in its breeding plumage

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Birdwatch, and hope that you will join in again in 2014. The full results can be seen in the window at Petstop and online at www.bugbrookelink.co.uk by following the links from the Nature Notes page.

Latest sightings: On the warmest day of the year (up to 5th March), brimstone butterflies were seen. The first outing for one of our garden hedgehogs was caught on the night camera during the night of 7th/8th March. It was very small, but also very lively. Redpolls are reported visiting garden bird feeders throughout the village.

Margaret Cooke 832125

Bugbrooke & District Flower Society

Our 2013 programme started with Sharon Badger's 'Vision of the Future' which took us on a floral journey from Roman times to Rennie Mackintosh, the swinging sixties right up to the present day and beyond. We were pleased to welcome several new members some of whom were relieved to learn they could sit back, relax and enjoy someone else doing the work! We are looking forward to some lovely garden related visits later in the year thanks to Dianne Gardner who is always on the look out for somewhere new to go.

Louisa Rigden will demonstrate 'Time for Tea' on April 22nd. Members can show their skills by entering the competition also entitled 'Time for Tea'. No meeting in May as it is Bank Holiday Monday.

We look forward to welcoming members and visitors at Nether Heyford Village Hall on the 4th Monday of each month at 7.45pm.

Jane Barker

Are you a dog lover? Would you like to care for a dog? If you have the time to care for a dog in your home for a short stay while the owners are away, please call us. We are looking for people to take care of dogs regularly, on a short-term basis. **And you'll earn some pocket money too!** Call Suzanne on 01604 458131.

101 Friends: The Dog-friendly Alternative to Kennels. We provide a comprehensive residential and day care service for dogs. Your dog will be staying in the home of an **experienced dog carer and you'll always meet your carer before you go away.** To find out more call Suzanne on: 01604 458131, email sandsfreeman@101friends.com or visit www.101friends.com/northampton

To All Music Lovers

Did you know that Howard Goodall is living and working in Bugbrooke – aka Brian Astell? Last year Brian began a Music Group which meets every other Monday in the lounge of Jubilee House, where for the princely sum of £1 you get two hours of extremely interesting music, both live and recorded, and a cuppa in the interval.

Just to give you some idea of the ground covered, a recent session was on **“Variations” beginning with Brian doing an off-the-cuff set of variations on The Ash Grove, and explaining what he was doing. We then heard Mozart’s variations on Twinkle Twinkle Little Star [only he called it something else] and works by Bach, Haydn, and Schumann.** We also learned that Haydn was virtually strip-searched every time he left the Esterhazy palace, in case he was trying to smuggle out some of his own work, and that he ended up getting it out of the palace rolled up in carpets that were going to be cleaned.

Another morning was spent in a study of Elgar’s **“Enigma” variations.** Most of us know **“Nimrod”** from state occasions and a vague idea that it belongs with

funerals, but perhaps none of us knew the personal details behind each of the other variations – like the little tune that Elgar always whistled when he came in, to tell his wife he was home, the friend of theirs who had a high-pitched tinkle of a laugh and another gentleman who never could master playing the piano, but insisted in trying, to say nothing of the man with the bulldog which is so ably pictured in the music jumping in and out of the river with a loud Woof.

The future programme looks like this – all at Jubilee House at 10.30 a.m.

March 18th	Music at Easter
April 8th	Mendelssohn – the little genius
April 22nd	Another visit to Memory Lane
May 13th	Summer is a-comin in

Keep up the good work, Brian – **we’re enjoying it.**

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 17th May 2013

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 17th May 2013 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and **supporting SIA’s information and support services.**

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work, or hold a larger supper at your local community centre. SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013, so that we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people. The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, “The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may even be a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to **live full and independent lives.”**

For more information or to request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on

0845 0714350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or alternatively visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

Bugbrooke Village Hall Playgroup

Spring is in the air and the children and staff are very grateful for this as it gives lots more opportunities for getting outside and having fun! During this current half term the pre-school children are again taking part in the Forest School activities at Everdon Forest near Daventry. This is the fourth year that we have taken part in this and again **it is proving to be so popular we have already booked for next year's children to go in** May and June. It is quite a muddy experience this year due to all the rain we have had in the previous few months but the children are well equipped and still have the opportunities to play games in the forest, roll down the hills and will be cooking around the camp fire during their final visit.

The spring term has a number of events that have been celebrated, talked about and activities built around at Playgroup. We finished the first half of term joining in the celebrations for the Chinese New Year with children making snakes to hang from the ceiling. They then returned after the holidays and made pancakes, reminding **them of Shrove Tuesday and painted daffodils on St David's day. They are currently** making picture frames for Mothers Day and also creating a lovely Easter display. On World Book Day all children have been asked to come in dressed as a favourite book character and we are hoping that this will have been captured by the Chronicle and Echo as part of their annual feature. Between now and the time you read this article the children will also have celebrated St Patricks Day, made clocks and talked about the hour changing twice a year and also had the annual Easter bonnet parade.

The Committee are currently organising a few events to be held over the coming months so please look out for details of the Easter Egg Hunt (taking part during the Easter holidays), a Pamper Evening, Bingo night and a quiz night. Please support our fundraising events wherever possible.

Playgroup will soon be looking to recruit new members for its management committee as four current members will be standing down in September. If you have children or grandchildren attending or have an interest in supporting an invaluable village resource please email or telephone as detailed below. If you would like to come along to a meeting and see what happens please let me know.

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 some spaces available for this year or if you would like to put them on our waiting list for next year do please call.

If you would like any information on the above or about registering your child at Playgroup please contact Julie Tompkins on 07563 574155 or at bugbrookeplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk.

Julie Tompkins

Pictures from
Bugbrooke Village
Hall Playgroup

Painting a daffodil on St
David's Day



Making a magic potion at
Forest School



Mixing up an interesting
potion with mud, leaves
and branches.

Bugbrooke girls celebrating Thinking Day, the birthday of Lord and Lady Baden Powell, as part of Flore District Guiding, West Division, Midlands, in the Community Centre on 22nd February.



Neighbourhood Watch

Street Wardens

This is an urgent appeal for 'Street Wardens'. As the coordinator for Bugbrooke my role, as I understand it, is to promote the principles of Neighbourhood Watch within the village, update you all, as far as practicable, with police activity, and liaise with the police to reflect the anxieties of the inhabitants. To do this I need the help of like minded people to report to me the feelings of the neighbours in their street, and in return cascade information and assistance back. It involves no great responsibility, **just to let it be known that they are the 'Neighbourhood Watch Warden' for the street,** and pass on any concerns to me, or, if necessary, direct to the police. I, in turn, can use their information, and via their help, promote security within the home and the village as a whole. Please help if you can, and together we can, hopefully, create, as other villages have done, an organisation that really helps one another.

David Dungate, tel 831381

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

Another season is upon us and with winter nets now completed it is time to dust off those whites and get back out onto the field.

The first fixture of the 2013 season is at home on Sunday April 14, a friendly match against the Motley Crew, before Lichfield Nomads visit the Doc White ground the following Sunday.

Under the leadership of new captain Sam Bird, the first team kick off their Northamptonshire Cricket League Division Seven campaign on Saturday May 11 with an eagerly anticipated Bugbrooke derby against St Michaels 74 at the Community Centre, **where Sam's side will be looking to avenge last season's two defeats.** Meanwhile the Second team begin their Division 13 season a week earlier, Saturday April 27, with an away game against Horton House 4ths, before entertaining Hardingstone at home the following week, with Chris Lamb continuing to skipper the team.

A full fixture list for both league and friendly fixtures are now available on our website bugbrooke.play-cricket.com, while fixture cards can be collected from the pavilion.

The website will also have all the fixtures for our three junior teams we're running this year, at Under 11, 13 and 15 age groups, with training sessions under our team of coaches continuing on Tuesday nights, including our newest qualified coach Michael Anglin.

We are always looking for new players for our senior and junior teams, anyone interested is welcome to come down to the club on Tuesday evenings or call Ciaran Thomas on 07906935420.

Off the field, the club will once again be running a number of social events, from BBQs to quiz nights throughout the year. Full details of all events will be posted on the club website.

We have launched our own email address at bugbrookecc@gmail.com, and if you'd like to be kept up to date with the latest updates from the club please contact us via the above address and we will add you to our mailing list.

Ciaran Thomas

The Pavilion

You will probably have received a note via your postman asking for donations towards the renovation of our ageing pavilion. We would like to thank all of those who gave money, and assure them that their donations will be used carefully.

Our intention was to put a ring foundation around the present pavilion and build a brick skin with pitched roof over it to provide protection, whilst internal renovations proceeded.

We were fortunate to have the assistance of Boyson Construction in this work but unfortunately it did not go to plan. The extremely wet ground and weather conditions were against us coupled with the demand for foundations to be excavated, in places 2.7 metres deep. In the conditions, it proved impossible to dig foundations to the required depth, and work had to be temporarily abandoned.

Our priority now is to get the pavilion and paddock useable again for the coming season, before considering the way forward.

We apologise to walkers for any inconvenience during the works, and we will improve the situation as soon as conditions allow.

All donations will be used to eventually renovate the pavilion, but our immediate priority is to ensure we are ready for the coming season allowing the club to fulfil league fixtures, and continue the development of our youth programme.

John Mundy

Bugbrooke Bowls Club

The Bowls Club members are looking forward to another season of competitive yet friendly bowling. We start on Sunday 28th March at 2.30pm with a practice roll up when anyone, young or old, can come along and try the sport. Spare bowls will be available and the only condition is to wear flat soled shoes. The outdoor season is from May to September and the club has a full fixture list of matches against other clubs in the county and internal club competitions and Triples League.

The club competes in the Northampton Area Triples League and we are hoping to regain 1st Division status that was lost last year.

The green is located behind the Community Centre and thanks to excellent work by our green keeper is rated as one of the best in the county.

New members are always welcome and we are happy to teach them the game.

Geoff Hayter 831130

Bugbrooke St Michaels FC

Eyes are now being focussed on the end of the season in May with everyone

wondering how the teams will finish up. The 1st XI look capable of finishing in the top 6 of the U.C.L. Division One whilst the Reserves could win the Reserve Premier Division. They are also in the final of the N.F.A. Lower Junior Cup, and winning either trophy would be a considerable feather in their hat.

The 'A' side are still capable of winning their league if they can withstand a backlog of fixtures. If they win all of their games they will be champions. The 'B' side need to win at least 5 games to avoid being relegated although they have reached the semi-final of their knock-out cup competition. They would almost certainly have done better if they had favoured an off-pitch coach instead of relying on player-managers.

The youth sides have all gained good experience throughout the season. Whilst the youth policy exists to provide enjoyment and a love of the game it is pleasing to see that the Under 12's and Under 16's look capable of winning their leagues and the Under 13's could still finish runners-up if they win outstanding games.

The Under 13 to 15 age groups are gearing up for the biennial trip to our twinning community of Vöhl in Germany from 24th – 31st May. Fundraising will take place at a Prize Bingo and Play Your Cards Right evening in the clubhouse on Friday April 19th. This will be followed by a Duck Race on the brook on Monday May 6th. We wish them well on their visit to represent the club and village.

John Curtis

Nether Heyford Tennis Club

It's the Nether Heyford Tennis Club annual subs day on Saturday 6 April (from 10am to 2pm). So if you're an existing club member, it's a great opportunity to come down, pay your membership for 2013/14, and play a few friendly games of tennis. If you're not a member, but are interested in taking up tennis, either as a returning player or complete beginner, why not come along to see the courts and meet some of the members.

It's a very friendly club and we welcome members of all ages and abilities. Membership fees give you unlimited access (subject to match bookings) to our three floodlit hard courts all year, so are excellent value for money – below are the membership fees for 2013/14:

Single adult	£65
Couple	£95
Family	£110
Single parent family	£70
Concessions (Over 60/student/junior)	£40

Reduced price winter-only memberships are also available.

We also offer junior and adult coaching for beginners or those keen to improve their game.

For more details see our website www.heyfordtennisclub.co.uk, or contact Jane Wood on 07901775639 or woodmanyana@aol.com.

Jane Wood

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

6:30pm 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. Michael's At Someone's House*)

Fellowship and Bible Study at 41 Pilgrims Lane.

Other Events

May 9th 7am Communion and Breakfast for Ascension Day at Rothersthorpe

7.30pm Communion for Ascension Day at Harpole

May 19th 6.30pm Choral Evensong for Pentecost Sunday at Rothersthorpe

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

Congratulations Katherine Sophia Edbury on achieving your Doctorate in English Literature. A former pupil of Campion School. Well Done.

Mrs Doris Duncan—Following the unexpected and sad loss of my wife Doris in December, I would like to thank the many people who have sent me and my family their condolences. Doris knew many people in the village, and I know she would want you all to know how much we appreciate your kind thoughts and messages. My heart-felt thanks to you all.—Bill Duncan.

Mrs Boswell (Annie) would like to thank all who enquired while she was in hospital at Christmas, also thank you for the cards and good wishes for her birthday in March.

Diary

April

8th	10.30am	Music Appreciation - Mendelssohn	JH
8th	7.30pm	W.I. – The Poets Wife	SS
10th	7.30pm	History Group – Family History	CC
15th	2.30pm	U3A – The Klondyke	CC
17th	7.30pm	Friends of St Michaels – A.G.M.	SS
19th		Football Club - Bingo	FC
22nd	7.45pm	Flower Club – Time for Tea	NHVVH
22nd	10.30am	Music Appreciation – Memory Lane	JH

May

6th		F.C. – Duck Race	Brook
11th	1.30pm	Cricket – Bugbrooke derby game	Sports Fld
11th- 12th	11am- 5pm	Art Group Exhibition	CC
12th- 18th		Christian Aid Week	
13th	10.30am	Music Appreciation – Summer is a-comin ‘in	JH
13th	7.30pm	W.I. National Resolution Debate	SS