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Sunshine

Finally we got the weather we had been waiting for and the month of July produced plenty of heat and sunshine – and a few welcome showers. A fine July is doubly welcome primarily because a lot of people are on holiday but also because this is the month when so much work is put in, in outdoor activities such as our village Fete organised by the Playing Fields Association.

The re-organised Fete Committee should be congratulated on their efforts – the innovation of the Chariot Race created an enormous amount of interest. To all who helped in any way with stalls, side shows, competitions etc – Well Done!

Produce Show

The sunshine should also give a boost to the number of entries to the annual Produce Show. Frank Flavell and his helpers are confidently expecting a good representation, this year, from the village allotment holders.

Good luck to all!

Remember the date...Sunday 1st September.

Law And Order

The Editor is grateful to all those who contacted him or wrote to him in general agreement with his remarks in the last issue of LINK regarding the desirability of better Police coverage in the Village. The call for more organised activities for young people is a constant call and one Correspondent urged the need for much firmer parental control. The LINK Committee's reluctance to become involved in matters which may become too controversial precludes my commenting further. We still want our Village "Bobby".

Senior Citizens: Please note on page 15 is an application form for registration for OAP Christmas Gift Scheme.

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Parish Council Meetings

June and July 1991

Mrs Debbie Blair was co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. Her co-option will both increase the representation from the newer part of the Village and lower the average age of the Parish Council. Her connections with the Village are not inconsiderable and she joins her father, John Sexton, as a Parish Councillor.

Unusually, it was possible for a new councillor to hear good news of the Parish Council reacting swiftly to comments from parishioners. Having discovered that the firm who had the contract to cut the grassed areas on the Merrifield Estate had disappeared, presumably becoming another victim of the recession, arrangements have been made with the District Council for them to cut and clear the existing long grass and then to cut at approximately 3 weekly intervals thereafter.

On the recommendations of the Footpaths Committee, the Parish Council will write to every local landowner reminding them of the new legislation concerning rights of way. Continuing the theme of footpaths, Aubrey Howard was not very impressed with a Footpath Seminar arranged by the Rural Community Council which he attended on behalf of the Parish Council. It did, however, serve to demonstrate how comparatively knowledgeable of such matters we are in Bugbrooke; and how fortunate to have an enthusiastic Footpath Committee with an experienced and dedicated secretary in Colin Nuttall. The one interesting fact which seems to have emerged from the Seminar was that there are approximately 2000 miles of footpath in the County. Whilst discussing footpaths the Parish Council agreed to ask the Highways Authority for "No Cycling" signs for the Village footpaths, particularly those used most frequently or used by elderly people. To complete the footpaths roundup, a response has been received from the Highways Authority concerning the barriers at "Knitters Grave" on what the Parish Council presumed was still the B4525. Apparently, since the opening of the new A43, the B4525 through the Village has been downgraded to a C road. Consequently we are not entitled to barriers or, if you remember, cats eyes – which the Highway Authority carefully removed some time ago. Undaunted by this information the Parish Council continue to suggest that the problem could be resolved by

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realigning the bend in the road at this point which would still leave the less severe bend to reduce the speed of traffic entering the Village. It has to be faced, however, that the Highway Authority are even less likely to find money for improving C roads than they were for B roads.

The Parish Council were pleased to hear of a new batch of Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's) on various trees in the Village. This is hardly a guarantee of survival, however, as they also heard of yet another example of a tree protected by a TPO having been felled. In these circumstances the law requires that they be replaced with a similar suitable tree. Presumably the guilty party simply plants a sapling and waits 200 years!

A circular about the Environment Protection Act 1990 (Standards of Cleanliness) was received. This sets out the time limits within which various Authorities must tidy up litter-strewn areas once they are reported. The times vary from a matter of hours in a residential area to up to 2 weeks for towpaths and up to 6 months for certain British Rail paths. I still believe that it is the individual rather than any public body who are responsible for litter; and that prevention is far better than cure. If, for example, the previous fines of around £50.00 for dropping litter had been enforced the problem could have been resolved. It is not all bad news as the Parish Council agreed to recognise the work of Mr Michael Atack in keeping clean the area at the top of Butts Hill, including the bus shelter and the telephone box surroundings. The work of Mr Atack is much appreciated.

The Parish Council also approved the location of seats at the top of The Paddocks (by the Post Office) and at School Close; heard that the interest from the "Campool" fund of around £17,000 was used to meet transport costs of school children attending other pools (although £17,000 sounds a lot of money the fund was frozen as the price of the pool and its maintenance was rising faster than the accumulation of funds and stands at present at an unattainable £1.5M); proposed to refer the exceptionally high charges for street light repairs, the latest being in the region of £365.00, to the Electricity Consumer Council; and noted that part of the canal running through the Village had been used to dump and hide stolen cars.

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The Junior Church Choir

With about 20 members aged from 17 to 9 years the choir is an important part of our worship on a Sunday morning. They have a practice on Wednesday evenings, sing on Sunday mornings and occasionally in the evening on major festivals. They lead the hymns, sing short anthems on their own and sometimes link with the Music Society to sing a more major anthem. The youngsters work their way through the Royal School of Church Music Scheme which has three levels and is run internally. Several of the youngsters have achieved the top standard when they are entitled to wear a red ribbon to their badge. This year two youngsters were entered for the Dean's Award which is an external church choir exam for the whole diocese. In addition to the training the whole choir receive each week from Esther Partridge helped by Sue Pace, Miriam Shipman also gave them extra coaching. Eventually the external examiner came to Bugbrooke church for an evening to examine our youngsters and some from other churches. The exam was quite demanding, and after the exam there was the waiting for several weeks for the results to be received. Everyone concerned was delighted to discover that Marnie England and Eleanor Lock had passed although quite a number from other churches did not. They will be presented with their Award at the Diocesan Choral Festival at the Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 12th. We shall be running a coach on that day leaving at about midday, the singers will practise in the afternoon, others may choose to look round Peterborough, then the massed choirs of the diocese will sing evensong at 6 pm before we return. There will be a list in church for anyone else who would like to go. Further details from Esther Partridge on 830373.

On September 29th, our patronal festival, the choir will be doing a Sponsored Hymn Sing to raise funds for some new gowns. It will be from 2.30 – 4.30 pm in church and in addition to sponsoring the youngsters singing you may also book your favourite hymn to be sung by paying 50p. Titles and tunes of hymns to Tim Partridge please.

Parish Quiet Day

On Saturday, Oct. 19th we shall be holding a Quiet Day at Turvey Abbey, a Roman Catholic Monastery and Convent on the way to Bedford. It will begin at 10 am and finish at 4pm and we shall be

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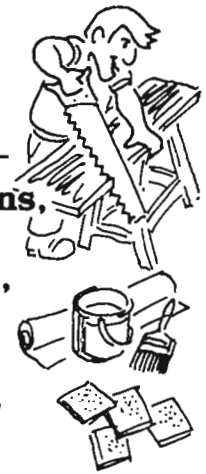

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quiet for most of that time. There will be a few addresses, a chance to attend some of the monastic services in their beautiful new chapel and also to explore the extensive grounds. For anyone who has not been on a Quiet Day before, it can be a wonderful time of peace and renewal, a chance to get a new perspective on your busy life. There will be a list in church for those who would like to go. Tim Partridge can give you further details.

Harvest Festival

This will be held on Sunday, Oct. 6th when Thanksgiving will be the theme at the services. Then on the next day we shall distribute the harvest produce to pensioners during the day and in the evening we shall have our Harvest Supper and a sale of any produce left over. Again there will be a list in church for those wanting to come to the supper. We try to give a gift to every pensioner but we do apologise in advance if anyone is overlooked.
Tim Partridge – 830373

Darby & Joan

Autumn is now just approaching so let us hope for a fair weather one to set us all up for the wintertime to come. We at D & J have had a short break and are now ready for our forthcoming activities. Firstly a cheese and wine with our friends from Heyford D & J club. Always an enjoyable evening and it is nice to share it with our friends.

Then in October 2 events to keep us busy. Our annual anniversary dinner is first to which we invite our wonderful tea-ladies and some special friends of the club. Then the week afterwards on October 12th its our Autumn Jumble. Again we will be pleased to receive any clean jumble. Please may I say no large household items e.g. cookers, fridges or large pieces of furniture. We unfortunately are not able to cope with such items. I do not wish to seem ungrateful but it is difficult to dispose of them if these things are left unsold. If you do have any jumble please contact me or any committee or club member and we will make arrangements for collection. We hope all our kind and generous customers will support us once more.

In June, which seems an age away, we had our lovely day in Skegness. The weather was very good to us, not bathing weather but it was fine and dry. On the way home we called to see our very

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good friend Vera Thompson and her husband Harold at their new home and what a welcome we had. A lovely tea was waiting for us all (50+) and we were waited on by all the family and totally spoilt. We cannot thank them all enough for rounding off our day so wonderfully. We look forward to seeing them all again very soon.

A final reminder for our Jumble Sale on October 12th at 2.30pm.

SJM – 830725

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

My last three words in the previous notes were – Rain please come. The Rector said to me, some days after the Church Fete had been washed into the large barn. "Did you know you had those powers?" I am sorry the rains had to come that day but I think it went well in the barn and you could certainly hear the band! We have had some heavy rains and some of the produce in the gardens is wonderful. In the fields where you can go to pick your own fruit, I have never seen such crops. I would think the best ever. One thing surprises me. The so called experts say that the ground is so dry down below that houses may subside! We had very dry periods years ago but I don't remember houses falling down. I will leave the rain for a moment, it is falling steadily outside, 30th July, and write about other things.

I am bitterly disappointed with the fly catchers in the garden. They hatched three young in the first nest and four days later, the nest was empty. They immediately built another nest in the wisteria on the front of the garage and in no time she was sitting on three eggs. Only a few days later she was not on the nest and it was empty. What a shame that some pest hit them twice. I do wish I had seen the humbug pestering them! The little birds are still catching the flies in the garden.

I was pleased to see what I thought was a linnet in the garden the other day.

Charlie Turland and his wife stopped to chat some time ago and he told me about some mink he had seen. He was working at Welford, up towards Rugby and he saw the mother mink with her family, she must have had half a dozen babies. She swam across the canal carrying one in her mouth. I still have not seen one of these mink.

I went down to my daughter's on Sunday and the ground around her home was littered with cherry stones. There were hundreds of starlings in the trees nearby. I think these were the culprits. They are

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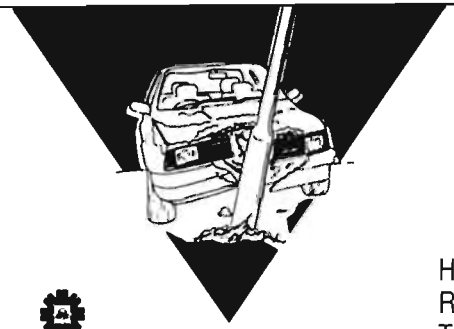

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in my apple trees nearly all the time now.

Mr Woolley from the West End told me that he had a family of foxes playing in the field near his home morning after morning. He thought five of them were cubs. I rang him yesterday and he said they have now dispersed. He also said that he knew where the kingfisher had rested. I have not heard of a kingfisher sighting for some time.

Two young people who came to see me about the flycatchers said they had seen a hobby about the village. This is a hawk like bird about the size of a kestrel but it is grey with a white breast. The book says it can catch a swift in flight. I have never seen one.

Michael Adams, Mick as we know him, came to see me one day to say that someone had hacked down a tree that he had planted eight years ago. I wonder why some people love to destroy, rather than create. Perhaps one day soon their eyes will open and they will see and appreciate the countryside in all its beauty.

Talking of beauty, I think the flowers in people's gardens around the village are superb. What a lot of effort has been put in. Marks - ten out of ten! There are problems too. I think the blackfly is the worst it has ever been. Where are all the ladybirds? Never mind, keep up the good work, the torrent that fell two days ago knocked some flowers down but filled up some large cracks!!

Gardening Corner

Gardening Notes for September and October

September

The month of the harvest. It is usually a pleasant month with plenty of sun, not too hot with nice evenings when you can sit in the garden and enjoy the autumn flowers.

We begin to notice the effects of shortening days. Evenings become much cooler, dew and mist appear. At the end of the month early morning frost can follow the mist. The autumn equinox gales usually occur at the end of the month.

Now is the best time to sow a new lawn. Choose a mixture of dwarf rye grasses for a good hard wearing lawn that will stand a bit of wear and tear. For established lawns a few simple acts will see your lawn through the winter. Mow one more time after top growth has stopped. Rake out leaves etc to prevent matting the grass.

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September is a time when much can be done with roses. Prune climbers and ramblers which flower once through summer. These produce best flower on wood produced the previous year. Cuttings from your pruned trees make excellent plants for the future. Choose healthy shoots about 10 inches long, cut the stem just below a leaf, remove all but a few top leaves. Place cuttings in a trench with a layer of coarse sand in the bottom and firm down. New plants will form in about 15 months.

Plant bulbs this month such as daffodils, hyacinths, crocus and scillas. Plant your daffodils so they are covered by 4 to 6 inches of soil. Wait until next month before planting tulips.

Stake dahlias and chrysanthamums well to stand autumn gales. Disbud if large blooms are required. Now is the time to prepare pots and bowls for bulbs to flower at Xmas to Easter. Use prepared bulbs and plant in bulb fibre obtainable from all garden centres.

Vegetables

Harvest beetroot and carrots. Twist off beetroot tops to stop them bleeding. Cut the tops off your carrots. Store them in boxes between layers of dry peat. Keep them in a frost proof place. Parsnips and swedes can be left in the ground; dig as required. Store potatoes in thick paper sacks that admit no light - given light they will sprout. Store onions in full light and they will remain firm.

October

The month when winter threatens. The month of rain and winds, often the wettest month of the year. Maybe we will get an 'Indian Summer' for a spell. The month we alter the clocks.

Most of summer plants are now past their best. Life has finished for another year.

Clear the ground of all dead and dying plants. Lift dahlia tubers as the frost blackens the foliage. Remove as much soil from your tubers as possible then stand them upside down for a week to dry out. Place in shallow boxes in a little dry peat. Keep them free from frost. A dusting of flowers of sulphur will stop them damping off.

Lift gladiola and begonia tubers before the sharp frosts arrive. Again store in a frost proof place.

It is now time to plant herbaceous perennials. Put them in whilst

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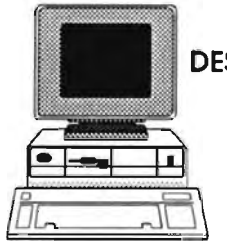

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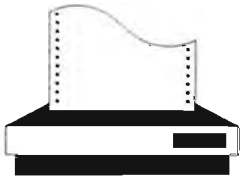

ground is still warm. Don't forget to label plants as many of these will show no growth until spring.

Clear vegetable garden before it becomes too cold and wet. Store root crops as stated last month. Do your digging when you can during the better weather. Gather fruit as it ripens. Old tomato boxes make ideal storage trays. Remove shading from greenhouse.

LG

Bugbrooke Flower Club

'As you like it' conjured up thoughts of The Bard when Mrs E Gordon visited us on June 24th but that wasn't what she meant! For us it meant doing exactly what you want with flowers either from our gardens or bought from a shop. You don't always have to 'arrange' them like the experts.

For a complete change on July 22nd, Mr & Mrs Beckwith talked and answered many questions on how to set out our Herbaceous Border.

B E Bell – 831639

Bugbrooke Church Flower Festival

Next year's Flower Festival has already been planned for the weekend of May 8th, 9th and 10th. We understand that there are lots of you out there who would like to help, but we don't know who you are, so please PLEASE contact one of the two following numbers and make yourself known:

Mrs J. Chester N'pton 831379
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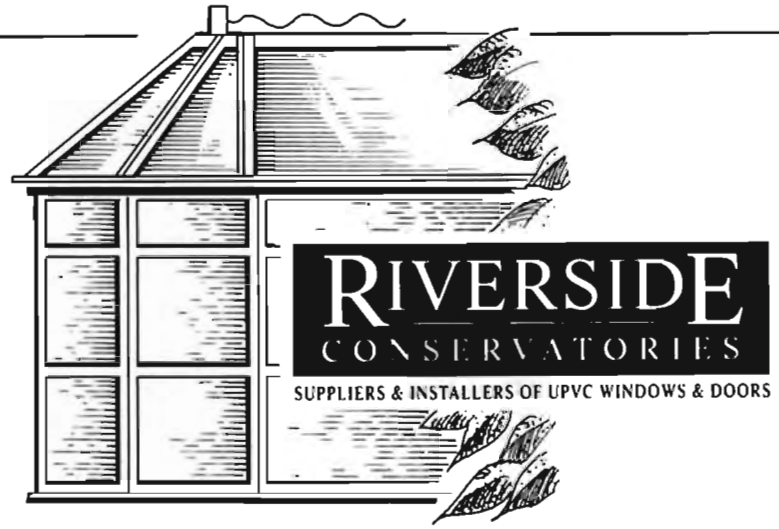

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Walking In The Countryside

By now most of the crops will have been cleared from the public rights of way and a new farming season is under way.

There are certain obligations on walkers when using a public path. For instance one must know where the path is on the ground. You are helped in this (maps, signposts, waymarkers) and there should be a visible path on the ground except over grass fields. Card maps are available for this parish at the Post Office (15p each) and for a larger area the Information Centre in St Giles Street in Northampton has many parish card maps. The 2½ inch to 1 mile Pathfinder map from the Ordnance Survey shows all footpaths and can be obtained from bookshops in the town.

For a longer walk, do not forget the Knightley Way, the Grafton Way and the Nene Way – which last goes through this parish. These three paths are well marked and clear throughout their lengths. Information on them can be obtained from the Information Centre in Northampton.

If you have any troubles on paths or for information on walking in general please give me a ring or come and see me.

Colin Nuttall, 25 The Paddocks – 830658

My day at Wimbledon by Diana Longden

On the second of July 1991, having got up at 5.20am, my dad, mum sister and I set off for our journey to Wimbledon. I've been looking forward to this day since April and couldn't believe the day had finally come. Having watched the first week of the tournament when weather would allow, I had already decided who I would like to win the mens singles championship, Andre Aggassi of course, and the fact that he would be playing on centre court made today even more exciting. After a lot of traffic jams we finally arrived at car park number 4. It was 9.45am and I had to report to gate 16 at 10.00am. When we arrived at the gate I was met by coaches who are members of the L.T.A. and here the rest of my family were given their ground passes and I went off to begin my day.

As I walked through the gates which had not yet been opened to the public, I could not believe my eyes, there were marquees stretched before me in the purple, green and white of Wimbledon

colours and the whole place looked so big. Together with the other children selected I was taken to demonstrate short tennis and leaving our bags we were taken off for our guided tour before the crowds came in.

First stop Centre Court! When we stepped onto the grass it just didn't seem real, the surface was so flat and so smooth. After that we went to Court Number One: it looked so small compared with the centre court but wasn't that much smaller but it just didn't have as many seats around it.

Now onto the players restroom. Here we saw where the juniors sit and where people like Martina sits and relax between matches. From here we stepped onto a balcony which goes around the player's pavilion: from here we could see the competitors practice courts and we saw John McEnroe and Steffi Graf warming up with their coaches. We returned to begin our demonstration on playing games with the L.T.A. coaches. After lunch we returned to centre court to see John McEnroe and Stefan Edberg play. Unfortunately we were there when McEnroe has his outburst. From here we went to the museum where tennis equipment used throughout the years was on display. It was here that we saw the trophy cabinet. From the museum we were taken to see a racket being strung and then it was back to work. There was no more tennis played after 4.00pm because of rain but to keep the public entertained until 7.00pm we invited them to play with us. We arrived home at 10.15pm feeling very tired but having had a day I will remember for a very long time. Thank you to Jane Causebrook for introducing me to the game of tennis.

Calling all Link Readers

Whether you are young, middle of the road, or just getting on a bit, I am sure that some of you have a tale to tell. It could be an unusual occupation or hobby, wartime adventures, holidays to far distant parts or not so distant that are worth telling, any unusual events that may have happened, for the younger set who have completed a Duke of Edinburgh award scheme or other similar schemes – tell us about them. I am sure that you can think of many more things to relate so come on, ring me and lets put pen to paper.

D. Prime, Features Editor – 830761

It's Champion At Campion

During the Autumn and Winter a wide range of activities will be available at Campion School for both adults and young people.

You will have seen new floodlights appear recently on the upgraded Tennis and Netball Courts. These will be available for hire for Tennis, Netball and also Hockey and Football Training. Inset goals have been provided to enable 5-a-side games to be played. If you are interested in using this excellent new facility telephone Alison at Campion School on Northampton 830677. Now might be an ideal time to form a Bugbrooke Tennis Club and get maximum benefit from the facility.

Also available to youngsters are a number of youth activities including Gymnastics, Drama, Badminton, Tennis, Netball, Hockey and Football coaching. They are all supervised by adults with appropriate skills in each activity.

There is also the full range of academic, craft and recreation pursuits available to adults in the Adult Education programme. The choices range from Art to Yoga, Calligraphy to Cookery, Badminton to Word Processing and Dressmaking to Languages. The full programme is available in the South Northants edition of the 'On Course' newspaper which will be delivered with your 'Herald and Post' on August 22nd. Watch out for it to find out the full potential available to you.

Over 700 adults and 400 young people enjoyed the facilities at Campion School last year. Why not join them and enjoy a constructive and interesting winter.

John Curtis

Award to Bugbrooke Meals On Wheels Organiser

On Wednesday 10th July 1991 at Towcester Town Hall in the presence of the Mayor of Towcester, W.R.V.S. Officials and colleagues from the Bugbrooke meals on wheels a presentation was made to Mrs Doreen Sexton of the Long Service Medal, Mrs Ward the Area Organiser from Bedford in presenting the medal on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen paid tribute to Mrs Sexton's long service and commitment to the W.R.V.S.

The County Organiser Mrs Cobley also spoke of the long service and effort that Mrs Sexton has put in over the years and wished her many more years at the wheel, Mrs Cobley went on to say that younger members are always welcome.

Mrs Sexton is well known in the village and joined the W.R.V.S. in 1968 and has organised meals on wheels in Northampton, Greens Norton and now Bugbrooke/Kislingbury, the fact that she still organises and collects the meals from Daventry three days every week speaks highly of her commitment to helping other less fortunate than ourselves.

Following Mrs Sexton's few words in thanking Mrs Ward for making the presentation and for her colleagues who attended the presentation a light buffet lunch was taken, this being prepared by the local members and organised by Anne Carter, District Organiser.

As Mrs Sexton's latest meals on wheels recruit I can say that the people who receive them are always pleased to see us and the deliveries much appreciated. I am sure that you will all join me in congratulating Doreen on her award and long may she continue.

D. Prime

Bugbrooke/Iteuil Twinning

On June 10th a party of four visitors from Iteuil came to Bugbrooke and met a cross-section of village people, including visits to the Primary School, Campion School and Heygates Mill. They also learned a little about the English pub and how to play Northamptonshire skittles.

The Parish Council met the visitors for coffee and general chat one evening and they were also taken into Northampton to meet Mr. Atkinson, the County Twinning Officer.

The Committee would like to thank all those who helped with this visit, which the French party considered a great success and something which will hopefully lead to a formal Twinning Charter in due course. Particular thanks are due to the hosts, Esther and Tim Partridge, Dav and Linda Pope, Judy and Graham Cooper, and also to Linda Dutta for serving coffee, and Derek Whittington for being an able interpreter as and when required.

We are now hoping to make return visits to Iteuil at some point before the end of 1991, after which serious consideration will be given to the possibilities of making the twinning formal.

Alf Oliver – Twinning Committee

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(1) B. Piper, 71 HIGH ST., BUGBROOKE.
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DECLARATION

I/We 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 from the Bugbrooke O.A.P's Christmas Gift Scheme.

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ANOTHER BANK COLLAPSE?!

Richard Akehurst splashes out

An Insurance Man's Lament

6.30 in the morning and out for a walk with my dog
We went along beside the canal with mist just like a fog

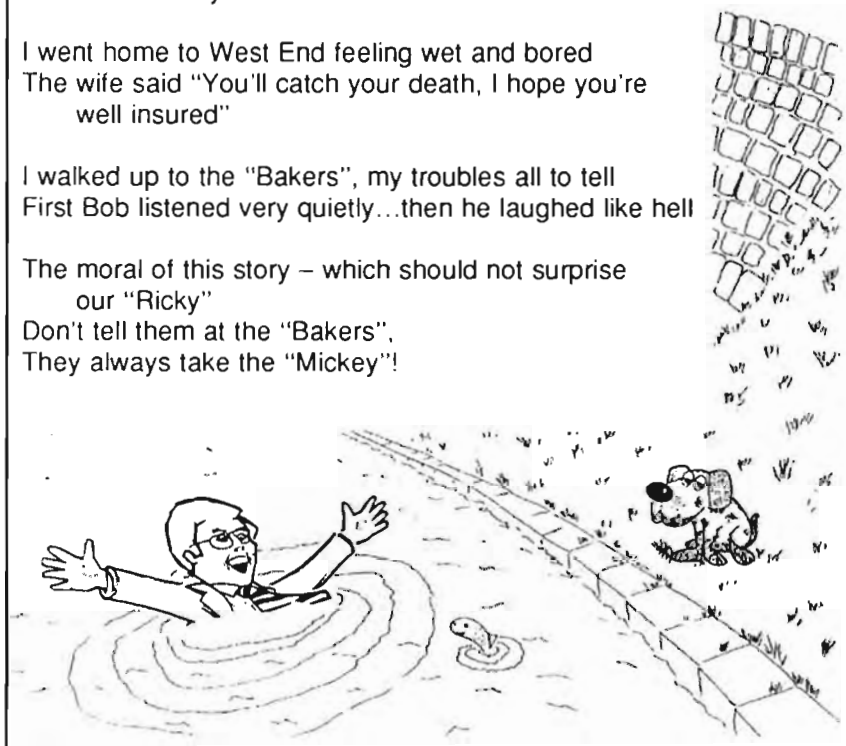
My dog he started barking, I said "This bank is new"
Monty settled down to watch – the bank belonged to the Pru!

We walked a little further, my dog began to yell
I slipped, I stumbled, I staggered...
I fell in the ruddy canal

I went home to West End feeling wet and bored
The wife said "You'll catch your death, I hope you're
well insured"

I walked up to the "Bakers", my troubles all to tell
First Bob listened very quietly...then he laughed like hell

The moral of this story – which should not surprise
our "Ricky"
Don't tell them at the "Bakers",
They always take the "Mickey"!



Bugbrooke Primary School Association

To all Parents of Bugbrooke Primary School Children...

We need your help. For various reasons there will be quite a few vacancies on the association next year.

We need lots of new ideas so that we can raise lots more money. this money will enable us to buy things that the l.e.a. cannot afford, but which will be of benefit to your children.

The committee meets approximately once a month to discuss forthcoming events. Please consider giving up a little of your time to help your children and their school.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to all the committee and anyone else who has helped both last year and in the past...

Terry England, Chairman – Tel: 832000

Mothers Union

On Saturday 8th June we celebrated the 100th Birthday of the Mothers' Union in the Peterborough Diocese. Members and guests travelled to Peterborough Cathedral for a memorable service in which the newly formed Mothers Union choir enriched the singing and the Bishop of Peterborough preached. We then enjoyed a buffet lunch in the Bishop's garden before returning to the Cathedral for the pageant. This told the fulfillment of Mary Summer's vision of a worldwide Christian organisation. The whole production was vibrant and colourful, and well acted by members of the diocese showing all aspects of the work carried out by the Mothers' Union. We then returned to the Bishop's garden for tea, the highlight being the cutting of the Diocesen Centenary Birthday Cake. The whole day was a very happy celebration and the rain held off until the coaches left Peterborough.

Our June afternoon meeting was well attended when the Rector talked to us about the last 200 years of Bugbrooke church history with interesting anecdotes from the books held by the County Records office.

We held our Wave of Prayers in Mid-June when we remembered

our link dioceses in Korea and Manicaland. John Leadley led our servcice and gave an address on the theme of 'waves on the shore'.

Mrs Joyce Herbert, the mayor of Towcester, was our speaker in July and gave a very amusing and interesting account of 'A Christian working in Public Life'.

Joyce Leadley – Pattishall 830336

Sponsored Cycle/Walk

Enjoy a day out in the countryside visiting as many Churches as you can!

Join us by taking part in a sponsored cycle ride or walk on September 14th, raising funds for the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust and the Church of your choice.

The NHCT is an interdenominational Trust created to assist Churches in maintenance and restoration: we are lucky to have a Church in our village in robust health – other parishes are not so fortunate.

Half the money you raise as an individual will go to the NHCT; the remainder directly to your nominated Church.

Lists of Churches taking part and some suggested routes of varying lengths, together with sponsor forms are available from Hilary Collings, 49 Pilgrims Lane

Friends of Campion School

On the 17th October at 8.00 there is the first 'friends' meeting after the summer break. There will be a welcome buffet for new parents so come and meet us – even if you cannot spare any time to help with activities, we would be glad to meet you.

Of course the invitation is extended to all parents of children at the school as well as the new ones – come along!

Bugbrooke Womens Institute

Jam and Jerusalem!

The modern W.I. can now laugh at this description, but in more austere days the country was glad of all that jam! In both World Wars, local W.I.s opened Fruit Preservation Centres in response to the Government's appeal for more home produce to feed the country. Between 1940 and 1945, over 12 million pounds of fruit were preserved: if reports came in of a glut of cherries on a nearby farm, volunteers picked, jammed and canned on the spot, in one case, preserving 780lbs in one day! Rubbish dumps were raided for suitable containers, which then had to be washed and sterilized before use. The Ministry of Agriculture allocated sugar, recipes had to be checked, canners had to have a Certificate of Competence, and spot checks were frequently made. At one centre, the ladies had been using one of the cans as a waste-paper bin, and someone carelessly sealed it; needless to say, this was the tin the tester chose to open! At other Centres, the women took turns at stirring and taking shelter during air-raids, after all you can't desert boiling jam!

Blake's "Jerusalem" was adopted as the W.I. anthem in the 1920's, and ever since there has been internal debate over whether the words describing bows, arrows, spears and chariots are suitable for a women's organization. However, each time the question is raised, opinion comes down firmly in favour of keeping the anthem. The words symbolize hope and determination in bringing about a better world, something which every man and woman in this country must yearn for at some time – mo more famine, no more wars or refugees, no more killer diseases – we still have a long way to go.

To round off 1991, we have our AGM and Hot-Pot Supper on Monday 14th October, and a talk on Stained Glass and Terrariums on Monday November 4th, both at the Sunday School. We also hope to repeat our very successful Fashion Show, this time featuring Autumn and Winter lines which you can actually try on and purchase during the evening. Look out for posters with further details.

Carol Hammons

Royal British Legion – Women's Section

Members enjoyed a "chat" with Mr Jack Holt in June when many questions were put to him about Bugbrooke and in July Mrs Colin Lovell gave a really hilarious talk on her journey to India, her adventures and "suffering" put the members off that country for life. She also picked up a parasite which made her very ill and put her in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. Mrs Lovell lived in Myrtle Cottage in Pilgrims Lane for many years and has travelled on many other strange holidays.

Some of our members will be travelling to the Poppy Factory on August 14th – which is what the Legion is all about!! Also to the Purse Presentation at Eye in September and to the Band Concert at Derngate in October. A small service is incorporated and the poppies come down as at the Albert Hall, very impressive.

Enid Pell – Chairman

Thursday Girls

We have had two very interesting months, our interests ranging from a visit to Northampton Radio, to a walk round quiz of BugbrookeKd kindly organised by Pete Denny and Barbara Bell.

We spent one evening roller skating at Benham Hall, Maggies was useless, Debbie excellent and Margot passable and these are just the helpers.

We are still looking for more girls to join in, aged 13-16, we meet at 7.30pm at The Primary School and you will be very welcome.

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

Firstly may I thank everyone who made the Fete weekend such a great success! This thanks goes particularly to all those who got themselves involved with dances, duck races, fete stalls, chariot races and all the other numerous activities that took place in the glorious sunshine of early July. We are already planning for next year and have set the date for Sunday 5th July 1992. Any bright ideas or offers of help to improve on what has already proved to be the most successful fete for years, will be more than welcome. As

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promised the money will be going towards the provision of a toddlers playground the basis of which has been started.

The new area for pitches has now been fenced off and will come into use as the grass and ground conditions permit. This will allow room for two hockey pitches next to the present cricket square, the proposed bowls green where the junior football pitch is at the moment and an additional rugby pitch.

I am continuing with the planning applications for the community hall and the constitution required to run the facilities. There is information on both these points on the notice board at the Playing Fields Social building but if you want to know more first hand please feel free to contact me.

Finally best wishes to all our winter users. The cricketers have had a successful season. Let's hope the winter teams do equally well. Remember there is always a warm welcome and refreshments available for supporters and those braving the elements on match days and at other times.

Brian Curtis, Chairman BPFA – 832244

The Arts

Bugbrooke & District Musical Choral Society

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If you would like to join a singing group in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere then come along and join us this Autumn. We meet at 7.45 pm on Thursdays at Campion School commencing 12 Sept. You will be given a warm welcome.

J. Hanley

St Michaels Music

Our new season's programme is taking shape with, we hope, something to please all musical tastes.

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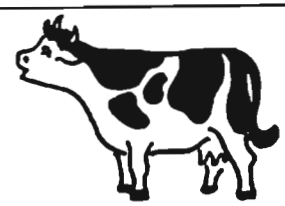

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Sue Pace, Musical Director

St Michael's Youth Theatre

Pat Kent steps down from directing St Michael's Youth Theatre after 12 years

Grateful thanks Pat from all Youth Theatre Members both past and present together with the many parents who have seen so many splendid performances resulting from Pat's work.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU PAT.

St Michael's Youth Theatre will continue both Youth and Junior sections commencing in September. The Northamptonshire Youth Service who have adopted the Campion catchment area for a Youth Arts Development Project will continue to support the Theatre and indeed expand on the range of Arts Activities for young people in the area.

Anyone interested in joining the Theatre or in taking part in other arts activities should contact
Jackie England, 23, Moores Close – 832000

More details of Arts opportunities will be available in the next issue of Link. However, any individual or group interested in starting or continuing a particular Art activity is invited to get in touch with Jackie.

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John Rawlings

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NIGHTINGALE – Happy belated 40th Birthday greetings, Sue. Bet you thought you'd got away with it! Love from The Link Committee

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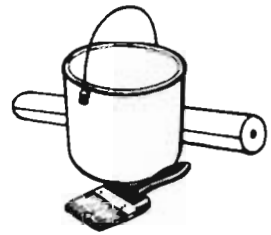

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The start of the Daventry Winter Netball Season is fast approaching us and we are hoping to retain our top half of the table positioning. This season brings a few changes to our Sunday morning matches. Instead of braving the great outdoors (in some appalling conditions I might add) the league has now decided to go indoors and because of this move it will mean longer waits between matches or more fixtures. Although this could mean the season lasts longer we hope the change will be to our advantage as we feel we can play to a more consistent standard without the bad effects of the weather.

Any keen netballers interested in playing should contact: *Margot 830959 or Louise 830101*

Bugbrooke RUFC

The Club is now training on the playing field on Tuesday and Thursday evenings commencing at 6.30 p.m.

Our new Club Coach is Tom Davies who is new to the Club this season.

For any information with regard to the Club please contact the Chairman Ben Dinsey on 830198 or the Club Captain Adam Ogden on 832010.

St Michaels 74 Cricket Club

By the time this is published, our season will almost be at an end. We have just won our fourth league game (August 3rd) the defeated side being United Social B team. This win now ensures us of section one cricket next year. Depending on the outcome of our remaining fixtures, a mid-table position, or better, will be a comfortable end to the season.

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Recent weeks have seen some fine bowling performances, from Ashley Bowling, Paul Cattell, Mark Robbins and myself. Our batsmen have been having a slightly more difficult time, but continued efforts from Dave Berrill, Paul Sackley and again Paul Cattell, have earned us valuable points. Also in the last three or four games our fielding has been outstanding. One reflex catch, in particular, by Paul Sackley, certainly was a match winner.
The Sunday side continues to improve, having just gained their fourth victory, Ecton being the opposition. More village lads have come forward to join us and it is encouraging to see the likes of Adrian Sprules and Martin Hogg, to name just two, enjoying village cricket. So if you are thinking of dusting the boots and ironing the flannels, why not ring me on Northhampton 584565 or come along to one of our home games on the playing field and lets see it we can get you interested.
John Chapman – Secretary

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Thanks

Mrs F. Trinder of 30, West End has asked us to thank all her friends for their kind wishes and get well cards which she received whilst in Manfield Hospital recovering from surgery on her leg. LINK joins all those friends in hoping that she will continue to make a steady recovery.

Congratulations

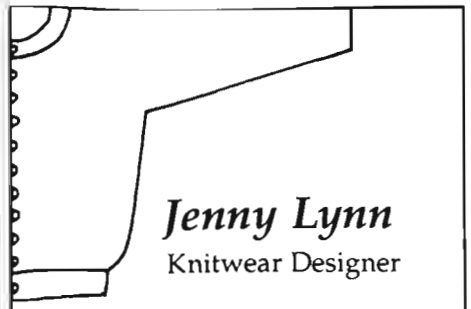
We have been advised that Susan Smith – a former pupil at Campion School has now become a full Member of the Royal Town & Planning Institute having graduated from Manchester University with a BA (Honours) degree.

Bonfires

LINK has been requested to ask all those who light bonfires to ensure that wind and weather conditions are not such that a nuisance is created for others. Our correspondent asserts that less inconvenience is caused by bonfires lit in the evening.

First Aid

Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club are looking for a volunteer who has had St Johns Ambulance or Red Cross training to attend the Club's home matches on the Playing Fields. They feel it would be a great advantage to have skilled attention to cuts, strains and bruises, as they occur. Anyone who might be interested are asked to contact the Rugby Club Secretary Jim Peel.



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The Village Diary

August			
23rd	7.30pm	Club Barbeque. Everybody welcome Contact Nick Baxendale on N'pton 24749.	BPFA Clubhouse
30th	6.30pm	Annual Sponsored 'Stagger' with proceeds partly to charity (50%) Contact Nick Baxendale on N'pton 24749.	Start BPFA Clubhouse
September			
8th	2.30pm	MU Daventry Deanery Picnic	Rothersthorpe
11th	2.15pm	D & J Meeting	S.S.
12th	2.30pm	MU Service	Church
12th	7.45pm	Bugbrooke & District Choral Society (Thursdays onwards)	C.S.
14th		Sponsored Cycle Ride	
18th	8.00pm	P.C.C.	S.S.
19th	7.30pm	MU Beetle Drive	Rectory
20th		B.P.S.A: Film Club	P.S.
21st	7.30pm	AGM Womens British Legion	S.S.
23rd	7.30pm	Flower Club Annual Dinner	S.S.
25th	2.15pm	D & J Meeting	S.S.
25th	7.30pm	MU Talk on Korea	Earls Barton
25th		B.P.S.A. A.G.M.	P.S.
29th	2.30-4.30pm	Sponsored Hymn Sing	Church
October			
2nd		B.P.S.A: Fashion Show	P.S.
5th	5.15pm	D & J Anniversary Dinner	S.S.
6th		Harvest Festival Sunday	
7th	7.30pm	Harvest Supper	S.S.
9th	2.15pm	D & J Meeting	S.S.
10th	2.30pm	MU Talk Mrs J Smith	S.S.
12th	2.30pm	D & J Jumble Sale	S.S.
14th	7.30pm	W.I. AGM & Hot-Pot Supper	S.S.
14th		Diocesan Choral Festival	P'boro
17th		Junior Disco	P.S.
18th	7.30pm	Womens British Legion Meeting	S.S.
19th		Parish Quiet Day	Turvey Abbey
23rd	2.15pm	D & J Meeting	S.S.
23rd	8.00pm	MU Dried Flower Arrangement Mrs Brightman	S.S.
24th-26th	8.00pm	Autumn Play "Ladies in Retirement"	C.S.
28th	8.00pm	Flower Club Meeting	S.S.
November			
1st		B.P.S.A: Barn Dance	P.S.
4th	7.30pm	W.I. Stained Glass & Terrariums	S.S.

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