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Editor: John Sexton

"When Constabulary Duties To Be Done . . ."

A recent report praised the Northamptonshire Police Force as being the most efficient and forward looking Force in the Country. The Chief Constable and his Colleagues should be congratulated on this accolade.

However, it is to be hoped that in their euphoria they do not continue to "overlook" the ever increasing disquiet still held by residents in the villages such as Bugbrooke at being deprived of their Village "Bobby".

Reports reaching "LINK" speak of increased vandalism, obscene graffiti in the bus shelter, cars – some defiantly – parking on double yellow lines, bicycles being ridden amongst the graves in the churchyard, motor bikes being ridden across the playing fields, continuing fouling of pavements and public places by dogs etc. etc.

So far the Neighbourhood Watch in the village have done a very good job – what a pity it is that the law does not grant them the "teeth" to deal with some of these local problems. Could it be that regular patrols might, at least, identify and discourage some of the perpetrators.

One Short!

As reported elsewhere in David Harries' Parish Council Notes this village was, in May, deprived of an election for Members of the Parish Council as only fourteen names were put forward for 15 vacancies . . . and this in a village with a population of well over two thousand!

Not only does this deprive the voters of exercising their right of choice it also obviates any satisfaction any individual Councillor might gain by having his or her "acceptability" confirmed by the electorate.

Parish Councils are traditionally the only level of local government which are non political; it is to be hoped that at the next Parish Council election the situation will be reversed and meetings will produce healthy debate by Councillors confirmed by the voters as their choice.

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Parish Council – May 1991

The anticipated Parish Council Elections did not take place. The reason for this is that, despite having a population of around 3,000, only 14 people expressed an interest in standing for election to Bugbrooke Parish Council. As a village of this size is entitled to the maximum of 15 Parish Councillors an election was not necessary. Apathy reigns supreme! The magnificent 7 × 2 are:-

Phil Bignell, John Curtis, Dr Dipak Dutta, Ken Gardner, David Harries (Vice-Chairman), Jack Holt, Aubrey Howard, Alf Oliver (Chairman), Mrs Sue Pace, Dr David Paine, the Reverend Tim Partridge, Mrs Kathleen Riggall, John Sexton and Mrs Jennifer Strike.

As anticipated, there are few changes; John Hawkins and Mrs Linda Pope decided not to stand again and we welcome Phil Bignall as a new member. The vacancy which remains will be filled by co-option.

The "new" Parish Council were very quickly wrestling with a number of old problems.

The growing season is upon us once again – and once again there are complaints of hedges, shrubs and trees overhanging footpaths. All those people with such foliage are asked to ensure that it does not encroach upon public paths or roads. Continuing the theme of paths and roads, which generally produces lively discussion and debate, a reply has been received from the Highways Authority following the Parish Council's request for the replacement of the barriers at "Knitters Grave" on the B4525. Apart from the usual lament about limited funds available for maintenance, the County Surveyor explained that it was difficult to justify the replacement of these barriers as they clearly offered little or no protection. This seems to be borne out by the regular appearance of vehicles in the ditch and simultaneous disappearance of various sections of the barrier. Taking up a suggestion from John Curtis, the Parish Council will now propose that the problem could be resolved by re-aligning the dangerous bend in the road at this point, which would still leave the less severe bend to reduce the speed of traffic entering the village.

With the likely introduction of Dog Wardens by South Northamptonshire District Council, there was speculation about the possibility of declaring certain parts of the village as dog free areas. Those which came immediately to mind were the schools, the church and the playing fields. However, as Samuel Johnson said of second marriages, it seems to be the triumph of hope over experience.

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The Parish Council continue to receive complaints about petty vandalism and general anti-social behaviour by youths. Specific incidents and general observations will be reported regularly to the Police in order to draw their attention to potential problem areas, particularly at a time when we have no local bobby with local knowledge to nip trouble in the bud.

Bad news for allotment holders. The Water Authority has estimated the charge for laying the appropriate pipes to supply water to the allotment site to be in the region of £1,000. Needless to say the Parish Council do not feel able to justify this level of expense. Other possible sources are under consideration.

Finally, the District Council have formally declared a fairly large part of the village to be a conservation area. This involves the area along the High Street and much of the land to the west. This is one of a number of initiatives and good intentions regarding litter, dogs and conservation matters – although little seems to change!

David Harries

St. Michael & All Angels Church News

Flower Festival and Restoration Centenary Week

A great deal of fun was to be had as we celebrated our Victorian centenary. There was the beauty of the Flower Festival which was greatly appreciated by all who saw it and it raised over £260 towards a flower cupboard in the Lady Chapel. Then there was the splendid sight of so many of the congregation dressed in Victorian costume, some made and some hired. Many people wore their costume to every event they attended during the week. Highlights were the sight of the churchwardens in their victorian costumes escorting the Bishop of Brixworth as he took the Ascension Day Eucharist with almost 80 people there, snatches from the sketches and readings by the youngsters, especially the discovery of the skull in church and the account of the choir outing in 1891, and the rumbustious fun of the Victorian Social on Saturday evening when unexpected talents were revealed under our genial master of ceremonies Alf Oliver. We thank everyone who joined in so whole-heartedly.

Parish Three Year Plan

In March the Church Standing Committee spent a day at Peterborough House led by the Diocesan Lay Training Officer. They reflected on what the village and the Church were like now, how they had changed in the

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past five years and then looked forward. Ideas were shared of where we hoped to be and what we hoped to do and from all this material a plan emerged for the next three years to guide our Church in its planning.

1991 was to be a year when we focussed on Prayer in all its aspects, both corporate and private. We have already had a Lent course on prayer and various ideas about prayer for the rest of the year have been made. An evening Prayer Time once a fortnight is to be started in June to match the afternoon Prayer Time. Our Emergency Prayer Circles continue to be available. In the autumn we shall have another Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer in church and link it with a week of praying for the decade of Evangelism. And above all we shall be concentrating on our worship which is the centre of our prayer life as a Church.

1992 is the year when we focus on building up friendship within the congregation. As we get larger so it becomes more difficult to know other members of the Church, but it is important that we grow in friendship with each other. The Pastoral Committee will be planning ways of enabling us to meet and get to know one another better in 1992.

1993 is the year when we focus on going out to share with those around us the wonderful message of hope and forgiveness that we have been given. We hope that in this way we shall also pace what we do, so as not to overload people who are already very busy in their ordinary lives. The Plan will be reviewed each year and adapted as we see how things go.

Visiting Gayton Church

On June 2nd the Parish Communion congregation all went to Gayton Church where we joined in their service at 10 a.m. About 80 people went and thoroughly enjoyed worship in a different surrounding. We hope to invite their congregation back to Bugbrooke and establish a regular link with one of our neighbouring parishes.

Tim Partridge
830373

Christian Aid Week

This year Christian aid week came at a very unfortunate time, when we were being inundated with crises of poverty and distress throughout the world. At the same time it was being said that we had all had enough of this misery – we were suffering from compassion fatigue and would give no more.

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I can assure you that all this money will be used, quickly and wisely, to help those in need wherever they may be, in their immediate needs and for their long term development. Thank you so much for your generosity. THANK YOU.

"And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three, but the greatest of these is charity." 1 Corinthians.13

Sue Pace
(Local Organiser)

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

Looking back in my diary for last year, I see that on May 25th and May 26th we had frosts. I am muttering about the dreadful east wind that we are having now but we are obviously better off than last year. Having said that I would like to see the old cock on top of the church stop looking at Northampton and swing round just the opposite way. We could certainly do with the rain if the wind would get round to the south west.

Staying with weather for just a moment I see that on April 30th it was supposed to be the wettest April day this century! My garden has certainly dried out since then.

Now to think about fruit trees. Has anyone ever seen apple blossom looking more beautiful? The number of apples is unbelievable. They should be cheap to buy. The pear crop is very good too but I believe some of the early plums caught the frost.

The cool weather is not affecting the hawthorn hedges, is it? They are beautiful and white at the moment. There should be a wonderful crop of haws for the birds to feed on.

Speaking of birds, I am very pleased that the bluetit in my box is now sitting hard on eleven eggs. Julian Moulton came to see me one day and he said that in one of the boxes that he has put up, he has a bluetit sitting on sixteen eggs!

I am worried about these little birds finding enough food for their young because the weather is too cold for the grubs etc. to hatch out. We shall see.

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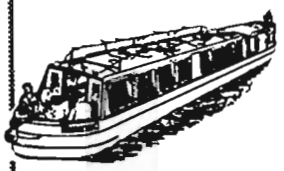

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Now to bird sightings. When Mr Neary was building that lovely fence at the bottom of the church yard, he said to me, "I have never seen your kingfisher." This morning, 30th May, I saw him near his house and he said, "I have just seen a lovely kingfisher near the clapper bridge, it was a beautiful blue." Sue Nightingale was helping her husband when he was cutting the grass in the churchyard. She said to me, "Have you seen that hen pheasant along the Heyford road that is nearly white?" I said I had not. Only this morning the spotted flycatcher has been taking a bath on the bird table. I do hope it builds its nest somewhere in the garden. Julian Moulton told me that he had heard a grasshopper warbler singing near the clapper bridge! My daughter said she was in her greenhouse and a cuckoo came and sat on top of it. It stayed for ages and ages looking at the hedges nearby. I leave it to your imagination as to what it would have done if it had seen a hedge sparrow pop into its nest.

The swallows, martins and swifts are all back with us, I would think there are not too many flies for them.

Aren't we lucky to have so many blackbirds about? I do not sleep too well in the early morning and I often come down for a cup of tea. About two minutes past four every morning, the first blackbird wakes up and starts that dawn chorus off. I really think the song of the blackbird is better than that of the thrush. The chorus builds up and in a few minutes hundreds of birds are singing. You must all get up one of these mornings and enjoy the best half hour of the day!!

P.S. 1st June, I have just read in the paper that we have had the driest May on record. In the Anglian region there may be severe restrictions. Rain please come.

Gardening Notes July & August

July can be the warmest month of the year and can also be the wettest month of the summer. Heavy showers or thunderstorms are probable in all areas. St Swithin's day coming on the 15th of the month.

Flower Garden

During dry weather water lawns as soon as a dry spell arrives. When brown patches appear it is difficult to restore the green appearance of grass. Apply fungicides and selective weedkiller during moist growing weather.

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Brompton stocks, pansies, lupins and primulas should be sown this month. Cuttings of lavender and rhododendrons can also be taken now. Take heeled cuttings of lavender, plant in a bed of peat and sand. Cuttings of lavender can also be taken in September and October. Remove growing tips of rhododendrons four or five inches long, if leaves are large cut them in half, then strike them in pots of peaty compost and cover pots with plastic bags.

Vegetables

Continue planting out brussel sprouts and broccoli. Sow a few more carrots and beetroot using the early varieties. Sow parsley now for winter use. Water marrows and runner beans during dry spells. Plant out leeks. Sow swedes by middle of month. Ease shallots up with fork as leaves start to yellow, it will help ripen them off.

August

The nights are lengthening in August. Weather generally follows the same pattern as July. Thunderstorms are likely to be severe when they occur.

Flower Garden

Inspect the lawn, continue to apply fungicides and selective weedkiller. Remove faded blooms from your rose trees. Do not apply rose fertilisers after the end of July, as they would encourage late, soft growth that would not mature before winter. Hardy herbaceous plants need dead heading. Most kinds will show new growth at ground level and these do not need cutting back. Now is the time to plan next year's border.

Continue to spray dahlias against pests. Inspect plants for discolouration of foliage, these are best destroyed.

Buds will form rapidly on your chrysanthemums grown outdoors. If you like large blooms, disbud the plants to one flower per stem.

Continue to trim fast growing hedges such as privet and lonicera. Hoe out bottom of hedge to remove weeds.

This is the best time to take geranium cuttings. Choose medium sized shoots about 3 inches long, place three or four cuttings around a flower pot filled with peat and sand. Plant daffodil bulbs this month but wait until next month before planting tulips.

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Vegetables

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Before the bad weather sets in paint your greenhouse and repair damaged fencing.

L.G.

Darby & Joan

Firstly many thanks for all who gave their time and jumble and mainly their money at our April jumble. We raised just over £190 a wonderful total and our thanks to everyone for all your generosity. Also thanks to Tim & Esther for the loan of their garage until we were able to dispose of the leftover bags of jumble.

Sadly 4 of our friends have died in the last few weeks. Mrs Savage a member for 7 years, who was always knitting and cooking for us, Mrs Garner – Mrs G. to us all; Mrs Bowers our eldest member at 93 years and Mr Charles Thorpe, who moved from the village a number of years ago, but still, with Mrs Thorpe, remained in contact with us. He is still remembered for all his help to the club, running members about in his car; playing piano for us and auditing our books for us until a couple of years ago. We remember them and send our thoughts and sympathy to their families.

In April we had a very pleasant ride out and a couple of hours at Beaconscote Village in Beaconsfield. Although the weather could have been a little better we all enjoyed ourselves. The village is well worth a visit; so colourful with lovely models and plants. A place for all ages. Take heed though although they boast a café it omitted to say that you sit outside and on a not so warm day it's not too good an idea. However we all had a lovely afternoon. Also our trip to Oxford Headlington D & J to see all our friends was most enjoyable. Once again they made us all so very welcome with tea and entertainment. How fortunate we are to have so many friends.

Our 6 ladies who went to Weymouth for a week's holiday are all back safely and had a lovely time. The holiday company they travel with always looks after them so well.

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Jean Mundy

Bugbrooke Old Age Pensioners Christmas Gift Scheme

Important Notice

It has become increasingly difficult to get to know of those ladies and gentlemen who have attained the age of 65 years and are consequently entitled to a gift under the above scheme.

A number of our usual sources of information as to when people have attained the age of 65 are no longer available to us due to new legislation such as the Data Protection Act.

Due to some of these sources "drying up" we are now going to have to rely on pensioners themselves, relatives, friends or neighbours to inform us of anyone who has reached the age of 65 years by the 25th December, 1991. *This will also have to include everyone who has previously benefited from the scheme.*

The next issue of "Link" will contain a tear off slip which should be completed either by or on behalf of an old age pensioner and forwarded to one of the collecting stations which will be shown on the slip or sent by post to one of the addresses of the officers of the scheme which will also be shown to ensure that you receive the gift which is provided under the rules of the Scheme.

Remember, *if you do not apply*, you will not be eligible to receive a gift under the Scheme whether or not you have received one before, so please make sure that you fill in your application and send it in.

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We regret having to operate the Scheme in this way for the future but unfortunately there is no other suitable way.

B.A. PIPER
Chairman (832292)

Mothers Union

This year Bugbrooke invited all the Deanery Mothers Union Members to celebrate Lady Day with us in a Eucharist conducted by Rev. John Roberts. Everyone shared in the joy and fellowship of the occasion and many friendships were renewed.

We gave a party at the end of April which was much enjoyed by members and friends. Mr George Stainland arranged some very interesting games for us and the committee provided a raffle and a delicious buffet. The whole evening was great fun.

The sponsored walk which we arranged for the Away from it All Holiday Scheme raised £691. I would like to thank all those who gave so much of their time in arranging it all, those who walked, sponsored others, or were the welcoming party with hot soup waiting for the returning walkers. Everyone really enjoyed the walk in very pleasant spring sunshine.

For Ascension Day we joined with the congregation in a wonderful service celebrated by Bishop Paul. Many members were in Victorian costume as this was during the Church's centenary celebrations.

At the end of May Miss Ross-Brown gave us an illustrated talk on her missionary work in India over the last 28 years. She was able to bring to light many of the problems the people of the country struggle with and also told told us of the warmth of the welcome she received wherever she went. She was dressed in a beautiful sari and had a wonderful display of many of the treasures she had collected during her travels.

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Women's Institute

Summer is a time for holidays and getting out and about – even in these times of recession, moving around the country has never been easier. So while you are exploring new areas, keep an eye open for the local W.I. Market Stalls. Here you will find mouth-watering homemade cakes, breads, scones and savouries (a boon if you are self-catering!), jams and marmalades, home-grown vegetables and crafts of all kinds.

There are 557 W.I. Markets throughout England, Wales and the Channel Islands and the W.I. often has a stall at the big County Shows, so you are bound to come across us somewhere in the U.K.!

In June each year, the W.I. holds its National AGM, traditionally at the Royal Albert Hall in London. This year, however, a huge 2-day Triennial General Meeting was held at the N.E.C. in Birmingham. A representative from each of the 8,987 W.I.s was invited, our own delegate being Anne Bird. The event included an Exhibition and Concert, and proved another historic day for the W.I. Over the years, the W.I. has had a strong influence on national issues, including starting the "Keep Britain Tidy" campaign in 1954, and advocating a change in transport policy from road to rail as long ago as 1973!

Our local programme for the summer includes Members Evening (a social get-together) on Monday 1st July, and an illustrated talk on Eskimos and Indians on Monday 2nd September. Enjoy your holidays!

C. Hammons (830645)

Royal Britsh Legion – Ladies

By the time this link comes out we hope to have had a talk by Mr Jack Holt who had unfortunately double booked with the Football Club as their President at the A.G.M.

In July Mrs D. Lovell will give us a talk. She lived in Myrtle Cottage for many years married to Colin, a very popular member of one of the older families in Bugbrooke.

Our Mini Fete will be held in Mr John Hawkins garden on August 3rd at 2.30. We would appreciate goods – Bric a Brac – clothes etc and most of all customers. The money raised is given for the "Purse Presentation" in August, to help War Veterans and disabled members. Goods can be left at 31 Levitts Rd or given to Mrs Hawkins at The Homestead. (just along from the Co-op).

M.E. Pell, Chairman

Neighbourhood Watch

During the Crime Prevention week in April we held an open evening in the Primary School. There were magnificent displays from local companies showing Burglar Alarms, Smoke Alarms, Car Alarms, Security Locks for Doors and Windows and Security Lighting. Northamptonshire Police were present in force with two Constables, two Specials, a Sergeant and an Inspector which is probably the greatest number ever seen in Bugbrooke at any one time.

Although we had many posters around publicising the event and the Primary School sent out information for all parents we were very disappointed with the number of persons attending – approx 40.

We were, however, able to find more volunteers to help with extending the scheme to the remainder of the village and would hope to start this in July. If you are able to help in any way would you please contact either Tony Haylock or Peter Parry.

Co-ordinators: Tony Haylock, 46 High Street, Bugbrooke. 832036
Peter Parry, 31 High Street, Bugbrooke. 830267

Flower and Produce Show

This will be held on Sunday Sept 1st at the Primary School. Last year we had to cancel the show at the last moment through lack of entries. We know it was a dry season, but come on you gardeners we can't have this. We are hoping to get some entries from the allotment gardener's this time.

The last winner in 1989 was Mrs D Cockerill.

Any one with any new ideas contact F Flavell 832582.

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

News

As we come to the end of another school year, the Bugbrooke Primary School Association would like to thank all the Parents, Children and Friends of the school for all their help and support over the past year.

We were able to raise enough money to purchase many additional items for the children of the school, including a large amount of new library books.

We look forward to your continued support and any new helpers (or ideas) would be very much appreciated.
Janet Braunston (Secretary)

. . . And The King Passed By

Around the turn of the century Bugbrooke Primary School had a remarkable headmaster in Mr Frank Wright. He constructed a wireless set and taught the children how to maintain and use it. At the same time the children wrote letters about village incidents and daily life between the years 1907–1914. These were discovered in 1979 and brought together in the book And the King Passed By. Illustrated by the children it describes soldiers camping in the rectory field and the airship Delta passing overhead amongst other events.

First published in 1979 and revised with photographs in 1984. Its 96 pages represent a unique insight into Bugbrooke village life before the First World War.

Available at £1.50 from Bugbrooke Primary School or from Land & Unwin, 10 High Street. All proceeds go to the Primary School.

Friends of Campion

On 5th July we are having another BINGO evening at Campion School: Eyes down at 7 p.m. This event is enjoyed by people of all ages, especially children and there is always a wide range of prizes to be won.

South Northamptonshire Courses For Adults

An extensive programme of courses will be offered, in September 1991, for all people over the age of 15 in South Northants.

The courses will take place in the daytime and evening in major Secondary Schools, village Primary Schools, Village Halls and Community Centres. It is hoped that the programme is sufficiently extensive to provide everyone with an opportunity to develop an interest of their choice throughout the winter.

All courses are conducted by tutors well qualified in their particular field. They are all approachable people and are keen to pass on their knowledge to other members of the community.

The programme will be advertised and distributed through every door in South Northants and adjoining areas during the third week of August. The information will be in a newspaper called 'On Course' and will be delivered with the 'Herald & Post' newspaper.

We hope you will look out for the information and will be able to find a course that is sufficiently interesting to attract you to enrol. Adult classes are designed not to be intimidating and all the tutors and staff are welcoming and friendly. We hope you will be able to attend and enjoy learning some new ideas, information or skills.

The programme is intended to enhance what goes on in your village. A number of rural services have been taken away over the recent years and we hope you can support the Adult Education Service in maintaining the opportunity to participate in a valuable village activity.

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Bugbrooke Girl Guides

We started the summer term with our jumble sale which raised the grand total of £194. Many thanks to all who helped in the collection, sorting and selling of the jumble.

Other activities this term have included a Saint George's Day Challenge, swimming and an evening walk across the field to Heyford and back. Camping skills, knots and lashings learned at one meeting were put to good use during the Senior Guide Challenge walk around Bugbrooke's footpaths.

As we head towards the summer camp at Boughton House next half term should hopefully see an improvement in the weather as we get outside to practise our camping skills.

Senior Guides

After this last term, all you had to do was mention the word 'Bicycle' and several members of our unit would burst into giggles or sink into the floor.

We (in case you were wondering) went on a cycling trip to 'Badby' Youth Hostel. This took us through Everdon Stubbs and Newnham village. The journey took longer than we thought due to problems with one girl's bicycle gears! On the way we stopped to have a coffee or a chocolate milkshake at the Old Dairy Farm at Upperstowe.

The Youth Hostel was super, and so was the Warden, John. He took us Badger watching in Badby Woods, we didn't see any Badgers, or the bear. We returned to the Youth Hostel to a rather different recital of 'Smoke and Fluff' the two kittens and went to bed, some of us slept well and some didn't!

In the morning breakfast was made and we set off on our Journey to Newnham where an old Guide Leader Janet, and her baby Megan, made a village quiz for us.

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After this we cycled home only to sit in Rachel's garden and eat rock cakes, (very generously donated by Sarah Hiltons mum – thanks)

We all plan for a very busy new term with another trip to Badby 'YHA' and a camp at Overstone Scout Camp Site.

Kathryn Cockrill.

1st Bugbrooke Venture Scout Unit

The Unit has grown again over the last few months and we now have 11 members. Continuing with our theme of investitures in unusual places, the latest recruits made their promise in mid-abseil (and in the dark) on the tower at Overstone. For my part I preferred the barbeque afterwards than the rigging of the ropes and equipment in the rain and wind!

Two of our members are now working for their Queen's Scout Award. To be awarded this requires a high standard of achievement in a number of activities including community service, leadership and finally an expedition in unfamilar and challenging country of at least 3 nights and 4 days. Training for this is already underway this year with most of the Unit taking part in a trip to North Wales early in July. The section we have most difficulty with is finding suitable community service projects. So far this year we have entertained a group of handicapped Venture Scouts from Northampton with a trivial pursuit evening, and helped to tidy the churchyard. We are still looking for further opportunities for community projects, so if anyone has any ideas or suggestions we would be pleased to hear from them.

Finally the Unit does have purely fun events such as the visit to the American Theme Park in Derbyshire during May.

Membership of the Unit is open to anyone aged between 15 and 20, male or female. For further information contact Ann Gatehouse (830158). We have regular meetings in the Scout Hut on Mondays at 7.45pm.

John Cockrill.

Karaoke Nights

Karaoke Nights which are being held monthly at the Five Bells are proving to be very popular events. It would appear that Bugbrooke has a few "Budding Stars". Latest reports suggest that Margot Humphries

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rendition of "New York, New York" will linger for many months and Hugh Jones' impersonation of Garry Glitter could be improved.

A lot of fun is apparantly had by all. Anybody over 18 is welcome. Steve and Karen Allen at The Bells give 30th June, the 28th July and 25th August (all Sunday evenings) as the next scheduled dates.

The Spastics Society

Most Charities in these days find that in addition to the ever present need for money is the need for helpers. The Spastics Society is no exception and "LINK" have received a letter asking for volunteers. Full details can be obtained by contacting Mrs Sandra Osborne, 30 Linden Rd, Northampton NN3 2JJ – the local organiser. (tel: N'ton 792220).

Family Announcements

DICKIE – Happy birthday Rachel from Mummy, Daddy and Robbie

RUSSELL-PIERCY – Happy birthday Abigail from Rachel and Robbie

HARDING – Congratulations Philip and Sue on the safe arrival of Emma Grace. Best wishes Marianne and Robert

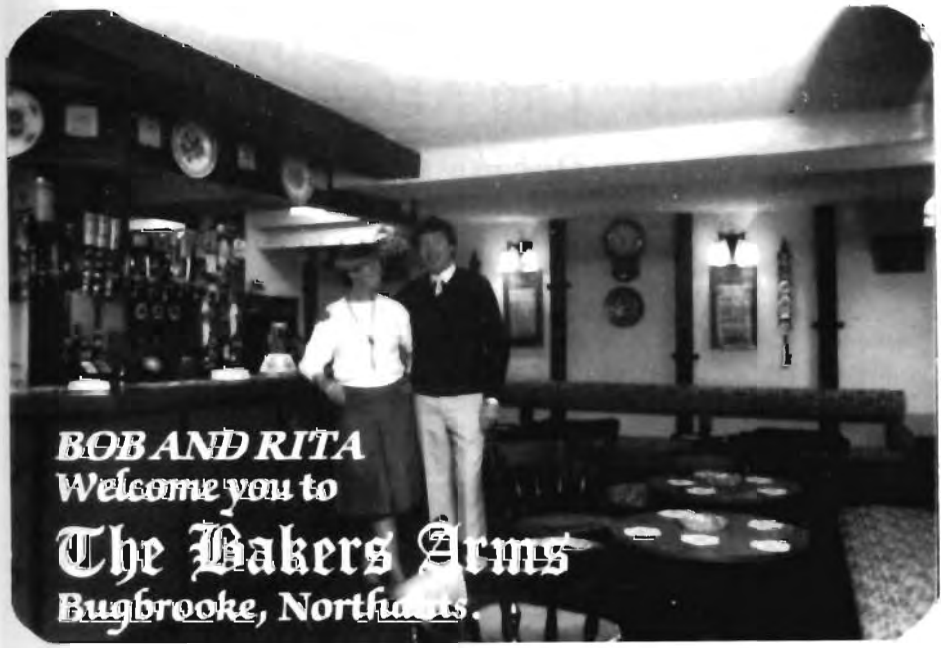
SANDERS – Happy 10th birthday Sarah on 24th July. Lots of love Mum, Dad, David, Thomas and Kenny.

JACKSON Andrew and Tim.– Happy birthday. Love from Mum and Dad

SMITH – HOLLIS – Happy 80th Birthday Dad July 1st. Lots of love from all the Family.xxx

SKINNER – Happy 10th Birthday Natalie on 18th June. Lots of love Mum, Dad, Adam and Luke.

Any announcements for September/October to Rowena Eddison at 12 The Paddocks (830605) by August 2nd.



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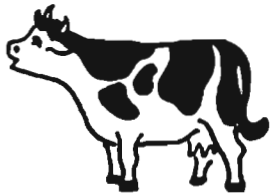

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Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society

In May BADS staged a competent, if rather humourless, production of Alan Ayckbourn's 'Bedroom Farce'

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First nights are inevitably nerve wracking but, on this first night, the prompt seemed particularly busy and it may have been for this reason that the play seemed to lack both sparkle and timing.

Mike Mcpherson playing Nick, who, with a strained back was incapacitated in bed, had a difficult part – on stage for the whole of the performance, but he was the character who amused me the most.

I was a little disappointed that the cast didn't altogether do justice to the Ayckbourn script but on the whole an adequate production.

V.J.P.

Please note that due to **UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES** the **"MUSIC HALL"** which was to be held on July 5th and 6th has had to be cancelled.

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Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

Saturday 6th July and Sunday 7th July should be imprinted on your calendar if not in your minds, since these are the dates which will see the Extravaganza organised for the benefit of all residents.

Saturday 6th July sees us off to a flying start with the Duck Race at 10.30am, West End. (Actually, those caught flying will have cooked their goose!)

This will be followed by a massive Car Boot Sale at 2.00pm on the Playing Fields with ample space for stalls and customer parking.

To round off the day there is a superb dance at Campion School to a live* band "A Touch of Class".

If you have not got organised yet, Ducks cost 50p, pitches £5 and Dance tickets £2.50 from myself.

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The proceeds from the fete will be going towards a new toddlers playground which has become a priority following the vandalism in recent weeks, which made equipment dangerous and its removal essential. This sort of activity is one for which the association will prosecute offenders, since these actions are both dangerous and costly. I am reminded also to ask dogs to lead owners onto the footpath off the Playing Fields so that they do not foul the pitches – I hope that isn't ambiguous!

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Brian Curtis

* They were last time they went on stage!

Sport

St Michaels 74 Cricket Club

I can hardly remember a colder start to a cricket season. The opening two games, played on the first weekend in May, were memorable for just one thing; the Artic winds which whistled around the flapping flannels of the two teams which braved the elements. The weather has warmed up slightly now and so too have the team performances.

On Saturdays to date (1st June) we stand mid-table with 2 wins and 3 defeats. Victories coming against United Social B and Northampton Eaglets. The latter of the two being the surprise win, as this clashed with the F. A. Cup Final date. We ended up fielding, as we thought, a relatively weak side, but fate dealt us a kind hand and we won quite comfortably. The 3 defeats came against Doddridge, United Social A, both of which were within our grasp and Dallington, which was our heaviest loss to date, by 8 wickets.

A very welcome addition to our team is Dave Berrill. Dave, who lives in the village, is just the kind of experienced player we needed to help us hopefully, to greater heights. Also its good to welcome back Kevin Gardner, who due to his work committments only played once last season, but now seems set for an impressive batting average.

Our Sunday team continues to battle on in our friendly fixtures. Although still looking for our first victory from three starts. Some encouraging batting, especially from Scott Wootton and Graham Foster, have set the standard we need to secure the win we seek to get us on

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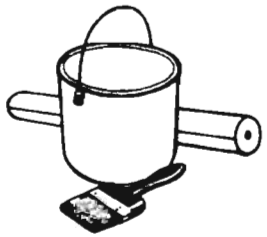

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the right tracks. But on saying that, its the taking part on Sundays that is all important and full enjoyment from the game is the order of the day.

I must thank Mrs Anne Hogg and Mrs Linda Scott for their continued support on the preparation of the teas, a vital part of any game.

If you fancy a warming cuppa or even something a little stronger after the game, why not come along and give your support to our team and also the Bugbrooke Playing Field Bar Facilities, at any home game. You will be very welcome.

New club members are always welcome, so don't hesitate to ring me on N,pton 584565, if you would like to stand around in the cold weather for 2½hrs !!!

John Chapman. (Secretary)

Campion Mixed Hockey Club

The winter season ended with mixed fortunes for the Club. Despite battling hard, Pilgrims were relegated from the Premier Division and will join Badgers in the First Division next season. There were, however, many bright spots and we see it as a temporary set-back that only one of the Club's sides will be in the top division next year.

Badgers had a very promising first season and several young players have shown that the Club has prospects for future years. Campion finally started to play with greater authority and won the Northamptonshire Mixed Hockey Association Knock-Out Cup in the Final played at the Racecourse. The 3–1 victory over Owls ensured a positive atmosphere at the Club's presentation evening which was well attended.

On the pitch, Campion's Victory in the seven-a-side competition proved that experience can spur on aging legs! A very satisfying return to add to the Runners-up trophy from the 11-a-side tournament. Mixed fortunes indeed!

We are losing several players to the newly formed Harpole MHC. It is with some sadness that recent team colleagues will soon be opponents but we wish Harpole well – as long as they have off-days against the Campion sides!

There has been some activity in recruiting new players and several have already agreed to join us for next season. With three teams playing every week, we are still interested in hearing from anyone with a desire to participate in any way. Our recent A.G.M. saw enthusiastic responses from Club members to take Committee positions and there is great optimism for the future.

Off the field, our social activities have been highly successful and new members will be sure of a friendly welcome. *Val Lomax*

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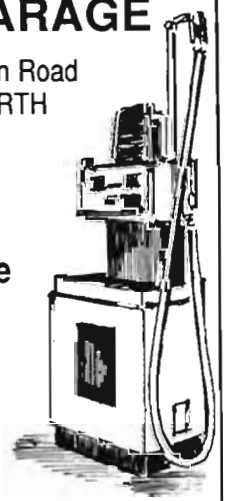

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The past season proved to be more one of consolidation, both on and off the field of play, rather than one of great exploits.

Nonetheless, the Club did finish a very creditable third at their first attempt in the East Midlands Courage League Division Two, after gaining promotion the previous season.

The 1st XV's final playing record is as follows:-

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The 2nd and 3rd XV's also had respectable records.

A short rest can now be enjoyed by all until activities once again commence in early July in the form of training.

Training will again take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at around 6.30–7 p.m. All new (and old) players will be more than welcome.

After the sad departure of our much respected coach Dick Parker for family and business commitments, the Club is this season seeking a new coach. We are therefore eager to hear from anyone who feels that they can help in this area, and contribute to the Club's onward success.

A successful annual dinner was held in May at the Men's Own R.F.C. attended by 60 members and guests. The main speaker on the evening was Geoff Allen, President of Northampton R.F.C. (the "Saints").

The traditonal Club awards were presented with the following members receiving trophies:-

1st XV Player of the year	– A. Tydings
2nd XV	– D. Caldicourt
3rd XV	– S. Saunders
Most improved player	– J. Bradbury
Best young player	– J. Bradbury
Clubman of the year	– G. Ogden
Top try scorer	– J. Clements

The Club A.G.M. also took place in May with the usual keen attendance!

Enthusiastic debate resulted under the guidance of Club Chairman Ben Dinsey.

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Election of Team Captains and Vice Captains was deferred until the next Committee Meeting.

Everpresent John Sexton remains as Club President after having completed his successful year as President of the Northampton and District Rugby Alliance. A vote of thanks was given to him for serving the Club well in his honorable capacity.

The Club now looks forward to a successful and prosperous season commencing in September.

For further information with regard to training, coaching or any other Club matter, please contact the Club Captain Adam Ogden on 832010, or the Chairman Ben Dinsey on 830198.

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

The football season ended with the first team reaching 6th position in Division 1 of the UCL. They also were finalists in the lower Junior Cup for the second year running. The Junior and under 18 sides were all well supported throughout the season, with many of the players being selected for representative matches.

On the social side, the club enjoyed a very fruitful year. Each month saw a successful function varying from a Valentines Dance to a Race Night. Next season sees a variety of functions planned to include an Oktoberfest, Xmas Cabaret and a Comedy Hypnotist.

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The football season starts again in August so come along and support your local UCL football team.

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The Village Diary

July	1	7.30pm	W.I. Members Evening	7 Church Lane
	6	10.30am	BPFA Duck Race.	Great Lane
	6	2.00pm	BPFA Car Boot Sale.	Playing Fields
	6	8.00pm	BPFA Ballroom Dance.	C.S.
	7	7.00pm	Bingo	C.S.
	7	2.00pm	BPFA Parade	Johns Road
	7	3.00pm	BPFA Fete	Playing Fields
	10	2.15pm	Darby & Joan	S.S.
	10	7.30pm	St Michaels Youth Theatre.	Campion Drama Studio
	12		Double Bill of Drama & Comedy.	
	13		Strikers & Jolliday Holiday	
	11	2.30pm	M. U. Talk – Mrs Herbert. Christian in Public Life	S.S.
	13	2pm	Dramatic Society Jumble Sale	S.S.
	15	7.30pm	Meeting Women's British Legion	S.S.
	18	7.00–8.15pm	End of Term Disco	P.S.
	20		Ladies Night	Football Club
	24	2.15pm	Darby & Joan	S.S.
August	3	2.30pm	Mini Fete Women's British Legion	Mr Hawkins garden
	8	8.00pm	M.U. Social Evening	
	14	2.15pm	Restart Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
	19	7.30pm	Meeting Women's British Legion	S.S.
	24		Sponsors Evening	Football Club
	28	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
Sept	1		Flower and Produce Show	P.S.
	2	7.30pm	W.I. "Eskimos & Indians" by Mrs Cowling	S.S.

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