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"LINK's" Problems

It would be wrong to suggest that over the years of its existence there had been no problems with our Village Magazine. These, however, have generally been dealt with as they arise enabling a copy of LINK to drop through your letterbox every two months. It is hoped that it has proved to be an informative and entertaining addition to Bugbrooke life.

A problem of larger proportions than usual has now arisen and is giving cause for concern to LINK Chairman Keith Jenkins and his Committee . . . simply that the Company who have been printing LINK in recent times went into liquidation. The cost of printing the February issue indicates that until our problem is resolved, we have a printing charge which far outstrips the magazine's anticipated revenue for advertising.

It is quite inconceivable that LINK will cease to be published – with the good housekeeping employed in the past, funds are available for the next two or three issues and this should allow time for a thorough investigation of all aspects of the problems . . . printing, advertising, sponsorship etc. The Committee have been heartened by the Parish Council's recent statement of support.

The LINK Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 9th May 1991 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall. All residents are urged to attend and particularly those who can assist in dealing with the problem now facing the Committee. With much regret we understand Chairman Keith Jenkins is not to see re-election at the A.G.M. and that Anne Jenkins is to retire from the Committee. Their work for LINK over the years has been crucial to its success. Their contribution earns the sincere gratitude of all.

And finally, a thank you to Mrs Annie Boswell who, although not on the Committee, has helped with LINK in one way or another since its inception and has now decided to retire.

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Parish Council Meetings Feb – April 1991

By the time you read this the village may have a new Parish Council following the Elections on 2nd May. Details of the new membership, which may not differ greatly from the existing membership, will be set out in the next issue of LINK. The current review of local government may make this Election an historic event as parish councils, along with other tiers of government, may not survive.

Due to changes in, and a general shortage of, police officers, the meeting early in April was the first for some considerable time that a police officer had been able to attend. Consequently members did not miss the opportunity of raising a number of issues related to the policing of the village. These involved speeding motorists (speed traps have been and will again be used in the village), restricted parking areas (special constables have imposed fines on motorists parking on the yellow lines and a request has been made for more regular visits in order to reduce the thoughtless and often dangerous illegal parking) and juvenile vandalism (a spate of minor incidents have occurred involving wanton destruction of property of the type often carried out by these young individuals whose inadequacies seem to lead them to desperate means of drawing attention to themselves – the police are confident that they have this matter in hand). The general and overriding feeling of the Parish Council remains, however, that they are unhappy with the system of Team Policing which, although administratively convenient whilst the Force is undermanned, distances the police from the community.

Regrettably, the theme of petty vandalism continues; this time in relation to bus stops, particularly those at Butts Hill and the High Street, opposite the primary school, where nefarious activities can occur out of sight. The future of the shelter in the High Street has been questioned before as, even if a window was put into the side of this building, it would be impossible from its location set back on the green to see buses before they had passed the shelter. In view of this the Parish Council have asked for estimates of the cost of demolishing the entire building, adapting it or replacing it entirely. This information should be available at the meeting of the new Parish Council in May when a final decision could be taken. However, all members seemed to support Sue Pace's view that what was intended as a village amenity was becoming an obscenity.

Whilst considering planning applications, Aubrey Howard asked whether the District Council made any arrangements to ensure that all the trees often scattered liberally about such plans were actually

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included in any subsequent development. An enquiry of the District Council produced a lengthy response which in effect means that unless such an omission is drawn to their attention, they are unable to enforce this aspect of plans. Clearly, the Parish Council will now be particularly vigilant in this respect so far as all existing and future developments in the village are concerned.

The Parish Council were again treated to an example of Highway Authority logic. After numerous requests over many months for the replacement of the barriers on the B4525 at 'Knitters Grave', the Highway Authority have announced that they do not propose to replace these barriers as they are regularly damaged. It does not seem to have occurred to them that the fact that they are regularly damaged demonstrates the need for their replacement in order to continue protecting pedestrians and cyclists on the adjacent footpath. This will be drawn to their attention and their reply is awaited with interest.

Finally, to finish where we began; all parishioners will be entitled to exercise their democratic right to vote in the District Council and Parish Council Elections on **Thursday 2nd May**.

D. Harries.

St. Michael & All Angels

Church News

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week services were planned and led by the different Lent House groups and were well attended. Good Friday and Easter Day saw good congregations despite the loss of an hour on Saturday night. It was an especial joy to have the church full at 10.am on Easter Day with well over 200 people there. Our thanks go to all who helped in any way with the services and with the decorating of the Church.

Church Annual Meeting

Held on 20th February, the first task at the Vestry Meeting was to thank the churchwardens, especially Nancy Rogers whose term of office came to an end. The churchwardens elected for the year ahead are Alan Kent and Nigel Burt and the deputy wardens are Sue Pace and Dave Clayson. The Annual Parochial Meeting followed at which the accounts and various reports on aspects of church life were presented. We were able to fulfil our commitment to give away over 10% of our income and

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still break even on the year. The Parochial Church Council, including the newly elected, is now as follows: Mesdames. Rogers, Ramsbotham, Pace, G. Clarke, Boswell, L. King, S. Nightingale, Piper. Miss M. England & Miss C. Phillipson. Messrs. Leadley, Clayson, Collings, Dovey, Maguire, D. Marshall, Oliver, R. Osborne, R. Parker, Piper, Ramsbotham, Vanner, T. Ward. Thanks were expressed on behalf of the whole Church to the many people who had helped in any way with the life of the Church in the past year, and we remembered those who had died in the past year. The Rector recalled highlights of the past year, and was especially encouraged to note a significant increase of 10% in the congregation at Parish Communion, the attendance on ordinary Sundays now averaging 94. Our Day of Thanksgiving helped many to see how good God had been to us in the past year. He looked forward to our Centenary Festival, our Lent course on Prayer, and our planning day with the Standing Committee led by Sheila Addison, as we take up the challenge of the Decade of Evangelism.

Centenary Festival Week – 4th May to 12th

Our Flower Festival will take place from 4th–6th May entitled Celebration in Flowers. Do come and see the beautiful arrangements. There will also be a small display of documents connected with the 19th century re-ordering which is described elsewhere. On Sunday 5th May at 10am. our special preacher will be the Very Reverend Don Barter of S.P.C.K. Worldwide who was Dean of a cathedral in Australia. At 6.30 pm. we shall have a Songs of Praise, if you have some favourite hymns do write them down and let Tim Partridge have them by 1st May. Then during the week the programme is as follows:

Monday evening:	Quarter Peal by Ringers
Tuesday evening:	7.30 pm. Concert including Northampton Male Voice Choir
Wednesday evening:	7.30 pm. Bugbrooke 100 years ago – a dramatised reading of life at the time of the restoration.
Thursday evening:	7.30pm. Ascension Day Eucharist – The Bishop of Brixworth will celebrate and preach.
Friday evening:	7.30 pm. Bugbrooke 100 years ago (a repeat of Wednesday evening).
Saturday evening:	7.30 pm. Parish Social in Victorian mood.

Then on our final Sunday, 12th May, we have as our special preacher at the 10 am. service the Very Reverend Tom Baker, Emeritus Dean of Worcester Cathedral.

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Meeting Point

Anyone is welcome to our next Meeting Point at the Rectory at 8 pm. on Wednesday, 29th May when Rev. Graham Johnson will speak about the Julian Meetings and silence in prayer.

Playing Away

The P.C.C. have taken up the suggestion that occasionally we should move our 10 am. Parish Communion to another Church, especially one which has had an extended inter-regnum and which might appreciate our visit. Our first visit has been arranged for Sunday, 2nd June, when instead of having a 10 am. Service at Bugbrooke, the congregation are invited up to Gayton Church for their 10 am. Parish Communion. Do book the date now and if you need transport have a word with Tim Partridge.

19th Century re-ordering of Bugbrooke Church

In 1828 the old open-ended pews were replaced with box pews which were rented to families in the village, there were a few pews at the back for poor folk to sit in. Music was supplied from a gallery at the back of the church and the chancel was bare except for two box pews for the Rector and his servants. But modern ideas about styles of worship were reaching Bugbrooke and the first step in 1879 was the purchase of an organ to replace the instrumentalists in accompanying the singing. The organ, made in 1844, was purchased from a church in Oxford and was placed where the font now is. Because of the height of the new organ the gallery had to be taken away. By now robed choirs had become fashionable and with the Communion Service growing in prominence once again, moves were set in train to re-order the inside of Bugbrooke Church to fit in with the new styles of worship. A scheme was drawn up by Matthew Holding, who had already drawn the plans for St. Matthew, Northampton and St. Mary, Far Cotton. There were two main aims in view, to bring the organ and choir to the front of the church, and to make the altar the focal point of the church and visible from the majority of seats. So the scheme proposed the building of an extension to the south aisle which was to incorporate a space for the organ and a choir vestry, the raising of the east end of the sanctuary as far as was possible without making the priest's vestry doorway too low, and then, to create even more height for the altar, lowering the whole of the nave

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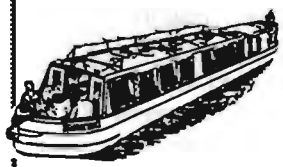

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floor by about a foot all over. Also incorporated in the plans were a new under-floor hot air heating system and new pews open-ended more like those replaced in 1828. The work commenced in June 1890 when the last service in the old church took place and from then on the services took place in the Sunday School Hall. The work was hardly finished by Wednesday 8th May, when the Bishop of Peterborough came for a special service of re-dedication in what was a very different looking church inside from the closure nearly a year before. It is this centenary we are celebrating with our festival week in 1991. Further work continued on the church up to the beginning of the First World War and the final debts were paid off in 1920 in memory of the Rev. Ernest Harrison who had died that year.
Tim Partridge, 830373.

Church Fete

Arnold Peters who plays Jack Woolly in the Archers, will be opening the Church Fete this year, which is on the 15th June.

Towcester Studio Band have also been booked, together with the children from the Primary School to entertain us.

Lots of stalls and games!

Here's hoping for a fine day.

Three Day Church Choir Course

We were all looking forward to Thurdsay 21st February. That was the first day of the three day choir course. At 8.45 we all went down to the Church to collect our robes and then find out which Mum or Dad would be taking us to St. Matthew's Church. When we got to the Church we went into the parish centre where we had a meeting to find out who was our house master, which was either Mr. Moodie, Mr Reid or Mr Shenton. We were divided into two groups, half of us were in Moore House and the other half were in Sutherland House. The people in Moore House sat where they were and Sutherland House went to another practice room. There is a sculpture by Moore and a picture by Sutherland in the Church that are famous.

10.00 We were singing scales with Mr Reid (our House Master) to warm our voices up. Then we sang songs for the service in the evening, including a psalm (how terrible).
10.45 Break at last.
11.05 Another practice but this time both houses practised together. We

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sang the songs we had practised. It wouldn't have sounded so nice without Bugbrooke Choir there!! (we were so brill at singing).
12.15 Lunch break. We all had a real appetite. We ate our lunch then went outside and had a brilliant game of hide and seek around the church.

After lunch we all went into church to practice ready for the service. Then between breaks we processed in and out so we knew how to walk properly and where to sit and also had a general knowledge quiz (we were pretty good at that!).

4.15 was the service. Some of our mums' came to hear us sing, which was nice.
4.45 Took our robes off, tidied up and travelled home about 5 pm.

On Saturday some adults came to sing too. They practised with Mr Shenton in the church and then we all sang together after lunch ready for the service. It was a bit embarrassing singing with them.

There were lots of people at the service on Saturday, but the choir did nearly all the singing.

The people who went were Eleanor Lock, Craig Fergus, Claire Burt, Rosalyn Collins, Susan King, Anna Nightingale, who were in Sutherland House; and Sarah Burt, Kristy England, Clair Haylock, Joanna Akehurst, Katie Fergus and Susan Moss, who were in Moore House. We made friends with Heather from St. Andrew's, Kettering. We hope to see her again. There was a naughty boy called Thomas, who was always in trouble!!

We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who helped with transport to the church. We would never have got there without them. Also thank you to Esther for all her hard work organising us.
by Joanna Akehurst and Katie Fergus.

Christian Aid Week 13th–18th May

This year's Christian Aid Week theme – 'Do you believe in life before death?' – brings our faith and our politics together. 'Life after death' is one way of talking about our Christian hope. What has it got to do with the poor of the earth now? Do we offer it to them as compensation for all that they go without in earthly life? Do we use it as an excuse for doing little except being sorry? Or do we give generously in the belief that we can give them 'life before death'?

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There will be a Traidcraft Sale and Hunger Lunch on 18th May between 12 noon and 2 pm. in the Sunday School, with proceeds going to Christian Aid. Thanks to all who supported the Hunger lunches in Lent and those who have brought papers and cans for recycling. £50 was sent to the Famine Appeal for Africa.

Sue Pace.

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I started the notes in the last issue by writing about the fighting in the Gulf. Now that has finished and our lads from the village are home, safe and sound. I heard only yesterday, 3rd April, that Simon Botterill, who came to see me just a few weeks ago, when he was on leave, is now in the Gulf. He may be there till after Christmas. He is clearing up the mess in the desert but I don't suppose he will be involved in helping to stop the dreadful killing of all the tens of thousands of Kurdish people in the north of Iraq. I find myself completely speechless when it comes to trying to understand the brutality of the human race.

I will leave killing and come to living. Has there ever been such a display of daffodils about the countryside? They are better than they have ever been. Someone told me that a German visitor to this Country said we should be called 'The Land of daffodils'.

I mentioned Simon at the beginning of the notes and he said he likes living in Germany because everywhere is so tidy. They don't go in for litter. I wonder why we do? I popped across the churchyard the other day with a spade and buried a large pile of dog leavings. Why are we so scared of cleaning up our own mess? Again words fail me!

I had a lovely surprise a week ago. I received a card from Penang in Malaysia. It was from Wayne Judge, a young man who has been 'back packing' round the world. He has been to America, Australia, New Zealand and goodness knows where. His mother, Jean, sends him a copy of the Link every issue and he said how much he enjoys reading them. He has flown home now and his mother tells me she thinks he will stay. He has promised to come and see me, I am looking forward to that.

I have been hearing a lot about the mink lately. This is the creature that lives and hunts by streams and rivers. It is larger than a stoat and

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is almost black in colour. Aubrey Howard was telling me that in the Summer he often goes hunting with the mink hounds. He says the mink will devastate wildlife beside waterways. They eat lots of fish, they will kill wild duck and moorhens. They will scratch out kingfisher nests. The book says that the mink hunts at night and is becoming more numerous. I feel this newcomer isn't altogether welcome. Reading the book again, I see that the mink was introduced into this country from North America about 1920. It was kept captive on fur farms and reared for its valuable pelt. Many escaped and now we have this pest. Oh dear, money, money, money!

We have certainly had some changeable weather since the beginning of February. My diary reads:-

7th February	– brook frozen over
8th	– heavy snowfall
19th	– fog
22nd	– heavy rain

In between all these there have been lots of frosts, but of course these are doing good by holding things back in the garden. There have been some heavy rains too and they must have filled up some of the cracks.

The strong gusts of wind have been rather unkind to the rooks opposite. They blew two of the nests clean away.

Mr Clarke, from the Sunday School, tells me he has seen a Waxwing in his garden. We have seen no end of greenfinches on the bird table this Winter.

Now, of course, the birds are all busy building their nests and many may have young to feed, so we shall soon have to reduce the nuts etc. on the bird table.

Gardening Notes

May & June

May, the fifth month of the year, real Springtime; Mayday festivities take place on the 1st of the month with dancing round the Maypole. The hawthorn flowers which heralds the Summer.

We can expect all kinds of weather during this month. Winds are generally from a north easterly direction bringing rain, hail and snow. Anticyclones give hot daytime temperatures with clear nights which lead to early morning frosts.

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All hardy annuals may be sown in the border to produce masses of colour through the summer. Marigolds, candytuft, clarkias, nasturtiums and cornflowers are a few examples. Sprinkle the seed on a well prepared bed and rake in.

Plant dormant dahlia tubers outside now, but leave rooted cuttings until the end of the month. Plant out half hardy annuals during the last week in May.

Prune forsythias and flowering currants by cutting away some of the older branches. Apply shading to greenhouse (Coolglass is ideal to use) to prevent interior getting too hot.

Treat weeds in the lawn with a liquid weedkiller. Feed indoor plants now with a houseplant fertilizer.

Dwarf and Runner Beans are sown this month (about the 15th). Prepare site for marrows and plant out at end of the month. Cover your potatoes if frost threatens, newspaper will do the trick. (Place a stone on paper to hold it down.) If you haven't been able to sow parsnips, turnips, beetroot and carrots, do so now.

June is usually the month of summer. Westerly winds set in replacing the cold northerlies which will make a pleasant change. The sun is at its strongest in June. Just relax, sit in the garden chair and watch your plants grow.

This is the month of the roses, how nice they all look.

Plant out your rooted dahlia cuttings. Complete the planting of half hardy annuals. Finish sowing your hardy annual seeds now.

Don't forget the kiddies, they love sowing seeds. Buy them some cress seed, put in margarine tubs, place on window sill, it will be through in three days.

Water your gladioli during dry spells. Lift your bulbs when foliage dies down.

Watch out for greenfly. Spray roses weekly. Feed plants in tubs. Keep hedges clipped. Cut out all dead flower heads.

Vegetables

Plant out winter greenstuff such as cabbages, brussels and heading broccoli. Plant your marrows and tomatoes outside towards the end of the month. Sow more radishes and white turnips. Earth up your potatoes then sit back and relax.

At the time I am writing these notes (28th March) I can see out of my window a lovely display of hyacinths, daffodils, tulips, scillas and aubretia. They are a little later I think this year than the last two years.

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LG.

Darby & Joan

Firstly welcome to the club 2 new members, Mr Maguire and Mrs Charity, we do hope that you both will enjoy being friends and members of our club.

Our March fish & chip supper went very well and was enjoyed by all. We now look forward to our summer outings. Firstly in April we have a half-day outing to Beaconsfield and in May we visit our dear friends at Headington in Oxford; then our days outing in June, when we will incorporate a visit to our former leader Vera. We all look forward to these and hope the weather is reasonably kind to us.

We send a special thank you to the Bugbrooke Drama Club for a very generous donation to our club. It will be well spent going towards the coach fare of one of our outings. Many thanks to all and good luck to all your productions, which I know takes an awful lot of time and hard work from you all.

Holiday time is near for some of our members and we wish you all a happy time, as we wish everyone who is able to have a holiday. We spare a thought though for those not quite so fortunate. Even so, weather permitting, most gardens and areas in the village all look wonderful at this time and we are indeed lucky to be living in such a place, and witness so much colour.

Good health and a happy peaceful Summer to you all. *SJM.*

Mothers Union

We are pleased to welcome Joan Chester, Julie Bignall and Dorothy Cobb as members of our Branch.

Those who braved the snowy conditions found some good bargains at this year's Jumble Sale. The sum of £50 was raised.

At our afternoon meeting in February, members had the excitement of being editor for the day of a newspaper under the able instruction of the Rev. David Farey of the Media Awareness Project. In his talk, he made us aware that we need to continue our vigilance and criticism of the standards portrayed in the media.

There are times when we all long to get away from the rush and bustle of the present day. Mildred Gale and Margaret Hopkins described to us the peacefulness and refreshing qualities to be found on a Mothers Union Retreat. This evening meeting concluded with a quiet time of meditation and prayer.

The theme of prayer was continued in the Rev. David Evans' talk to our afternoon meeting in March, when he gave members an insight into the rich traditions of Celtic Prayer. He also spoke of the movements of Celtic Saints including the well known St. Patrick and the lesser known St. Bridget.

This year's Maundy Thursday Eucharist was well attended by members and enriched by a symbolic washing of the disciples feet.

We are now all looking forward to the 100th birthday of the Mothers Union in the Peterborough Diocese with celebrations on 8th June in the cathedral.

Please remember the Mothers Union 'Away From It All Holidays' sponsored walk on 27th April.

Bugbrooke Women's Institute

During the first ten years of this century, six new universities were founded in Britain: a source of pride and achievement and hope in the growth of higher education. The Women's Institute at once saw that these universities were of no great value to village folk, whose old ways worked well, but needed adapting to modern equipment and newer standards of hygiene.

"When you educate a man, you educate an individual; when you educate a woman, you educate a family" was a maxim strongly believed in by Lady Denman, chairman of the National Federation of Women's Institutes from 1917 to 1946. Between the World Wars, the W.I. had begun to act as agents for Local Authorities in promoting the educational facilities made available by the County Councils, and became a strong influence on the educational scene. In 1946, they boldly launched an appeal for £60,000 to open their own College for adult education, to be called Denman College. Marcham Park near Abingdon, a late Georgian house set in 100 acres, was snapped up for £17,000.

Opened 2 years later, the College was furnished by the County Federations, and quickly became the best thing that had happened to the W.I. since its foundation. Women found that it was possible to leave husband and family for 5 days without disaster striking, and they could return to their own W.I.s fired with enthusiasm to pass on all the new things they had learnt.

The first Denman course was entitled "The Education of the Countrywoman through the W.I.s". Within 10 years, courses covered such diverse subjects as Arctic Exploration, Italian Art and General Science. 20 years later, 175 courses were available, from Cathedrals to Car Maintenance.

The 1991–92 programme gives members the choice of over 300 courses including Welsh, Counselling Skills, Starting a Business and the Folklore of Love and Marriage! Many of these courses lead to nationally recognised qualifications, including RSA and BTEC.

This year the Northants Federation will be enjoying an educational break at Denman during June. A draw was held for one member from the County to enjoy a course at no charge, and the Branch name drawn out of the hat was Bugbrooke! Our lucky member is Dorothy Cobb who will be studying "Georgian England" in the beautiful surroundings of Denman – enjoy it, Dorothy!

On 29th April, we have a meeting to discuss the resolutions for the forthcoming National AGM, which include more publicity for the dangers of paracetamol; the encouragement of high quality childcare for all, and the abolition of the amount deducted from the old-age pension after a 6-week stay in hospital – a very informative evening. The competition is rather more light-hearted: Gingerbread People.

On 3rd June, we shall be joined by members of the Gayton and Rothersthorpe W.I.s for "Easy Summer Entertaining" by Mrs. G. Smith. Perhaps you would like to come along too?

C. Hammons.

Royal British Legion – Women's Section

In February we had a talk on her life by our President Mrs Trinder. She told us how she served in the Fire Service during the war. Over eighty now, her memory is as clear as it was fifty years ago when she was doing her 'bit' at Daventry.

At our March meeting a young man with a fascinating hobby. Julian Moulton showed slides amd talked on birds, mostly to be found in Bugbrooke, also some of their 'habitats' in the village. It was a terrible night weatherwise but fifteen members were present.

M.E. Pell, Hon. Chairman.

Bugbrooke Conservative Association

The Annual General Meeting of the Bugbrooke Conservative Association was held in the Sunday School on Wednesday 20th March. The annual accounts for 1990 were presented to the meeting and unanimously approved by the members present who passed a vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer for the satisfactory financial affairs of the Branch. The Hon. Secretary gave a report on the work of the Branch Committee over the last twelve months.

Mr Michael Adams decided not to stand again as Chairman and Mrs K. Rigall was elected in his stead. Officers re-elected were: J. Sexton as President, P. Parry – Hon. Treasurer, I. Riches – Hon. Secretary, Mrs. A. Bird – Vice Chairman, and Mrs A. Peel as Postal Votes Officer. The Committee (with the addition of Mr Michael Adams) were re-elected en bloc and Mr Alan Parr was to be invited once more to be Hon. Auditor for the ensuing year.

Warm tributes were paid to Mrs Rigall for her work on behalf of the village and the constituency in general as a District Councillor over sixteen years and regrets that she had decided not to apply for re-election. Mr Alf Oliver was unanimously elected as official candidate to compete for a place on South Northants District Council in the election to be held on 2nd May 1991, in her stead.

Bugbrooke Flower Club

What a great start to our new season, February a lovely arranger and March a great character. We seem to have more visitors than ever, very welcome visitors I hasten to add.

The Society is looking forward to our April meeting hoping to come away and be able to sow our own hanging baskets, etc., although I suspect many of us can give you a good showing ourselves during the summer.

B.E. Bell

Action Research for the Crippled Child

We would like to thank everyone in the village who have supported us in the last twelve months. We sent a total of £980 to Head Office and hope that we will be able to do likewise this year.

We are looking forward to several events this year including a Nationwide Photographic day called 'Focus for Need – Take A Photo – Help a Child'. This was launched by HRH the Duchess of York. The aim is to encourage as many people as possible to take photos over the

May Bank Holiday, Saturday 25th – Monday 27th May. "Snappers" are then invited to send their best photo(s) with a caption, a minimum donation of £1 and a completed entry form, which are available from photographic retailers, or myself. It is hoped to raise £500,000 for Britain's leading medical research charity for children. You could win a family holiday to Florida or one of hundreds of cameras. The theme for the competition is 'Children' (photos of, or by, children).

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Bugbrooke Playgroup

Easter Bonnet Parade

Our Easter Bonnet Parade was very well attended and we had a total of 26 entries to the Bonnet competition. A lot of effort had been put into producing first class hats by everyone. It was a shame that they couldn't all win. The winning entries came from Nicola Case and Rachel Hill in the pre-school group and Kelly Clarke and Nina Copson in the school age group. I would like to thank everyone who supported us on the day and a total of about £80 was raised.

Our next event is the Teddy Bears Picnic which will take place on Wednesday 19th June and will be going to Wicksteed Park this year. Details will be available from Playgroup nearer the time of the event.

If anyone has any queries about Playgroup, please contact Teresa Garlick on 832433 or call into the Village Hall during any session time and someone will be willing to help.

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

We are holding our May Day Celebrations on llth May from 2pm to 4pm. – ALL are welcome. There will be various stalls – toys, books, crafts, games and refreshments, as well as Maypole and country dancing, music and crowning of the May Queen. We are keeping our fingers crossed for another fine day!

Friends of Campion

CAR BOOT SALE – 19th May. From 10.o'clock. £5 per car.

FETE – 8th June. We need your help!

If you can help with a game, a tombola stall, white elephant stall or can bake a cake, **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL.**

Contact Jenny Unwin via the School.

Campion School

Campion School wishes to apologise for any inconvenience caused during the extension and floodlighting of their tennis and netball courts.

During construction the area will be extremely dangerous and children should not venture near at any time. Consequently it will be impossible to provide pedestrian access from the side footpath from Merriefields Housing Estate.

However, once the courts are completed, not only will the footpath be re-instated but we also hope to offer a casual booking of the courts thereby providing the community better sports facilities throughout the year. Details of use will follow later.

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

Bugbrooke Girl Guides have been involved with a wide range of activities since Christmas. Each patrol organised their own party with a variety of costumes and menus. We had visits from two outside speakers. Tim Partridge came to explain the complexities of the communion service to us. Now that everything has been made clear, hopefully there will be even more guides at Church Parade! We also enjoyed a slide show of the Solomon Islands giving us an insight into what voluntary service overseas is all about.

Guides plus parents met up for two outings during the term. We all went to the opening performance of the village pantomime, and finished off the term with iceskating at Milton Keynes. Both very enjoyable evenings.

In February our District Thinking Day was held at Bugbrooke Church. Guides and Brownies from Harpole, Nether Heyford and Flore joined us.

The guides have been busy with tie dying, puppet making and mosaics in order to gain their craft badge; whilst another hectic evening was spent producing badges with the help of Misty and her badge making machine. Some girls attended a course for five Tuesday evenings at Daventry Fire Station. After a very interesting time, and a lot of hard work, they all successfully gained their firefighter badge.

We are now commencing our summer programme when hopefully we will be able to get out and about in the sun.

Bugbrooke Rangers

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chance to try many activities such as sailing, fencing, archery and many others.

We also organised a trip ice-skating at Milton Keynes, **outdoor** trampolining, a party with Towcester Ventures and Rangers, a moving meal, a sauna and swim, and a visit to the Bugbrooke Panto.

Our Summer programme includes a Badger Watch/Camp, yoga, another sauna and swim, and we are also hoping to take part in the Ranger Trail '91 along with our Duke of Edinburgh Award and more!

If you are 14, female, and interested in joining, please ring Cara on 832481 or Chara on 831769.

Bugbrooke St. Michael's Senior Youth Group

Hello all friends and villagers. We are a small group who meet most Sunday evenings in various member's homes and are involved in Church ideals, but are also active in the National Association of Youth Clubs (NAYC) which gives the members the opportunities of joinging in various activities, some arranged by the NAYC direct and others by ourselves. Below are three examples of what has been achieved since Christmas.

Ten pin bowling

On Tuesday 19th February, GX Superbowl was invaded by 48 teams of bowlers from NAYC for the annual Ten pin bowling competition. The junior section to be played in the morning and the senior part in the afternoon. Our team which were named 'the Bugs' included David White, Paul Akehurst, Lauren England and Caroline Phillipson. They all played very well and although we did not win as a team, Caroline walked away with the medal for the highest girls score. Well done to them all.

Red Nose Day

We would like to thank all those who came to our cheese and wine evening for their support.

We had over 50 people come, many of whom 'stonked' the evening away and sang all the old favourite songs. Meanwhile Ian Fergus disappeared and was rumoured to have been kidnapped and ransom money was collected so he could be set free again. A total of £145 was raised in aid of comic relief.

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Thanks also go to Nigel and Valerie for allowing everyone to invade their house.

(by Caroline Phillipson)

Trampolining

Nobody can say we're not intrepid. On Thursday 4th April, we set out in convoy for NAYC at Kings Park to try our hands at trampolining. As the photographic evidence has proved (unfortunately) none of us are budding world champions but a great time was had by us all. We all mastered the basic manoeuvres quite successfully through much giggling and collapsing. We may not have been all together graceful, but it was very enjoyable. Several of the little brothers and sisters who came along were all for instantly enrolling for classes but were finally convinced they should wait and "check with Mum first".

I think we shall definitely be making a return visit, you never know, a little perseverance, and we might be doing somersaults yet!

(by Marnie England)

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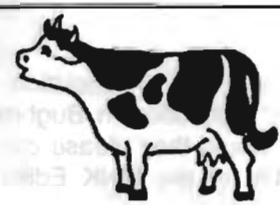

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In Brief

OAP Christmas Gift Scheme. Chairman Simon Villette is most anxious to have a good attendance at the Scheme's Annual General Meeting which is being held at the Sunday School on TUESDAY 30TH APRIL at 8.00 pm. It would appear that some residents in the village, who should have been "entitled", were not on the list of would be recipients. Mr Villette is most anxious to arrive at a system which would obviate such embarrassment in the future.

Short Supply – Apologies
Every household to whom LINK is delivered should, last issue, have also received with it a plan of the new proposed Community Hall. Unfortunately we were not supplied with sufficient copies. Those who did not get a plan and who have any queries are invited to call Brian Curtis on 832244.

Goodbye Sally!
Sally the Post Lady who recently retired, has asked us to thank everybody for their good wishes. She says that she will particularly miss seeing the children.

"Wings" Appeal
The Northampton and District Branch of the R.A.F. Association are seeking volunteers to help with their "Wings" collection in Bugbrooke next September. If anyone is willing to assist would they please contact R.A.F.A. Headquarters on Northampton 34490 or the LINK Editor on 830370.

Important Meeting
Don't forget the Annual General Meeting of Bugbrooke LINK Magazine (YOUR MAGAZINE) is to be held on **Thursday 9th May 1991 at 8.00 pm. In the Village Hall**.

Family Announcements

PELL – Happy birthday Gary for 6th May. Hope you have a lovely day. From Nan, Pap and Auntie Barb.
PELL – Happy 70th birthday Dad, on 12th May. Have a great time. Love from all the family.

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GARLICK – Happy birthday Lee on 23rd May. Lots of love from Mummy and Daddy.
JENKINS – Happy 15th Tim on 4th May. Love from Mum, Dad and Louise.
JACKSON – Happy birthday Chris. Love from Sue, Andy and Tim.

SMITH – Mrs Tom Smith of Camp Hill would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and flowers in her recent sad loss.

All family announcements for July/Aug to 12 The Paddocks (830605) by 3rd June.

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

At the Extraordinary General Meeting on 10th April, there was almost unanimous support for the proposed Community Hall scheme which was circulated with the last LINK magazine. I am now proceeding with the planning applications and drafting a constitution with the Charity Commission to create an Association to include all organizations within the village to run the Hall and Playing Fields as one amenity for all residents.

I am setting up a steering committee for the construction of the new Hall and if there are any experts out there with knowledge of plans, quantity surveying, electrics, heating, wall/floor coverings, furnishings and so on, I need you to help – don't be shy, give me a call.

We now have a new tractor and ancillary equipment with which to maintain the Playing Fields in tip top condition. This is due to the efforts of Messrs. Britain, Wood and Adams who located and transported the bargain to the site, and the member clubs who have loaned the funds in order to purchase it. Thanks to all concerned!

April sees the change from Winter to Summer sports and the BPFA congratulate Rugby, Soccer and Hockey teams which have all fared well during the season and extend our best wishes to the cricket who are now established members of the premiere division.

Two stalwarts who are specifically looking for help are Judy Cooper and Dick Jones. The former would like a Tote organiser to receive and collate money from collectors and Dick is seeking additional helpers for the fete weekend (July 6th/7th), which by all accounts should not be missed since bands, chariot races and many other events are already organised. Give them a ring.

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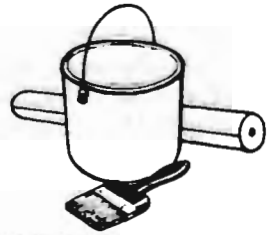

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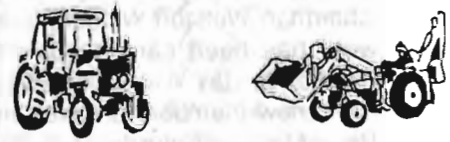

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SPORT

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

The season starts on Saturday 27th April and continues through 'til 29th September.

An attractive fixture list has been arranged for both Saturdays and Sundays, plus the various Cup competitions. Two matches in particular are worth noting:

25th August v Fallow Bucks all day game.

29th September against the Northants over 50s county side, followed by a barbecue.

The Saturday team will again be captained by David Birch, and the Sunday and cup side by Tony Pont. A hard-working committee led by Chairman Winston Wincott, is arranging various social events and much work has been carried out on the ground and pavillion, with special mention to Ray Wake, John Mundy, Mick Adams and Terry Saville.

Any new members are welcome, and should contact team secretaries: Peter Minney (Saturdays) or Paul Sackley (Sundays).

All that is needed now is sunshine in plenty, and a continuation of the team spirit so evident last season.

Bugbrooke Football Social Club

Karaoke Evening

This was a very successful evening and brought forth some very different tones of singing from a variety of people. Tom Jones and Shirley Bassey they were not, but I think they provided much more fun and entertainment than a hundred stars put together.

There was not a sign of stage fright or first night nerves and once the evening got under way it was a job to keep some performers down. For those of you who were unfortunate enough to miss the event, you

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Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

In their first season, following promotion as champions in East Midlands league division 2, Bugbrooke finished in a comfortable 3rd position.

Things could have been better, though skipper John Gowan has faced several problems with the first-team squad being depleted through injuries. However, facts must be faced up to and Bugbrooke lost league games which the players felt they could, indeed should, have won!

Bugbrooke's second XV have had what is probably their best ever season. They have lost few games and those which they have lost have been close fought affairs. A similar story applies to the third XV, invariably fielding a youthful and enthusiastic outfit, wins resulted more often than losses. The good results for the lower sides reflect credit on second team skipper Chris Woodgate and Steve Vaughan who leads the third team.

The club have also been able to field a youth side for most of this season, fixtures have been against sides from Northamptonshire, Bucks and Warwickshire.

Local rugby has figured strongly in the success stakes this year with the excellent progress of Towcestrians in winning promotion to the Courage National league division 4, being followed by the Saints exciting victory in the semi-final of the Pilkington Cup. I am sure all local rugby followers will be at Twickenham to cheer them on against Harlequins in the final on Saturday 4th May.

I hope this local luck rubs-off on Bugbrooke and look forward to a promotion winning season for next year.

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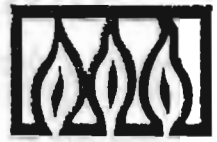

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8 novice section and Dianna Longdon who was selected to represent the County at Under 8 level. This County squad have competed in the regional finals and are playing at Wimbledon during the tournament in June/July.

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Village Diary

April	27	10 am/1 pm	Mothers Union Sponsored Walk for 'Away from it All' Holidays	SS
	27	2.30pm	lst Cricket Match	Bugbrooke Cricket Ground
	29	7.30pm	W.I. Discussion of National AGM Resolutions	SS
May	1	2.15	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
	2	8.00pm	Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society	
	3	8.00pm	Present 'Bedroom Farce'	CS
	4	8.00pm	by Alan Ayckbourne	
	4-6	10am-6pm	Flower Festival	Church
	5-12		Centenary Festival Week	Church
	9	7.30pm	Mothers Union Ascension Day Service	Church
	11	2-4pm	May Day Festivities	PS
	15	2.15	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
	17	6.45-7.30	Junior Disco	PS
	19	10.00am	Friends of Campion - Car Boot Sale	CS
	20	7.30pm	Royal British Legion - Women's Meeting	SS
	23	7.00pm	lst Bugbrooke Scout Group AGM	PS
	23	8.00pm	M.U. – Talk on India by Miss Ross- Brown	SS
	27	8.00pm	Flower Club – Back to Basics	SS
	29	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
	29	8.00pm	Meeting Point	Rectory
June	2	10.00am	Parish Communion at Gayton Church	
	3	7.30pm	W.I. – Easy Summer Entertaining	SS
	8		100th Birthday Celebrations of Mothers Union	Peterborough Cathedral
	8	2.00pm	Campion School Fete	CS
	12	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
	13	2.30pm	Rev. Partridge talk on Centenary of Bugbrooke Church	SS
	15	2.00pm	Church Fete	Church Car Park Field
	15	8.00pm	Summer Barbecue for Action Research	71 Pilgrims Lane
	17	7.30pm	Royal British Legion – Women's Meeting	SS
	19	7.00pm	M.U. Service and Wave of Prayer	Church
	24	8.00pm	Flower Club – As You Like It (Mrs. E. Gordon)	SS
	26	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
	26	8.00pm	P.C.C. Meeting	SS
July	7		Grand Village Fete	Playing Fields

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