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Editor: John Sexton

Changing Scene
High praise has been voiced at the new-look lamp standards in the High Street coupled with a feeling of good riddance to the majority of the old wooden electricity poles. What a pity some have had to remain to support a number of telephone lines. It had been hoped that British Telecom would co-operate with the Electricity Company and bury their lines at the same time. But not a chance! – we must now wait for some indeterminate time in the future when the diggers will come back again!

Vegetables
Good news, elsewhere in this edition, is that the Allotments Association intend to continue with the Annual Produce Show the future of which was in doubt after the retirement of Frank Flavell who had organised it for many years. There is no doubt that the decision to carry on with this annual village feature will be generally welcomed. It will now be up to the whole village to support the new organisers.

Linda Gould
Our readers will be saddened to hear of the death of Linda who did such a good job in editing the last issue of the 'Link'. Our sympathies are extended to Terry and all the family.

Reminder
Finally just a reminder that this Editors job is still "up for grabs" – will 1993 produce a volunteer?

Cover
Many thanks to Roy Smith and Michael Best for providing new photographs for the cover.

Deadline for the next issue is Monday May 10th

The LINK Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 6th May at 8 pm

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This year sees the Gilkes family complete 80 continuous years of providing the Clerk to the Parish Council. The present Clerk, Harry Gilkes, has been in office for 33 years. This remarkable and probably unique record was duly recorded. It is unlikely to be equalled or repeated anywhere in the country.

The future use of the Village Hall continues to be considered. A special public meeting was held on 15th February in view of the work in the building required by the Environmental Health Officer. It is clear that the Village Hall does not generate anything like enough money to meet the cost of all the work suggested. (It is also well beyond the financial capability of the Parish Council.) It was suggested that, if no cooking facilities were required, the necessary work (and corresponding cost) would be reduced considerably. The Village Hall Committee are discussing this possibility with the Environmental Health Officer; and the Parish Council will again be approached when likely costs are known. The heart of the problem, however, is the fact that grants are not available from District or County Council because the building is owned by the Trustees and there is no requirement for it to remain as a community facility. Clearly, even with the best of intentions from all concerned, the existing building cannot be considered an adequate long-term facility for a village the size of Bugbrooke. Plans for a community centre on the playing fields site have already been lodged with the District Council and this remains the best hope for such a facility. I gather that there is a Village Hall representative on the Playing Fields Committee and so the obvious connection already exists.

Officers from South Northamptonshire Council have been invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the possibility of providing "affordable housing" in Bugbrooke. If a suitable site can be found for a reasonable number of starter homes then such a scheme may be worth considering. Watch this space!

The scheme to replace existing wooden poles holding streetlights with underground cables along the High Street should be worth the mud and disruption the work causes. The area should be enhanced by the stylish black columns and white lights which will replace the unsightly poles. An additional benefit is the two extra lights being erected: one opposite the Post Office and one on the corner of Great Lane opposite Elm Tree Bank. It might also be possible to use some of the lamps removed to improve lighting elsewhere in the village.

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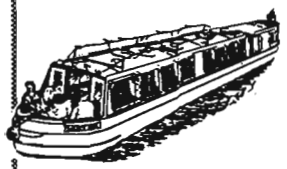

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Daventry District Council have turned down the application from the the Green Belt Festival organisers for a public entertainment licence for the proposed site at Stowe IX Churches. There is, however, a right of appeal.

Contractors from South Northamptonshire's Housing Department will be in the village sometime over the next few weeks. If anyone is not sure whether any person is a genuine contractor, a call should be made to Mr D Morgan on Towcester 50211 Ext. 457.

The Footpaths Committee have organised a footpaths working day for Saturday the 17th April. All offers of assistance will be gratefully received. Anyone interested should contact Canon Tim Partridge or any member of the Footpaths Committee or Parish Council.

Finally, requests to various public bodies for work involving money being spent have always produced mixed results. What is consistent, however, is the code used in their responses to indicate the likelihood of work being carried out. A glossary of recent euphemisms and their true meaning is as follows:-

"immediately"= this year
"as soon as possible"= maybe this year
"in the near future"= maybe next year
"not in this year's budget"= maybe . . .
"this does not have a high priority"= forget it!

Perhaps these terms should be included in a Charter.
David Harries

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I have a feeling that we got something wrong about the oil spillage near the Scottish Islands. We have heard next to nothing about it lately and I have a feeling that the oil has dispersed and the damage was nowhere near as serious as we thought it would be. Thank goodness for that.

As I sit here writing these notes, I am not only watching the birds near the bird table, I am watching another green bird on top of the church. For days now this bird has been staring towards Northampton and the winds coming from Russia or somewhere have been bitter. I want to see that bird this afternoon move round and look the other way towards Litchborough, as the weather man has promised us.

One little bird near the bird table always interests me. It is the hedge

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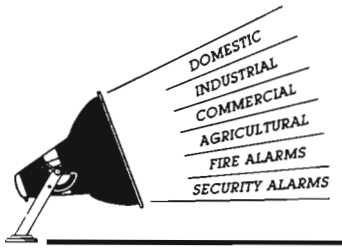

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sparrow or dunnock. It is very seldom on the table but it stays on the ground underneath and clears up all the little bits of food that the others have dropped. I do so well remember, as a boy, looking into a hedge sparrow's nest and seeing that a rather large grey bird from Africa had taken one of the blue eggs out and left one of its own in its place. You may hear the grey male bird in a couple of months time!

Writing about large grey birds, we had one fly over the hedge with a collared dove in its talons. It landed on the lawn and we watched as it plucked feather after feather from the dove. When it flew away I went to inspect the spot. It was just a mass of feathers. The bird was a sparrowhawk and I think there are quite a number about. The other hawk we see hovering near a motorway is a kestrel of course.

Looking up at the lime trees in the churchyard, I see the rooks have made a good start. There are two large nests and several others started. The usual stealing of nest material is going on but they will sort it all out in the end.

I went with Jim down to Somerset on the 15th February and we saw three lovely badgers dead at the side of the road. Reading Eric Roberts nature notes in the Chronicle some time later, he said that badgers in mid February would be cleaning out their winter bedding. What a shame we drive too fast to miss them!

Towards the end of the February notes I said I had seen a wonderful television programme on flamingoes. Well, last night there was an even better wildlife programme on chimpanzees. This sort of programme is so wonderful isn't it? News, whether local or worldwide, is so depressing and I find it is often better not to know about it.

Things are looking up! My friend, on top of the church is now staring towards Heyford. Temperatures must rise!

The daffodils beside the church car park and in other parts of the village are now showing no end of buds. They will look lovely in a week or so. I see from this morning's paper we can send names in and get one or two of you a medal!

Several nature sightings about the village. A mink, running across the ice on the canal at the bottom of Bird's Hill. A little owl perching on a post near Cornhill and a negative sighting, our nuthatches have deserted us and have returned to the woods.

P.S. I have just taken the notes along to Mr Sexton and I have seen that wonderful sign of Spring. Lovely little lambs running across the field behind the church.

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Sitting here on this lovely Spring morning with the sun shining and the daffodils raising their lovely heads yet again from the cold, wet weather of the past week. It makes us realize just how fortunate we are to live in such a village as Bugbrooke with such a very good community spririt and how sad so many other people live in such dreadful turmoil. We can only hope and pray for such people that soon their lives will be touched with happier and more peaceful times.

First many thanks to the pupils of Campion School Enterprise project for donating their profits of this year to our club. They kindly handed over £100 to us with which our members enjoyed a fish & chip supper. Many thanks and every good wish to you all in your future lives. Also good wishes to this year's projects.

We are still planning this year's outings. The Spring and Autumn ones are still being sorted out but for our day outing in June we are off to Clacton, so let us hope the weather is fair for us and who knows we may all get a paddle.

We send all our thoughts and sympathies to the family of our member, Mrs Clemance, who sadly passed away in March.

Are there a couple of ladies who are able to help us with our tea rotas? Our tea ladies make us tea 4 times a year, if anyone is able to help please ring me on 830725.

SJM

IN FOCUS – Profile of Roger Clayton

Where were you born?
In Bugbrooke at 19, Camp Hill.

Where were you educated?
Bugbrooke Primary School then Duston Secondary Modern.

What is your favourite part of Great Britain?
The New Forest and Bournemouth area.

Whom do you admire the most?
My mother for her willpower and determination.

What is your greatest fear?
Being a burden upon others.

What is your favourite food and drink?
Rare sirloin steak and a glass of guinness.

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Do you have any ambitions?
To breed and break to harness a matching pair of hackney stallions, to drive in a carriage – I am half way there at present.

What talent would you have liked most of all?
A good singing voice.

What do you do for leisure?
Breed and drive hackney horses. I have acquired several rosettes from various competitions.

Have you had any embarrassing moments?
22 years ago today I was told by the hospital that my second son was a daughter; having told all the family and friends that I had a daughter I then had to say it was a son.

Where did you meet Pam?
We first met when I was 7 years old and Pam was 3, we then met at Gayton Village Hall when she was 12. The relationship blossomed.

Do you have any pet dislikes?
None.

How did you become interested in horses and coaching?
I was always interested in horses from a small boy. I first became interested in coaching when I was asked by a friend to provide a driving horse to put to a victorian carriage to drive Dame Edna to open a fete.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?
I like most aspects of the village. I dislike the lack of amenities for the elderly.

How would you like to be remembered?
As someone who worked to make a better life for his family.

If you could live in any part of the world, where would it be?
Probably Australia.

Did you always intend going into the Garage/Motor trade?
Yes, it was what I always wanted to do.

Do you have any advice for young people starting out in life?
To be positive and determined to succeed in whatever they are doing.

Having lived in Bugbrooke all your life, have all the changes been for the good of the village?
I have a double viewpoint – as an individual I have not always agreed with the changes, but as a businessman they have been good to me.

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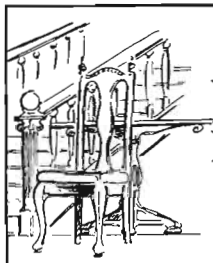

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When and where were you married?
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If you could have your life over again, would you change anything?
Not in general terms.

What do you enjoy most about your work and what is the least enjoyable?
I like meeting people. I have no particular dislikes that spring to mind.

Tell us about your carriages.
The carriage in the picture is a Double Bow Fronted Braugham and is 104 years old. It was found in a derelict condition in Wales and was completely stripped down to restore it to its present pristine condition. It took me approximately 600 hours and 22 coats of paint to restore.

It has been used for 15 weddings up to the present and we have attended various fetes around the County.

My other carriages total 7 and include a Liverpool Gig, an open Landau. These are in various stages of renovation. I am currently looking for a horse drawn hearse to renovate. Any offers!

My thanks to Roger for sparing the time to answer the questions –
Don Prime

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Lent, Holy Week and Easter

About 50 people have been taking part in House Groups for Lent which have met on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings and Thursday afternoons. They will be leading the worship on each evening during Holy Week. On Good Friday we shall have a Children's Workshop at 10am, a Watch by the Cross at 2pm and a Devotional Service at 7.30pm.

Easter Day will have Holy Communion with Hymns at 8am, the Easter Carol Communion at 10am when we shall light the Easter Candle – all ages are welcome at this service, and at 6.30pm Festival Evensong with Communion at the end.

P.C.C. Day

The Parochial Church Council will be spending Sunday, May 16th as a day planning for the next few years. Our aim this year in our 3 year parish plan is to reach out to the village, and at our day we shall think and plan more with this aim in mind. After the 10am Service we shall meet at 12 noon, work for an hour then have lunch and then spend the afternoon working till 4.30pm before Evensong at 6.30pm.

Churchyard Working Party

Our Spring Tidy up will begin at 9.30 am on Saturday, April 17th, do come along and bring a garden implement or two, now is the time to begin preparing for the Best-Kept Churchyard Competition. Fresh volunteers to help with mowing or other tasks in the Churchyard are always welcome, contact Nigel Burt on 830792.

"For better, for worse"

This is the title of an informal evening put on for those married last year or to be married this year in Bugbrooke. There will be a candlelit supper and a chance to mix with those with some years of marriage behind them, and other people with particular skills in finance, insurance, health, and the whole field of family life. Invitations will go out to those we know of, but if anyone else in the village newly married or preparing for marriage is interested, do ring Sue Nightingale on 831025.

Sunday School

Our Church Sunday School meets in the Sunday School at 10am on Sundays during the School term. We have the Sundays off either side of half term, but otherwise we meet in the Sunday School for about an hour. There is an enthusiastic band of teachers looking after the children and there is also a creche for younger children whilst their parents are at

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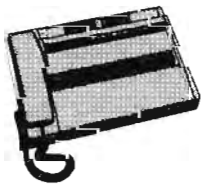

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church. Do bring your child along to Sunday School, all children are welcome, and it is an opportunity if you wish, to come up to the Church service, the children are looked after until you are able to collect them after the service. If you would like to know any more you are welcome to contact Carol French on 831034, Rowena Eddison on 830605, Kathryn Hill on 831586 or Alison Mellor on 831466 and they will gladly tell you more about our Sunday School.

Emergency Prayer Circles
We now have another Telephone Prayer Circle available. If you have something or someone for whom you would want us to pray please ring Sue Lock on 830171, Joyce Leadley on 9/830336 or Ann Gowen on 832126.
Tim Partridge – 830373

Essential Family Reading Matter

Most people know that the book with the highest sales in the world is the Holy Bible. It is rare to find a home which does not have a copy. Indeed, in days of yore, it was used to record a family's tree in the fly-leaf.

There is another book which *should* be in every home, although, sad to say, this is not the case. This is the Highway Code which has been re-issued in a new edition priced at 99p (under £1!!). This is a safety guide for all road users. Non-observance of the code is not in itself an offence (some believe that it is now time that it should be), although it may be used to confirm or negate the evidence in legal proceedings. The code refers to its "Rules". This cannot be for they do not have the force of law. Anyway, rules are for fools.

Have you noticed how actors on TV and in films turn in deep conversation, while driving, to face their passengers. Although not highlighted in the code, this is a very dangerous practice even for one fleeting moment which can result in death or serious injury. Just as bad is the person who drives in hot weather with an elbow resting on the window sill and a hand holding the roof down – the shirt sleeve acts like a ship's ventilator causing cool air to circulate round the body. This is also not a good idea, for I have on several occasions in the past had to collect from the roadway the lower arm below the elbow which had been amputated by a passing vehicle. The code's advice for both these situations is hidden in Paragraph 42 which merely requires a driver to be in full control of the vehicle at all times.

Mention is made in Paragraphs 48 and 51 of using signals before moving out or making a manoeuvre. It is not mentioned that such a

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signal merely indicates an intention and does not allow a driver to perform his intention unless the road is clear so to do.

We used to have headlights and parking lights. One set was used when driving and the other when the vehicle was stationary. We now have sidelights – which is strange because they are not at the side – and Paragraph 131 instructs us to use them between sunset and sunrise. This would not be so ambiguous if "when parking on the public highway" had been added.

Tucked away in Paragraph 137 is the very sound advice not to disgorge your passengers or goods into the centre of the road but rather onto the roadside. Though not mentioned, it is just as important to use the roadside when loading your vehicle.

You are advised in Paragraph 142 to park at night on the left side of the road facing in the same direction as that of moving traffic. This is just as important in fog, although you are not told so.

Cyclists are advised not to ride along drainage channels at the road side (Paragraph 195). Is this the latest name for a gutter? In my experience, a drainage channel is at least four feet deep and just as wide and is to be found in the Fens and the Tropics.

In the pretty pictures at the back we find a policeman beckoning traffic from the rear while he has his eyes to the front. As a sprog copper (in the days when "The Blue Lamp" was an official police training film), I was taught to look at the driver when giving traffic signals. Although you are not told to do so, you should pass to the front or rear of a policeman on point duty according to where his hand signals indicates. Missing from the illustrations are those beautiful shire horses and the draymen showing how to signal with a whip.

There are many items which could have been mentioned but, no doubt, space and cost precluded them. Had stopping distances not been duplicated in Paragraph 57 and on the back cover, it might have been possible to advise drivers of the Continental zip system used where a road narrows. In this system (which is law in some countries just as most of our Highway Code is applied as law in some foreign countries) one car enters the narrow road from the left lane followed by one from the right lane, and so on. Another excellent Continental law is that all children under 12 years of age have to be carried in the back seats.

Hopefully this small sample of the contents of the 1993 edition will have whetted your appetite sufficiently to pop along to the newsagents and get a copy for a family reading session. How about having a quiz when you get bored with "Eldorado" or "Neighbours" or even Terry Wogan.

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On 1st April this year, Northamptonshire Rural Community Council takes on the new name of **Northamptonshire Acre**, giving a new image to a charitable organisation that has been working since 1946 to support and assist the rural areas of the County.

The new name, **Northamptonshire Acre** will not only identify **YOUR** county organisation more closely with its national body ACRE (*Action with Communities in Rural England*) but will also ensure that it is no longer mistaken for a local authority.

Many of you may never have heard of the Northamptonshire Rural Community Council and be unaware of how it can help your village. We hope that more people will come to know of **Northamptonshire Acre** as it works to 'promote rural action' in the county.

The **Northamptonshire Acre** staff can advise on any aspect of public life within your village, including such matters as:-

Building, maintaining and promoting village halls.
Providing and maintaining children's playgrounds
Village Newsletters – Parish Maps – Village Appraisals
Running local charities
Rural housing
Helping to retain rural services – transport, shops, post offices, schools, doctor's surgeries
Fund-raising and sources of grant aid for projects
Advice to parish councils (Northamptonshire Acre staff act as the Secretariat to the Northamptonshire Association of Local Councils)

Northamptonshire Acre will also continue to run competitions such as the Best Kept Village and Inter Village Quiz and to give small grants to help new village projects get off the ground through its Village Initiatives Fund.

If you are interested in the work of **your** rural charity, **Northamptonshire Acre**, or would like advice or help on any matter concerning your village, please contact us at the Hunsbury Hill Centre, Harksome Hill, Northampton, NN4 9QX. Telephone (0604) 765888.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt At "The Five Bells"

Well Easter is almost upon us and due to the success of the last 3 years we will once again be holding our Annual Egg Hunt in the garden on Bank Holiday Monday.

The fun will start at 10 a.m. with a car-boot sale (Pitches are available at £5 each) with the Easter Egg Hunt – for children **under 12 years** starting at 11 a.m.

There will be a free bouncy castle and a Bar-B-Que (weather permitting).

If anyone in the village would like to use the garden for any fund-raising during the day, we would welcome your ideas – all proceeds of course would be kept by yourselves.

May we also take this opportunity to thank you all for your custom & support over the last 4 years. Yes, we really have been here 4 years, and hope to see everyone for many years to come. Many thanks.
Steve & Karen – "FIVE BELLS"

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

A busy time ahead looks likely at the Playing Fields with the development of the Bowls Green high on the priority list. The construction work will start as soon as possible although this still relies upon legal agreements being finalised and prospective land buyers being found. Any potential purchasers should contact me as soon as possible for details.

The committee has resolved not to hold a fete this year but instead has decided upon several smaller 'sports days' in which residents and street teams will be able to take part. We hope that you will still feel able to turn out for these events, give us your support and enjoy yourself into the bargain.

A car boot sale will be held on the first Sunday of each month commencing on 2nd May from 10am until 2pm. Pitches £5 or £4 booked. Tel. 832244.

The BPFA is asking member clubs and participants their views on how they would like to see the Playing Fields develop and what facilities they may require in future years. Recognising that the current users are not the only ones who may wish to see changes or improvements in the way the amenity is operated the committee would like anyone interested to make their views known to a committee member either verbally or by letter. This will enable us to make a clearer assessment of the needs of the village over the coming years.

I would like to thank all our tote collectors who have worked so tirelessly over the last year and whose efforts have gone in recent times to improving facilities for the younger children. We continue to upgrade the play area gradually as money becomes available. Swings now cost in the region of £1000 – approximately one year's tote.

We need some more collectors particularly in Kislingbury Road, Ash Grove and Johns Road, so if you live in these areas and enjoy getting about and meeting people whilst helping a good cause, please telephone me at the number below.

Finally a date for your diary. The AGM of the Playing Fields Association will be held on Thursday 29th April at 8pm in the Social Building. We look forward to giving our report prior to electing next years committee.
Brian Curtis – Chairman. 832244

Bugbrooke Allotment Association

At our A.G.M. it was decided that we would attempt to revive 'The Flower and Produce Show', that had been organised so well by Mr Frank Flavell for some time.

The format will be kept similar to before with vegetable, flower and cookery classes; with the possible inclusion of a largest pumpkin grown in the village competition!

We are just starting to put things together, and we will keep you informed of progress through these pages.

If anybody has any comments or suggestions please contact me, Bev Dinsey 830198, Geoff Topliss 831135 or John Blair 830375.

Bugbrooke Operation Spring-Clean 1993

24th April 10am–4pm
We need as many helpers as possible to give the village a real spring-clean on April 24th. All equipment will be at 1, Church Lane between 10am and 4pm. Last year we won Most Improved Village award, but one or two black-spots were noted. If everyone helped, who knows what we could achieve this year?
Sue Pace – 832516

Bugbrooke Flower Society

Our A.G.M. in January was very well attended. Our Chairman Mrs M. Wright presented a cheque to Jackie Shirley from the Macmillan Nurses.

Thank you Committee for all your hard work during the year, thanks also for the excellent supper after business was concluded.

For our February meeting the hall was packed to capacity with several brides to be sitting in the front row to watch Mrs C. Rodgers demonstrate how to make buttonholes, nosegays and bouquets. She wasn't giving too many secrets away in case we all tried our hand.
B.E. Bell

St Michael's Church Fete

This year's fete will be on Saturday 26th June, the venue will be, as usual, on the church field commencing at 2pm so make a note in your diaries now. We have been promised a sunny day and are looking forward to a record attendance.

Events already planned for this extravaganza are:

Procession and crowning of the Rose Queen
Wandering Clown Entertainer
Juggling
Clown Workshop for Juggling/Plate Spinning etc.
Clown Acrobats
Primary School Entertainment
Gymnastics
Netball Match
and lots of stalls

Tea and cakes will be served at the Sunday School during the afternoon.

Also this year we have arranged a car boot sale which will be in the adjoining church car park. All cars must be booked in advance at £5 per car. Contact Sue on 831025.
Sue Nightingale

Women's Institute

At the beginning of March we had a talk and demonstration on reflexology. This was informative and most interesting, and many of us were surprised just how much our feet can reveal about our bodies, to a qualified reflexologist. Instead of our usual meeting at the Sunday School in April, we will be visiting the Records Office in Northampton.

Meanwhile Countywide, preparations are under way for the East of England Show. Village scrapbooks have been painstakingly prepared and will be judged during the 75th anniversary celebration weekend at Pitsford in July.

Aid for Slovenia: members of W.I's in England and Wales have provided over 20,000 boxes of assorted aid, sent through the Royal Mail, and a further 5000/10,000 are expected.

The skittles tournament is now under way with Bugbrooke doing well so far.

There will be a Choral Celebration at Thomas Beckett School in Northampton in May. A day at the Royal Theatre in June. Applique workshop, a visit to Wisley, a Golf tournament, and an International evening on Malaysia. Quite a selection.

Come and join us at the Sunday School, on the 1st Monday of the month (except April when we will be out) at 7.30pm.
V. Chambers

Mothers Union

Thank you to all those who helped at and attended the Jumble Sale, we raised £215.

Ian Fergus will be our guest at the meeting on 21st April. He will be talking to us about his experiences at the Barcelona Paralympics. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday 25th April we have organised a sponsored walk of about 5–6 miles around Bugbrooke. To obtain your sponsor form, maps, compasses, etc. contact Sue on 831025. The money raised from this event will be donated to 'Away From It All' holidays, where we arrange caravan holidays on the east coast for families in need. Last year the Mothers Union was able to help 15 families to have a holiday. If you don't feel like walking, but perhaps would like to sponsor someone, please contact me.

We will start and finish at the Sunday School where there will be cups of tea available. Plasters for all those blisters will also be on hand.
Sue Nightingale – 831025

Christian Aid Week May 17–22 1993

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8. You can help Third World farmers get a better deal by buying fair trade products such as Traidcraft.
9. Christian Aid works with hundreds of thousands of people in poor communities across the world.
10. WE NEED YOUR MONEY TO HELP THEM.

On May 1st 12 noon–2pm I shall have a pre-Christian Aid Week Hunger Lunch and Traidcraft Sale in the Sunday School. Proceeds to Christian Aid of course!
Sue Pace – Local Organiser 832516

Bugbrooke Youth Club

Well with Spring in the air and weather permitting our outdoor activities should be creeping out of the cupboard.

We still meet every Wednesday and Friday evenings between 7.30 and 10pm at the Playing Fields Club House and have that great playing field just outside the door for the more energetic to play cricket, football, rounders or volley ball, while the slightly less energetic still have table tennis, snooker/pool, darts or board games indoors, the tuck is always open. So if you are between 11–17 years old and would like to come along please do, admission is only 30p each evening.

In April we are going roller skating and in May we hope to enter a few teams for the moonwalk. We'd like to thank all of you who come along and support the Youth Club and thank the parents who give up their evenings to help. If anyone wishes to help in any way give us a ring at the Youth Club on Wed or Fri evening on 831137.
Lynn Elliott, Steph Bowen

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Computer Club

The 11–16 Club has now reached its limit of members so no new applications will be allowed at least until the summer. The Junior Club continues strongly and is also approaching its membership limit so if you are interested in the Junior Club then you'll have to hurry.

Having spent many weeks 'settling in' at Campion, we now find that the time is right for beginning the second aim of the club. That is, to show anyone who is interested, the basics of writing computer programmes. To do this we are using the schools NIMBUS computers. The method used to try to keep everybody moving forward at their own pace is to set a number of 'modules' which everybody has to go through. Some will go more quickly than others and have started to show this already. The aim is to show the members how computers communicate, a little about using graphics, printers and storing information. Any questions that arise outside these areas I will answer as best I can. With a bit of luck we will finally answer that question – 'what do you do with a computer except play games?'

I. McIlhiney – 832746

Bugbrooke Junior Youth Club

It doesn't seem possible that it has been over six months now since we opened up. The time has flown by, filled with many an interesting evening!

Our ice skating trip back in February, was a great success with the children. Unfortunately Annette and I were not pleased with the establishments facilities or their treatment of us. So in true British fashion, I said nothing . . . instead, waited until we came home and wrote a polite, if strongly worded letter of complaint. The result was a marvellously grovelling telephone call from the manager and free tickets to take all the children there again. We were rather pleased!

The self defence night that we were due to have was postponed, due to reasons beyond our control, but we will have had in March, a drugs awareness evening. Following this our talent evening and then an evening with a rather odd visitor! Two policemen are coming along from the dog handling section of Weston Favell police station, and bringing with them one of their four footed friends. The children will be shown and told how they are trained etc. It should be a good evening.

No news I'm afraid of any forthcoming events, as our timetable for

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the next three months is still in its conception stage. We are hoping though to go ten pin bowling and possibly camping.

The children have voted a committee for themselves and there has been talk of a sponsored event. So should your door be knocked, please remember that it is for a good cause and don't hesitate to give generously.

P. Pancoust

Betty's Pantry – Winter Warmers

Parsnip Soup

3oz butter
4oz onion (chopped)
1lb parsnips (cubed)
1 garlic clove (crushed)
1oz flour
1 rounded tsp curry powder
2 pints beef stock
salt
black pepper (ground)
¼ pint single cream
chopped chives

Melt the butter in a large pan, add the onion, parsnip & garlic, fry gently for 5 minutes. Stir in the flour and curry powder, cook for a minute, then blend in the stock and seasoning. Bring to the boil, stirring, then cover and simmer gently for about 20 minutes, until the parsnip is tender. Sieve or purée in a processor or blender.

Reheat until hot, taste and check seasoning. Stir in the cream just before serving, sprinkle chives on top.

Sausage and Tomato Bake

½lb sausages
6oz onion (finely chopped)
14oz tin chopped tomatoes. Drained and liquid made up to ¾ pint with water
chicken stock cube
1 tsp curry powder
2–3oz long grain rice

Heat oven to 180°C – 350°F – Gas mark 4.

Place all ingredients apart from the sausages into a covered casserole dish. Cook for about 45 minutes. Grill sausages. When cooked cut into bite size pieces. Put sausage pieces into casserole during last 15 minutes of cooking time.

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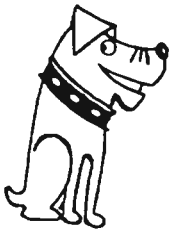

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I've got to confess to my fellow citizens of Bugbrooke, that I'm a compulsive rubber-band scavenger!

Having spent my childhood and teenage years in the pre-war and war-time years, I just can't ignore those nice clean bands that are strewn along our pavements (I heard a rumour that it was the postman – is it?)

I usually look round before I pick one up, feeling a little embarrassed at my eccentric behaviour. Maybe, because I have just been to collect my first O.A.Pension, that I started to remember all our old habits, like saving brown paper and string, putting potato peelings at the back of the fire, to rake down later when they were dry, etc. Ashes were scattered on the garden, tea leaves used to clean the stair carpet, goose-wing to sweep the hearth, newspapers to line drawers, or cut up and threaded with string for the outside loo! I even, when dressmaking, used to pull out the tacking threads and lay them along the back of the chair for re-use.

This quirk has lingered on with me all my life, but I'm making progress in shaking off the "compulsive" side of it. I don't now wash *every* plastic bag for re-use, and can throw worn out clothes into the bin with careless abandon, which I used to find impossible, consequently gathering around me too much 'junk'.

My friend Gladys is the same as I am. We often used to, rather self-righteously, bemoan the younger generation's tendency to throw everything out willy-nilly, until one day I came home from work to find a pair of slippers on the dustbin. For a moment I was tempted to 'tut-tut' and shake my head at the wastefulness of my younger friends, but remembering my resolution not to be so 'stingey' I plopped them into the bin, and as it was bin day the next day, off they went.

The next day my friend Gladys rang – 'Jean, I left my slippers on your bin whilst I was unlocking the car and forgot them, but I wasn't worried, I know what you're like, you'll have looked after them I know....!!

So if you see me picking up rubber-bands (they're so *useful*) bear with me, I'll recover one day...

Incidentally I have always enjoyed reading LINK especially Mr Lantsbery's spot.... (My one-time boss). In one issue he mentioned that someone had seen a 'humming-bird hawk moth' in the garden, well so did I, in September or so, but didn't know the name of it until I read LINK.

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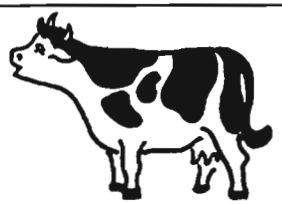

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The Arts

Bugbrooke St Michael's Music Society

Members of the Society recently attended a concert given by Northampton Symphony Orchestra at Derngate and greatly appreciated an enjoyable and diverse programme. What made it more interesting was that we were seated behind the orchestra which gave us an unusual and interesting aspect of the orchestra.

The next event in our calendar will be on April 24th when we have a talk by David Meakin on the 'Life and Works of Beethoven'. This will follow a similar pattern to David's talk last year on Chopin. I am sure that it will be equally as interesting and, of course, will be accompanied by some excerpts from a number of Beethoven's works on the piano.
Bruce Piper – Chairman

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society

The public poured into Campion School to see the BADS production of Wind in the Willows held at the beginning of February, giving us record box office takings. After all the worry before Christmas when the costumes were not forthcoming, Sheila Bignell (Producer) nearly having a heart attack, it was great to see everything coming together at the right time. We hope everyone enjoyed the show.

As result of which, we will be able to donate the sum of £200 to the Macmillan Nurse Appeal in memory of two of our Members who died last year, namely Russ Myers and Sheila (Tilly) Smallwood. Additionally, as a result of the generous support of people attending the Show, a further sum of £54.97 was raised from the collection boxes. Many, many thanks. I would like to mention that we make a donation every year to a charity organisation and your continued support of our shows enables us to do this. Keep supporting us folks.

TRIVIAL PURSUIT by Frank Vickery is the title of the BAD's next production to be held at Campion School on the 14th & 15th May, 1993. This is a very funny play and I give a brief synopsis as follows:

A summer evening's BBQ is the setting for a meeting of the Trealaw & District Operatic Society. Next season's play is being announced by Nick, Society's business manager, who has promised a different show

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and the plum roles to four different people. As the evening progresses each character's foibles and talents are revealed. Joyce, once talented and well-meaning, is a lush; Teddy is alternately sweet and strident; Derek is pathetic but lovable. The complex relationships between players emerge as moments of pure slapstick and farce alternate with ones full of real drama and pathos. Not every hitch is resolved, but at the end of this exploration by turns ironic and serious, of the joys and heartaches of amateur theatrics, we leave the Society intact and its members ready for another season testing the magic and artifice that is theatre.

So leave your television sets behind and come and join us.

Courses for adults at Campion School

Adult EDUCATION

During April, May and June a series of courses for adults over the age of 15 will be available at Bugbrooke Adult Centre. Anyone interested in joining should telephone Northampton 832592 or Northampton 863948 to book a place. They start on April 19th and exclude national holidays.

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Over 50's Keep Fit	7.30–8.30pm	10 weeks	£15.00
Spanish Level III	7.00–9.00pm	5 weeks	£13.50
Yoga	7.30–9.00pm	10 weeks	£22.50

SATURDAY		
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There are also two daytime Art classes available at Harpole (Tuesday morning) and Milton Malsor (Thursday morning).

Sport

Bugbrooke R.U.F.C.

With a run of four league games to come the 1st XV have shown their determination to win promotion by producing some prolific scoring and quite outstanding results: at the time of going to press it can be recorded that their last four encounters have finished in their favour 65 pts – 7pts, 50 – 10, 78 – 0, and 57 – 0 . . . a total of 250 points with only 17 in reply. The 2nd and 3rd XV have also shown creditable results, and the Colts have made the semi finals of the Oceanic Cup.

A considerable amount of the credit for any success this season must go to coach David Pope. However the strain of being "responsible" for three teams (with an occasional fourth team) a Colts side and Sunday training for the under 16's is beginning to take its toll. Volunteers are

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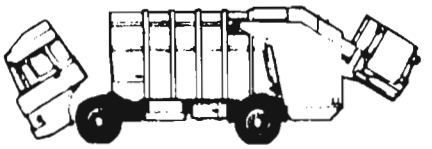
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urgently required for helping particularly on Sunday mornings with the younger players. David Pope would be pleased to hear from anyone, including parents, who is willing to lend a hand.

The Club suffered a great loss with the death of "Andy" Hedges at the early age of 27, after a long illness which he bore with great fortitude. Andy was a very popular member who always enjoyed his rugby when he was able to play and even in his later days would come to the Playing Fields as a spectator. A large contingent of Club Officials and players attended the service at our village church to pay their last respects. The service was taken by the Rector, the Revd Canon T. Partridge – a former player and now a Vice-president of the Club.

The Annual Dinner is to be held at the Men's Own Club House on Friday 28th May and tickets will soon be available.

Bugbrooke St Michael's Football Club

The season will have finished before the next issue of Link and will be concluded with the Annual Dinner at the club house on May 22nd. Tickets cost £10 each and the speaker will be Mr Peter Smith who has a local and national reputation as a very amusing after dinner speaker at football events.

The season has been successful for all teams although it looks unlikely that they will win trophies. The Reserves came close to retaining the lower junior cup but were knocked out in the semi-finals. The First Team and Reserves have both got the ability to finish high in their United Counties Leagues whilst the 'A' and 'B' here maintained mid-table Central Combination positions. There will be a move next season to ensure the local teams provide an opportunity for young players to progress into adult football; thereby enabling the youth policy that has operated for several years to benefit the whole club.

Many thanks are extended to all those in the community who have worked hard to enable so many people to enjoy their games of football. With 10 teams to be organised it takes a lot of backroom involvement in order to prepare grounds, kit and social facilities.

One of the bonuses of the season has seen the creation of a VET's side for over 35's. These have been very sociable games and anyone interested in joining these events next season should contact the Chairman on Northampton 830317. There is now an opportunity to enjoy football from Willie Marriott's coaching courses from 7 years old (at Campion School) to the senior VETs at 40 plus. Come along and join in.

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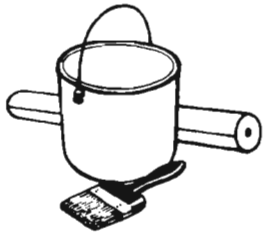

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The A.G.M. of the club held recently was poorly attended, only 15 being present.

Sunday Captain will be David Birch, following the resignation of Tony Pont and the Saturday Captain Ray Wake, with Ray Cory as Vice Captain. The teams should be in capable hands with such experience at the helm, but the club badly needs younger players.

The Club also needs a new *treasurer* and *tea rota organiser*, following the "departure" of Terry Saville and Molly Sackley through work commitments, and the club should be grateful for their splendid efforts.

Peter Minney has also handed over the Saturday Team Manager duties to the Captain and Vice Captain (players please note).

It could well be a difficult season ahead, but Chairman John Munday is confident the Club will overcome all difficulties, let us hope the sun shines.

Family Announcements

COOPER – Happy birthday Kelly, three on 27th May, lots of love darling, Mummy, Daddy and baby Abigail XXX
COOPER – Happy birthday Kelly, 3 on 27th May. All our love, Nanny, Pappy, Uncle Darren and Great Nan and Great Pap XXX

KAMBANIS – Kathy & Matthew would like to thank all friends and neighbours for their prayers, good wishes and cards celebrating the safe arrival of their baby Kay. Your kindness has been much appreciated.

PACE – Tony, Sue, Andrew, Jo and Alison thank all our friends for their support and prayers following Jonathan's untimely death. Your concern and care has been a great source of strength to us all and we shall always be grateful. It is our privilege to be part of this wonderful village.

CLARKE – We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the beautiful cards and messages of sympathy sent to us at the sad loss of Eddie; a dear husband, father and pappy. It is great to know we have made so many friends here in Bugbrooke considering the short time we have lived here. God bless you all. Many thanks also to Darby and Joan for the flower decoration. Elsie Clarke and family.

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The Village Diary

April 8	8pm	M.U. Maundy Thursday Service	Church
11		Easter Day – Services at 8, 10 and 6.30	
11	11am–Noon	St Michael's FC Kids Easter Egg Hunt	F.C.
12	10am	Car Boot Sale	Five Bells
12	11am	Easter Egg Hunt	Five Bells
13	7.30pm	S.M.F.C. Fortnightly Bingo	F.C.
14	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
16–18		M.U. Retreat at Ecton House	
17	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Jumble Sale	S.S.
17	9.30am	Churchyard Working Party	
18	2.30pm	Bugbrooke Cricket Club –1st Match v Olney	Home
19	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion (Wms) Meeting	S.S.
19	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	V.H.
21	8pm	M.U. Paralympics, Barcelona	S.S.
24	10–4pm	Operation 'Spring Clean'	from 1 Church Lane
25	2pm	M.U. Sponsored Walk	start at S.S.
26	7.30pm	Parish Council	V.H.
28	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
28	8.00pm	P.C.C. Meeting	S.S.
29	8.00pm	B.P.F.A. Annual General Meeting	Playing Fields
May 1	12 noon–2pm	Christian Aid Hunger Lunch	S.S.
2	10–2pm	B.P.F.A. Car Boot Sale	Playing Fields
5	8.00pm	'I believe and trust'	S.S.
8	2.00pm	Flower Society Jumble Sale	S.S.
10	7.30pm	W.I. Resolutions and Craft Evening	S.S.
12	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
13	2.30pm	M.U. Talk on Leprosy Trust	S.S.
14–15	8pm	B.A.D.S. Production: "Trivial Pursuit"	C.S.
16	12–4.30pm	P.C.C. Day	S.S.
19	7.30pm	"For better, for worse"	S.S.
20	7.30pm	Ascension Day Communion	Church
22	7.30pm	St Michael's Football Club Annual Dinner	F.C.
24	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting	V.H.
26	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
June 6	10–2pm	B.P.F.A. Car Boot Sale	Playing Fields
9	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
26	2pm	St. Michael's Church Fete	Church Field

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