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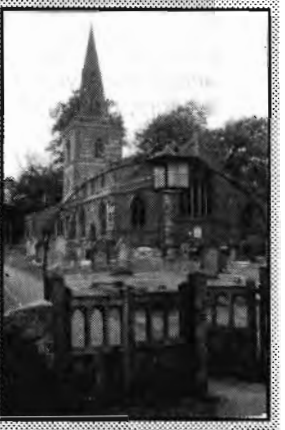

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Service & Gratitude

The passing of Harry Gilkes after thirty three years as Clerk to the Parish Council marks the end of an era in that, that post has been held by members of the Gilkes family for over eighty years. It is always dangerous to say "impossible" but it is extremely unlikely that this example of long service to the community will be repeated in the future. Such public service will be inextricably linked with the annals of the history of Bugbrooke and the gratitude of both former and present generations of residents of the village. Harry Gilkes will be sadly missed.

Health Matters

Reports and information reaching LINK indicate that a large number of Bugbrooke residents are very concerned at the proposal to open a pharmacy in the village.

At a time when the National Health Service in the country as a whole is under constant criticism, this village has indeed been fortunate in the services provided on the one hand by Dr Paine and on the other hand by Dr Dutta and his partners and their staff, in two efficient surgeries, coupled with close liaison between the two practices. Particularly important to most residents appears to be the instant availability of drugs and medicines. Peace of mind – particularly for the elderly – is a matter of extreme importance in health matters.

A survey indicates that a big majority of LINK readers believe that the medical teams in Bugbrooke provide a unique service, which they would not wish to be impaired. If, as the Doctors contend, the very viability of their surgeries may be at stake, the proposal which appears to the layman to be "change for change's sake" could prove a retrograde and costly experience for patients.

It is to be hoped that whatever each individual reader's view might be on this important subject that the interests and well-being of patients are paramount in any decisions made by the authorities.

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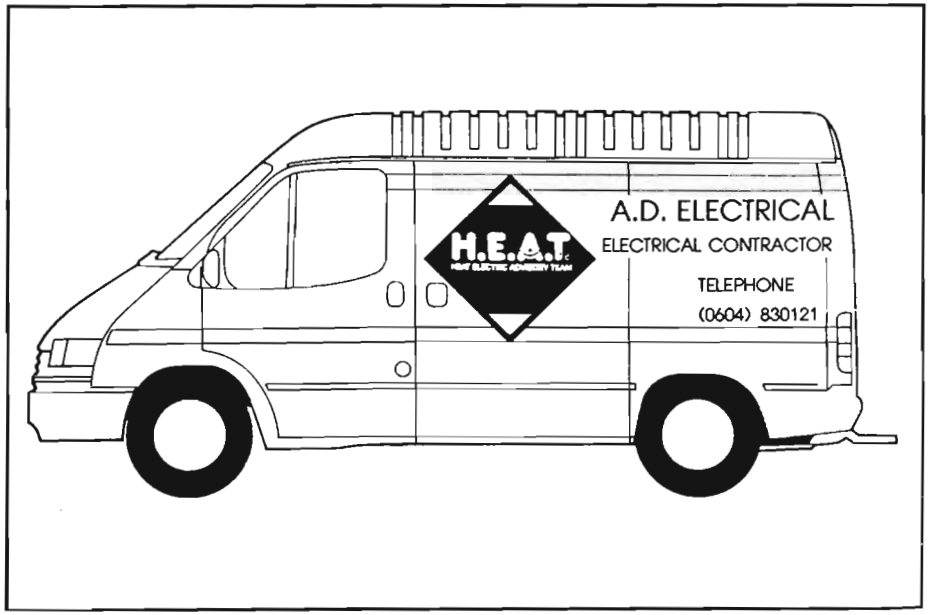

That *"Special Relationship"*
The media would have us believe that since Bill Clinton took over the office of President of the United States from George Bush the special relationship between our two countries has cooled. Be that as it may, it was good to see that on July 4th (American Independence Day) Mr and Mrs Toby Brooks, an American family now living in "Merriefields" proudly displayed the Stars and Stripes. We hope they are enjoying their sojourn in our midst and that they will indeed consider that their stay in our village has formed a special relationship with Bugbrooke and its people.

ST. Michael & All Angels Church News

Churchyard
In August adults from our church will be making a house-to-house collection to help with the upkeep of the churchyard. Everyone in the village has the right to be buried in the churchyard and if the church did not provide the churchyard then the Parish Council would have to provide a cemetery from the rates. Maintaining the churchyard does still cost money in addition to the voluntary labour put in by so many people. We are justly proud of the way our churchyard is kept and we hope you will help us to keep it in good shape.

The cremation area has recently had work done on it, the conservation area is being managed very well by Judith Smith, between 30 and 40 volunteers keep the grass mown, look after the flowerbeds, strim the edges, trim the hedge and the countless other tasks. We would ask that everyone notes that artificial flowers are not permitted in churchyards as they are out of place in such a setting.

Family Morning
On Thursday mornings during term-time there is great activity in the Sunday School as parents (mostly Mums) and their babies and under school age children gather for drinks, a chat and a chance for the children to play with toys provided. Lasting from 9–11.30 a.m. it provides a meeting point for over 40 mums.

On July 1st a coachload of mums and children went to Wicksteed Park and had a wonderful day and are looking forward to going again next year.

The commission from the recent photograph session was sent to Helen House, the hospice for children in Oxford, it amounted to £80.
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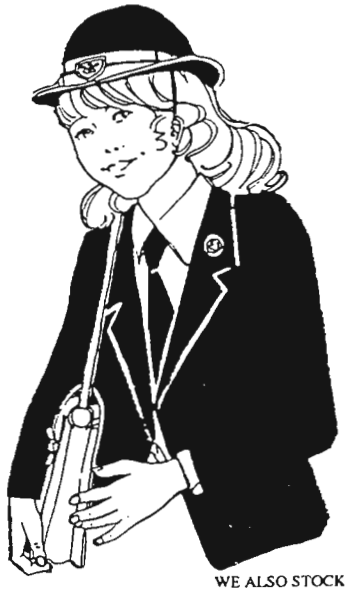

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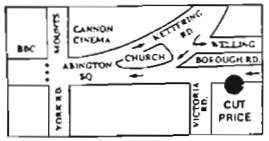

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Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I am starting to write these notes on Friday 9th July and a most wonderful thing is happening outside. It is absolutely teeming with rain and has been for several hours. I am sure people going out for the day will not agree but that rain is going to do so much good in the gardens.

Talking of going out for the day, I went with the Mothers Union ladies from the village to Uppingham yesterday and we saw something rather interesting. There were many beautiful hanging baskets about and some of them were dripping water and it was quite a warm day. When I went closer I saw that they were linked up with a little pipe and were being watered automatically. I am sure it would cost a few pounds to set up but what an easy way to have lovely baskets.

I went to a meeting last Wednesday and I was a bit annoyed when I got back because the wife said I had missed a lovely nature programme. It was about bluetits and sparrow hawks. I never realised that baby bluetits, when leaving the nest, are taken by hawks to feed their own young. That is a nasty side of nature and bluetits do no end of good when they are feeding their young on greenfly etc.

Carol Quinn from West End rang me one day to say that as she looked out of her bedroom window early one morning, she saw a sparrow hawk eating a bird on her lawn.

We are so pleased that the spotted flycatcher has built a nest in the pyracantha on the front of the house. Mum is now sitting on four eggs and it is wonderful to see Dad take her the odd fly! We have never had so many goldfinches in the garden and of course they have a nest in the acer tree in the middle of the lawn. What a beautiful bird. You can quite understand why people years and years ago kept them as cage birds.

Mrs Pam Jones in Ace Lane says she has a nest in her garden. We have had quite a lot of chaffinches in the garden too and one male sat and sang all day long. I think some species are more numerous and some are really scarce. For instance, have we as many swallows and housemartins as we used to have? What about the cuckoo? Years ago they could be seen quite often, now they are hardly heard. I have not heard of a kingfisher sighting lately. I do hope it will reappear.

On our Somerset trip on June 23rd we saw three dead foxes on the road and two running about in the field. We also saw one peacock walking sedately along the village street when we stopped for a bite.

How are you doing for pests around the garden? Ants, slugs, snails etc. I have never known so many. I wonder if modern methods of looking after the fields are killing off the creatures that used to keep the

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pests in check. I used to hear a thrush tapping away with a snail in its beak. I never do now. The hedgehog used to keep the slugs down, are they not less in numbers? Ants can be seen everywhere.

I smiled when Evie told me that a lady said to her she was scared of walking in her garden because frogs were leaping everywhere. They came from the pond next door.

There are a lovely lot of fish in the brook, I wonder how long they will survive? It is highly dangerous to eat them you know!

Flower Festival

What a success! 'Round the World in Flowers'. The thanks of a great team for your support in helping to raise £239.00

But help is needed if we are to have a flower festival next year.

Do you have any ideas for a festival theme?
Do you fancy popping flowers in oasis?
Do you have a few hours to spare?

We would welcome your enthusiasm. There will be a get together on September 1st 7.30 (Wednesday) at 28 Camp Hill, Bugbrooke. If you would like a chat beforehand ring *Annie Boswell* 830601 or *Joan Chester* 831379.

Darby & Joan

At the time of publishing Link autumn will be here and summer will have come (hopefully) and gone. Let's hope all of you fortunate enough to have had a holiday, have had a lovely time and are suitably rested. Our club still flourishes and so do our wonderful members. Our day outing in June to Clacton was a little damp to say the least (it rained all day!), but not one of our members complained! What a lovely group you all are! I do think one or two were almost as damp inside as out. I do know that all of you made as good a day as possible and the traders of Clacton were very kind allowing us to sit with pots of tea and sometimes something a little stronger, for as long as we wanted. Let's hope our outing in September is not quite so wet. We also look forward to a Cheese and Wine in August with our friends from Heyford club.

Our condolences to our member Pauline Gilkes and all her family on the death of Harry, her husband, a well known ceaseless worker for our village. Harry used to, with Pauline, visit our club annually to distribute bus tokens to our members. He will be greatly missed by so many.

Our Autumn Jumble Sale is on 16th October and our Christmas Bazaar on November 20th. May we ask you for your support, any

jumble (clean and no large items please) or bric-a-brac, would be most welcome. Please ring me or any committee or club member. Thank you.
Jean Munday – 830725

In Focus – Village Profile

Don Prime talks to Ivor Peet

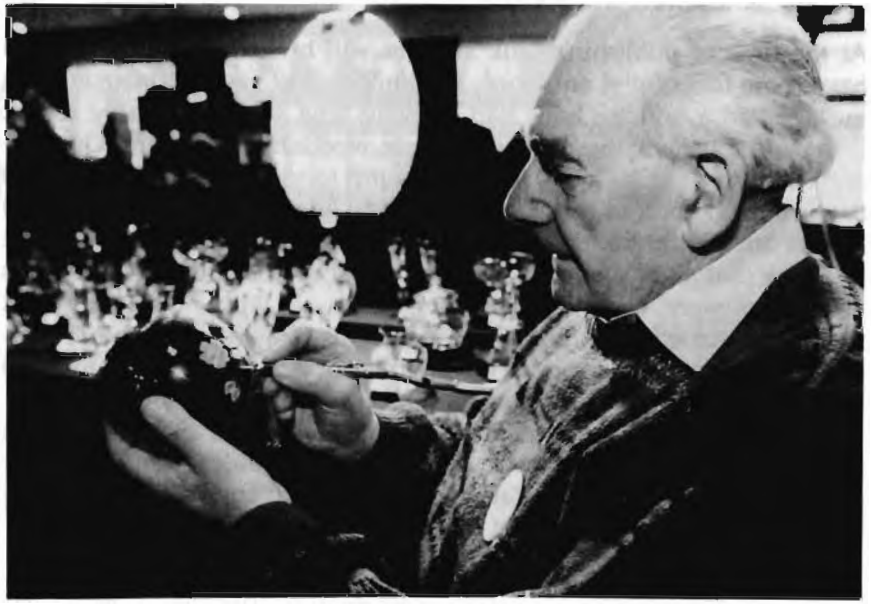
Where were you born?
Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

Where were you educated?
Kirkby-in-Ashfield and in Rugby.

Which is your favourite part of Great Britain?
The Isle of Wight, New Forest, and the Yorkshire Dales.

If you could take 3 books and 3 pieces of music to a desert island, what would they be?
Books: Dictionary and Alan Wickers books.
Music: Whilst I am not musically minded, I do like listening to male voice choirs.

Whom do you admire the most and why?
Surgeons for their dedication and skills, particularly in key hole surgery and the nursing profession.



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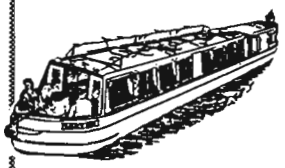
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What is your favourite food and drink?
I enjoy all food with the exception of boiled onions.

What ambitions do you have?
To keep healthy and to live longer.

What talent would you have liked most of all?
To have played the piano.

What do you do for leisure?
Bowling, walking, reading, painting and sketching. [The paintings that I have seen both by Ivor and Barbara were I thought very good.]

Do you have any pet dislikes?
Yes, rude people.

Where did you meet Barbara?
Through mutual friends at Wellingborough.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?
I like the friendly people. I dislike the village expansion.

How would you like to be remembered?
As a person who gave pleasure to people who enjoy the beauty of engraved glass.

If you could live in any part of the world where would it be?
It would have to be England.

When and where were you married?
Wellingborough 1940, we have one son, David, who lives in London.

If you could have your life over again, what would you change and why?
I have enjoyed my life and cannot think of any reason to change it.

How did you come to Bugbrooke and when?
I became the village bobby in 1952.

Do you have any regrets? None.

Why did you join the Police Force?
I joined the Police Force in 1936 when I was 19 years old, as I thought it was a career worth following and that I would also enjoy it and could do it well. In 1943 I joined the Royal Air Force and became a navigator/bomb aimer flying Ansons in South Africa, leaving the Royal Air Force in 1946. I returned to the Police Force where I served in various parts of the County before coming to Bugbrooke in 1952, staying until my retirement in 1962.

What do you think of village policing today?
In my day there obviously was not the number of cars and villagers

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about, but the village bobby was seen every day in the village on his bike and knew everybody. Today you are lucky to see the policeman as he drives through.

What did you do when you retired from the Police Force?

I worked for Bill Botterill for 4 years then with Websters at Pattishall for about 14 years.

How did you become interested in glass engraving?

I had been thinking about what I could do when I retired and we were on holiday in Exmouth when we went to a craft fair and saw somebody glass engraving. I knew that that was what I wanted to do. It really follows on from my painting and sketching which I still do.

Visiting Dartington Glass I bought some seconds to practice on, bought the necessary equipment and tools and we were away.

I engrave all types of crystal wine glasses, decanters, decanter sets, bowls, jugs, vases, tankards. Each item is individually engraved to the customers requirements and as such is unique to the customer. From my records of customers I can say what they had and am able to replace in the event of breakages. In 15 years of engraving I have only had about 6 breakages.

I visit craft fairs and fetes around the county.

Having seen Ivor's display I can only say what a steady hand and eyesight he has, which is essential for the fine detail he engraves.

My thanks to Ivor for giving his time so I could ask my questions...

Don Prime

Bugbrooke Twinning Association

At last, after two years of informal meetings and exchanges, Bugbrooke played host during the last weekend of May to a group of 73 visitors from the village of Iteuil and its neighbouring communities. The major focus of the visit was an evening of choral singing at the church in which Bugbrooke Choral Society hosted their French counterparts. Accompanying the Society was a group of people interested in looking at many aspects of village life in England and they certainly experienced that.

The visitors arrived on Saturday morning after a sixteen hour journey with, thankfully, a calm crossing, and were welcomed in the Village Hall by Mr David Harries, chairman of the Parish Council and Mrs Buxton, vice-chairman of South Northants Council. Speeches were given by both groups and momentos exchanged before everyone departed with their hosts to freshen up and grab something to eat.

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During Sunday a visit was arranged to town followed by an introduction to our national game, cricket. Fortunately it rained intermittently throughout the afternoon so that our visitors could appreciate the game in its full glory!! Indeed some actually thought that the game had derived from an ancient British rain dance. Luckily the bar remained open so our visitors could have some beer to warm them up.

The evening concert was a huge success with the church full to overflowing. The standard of singing was incredibly high with musical support and translations kindly provided by Derek Whittington.

Everyone who hosted our visitors said how much they enjoyed the experience even though, in some households, all conversation was apparently carried out in sign language. Hopefully for the next visit more people will offer themselves as hosts so that all our guests can stay within the village. Many thanks to all those people who made the weekend such a success. Not only the hosts but also everyone who helped in any way by preparing food, playing cricket, translating or just joining in the fun.

The twinning committee is hoping to arrange a return visit to Iteuil during May Bank Holiday next year – everyone welcome. By this time we hope to have a fully constituted Twinning Association with formalised links established with Iteuil. Campion school is also planning to arrange an exchange visit between the two schools during the Summer Term of 1994.

It is the aim of the twinning committee that all activities will be self-financing (except where assisted by EEC grants). As a result several fund raising ventures will be necessary. These will probably include some form of barbecue in the summer and a Ballroom Dance at Campion School in October or early November. Please support these ventures and join us next May in cementing links with these friendly people who are already making plans to give us as good a time as we gave them.

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David Pope

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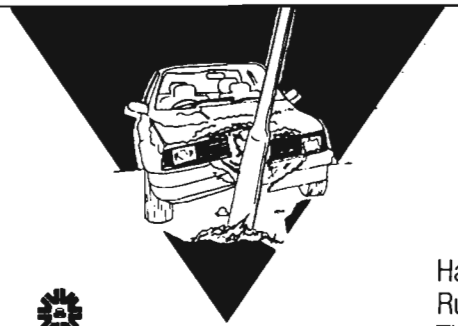

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Our sincere thanks go to all who contributed in any way.

Alec Shaw

Royal British Legion

The total raised nationally for the 1992 Poppy Appeal was £13,227,231. A very big thank you to those who contributed towards this record sum. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and enables the Legion to help those ex-Service people in dire need.

During the Winter of 1939 and the Spring of 1940, there was occasional mention of patrols being active in France or of our bombers attacking enemy targets in Germany (usually with nothing more lethal than leaflets). But generally we were told that it was: all quiet on the Western Front.

I am afraid that that is about the state of things for our local Legion branch at this time of year. We are due to hold a gathering of the clan in July which will hopefully provide some items of news.

There has been criticism of the civil servants who process claims for various benefits. They are charged with being dilatory. That is not my experience. I recently applied for a War Pension. I was required to undergo an independent examination and, in under 6 months, I have received the decision and my first payment. I am sure that Dr Dutta's report about my medical condition helped to ease things along.

September seems to have been an inauspicious occasion to choose for a long-boat cruise on the canal. Apparently most people go away on holiday at this time. So those who were ready to set sail will be sorry to learn that we have had to shelve the whole thing for the time being.

I have met people around the village who proudly proclaim that they have served in the Armed Forces. Whether you were in the Royal Navy, the Army, the Royal Air Force, Colonial Military Forces or their Reserves, whether you were regular or National Service, you are eligible to be a member of the RBL. We would be pleased to see you at the Five Bells at 20.00 hours (8.00 p.m. – in case you have forgotten) on Monday 16th August.

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As one drives around the countryside, it seems that there is a breed of *kamikaze* drivers in our midst. I am sure that I am not alone in this belief and that others must have witnessed this phenomenon.

These suicide drivers are those who drive with their vehicle's offside wheels either on or over the roadway centre white line. It seems that it is beyond their ability to imagine what will happen should they meet another driver of the same ilk coming in the opposite direction.

Then there are those who are incapable of adjusting their speed to the road conditions. Thus they enter a sharp bend at too high a speed and have to cut the corner to be able to negotiate it, rather than using their brakes to reduce speed. In cutting the corner, they find themselves face to face with a vehicle coming from the opposite direction. They then have to take violent evasive action to prevent a collision at the same time as they force the other driver to mount the roadside to avoid a collision. There are the times when their evasive action is not effective and we then read of a road accident in which a number of people were killed.

The Highway Code advises that where there is an obstruction on your side of the road, you should give way to oncoming vehicles. Sometimes, though, you are already committed to overtaking a line of parked cars with no opportunity to pull in when faced with an approaching vehicle. It would be sensible for the other driver to slow and if necessary stop to allow you through. This is too much to expect of the *kamikaze* driver who will force his/her way through at all costs even if it results in his/her having to mount the pavement.

The reverse is also true where you are already driving opposite a line of parked cars. The *kamikaze* driver ignores the guidance of the Highway Code (or is it just pure ignorance?) and chooses to start overtaking these cars on his side of the road despite your approach. Have you ever had your wing mirror smashed by one of these weird creatures?

Oh that we had our local bobby to deal with these lemming-like creatures. It would not take him long to get to know them and take the necessary action. A charge of driving without reasonable consideration for other road users would do for a start. If that didn't do the trick, perhaps a charge for reckless driving might.

When you get down to brass tacks, it is all a matter of courtesy.

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Mothers Union

The Mothers Union has had a very busy and varied couple of months. On 13th May we had a representative from the Leprosy Trust, who spoke at great length about the work of the trust and how, surprisingly, it is not the dreaded disease it used to be and that in the majority of cases it can be successfully treated.

Our 'Marriage Evening' was a great success attended by 8 young couples who had just been married or were about to be married, along with 10 couples from our church community, who together took a light-hearted look at some of the serious and not so serious sides of marriage. The evening was rounded off with a buffet supper.

On 26th May we had a most interesting talk with slide photographs on church wall paintings. Our county has a wealth of such works of art, one of the best being in the Church at Slapton.

On 10th June we continued with 'I Believe and Trust'. The subject of this meeting was 'Creation'. We were all asked to take something we had made. The result was an abundant display of artistic talent ranging from knitting, embroidery, patchwork and family photographs, to some unique pieces of knitted lace, Stilleto work and Assissi embroidery, all contributed by Mrs Edi Ward.

We have our outing to Uppingham on July 8th and after our summer recess, we begin our meetings on September 9th with a service in church (2.30pm). Everyone welcome.
Sue Nightingale – 831025

Neighbourhood Watch

I am sure that most of you earlier in the year heard or read about the crime figures that showed that, although the overall rate of increase in crime has been slowing down, in rural communities it has been increasing. From time to time the police do contact me to inform me of crimes that have taken place within the village and sadly I have to say that a number of crimes have been committed this year. It includes thefts from houses, garages, sheds, cars and gardens, and thefts of vehicles. There are people who come into the village looking for opportunities to steal things. Do not make the job easy for them. Lock car doors and boots. Do not leave items on view inside cars. Do not leave garage doors open. Do not leave bikes lying around. Do not leave windows open when you are out. Inform neighbours if you are going away and ask them to keep an eye on your house. If you see anything suspicious do inform the police (700700).

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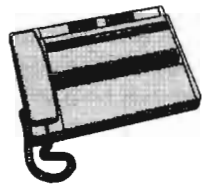

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The existence of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme does not prevent crime but the police are convinced that it does reduce crime within that community. There are still streets within the village which do not have a contact person to represent them, and the police are keen that all streets should have a representative. If you would be interested in being a contact person for your street please get in touch with me (831363).

From time to time I receive from the police booklets about Neighbourhood Watch. If you see any of these within shops or pubs in the village do take one. They are free of charge.

T. Lewis

Bugbrooke O.A.P. Christmas Gift Scheme

The application form to be used to apply for your Christmas Gift is included in this edition of 'LINK' and is the same as that used last year. Pensioners should make sure that they send in a completed form again this year even though they filled in a form last year as the new system requires that you fill in and return an application form each year.

The same rules will apply i.e. that all applicants should be normally resident in Bugbrooke for a minimum of nine months of the year and that they should be 65 years of age as at 25th December 1993. This applies to both men and women except for those few women who were entitled to a gift under the old rules.

You will see from the application form that it can be placed in collecting boxes provided at the Post Office, the Stores and at Cherrenee. Forms can also be sent by post or handed in at the homes of Committee members who are listed on the form.

Should anyone be aware of pensioners entitled to a gift but who have not applied, would they please remind them or complete a form on their behalf. Applications can also be made on behalf of Pensioners by a relative, friend or neighbour.

Duplicate application forms will be available at any of the businesses shown above if the original form contained in this magazine is lost or mislaid. Duplicate forms will also be available from all Committee members.

Finally, don't forget that the application form has to be handed in to any of the addresses listed by the 31st October 1993.

Bruce Piper, Chairman

BUGBROOKE OLD AGE PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS GIFT SCHEME

APPLICATION FORM

Applications can be made by the individual themselves, a relative, a friend or neighbour.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY 31st OCTOBER 1993

APPLICANT 1 .....

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NAME .....

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This document can be posted or delivered to one of the undernoted addresses of Committee Members set out below or placed in a receiving box at the POST OFFICE, THE STORES or CHERRENEE.

ADDRESSES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Mr. and Mrs. B. Piper, 71 High Street, Bugbrooke
2. Mrs. J. Phillipson, 1 The Leys, West End, Bugbrooke.
3. Mrs. A. Bird, 51 Camp Hill, Bugbrooke.
4. Mrs. E. Course, 30 Chipsey Avenue, Bugbrooke.
5. Mrs. C. Pilcher, 6 Ace Lane, Bugbrooke.
6. Mr. M. Moulton, 2 Beech Close, Bugbrooke.

DECLARATION

I/We confirm that the above named person(s) normally lives in Bugbrooke and is/are aged 65 years or over and therefore qualifies to receive a Christmas Gift from the Bugbrooke O.A.P.'s Christmas Gift Scheme.

Signed: .....

Address: .....

Women's Institute

At our June meeting we had a talk on disability awareness. As more adults with learning difficulties are being moved from hospitals to be integrated into the community, we all need to be aware perhaps of some of the problems they and their carers face.

In July we moved from the Sunday School to a sunny, if somewhat cool garden, for our 'Members Evening', when members traditionally host the evening for the committee who work hard on our behalf during the rest of the year. A super buffet supper was enjoyed, and many faces recognised on a video film of the 1988 fete, and various views of the village.

Talking WI throughout the County, dancing lessons are on offer. The Annual Bowls Tournament takes place in July. Indoor bowls will be in September. 'The New You' is a day course for October. Partytime food and hints is also October, as is a Flower Demonstration at the Guildhall by Susie Edwards. This is not to mention Play Reading, Whist Drive, Darts and Singing. We are lucky to have so much on offer for us.

Our next meeting will be at the Sunday School on Monday September 6th at 7.30pm when any newcomers would be made most welcome. Come and try us – *V. Chambers – 832179*

MacMillion Mile (in aid of the Macmillan Nurses)

On a fine Thursday afternoon in May the Primary School playing field was full of people of all ages walking/running/cartwheeling. Their aim was to complete 3 laps. This was Bugbrooke's second MacMillion mile.

Mr Langrish had challenged the youngsters and promised to donate an extra 50p for each pupil that beat him. Only seven succeeded but this helped bring the total for the village to £293.

A big thank you to all who walked and, or, donated.

Jane Causebrook

Bugbrooke Flower Club

After a quite disappointing start to our year, things have started to look up. We have enjoyed two good demonstrations and an afternoon with cream teas in one of our member's gardens. Some members will be visiting other NAFAS clubs in the near future.

Members also participated in the Flower Festival in June at church, what a glorious cacophony of flowers depicting different countries throughout the world. Congratulations to you, the ladies who worked so hard for the Festival. *B.E. Bell – 831639*

The Five Bells presents the 'Wacky Wild West Show!!'

Yee Haaa! Howdy Partners! The Roundabout Theatre Company are back at the Five Bells again with their own inimitable brand of knockabout humour and light-hearted fun August Bank Holiday Monday.

After last year's highly successful 'Robin Hood' the company are now turning their gaze westward to Dodge City to bring you their own idea of the time of the cowboy with the Wacky Wild West Show.

Dudley and Alice have just got married and intend to spend their honeymoon in Dodge City. Before long Alice is kidnapped by the evil outlaw Big Bad Jake and wimpy Dudley follows in hot pursuit, meeting various western legends along the way. He roams the desert, gets stuck in quick-sand, roped into gunfights, caputred by indians, scared by the ghost town and all sorts of other scrapes, before finally confronting Big Bad Jake, in a high noon shoot-out. Will Dudley triumph? What of his faithful companion Rin Tin Can the wonder dog?

Only by seeing the show yourself will you discover the answers. So get yourself along to the Five Bells this August Bank Holiday Monday and have a 'Wacky Wild West' good time! Show time commences at 12.30 admission free. (Get the kids to bring their guns along)

IN BRIEF

A "Create-a-Fake" Exhibition is being held at St. Bartholomews Church, Greens Norton on 28th–30th August to raise much needed funds towards the cost of re-roofing.

Artists from Bugbrooke will be adding their work to that of artists from all over Northamptonshire in a light-hearted exhibition of copies of famous masters. Refreshments will be available all day, so come and join us for a pleasant day out.

Late entries will still be accepted if you would like to include a "fake" of your own – contact *Sue Rudland* – 0327 51750.

STEP AEROBICS

A new introduction to village pursuits is Step Aerobics held at Bugbrooke Village Hall every Tuesday from 10–11a.m. All those interested should contact Mrs Gi Harris on Towcester 52652 or just go along next Tuesday. Mrs Harris is a RSA & YMCA Certified Member of Fitness Professionals.

1 STOP SCHOOLWEAR

Please note that the advertisement which appeared in the June issue should read for Ages 3 to 18 years.

Christian Aid & Cancer Research

Once again I would like to thank you for your incredible generosity. The Christian Aid Week collection raised £672.66, a £100 increase on last year an amazing achievement in these recessionary times. Maybe it was something to do with the very clever television advertisement and/or Tim's sermon! Special thanks to all the collectors, you did a super job.

On June 13th seven people from the village cycled the 68 miles between Birmingham and Oxford (along with 3,000 others). Tony and I would like to thank *all* who so generously sponsored us – raising nearly £400 for Cancer Research. *Sue Pace – 832516*

Youth Group

I would like to thank all those who made the Youth Group Car Rally a success on 25th June. Thank you to all those who took part in the long trip around Northampton's villages and those who donated raffle prizes. With your valuable help we raised a total of £114.00 for our group's activities. May we remind you that another car rally will be arranged for next year (and that I will not be setting it). Congratulations to the evenings winners Wendy and Pat Pearson and Anne and Chris Clarke.

We have also decided to repeat our successful Trivial Pursuit evening on Friday 10th September. This evening is guaranteed to be far less stressful than any car rally. Book your places early, and try to redeem yourselves from the car rally or January's performances. Adult teams of up to four are acceptable.

All the Youth Group would like to thank everyone who sponsored them on their canoe marathon on 20th June for World Vision. We canoed a total of 252 lengths of Daventry swimming pool, but as of yet have not managed to total the amount of money raised.

Finally, we would like to offer our commiserations to the Mothers Union who put up a brave 'fight' in the netball match at the Church fete. Well done, but keep up the practice. Thanks for a great match! Also thank you to Jane Causebrook and Val Lomax for their refereeing (even if slightly unfair to certain male players!)
Paul Akehurst – on behalf of all the Youth Group

Bugbrooke Rangers

Another busy year. It started with a visit to Derbyshire for an activity weekend. Along with 300 rangers and ventures we were able to try out

many different activities. Back at home, meetings have included jewellery making, a murder party, video evening and a game of rounders. We recently had a very pleasant stroll along the canal to Blisworth and we hope to finish the year with a BBQ.

Several girls have got involved in the Duke of Edinburgh Award – this has led to regular trampolining and a lot of planning for an overnight expedition.

We still meet once a fortnight on a Thursday and would welcome any ladies 14 or over. If any adult would like help out with a view to looking after things next year, please get it touch.
Jane Causebrook – 830376

Bugbrooke Youth Club

The Youth Club has now been running for 2 years and we would like to thank everybody who has helped to make this possible, not forgetting the members. Some of our older members have outgrown the Youth Club and younger members are always arriving, so if you would like to come along please do. As promised the result of the 'Moon Walk '93' – the boys team 'Musicians with Big Instruments' came 14th with 104 points and the 2 girls teams 'The Mongs' and 'Wacky Backys' came 36th with 60 points and 37th with 49 points. 40 teams took part and we think they all did brilliantly.

During the school holidays we hope to have a day trip to Wicksteed Park and an evening swimming at Towcester Leisure Centre. We are also holding an 'Open day', where the Youth Club will be open, the equipment out and any 11 year olds and over will be able to come along and visit the Youth Club to see what is available. Parents are also welcome to see how the Youth Club is run. The date will be posted around the village, so keep a look out. Admission is free and refreshments available.

We have always been a member of the Northamptonshire Youth Service but have just recently been affiliated to the Northamptonshire Association of Youth Clubs, as this will provide us with a wider choice of activities and the chance to use Benham Sports Arena.

Finally to celebrate the end of the Youth Club's 2nd year we are hoping to hold a disco. It will be for members and non-members, date to be advertised around the village. For any information phone the Youth Club Wed or Fri evenings on 831137 or telephone Lynn on 832116 anytime.
Steph Bowen and Lynn Elliott

1st Bugbrooke Beavers

This term we have visited Daventry Country Park. The beavers really enjoyed the adventure playground. They were a little disappointed that most of the birds on the lake were too far away to see clearly. We have promised to take some binoculars with us next time. However the Canada geese liked the bread we took so much that they all came out of the lake to meet us. Some even took the bread from our fingers.

We are going to the Scout group barbeque on Monday 12th July. I'm sure it will be a big success.

Any boys who are 6–8 years old who are interested in joining the Beavers, we meet on a Wednesday 6.30 to 7.30 pm in the scout hut. We have a waiting list at present and anyone wishing to go on the list or would like more information, please contact Merilyn (leader) on 831903 or Glenda (assistant leader) 831032.

Bugbrooke Junior Youth Club

We regret to inform you that the Junior Youth Club has closed. Any persons requiring more information, please contact either Annette on 832410 or Pennie on 832383. Thank you. *P. Pancoust*

POETRY CORNER

DUET

Gravely, but with courtesy
We two tread out a star-dance round each other
In orbits which must not be broken.
Too close, should even fingers touch, would be to burn,
Blazing in aspects of the sun at noon
With incandescent glory
Only to blacken, curl and die.
Yet how much more to be desired than the relentless, slow
Numb ache of separation,
Drifting, alone and unfulfilled.
[For I was hungry, and you gave me food]
Therefore with pace and dalliance, we
Having no more than all to lose
Pass and repass
Shaping with care the movements of our mutuality
And looking back on where our feet have trod
Observe that in our courtesy abides the grace of God.

Anon.

Betty's Pantry

Norfolk Treacle Tart

Shortcrust pastry made with:-

6oz Self-raising flour	3 heaped tbsp. Golden Syrup
1½oz Margarine	3 heaped tbsp. Muesli
1½oz Lard	Extra dried fruit if desired

Line 7-inch flan dish with the pastry. Keep in fridge until required.
Mix golden syrup and muesli and put in a warm place for ½ hour. Mix again, adding extra dried fruit if desired, pour into pastry case.
Bake at 400°F, 200°C, Gas mark 6, for 25 minutes. Leave to cool and set.
Serve with thick whipped cream if desired.

PASTA SALAD

8oz Mixed pasta shapes	4oz Mushrooms – sliced
4 Spring onions – finely chopped	1 tbsp. Tomato Puree
1 Each red and green pepper – de-seeded and cut into strips	
¼ Pint salad or olive oil	3 tbsp. Vinegar
2 tsp. Herbes de Provence	2 tsp. Celery seasoning salt

Cook the pasta shapes in boiling salted water for about 10 minutes. Drain and allow to cool completely. When cold, stir in the prepared vegetables. Place oil, vinegar, tomato puree, Herbes de Provence and celery seasoning salt in a screw topped jar and shake vigorously until thoroughly combined. Pour over the pasta mixture and stir well until all the ingredients are coated with the dressing. Chill before serving.

Bugbrooke Playgroup

At the end of what has been a very active year for everyone at Playgroup, it is time to reflect on our achievements and to say a few thank yous and farewells. For the children, the year has brought visits from, amongst others, the dentist, health visitor and firemen and they have also been introduced to new activities such as 'P.E.' and marbling.

Most children took part in the Autumn Collection back in October and in the Easter Bonnet Parade in April, with some very imaginative results. If my memory serves me correctly, special mention should go to Sally Webster, Lucy Bignell, Leanne Ross, Justine Steele, Oliver and Abigayle Russell-Pearcey, Charlotte Salaman and Sarah Evans, who all won prizes in these competitions. (Apologies if I've forgotten anybody.)

Prior to the Christmas party, the children entertained their parents with some Christmas songs – well done to the staff who made this such a memorable occasion for all.

The year culminated in June, when a coachful of parents and children spent a pleasant (and thankfully, rain-free) day out at Farmworld for the Teddy Bears Picnic. The final event of the year will be a farewell party for those going to school in September. We wish these children all the very best for the future.

The staff have had a busy year too. The three supervisors are nearing the end of their year-long Diploma Course. Playgroup is already seeing the benefit of the more professional approach that they have gained from this, so the time and effort has been well worth it.

Unfortunately, during the year, we have had to say goodbye to long-serving assistants Gerry Clarke and Sue Ward. Many thanks to both of them for all their hard work and dedication.

Thanks should also go to the committee, parents and other interested parties, who have put so much effort into the fundraising this year, raising over £800 for books, equipment and training and over £500 for the mobile fund. A special thank you should go to the 22 ladies who took part in the sponsored aerobics, giving the mobile fund such a flying start. (We hope it is common knowledge now, that, faced with a storage problem and a rising demand for playgroup places we recently decided to save for our own premises – a mobile classroom sited, subject to negotiation, at the Primary School).

Fundraising for the mobile will continue through the summer; see diary for details. Unfortunately the Fun Day planned for August 7th has been scaled down to a car boot sale with minor attractions including bouncy castle and pony rides. Our thanks go to Pauline Fox and Emma Salaman for organizing this, and also to the Playing Fields Association for still allowing us to use their facilities. Please come along and support us.

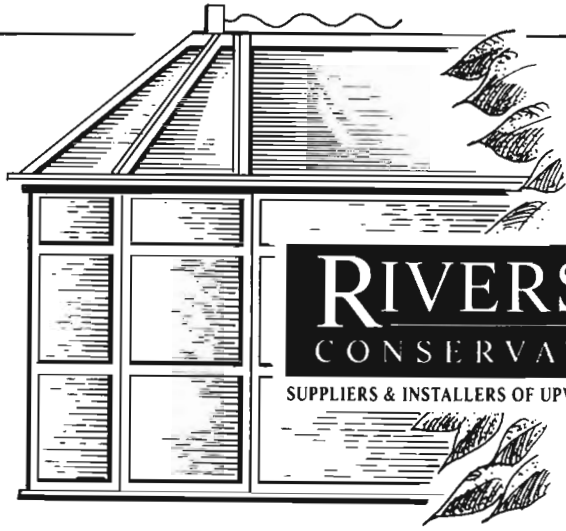
The Autumn term will begin for Playgroup on Friday 3rd Sept. If your child is nearing 2 years 9 months and you want him/her to come to Playgroup, now is the time to contact us if you have not already done so. Please ring Mrs Carol Mitchell on 830207 for further details.

The AGM will be held on Monday 13th September, when the present committee will be standing down. New members, in particular those with a child already at Playgroup, are urgently sought.

Kathryn Hill Playgroup Committee Chairman Tel: 831586

St. Michaels Music Society

With the 1992–93 season of events concluded, it was with some satisfaction that the Society's Chairman reported on another successful, varied and entertaining year. The undoubted highlight had been the



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concert of West Gallery music given by the Mellstock Band and Christminster Singers, when the church was packed to capacity to hear their unique performance.

Sadly, both Bruce and Judith Piper, Chairman and Secretary, announced their retirement from office after many successive years of hard work planning programmes, organising trips, events and concerts and helping to promote a wide appreciation of music in the village. Although their active committee involvement will be sorely missed, they will of course remain as members of the Society and sincere thanks was expressed for their tremendous past contribution.

The new committee for the '93–94 season sees Colin Ashmore return as Chairman, with Hazel Kitchener, Secretary, Miriam Shipman once again Musical Director and longest-serving committee member Nancy Rodgers holding the purse-strings as Treasurer. Valerie Burt is also joined on the committee by founder-member Alec Shaw.

The new season's programme is currently being finalised and will combine some familiar annual favourites with some exciting new events and opens in September with the first event to be announced shortly.

Actively encouraging the enjoyment and appreciation of all kinds of music, the Society is constantly looking for new members and new ideas. If you're a keen listener, concert-goer or performer, or would just like to take advantage of the discounted events on offer during the season, do contact any of the committee – we'd love to hear from you.
Colin Ashmore, Chairman – 9 830357

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

During the summer we have been holding various events including Car Boot Sales on the 1st Sunday of the month and Tug-o-war competitions. These continue until September so please support us and help us achieve our target allocated to the Toddlers Play Area.

We are continuing with our plans for the Bowls Green and Community Hall and following our approach to the Parish Council we are glad to be able to receive their "wholehearted support" for the scheme. We shall over the next few weeks be discussing with them an overall plan which can be jointly submitted to the District Council and subsequently to the County Council. This will ensure the highest possible chance of approval and reinforce our claim to any grants that may be forthcoming. It will also ensure that any benefits that accrue as a result of Parish Council backing during the planning process will be obtained. To start this process off we will be meeting with Mr D.

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Harries, Mr A Howard, Dr Dutta and Mr J Curtis to explain our present position and proposals.

Further to this a new Draft Constitution has been drawn up to allow all organisations and individuals within the parish to be represented on the new body which will run the community hall and playing fields. There is a period set aside for your observations to be made to either the BPFA or directly to the Charity Commission, set out below are details of how and where the Draft Constitution may be seen and the address to which comments and recommendations may be made.

On a lighter note (or maybe heavier!) the recent tug-o-war competition saw several of the village stalwarts from the Bakers Arms valiantly dig their heels in attempting to stem the youthful exhuberence of the Football Club who allegedly had some out of contract players. However despite Ron Breeze's attempts to nail the rope to the wooden seating, and the combined intake of about three gallons of ballast the superior teamwork and pre-season training of the footballers saw them through to the final where they met the Live-and-Let-Live from Harpole. These foreign upstarts obviously fed on raw steak and trained in the medieval niceties of bear baiting and castle storming were no match for the supporters of the home side. Unfortunately they were only pulling against the (usually) eight nimble footed soccer players. This may have been a contest but alas the lads rarely stayed on their feet long enough to make the said foreigners break sweat. Indeed after three "pulls", in which many said the footballers must be pushing, the fairest comment that I overheard was that the Live-and-Let-Die wiped the floor with them! God knows what would have happened had the two Pubs clashed in anger! Congratulations and thanks to all the intrepid entrants!

While these chief protagonists were recouperating between their exertions the kids had a whale of a time with impromptue competitions and everyone enjoyed themselves greatly either watching, taking refreshment or wandering around the car boot sale. Do come and enjoy our next "Sunday Best" on 1st August and 2nd September.

During the summer we will be opening the clubhouse on Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm for anyone who wishes to come along so that you may be able to obtain some refreshment and use the toilets. If enough come along regularly I am sure some organised activities can be arranged. Hope you have an enjoyable summer. *Brian Curtis – Chairman*

Charity Commission – Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

The Charity Commissioners propose to make a scheme for the regulation of the charity.

A copy of the draft scheme can be seen at the BPFA's social building,

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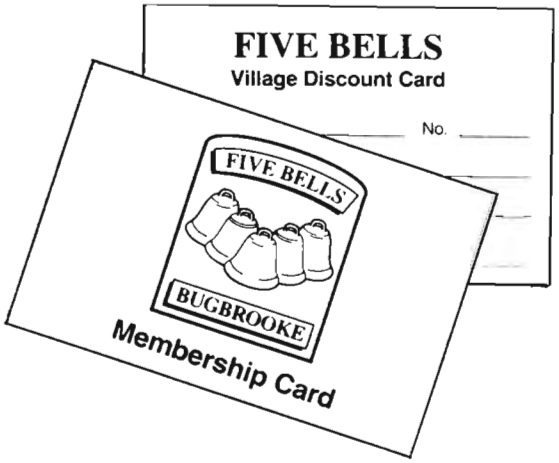

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Dated 1st August 1993

Bugbrooke Gymnastics Club –*A letter from Jane Pell*

Dear Villagers,

I have had the pleasure of coaching many of your children at various gym classes over the last 16 years at Campion School.

I now feel the time has come for someone else to take the reins. Anyone who feels they could commit themselves to this task would be coaching groups of enthusiastic children in an age range of 4–5 years (school age) up to approximately 16, all hoping to achieve standards set by the British Amateur Gymnastic Association (B.A.G.A. Awards).

I would like to thank all past pupils and parents for their support, particularly Jenny Cox, Maria Claridge, Simon Cartwright and Steph Bowen. I send all present pupils and Bugbrooke Gymnastic Club all my best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Pell

St Michaels 74 Cricket Club

Our league season has had its high points and its low points, so far. Let's get the low point over. On Saturday 22nd May on a very dodgy racecourse track, against Doddridge, a new record for the club was set. We were bowled out for just 19. But, we bounced right back the following week with a victory over Eaglets. This was followed by a winning draw against Delapre and then a very tight game, which unfortunately ended in defeat, against Ryelands. We were obviously saving ourselves for United Social, who, despite the amount of veterans in their side, are still the team to beat – and we did just that! After bowling them out for exactly 200, we set out in a determined mood to win. But at 38 for 4 this was starting to look unlikely. Enter Captain Paul Sackley, who set yet another club record with the highest individual score of 136. Paul, ably assisted by Martin Lewis, took on and hammered the social attack. Slight panic set in when Paul was out with just 2 runs needed. But it was never in doubt and we won by 3 wickets.

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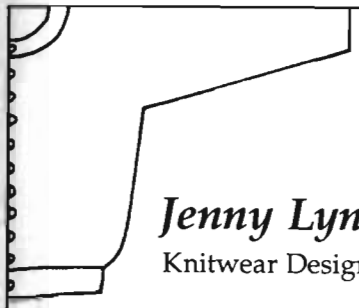

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A stunned Social left the field thinking what might have been, but in the words of Dad's Army's Corporal Jones "They don't like it up 'em, sir", rang from the home dressing room.

Saturday 10th July, the last game before this report, was also a victory, when we completed the double over Northampton Eaglets. Paul Cattell and John Nuttall saw us to victory, following some fine bowling from Mike Hogg earlier. If this latter day form can continue who knows where it might lead!

Sundays continue to develop new talent. In recent weeks good knock's from Adrian Spruels, Gary Scott and Scott Wootton certainly impressed. This has been supported well with bowling from Martin Hogg, Chris Hollis and Gary Wadsworth, all learning very quickly the ups and downs of this great game.

The club is still keen to welcome any new members. So if you are looking for a game with a very friendly club, why not give me a ring on Northampton 584565.

Many thanks to those who supported our raffle and mini fete. We raised just short of £300. The winning ticket for the £50 first prize went to Gary Lovell and all the other 15 prizes were claimed.

John Chapman – Secretary

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

Here we go again! Training for the new season started on July 7th and practice games for the new season begin in earnest on 7th August with a visit by Wealdstone Town from the Beazor Homes League. We also are expecting a visit from the Cobblers, watch out for details.

The club is integrating its best young players into the adult teams by playing the Under 18 Team in midweek games and also, as the 'B' Team on Saturday afternoons. This is an exciting time for all these players as they try to prove their worth and gain places in the CNC and UCL teams. We wish them well and hope they are prepared to train hard to achieve their best potential. We hope their parents and relatives will be coming along to cheer them on.

Obviously the established players will be doing their best to keep them out of the senior teams, but with new blood constantly knocking on the door it is expected they will be made to work hard to maintain their places. This can only be good for the clubs future and everyone is looking forward with optimism to see how all teams from U.12's to 1st XI progress this season.

A feeling of co-operation and belonging to the same club is running

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through all the management and committees. We hope you will come and play your part in supporting our players in whichever teams they play. They are competing in the best standard that local soccer can provide and we hope everyone can take part in seeing them progress against teams from far and wide.

The League programmes for senior teams start on August 14th and youth teams get going on September 12th. United Counties games will be accompanied by a club programme giving teams and club news for 50p. It is hoped this venture will be well supported so that the club can help to pay the high fees now charged by Referees, some of whom travel from Bedfordshire and beyond. *J. Curtis*

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

The Club has just gone through one of the busiest summers for years, with Cup matches, friendlies and the ground being hired to other teams for evening matches. Success has come in many forms this season with the Cup side entering three competitions and getting to the St. Crispins & PMH Cup final in June, but unfortunately coming a good second to Brixworth whose batting was too strong on the night.

At the time of writing we are to play Wellingborough in the NCA Plate semi finals and all being well play at the County Ground in August in the final.

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There have also been many midweek friendlies on Thursdays under the supervision of Ray Wake and the highlight being a touring side from Denmark called Slagelse (pronounced Slayels) giving us a very entertaining evening on the 6th July. Bugbrooke ran out winners by 6 runs in a close game. They were a very friendly bunch and spoke perfect English, even though their umpire was slightly bemused at the call of 'How were ee' from Ray Wake when appealing for LBW.

The Club is also running at a profit for the first time in many years thanks mainly to our match sponsors and the regular use of the bar.

I hope to report of further success in the Plate competition and I will have a full report of a 'Pyjama Game' (played in colours with a white ball) between us and The Sun, Kislingbury, in the next issue.

Please contact John Nuttall on 413083 for ground hire or becoming a member.

Family Announcements

GARDINER Darren (ex Campion pupil) Congratulations on your B.A. Hons. Philosophy (Sheffield). We are very proud of you. Mum and Dad.
RETIEF Happy 30th Paul on 12th August. Lots of love from Mary, Sarah, David and Thomas.

STEEL George and Rachel Congratulations on your Silver Wedding Anniversary on 14th September. Wishing you both health and happiness always. With all our love Mum, Charles and Jean XXX

SANDERS Happy 12th birthday Sarah on 24th July. Lots of love from Mum, Dad, David and Thomas XXX

STEEL Congratulations Mum and Dad on celebrating your 25th Wedding Anniversary on 14 September. Wishing you both Good Luck, Good Health and every happiness. Lots of love Joanne and Dean. XXX

FERGUS Katie and Craig Have a very happy 12th birthday on August 16th with love from Mum, Dad, Rory and Nan. XXX

SUNDERLAND-GREEN Congratulations on your Ruby Wedding Anniversary of August 15th, 1953 at the Church of All Saints, Kampala, Uganda, by the Rev. Geoffrey Lester.

GREETINGS to Chris Snyder, formerly Shelton now living in Derby, Kansas, USA who receives the Link from her Mum, Lily. After reading it she then shares our magazine with her friends at the British Club. Glad to hear that we are appreciated so far away and help you retain your 'Link' with Bugbrooke. *Barbara Bell*

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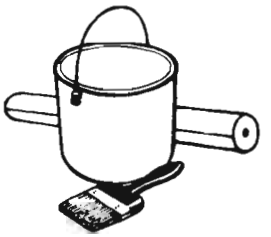

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3	7.30pm	Bingo every Tuesday	FC
5	10am–12 noon	Playgroup coffee/play morning	SS
7	10am–12 noon	Playgroup car boot sale with bouncy castle and pony rides	P. Field
7	2.30pm	Wms British Legion Mini Fete	Hawkins Garden
7	2.30pm	B.S.M.F.C. v Wealdstone	FC
7	7.00pm	B.S.M.F.C. Race Evening & BBQ	FC
8	6.00pm	B.S.M.F.C. Retired Persons Mystery Tour (Tel. 831678 to book. £3.00 with buffet)	FC
11	2.15pm	Darby & Joan meeting	SS
12	10am–12 noon	Playgroup coffee/play morning	SS
16	7.30pm	Wms British Legion meeting	SS
18	6.15pm	Darby & Joan Cheese & Wine Guest Heyford D.J	SS
19	10am–12 noon	Playgroup coffee/play morning	SS
	7.30pm	BSMF.C. v's Cobblers XI	FC
23	8.00pm	Flower Club – A Few of my Favourite Things – Mrs J. Spencer	SS
23	8.00pm	British Legion (Mens) meeting	Five Bells
25	2.15pm	Darby & Joan meeting	SS
30	11.00am–11.00pm	Five Bells Fun Day	Five Bells
30	2.30pm	B.S.M.F.C. Car Boot Sale, Childrens Fun Day (bouncy castle) Fashion Show, Disco and BBQ	FC
September			
3	9.15am	Playgroup term starts	
6	7.30pm	W.I. Wine appreciation	SS
8	2.15pm	Darby & Joan meeting	SS
8	8.00pm	'I believe and trust' session	SS
9	2.30pm	M.U. service to start another year	Church
10	7.30pm	St. Michaels Y. Group Trivial Quiz	P.School
11		Sponsored cycle/walk – Historic Churches Trust	
13	8.00pm	Playgroup AGM	SS
14–17		M.U. Retreat at Ecton House	
18	2.00pm	Guides Jumble Sale	SS
20	7.30pm	Wms British Legion meeting	SS
22	8.00pm	M.U. 'Victim Support' by Glynis Atherton	SS
22	2.15pm	Darby & Joan meeting	SS
27		Flower Club Annual Dinner	SS
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Teams since then have tried to emulate this achievement and came close between 1967 -75 when many league and cup competitions were won. During this time teams played on the School Close behind Bugbrooke Primary School. Since 1978 we have developed new facilities in conjuction with Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association and now have a pitch and clubhouse that is amongst the best in Northamptonshire. The club runs 11 teams at present: Under 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 18's, Sunday XI, B's, A's, Reserves and First teams. The adult sides play on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings; the youth teams on Sunday afternoons and the Under 18's play in a floodlit league, on weekday evenings. All teams play at Birds Close. The name is in recognition of the old Close behind the school and the help given by Derek Bird in setting up the new ground.

We believe that the purpose of the football club is to provide a wide base of opportunity for those who enjoy playing and watching the game. We have also developed a good range of social facilities for people who enjoy the family atmosphere of a club but are not able to participate in the football side. We run a darts team on Monday evenings, bingo on Tuesday evenings, a skittles team will be playing on Fridays and a pool table is also available. Our latest acquisition is a satelite dish which will give our members the opportunity to watch important sporting events at the same time as enjoying a drink with their friends at our licenced bar. Our social committee have arranged an interesting range of social events. These can be seen in the Link calendar and include a Race Evening and BBQ, a Car Boot Sale and Fun Day, a Mystery Tour for older residents, a Bonfire and Fireworks night and a children's Christmas Party. We like to feel that we are providing a facility that can benefit a wide range of Bugbrooke residents.

We have a social membership fee of £5 per year, which entitles anyone to enjoy the facilities of the club. This enables you to make use of the clubhouse for social purposes and can also help you to achieve preferential rates and bookings if you want to hire the clubhouse for an anniversary, birthday or wedding.

The club promotes a friendly atmosphere and is constantly improving its decor and furnishings. Incidentally we are trying to improve our kitchen facilities and if anyone is taking out kitchen units we will be interested in having first refusal on them.

Why not come and join us and help to establish its value to the community.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday 31st July	Bugbrooke v Rothwell (friendly) Kick off	3pm
Saturday 7th August	Bugbrooke v Wealdstone FC (friendly)	5pm
	BBQ and Race Evening	7.30pm
Sunday 8th August	Bugbrooke v Rushden & Diamonds (friendly)	3pm
	Retired Persons' Mystery Coach Tour: with buffet	6pm
Tuesday 10 August	Bugbrooke v Irthlingborough (friendly)	evening
Every Tuesday	Bingo	7.30pm
Saturday 14th August	Football season officially begins	
To be arranged	Bugbrooke v Cobblers XI (friendly)	evening
Monday 30th August	Car Boot Sale plus Fashion Show, Disco BBQ and Bouncy Castle	2.30pm
Friday 5th November	Bonfire and Fireworks Display	7pm

For further information please contact us on 830707