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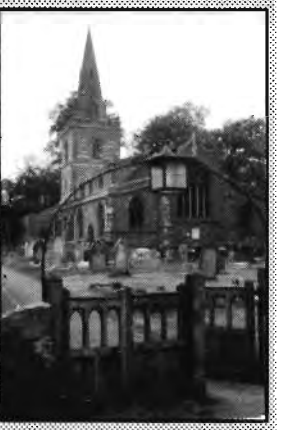

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Summer

The advent of summer is always something we look forward to. Even the idiosyncrasies of the British summer weather cannot detract from the beautiful foliage and colourful gardens which bear witness to a lot of toil and hard work. This year the Village is notably tidier which may auger well for some success in the Tidy Village Competition – certainly all the effort put in on the Churchyard should warrant recognition in that section of the competition.

Law and Order

Reports seem to indicate little or no improvement in the scale of vandalism which has become part of village life in the 1990's. It has got to a stage when it does at last appear that the police are taking crime in the villages a lot more seriously and are showing a more regular presence – a policeman patrolling the village on a bicycle should be considered a welcome return to old successful practices rather than a modern innovation! Rumours however that drugs are still available for sale within the village especially to teenagers must be extremely worrying and their use discouraged in any way possible.

Duty Well Done

Our County Councillor for the last eight years – Mr John Terry of the West End – decided not to seek re-election in this months elections. It would be wrong to let his departure go un-noticed as during his time as County Councillor for Bugbrooke he has rigidly supported the interests not only of this village but also of those other villages in the Bugbrooke Constituency. In no way did he allow his own political persuasions to influence his decisions on behalf of the residents he represented. We wish John Terry well in his retirement and thank him for his efforts on our behalf.

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LINK Annual General Meeting

I am afraid that, as usual, there was a very small turnout for the AGM but I am pleased to say that there were enough people to support and second the committee for another year in office.

I was glad to report that the magazine has had a good year, balancing the budget as far as the production costs and advertising revenue was concerned.

We were less fortunate with the Christmas cards and the tea towel which, as yet, are in a loss making position.

In the last year we have had two guest editors and I hope that this will be a regular occurrence with these issues having a special theme. If you would like to be a 'guest editor' please contact me.

The LINK is a bit like an iceberg for the people mentioned on the inside of the cover are but the tip of a team of news gatherers, contributors and distributors who make sure you get your copy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers and all the following for their help with the magazine.

Jean Munday, Carol Hammons, Mary Cave, Joan Chester, Sue Nightingale, Beryl Harding, Debbie Blair, Mrs Manning, Janice Hill, Gerry Clarke, Maggie Stone, Anne Jenkins, Richard Austin, Jenny Unwin, Veronica Chambers, Colin Nuttall, Margôt Humphries, Jimmy MacGuire, Margaret Bates, Angie Francis and several other people who wish to remain anonymous.

John Unwin – Chairman

Parish Council – March and April 1993

Regular reader(s) will know of the Parish Council's frequent requests for any residential development to include some starter homes and/or retirement bungalows. In response to this the Parish Council were recently addressed by two senior officers of South Northamptonshire Council about a scheme for the provision of affordable housing. It involves planning permission being given to a small parcel of land partly or wholly outside the boundary for development within the village provided it is used to build properties which are required by the village. If such a suitable site was available the District Council would put the Parish Council in touch with a Housing Association who would organise the development of the site with a mixture of smaller properties for sale, rent or a combination of both, particularly for Bugbrooke residents and their families. A committee of David Harries, John Curtis, Ken Gardner, Philip Bignell and Canon Partridge was

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elected to consider this proposal and our first task is to establish details of the need by preparing an appropriate form for a housing needs survey to be carried out throughout the village.

The Charity Commission have provided a draft revised scheme for the Playing Fields Association which has caused a few hearts to flutter in the Parish Council by placing the Council as Custodian Trustee. This, together with the request from the Playing Fields Association for the Parish Council to become more actively involved in the efforts to provide a community hall, has produced anxious questions about the Council's legal liability. Consequently the National Association for Local Councils are to be consulted before any rash promises are made.

The Parish Council's cautious attitude continued in response to a request to review our possible continued interest in providing a Pocket Park in the village. A possible site has been identified and a current evaluation will be sought before it is considered further. The attraction is that, apart from the 75% grant for the provision of a Pocket Park, it might also be possible to obtain an 'environmental enhancement' grant, leaving the Parish Council with little or nothing to pay. However, the longer term question of upkeep, maintenance and the general burden of the day to day responsibility for such a venture will also need to be given careful consideration.

Sue Pace, the co-ordinator of Operation Springclean in Bugbrooke, was able to report that the operation found less litter in the village than in previous years. This good news is due mainly to the continued efforts of Colin Nuttall, Roy Smith, William Lantsbury and Michael Atack. If this continues we might even create history by winning an award in the tidy village competition for the third consecutive year.

Apart from counting litter, Sue Pace has also been counting cars (and lorries) in a traffic survey carried out in an attempt to improve our chance of getting traffic calming measures in the village. The results should move us up the league table maintained by the Highway Authority although their funds for this purpose are apparently fully committed for the whole of this year.

The annual ritual of five minutes break during the annual parish meeting for bids to rent Charity Meadow is now a thing of the past. Taking insurance into account the trustees are barely breaking even and have decided that a long lease would more accurately meet the terms of the Trust which require income to be made from the land. It is hoped, however, that its status as a Site of Special Scientific Interest will continue to be taken into consideration.

British Rail are carrying out maintenance work on the Banbury Lane

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level crossing at Rothersthorpe and so it will be closed from 10 p.m. on Saturday the 12th June to 8 a.m. on Monday the 23rd June and again from 11 p.m. on Saturday the 30th July to 8 a.m. on Monday the 9th August.

A public meeting to discuss policing in Bugbrooke and the surrounding area has been arranged by the Police to take place at the Primary School from 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday the 26th May. If you are concerned about increasing crime in rural areas this is the meeting to attend. The standard response to the regular question raised is that the Force is organised efficiently in the circumstances and the day of the village bobby has gone forever. Nonetheless, we live in hope.

The Parish Council have asked for barriers to be erected at either end of the new Pound Lane/Pilgrims Lane footpath (even though it is not yet adopted) despite the fact that equal opportunities legislation now apparently requires them to be sufficiently spaced apart to allow wheelchairs (and of course cycles and motor cycles) to pass through unhindered.

Finally, Parish Councillors were astounded to hear Canon Partridge talk of relieving himself on footpaths, but were themselves relieved when he explained that it was the relief of walking rather than cycling to which he referred.

David Harries

Churchyard Conservation Area

Those of you who use Ace Lane regularly may have noticed considerable activity in the conservation area over the last few weeks.

As this area is unsuitable for burial it has been designated for wildlife conservation and I have been contacting various organisations over recent months seeking expert advice on how to manage the site.

Work has begun on creating a rockery area between the two levels under the trees. Primroses, Cowslips, Violets and Forget-me-nots have been planted in keeping with the churchyard flora together with some other nectar plants to attract bees and butterflies. (Many thanks to those who donated plants). Also, a herb hedge has been planted along the boundary with the new burial area and this should also attract bees and butterflies once the flowers appear.

A representative from FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group) has been to look at the site and advise us on hedge planting along the fences bordering the brook and the lane. His opinion was that we had a wonderful small site. The rought grass will provide ideal habitat for

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shrews and other small mammals while the nettles should attract butterflies to lay their eggs. So keep your ears and eyes open and tread carefully.

He also advised us on the upkeep of the new hedgerow along the boundary with the field. We should allow this to grow to a height of six to eight feet with sufficient diameter to permit proper hedge laying. This will provide a good solid field hedge without gaps once it has been laid but it could take three to four years to attain the necessary dimensions for laying.

Over the May Day bank holiday we were visited by representatives of BSBI (Botanical Society of the British Isles) who were in the area doing a survey on flora of the county. They had a quick look at the site and have provided a list of the flora found. Their advice is to treat the area as a hay meadow and cut the grass at the end of June.

One of the botany recorders had just returned from a trip to Crete and told me of a plaque he came across while there.

> "We have not inherited the earth from our parents,
> we have borrowed it from our children."

This is very true and if we can all do our bit to preserve the countryside around us and make every effort to leave this world a little better than we found it, then maybe the children will have a better place to grow up in.

I'm learning as I go along, but if this has aroused interest and you would like to know more, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Judy Smith – 832494

Bugbrooke, St Michael & All Angels – Church News

Easter Services
It was a joy as always to have the church full for our Easter Services, extra chairs were needed on Sunday morning. Thank you everyone who helped to decorate and prepare the church for Easter, from flower arrangers to the youngsters who made the banners.

Let There Be Light
The church now looks splendid at night from the south side too, as the floodlights on that side of the church have now been installed. We are grateful to the donor of the actual lights and also to Messrs Heygates who have paid for the installation of the lights and also for electricity supply to the churchyard shed. The running of the lights for the first year has been covered by the generous sponsoring of many people and

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we invite donations towards the cost of running the lights in this coming year, we suggest that £5 covers the cost of a week's floodlighting, which can be given to Sue Pace or to Keith Vanner.

Spring Cleaning
Whilst new light fittings were being installed in church, the chance was taken to spring clean the high parts of the church which we cannot normally reach. Our thanks to Colin Ashmore who worked from a scaffolding tower and then to everyone else who helped to spring clean at a lower level. The church is now beautifully clean and no doubt will be kept so by our splendid band of volunteer cleaners.

Churchyard
Thank you everyone who helped on our working party in the churchyard, there were a good number of people and a lot of work was done. Work is now being done to provide vases for use at the sides of the cremation area so that we can keep the central area tidy and neat, but give those who wish to put flowers somewhere to do so.

Deanery Choral Festival
6pm Sunday, June 13th at Everdon Church. On that Sunday there will not be an evensong here, but there will be the chance to enjoy a service of Hymns, Anthems and Readings by the combined choirs of the deanery in the setting of a magnificent church. The collection will go to the Macmillan Nurses Appeal.
Tim Partridge – 830373

Darby and Joan Club

We would once again like to thank all of you who yet again helped and supported us at our Spring jumble. With the help of our chief fund raiser, Lily, we raised over £300. Thank you one and all.

On May 5th we had a lovely outing to Evesham and then a nice cream tea in Broadway. Mother Nature shined on us, the weather was perfect and the hedgerows and gardens were so beautiful and at their best. We saw so much on the ride, even 3 elephants in a field, not pink ones either! Just to show you how we spend some of the money we raise, this outing cost £6.50 in all, but we were able to pay the £2.50 for the teas per head for our members and also some towards the coach fare which for a half-day cost £200. So you see our members do benefit from your generosity at our fund raising events. In June we have an outing to Clacton for the day and this will cost us over £300, so we will be able to help cover the cost of this also.

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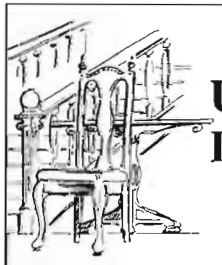

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Jean Munday

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

You know I always thought that this little island was known as a green and pleasant land. Well now I have to say it isn't. I have been on two journeys in the last few days and I am absolutely disgusted at the sight of all these fields being allowed to grow nothing and turn into little deserts. I wont stay on this subject, it makes me feel so angry. I will go on to all the lovely things to write about.

I went down to Somerset with Jim on the last day in April and that was wonderful. It was misty in the early morning but that soon lifted and we came back in beautiful sunshine. One lovely thing happened when we stopped for a meal on the way back. As we left the little inn at a small village called Winterbourne Bassett, near to Avebury, we heard some guineafowl chattering on top of a high wall just opposite. We looked more closely and further along the wall sat three peacocks. Aren't they beautiful birds?

There were not quite so many creatures dead on the road as usual. One badger, one fox and we thought one deer. There were several pheasants dead on the road and I must tell you the local pheasant story. We were coming back from Bletchley one day and coming through Towcester, a cock pheasant walked across the road as calm as you like. I think there must be quite a number about. The flower which caught our eye on the Somerset trip was the dandelion. Some fields were completely yellow with them and the grass verges had thousands upon thousands in them. Jim said we should call it the year of the dandelion. Of course many trees were in full flower, some oil seed rape was bright yellow, some trees were coming into leaf, the whole world of nature was possibly at its best.

When we went on the trip with the Senior Citizens to Evesham and Broadway we saw some lovely things. Near a piece of woodland we saw five lovely little deer grazing away. Near Evesham the ground was so dry they had turned on the watering systems and they were going flat out and that was May 5th!

Esther and Tim went on a holiday to Poole some weeks ago and they brought back a very interesting booklet on Brownsea Island. That is one of the islands in Poole Harbour. Brownsea is the island where

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Baden-Powell started the Boy Scout movement. The red squirrel can be found all over the island because the grey one has never managed to get there.

Now the sightings and the hearings. Several people have told me they have heard the cuckoo. I have heard it just once and it was a fair way off. I think the cold winds are perhaps keeping it further south.

The kingfisher has been sighted nipping along.

I am pleased to hear that efforts are afoot for trapping the mink and keeping their numbers down.

We went for a walk up to the wharf the other day and we saw such a pretty sight. A female mallard was swimming at speed up towards Heyford and behind her, her eleven youngsters were doing their best to keep up.

I am pleased that we have a bluetit's nest in the box with six eggs. I do hope they hatch out safely.

Several people have told me about the thrush that is about with quite a lot of white feathers on it. That certainly is unusual. What do we call it, an albino?

I am pleased I saw a skylark hovering in the air near Birds Hill. I could not hear its song because I was in a vehicle but that is one of the most beautiful sounds of our countryside.

I started these notes with a grumble but I am going to end them with some praise. I think the number of trees that have been planted beside motorways and various spots is incredible. They will look wonderful in the years ahead. I wonder if all the desert fields will be filled with trees as well?

Grand Union Canal Walk

As you may know, this year is the 200th anniversary of the building of the Grand Union Canal. The canal runs from Little Venice, London to Gas Street Basin, Birmingham with branches to Slough, Wendover, Aylesbury and Northampton covering a total of 145 miles.

During this summer many people will be walking the tow-path to rediscover the history and wildlife of this canal.

The official opening of this walk will be on 4th/5th July when parties will leave Gas Street Basin and Little Venice to meet at Stoke Bruerne on 9th July.

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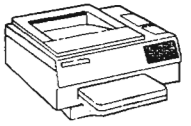

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I am planning to participate in this walk during the summer and intend to walk in stretches of approx 20 miles daily at weekends and possibly shorter distances in the evenings.

During this event I hope to be sponsored and raise money for the Macmillan Nurses of Northamptonshire.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or accompanying me on one or more of the stretches please contact me.
Melanie Haylock – 832036

Womens Institute

In April, instead of our usual meeting we visited the Records office in Northampton, a trip that was most interesting and informative. Preparations for the 75th Anniversary celebrations at Northamptonshire's Grammar School, Pitsford are well under way, for the weekend of 17th to 18th July, and a Family day out is planned. The varied attractions will include an historical display, a comprehensive show – crafts/produce-flowers, Sports – Have-a-go, Celebrity Cricket, to name a few. Refreshments, lunches, teas and drinks will be available all day. Should be a fun weekend. In our own Bugbrooke W.I., our craft circle are busy designing and making an embroidered sampler for the 75th Anniversary.

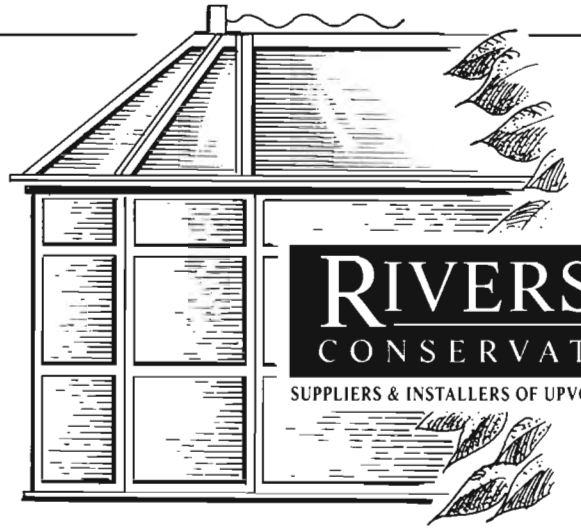
The W.I. 'Driver of the Year' competition 1993 continues; there is a Grow, Gather and Gain day in Naseby in May, with gardens open; an Antiques Road Show at Wellingboro' later in the year, and Drawing For Beginners and Calligraphy classes are also coming up. Indoor bowls, scrabble and footpath walks are also on offer.

At our meeting in May we have a craft evening planned and the National Federation of Women's Institute's Resolutions will be discussed.

In June we are having a talk on Disability Awareness. The Sunday School at 7.30 on June 7th is the time and place, if you wish to join us.
V. Chambers – 832179

Northamptonshire Macmillan Nurse Appeal

A sponsored swim was organised on April 24/25th at the St. John Centre, Tiffield. There was a marvellous response from Bugbrooke and surrounding villages. Swimmers came from Heyford, Kislingbury, Gayton, Northampton, Watford, Newnham, even Denton. The youngest swimmer was Miss Anna Parry, 8 months old and the oldest was Mr John Eckesley, 78 years. The most lengths were swam by Mr Peter



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Some of the younger swimmers: left to right: Miss Amy Stevens, Miss Danielle Labrum, Miss Sophie Adams, Miss Shelley Crutchley, Miss Katie Denny and Miss Natalie Westland.

Robinson of Georges Ave with 150 lengths.

The hot-air balloon ride, kindly donated by Mr Colin Boyson for the most money sponsored was won by Mrs Margôt Humphries and the childrens prize of a £10.00 Toys-R-Us voucher was won by Miss Anna Parry.

This great effort produced a final figure of money received and promised of £2,450. This achievement by all concerned reflects the great appreciation we all feel for the work of the Macmillan nurses. Every pound raised in Northamptonshire will be spent to improve the lives of people with cancer here in the county. Many swimmers and sponsors have been touched by tragedy within the family or friends and it is on their behalf that many, many thanks are given to those who helped organise the swim, helped on the day, donated, advised, and especially to Mr Chris Moore of the St John Centre who allowed us the use of the pool.

Well done everyone!

Kaye Adams

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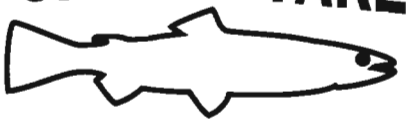

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Bugbrooke Playgroup

We have had another good half term for fundraising with the Prize Bingo and Raffle raising £135.00.

This years Teddy Bears Picnic has been arranged for 24th June, we are going to farm world – lets hope the weather stays fine.

We are all buzzing with enthusiasm, as we have just been given the okay to situate a mobile on the Primary School field. To do this we must raise at least £5,000, just to get the mobile there and main services connected. This doesn't include any renovation to the mobile.

Due to the vast sum needed we will be arranging major fund raising events. To start us off we have organised a 2 hour sponsored Aerobics on 19th June, 1993 from 10am to 12 noon.

We are also endeavouring to arrange a *huge* FUNDAY for all the family, this, we hope will take place mid-August on the playing field. If you would like to join in the fun, we need groups or clubs to come along and give us a demonstration, a Jazz Band, floats to take part in the carnival procession. People to come along and join in the games, if enough people are interested I hope to arrange an 'Its a knockout' competition, with teams consisting of all ages, even Grannie could join in. Don't worry about the kids we'll have a kiddies corner for them too. More details to follow. But if you are interested in taking an active part then ring me, I'd love to hear from you. Another form of helping us – Sponsor a brick – for more details, again ring me.

Please give us your help and support, by either attending our social events or sponsoring us in any form, with your help this village of ours will have a playgroup it desperately needs, providing the best service for our children. You know it makes sense, if you would like to help in any way please telephone me on 831699.

You are probably wondering why we need our own mobile? Well here are but a few reasons:

1. We have 50 children on our register and a waiting list.
2. The children need a place to go, to play safely, be with their peers, have free play under the supervision of qualified staff, have a place to go where everything is child size, (if you don't know what I mean, get on your knees and see how big everything is, frightening ah!). Preparation for school.

My list is endless, as you can see we have a need for our own mobile, lets give our kids the best – not nearly the best but THE BEST!

We do need your help, we need the community to pull together, please, please ring me and find out what you can do.

Maddeline Langthorne Secretary – 831699

Mothers Union

On April 21st Ian Fergus came to talk to us about his experiences at the Barcelona Paralympics. We were engrossed for an hour hearing about every aspect from the hard work involved to secure a place in the squad, the welcoming ceremony in the Olympic stadium in front of the Spanish Royal Family, the games and the friends Ian met. This interesting and informative account of the 1992 Paralympics filled us all with admiration for all those taking part.

On 25th April 40 walkers, men, women, children and dogs! took part in our sponsored walk to raise money for 'Away from it All' holidays. The walk began in drizzle and after 2 hours walking through the countryside up to our ankles in mud the sun came out. We finished the walk back at the Sunday School where we all enjoyed sandwiches, cakes and tea. We hope to raise in excess of £400 when all the donations are finally collected.

By the time this edition of Link is out we will have had our marriage evening (19th May). This is an informal evening with supper, for couples getting married in our church this year and couples who were married last year.

Sue Nightingale

The British Red Cross Society 2–8 May '93

Having agreed to 'give it a try' to organise a house to house collection for the Red Cross in the village – all the same friends who supported me with the Macmillan Nurses sponsored swim were once again called in to help. Laden with envelopes and/or collection boxes, streets, lanes and cul-de-sacs were targetted and visited.

All have returned delighted with the friendly, generous response received, and the sum of £333.22.

Many thanks once again everyone. – *Kaye Adams*

Royal British Legion

At the beginning of the year the branch had a strength increase of four stalwart bodies. Prior to this, we had arranged to play the ladies section at skittles. So our raw recruits were well and truly blooded.

I found myself pitted against 'Little Mary'. I reckon that she had been in the ATS and had served in Ack-Ack Command. How else can one explain her shots always being on target? Mine were hopeless for they suffered from excess deflection, inadequate range or insufficient elevation or a combination of two or more of these. Suffice it to say that I was well and truly trounced – and deservedly so.

Our branch was represented at the Legion's County Fayre held at British Timken's recreation ground, Duston on 9th May. We had a home made cake stall which did good business on the day.

A canal trip by narrow boat is planned for September. All members should by now have received notification of this with full details. Its success depends on the support of members. So come on. Get fell in and let's have those completed forms back.

Friends of Campion

Are you good at organization and delegation?
In other words – are you bossy?

If so, why not become one of the Bugbrooke Village Representatives for the Friends of Campion. Usually there is just one village representative, but with a village the size of Bugbrooke and particularly as the school is situated here, there is no reason why there should not be 2 or 3 village reps. Their job is to liaise with the school and the people of the village regarding the social events that happen during the year. The main task is the distribution of the raffle tickets before the Summer Fete. With a few people involved this job becomes easy. The raffle tickets have already been distributed this year, but for the future, more help is needed.

Please contact Jane Roberts or Jenny Unwin via the school if you can help.

Long Distance Sponsored Cycle – 11 September

As part of the day's events in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust, a few of us are planning a ride from Peterborough Cathedral back to Bugbrooke.

Our route will be, as much as possible, passing through rural areas away from main roads. The distance will be approximately 70 miles and we hope to have support vehicles to cater for exhausted cycles/people!

If you are interested in taking part and would like more details, please get in touch as soon as possible. We regret we cannot cater for unsupervised youngsters.

Hilary Collings – 831152

Thursday Girls

In February we had a musical evening and raised loads of money, we all had a night out at GX Superbowl to celebrate and are planning a trip to the American Theme Park in the summer holidays. March – we visited the Arts Centre at Booth Lane College to see a play 'Then he kissed me', an informative and educational look at AIDS in our society, all the girls agreed it was really good. We are always looking for new members and any girls over 13 will be welcome.
Maggie Manning – 831103

Royal British Legion – Women's Section

Ladies of the Royal British Legion were vastly entertained when Colin Kilgour of George's Avenue tried out his latest venture on them. The lives of great composers and their music was the theme. We joined in with the music and singing, not just old but new music, a really good meeting. We wish you all success Colin.

We will be having our usual 'Garden' fete in August, date not yet decided (but this is a real garden!! Mr & Mrs J Hawkin's) so come and support us please.

Our President Mrs Trinder is now going well after her 'ops' at Christmas time but at the time of going to press Mrs Frances Clayton is in hospital. A very brave lady, almost blind and deaf she can still be seen out for her walks when well.

After our appeal for speakers we did get one offer but would welcome anyone else (for a small fee of course), also would love some new members.
Enid Pell – Hon Chairman

IN BRIEF

Our French visitors
The Twinning Committee are conscious of the fact that it will not be able to report on the visit of our French friends in time for this edition of LINK. They wish it to be known, however, that a report and all suitable acknowledgements will be made in the next issue.

Age Concern
Age Concern Northamptonshire still urgently require volunteers to help on Fridays at Kislingbury Day Centre. Please if you can spare a little time and would like to assist in this important work do contact Sue Helyar on Northampton 769931.

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

I am writing this by torch light, in a car, on a bridleway, at a marshalling point for Moonwalk Night Challenge. Somewhere out there an intrepid team of older guides are trudging the darkened paths and hopefully solving complex and mind blowing challenges in a determined bid to win. It is now 1.00 a.m. – only 4 hours to go. The things we do for guides!!

At guide meetings themselves, held at a more sociable time on a Thursday evening we have had a very active programme. We took advantage of a reduced party rate at GX Super Bowl and had two excellent evenings there. We had an evening walk to Heyford returning across footpaths in the dark (sounds familiar) and donned baggy T shirts, leggings, ripped jeans and baseball hats for a Kid Fit session. We held a craft evening where earrings and spice ropes were made, the former for Mother's Day, the latter as part of knotters badge, which was gained by some guides this term. Other events have included a litter pick for Operation Spring Clean, a Thinking Day Celebration at Daventry and a visit to the Old Dairy Farm, Upper Stowe, to see the potter, enameller and wood turner at work and to admire the very hairy chested pigs and their offspring.

Stop Press – **We are the Champions**, "Moonwalk" under 16's

1st Bugbrooke Venture Scout Unit

Since the last report our unit has continued to have a very action-packed programme. We started the spring term with a weekend at Butlins, Skegness. This was a regional activity with over 700 Ventures attending, giving us a chance to meet many old friends and make new ones.

The next activity was an overnight hike to our training field carrying full back-packing kit. This hike gave us valuable experience in preparation for our Summer camp near Oswestry, during which we plan to do some back-packing among other activities. On the 18th April a group of five Venture Scouts completed a 5 hour trip down P8 cave in Derbyshire. This was an active water cave with many interesting hazards such as traversing high over the streamway, and climbing up through a waterfall.

One of our more recent activities was from 23rd to 25th April when we took Bugbrooke Cubs to Ullesthorpe in Leicestershire. Here they did activities like T-shirt printing and woggle making which took them closer to their craftsman badge.

In the future our programme includes go-karting, a parents vs.

Ventures rounders match, rafting and a visit from another unit for a quiz night.

Venture Scouting is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors and meet new people. We are a lively bunch of males and females aged 15–20 who meet every Monday at Bugbrooke Scout Hut from 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. If you would like to join our merry band, feel free to turn up any Monday or contact me for further information.
Kathryn Cockrill, Recruitment Officer – 830129

Bugbrooke Youth Club

With summer approaching we are hoping to organise some great outdoor activities including a motor bike rally, camping with water sports, an outing to Wicksteed Park and a trip to the Seaside. Also in the future we hope to be honoured with a visit from the Honda Goldwing Club and their fantastic bikes, so keep a look out on notice boards and shops for more information on forthcoming events. You don't have to be a member of the Youth club to participate in these events and parents are welcome.

We entered three teams for the Moonwalk '93 (an all-night hike) and will let you know where the teams came in the next Link. Many thanks to the parents who offered to be an emergency phone number or transported the teams to and from the event. We are very grateful.

If you would like to give us a visit we are open every Wednesday and Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. in the Playing Fields Club House, admission 30p and parents are welcome. For any information, ring on Youth Club evenings. Tel. 831137.
Steph Bowen & Lynn Elliott

THE ARTS

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If your child is interested in music, please bring them along any Saturday morning during term time.

For further information please contact Northampton Music Service Northampton 37117 or the Centre head Towcester 51762.

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatics Society

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel our spring play 'Trivial Pursuits' we shall however be performing this play in the Autumn.

We are always looking for new members.
Interested? Tel. Sheila on 830036.

SPORT

Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

With the season just completed all the Members are looking forward to the Annual Dinner and presentation of awards, which will be preceded a few days earlier by the Annual General Meeting. Reports on both of these events will be submitted for the next issue of LINK.

It is however good to report that last years success in winning the Lewis Shield was followed by an equally successful season with the Club gaining promotion with the Old Northamptonians to the Leics/Midlands league Division 2.

In fact the last league match of the campaign resulted in the greatest victory in the Club's history when we beat Burbage by 101 points to 6. That brought the Club's total of points scored in the league over the 500 mark and the overall total for the season in all games over the 1000 mark.

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

A lively AGM saw discussion of several points and the election of a new committee all 'raring to go' in achieving the tasks which lay ahead.

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It was made clear to those present that the BPFA was commited to providing both a Bowls Green and a Community Hall and that the necessary finance for these projects would be found by the previously agreed method of a sale of land for residential use. The Bowls Green is progressing more quickly than the Community Hall, which requires a greater degree of planning and involvement at Parish and District Council levels, but we remain fully committed to providing these facilities in the village, and ensuring that all residents will have the benefit of them at the most economical price.

A new constitution for the BPFA is being drafted to specifically include the provision and running of a Community Hall and Playing Fields and giving all organisations and residents within the village the opportunity to participate in its management. If you wish to know more about these proposals please contact me, or come along to a committee meeting at 7.30 p.m., 2nd Tuesday of the month, but do not rely on the grapevine or the Bugbrooke Bongos.

We still need your support to maintain our existing facilities and during the summer months we are organising several events. These include Car Boot Sales on the 1st Sunday of the month and Tug-o-War, Hockey and Cricket Competitions. Hopefully you will be able to find the time to participate, or at the least come along and look around whilst these activities take place, since refreshments and snacks will be available.

The committee are pleased to be able to help the Twinning Committee and The Bugbrooke Playgroup by providing, free of charge, the facilities for their Cricket and Fun day activities respectively. We wish them both well and hope others will regard the facilities we have as an asset to the village from which we can all benefit.

The new committee have started a further initiative on the Play area having allocated £1,000 over the next twelve months for improvements, together with any other fund raising they can achieve for that purpose. Over a period of time a better standard of equipment should be achieveable.

For your information the new committee comprises:

Brian Curtis	Chairman
Geoff Hayter	Treasurer
John Blair	Vice Chairman & Rugby Club
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Terry Newcombe	
Chris Hollis	Cricket Club
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Brian Curtis – Chairman – 832244

St Michaels 74 Cricket Club

Our annual dinner was held at Kingsthorpe Golf Club, on April 23rd. Once again, a good time was had by all. Our chairman, Mr Jack Holt, thanked all those present for their continued support and duly re-paid them with another batch of his infamous stories. As secretary, I then thanked the ladies, namely Mrs Anne Hogg, Mrs Linda Scott and my wife Sheila, for their help and support through another season. Mr John Bowling, our umpire, was then given a small gift of appreciation and was asked to remain standing to receive the Clubman of the Year award, for his sterling efforts on the field. Jeremy Clarke was named Young Player of the Year. Martin Lewis was handed Champagne Moment of the Year for his cheeky reverse sweep shot, against Great Houghton, last season. Dave Berrill and Martin Hogg picked up The Bowling Average award for Saturday and Sunday, respectively, and Mark Robbins and Paul Sackley for batting. Paul was also named Player of the Year, for his superb performance throughout 1992.

Our season, as usual, started with two cancellations due to the heavy rain. Our first point gained in the league was against newly promoted old rivals Kislingbury. This was a fairly typical start of season game, which ended in a draw. Saturday 8th May saw us record our first win, a quite comfortable victory over Ryeland Old Boys. Mike Hogg, was named Man of the Match, after taking 6–46, then leading the way with 54 not out. Paul Cattell proved again quality will out, as he supported Mike with 61 not out. This sealed a 9 wicket win.

Sunday fixtures started against Ryelands on 2nd May. In this slow starting game, an exciting finish came about with some fine hitting by Stuart Lack and Adrian Spruels who in the end failed to finish it and we lost by just 3 runs.

Anbody wishing to join us in any capacity will be very welcome. Please phone me, John Chapman (Tel. 584565), or pop round to any of our home games.

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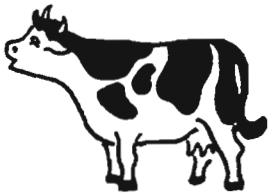

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John Chapman – Secretary

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

The close season has arrived and preparations are already in progress for the next season. The ground is being helped to recover by reseeding and returfing, after hectic use during the last few weeks of the season.

All teams performed well in their respective leagues with best performances coming from the 1st Team (3rd), Reserves (3rd) and Under 13's (2nd).

There will be a new first team manager at the club for the season 1993/94. He is Nick Verity who is an old boy of Campion School and played for the club before running the Reserve Team for the first 2 seasons. Also being welcomed to the club is a new Vice Chairman in local businessman John Botterill and a General Manager in Pattishall stalwart Terry Calvert.

Some reorganisation of team management will take place, with the purpose being to coordinate and integrate the youth scheme into adult football. This will require patience and perseverance but the youngsters will be well looked after by Willie Marriott and Alf Cameron and their helpers. Other managers will be staying in position and will be reinforced by assistants.

Everyone is optimistic that success will continue next season but the emphasis will be put on improving spectator facilities by building seated accommodation. We hope all our local supporters will encourage us in these ventures and we look forward to seeing you next season. It won't be long!

Campion Mixed Hockey

End of Season Report
There have not been many years when Campion Mixed Hockey Club have failed to win something in the Northampton mixed league and this year, it was left to the very last day of the season for success. In a splendid finale Campion played Pilgrims (our 2nd team) in the final of the '7' a side tournament, Campion winning on penalty flicks.

In what was a good, if not actually great season Campion, led by Jane Causebrook, finished up a creditable sixth in the premier division and runners up in the Knockout Plate competition.

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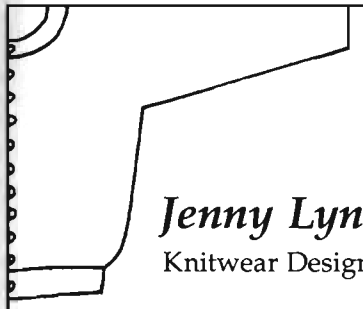

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Pilgrims captained by Vanessa Bennett came within one place of promotion from the 1st division ending up third, and of course runners up in the afore-mentioned '7'a side tournament. 'Em' Edwards was the top goal scorer in the first division.

Badgers, our third team, although propping up the first division did well to put out 11 players on a regular basis. Led by Peter Driver, Badgers again provided the proving ground for new players young and old. Several of the younger players undoubtedly stars of the future.

At our annual presentation party, honours were bestowed as follows:-

Campion Player of the Year	George Dunkley
Pilgrims Player of the Year	Ben Lones
Badgers Player of the Year	Gavin Lawson
Young Player of the Year	Catherine Carter
Clubman of the Year	Vanessa Bennett

The club has finished the season in good order and with a promising and growing playing strength which bodes well for the 93/4 season. We always welcome any new players of any calibre or age – contact Vanessa on 831926.

Finally, thanks to all who have organised or played and particularly to Gordon Garratt and Ann Timson who turned out in all weathers to umpire for us.

Nick Carter – Chairman CMHC

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

The season is now in 'full swing' and as usual, cold winds prevail. Events have been overshadowed by the death of our President's wife, Elizabeth White and a packed church paid their tributes to a much loved and respected lady.

The pavilion now offers excellent facilities, and the ground looks a picture, our thanks are due to Mick Adams, Ray Wake, David Birch in particular for their efforts.

New members are always welcome and it is hoped to organise several social events during the year. Cricket is played on most Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and at weekends during the season, it would be nice to attract more spectators, at what is a very attractive ground.

Andy Butler and family are shortly off to Australia, so missing a good part of season and we wish them well. Perhaps a tour could be arranged?

Cup matches are now taking place and it is hoped the club will have success in at least one of the competitions.

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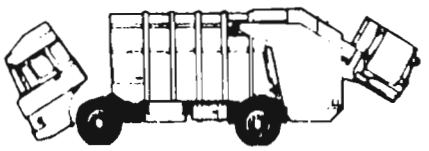
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SOMETHING AND NOTHING
by M. J. Atack

A story with no beginning
Is no story at all
A story with no end
Is just the same.

A love with no meaning
Has no feeling
But a love that is strong
Is like a bond that cannot be broken
But a love that is like a rainbow
Will glow like it's colours
But will simply fade away
But no love at all is nothing indeed.

So if all these things you have encounted
What would you say
You will say it is like the story
It has no beginning and no end
And the love that I had
Is like the rainbow that appears
But always fades away.

Family Notices

Veronica and Mike Chambers wish to thank the young man who knocked to tell us that our young cat had been hit by a car. Sadly he didn't recover, but we are very grateful that the young man should have bothered to stop and let us know, after finding him.

Matthews – Arthur, Levitts Road, well known Gardener of Bugbrooke, celebrating his 80th Birthday on 9th June. Congratulations and heres to many more! Love always from wife May and all the family xxx

Geary – Mavis, daughter of Arthur and May also celebrating her birthday. Happy Birthday to you both, have a great day. Love from Mum, Dad and all the family xxx

Tim Jackson – Happy 10th Birthday love Mum Dad and Andrew

Sheila Jackman (OAP)
'40' on July 20th, and you still look as healthy as your car!!! love, Mum!! (Andrea had nothing to do with it!!!)

Sheila Jackman
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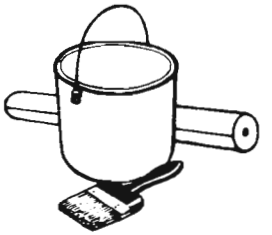

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Paul Austin – Happy 17th Birthday love Mum, Dad and Karen

The Village Diary

June			
1	7.30pm	Bingo & every Tues.	FC
3	7-9pm	Bugbrooke Girls Club & every Thurs.	PS
6	10-2pm	BPFA Car Boot Sale	PF
7	7.30pm	WI 'Disability Awareness'	SS
10	2.30pm	'I believe and Trust' meeting	SS
10		Bug. St Michaels FC German Visit	FC
12	2.00pm	Campion School Fete	CS
13	6.00pm	Deanery Choirs Festival at Everdon	
16	7.30pm	MU Deanery festival at Kislingbury Church	
17	8.00pm	Bug. St Michaels FC present Spotlight Fashion Show	FC
21	7.30pm	R. Brit Legion (WMS) Meeting	SS
23	2.15pm	Darby and Joan meeting	SS
26	2.00pm	Church Fete	
26	7.30pm	Concert by Watling Singers in Church	
26-27		Flower Festival in Church	
28	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
28	8.00pm	Flower Society 'Variations on a Theme' Mrs E. Bunce	SS
30	8.00pm	PCC Meeting	SS
July			
4	10-2pm	BPFA Car Boot Sale	PF
7	2.15pm	Darby and Joan meeting	SS
19	7.30pm	R. Brit Legion (WMS) Meeting	SS
21	2.15pm	Darby and Joan meeting	SS
26	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
26	8.00pm	Flower Society 'Holidays Remembered' Miss J. Patter	SS
August			
1	10-2pm	BPFA Car Boot Sale	PF
7	8.pm	Bug. St Michaels FC pre-season BBQ	FC
11	2.15pm	Darby and Joan meeting	SS

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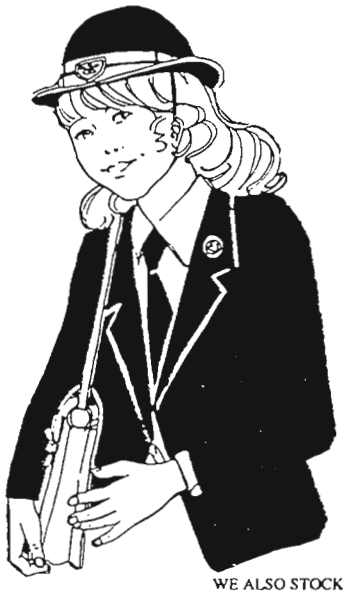

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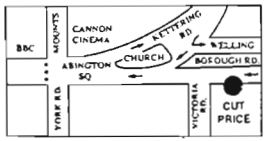

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