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Editor: John Sexton

Left Out!

Since the last edition this Editor has acquired a bullet proof vest – just in case.

The reason must by now be well known! . . . a number of articles submitted for the last issue were inadvertantly left out and to add a further dimension to the story, one of those omitted were the Rugby Notes written by my own fair hand!

If I was to say it would not have happened if circumstances had permitted me to see the final proof before publication that would be untrue as I later found some articles under a pile of papers in my briefcase. The main problem was that far too much was received for one edition and with the holiday period upon us there was extreme pressure to keep to a printing schedule.

As I have apologized to myself regarding the rugby notes, this ageing editor finds it easy to apologize to other organisations for their 'disenfranchisement'. Perhaps this presents a further opportunity for budding journalists to take over what to-date has been the safest job in Bugbrooke – but which shouldn't be!

Remembrance

Once again the Poppy Appeal will soon be upon us. From now to the turn of the century the call on Welfare Funds for ex-servicemen and women will be at its peak. Bugbrooke always gives generously for this worthy cause. The organisers are confident of your support in 1993.

Welcome

LINK takes pleasure in welcoming Mrs Emma North as Clerk to the Parish Council in succession to the late Harry Gilkes. We hope Mrs North, who is well versed in Parish Council work and procedures, will have many enjoyable years serving the village in her new capacity.

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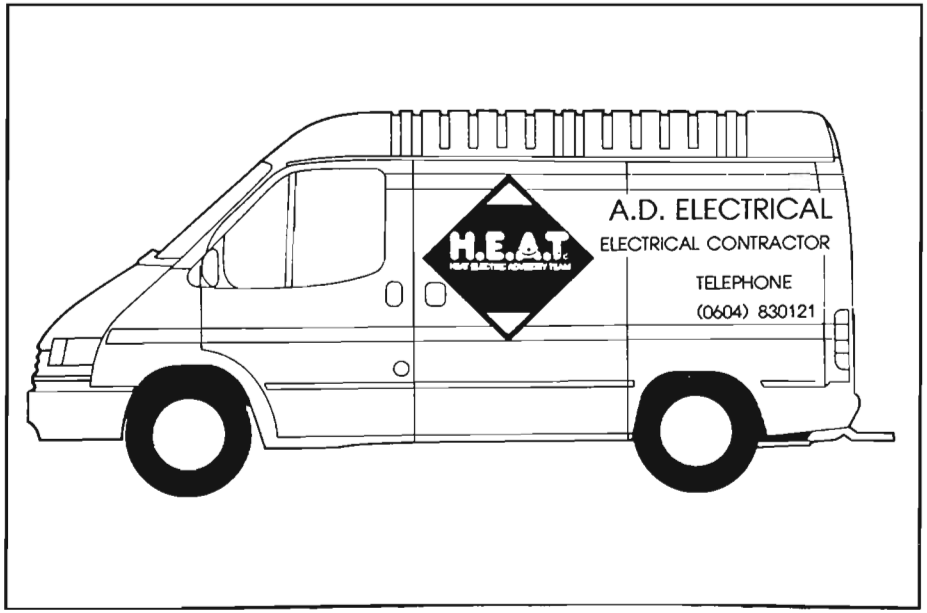

Parish Council Meetings July and August 1993

The Family Health Services Authority (FHSA) have responded to the objections to the application for a pharmacy in the village. (The main objection concerned the fact that, if successful, no other pharmacy will be allowed within a 1 mile radius – which means no medicines will be able to be dispensed from either of the two surgeries.) The FHSA has arranged a private meeting with selected representatives of the objectors to explain how they are required to deal with the application, what factors they have to take into account and the sequence of events which is likely to follow whatever decision they make. It is not intended that this meeting will discuss the merits of either the pharmacist's application or the dispensing services at present provided by the local doctors. In view of this those parties have not been invited to the meeting. The FHSA will formally consider the application at their meeting on the 28th September. One of the questions I shall be asking at the private meeting is whether the meeting on the 28th September is open to the public – and if not why not! There is a view that there are already too many decisions taken by unelected quasi-governmental bodies behind closed doors, particularly in the Health Service.

An unsolicited letter has been received from Michael Morris MP reassuring the Parish Council that there are no Government plans to close village post offices (I find irresistible the analogy of the football manager who receives a vote of confidence from the Board shortly before he is dismissed).

The Parish Council have objected to a planning application for a single storey dwelling on land adjacent to the cricket field at Great Lane. They are concerned that any development could put the use of the cricket pitch in jeopardy. The observations of Lord Denning in a 1977 Court Report reflects the views of the Parish Council but in his own distinct quaint yet concise language:- "The young men of the village will turn to other things. The whole village will be much poorer, and all because of a newcomer who has just bought a house next to the cricket ground. I must say that the developers being allowed so close to the cricket field is most surprising. The planning authority should not have allowed it. The house should have been sited so as not to interfere with the cricket ground."

Another Parish Council objection to a planning application concerns the proposed, presumably increased, use of Mount Farm, Watling Street as a motorcycle scrambling track. Although it was recognised that this facility provided a useful activity for young people there was concern

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that planning permission would lead to an unacceptable level of noise and traffic. Consequently the following objections were agreed: Existing motorcycle scrambling on this site already creates a certain amount of nuisance due to noise levels. The Parish Council are concerned that any increase in the scale and/or frequency of such use could make this nuisance intolerable. It could also lead to a significant increase in the volume of traffic in and around adjacent villages. The application also made no reference to the footpath which press reports claim is to be diverted.

Having been advised that a copy of the 1992 summary report on drinking water was available the Parish Council accordingly applied to Anglian Water Services Limited to see this document. It was thought particularly interesting as there seems to be a view that the quality of water in this area is rather poor. In reply, the Water Authority not only provided a copy of the report (which is full of scientific statistics) but also made an offer for a member of their staff to attend a future parish meeting to discuss water quality. Unfortunately, so far as I am aware, none of us are qualified to challenge the 'stream' of technical detail to which we will be subjected.

Finally, following the replacement of wooden poles in the High Street by up-market designer lamp posts, a small but significant oversight has been noticed. The bus stop sign by the Primary School has disappeared. Despite repeated requests it still has not been replaced. The only consolation is that it should at least be light enough under the new lamp to enable bus drivers to spot passengers even if they cannot see a bus stop sign.

David Harries

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I mentioned in my notes for August that sparrow hawks will take baby blue tits to feed to their own young. Bless my soul if there wasn't a nature programme on the television just a few days ago showing a woodpecker hammering away at the hole in a blue tit's box so as to get at the young to feed to its own! Nature isn't all pleasant is it?

Staying with birds, what a nuisance the starlings have been in the garden. Maybe it is because the ground is so hard and they cannot work in the fields to find food but they have landed in flocks on the sweet

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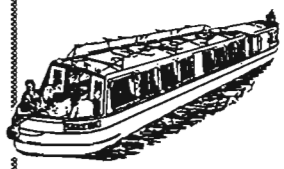

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eating apple tree and just about eaten every apple. My shouting and throwing didn't do a lot of good. No end of apples fell to the ground and the blackbirds did a good clearing up act.

What a good programme was on television last night, September 2nd, called Nature Detectives. I thought the photos of the robin feeding the baby cuckoo were superb. The wonderful capercaillie pictures from Scotland were lovely too. Not quite as thrilling as that lovely blue bird that is whizzing along our own brook. I am so pleased the kingfisher has returned.

Coming back to the robin for a moment, I thought the little bird that was singing in the churchyard late one evening after the lights had been switched on had to be a robin red breast. It is singing nearly all the time in the garden. I think it is a pleasant little thing and deserves to be the national bird for Britain.

As I sit here writing, I keep looking out at the lime trees in the churchyard. Signs of autumn are appearing fast. Perhaps the dry weather is helping things along but a frost or two will most certainly bring those golden leaves tumbling down.

It has been a difficult season but what lovely flowers some people have in their gardens. I am sure that extra watering has done the trick.

Some people on holiday in the Lake District really had some bad weather. I know someone who took an old aunt up to the Lakes for a fortnight and they had only two nice days.

Some of our friends go to America for a holiday, Philip from the Paddocks is there at the moment but when they come to tell me about their holiday they nearly always manage to use the word desert. I wonder what is better, too much rain or no rain!

I mentioned Philip Bignell a moment ago and he took me in his vintage car for a lovely ride one night. We set off at seven o'clock and moved serenely through Stowe to Preston Capes. Then we turned towards Fawsley and Everdon. We saw three large fields of sunflowers at one point. They looked lovely. We were rather dry so we stopped in Everdon for just one drink. What a lovely ride. What a shame we now think that speed is more important than safety and comfort.

I must not forget to mention Rodney Perkins coming along with a large insect in a jar. I think it was a sawfly or a horntail. It had a large black something sticking out at the back and the book says that was an ovipositor which could be used for boring holes or through which eggs could be laid.

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Bugbrooke St Michael & All Angels – Church News

Churchyard
Thank you everyone who helped with the Churchyard Collection and everyone who gave so generously, the total collected was £1,143.81 which is up on last year. This will help enormously in the upkeep of the churchyard, especially as we have just had two mowers, the strimmer and the hedge-cutter stolen from the shed. Although they were insured there will be expenses connected with replacement and with further safety measures for the churchyard shed.

One or two people have expressed surprise at the ban on artificial flowers in the churchyard, this is a diocesan regulation for every churchyard and has been in existence for over 25 years, the only exception is that poppies are allowed at Remembrance time.

Visiting Preacher
On October 3rd at 10am the Dean of Peterborough Cathedral will be preaching at Bugbrooke. Although our Cathedral is a long way away, the Dean is keen to foster links between the parishes and the Cathedral. This will be his first visit to Bugbrooke.

Harvest Thanksgiving
On Sunday October 10th it will be a time for thanking God for all his goodness to us and especially all which makes life possible. It is so easy to take what we have for granted so it is good to have opportunities to be thankful. On Sunday we shall have the usual 8am service, at 10am we shall have a special Harvest Communion for all ages, and in the evening at 6.30pm we shall have Festival Evensong. Then on Monday evening there will be the Harvest Supper.

The Life Blood of a Parish
Prayer is the life blood of a parish, it holds together and undergirds all we do. In addition to our Sunday worship and our quarterly leaflet for our own private prayer, we also have our Thursday afternoon prayer time and our telephone prayer circles. But once a year we also try to put prayer in the forefront of our mind by holding a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer as near to St. Andrew's Day as possible. This year we shall hold it on Saturday 27th November when there will be people in church praying all through the day.

Deanery Advent Carol Service at Daventry
This will be at 6pm on Sunday 28th November in Daventry Church, when the choirs of the deanery will join in a candlelit service, do come along.

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Church Autumn Bazaar – November 20th at 2pm
This will be in aid of our Centenary Fund. We are now nearing our target, we have our superfrontal back in church, beautifully restored, we hope to send the rest of our contribution to re-building the church in Guinea soon. Do support this worthy cause.

Trip to Peterborough – Saturday October 16th
The Choir will be taking part in the Diocesan Choral Festival at Peterborough Cathedral and will be running a coach. There will be spare seats so anyone who would like an afternoon in Peterborough is welcome to contact Esther Partridge on 830373. We shall leave about midday, festival evensong is in the Cathedral at 6pm, so we shall leave Peterborough at 7.30pm. The cost will be about £6.
Tim Partridge, 830373

Birmingham to London Canal Towpath Walk

I began this long distance walk at Gas Street Basin, Birmingham on 5th July with the aim to walk 145 miles to Little Venice, London to raise money for Macmillan Nurses.

My 'Passport' was stamped and signed by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the walk began. The tow path wove around the city centre and it was difficult to keep to the Grand Union as so many canals branched off. The first impressive sight was the British Telecom communications tower, we walked through many tunnels with the roar of traffic overhead. After several miles we came across a boat grounded – a lock gate had been left open further along and there was not enough water on which to float the boat. Professional help was summoned so on we continued until we gradually left the city centre behind and the beauty of the wild flowers became apparent. I also saw my first Kingfisher of the walk at this point. We finished the first days walk at Knowle and I gained a second stamp on my Passport.

The next stage came past Stratford Junction, through Kingswood and through Shrewley Tunnel. This was interesting as there are two tunnels side by side, one for boats and another for horses. Soon we reached Hatton Locks, a flight of 21 locks! We paused here for lunch and stamped our Passports and had a chat with the lock-keeper, a gentleman I had previously met when he cycled from London to Birmingham for charity earlier in the year.

Warwick came next and we passed Kate Hire Boats and a specialist boat builders yard. Leamington Spa had some modern canalside housing which looked very nice, we passed a mural painted on the side

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of a terraced house showing a canal scene. On again to the next stamping point at Bascote Locks and onwards to Napton Junction and Braunston. The tow path was in very poor condition on this stage before another stamp was gained at 'The Stop House', Braunston, then on again down Braunston flight and over the tunnel in pouring rain on a very overgrown tow path which took us to Norton Junction and under the A5 through the newly constructed 'People Pipe'.

This next stage was interesting as the Canal, Railway and the M1 motorway all follow the same route through the 'Gap'. On through Weedon and into home country for a welcome stop on 'Lydia' at Bugbrooke Wharf for a cup of tea and then on past Gayton Junction, for the Northampton Arm, reaching Blisworth in the pouring rain. We continued on, over the tunnel, to Stoke Bruerne to meet a party walking from London. We were greeted and made welcome by British Waterways officialdom and congratulated on our efforts.

I now continued on my own to complete the walk from the stamping point at Stoke Bruerne to London, passing Grafton Regis, Cosgrove, Wolverton coach works and on to Linford Wharf where the disused Newport Pagnell Arm used to connect. Through Milton Keynes I passed many modern houses with private wharfs and then onto Fenny Lock, a very picturesque village, through Talbot Lock and on to Soulbury Locks and another stamp.

Next came Linslade, Leighton Locks and Leighton Buzzard and on past Slapton Lock and Seabrook Locks, near Ivinghoe, and on to Marsworth Junction, for the Aylesbury Arm and another stamping point. On past Bulbourne Junction, for the disused Wendover Arm, and to Bulbourne Workshops where lock gates are made. Next came Berkhampsted with an interesting place called the Cow Roast Inn at Dodswell and a magnificent carved totem pole at the town centre timber yard.

Bourne End came next with some very pretty canalside cottages and on to Boxmoor where watercress is grown. On through Hemel Hempstead and Apsley passing Nash Paper Mills then under the M25 and forwards to Abbots Langley, Watford and Batchworth for another stamp.

Form there I walked through Uxbridge, passing the Slough Arm, and on to West Drayton with the continual sight and sound of airliners for Heathrow. Next was Bulls Bridge where the Brentford Arm branches off. Following the Paddington Arm I was on my last stretch. The aquaduct over the North Circular Road was being repaired, there posed a problem as there was no diversion for the tow path. I continued on and eventually arrived at Little Venice and the final stamping point.

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A holiday maker interested in what I was stamping disappeared into his boat to return with a glass of wine, a welcome finish to the last 26 mile stretch.

During the walk I experienced urban and rural areas, but wildlife and flowers were prolific throughout. I also experienced many changes of weather, but continued regardless and enjoyed every step of the way, and might add that I have raised £500 for the Macmillan Nurses.

Thank you to everyone who supported me with donations and lifts and thank you to all the people who walked a stretch with me.
Melanie Haylock

Women's Institute

At our September meeting, after the summer break, we have a talk on wine appreciation, and who knows, perhaps some samples!

During the break in August, a group of us went on a Ghost Walk around Northampton town centre, arranged by the County Council and what an enjoyable evening it was. Our guide was most interesting, her local knowledge impressive and her stories of our 'local' ghosts fascinating. We also saw the town centre with new eyes, when not just rushing through loaded down with shopping, or late for work!

The 'Drawing for Beginners' course is in September, as are Ballroom Dancing lessons at Wellingborough. Also at Wellingborough in September is an Antiques Roadshow, usually very well attended and appreciated.

The final of the Scrabble Tournament is in October at WI House in Northampton, and Dry Slope Skiing is on offer at Skew Bridge in November. This should be popular with members who have plans for skiing holidays next year.

There is also an outing to London in November, for shopping or a matinee etc., and also planned is a Christmas Craft day in November.

37 walkers took part in the 75th Anniversary Walk, 75 miles stretching from Kelmarsh to WI House in Northampton. Various members walked the different stretches each day, with three couples completing the whole walk. No doubt a lovely experience, through some very picturesque countryside.
V. Chambers

Question...*What is it that every married couple in Bugbrooke does once a year?*
(See page 11)

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Mothers Union

On June 16th the Mothers Union celebrated the Deanery Festival at Kislingbury Church. Members from every branch in the Daventry Deanery paraded their banners into Church for the Service. Afterwards a light supper was enjoyed by all who attended.

Our day outing took place on July 8th when a coach took M.U. members and friends to the market town of Uppingham. We were welcomed at Uppingham Parish Church by their Mothers Union to share a short service. After the service we were guests of the M.U. for lunch. The afternoon was spent browsing round the collection of interesting little shops.

Sue Nightingale

Royal British Legion – Womens Section

Unfortunately for some unforeseen reason my piece on June's talk by Ian Fergus did not get in the Link. We had a most thrilling night as we went to the Paralympics in Spain with Ian. We saw all his kit (including his other leg), medal and photographs and a good time was had by all. We admire the way he copes with his disability and wish him all the best in future competitions.

We had a wonderful day for our Mini Fete and were able to send £150 to the Purse Presentation, this money goes to support people still in need of help from war and strife and also widows of soldiers etc. and ex-service women.

Our September meeting will have gone by the time this goes to press but we hope to have Rev. Tim Partridge to talk to us.

Congratulations to our oldest member, Mrs. E. Botterill who was 90 years old in August.

M E Pell,
Hon. Chairman

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Remembrance Day, this year Sunday November 14th, will soon be with us and in the two weeks prior to this date, ladies and gentlemen from the local branches will be collecting at your doors. Last year was again a record collection for our village. Please give generously again.

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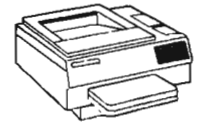

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Royal British Legion

So much pleasure has been derived from the success of the British athletes in Stuttgart earlier this year. But the euphoria surrounding the three gold, three silver and four bronze medals ignores a major aspect of their achievement. This is the sacrifices made by them and their families to enable them to reach the pinnacle of their sport.

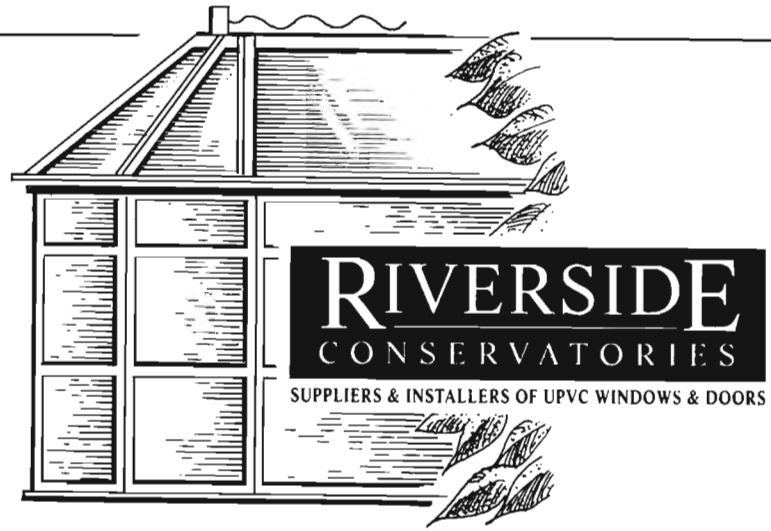
It is said that we won both the Great War and the Second World War. Today, it seems that both Germany and Japan were the real victors when their economic success is measured against our own. It cannot be ignored that the Japanese success seems to have resulted from their exploitation of the European market. How else does one explain the success of Seiko watches, Mazda cars, Sanyo radios, etc, against traditional British products which are no longer manufactured?

Whereas the Japanese are reluctant to acknowledge the cruelty which their country meted out to British military and civilian prisoners-of-war (men, women and children), the average German is ashamed of the Nazi atrocities. And yet we are more inclined to support Japanese industry (and thereby their economy) rather than buying British or even German goods.

This all tends to make one cynical about the sacrifices made by our Nation's youth in two World Wars and in countless campaigns. In the Second World War, we must never forget that it was not just the Armed Forces which made the sacrifice, but also the civilian population of the entire country. The *Blitz* was not confined to London. Speak to the civilian survivors of Coventry, Liverpool, Sheffield and York (to name but a few) and you will learn that they also suffered. They got no medals.

We are shortly to hold our annual Remembrance Day services throughout the land. Now held on the Sunday nearest to the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the economic factor dictates that we no longer stop the traffic and everything else for 2 minutes at the eleventh hour on the actual day. Many see this event as part of a military calendar. They are mistaken, for a close scrutiny of the London event will show many civilians representing purely civilian organizations such as the Women's Voluntary Service (now WRVS), War Reserve Police, St John's Ambulance Brigade, Civil Nursing Reserve, Air Raid Precautions, Auxiliary Fire Service and the Merchant Navy. We were all in it together and what a trememdous *camaraderie* we had in the whole land.

But it was not without sacrifice. There are many not to be seen at any parade because they were terribly mutilated. There are the widows



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struggling on a pittance of a War Widow's Pension. As they grow older, so their needs increase. It was their sacrifice of yesterday which enables us to have our quality of life today. Please remember them when you see the Poppy sellers and give generously.

Bugbrooke Flower Club

We have been very lucky again with our last two demonstrators, both very able and amusing arrangers. It never ceases to amaze what accoutrements some of them used. *We* could probably search for ever for that one piece of elusive wood!

Congratulations to the winners in the quiz devised by Jane Inwood. This was very successful and will pay for a demonstrator next year.

A very big thank you also to Julia and Rupert for their sterling work towards the Garden Party and for the loan of their garden where it was held.

Members will have visited other flower clubs by the time this goes to print and our Annual Dinner will have been consumed.

Our October meeting will be a 'must' especially if it is as good as last years and November is also expected to be an excellent evening, when we go to join with Heyford Ladies, although many members could be on diets after the 'Pudding' evening on November 2nd at The Sunday School.

B. E. Bell

Flower Festival

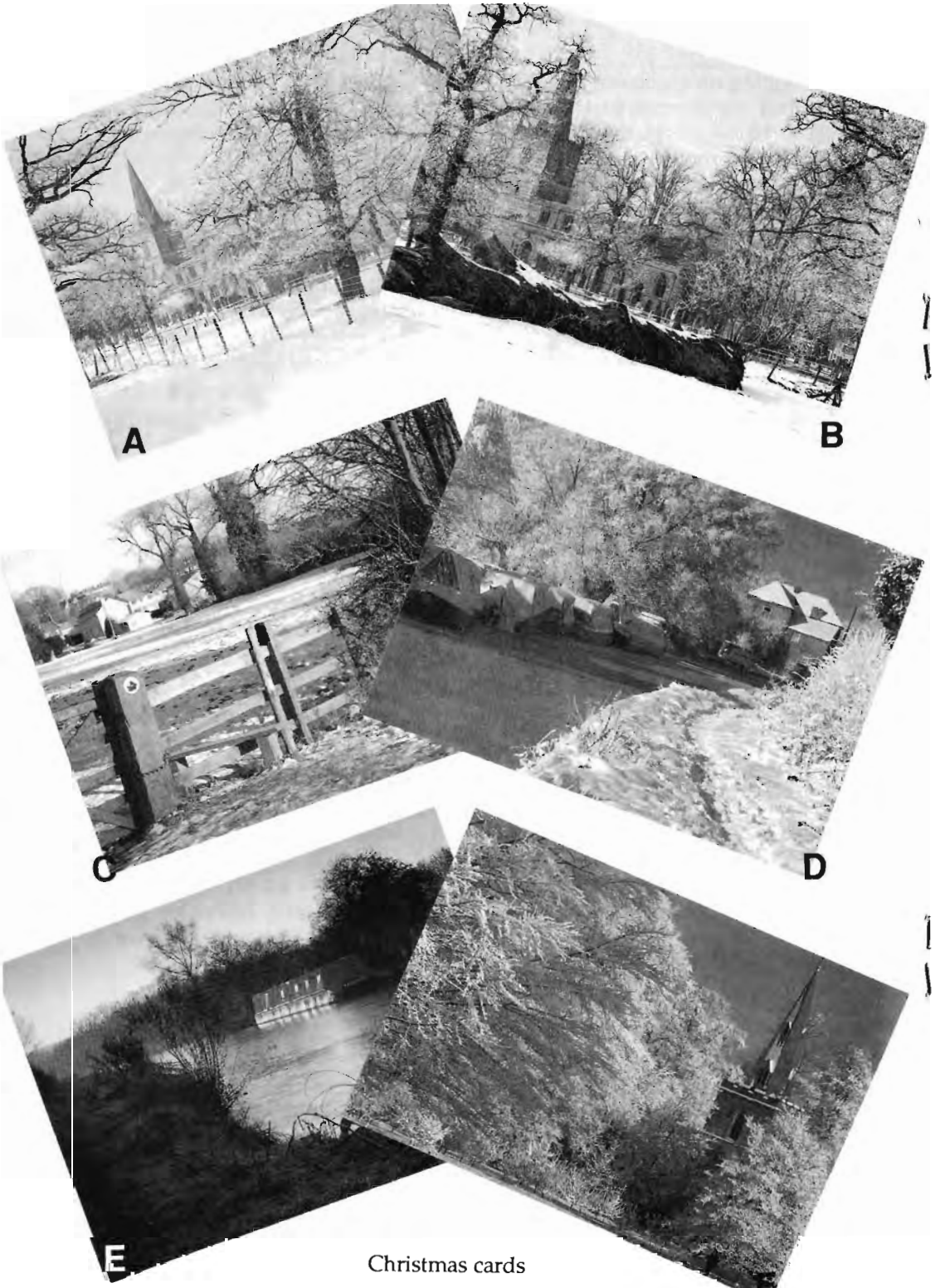
Answer (*from page 8*) ... They celebrate a wedding anniversary! And the Flower Festival in 1994 will be doing just that. So we need YOUR anniversary date if you are celebrating any anniversary from 1–15, or 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 or 60.

Please phone your details through to Barbara Clark on 831740 so that your name can go alongside the appropriate display. Although the Festival, called Anniversary Waltz, is not until June 25th and 26th, we need this information by October 20th because we have a meeting then.

Gill Turland, Festival Co-Ordinator

HELP!

Is there any one in Bugbrooke who would like to help with a Brownie Pack on a Tuesday evening 6–7.30pm. If you would like further details ring 0327 40404.



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Volunteers Wanted

The Northampton branch of the Family Welfare Association (FWA) is currently developing a service providing leisure and recreation opportunities for those children/young people (3–19 years) living in rural Northamptonshire, who are disabled or handicapped.

The Association is seeking to build up a pool of volunteers who would be willing to engage in one-to-one support for such youngsters e.g. accompanying them on day trips, or organising small groups within their local communities.

Referrals to the service will be via the local Social Services Departments/Health Authorities etc. Every effort will be made to ensure that volunteers and young people referred are well suited.

All volunteers need references and would have to undergo police checks – routine when working with young children. Experience of working with the young and disabled would be helpful. Volunteer expenses will be reimbursed and ongoing support provided.

If you are interested, please contact the Family Welfare Association, 196 Kettering Road, Northampton. Tel: 0604 20341. We would welcome applications from any person regardless of age, gender, cultural background, disability or sexuality.

Thank you for your support in this request.

Sue Dellet and Stephanie Buswell
Children's Resources Workers

Betty's Pantry

Lamb and Walnut Dumplings

3 level tbs plain flour
Salt and Pepper
1½lb shoulder lamb boned, cut into pieces
3 tbs oil
1 pint stock
8–10 small whole onions
8 medium size carrots – quartered lengthways
15oz tin tomatoes (optional) reduce amount of stock if using can of tomatoes

Dumplings
2oz suet
Butter to fry
1½oz white breadcrumbs
4oz self raising flour
Salt and Pepper
Milk to mix
1oz chopped walnuts
1tbs chopped parsley

Lamb
Sift plain flour, salt and pepper. Add lamb pieces, toss and coat lightly, shake off excess flour and reserve.

Heat oil, gently fry meat, stir in extra flour. Add stock and bring to the boil. Add onions, carrots and tomatoes. Cover and simmer for 1 hour. Turn into ovenproof dish.

Dumplings
Fry breadcrumbs until golden, allow to cool. Mix suet and flour, stir in walnuts, parsley, salt and pepper and bind with milk. Form into 8–10 balls and coat with cooled breadcrumbs. Add to lamb mixture and bake in oven, gas mark 6 or 400°F for 20 minutes.

Bramble Crunch

1lb blackberries
1 tbs water
Caster sugar
8oz digestive biscuits
4oz demerara sugar
¼ pint whipped cream

Cook blackberries with water until soft. Sweeten to taste with caster sugar. Crush the digestive biscuits with a rolling pin and mix with demerara sugar.

Place alternate layers of biscuits and blackberries into individual serving dishes. Top with whipped cream and chill.

Alternative: Use stewed apples mixed with a little ginger powder.

Bugbrooke OAP Christmas Gift Scheme

We have already received a large number of applications for this year's Christmas Gifts but we are sure that there are many more still to come in. Please note that all applications must be taken in or sent to one of the collection points set out in the last issue of LINK.

Should you have mislaid your August copy of LINK, spare application forms are held at the Post Office, the Stores and Cherrenee.

Don't forget that completed forms must be handed in to the collection points by 31st October 1993 in order to qualify for your Christmas Gift.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that the value of the gift this year is being increased to £4.00 per person. This is due mainly to the generosity of local businesses, organisations and individuals who have contributed freely to our funds and for which we are extremely grateful.

Bruce Piper,
Chairman

Friends of Campion

This year's Autumn Fayre will be on a **Sunday, 21 November.** Father Christmas will be there in his grotto. Bugbrooke are running the cake stall, so we need your help! Any cakes to Sheila Willmore, 31 Oaklands on the Saturday or Sunday morning, please.

University here they come!

We hear that Jenny Rayson of Georges Avenue is to study Economics at St Johns College, Cambridge. We would like to send our congratulations to her and to all the Bugbrooke pupils of Campion School who have gone on to some form of further education.

An open letter to the heartless thief or thieves who stole two umbrellas from Bugbrooke Church on Sunday 12th September 1993.

"I hope you enjoyed the service for the Christening of three beautiful babies, one of whom was my grand-daughter.

A member of my family who was particularly looking forward to this event was my 96 year old aunt who was being taken to the church by wheel chair. Unfortunately, shortly before the time of the service, torrential rain started to fall necessitating the use of a very large umbrella in order to try to keep her dry.

Upon reaching the church, I left the umbrella (a very distinctive blue and white striped, golfing umbrella) in the porchway – as did most of the congregation.

However, at the end of the service when we were leaving the church and the rain was falling even more heavily, **YOU** had taken our umbrella, leaving a frail, wheel chair bound, 96 year old lady without any form of protection from it! In fact, not content in taking one umbrella, we later found that another elderly lady from our party had also had her umbrella taken.

I hope you think of these old ladies every time you use those umbrellas – but more to the point, I hope **I SEE** you when you are using it."

I find stealing, in any form, despicable but stealing from a church leaves me speechless.

My thanks to Mr. Partridge for lending us an umbrella to help to keep my aunt dry on the jouney back home and my appreciation if the umbrellas are returned to the church porch from where they were taken.
Mrs. C.M. Quinn, 9 Peace Hill.

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

Summer camp was extremely enjoyable if a little wet. The theme was Winnie the Pooh and activities included the making of clay honey pots and brightly striped pom pom bees. Cakes were made and baked in a camp fire oven and piglet was rescued from a huge puddle in which he was stranded in an umbrella. We had a hunt for Eeyore's tail and pulled a stuck Winne the Pooh in the guise of Helen, Jackie and Kathryn from a hole. The Archery man came and the afternoon was spent dodging raindrops and arrows.

The Senior Guides (Action Plus) also had a fantastic time under canvas. We took lightweight tents, hired a mini bus and headed for Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire for a four day seaside holiday. We bathed in the sea, built sandcastles, played crazy golf, paddled in the maple leaf pool, and walked the sea wall to take on Mablethorpe by night.

We return to guides after the summer and are straight into jumble collecting. We have an evening arranged at Benham Sports, a visit from an owl man, plan to make and decorate mini Christmas cakes and have a weekend of Christmas activities planned at McQueen house.

If there are any girls of 8+ who would like to add their names to our waiting list in readiness for when they are 10, please phone Helen on (9) 40404 or Rachel on 831697.

Bugbrooke and Harpole Scout Group

If the above title sounds unfamiliar, it is because it is the name of a brand new Scout Group formed on the 1st September by a combination of the two separate Groups formerly known as the 1st Bugbrooke and 37th Northampton (Harpole). To members and their parents of the old 1st Bugbrooke there will not be a noticeable difference except new nametapes on the uniforms and some new Leaders and boys/girls in the Scout Troop. (The Troop will now be mixed.) The amalgamation was brought about by severe problems at the Harpole end which might have resulted in complete closure of that Group. The Harpole members now have a more secure future and the new Group will benefit from a strengthening of the Executive Committee. There will now be five sections – a Beaver Colony, Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop and Venture Scout Unit meeting at Bugbrooke on the same nights as before, and a second Cub Scout Pack meeting in Harpole on a Wednesday evening.
John Cockrill

Bugbrooke and Harpole Venture Scout Unit

The highlight of this summer for the unit was of course summer camp, a weekend in Wales. The campsite was idyllic, a small stream, plenty of firewood and most importantly, seclusion...This site was in fact a field belonging to Mr Davies in Nant Hirwen near Oswestry. The main activity for the weekend was an overnight backpacking expedition, where we walked from the base campsite to camp at about 1200 feet up below the Berwyn ridge. So late one morning, eight Venture Scouts set off on the treacherous journey that lay ahead of them, fraught with danger and unknown challenges...

The weather was excellent and everyone was in high spirits, after many miles and hours of strenuous walking we eventually reached our destination. Tents were erected amongst a ferocious wind and Matthew even managed to cook his super noodles! A peaceful night was spent amongst a hillside of sheep and a gurgling stream...

The next morning we woke up, only to face an unappetising dehydrated breakfast and the 13 mile trek to base camp. But in true Scouting spirit we all completed the walk, with sunburn and an extremely heavy backpack. That night at base camp was spent talking around the campfire, and planning future expeditions. The unit would like to thank Ann Gatehouse and John Cockrill for making the weekend possible...

While I am on this subject I would like to mention two of our members who have completed their Explorer Belt Expedition. Craig Allan and John Gibbins have spent ten days walking through Holland, Belgium and Germany trying to accomplish several taxing tasks set by the Unit. These tasks involved meeting local people and sampling their way of life. More details in the next issue...

Venture Scouting is a great opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while working with others...if you are aged between 15 and 20, male or female and are interested in joining the Unit please feel free to contact me at any time or turn up on a Monday night at Bugbrooke Scout Hut between 7.45 and 9.30pm.

Kathryn Cockrill (Recruitment Secretary) 830129

Bugbrooke Youth Club

With dark evenings approaching our outdoor activities are coming to an end, but we are pleased to say we have purchased another snooker table and hope to increase our choice of board games (if anybody has any to give us we will be very grateful).

The latest craze with our member's is 'Zap Atax' the laser adventure arena and we hope to be paying them a few more visits.

Once again, thank you to all who help. If anyone is interested in giving us a helping hand, please contact Lynn on 832116 or phone the Youth Club on Wednesday or Friday evenings on 831137.

Steph Bowen and Lynn Elliott

The Arts

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society

Autumn play 'Trivial Pursuits' a comedy by Frank Vickery.

A summer evenings barbeque is the setting for a meeting of the 'Trelaw and District Operatic Society'. Next season's play is being announced but Nick, the society's business manager has promised a different show and the plum roles to four different people. As the evening progresses, each characters talents are revealed. The complex relationships between players emerge as moments of pure slapstick and farce alternate with ones full of real drama and pathos.

Tickets available from Mrs. M. Terry on 832303 and Mrs. M. Cave, The Stores, Bugbrooke.

The Pantomime in January is 'Pinocchio'. Dates for this are Thursday 27th, Friday 28th and Saturday 29th January at 7.30pm. Saturday matinee at 2.30pm.

Tickets available from Mrs. M. Terry on 832303. Book early to avoid disappointment.

S.E.Bignell

St. Michael's Music Society

The 1993/94 season of events has now begun and members may look forward to attending Choral Evensong at St. Mary's, Warwick on Sunday 24th October and hearing Northampton Youth in Concert at the Derngate Theatre on Sunday 14th November.

A very special event is planned for February 5th when Christine Buchanan will be talking to members and playing her harp at a Music Workshop focused on the harp. This will take place in St. Michael and All Angels' Church, Bugbrooke.

The Music Society is again inviting applications for the Donald Baxter Music Bursary. The bursary will be £75 for a year to assist music students in their studies.

The monies must be used to either subsidise existing musical tuition or singing lessons or to provide additional tuition that will be of proven value to the student concerned. Applicants should be connected with St. Michael's Church, Bugbrooke and take a frequent and regular part in church life.

Application forms can be obtained from any member of the Music Society Committee or the Rev. Canon Tim Partridge, and should be returned by 31st October 1993. Applications will be examined by members of the committee and if necessary all applicants will be interviewed. The winner of the award will be selected by the committee and their decision will be final. The bursary will be valid for one year.

Current members of the committee are: Colin Ashmore, Valerie Burt, Hazel Kitchener, Nancy Rogers, Alec Shaw and Miriam Shipman.
Hazel Kitchener, Hon. Secretary

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

Following the enthusiasm of the kids at the last tug-o-war competition we are proposing to hold a junior event for village children. We have divided up the village into streets of (approximately) equal numbers and given them team names. All you have to do is get together 10 team mates to enter the competition, put their names, ages (8–14) and weight on the form below and hand it to a committee member or Dave Curtis at Campion School. Don't let your street down – Boys and Girls can both pull their weight!

We are also hoping to hold a quiz night towards the end of October and if we can raise 12 teams on a similar basis this may start the beginnings of a little 'friendly' village rivalry! Groups of 4 are needed although supporters may come along to cheer, or cheat on their team's behalf!

If I've missed your street out, you may be relieved, but if you want to join in give me a ring and you can be tagged on somewhere.

We are writing to the charity commission to confirm our intention to take on the new constitution and then will be waiting for their seal of approval so that we can put it into operation at the appropriate time. We hope this will not be too far into the future and that all organisations and individuals in the village will come to feel part of an association working towards facilities available to and used by all. The parish, district, and county councils all back our community and bowls schemes and we are optimistic about obtaining the necessary planning and building consents together with the required funding.
B M Curtis, Chairman

	Team Name	Area of Village
1.	The Great Westeners	Great Lane, West End, Peace Hill, The Leys
2.	The Bad Pad Aces High	High St., Badgers Cl., Paddocks, Ace Lane
3.	The Grim More Mead Quakers	Pilgrims Lane, Moores Cl., Quakers Cl., Mead Way
4.	Oaklanders	Oaklands
5.	The Camp Hill Pounders	Camp Hill, Pound Lane
6.	The Close Groovers	Lime Grove, Almond Cl., Maple Cl., Beech Cl.
7.	The Off Smithies	Smitherway
8.	The Shepgonners	Waggoners Way, Shepherds Walk
9.	John Roaders	Johns Road, Butts Hill Crescent
10.	The Spenlev Chips	Chipsey Ave., Levitts Rd. Spencer Cl.
11.	The George Links	Georges Ave and Close, Link Way
12.	B45s	Kislingbury Rd., Church Lane (including semi residents at the Bells!)

Entry form for _____competition

	Name	Age	Weight (for tug-o-war)
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Contact/Organiser of Team

_____ Tel: _____

Return to committee member or Dave Curtis, Campion School

Family Announcements

JENKINS

We would like to sincerely thank everybody in Bugbrooke for the support and sympathy shown to us after the tragic death of our son Tim; for the cards, flowers and kind thoughts during the days leading to the funeral and for the friendship and floral tributes by so many at the church. This support has given us a warm feeling which will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Bugbrooke has a warm and caring community.
Anne, Keith and Louise Jenkins.

WATSON

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for the beautiful floral tributes, cards and messages of sympathy sent to us at the sad loss of Sydney. Also to those making donations to Cancer Research in his memory.

PARTRIDGE Tim and Esther would like to thank everyone who sent best wishes to Stephen and Carrie for their wedding and also to Rachel on her 21st birthday. Both were very happy occasions.

SPARROW Happy 3rd birthday Georgina on October 7th, love from Mummy and Daddy.

ATTWOOD Congratulations to Miriam on gaining her B.Tec Higher National Certificate in Business and Finance, also Sarah 2.1 B.Sc. Honours Degree in Library and Information Studies and Tina Grade 5 Piano. Well done. Happy Birthday Miriam on November 11th and best of luck in your future exam. Love from Mum and Dad Attwood and family.

FERGUS Rory. Have a very happy 8th birthday on November 5th, lots of love from Mum, Dad, Katie, Craig and Nan. XXXX

PANCOUST Congratulations Darren on your 21st birthday on 24th September. Health and happiness always, love from Mum, Dad, Nan, Pap, Emma, Stephen, Kelly and Abigail. XX

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COOPER Abigail. Happy 1st birthday on 30th October. Lots of love darling from Mummy, Daddy and Kelly.

COOPER Happy birthday Abigail, one on 30th October. All our love sweetheart from Nanny, Pappy, Uncle Darren and Gt. Nan and Pap. XX

JENKINS Happy birthday on October 11th Louise love from Mum and Dad.

AUSTIN Happy 15th birthday Karen on 30th September love from Mum, Dad and Paul.

Sport

Do We Need Exercise?

A few years ago I was invited to speak to a group of women on the necessity of keeping fit in the 50–70 age range.

I am sure that most people are aware that exercise is not only beneficial but indeed necessary for maintaining good health. The human body is designed to move and like a motor car, or any piece of machinery it will deteriorate if left static for too long. Those of us who lead sedentary lives are particularly vulnerable to the ill effects felt by lack of exercise.

The choice of exercise is that which is most enjoyable to the individual because once started it should be 'kept up', otherwise benefits are lost, it should be a part of one's life which is looked forward to with pleasure as with any other hobby. Personally I am not keen on the current term 'work out' in referring to an exercise programme, it is reminiscent of 'punishment' rather than a pleasant pastime.

In writing this article I am targeting the over 50's age group and I would suggest swimming, walking, dancing and if one is competitive by nature, some sports. Yoga classes are also enjoyed by many people.

I myself am a qualified and registered Keep Fit Association teacher and have been teaching classes for women and girls for over 20 years. I have taught people from different backgrounds and with different needs, mainly in the London and Hertfordshire areas and have been able to observe the pleasure and benefits to health so many women – hundreds – have derived from moving to music in a Keep Fit class. The feeling of well-being, improvement in muscle tone and circulation. The release of tension, stiffness and aches and pains. The fun and

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camaraderie of moving with a group without competition. Friendships formed and learning to relax and laugh at oneself.

I explained all of this to the ladies' group and I sensed their interest and eagerness to experience and be part of this new venture, yet naturally some were apprehensive.

Could they do it? Would they feel silly? They were not as young as they used to be and somewhat overweight. What would they wear, can you see me in a leotard? These were all or some of the questions which were fired at me and they are not unusual, nearly everyone feels dismayed even at the thought of it.

Put the thoughts out of your head. We will all be the same age. Not one of us has a perfect figure. We are here to loosen up and tone not to train for the Olympic team so of course you can do it. Remember your teacher has spent 4 years training how to plan her lesson to meet the needs of the people in front of her and at their particular level, and you wear loose comfortable clothing, track suit trousers and a short sleeved T-shirt are ideal. Canvas pumps or sneakers for the feet.

Do any of you remember Eileen Fowler of the Women's League of Health and Beauty? There you have it, you did it then or thought you could, you can do it now.

A class is due to start in Bugbrooke on Thursdays in the Football Club at 10.30a.m (date to be decided). This is an Adult Education Class so you will need to enrol. For further details ring me, Monica Pile on 831117 or Adult Education Office Roade Tel: (0604) 863948.
Monica Pile

Bugbrooke Bowls Club

As we approach the end of another summer season, we can look back with some pride and satisfaction on another successful year. Of the 17 weekend friendly fixtures played we have won 6; this is already a record (double last year's wins) and we have 4 games still to play. Perhaps more importantly, we are well recognised and welcomed throughout the bowls community. The Delapré League is almost complete and it looks as though we shall come fourth (an improvement on fifth last year). In the Crockett Cup we came fifth out of 50 teams entered.

There have been two new events this year. For the first time we have organised our own club competitions and these are going well and will be completed by mid September. Also we were invited to participate in the Kislingbury Bowls Club Top Team competition. In a very close match, we were knocked out in the first round by Finedon who have

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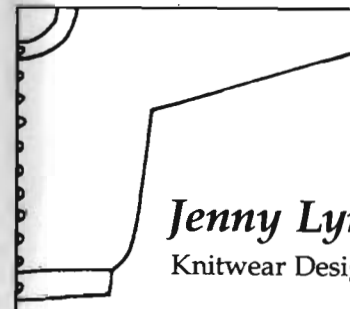

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won this competition in three of the last four years. It seems that everyone was much impressed by the quality and strength of our performance and we hope we will be invited to compete again next year.

To complete this season, we shall be having a club Gala Day on 26 September at Kislingbury and we are very grateful for their kindness and hospitality to us. There will be bowls through the afternoon followed by prize giving and entertainment in the evening. It promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable event.

In the coming Winter season we shall again play in the short-mat league and hope to do even better than last year. We also have thirteen weekend fixtures planned in indoor greens (up from 9 last year). Playing on a carpet is very different from playing on grass but perhaps we will manage at least one win this year.

There has been no actual progress on the construction of the green but this is another consequence of the current economic climate. The BPFA has land for sale to finance the green and other projects. Permission to build the green has been granted and quotations have been received and considered. Everything is ready once buyers can be found and the funds are available.

Membership has been pretty stable through the year at just under 60. New members are always welcome and no prior experience of the game is required (until just over 2 years ago, I had never played the game). If you would like to join but do not have your own bowls, do not worry about it. It takes time to discover what size and weight of bowl suits you best and, until you have done that, you should not even consider buying your own set. In the meantime, other members will be willing to lend you bowls. To those of you who may think it looks a simple boring game, I can assure you it is not; it is demanding and infuriating but when you get it right it feels great. It is also a very sociable game.
Tony Pace (Secretary)

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

The 'Pyjama Game' v The Sun, Kislingbury was a great success which we won by 13 runs in a good-hearted game. The barbeque was good if a little scarce on the burgers.

Ray Wakes' individual run out of opposing captain Vince Thomas was the Chairmans choice for 'Champagne Moment', and most importantly we raised £150 for charity on the night.

Results have continued to go our way on Sundays having only lost twice, but Saturdays could do with a boost and some young blood. The Cup Side unfortunately failed to live up to expectations at Wellingborough

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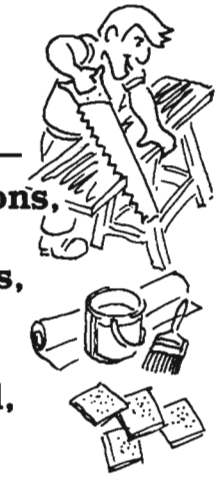

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OGs, as the opposing bowling was very accurate and the wicket could not have been more helpful to their fast and accurate attack.

A tie was recorded at Wellingborough School between us and Old Wellingburians III on 21st August due mainly as a result of some very accurate bowling by 15 year old Andrew Stone taking 6 for 28 and bowling the last man with the scores level. (Surely a candidate for young player of the year, along with 13 year old NCA and Midland Schools U13 Nick Pont, and Em Kenning NCA U13)

Thanks must go to Jack Dawson for the cutting of the grass, the field has never looked better. Thanks also to the Ladies who made teas and cakes, they have done an excellent job this year.

The Annual Dinner has been set for 19th November at The Wharf and will cost £12.50 per head. All members are cordially invited. (Phone P. White for more information on 830452).

J M Nuttall, Fixture Secretary

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

With the season well under way it is becoming easier to foresee how Bugbrooke teams are going to fare. The first XI is likely to have a tough time following the loss of some players from last season but there is enough talent in the squad for them to do well once they settle into a sound pattern of play.

The club is not paying any players this year and all those playing are at Bugbrooke because they want to be here, and enjoy the atmosphere of a friendly club. They look forward to getting the support of local followers as many of them live within the village or close by.

The Reserves have made a good start and could well be contenders for League and Cup honours if they continue in the same vein throughout the season.

The 'A' and 'B' sides look likely to have better seasons with both teams capable of competing with the best in their respective leagues. The young 'B' side, under the management of Alf Cameron, look a good side to watch and they could progress towards United Counties League standard if they continue to train and play hard throughout the season.

The youth sides can look forward to a full season and will be enjoying their football and training sessions at Campion School. They always play with enthusiasm and discipline and are a credit to the managers and parents who encourage them. It is always worth a visit to the Playing Fields on Sunday afternoons to watch them. This season

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there will be teas available after the game with a chance to watch the BSky TV game on the box in the clubhouse.

New ventures this season are the Sunday side playing on Sunday mornings and the Veterans XI (Over 35s) playing occasional friendly floodlit fixtures. We wish them both well and look forward to meeting many old players from around the county to our Veterans matches.

The big target for this season is raising funds for a new seated grandstand so matches can be watched in comfort. Why not support the teams and help us achieve this objective.

Bugbrooke Rugby Football Club

BUGBROOKE RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB

All 'sett' for the new season

With the 1991–92 season giving Bugbrooke their first major trophy since their formation in 1977 (The Lewis Shield) on top of promotion the previous season, the Club is now well established, respected and growing well under the guises of coach D. Pope, chairman Bev. Dinsey and presided over by John Sexton.

Where next? Last season saw Bugbrooke promoted along with local rivals Old Northamptonians to East Mids/Leicester Division 2 in the Courage League. Bugbrooke may have finished runners-up, but were the only club in the whole of the National Courage Rugby Union League set up to have a net points difference of over 500 points (584 for 75 against) and over a 1000 scored in all games.

This is an excellent springboard for the new 1993–94 season after a successful dinner and A.G.M. where the decision was taken to emulate our more illustrious counterparts, The Saints, in forming a more stable structured administration, coaching and management organisation. This will hopefully enable the club to grow in a controlled way and concentrate on the provision of new facilities in conjunction with other playing field users for the club's and villagers' benefit.

The first effect of the new regime was a summer training weekend at Puddletown Rugby Club in Dorset, 5 miles from Tolpuddle. The 30 or so martyrs were worked hard and a very successful weekend helped establish the nucleus of a first team squad.

After a training match against the Old Scouts midweek which highlighted some areas for improvement, Bugbrookes first match against Coventry Welsh resulted in a 41–22 win coming back from a 10–15 deficit at half time on Saturday 4th September. Bugbrooke are now looking forward to the new league starting soon, with a win.

If you are interested in playing for Bugbrooke, training is on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.00pm. Please come along.

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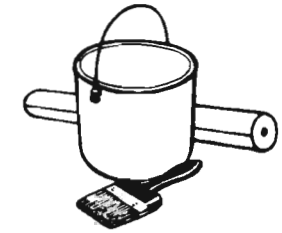

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October			
3	10.00am	Dean to preach	Church
6	2.30pm	M.U. Deanery Afternoon meeting	Newnham
9	12noon–2pm	Hunger Lunch & Traidcraft Sale	1 Church Lane
10	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Church
11	7.30pm	Harvest Supper	SS
15	8.00pm	Autumn Play "Trivial Pursuits"	CS
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18	7.30pm	British Legion (Womens) AGM Meeting	SS
20	8.00pm	M.U. Talk on The Holy Land	SS
23	8.00pm	St Michaels Football Club – Disco	FC
25	8.00pm	Flower Society – Creative Ideas II	SS
25	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
November			
1	7.30pm	W.I. "Work of the Cynthia Spencer Hospice"	SS
2	8.00pm	Flower Society – "Pudding" Evening	SS
5	7.00pm	St Michaels Football Club – Bonfire & Fireworks Display	FC
10	7.35pm	PCC Meeting	SS
11	2.30pm	M.U. Talk by Joyce Care	SS
13	8.00pm	St Michaels Football Club – Race Evening	FC
15	7.30pm	British Legion (Womens) Meeting	SS
20	2.00pm	Church Autumn Bazaar	SS
21		Campion Autumn Fayre	CS
22	8.00pm	Flower Society 'The Holly & The Ivy' with Mr D. Patrick	Heyford V.H.
24	8.00pm	M.U. 'I believe & trust' course	SS
27	9.00am–6.00pm	Church – Day of Thanksgiving and prayer, followed by social	
27	8.00pm	St Michaels Football Club – Disco & Karaoke	
28	6.00pm	Deanery Advent Carols	Daventry
29	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
December			
6	7.30pm	W.I. "Glass Figure Making"	SS
9	8.00pm	M.U. Advent Carol Service	SS
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19	8.00pm,	Flower Society A.G.M.	SS

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