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What a summer!

Surely no sun worshipper is complaining about this years' summer the only worried looks are from the gardeners wishing there was some rain to bring their brown lawns back to green.

At least the ethusiastic road safety group petitioning the council for a pedestrian crossing near the Coop traffic have had a pleasant time counting vehicles and people.

The Holy Land – there they go

The amazing Partridge Pilgrimage Fund goes from strength-to-strength. There have been a number of special events although for everyone attending the strawberry fayre and the cream teas it has been a tough time for dieting.

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Please we are still looking for suitable pictures to appear on the 1994 LINK Christmas cards – please give these to any committee member.

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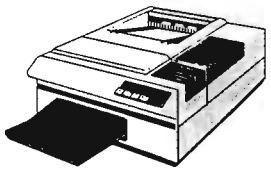

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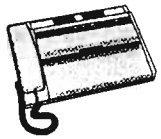

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Parish Council Meeting – May and June 1994

The number of highways issues to be addressed continues to increase. The Parish Council are concerned to ensure that whatever limited money is available is spent on the most worthwhile projects. It would be quite unfair to give priority to schemes simply because its supporters shout the loudest or receive the most publicity. Consequently, a Working Group has been established to prioritise all the known problem areas, their task will not be easy! The Group must carefully balance conflicting factors such as short and long term benefit, cost, value for money and impact on the village. One thing is guaranteed – whatever the outcome it will not please everybody.

Continuing the highways theme, the Parish Council are grateful for the supply of gritbins that have been provided after many years of asking. Unfortunately, for an as yet unexplained reason one of the gritbins was delivered with a gap at the bottom – and subsequently filled with rock salt. The obvious result has been a potentially damaging spread of salt down footpath KD9 (Ash Grove to High Street). The Highway Authority has promised to remove and replace this offending bin but, at present, it remains spewing salt.

The countryside walks leaflets have proved to be very popular. The first batch on sale at the Post Office has already been cleared and a second order is being provided. Perhaps this new found interest in walking means a bumper crowd at the centenary walk taking place on Sunday the 17th July. The walk has been arranged as part of the celebration of 100 years of Parish Councils. It has been carefully chosen for a panoramic view of the village. Lasting only 1½ to 2 hours it allows plenty of time to recover before slumping before the television for the World Cup final.

South Northamptonshire Council have accepted Elmtree Bank (the green on the High Street at the top of Great Lane/Ace Lane) as a suitable project for receipt of an Environmental Enhancement Grant. The difficulty is that the original, rather grandiose, scheme involving bollards and ornamental chain link fencing, would be hugely expensive – bearing in mind that the Parish Council must meet half the cost. The newly formed Highways Working Group have been asked to come up with a more sensible scheme.

A little money might be available to help fund some of the work necessary, or simply desirable, in the village. The Parish Council were delighted to hear the Clerk confirm that the rebate applied for early in the year has been received. A princely sum of £2,700 has now been added to the coffers.

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Finally, the Parish Council were slightly offended to be referred to as urban in a letter from the Highway Authority. Canon Partridge provided a satisfactory and pacifying explanation, however, with his suggestion that so far as Bugbrooke was concerned they clearly meant urbane.
David Harries

St Michael & All Angels Church News

Church Choir

Our congratulations go to another three members of the choir, Sarah Burt, Shelley Cartwright and Rebecca Emery, who have just achieved their Dean's Award. This is a Diocesan Award for which an annual examination is held and the youngsters have had to work very hard under the guidance of Esther Partridge and Miriam Shipman. They will be presented with their award at the Diocesan Choirs Festival in the Cathedral in October. Two choir members who already have the Dean's Award are working to take their Bishop's Award next year. The choir, which at the moment has 15 youngsters aged up to 17 meets for choir practice on Wednesdays at 6 pm and sings at the 10 am service and on major Festivals at Evensong too. New recruits are welcome from coming up to 8 years old. If you are interested have a word with Esther Partridge on 830373.

Sponsored Church's Cycle Ride

This will be held all over the country on Saturday, September 10th from 10 am to 6 pm. You can cycle or walk and are sponsored for the number of churches you visit. The majority of churches are open all day and it is a wonderful chance to visit churches which would otherwise be locked. The proceeds are divided between your local church and the Historic Churches Fund which makes grants for repairs to Historic Churches. Details from Tim Partridge on 830373 or from Hilary Collings at 49 Pilgrims Lane (831152).

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Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I am starting to write these notes on 7th July and yesterday, Jim from next door, took me to Banbury and Chipping Norton. On the way back we came through a thunder storm and in the whole of my life I have never seen rain fall so heavily. The roads in Banbury turned into rivers. I feel certain parts must have flooded. Of course when I reached home we had just had a couple of showers!

I won't stay on the weather too long but I can't help feeling that many things are excessive nowadays. The heat of the sun is a bit much. One is told not to stay out in it above so many minutes. Have we ruined the atmosphere with our vehicles? I am certain some will say there is nothing to worry about but just a few days ago when there was an accident on the MI and the cars and lorries were just creeping along for five hours, I would think the air above that road was pretty foul.

Now to the birds. We have been lucky with nests this year. When the sun was so hot we could sit in the shade and watch the blackbirds and the robins feeding their young in nests in the pyracantha on the back wall of the house. That was the shady side of course! The birds knew it was going to be hot! We watched them bringing thousands of worms etc. and then the young flew out and away.

Another bird story. It is easy to see when the Spotted Flycatcher arrives from Africa because of the antics it carries out to catch the flies. I have kept a record for the last four years and the dates are as follows:

1991 May 21st
1992 May 15th
1993 May 17th
1994 May 22nd

I think it is unbelievable that it can come those thousands of miles and get here in the same week. The nest this year is on the front of the house and the five young are just about ready to fly.

We watch them for hours doing their aerobatics catching the flies. Last night a young blackbird came and sat on their favourite perch just in front of the nest. They both dive bombed it and gave it a sharp peck as they went by. The young blackbird could not stand it for long and pushed off at speed.

Continuing these notes on Sunday 10th July, I have to report that the young flycatchers have all left the nest and the parents are feeding them in the apple trees at the back and various other places.

I have been asked 'Where are the swallows and house martins this

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year?' There are very few about but there are plenty of swifts. I hope it has nothing to do with air pollution! The birds have found a cleaner country. I can hear you saying 'Rubbish'.

Mrs Leadley told me that one day in her garden she saw a thrush banging a snail on the ground and it had four young ones around watching how to do it. There are thousands of snails about this year. I hope the old thrushes keep up the good work.

Nice to hear the kingfisher is back in the village. I think it might have left to hatch out its young. I do hope it was successful. Better than the little kingfishers we saw dead in their nest when the television put on a programme about nesting birds.

One last point. Have you ever seen more beautiful hanging baskets than we have about this year? That's warmth, plenty of drink and pride in the garden!

The Dr. Dutta and Partners – Patient Participation Group

One of the aims of the P.P.G. is to receive suggestions and constructive criticism, another aim is to maintain and improve the quality of service provided. Hopefully both of these aims have been honoured in recent developments to improve the cover provided during holiday periods. Following a concern voiced to the P.P.G. we asked for some thought to be given to the problem. The situation has been closely looked at by the Doctors and an extra office worker will now help to keep things running smoothly during holiday periods. In order to ensure adequate cover when one or more of the Doctors is on holiday (or even off sick – it does happen!!!), a rolling programme of regular locum cover was being arranged. This is an expensive item but will improve existing cover. With Doctors now regularly coming for periods of G.P. training, this means that there is always an extra, fully qualified doctor known to the Practice who is able to take some of the load.

A third aim of the group is to provide a forum for discussion of topics of general health interest. We are presently looking into the possibility of holding an evening on drug abuse to appeal particularly to teenagers and their parents.

The Pharmacist has lodged an appeal against the F.H.S.A. decision to turn down his application for a licence in Bugbrooke. This matter could take some considerable time to be resolved.

We raised over £50 at a table top sale in Nether Heyford in May. Thank you to those who donated items to the P.P.G. We would like to be

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able to raise funds to improve facilities at the surgeries but our first priority is to achieve greater patient involvement in the group.

We are proposing to offer a Patient Satisfaction Survey during the autumn. This will probably be during the whole month of November. Further details will be given in the October issue of Link so that those patients who don't happen to visit the surgery during that month will still be able to collect a questionnaire to have their say.

Please do contact us if you have something to say about our Practice. Contact can be made in the first place through Mrs Barbara Auburn, the Practice Manager.

Heather McKay, Secretary

In Focus – Cherrenee – The Flower Ladies Part 2

Due to the illness of Rene the second part has been completed by Cherry. We wish Rene a speedy recovery to full health.

What single thing would improve your quality of life?

The end of the recession which hopefully would improve income.

Do you have any embarrassing moments?

A very long time ago in Oxford Street, London, When boarding a bus my briefs ended up round my ankles.

Do you have any pet dislikes?

Intolerance and rudeness, especially on the roads.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?

Like The friendliness of the people.

Dislike Regret that to a great extent we have become a commuter village.

Who's idea was it to start Cherrenee

This was a joint decision initially on a trial basis of a year.

How would you like to be remembered?

As someone who has lived a full and useful life, causing as little hurt as possible and hopefully some good.

If you could live in any part of the world where would it be?

I love to travel to far away places, but have no wish to live permanently anywhere else but in the English countryside.

Do you have any advice for young people starting out in life?

Who am I to presume to advise anyone. All I would suggest is that they work hard at whatever they wish to achieve and be true to themselves.

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Who would you have liked to have been given the opportunity?
Constance Spry – who did so much to further the cause of flower arranging.

If you could have your life over again what would you change?
My career – in that I wish I had studied horticulture in all its aspects from college days.

What do you most enjoy about your work and the least enjoyable?
Job satisfaction and meeting people.
Having to go out in all weathers, especially early mornings in winter time.

When did you come to Bugbrooke?
Nearly 25 years ago.

Do you have any regrets?
The failure of my marriage.

What are your favourite T.V. programmes?
Costume drama; comedy such as "Keeping up Appearances"; "Only Fools & Horses"; nature and gardening programmes.

Tell us about Cherrenee and how you set it up?
In a nutshell – on a shoestring with fingers and toes crossed.

What do you think of last thing before going to sleep?
The next day's commitments and thankfulness for the day just gone.

My thanks to Rene and Cherry for giving the time to answer these questions.
Don Prime

Note: My dear friend and partner Rene has asked me to express through the Link her thanks for all the messages of goodwill she has received from friends, customers and neighbours for her return to health in the near future. *Cherry*

The Partridge Pilgrimage Fund

1994 sees the twentieth anniversary of Tim and Esther's arrival in Bugbrooke. In an attempt to thank them for their wonderful contribution to our church and village life over the period we are sponsoring them on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in October. We will be arranging fund raising events throughout the summer and we would be grateful for your support.

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Thank you. *David Clayson*

French Trip

As part of the fund raising activities for Tim and Esther's trip, we are planning to run an excursion to France in the early Autumn. This will provide the chance for some early stocking up on comestibles before Christmas, as well as perhaps a last outing before the onset of winter.

The excursion will take place on Saturday 8th October and will be to Boulogne, where time will be allocated for a visit to a hypermarket, followed by an afternoon in the attractive old town with the opportunity for a meal, walking or further shopping.

The coach will leave Bugbrooke at about 5am and return before midnight, allowing about 7 hours in France.

The price will depend on the number of people travelling but will not exceed £35 for adults, with half fare for those still at school.

If you are interested in this trip please contact Keith Vanner as soon as possible (Telephone 830738).

Lucky Square Competition

Winners were:

1st prize J. Faulkner
2nd prize M. Cave
3rd prize L. Scott
4th prize L. Smith

Many thanks to all those who supported the fund raising by buying a square.

Strawberry Fayre

Thank you to all those who supported the Strawberry Fayre on 8th July; we raised in excess of £200.

Road Safety

It was very gratifying to read in the June issue of the Link Magazine, the paragraph referring to Road Safety, contained in the report of the Parish Council's deliberations, during their March and April meetings.

As a resident of Bugbrooke for more than 70 years, I have over the last few years watched with concern as the growth of the village with the ensuing influx of vehicles, has been little complemented by improvements in the field of road safety.

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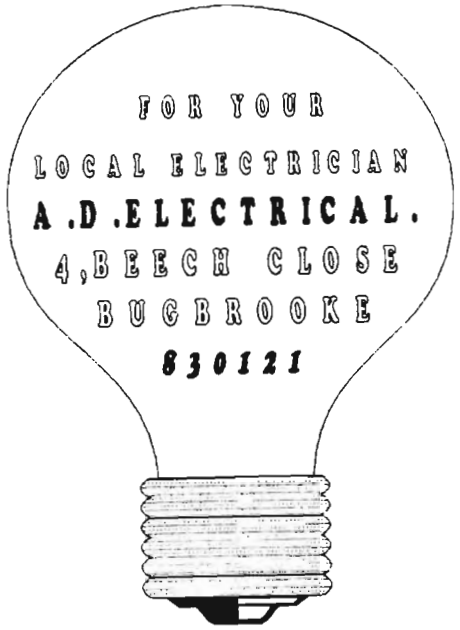

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Since my retirement some three years ago, I have witnessed how the safety factor for both pedestrians and drivers of motor vehicles has steadily eroded. Pedestrians taking their lives in their hands, with a particular reference to senior citizens and children.

Many drivers when negotiating intersections, threatened by less thoughtful drivers or poor visibility, proceed: to coin a wartime phrase "With a wing and a prayer".

Personally, I have witnessed on two occasions where but for a miracle, there was every chance of two senior citizens being injured or even killed, I have also been told of similar incidents involving pedestrians.

The official consensus appears to be that although accidents have occurred at various points in the village, as no one has been mortally injured, this somehow adds retarding points to the road safety league table.

Some years ago, following a very unpleasant experience endured by a member of my family, I was prompted to communicate with the then Parish Council to request they consider the subject of vehicular control, believe it or not, the solution to that incident is only now: hopefully! being resolved.

Since that time I have campaigned as a private individual, with the encouragement of other residents, concerned about their children's safety, to ask those in authority to try to improve the factor of road safety in Bugbrooke.

We lesser mortals are well aware that the wheels of bureaucracy revolve slowly, sometimes we even get the impression they stop. With this adage in mind, in January of this year I initiated a private dialogue with the Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Police and South Northamptonshire Council.

Considering the approach was from a private source, the attitude of the three Authorities was most encouraging, courteous, helpful and understanding, I was agreeably surprised and impressed at the trouble they went to, to consider the points of safety discussed.

In order to satisfy curiosity a private vehicular count was instigated at CO-OP Corner, on Monday 11th April. 1994, during two, two hour periods AM/PM. The vehicles passing the corner numbered 1718 which to say the least was surprising.

Following this count, I hasten to add, not because of, a meeting was set up for Thursday 18th April 1994, at Bugbrooke. It was attended by senior representatives of Northamptonshire County Council, Northamptonshire Police, Mrs E North Bugbrooke Parish Clerk and District Councillor John Curtis.

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I was privileged to be invited to attend and do hope that the discussions relevant to the meeting where an immediate survey of potential "black spots" was promised by N.C.C., will in the course of time improve road safety in the village. The main stumbling block does appear to be lack of funds.

One only has to look round the village to see, blind or semi-blind intersections, obvious crossing points fraught with danger, even one sharp corner without a footpath! at "Peace Hill".

No doubt some Bugbrooke residents have seen as I have, at CO-OP Corner, very senior citizens teetering on the pavement, then crossing the road in dread. Mothers with a buggy and maybe another toddler in tow, making several attempts before being able to cross in safety.

We all applaud and support the Parish Council in their effort to improve road safety in the village, and Mrs Pace for undertaking the official traffic survey. We should all be interested in the results! Perhaps next time?

In conclusion: With hindsight. One can but wonder, had the subject of road safety been approached several years ago, with the same vigour and resolve that appears to be predominant today, would Bugbrooke be higher up the road safety league table than the twelfth position it occupies at this point in time?

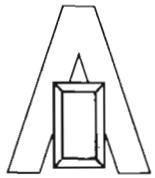
Geoff Barnes

The Bugbrooke Experience

Following the 'Letter from Australia' (June issue), the Causebrook's exchange family, the Fletchers, now write:

Life in Bugbrooke is certainly different for us from living in Spotswood which is just minutes from the centre of Melbourne. We are not accustomed to milk being delivered in bottles 6 days of the week, or videos being driven right to our door and Chinese food cooked while you wait, just metres away from the house 4 nights a week. You don't even have to walk out to your front gate to collect the post (that is, if it is delivered) as there is no such thing as a mail box in Bugbrooke. The occasional sounds of the rooster crowing, the doves cooing and the horse next door neighing are far more pleasant to the ears than the roar of the semi-trailers and screeching brakes of the petrol tankers that we are used to hearing back home.

England is not at all like I imagined. We excitedly planned our trips for at least 18 months before we left and studied our maps for hours on



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end with our 'Frommers' travel book to guide us. Comparing this island with Australia and considering the distances we are used to travelling, we thought in a month or so we will have seen all of Great Britain. One of our first trips was to visit London, one look at the map was to gaze in wonder at what looked to us like a pile of spaghetti. In Australia, a roundabout is used to slow traffic down at an intersection and an intersection means the crossing of *two* roads. We quickly learnt that if you don't spot your destination the first time round, just keep circling until you do. I have never seen so many roads meet at the one point or actually go in layers crossing over the top of each other.

We also imagined that with over 50 million people living here that not one patch of grass would be left and that every square inch would be built on. You cannot imagine our astonishment at mile after mile of beautiful rich green countryside dotted with picturesque villages with their thatched roof cottages. We decided that there are really only about 3 million people in England and most of those are either at Sainsburys on Friday might or at Alton Towers waiting in the 2 hour queue for Nemesis.

Wales and England are absolutely beautiful countries. Many people have often asked us what we miss about home. Except for family and friends, the truth is, we are having such a wonderful time there isn't anything that we have really missed. There was a period of time however, when it was so cold I couldn't bare to get out of the car for more than 5 minutes and I certainly thought of the summer we had left behind.

There are so many places of historical interest to visit. I clearly remember the splendid vision of our first castle 'Kenilworth Castle'. When I excitedly told my form group of our visit they were concerned that we didn't realise that it was 'just an old ruin'. For the next few weeks they provided me with the brochures and suggestions to see castles that were not falling down such as Warwick and Windsor.

My father is making a journal from my letters of our travels and adventures 'for my grandchildren'. We have learnt and experienced so much in the last 6 months. We saw snow falling for the first time in Bath. Passers by looked at these 3 mad Australians excitedly running about late at night trying to catch snowflakes. I will never forget walking into Everdon woods and seeing the carpet of bluebells sprinkled with clusters of white flowers as though it had been perfectly designed by a landscape gardener. I wrote home that I had been to heaven. We may speak the same language, theoretically speaking that is, but we are definitely from a different culture, which has made it all the more enjoyable for us.

Steve and I have both enjoyed teaching at Campion. The two schools, Westbourne and Campion, and our Education systems are very different but you don't travel half way around the world to experience more of the same. One of the hardest things about teaching here will be to say good-bye to the friends we have made on the staff and in the community, my form group and many of the students I teach. We are definitely coming back, my next long service leave is actually only 6 years away. *Sandy Fletcher*

Picnic treat – Rice Salad

This recipe was received from a link reader, she suggests that it would go down well at a picnic. (To feed a lot of people, adjust if need be)

12oz long-grain rice	2oz whole almonds
1 or 2 spring onions	French dressing
½lb (or a pack) mange-tout peas.	Mint

Top and tail the peas, drop the trimmed pods into a pan of boiling water for about 3 mins. Drain and plunge at once into cold, or even iced, water, which keeps them crisp.

Boil the rice until chewy, but not soft, drain. Brown the almonds under the grill, taking care not to burn them. Chop the onions.

Combine all ingredients with French dressing, season to taste, chop in a pinch of fresh mint and chill before serving.

Bugbrooke OAP's Christmas Gift Scheme

A 'Trivial Pursuit' evening was held on 13th May where we had a 'full house' and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves despite some of the weird and complicated questions and approximately £110 was raised.

'Bugbrooke' tea towels are still on sale at most of the retail outlets in the village and this will continue throughout the year (the latest version is blue). Our grateful thanks to the proprietors of these businesses for helping to raise funds for the scheme.

It is hoped that other fund raising activities will take place towards the end of summer/early autumn when most people will have taken their holidays.

The application form for the Gift for next Christmas is also contained within this issue of 'Link' and should be completed in accordance with the instructions given on the form and either posted or delivered to one of the collecting centres shown on the form. *Bruce Piper: Chairman*

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

DECLARATION

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Signed: .....

Address .....

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N.B. SHOULD YOU MISLAY THIS APPLICATION FORM FURTHER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY OF THE ADDRESSES SHOWN ABOVE.

The Fete Season – Summer 1994

Bugbrooke St Michael and All Angels Church Fête, Saturday, 25 June, 1994.

Following on from last year's huge success, this year's Church Fête was once again a thoroughly enjoyable event, with the added bonus of a considerable increase in the net takings, which totalled £1,150 (last year's total was just over £1,000).

'Home grown' talent, together with a tremendous amount of hard work and good will – and some extremely clement weather – combined to produce another good old traditional English Church Fête – another village day worth remembering.

I know the fête committee will wish me to pass on our thanks to all who contributed in any way towards the success of the day, with a special thankyou to the Church Youth Group and their leaders Julie and Ian Fergus, for their terrific job of co-ordination and sheer hard work throughout the whole of the day, under stressful conditions. In addition, however, I would like to pass on my personal thanks to members of the committee, especially Dave Clayson, who once again stepped in, in my absence, when the heat was on! (I don't mean to do it Dave – honest!)

Next year we are planning one or two surprises in the context of what will be VE day anniversary year, so please join us again on Saturday, 24 June, 1995, for another day of profitable fun and enjoyment.
Alec Shaw – Church Fête Committee

Bugbrooke Flower Society

Members and Friends attended The Chelsea Flower Show this year, they all enjoyed themselves on their day out. At our June meeting Mrs Hill came instead of Mrs Potter as advertised, Mrs Hill is now a familiar figure with the club as she has recently taught some members how to make their own figurines, she will be looking to examine their efforts next time she visits. For her demonstration she took the theme of Gemstones, Lilies for the Diamond, Orchids for the Amethyst, Deep Red Carnations for the Ruby and Garnet. She is a very jolly, entertaining lady and it was a relief for all of us to just sit and watch on such a hot and sultry evening.

Our Vice-President, Mrs Rene Scarsbrooke has recently been ill and we wish her a very speedy recovery and look forward to having her home soon. Also our condolences to our Chairman, Mary, on the recent loss of her Mum (Mrs Holt).
B. E. Bell

The Rounders team – Circa 1952

Barbara Bowen Margaret Smith Mr W. Lansbery Maureen Sharp Barbara Britten
Val Ambridge Helen Stanton Wendy King Pauline Gardner Jean Nightingale

Flower Festival

The Flower Festival Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the church look so beautiful over the weekend of 25th/26th June. It never ceases to surprise us that, issued with a 'subject' and a place for your arrangement, you all manage to produce such totally individual works of art. This is the first time the new Committee has been in charge and we appreciate the support you gave us, in particular one or two newcomers to the scene. But we do need more help. So if you think you can join in, watch LINK for the date of next year's Festival and contact us then.

Gill Turland, Barbara Clarke and Diana Cockrill

Womens Institute

The W.I. meeting in June took the form of a talk by Mr Sibley on the gardens of the National Trust. He illustrated his talk with slides and the evening turned into a guided tour of the National Trust gardens of the British Isles and Ireland.

The July meeting by tradition is called 'Members Evening'. The idea is that the members of the W.I. provide an evening of entertainment for the committee in thanks and as recognition of their hard work.

As the evening this year fell upon July 4th – American Independence Day – an American theme was adopted. The hall was decked with the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack to set the scene. Supper consisted of burgers, salad, butterscotch gateaux with American frosting and pecan pie. This was washed down with – yes, you got it 'coke' (and lemon tea). The evening concluded with barn/square dancing and I am assured that a grand time was had by all the committee.

We have no meeting in August but we recommence in September with what will undoubtedly be a thought provoking talk on the work of the Samaritans (by a volunteer). If this is a subject you wish to know more about then come along and join us – dates and times at the back of this issue of Link.

Darby and Joan Club

Regretfully we begin on a sad note. We remember two of our members who have sadly passed away. Firstly Mrs Thess Collins at the end of May. Mrs Collins had been a member for a number of years and always enjoyed our meetings and outings and the holidays that she used to spend with other members of our club. Secondly, in June another long time member Mrs Betty Holt, wife of Mr Jack Holt, our club members representative. Our thoughts and sympathies go to their families. They will both be greatly missed by us all.

In June we had our day trip to Great Yarmouth, a very nice, although a very tiring and long day was had by all. This year we had a lovely sunny day. How nice it was to sit in a deck chair on a nice clean and sandy beach, with not too many people around.

We look forward to August to a visit to our former chairlady, Mrs Vera Thompson and her husband Harold in Lincolnshire who have invited all our club members for tea! It will be so very nice to see them both once more.

This year we will not be holding our Autumn Jumble, instead we will combine it with our Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday November 12th. If anyone has any good bric-a-brac or unwanted unused toiletries that we may use please contact me or a committee member. Please may I ask once again for your support.

We are still in need of 1 or 2 ladies (or gents!) who could spare 4 Wednesday afternoons a year to help with our teas. Any offers please? Also we have room for some new members.

Please ring 830725 or contact a committee member.

SJM

Royal British Legion

The 50th Anniversary of D Day is now gone. Watching the events brought a feeling of pride in the achievement of the Allied Forces in the face of such great difficulty on that day. It is of interest that among the notables attending the ceremony The Queen served as a subaltern in the Auxiliary Territorial Service; Prince Philip as a Greek citizen was a lieutenant in the Royal Navy; Monsieur Mitterand, the French President, was in the Maquis and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands served in the Free Dutch Forces at the time. Perhaps the worst recollection was of the enormous number of casualties suffered on the American beach-head landing. The lasting memory of the anniversary was of Her Majesty walking along the line of the disabled ex-Servicemen and women in their wheel chairs and talking to each one.

I attended a Junior Leaders' Course at the School of Infantry in Sennelager shortly after the war. I went back to that place in 1977 and witnessed the unique sight of a whole Division of the British Army on parade complete with tanks, guns and aircraft. A similar unique event occurred last June, when the Colours of every British Regiment were paraded before Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother for a ceremony which passed without hardly being noticed. This was for the 50th Anniversary of the Army Benevolent Fund. Today the Fund derives its income from public donation and from each soldier contributing one day's pay each year. At the beginning, I recall, we were paid a weekly allowance to cover the cost of buying our blanco, brass polish and boot polish in the NAAFI, but we never received this money because it was paid as a 'voluntary' contribution to the Fund. This is not quite the same as the money paid by the UN to the various nations with troops in Bosnia. Most countries pass this money to their troops as a form of danger money, but it seems the British government is holding it in its

own coffers. It might even be used to pay the large sums awarded to pregnant ex-Servicewomen. It is highly unlikely that it will be used to increase the War Widows Pension.

In the Great War, zeppelins and aeroplanes of the German air arm bombed places in Yorkshire, East Anglia, London and Kent causing many casualties and much damage. There was little chance of German towns being bombed in retaliation. So they had no idea of how horrifying such a type of warfare can be for a civilian population. The same situation prevailed in the early days of the Second World War until the RAF had recovered from the defence cuts of the 1920s. The survivors of Rotterdam and Coventry, among other places, were therefore only too pleased that the RAF was able to give the Germans a taste of their own medicine from 1942 onwards. The person with the task of dishing out these attacks was Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris. The whole nation applauded the Bomber Command successes but recent writers have denigrated the memory of this fine officer and his brave crews. The Canadians are making a biographical film of him but, far from being welcome, it gives cause for concern. Those under 50 years of age not having experience of such things will probably accept it at face value despite its failings. What a pity that the law of slander is only applied to living people.

Royal British Legion – Womens Section

We've had some quiet summer meeting with just bingo, and a quiz but now we are geared up for our Fete which may miss this Diary as we are having it slightly earlier this year. The 'Purse Presentation' to which we are expected to make a large contribution is also earlier than usual in August, so we must start earlier to collect goods for the Fete. As usual Mr and Mrs Hawkins will open their garden to us and we pray for a fine day.

We will be having Mr Moon again, who came to show us his slides on Birds, this time, November we hope, it will be butterflies and we will be inviting visitors. (more later)

Several members are sick at this time of writing President Mrs Trinder, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Clayton. Hope you'll all soon be well, we are so few in numbers we miss our friends when they cannot attend. Love to you all.

Enid Pell – Hon. Chairman

Betty's Pantry

Turkey Breast with Mushroom Sauce

12oz Raw turkey breast, skinned & boned
½ pint Chicken stock made from 1 chicken stock cube
2oz Onion, chopped
4oz Mushrooms, sliced
½oz Low-fat spread or butter
1 tbs Flour
Salt & pepper
Milk

Place the turkey breast in a small saucepan with the stock, onion and mushrooms. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer gently for 30 minutes. Remove the turkey and mushrooms and keep warm. Drain the stock into a measuring jug and make up to ½ pint with milk. Pour into a saucepan and add the low-fat spread/butter, flour. Bring to the boil, whisking all the time and cook for 2–3 minutes. Season to taste and stir in the mushrooms. Pour over the Turkey breast and serve with peas, carrots and new potatoes. Serves 2.

Lemon Syllabub

½ pint Double cream
4oz Caster sugar
Finely grated rind & juice of 1 large lemon
4 tbs Dry sherry

Whisk all together. Place in tall glasses and chill overnight.
Serve with fan wafers or biscuit whirls.

Friends of Campion

We had a warm, dry day for the Summer Fete. Did you spot the fly past by the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight?

The Friends are sad to lose Tony Warnes' support as he is retiring, and a small presentation was made to him at the Parent/Teachers cricket match on July 12th. By the way the Teachers won!

We hope to see some new faces at the Friends Welcome buffet on 14 September. Do come and join us in supporting the school.

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Thoughts of World War I

by Elisabeth Amy Dovey (13 years)

Farewell Salute

"Go and sign up, Sonny Jim",
I heard his mother cry,
"Fight well for your country,
Goodbye, lad, goodbye."

How could he have lived there,
With guns and rats and mud?
Don't forget the dead bodies,
The gas, the noise, the blood.

My friend got shot the other day
Inspite of his loud cries.
His face it gazed up heavenwards
With pale and staring eyes.

Yesterday, was his funeral,
His flag, his gun, his suit
Were buried alongside him
With a twenty-one gun salute.

Friends of Northampton General Hospital

Friends of Northampton General Hospital are looking for volunteers who would be willing to handknit goods for sale in our shop located within the hospital. We are quite willing to reimburse knitters with the cost of the wool and collect any items. We are also in need of small items such as unwanted gifts to sell in our shop. Keen gardeners are also needed to look after the gardens of two bungalows in the Duston area where autistic children are looked after during respite care. If you can help with any of these requests please contact *Sue Thorn, Co-ordinator, on Northampton 34700 Extn 4912.*

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Mothers Union

On 18th May Joyce Leadley came to talk to us about her valuable work within the MU organising 'Away from it all Holidays' for families whose lives have been shattered by adverse problems. The amount of planning the holidays take is amazing. This year alone Joyce helped 32 families, 150 people altogether (96 being children) go on a holiday they would normally not be able to afford. The families are recommended to Joyce by doctors, health visitors, and social workers. Joyce bought many 'thankyou' letters for us to read. It was quite evident from the contents of the letters that the holidays are a great bonus to the families. Some hadn't been away for 10/15 years. Some of the money for these holidays is raised by the MU throughout the Diocese from Jumble Sales and various other functions. It was encouraging to get the positive feedback from the letters.

On 9th June we had a 'Family Album' afternoon, our members brought their photograph albums to share with each other their happy memories.

Our wave of prayer in Church was attended by MU members from Rothersthorpe and Kislingbury. Afterwards everyone enjoyed coffee and biscuits.

Sue Nightingale

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASHLEIGH MEAD – August 3rd – Wishing you a super first Birthday. Lots of love and kisses Nanny, Grandad and Uncle Wayne xxx

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On June 12th, for the third year running, 6 of us from the village cycled from Birmingham to Oxford for Cancer Research (along with 2000 others). Between us we raised over £500 in sponsorship, so many thanks to all who sponsored us. The weather was glorious as usual – if you want to book an outdoor event next year go for the Birmingham to Oxford bike ride day for good weather.

A few weeks before was Christian Aid Week and again your generosity set a record – £737 (about £80 up on last year). Many thanks to everyone, especially the faithful door-to-door collectors.
Sue Pace

Sponsored cycle ride

Enjoy cycling? Choose a route and distance to suit and come and join the fun on Saturday 10th September in aid of the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust.

Seven super keen cyclists took up the challenge last year, pedalling from Peterborough Cathedral. We had fair weather and managed to visit 20 Churches in the time allowed, with only one casualty – the rider was willing, the cycle gave up!

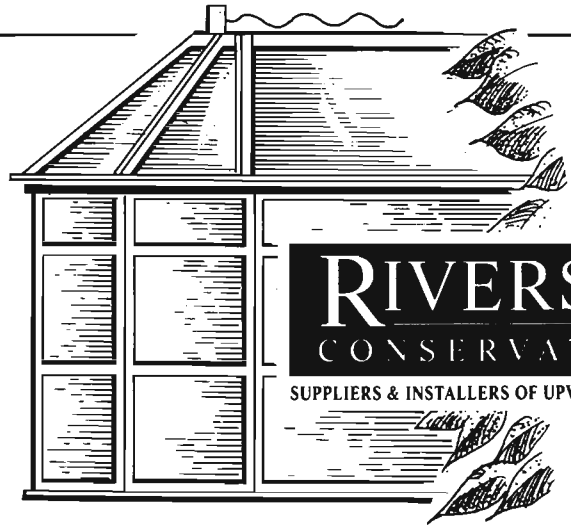
For information and sponsor forms please contact Hilary Collings 831152

Bugbrooke St Michael's Music Society

At the Annual General Meeting in May the chairman gave a brief resumé of the year's activities. There had been a varied programme including both new and established favourite events.

The committee was re-elected and is now engaged in arranging the programme for 1994/95 which will begin in September.

On Saturday 22nd October the Mellstock Band will again be giving a concert in the church. Also included in the programme will be items from Northern Harmony. We are sure that this year's concert will be just as popular as the one given two years ago, so make a note in your diaries now and watch for further details nearer the time.
Hazel Kitchener – (Hon-Sec.)



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Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

The first week in July brings new life to the Club with the commencement of training for the coming season. The long, light evenings are a great advantage but the rock hard surface can prove treacherous underfoot. Although early days, attendances at training have been encouraging. The players have an ambition for a successful league season and a good showing in the Alliance Cup and the Lewis Shield competitions.

The Number One priority of the Club on the playing side is to build up on its coaching staff and anyone willing to assist at the Tuesday and Thursday evening training sessions would be most welcome. It would be appreciated if any interested in helping in this way would contact Club Chairman David Pope on 831219. Now that training has started additional coaching is a matter of considerable urgency.

In the meantime negotiations with the Playing Fields Association for the Rugby Club to rent the existing clubhouse and changing facilities continue. It would appear that these have reached a stage where agreement is likely in the near future.

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Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

The United Counties teams will be commencing their new season on August 13th and the Central Combination sides on August 27th. The youth teams will recommence in September. We apologise to all those who thought football was a winter game – a lot of sweating players also wish that the season started sensibly in the Autumn!

No doubt there will be a proliferation of blisters for a few weeks. A sensible close season such as that imposed by the Rugby authorities would be a welcome break for most people involved in football. Unfortunately brains and common sense seem to be in short supply at the top end and those who play the game for enjoyment have a lot of it taken away by having to perform in Caribbean weather.

Nevertheless we will have to take our place at the appointed time and our teams this year will be led by the following people:

1st Team
Nick Verity, Tony Banner, McConnachie, Dave Battams.
Reserves:
Vince Thomas, John Moore and Eddie Barr
'A' Team:
Wayne Sharp, Matthew Golden, Dave Mellor, Pat Pearson and Dave Sharp
'B' Team:
John Curtis, Alan Rouse, Mick Spruels, Willie and Ian Marriott.

There is a vacancy for a trainer with the Reserve side and anyone wishing to act as a linesman at any time will be welcome at the club. Please contact the Chairman on 830317 if interested.

The Youth teams will be led by Kevin Barnes, Brian Curtis, Kelvin Bell and Peter Whittaker and we are looking for interested parents or ex-players to run the under 12s. We are keen to keep a youth team at all age groups so that our village youngsters have a useful outlet for their interests and energies. If you would like to help us achieve this aim, whether in an administrative or background manner, please let us know on the number aforementioned.

Good Luck to all our sides this year and we assure all spectators to our matches of a warm welcome. Come and support your Badgers!
John Curtis

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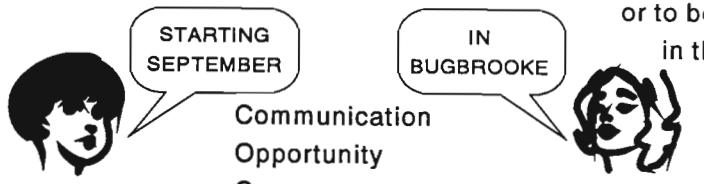

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St Michaels 74 Cricket Club

After a slow start to the season, due to the weather, our assault on the Town League has taken off. As of last Saturday (July 10th) we had played 6 games and won 6 games, and so find ourselves on top of the League. This has come about by quality players being available each week and a more relaxed attitude to do well. Our ability has never been in question, it was just getting a settled side out each week. Mark Robbins, Paul Cattell, John Nuttall, Martin Lewis and Mike Hogg have all been on top form, week in, week out. Perhaps, in this our 20th year, this could be our year for the title, but we are certainly not counting our chickens yet. Some tough games ahead could find our weakness, but you can be certain we shall be giving our all to secure the League Trophy for the very first time.

Our Sunday side continues to enjoy their cricket. 2 wins, 2 loses and the better side of a draw, have been the recent results. Home grown talent is still coming through, Steven Sprules especially shows great promise.

My thanks to Mrs Linda Scott and Mr John Bowling who are ever present in giving their support and also to Alan Willmore for his efforts in grass-cutting.

New players and supporters are always welcome, so do not hesitate in giving me a ring.

John Chapman (Secretary) Tel 584565

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

After a somewhat uncertain start to the season, weather-wise, the weather has improved during July which reminds us all of the weather years ago during the summer months.

We have one or two new players this year which will offset one or two players who have decided to hang up their boots. Although the results so far have not been brilliant, we have enjoyed the comradeship which has developed from playing two or three new teams. Please make a note in your diary of a forthcoming event:- Saturday August 20th "Jumble Sale"; venue:- Bugbrooke Sunday School Rooms 10am to 12 midday. Your attendance will be appreciated.

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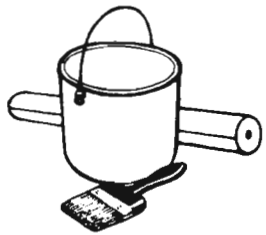

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The Village Diary

August

15	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Meeting	5 Bells
15	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion (Wms) Meeting	SS
20	10am–12 Noon	Bugbrooke Cricket Club Jumble Sale	SS
22	8.00pm	Flower Soc. 'In My Liverpool Home' Mrs J. Jones	SS
22	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
24	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS

September

3	7.30pm	Twinning Assoc. Cheese & Wine French Style	SS
3	2.00pm	MU Jumble Sale	SS
4	10.00am	Sunday School starts	SS
5	7.30pm	W.I. Talk by The Samaritans	SS
7	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
7	7.35pm	PCC Meeting	SS
8	2.30pm	MU Service and Tea	Church
10	10.00am onwards	Historic Churches sponsored cycle/walk	
14	8.00pm	Friends of Campion Welcome Buffet	CS
18	10.00am	Church Parade	Church
19	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Meeting	5 Bells
19	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion (Wms) Meeting	SS
21	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
24	10-4pm	Parish Quiet Day at Turvey Abbey	
24	7.30pm	Concert by Watling Singers	Church
26		Flower Soc. Annual Dinner	SS
26	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
29		MU evening visit to Cathedral of Christ the Cornerstone, Milton Keynes	

October

1	5.15pm	Darby & Joan Anniversary dinner	SS
3	7.30pm	WI AGM followed buy supper	SS
5	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
5	7.30pm	MU evening Deanery Meeting at Daventry	

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