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Editor: A lady in waiting!

Happy New Year

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In this issue

Read the conclusion of the Holy Land Trip; Travels to the Middle East; Bugbrooke of Yesterday; Family Health Group Report; Neighbourhood Watch – Is your property secure enough?; Heart Therapy Group; Family Announcements and frustration over! – Christmas Quiz answers on page 28.

Link Christmas Cards

If Winter weather, such as snow or hard frost, does descend on Bugbrooke, we would be grateful if anyone would care to take suitable photographs for our Link Christmas Cards 1995. More unusual views of the village will be especially welcome.

The deadline for the April issue is Monday **13th March 1995**

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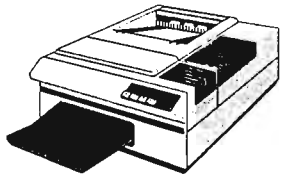

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Parish Council Meetings – November and December 1994

After very careful consideration the Parish Council agreed to seek a precept of £16,000 in 1995/96. This means that there will be no increase over this year's figure and Bugbrooke will remain one of the lowest costed parish councils per head of the population. Despite this frugality, significant progress continues to be made in a number of areas. The scope and powers of Parish Councils are extremely limited, however, it is the County Council who provide 80–85% of all local services. It is with great concern, therefore, that the Parish Council heard of the extremely low Rate Support Grant to be made by the Government to Northamptonshire for 1995/96. The proposed reduction of £20m, following a reduction of similar proportions this year, could have serious consequences for all County Council services. (To put it into perspective, the proposed reduction represents a figure which is three times the *total* budget of South Northamptonshire Council.) Those areas of service directly affecting Bugbrooke include roads and schools. Major factors in this extremely low grant are the adoption of the 1991 census figures which show Northamptonshire to be less needy than the figures for 1981; the lack of any serious Countywide deprivations; and, most significantly, the fact that local authorities in the south east receive an Area Cost Adjustment to reflect the supposedly higher costs in these areas. This means that the neighbouring counties of Bedfordshire and Oxfordshire receive an extra £20m from the Government. The County Council are campaigning to get the basis of this Adjustment changed.

Continuing the gloomy news. The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators were extremely disappointed with the poor attendance at various public meetings. That such apathy should come at a time when the number of incidents of damage, vandalism and theft in the village seems to be increasing is remarkable. It reflects the Parish Council's previously expressed concern that, as the Police move out of the community so the community becomes more fragmented and its individuals more insular. Sadly the days of the village bobby seem to have been lost forever.

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The Parish Council were also disappointed to hear that the application for preliminary consent for a pharmacy in Bugbrooke was approved following an appeal hearing in Yorkshire. (The concern relates to the fact that, if a pharmacy opened in the village, no other pharmacy would be allowed within a 1 mile radius. Consequently, medicines could no longer be dispensed at either of the two surgeries.) The Family Health Services Authority, to whom applications are made, must, under the existing Regulations, refuse an application if it is of the opinion that to grant it would prejudice the proper provision of general medical services or pharmaceutical services in the locality. The Northamptonshire Family Health Services Authority clearly thought that there would be prejudice as they refused the application. The appeal committee apparently had no such fears and decided to allow the appeal and the application.

British Telecommunications (BT) continue to drive us up the pole! Without any prior notice or consultation, two poles appeared at West End, followed swiftly by a further pole by the Village Hall. Much time, money and effort was spent in 'undergrounding' cables in the High Street in order to reduce the number of poles and improve the tone and quality of the street lighting. It is, to say the least, irritating that BT (who refused to remove any of their poles during this exercise) now rub salt in the wound by erecting further poles in what is a conservation area in the village. Suitable letters of outrage have been despatched to BT, the appropriate consumer organisation and our Member of Parliament. Putting cables underground is feasible and environmentally friendly. It is, however, more costly. Clearly, BT do not believe they are making sufficient profit to concern themselves with environmental issues.

South Northamptonshire Council have issued a press release on the problem of dog fouling. (See below)

There was a glimmer of good news on the otherwise gloomy horizon. Sue Pace, as Tree Warden, organised the planting of three willows by the brook. This was her last duty as Tree Warden as she has now handed her trowel over to Roy Smith, whose arboricultural knowledge is extensive.

Finally, the reason for the latest run of bad luck and bad news

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in the village may have been discovered. Despite clear and specific instructions as to the spelling, the village sign referring to our twinning arrangements is not the best of omens. Observant motorists will have spotted that it reads 'Twinned with It Evil!' The error of their ways has been pointed out to the contractors and arrangements are in hand for a more accurate and less demonic version.
David Harries

SNC Press release statement: re dog fouling

Many dog owners exercise their animals along public footpaths, highways, and open space allowing the pet to relieve itself on these areas. Where such faeces are allowed to remain and accumulate they pose a potential health hazard to others using the facility. These deposits may give rise to diseases infectious to humans, such as Toxacara. In particular, children who use public parks and playgrounds extensively are most vulnerable. This may also be true when all visible evidence has disappeared. The authority currently provides a dog warden who regularly patrols parishes throughout the district to inspect the condition of public footpaths with regard to animal fouling. If such an area is littered with a substantial accumulation of faeces a clearing action can be taken. This does not negate the owners responsibility for clearing deposits left by their animals on these or other spaces accessible to the public. A number of devices are available from pet stores which provide hygienic methods for the handling of faeces. It is hoped that responsible owners will assist in this matter voluntarily for the sake of a cleaner and healthier environment. Parish Councils confronted with public areas experiencing an accumulation of unremoved faeces, due to irresponsible owners, can with the assistance of this authority adopt and operate an approved bye-law scheme. However, co-operation is preferred in this matter over enforcement.

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Bugbrooke Church Link with Rothersthorpe

Tim Partridge became Priest-in-charge of Rothersthorpe on Feb. 1st although the two parishes will not be officially joined in a united benefice till about Easter. There will be many ways in which the two parishes can work together and help one another but there will be two immediate effects, first Tim will have to spend the equivalent of a working day on Rothersthorpe per week which will mean he will have that much less time for Bugbrooke, and second the pattern of Sunday services will be different. The Churchwardens of the two parishes have agreed to try out till the end of August a pattern where the 8 am Bugbrooke service is replaced by a weekly 9 am Parish Communion at Rothersthorpe, and the Bugbrooke Parish Communion is half an hour later at 10.30 am. Evensong will continue at Bugbrooke at 6.30 pm. In addition there will be one 8 am service a month at Bugbrooke usually on the third Sunday, unless a major festival falls on another Sunday of the month. Details will always be on the notice board on the church door. This new pattern will start on February 5th and will be reviewed in July.

Christmas Celebrations

It is always a great joy to have the church so full for our Christmastide services. We needed extra chairs at the Christingle Communion and on Christmas morning and at our Candlelit Carol Service, the number of communicants was up on last year. Thank you everyone who helped to prepare or took part in all these services and to all of you who came to them. The W.I. Area Carol service collection, the money raised by the handbell ringers and the Christmas services collections enabled us to send nearly £600 to the Children's Society, and the Christian Aid envelopes we gave out at Christmas services have raised about £115 too, thank you all for your generosity.

Lent

The six weeks before Easter called Lent are traditionally used as a time of preparation for Easter. Some like to give up something

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they enjoy to offer the extra time or money saved to God. Some like to undertake some exploration of their faith so that Easter may mean more to them. There will be various opportunities during Lent so read the Church newsletter to see what is on offer. Another tradition associated with Lent is that on the day before it starts, called Shrove Tuesday, we have our last party before Easter. It was the day for having pancakes as all the luxuries like eggs and milk were used up before the fasting of Lent, and in many countries it is called 'Mardi Gras'. We shall have our last party on Shrove Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Sunday School, do put your name on the list in church if you would like to come.

A Trip to the Holy Land – Part Two

Wednesday

The day for visiting Bethlehem but first we go to the Mount of Olives to be shown round the Jerusalem Centre for Disabled Children and the Four Homes of Mercy where they care for mentally handicapped, geriatric and children of broken homes. These are both Christian run homes for the Palestinians (The Jews have their modern well equipped state hospitals in East Jerusalem). We were very moved by the dedication of the staff, especially as some of the doctors and nurses were not being allowed in by the Israelis, who were stopping all Palestinian workers coming into Jerusalem in retaliation for the death of the Israeli soldier the previous week. We were to have gone to Bethlehem for lunch but there was a strike there in protest against the Israel/Jordan Agreement, so we went into East Jerusalem to a modern cafe and then were shown round a jewellery factory next door, needless to say the prices were way beyond our pocket. After lunch we went to Bethlehem, visiting the Church of the Nativity and the Shepherds' Fields where there was a wonderful view across the valley and a great sense of peace. Next came a chance to buy traditional items in olive wood and then back to Jerusalem to the Tantour Biblical Gardens where they have re-created things like a wine-press and a sheepfold as they would have been over 2000 years ago. Here we took part in a traditional

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passover meal as it would have been for Jesus and much of the symbolism that is mentioned in the gospel accounts was explained. We had to eat without any cutlery and off wooden bowls, using the traditional greetings to one another. Back to the hotel quite late. One of the girls has an accident and has to stay in hospital.

Thursday

Another early start to visit Galilee about three hours drive. We were reminded that we were staying in an occupied territory by the fact we passed through about 6 road-blocks on our way to Galilee. We stopped at Jericho at a fresh fruit shop where we bought freshly picked oranges and bananas which we had seen growing by the roadside. We visited Nazareth and many of the sites around the Sea of Galilee including standing in the ruins of the synagogue at Capernaum which Jesus would have been to. There was the chance to paddle in the Sea of Galilee and then we went out in a boat to the middle and sang the hymn, 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' before returning to Tiberias to pick up the coach to return.

Friday

By coach to Bethphage and then we set off to walk over the Mount of Olives the way Jesus would have ridden his donkey on Palm Sunday and down to the Garden of Gethsemane where there were olive trees 2000 years old. Lunch in the old city again, we almost knew our way round by now, and then we walked the Via Dolorosa, (the way Jesus carried his cross) which leads through the narrow streets to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This was rather disappointing, very decrepit and uncared for as the different churches who care for it cannot agree about how to repair it. Home for our evening meal.

Saturday

Our day began at the Garden Tomb where we were shown round and then held our own Communion Service in one corner of the garden with Tim celebrating. Then we were free to go shopping

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in the city, we took some of the youngsters to visit one of our party who had ended up in hospital, that was quite an experience especially trying to order a taxi by phone from people who didn't speak English. After lunch we rejoined the coach to visit the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls and then off to Ein Kerim, the birthplace of John the Baptist, to see yet another church. Here we saw a most complete traffic jam with everyone waving their arms and shouting and the situation getting worse all the time. Fortunately our driver was parked just beyond it and we got away but as we looked back we could see it still going on and the horns still sounding.

Sunday

Morning free, we walked round part of the walls of the old city and then attended the Anglican church in the city, Christ Church where the Bishop of Jerusalem was preaching. The church was full to overflowing and the communion service lasted about two hours. Back to the hotel, cases loaded and off to the airport. A long interrogation for each pair of us and then the wait for the plane. Another rather bumpy flight in the dark this time though we did see city lights over Italy. Finally safely to Heathrow where (surprise, surprise) it was raining and by coach to Campion School getting back just after midnight.

A fascinating holiday, quite unlike any other we have ever had, and an experience we shall never forget. The memories may fade a little but what we saw and learned will be with us forever.
Tim Partridge

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

Well I really think I shall have to start these notes by writing about the weather. November was supposed to be the mildest since 1659! The flowers in the garden went on and on and on. Roses, fuchsias and everything refused to stop blooming. We have a little iris plant in this front garden and it is supposed to flower late February or early March. On 12th December it had

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one beautiful purple flower on it. Two days later a frost laid it low. Since then we have had some very cold nights. I think it was amazing that we could get through 1994 with remarkable weather and then on the very first day of 1995 the snow started to fall and the frost was intense. Thank goodness today, 4th January a thaw has set in and most of the snow has disappeared. I wonder how much more we shall have!

I really must now write about the bird table. We have one rather close to the window and when I am eating, drinking or reading, I can look out and see everything that is going on. I honestly think that it is one of the most interesting things that you can have near to your home. At this very moment a greenfinch has just arrived for some nuts. The great tits are the most numerous but the blue tits and coal tits come next. We have had just a few visits from the blackcap and that is the only bird that has eaten the purple berries from the Callicapra! Of course I have not yet mentioned the scamp that is here nearly all the time. Mr Robin, or is it Mrs Robin? The book says the sexes are alike. I have to laugh when a second robin arrives at the table when one is already there. There is always a quick punch up and a chase. The robin is supposed to be Britain's national bird but it is an arrogant scamp and at this time of the year, it does not want any other robins near it. It will become a lot more friendly when nesting time comes around. I have just looked out of the window and a most amazing thing has occurred. A group or family of little birds with long tails have just landed in the golden conifer next to the bird table. They are long tailed tits of course and I had forgotten to mention them! They have paid us several visits. They never go on the table to eat anything. I wondered why they always went in the golden tree and pecked about there for about five minutes. When I read about them in the book I found out. Their natural food is spiders and there must be thousands in that little tree. These long tailed tits make a wonderful nest you know. Lichen is the main component and they bind it together with cobwebs and animal hair.

We have had bullfinches on the table several times but it has only been a point from where to take off to eat the pyracantha berries. I really must come off the bird table now but at times it

does take my mind off the dreadful things that are happening in other parts of the world.

Mr Terry from West End told me that he had seen a perfectly white squirrel beyond the aquaduct and railway bridges. Mrs Stead about two weeks later told me that she had seen one in the same area. I do hope this wonderful little creature will make itself a warm drey and survive the cold winter.

I must not forget the lovely little white flower which is blooming in the garden. I think snowdrop is the perfect name for it.

Just a taste of Egypt, Israel and Ancient Greece

We arrived in Port Said, Egypt, early one Monday morning in May, and the temperature was already soaring. Fourteen coaches left the quayside to travel in convoy to Cairo, taking also an empty coach, an ambulance and doctor, and with armed guards at the front and back of the convoy, for the three hour journey into Cairo.

The road runs along the Suez Canal before turning inland for Cairo. Along this road we saw all types of crops worked by the fellahin with their camels, donkeys and bullocks, whole families living in what can only be described as very delapidated sheds.

Cairo, the capital of Egypt, and largest city in Africa, holds a staggering fourteen million people, most living in conditions of poverty and squalor such as we in the West cannot imagine. (In Roman times, Cairo was Babylon.) We were amazed to see a Pyramid appear at what seemed to be the end of a street! The most famous pyramid complex was originally some ten miles from the City centre, but civilisation now spreads almost to their feet. Beyond, however, lie thousands of miles of desert, quite untouched by time. The oldest and largest of the pyramids is in fact the only remaining wonder of the ancient world. The Great Pyramid of Cheops, dating from around 2600 BC is awe-inspiring indeed, as the World's largest man-made monument, but when you consider its statistics, and the amazing accuracy of its construction, in conjunction with its immense age, you cannot fail

to be hugely impressed by this great heap of stones! The Cheops monument is over 450 ft high, covering an area of 13 acres, with a circumference of well over ½ mile. It consists of an inner core of nearly 2½ million blocks weighing an average of 2½ tons each. The smooth limestone casing has almost completely disappeared, carted away for building material in Cairo! The frontage of the pyramids is a teeming mass of people, but even so if you shut your ears to the pleas of the touts, to ride their camels/horses/donkeys; ignore the urchins demanding baksheesh etc., it is relatively easy to think yourself back thousands of years, and travel down the centuries to stand beside Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar, Constantine, Napoleon and Cleopatra.

Standing guard is the enigmatic Sphinx with a lion's body and the head of a pharaoh. Carved amazingly from a single ridge of rock and almost completely buried in sand until Napoleon's soldiers dug it out. The Sphinx has suffered the ravages of target practice and pollution but still greets the sun every day as it has done for 45 centuries. Walk to the back of the Pyramids and all you can see is desert stretching away as far as the eye can see – and beyond for thousands and thousands of miles.

We visited a Papyrus workshop, which was fascinating, and we purchased a papyrus of the mask of Tutankhamun (of course!) This was followed by a trip on the Nile. The Nile in Cairo could almost be any big river in any big city, flanked as it is by modern hotels of great opulence, but leaving Cairo behind, the Islamic architecture, Citadels and Minarets leave you in no doubt that you are in Egypt. We were welcomed on board by an Egyptian band, and what they lacked in musical ability they more than made up for in enthusiasm!

Arriving back at Port Said we wended our weary way through hoards of very persistent traders and sellers, offering anything from copper jewellery, native clothes, onyx, alabaster, leather, papyrus, carpets, pouffes and camels filled with suspect stuffing!! We left Port Said with lights shining out in the darkness, the traders still offering a last minute bargain, and our heads filled with sights, sounds, images and memories that will live with us forever.

Israel

Israel is a most emotive country to visit, and you have a feeling of knowing much of it even before you step ashore. However, I intend to gloss over our visit, and leave the descriptions for Tim and Esther to relate. Suffice to say we found Israel green, fertile and beautiful, and will never forget our first sighting of the white City of Jerusalem, with the sun shining on the Golden Dome of the Rock.

Piraeus/Athens, Greece

May in Greece should by rights have been Spring, with pleasant temperatures, but in Athens on the day we arrived, the temperature soon reached 104°F. We drove first to Constitution Square to the former Royal Palace, where the Evzones, members of the National Guard, keep watch in their traditional costumes and we were fortunate enough to see the changing of the Guard.

Almost half of the population of Greece live in Athens and Piraeus, as you soon realise, and most of them seem to be on the roads all at once! However the hub of the ancient City, the Acropolis, the high point of the City, has been left in peace. The crowning glory here is perhaps the most famous temple of all time, the Parthenon, dedicated to Athena, the patron goddess of Athens. The natural fortress of the Acropolis, reinforced by the hand of man, contains more than the majestic Parthenon. The steep ascent brings us to the Proylaea, the entrance gates, with marble columns in Doric and Ionic style. To one side stands the little Ionic 'Temple of the Wingless Victory' erected to commemorate peace with Persia. Passing through the Propylaea your gaze is at once arrested by the majestic Perthenon, bloodied but unbowed and perhaps the greatest architectural creation of all time. Opposite stands the Erechtheion dedicated jointly to Athena and Poseiden and containing the famous porch of the Caryatids. So many remains/temples etc., in all directions, too numerous to mention.

Back to the City where we saw the Temple of Olympian Zeus, in the Corinthian style, finished by Hadrian 700 years after the foundation stone was laid. The Olympic Stadium, holding 70,000

spectators, was built of Pentelic marble in 1895 for the first modern Olympic Games. We left Greece to the backdrop of a beautiful sunset. A wonderful trip with so very many memories and experiences to look back on for a very long time to come.

Can you help?

I would be obliged if you could please help me as to gathering any information with regards to the Police House in Bugbrooke.

My family have just moved into the house in Camp Hill and have been amazed at how many alterations and changes there seems to have been since its original construction.

Having lived in Bugbrooke until I married five years ago it was always our wish to move back to the village when the opportunity arose. Being married to a Police Officer who is based at Campbell Square, we were offered the house after the sad death of Roger Masters who had lived there for over seven years.

Moving to the house set our minds working as to how many officers had occupied the house when it was a working station – to include the very first officer to take on the station. I am aware that P.C. Oliver, P.C. Dodds and Sgt Masters were amongst but a few.

Does anyone know any old stories about the house, have any old pictures, plans, documents, names etc. Any information your readers can offer would be very gratefully received.

Many thanks in anticipation of our help!

Emma Salaman (Mrs) (Nee Farrington)
The Old Police House
7 Camp Hill
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Northampton, NN7 3PH

Bugbrooke OAP's Christmas Gift Scheme

The Gift vouchers and Christmas cards were delivered during the first two weeks of December and flowers were delivered to all known pensioners who are in residential/nursing homes throughout the County.

One very pleasant surprise for the Committee was a very generous donation of £100.00 to the Scheme from a group of the staff at Heygates for which we are very grateful.

We will now start preparing for next Christmas but we would like to also say thank you to all the businesses in the village who have maintained collecting boxes for the Scheme or contributed directly to it by other fund raising means.

May we also say how much we enjoy receiving Christmas cards and letters of thanks from the recipients of the Gifts as this gives us great encouragement and shows that our efforts and the Gift vouchers are appreciated.
Bruce Piper, Chairman

Royal British Legion – Womens Section

Our December meeting was a very happy mixture of business and pleasure. A TV Quiz was won by Miss Mary Smythe (helped by Mrs Betty Bass) and joint winner was Mrs Sandra Dawson (helped by Mrs Maggie Francis). Not quite Telly Addicts but almost as good. Mrs Enid Pell then described the family journey to France to the British Cemetery at Anneux, Arras and took an album of maps, letters and photos put together by daughter Janice who also went on the journey. Members then enjoyed a small Buffet and a glass of sherry, a lovely start to the Festive Season. Happy New Year to all.
M.E. Pell – Chairman

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

The annual collection in the village amounted to £752.46p. Thank You for giving and, once again, lets not forget our collectors for their invaluable help.

For 73 years the Legion has worked resolutely to provide a broad range of welfare and benevolent services to ex-servicemen and women and their dependants in need, many are now old and frail and rely on us. On behalf of those who will benefit from your generosity, again Thank You very much indeed.

N.B. A number of people approached me last year after Remembrance Day to say they would have liked a cross, if you wish to have one or more this year please let me know before the order goes in at the beginning of July, this is apart from the regulars, of course.
B.E. Bell, 831639

In Brief

A big 'Thank you' to the Committee of the Pensioners Gift Scheme for the vouchers received by us and many of my friends at Christmas. We really do appreciate their efforts on our behalf all good wishes to them in the coming year.
Enid Pell

"I would like to thank everyone for their Christmas greetings and kind wishes, including all my friends and associates in the various organisations to which I belong, for their kind thought."
Frances Trinder

Overheard in the hairdressers
I always thought a trip to the hairdressers meant an ego boost, I don't think I would have felt very good if this had been said to me! –

"Are these all your own teeth?"

Bugbrooke of Yesterday

The following is extracted from the 'History Gazetteer and Directory of Northamptonshire' - 1849

Bugbrook is bounded on the East by Kislingbury, on the North by Heyford, on the West by Stowe and on the South by Gayton.

It contains 2420 statute acres, the rateable value of which is £6,868 including the railway, which is valued at £3,600 and the canal, £60.

The amount of assessed property in the parish is £3,794. Bugbrook, or as it is called in Doomsday Book, Buchebroc, is

intersected by the London and North Western Railway. The soil is chiefly loam and strong clay, well adapted for wheat, beans and barley; and its principal proprietors are the Rev J H Harrison (Lord of the Manor), Colonel Adams, John Manning, Daniel Brown, S Deacon and several resident yeoman. A considerable portion of the parish is in pasture.

There are both lime and brick kilns in the parish, but no stone quarries for building purposes. On the rectorial land is a remarkable copious spring called the West Hills, in the occupation of William Norton, and there are two Chalybeate springs in the Parish also, one on the estate of Colonel Adams and the other on the farm of John Ashby.

The village of Bugbrook, which is small and neat, is situate about 6 miles WSW of Northampton; at the western extremity of which, is a wharf belonging to the Grand Junction Canal Company.

At the inclosure of the common in 1779, 382 acres 2 rod 23 poles were allotted in lieu of glebe lands and all tithes in the open fields, about 80 acres of the old inclosures are still tithable. The Rector has also the interest of £944 4s 4d three per cent consols arising from the sale of 8 acres, 2 rod, 35 pole to the Grand Junction Canal Company, and to the trustees of the Chester Turnpike Road.

The spelling of place names are as in the Gazetteer, the following is a summary of the population and the occupations in the years 1861 and 1881. I hope this may be of some interest to know a little about our village of yesteryear.

Bugbrooke of Yesteryear 1861

In the census of 1861 the population of Bugbrooke was given as 935 persons – below are listed some of the occupations taken from the census returns.

Occupation	No	Occupation	No
Agricultural Worker	154	Farmer	16
Baker	7	Gardener	1
Blacksmith	5	General Dealer	1
Bricklayer	2	Grocer	1
Builder	2	Lacemaker	25
Butcher	5	Laundress	3
Candle Maker	1	Mason	3
Carpenter	9	Miller	2
Carrier	1	Policeman	2
Carter	4	Publican	4
Civil Engineer	1	Railway Worker	8
Clerk (includes 1 accountant)	3	Ratcatcher	1
Coal Merchant	1	Saddler	1
Cooper	1	Sawyer	7
Dairymaid	6	Boot and Shoe Maker	18
Dealer in Earthen Ware	1	Soapmaker	1
Domestic Servant	44	Surgeon	2
Draper	2	Tailor	4
Dressmaker	11	Teacher	4
Engine Driver	2	Timber Dealer	1
Engine Fitter	1	Wheelwright	4

Bugbrooke of Yesteryear 1881

In the census of 1881 the population of Bugbrooke was given as 896 persons – below are listed some of the occupations taken from the census returns. There were several changes during that 20 year period with the introduction of the ironstone workers and increase in the railway workers which coincided with a reduction in agricultural workers.

Occupation	No	Occupation	No
Agricultural Worker	126	Ironstone Workers	7
Baker	5	Iron Furnace Workers	25
Blacksmith	2	Lace Maker	1
Bricklayer	8	Laundress	2
Brickmaker	5	Mason	3
Butcher	4	Miller	2
Canal Labourer	1	Policeman	1
Carpenter	6	Publican	4
Carrier	1	Painter	1
Clerk	1	Plumber and Glazier	3
Coal Merchant	3	Railway Worker	33
Collar Maker	1	Saddler	1
Domestic Servant	40	Sawyer	3

Draper	2	Boot and Shoe Maker	6
Dressmaker	12	Surgeon	1
Engine Fitter	1	Tailor	2
Farmer	9	Teacher	3
Gardener	5	Thatcher	2
Grocer	3	Wheelwright	4
Harness Maker	1	Shopkeeper	1

Family Health Group

A FAMILY HEALTH GROUP was launched with the first monthly meeting on Wednesday 4th January, 1995 at The Consulting Rooms, Orchard Paddock, Bugbrooke. Sixteen people attended.

HOMOEOPATHY was introduced as 'first aid' treatment for a number of everyday medical complaints, indicating the appropriate homoeopathic remedy to use.

It was explained that the meaning of the term 'homoeopathy' is 'similar disease' compared with conventional medicine i.e. 'allopathy' meaning 'against disease' (e.g. anti-biotics). A brief history of the founding of this system of medicine was given including its acceptance within the National Health Service. It was stated that homoeopathic remedies are virtually free of side effects, and safe for babies, for use in pregnancy, and can be taken in addition to conventional medicine.

Following the talk on homoeopathy questions were invited from the enthusiastic audience on any aspect of health.

The second meeting of the FAMILY HEALTH GROUP will be held on Wednesday 1st February at 7.30 pm at the same venue when the Treatment and Management of 'Accidents and Injuries in the Home' with Homoeopathic Remedies will be discussed followed by an Open Forum on Family Health.

On Wednesday 1st March the subject will be 'Constitutional Remedies'.

Everyone is welcome to attend these Meetings and for any enquiries please telephone Northampton 832555.

D.L.S. Paine

Womens Institute

A belated 'Happy New Year'! Our Christmas Bazaar now seems a long time ago, but many thanks to all who came along to support our effort – approximately £160 was raised.

The January meeting of Bugbrooke W.I. took the form of a party. This is the annual birthday party of the Bugbrooke branch of the Womens Institute. The committee prepared a lovely three course supper followed by a light-hearted quiz and a fun time was had by all present.

Here are details of some of our meetings coming in 1995:

February 6th – Peter Maltli of the Chemical Industries Association is giving an illustrated talk on chemicals in the home and environment.

March 6th – David Williams is bringing along perfume samples and all present will have the opportunity to make their own perfume.

April 3rd – Monica Cockerill is introducing 'Exercise – Why Bother?'. Members will be encouraged to exercise gently!

June 5th – Brian Giggins is giving a talk on 'Smothered in the Bog House'. This is a talk on the history of the 'privy'!

These are just a few of the delights in store – if any of the listed talks appeals to you:- do come along and join us as a visitor or better still become a member of our small but thriving W.I.

The Royal British Legion

(This report was held over from the Christmas issue).

At our Annual General Meeting, the Treasurer was able to report that the Branch was in a generally healthy financial state. One might say that the Branch is sui juris (able to stand on its own). Our office bearers were elected or, more correctly, a re-election of those of last year. As one wag with no maritime connections put it; a case of the Book of Hebrews, Chapter 13, Verse 8. The office bearers for 1994/1995 are:

President:	John Sexton
Vice-President:	Tom Jeffs
Chaplain:	The Rev Canon Tim Partridge
Chairman:	Peter Andrew
Vice-Chairman:	Terry Ward
Treasurer:	Don Prime
Secretary:	Harry Clarke
Standard Bearer:	Peter Andrew
Escort to the Standard:	John Johnson
	Terry Ward

As I write this, the evening is being punctuated by Brocks products whistling through the dark accompanied by loud bangs and crumps. Which reminds me that there must be many who at one time or another have stood next to a pom-pom firing at some unidentified flying object; have been in close proximity to an artillery barrage; stood near a Lightning on re-heat or have travelled in the fuselage of a Hercules. All of these things had an excessive noise level which was bound to have affected the ear drums (we didn't have 'ear defenders' in those days). But the individual was quite unaware of this at the time. Only now does he or she notice that if someone speaks while turned away, it is not possible to understand what is being said. It is not due to the present generation's style of slurring and mumbling their spoken words. It is because it is not realised how much one comes to rely on unconsciously lip reading, all due to deafness. If you suffer in this way, it might be that you qualify for a War Disability Pension, even if yours was National Service after the war. You can but apply for the pension and see what happens. You get nowt if you don't ask for it. You can get the appropriate pamphlet from the DSS.

At the time of writing, it will soon be time for the Remembrance Service. Before that, there will have been a band of stalwart volunteers giving their free time to collect for the annual Poppy Appeal. It is hoped that your donation for one poppy will have equalled at least the cost of a pint of beer. Although a daily newspaper was 3d(1p) it now costs around 10/-d(50p), so you will realise that a 25p donation is not going to go very far in

giving help to those ex-Servicemen and women in great need of the Legion's assistance. The Appeal needs and is grateful for every penny that you can spare.

We wish our readers a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Neighbourhood Watch

Unfortunately, the run up to the Christmas period was marred by several break-ins to sheds and outbuildings. In one case, a family's children's Christmas presents were stolen. A quantity of tools were also stolen from another incident. We would advise you all to ensure that you lock up all outbuildings and garages, particularly where these contain tools which could help a burglar to enter your house.

We tried, as far as possible to telephone all street contacts to give them the above information as soon as we had it from the police, but some contacts were not available at the time, and given that our number of contacts is very small, we were unable to get the village wide coverage that we would have liked. It would help the watch very much if more of you would volunteer to act as contacts! If you can help, please contact Vic Wyles or Roy Smith.

It is thought that the lighting units in Ace Lane were damaged by boys with catapults. The Council have now replaced the broken fittings, but they are again coming under attack. Would anyone who sees anything of a suspicious nature in this respect, please notify the police. We know that one does not always get as fast a response to reports as one would like, but we can assure you all that the police *ARE* interested, and that reports help to build up a pattern which may eventually lead to a conviction. Our local community Policeman, Mick Wallace is always keen to get reports of suspicious incidents, his office can be telephoned on 703514.

Roy and I would like to wish you all a happy and crime free New Year.

Vic Wyles,
830254

Darby and Joan Club

As another New Year arrives we at Darby & Joan look forward to our 40th year of being. We would like to hear from past committee members or any helpers. Also if anybody has some photographs of past members or functions may we borrow them. They will be returned,

Myself and other committee members visited, at Christmas, our members in nursing homes and we found them being well cared for and all fairly well settled. Mrs G. Botterill, Mrs N. Gardner and Mrs F. Trinder all send their very best wishes to all their friends in the village. We also delivered to Danetree hospital a dozen or so knitted blankets thanks to some lovely knitters out there and all who kindly donated wool. If you have any odd balls of wool not required may we have them to start knitting for next year's blankets?

We do have room for anyone wishing to join our club. If you are interested please contact me or any other committee member.
SJM 830725

Many thanks to very generous friends for unwanted items which were sold for £170. Christmas cards and paper profit £50. A cheque for £220 was donated to Darby & Joan Club at their Bazaar on 12th November 1994.

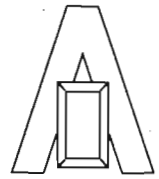
Big Ted (donated by Pauline Gilkes) Raffle. £255 was raised and donated to Darby & Joan Club on 30th November 1994. Lucky winner: Frances Clayton, The Garage, Bugbrooke with yellow ticket 202.

Many thanks to all who took part.

A very happy & prosperous New Year to you all.
Lily Maguire

Mothers Union

Our year ended with 25 of us having a very nice evening meal at Stowe Dairy Farm prior to our traditional Advent Carol Service and mince pies. We hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and we take this opportunity of wishing you a peaceful, healthy and happy New Year.



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We begin the new year with a service followed by tea at the Rectory on January 12th and a Beetle Drive and Faith Supper on January 18th. Our usual Jumble Sale will take place on February 11th in the Sunday School at 2.00 pm.

Meetings to follow will cover a wide range of topics one of which will deal with Drug Abuse. This will be an open meeting on 15th February in the S.S. Do come along, families are especially welcome. It is a concern that most parents have at some time in their lives. It is much better to be aware than to be ignorant of the problem.

Details of other events will be found at the back of the Link magazine.

Sue Nightingale

Bugbrooke Heart Therapy Group

This group was formed several years ago by Dr Dutta to assist patients with their after care following a heart problem.

Nowadays this is via a monthly social meeting at which blood pressure and weight can be checked.

All are welcome including partner or friend to this very pleasant informal gathering at which there are speakers on a wide variety of subjects plus occasional outings.

We meet at 7 pm on the 1st Wednesday in the month at Bugbrooke Surgery, Levitts Road.

Please telephone 832715 for further information.

Muriel Smith

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

We would like to thank all of you who kindly supported our Christmas Bazaar. A total of £594.39 was raised.

There is an Adult Quiz Night on Friday 3rd February. Entrance fee is £5.00 per team of no more than four people.

A Barn Dance has been booked for Friday 10th March, dancing to The Occasional Few.

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For details of any of the above mentioned please contact the Primary School or keep an eye open for posters.
Jane Curtis 832255

St Michael's Music Society

On a somewhat chilly but dry December night a small band of singers from the Music Society made their way to Johns Road to join members of the Junior Choir. The group then set off stopping at strategic places to sing a variety of Christmas carols and make a collection for charity. Many thanks to all those people who contributed and offered words of encouragement. The money collected will go to the new Family Care Centre in Northampton. The evening ended with a jacket potato supper in the Sunday School.

The next open meeting of the Society will be on March 4th in the church when the Allen Singers will be entertaining us. Watch out for notices nearer to the time and come along and join us.
Hazel Kitchener (Hon. Sec)

South Northamptonshire Council

Sports Development Any residents needing help or advice to set up a sporting activity in the village should contact Neil McGivern, Sports Development Officer, on 01327 350211. He can advise on training courses, equipment loan, play schemes, establishing Sports Clubs or Grant Aid.

National Coaching Foundation Introductory Level courses are to run between February and May, including "safety and injury", "working with children" and "the coach in action".

Equipment for loan includes short mat bowls' mats, short tennis sets and KWIW cricket sets.

A **Playground Safety Seminar** is to take place on 14 February, 7 pm at South Northants Council Offices, Towcester. This is free – anyone interested in attending should request an application form from Doreen Storey or Gary Hammersley on ext 445/463.

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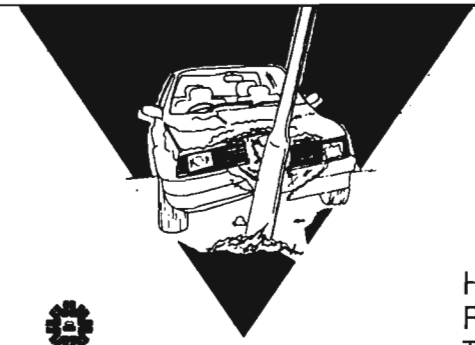

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Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

The access road to the Playing Fields from Camp Hill is in the process of planning and construction. The outline planning permission for the Community Hall and Car Parking arrangements has been agreed and once the access has been completed we shall be looking to commence construction.

Considerable efforts have been put into ensuring that Bugbrooke gets the best scheme possible and despite various difficulties and obstacles in our path we are now hopeful of a successful outcome to these.

Many users are out on the playing fields especially at weekends either playing sport or watching. However, the objective of the current initiatives is to widen the scope of users to younger and older sports groups of both sexes and improved social facilities for other associations and clubs in the village.

We have requested dog owners to prevent their dogs from fouling the Playing Fields on several occasions. Even our sportsmen get "sent off" for fouling! We are contemplating putting up signs for the dogs.

Another pile we would like to get rid of is several lorryloads of top soil. If anyone knows of a contractor who needs a few hundred tons of soil for the collecting, please ask him to contact me.

Best wishes for 1995

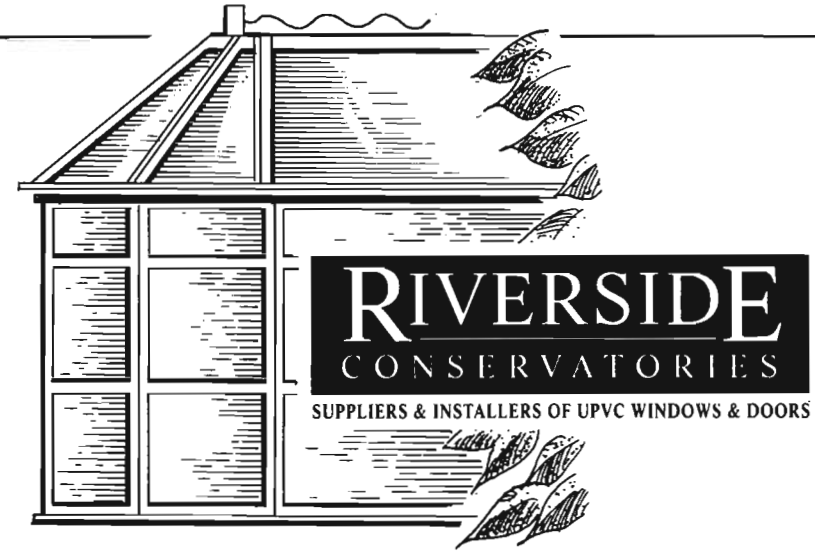
Brian Curtis – Chairman, 832244

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

The club has said farewell to any chance of winning NFA Cups this season with all the senior teams being eliminated by the end of January. It is now necessary to concentrate on league performances and achieve the best possible position.

The 1st XI have had good recent results and need to finish in the top two to get promoted. They are currently fourth and the club is completing seated accommodation to ensure acceptance into the UCL Premier Division if the team does its stuff.

The Reserves have had a good first season in the Reserve Division One and have grabbed some useful scalps among the



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top Northamptonshire clubs. They have also blooded a number of young players who have progressed through the youth teams and the future looks promising with a lot of young players developing into the adult sides.

The 'A' side is currently fourth in its league and consists of local lads in the 17–20 age bracket. If they keep together they will go close to getting promoted this year and would certainly do so next season. They are beginning to look like the successful 60's/70's team that came up together through the Bugbrooke Tags team run by Fred Curtis and Noel Stanton. If they keep together they could achieve similar success.

The 'B' side has performed very well and all the young players have progressed well under the experienced guidance of Stan Wykes, Darren Botterill and Brian Curtis. Most of them are 16/17 year olds and they have learned how to cope with adult football very well. Their enthusiasm and willingness to work hard, plus the good football they try to play, is a credit to the managers who have brought them through the youth system.

All the youth teams are continuing to gain useful experience each week and have the opportunity, through the Bugbrooke Youth Activities Scheme at Campion School, to get good coaching indoors once a week.

The whole club has the appearance of having a solid base to build on for the future. Along with the club's link with Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association this should ensure a continuing opportunity for all players in, and around, our community to get the best possible football that Northants can offer. The lease linking the club to the Playing Fields Association will ensure that the facilities and structure of the Football Club maintain benefits for local players. Why not come and support them. They respond well to encouragement!

Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

There being no league games in either November or December these two months saw a number of friendly fixtures with a mixture of results but mostly with entertaining and competitive rugby.

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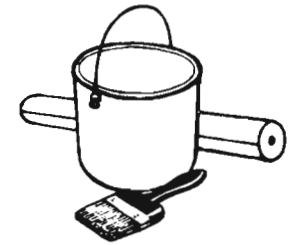

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The usual enjoyable match was played on Boxing Day against the Presidents XV who narrowly won a free scoring game by 33pts – 28pts.

On December 28th another landmark was made in the Club's progress when at an Extraordinary Meeting the members of the Club adopted a completely new constitution in line with the more modern situation in 1995.

Social events have included a Quiz evening and a disco to see in the new year.

The 7th January saw us back in serious business with the renewal of the league programme and a welcome 6pts to Nil win over the Aylestonians which left Bugbrooke in a 'comfortable' half way position in the league, nowhere near the promotion zone, but certainly it would seem safe from relegation although there is no place for any relaxation.

Family Announcements

BOTTERILL Happy 50th birthday, Yvonne, for March 17th. Have a great day. Love Barbara and Ben.

CURTIS Rebecca. Thirteen on March 6th, 'Teenager now, kid'.

PELL Jessica and Felicity, nine on March 21st. Happy birthday darlings from Nan and Pap Pell.

SALAMAN Charlotte. Happy 5th Birthday on February 24th. Love, hugs and kisses from Mummy, Daddy, Georgina and William. XXX

SALAMAN Georgina. Happy 3rd Birthday on February 7th. All our love from Mummy, Daddy, Charlotte and William. XXX

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Christmas Quiz Answers

Christmas Songs and Carols

Merry Chistmas Everybody
Mistletoe and Wine
When a Child is Born
Jingle Bells
Santa Claus is Coming to Town
Mary's Boy Child
I Wish it Could be Christmas Every Day
Silent Night
We Three Kings
Last Christmas
Good King Wenceslas
Frosty the Snowman
Stop the Cavalry
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
Saviour's Day
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
We Wish You a Merry Christmas
O Come All Ye Faithful

Place-Name Anagrams

1. Birmingham
2. Sheffield
3. Newcastle
4. Brighton
5. Glasgow
6. Northampton
7. Woking
8. Bournemouth
9. Paignton
10. Wimbledon
11. Leicester
12. Ipswich
13. Bristol
14. Carlisle
15. Harrowgate
16. Salisbury
17. Aberystwyth
18. Chesterfield
19. Kidderminster
20. Boston
21. Canterbury
22. Croydon
23. Coventry
24. Torquay
25. London

Riddle – Canterbury Cathedral

Guess The Symbols

1. Prudential
2. Queen's Award to Industry
3. Abbey National
4. Flora
5. Royal Bank of Scotland
6. Midland Bank
7. HMV
8. Subaru
9. British Wool
10. Halifax

Brain Teasers

1. Sandbox
2. Man Overboard
3. I Understand
4. Reading Between the Lines
5. Long Underwear
6. Cross Roads
7. Down Town
8. Tri-cycle
9. Bi-level
10. 3 Degrees Below Zero
11. Knee on Lights
12. Circles Under the Eyes
13. High Chair
14. Paradise
15. Touchdown
16. 6 Feet Under Ground
17. Mind Over Matter
18. He's Beside Himself
19. Backwards Glance
20. Life After Death

Crossword

Across	Down
1. Kicked	1. Kissed
4. Muscle	2. Childrens Hour
8. Spitting Image	3. Entire
10. Ruble	5. United
11. Dirge	6. Characterless
12. Ducks	7. Elects
13. Songs	9. Nib
15. Treat	13. Sea Bed
17. Hitch	14. Shades
19. Blood Brothers	15. Thatch
20. Duress	16. Tinsel
21. Chisel	18. Tor

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THE VILLAGE DIARY

Every Tuesday 7.30pm St Michael's Football – Bingo FC

February

1	7.30pm	Family Health Group	Orchard Paddock
1		Tim takes charge of Rothersthorpe too	
1	7.00pm	Bugbrooke Heart Therapy Group	Surgery, Levitts Rd
3	7.30pm	BPSA Adult Quiz night	PS
4	8.00pm	St Michael's Football Shaun Crew Live Band	FC
5		New church service pattern begins	
6	7.30pm	WI 'Speak out & Listen' Peter Halti	SS
7	7.30pm	Licensing Service for Tim Partridge at Rothersthorpe	
8	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
9	2.30pm	Mothers Union: Joyce Care – Daylight Centre	SS
11	2.00pm	Mothers Union – Jumble Sale	SS
15	7.30pm	Mothers Union: Drug Abuse – Carol Berg	SS
20	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion (Women's) Meeting	SS
22	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
27	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
27	8.00pm	Bugbrooke Flower Society Meeting	SS
28	7.30pm	Shrove Tuesday Social	SS

March

1	7.30pm	Family Health Group	Orchard Paddock
1	7.00pm	Bugbrooke Heart Therapy Group	Surgery, Levitts Rd
4	7.30pm	St Michael's Music – An evening of music by the Allen Singers	Church
6	7.30pm	WI Fragrance Evening – David Williams	SS
8	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
9	2.30pm	Mothers Union – I Believe and Trust	SS
10	8.00pm	BPSA Barn Dance	PS
20	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion (Women's) Meeting	SS
22	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
25	11.00am	Mothers Union – Esther Partridge to be inaugurated Diocesan President	Wellingborough Church
26	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Communion – all welcome	Church
27	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
27	8.00pm	Bugbrooke Flower Society Meeting	SS

April

5	7.00pm	Bugbrooke Heart Therapy Group	Surgery, Levitts Rd
5	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
13	7.30pm	Mothers Union – Maundy Thursday Service	Church
19	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
24	8.00pm	Bugbrooke Flower Society Meeting	SS

Abbreviations:
Church: St. Michael & All Angels; SS: Sunday School; VH: Village Hall;
PS: Primary School; FC: Football Club

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