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The signs are that the wettest winter that I can remember is coming to an end. I hope we will have another glorious summer. A central event of this year will be the celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of VE Day. Some local memories of that time are included with this issue.

Looking even further back, we are beginning to receive a steady flow of interesting material on the history of Bugbrooke. We cannot print it all at once but I hope these articles will become a regular feature for some time to come.

Looking into the future, it you want to influence the direction of your community, you have your chance to vote on 4 May. Use it. On the evening before the local elections, come to the Link AGM, a vacancy for an Editor is still waiting to be filled.

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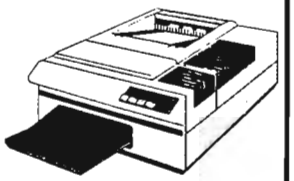

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Parish Council meetings – January and February 1995

The January meeting incorporated the County Council's Meet the People Tour and was attended by a Senior County Councillor, a Chief Officer and other high ranking officers of the County Council. The Parish Council and members of the public took the opportunity to raise a number of issues relating to County Council services. Most questions concerned the Highways Department and the County Council representatives undertook, amongst other things, to further investigate traffic calming measures, to review the volume of lorry movements through the village with particular regard to weight restrictions and to look again at the possibility of providing an access direct from Heygates Mill to the A45/M1 roundabout. Another important and positive development following this meeting is the likelihood of some form of library provision at the proposed Community Centre. This could involve the installation of computer terminals containing information about book stocks and a "distance learning" facility. The provision of a community centre would also permit some form of semi-permanent library, probably in the car park area.

A further County Council undertaking is for a drop kerbing scheme in the High Street to provide additional crossings for disabled people and prams/pushchairs. The intention is to re-shape some crossings, put in new sections of drop kerbs, remove broken slabs and slightly widen some parts of the pavement. This work to take place before the end of March. The County Council have already agreed to the provision of a suitable footpath at Peace Hill. This work will be carried out in the next financial year, beginning in April 1995.

Continuing the highways theme and the positive approach – after numerous meetings, letters and discussions the County Council have agreed to clear the obstruction in the sewer at The Paddocks and to repair the damage caused by the willow tree roots. They cannot, however, accept responsibility for what is yet another unadopted sewer in the village which thus remains the responsibility of the residents. If the problem re-occurs more drastic measures addressing the cause of the problems may be required.

At the request of the Parish Council the developer of the site off Camp Hill has agreed to amend the plan to include three smaller two bedroomed houses. Developers are reluctant to include these small starter homes in their schemes as they make less money. Nonetheless, the Parish Council have (with one notable exception at what is now Badgers Close) been fairly successful in persuading developers to make some provision for young couples from the village. An opportunity to provide small bungalows suitable for retired people appears to have

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been thwarted by South Northamptonshire Council. An application from the Playing Fields Association for planning permission for two small bungalows on the existing car park site at the top of Pilgrims Lane has been unaccountably refused by the District Council. This was apparently not a unanimous decision and will be pursued further as it contradicts the District Council's alleged support for the Parish Council's policy of providing suitable homes for the young and the old. Pilgrims Lane already has a variety of properties on front and back locations and two small bungalows at the top of the road would not be incompatible.

The Parish Council did support South Northamptonshire Council planners on another issue. They are minded to oppose changes in the Local Plan suggested by landowners to allow pockets of land in Bugbrooke to be given planning permission for residential or commercial development. In one instance the word pocket is inappropriate as it could be considered a large tract of land, the development of which would undoubtedly change the character of the village.

Parish Councillors were at first puzzled by an item on the agenda regarding "safety chains for OAPs". This seemed excessively harsh! It was explained, however, that the chains were for the front doors and the item referred to the concerns of the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Mr Wyles, that South Northamptonshire Council were not providing these in all their bungalows. The Parish Council, supported by the Police, quickly agreed to ask them to reconsider.

Perhaps with an element of self interest the Parish Council agreed to purchase 14 new chairs for the Village Hall. This might be a mixed blessing as meetings could take longer in the future if members are more comfortable.

East Midlands Electricity seemed to have gone into hibernation during the early weeks of 1995. Despite several reminders no progress was made in various street lighting projects. This inactivity did not seem to have spread to their invoicing department (which, of course, is quite separate from the department which erects the poles and lamps, which is itself quite separate from the department which supplies the electricity to said poles and lamps) as bills were received for work which had not been completed. A stiff letter despatched in early March resulted in a flurry of activity and new lamps which had stood forlornly in the dark for many weeks at Chipsey Avenue and the Levitts Road footpath were duly connected.

Finally, Parish Council and District Council elections will take place on Thursday the 4th May. Anyone interested in standing for election to the Parish Council should complete and return the nomination form to South Northamptonshire Council between 27th March and 12 noon on the 4th April.

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Bugbrooke Housing Needs Survey

Landing on the doorsteps of Bugbrooke with the Council Tax Bill are questionnaires about housing needs. It is most important that we all complete these and return them by April 21st, to South Northants Council. Attempts are currently being made to provide a facility for the frail elderly adjacent to the Surgery and also some low cost housing to enable our young people to get into the housing market within their own community. It is hoped the survey will highlight the need for such amenities in Bugbrooke. Then it will be much easier to persuade South Northants Council that Bugbrooke ought to be the next village to be considered for housing improvements for both the elderly and young families.

Please help to give Bugbrooke every chance to improve the housing available to its residents by completing and returning the questionnaire. We can then try to ensure that future generations of Bugbrooke folk can get the benefit of improved care and housing facilities within our own community.

John Curtis (District Councillor)

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

Well I think I will have to start these notes by writing something about the weather. We have actually had some snow and the children have been able to build some snowmen. Looking down the garden I can see that little heaps have not disappeared. The old saying was that it might be waiting for some more – I wonder. The rainfall to-day 7th March, has been very heavy. The way water is running out of several fields amazes me. There will certainly be no hosepipe ban.

We have had a very interesting bird coming to the bird table. It was a Siskin. I have never seen one before. It is about the size of a bluetit, something like a small hedge sparrow but it has yellow markings on its wings and a nice forked tail. It is rather shy, it does not stay very long and goes into the yellow conifer to look for food.

The other birds that I am seeing so much of now are robins. There is no quarrelling now. They feed together on the table, in fact I think if they could, they would be holding hands! I put a handful of porridge oats out every morning and they peck away till every bit has gone. They will soon be looking for a nesting site.

Another bird I must mention is the rook. In one of the previous set of notes I wrote that a pair of rooks came back all the way through the winter and fussed about in their old nest from last year. There was just that one nest left in the tree. Well one of the dreadful gusts of wind that we had some weeks ago, turned the nest onto its side. They tried for

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days to do something about it, and then they made up their minds and moved quite a lot of the old sticks to a lower fork in the tree. They fetched hundreds of new pieces and now we have a new large nest weathering every storm. I think she may soon be laying. Another pair have started one close by and I am praying the winds will fail to move it.

On several occasions a mistle thrush has sat on the same branch in the hedge behind the Five Bells and sang its head off! I see in the bird book it is noted for singing even in a winter gale. I am so pleased when I hear a thrush singing. There have been several programmes on the television about certain species of birds disappearing due to something or other. I saw one about that lovely bird the bittern losing its breeding environment in the fens and marshes. The skylark of course has lessened in numbers. Having said that I am sure some birds are more numerous – the blackbird, the collared dove, the great tit, those are just three that are doing well.

There is one animal that must be getting more numerous and that is the fox. So many people have seen me and told me that they have seen one trotting about in the middle of the day. They seem to be getting quite tame. I don't see so many rabbits about in the field behind us. Are the foxes living on rabbit? What a pity foxes don't like moles! There are more molehills about this year than I have ever seen. We shall have to go back to employing a "molecatcher".

I thought I saw a good programme one night about a lady named Eunice Overend. She had the title of Britain's Badger Woman. She was making every effort to see that badgers are not slaughtered unnecessarily. I think the car is going to keep the numbers down quite easily!

I feel very sorry that the daffodils opposite home, beside the church car park took such a hammering from the snow on March 3rd. They will never pick up. Hard luck Tim! Many other buds are swelling on shrubs and trees and in just over a fortnight we shall come to Summer time. What a pleasant thought. I think we have had more than our share of bitter winds and heavy rain.

I hope all you animal lovers are watching Rolf Harris on the Animal Hospital programme. I think it is first class.

Bugbrooke of Yesterday

By coincidence I had just completed an analysis of the 1851 Census for Bugbrooke when the February LINK was issued containing the article on the 1861 & 1881 Census's.

From these census returns a picture emerges of how the village altered over that period of 30 years especially in what trades and services were available to the local community, the changes to occupations and the reduction in the number of farms.

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The development of the Ironworks at Heyford and Stowe and with associated railway sidings probably led to the new employment of 32 ironstone workers and 33 railway workers from the village in 1881. Did this bring new prosperity and as a result the number of Dressmakers rose from 4 to 12. The 1851 census recorded 58 Lacemakers some as young as 6 years old but 30 years later only 1 was shown.

From all of this information I am trying to find out where the farms were situated and the location of shops and main areas of habitation during this period.

Could this, subject to interest from others, eventually lead to the production of a village historical walk leaflet.

Roy Smith 832715

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Taken from Mrs Linley Sambourne's note book

Entire charge of morning room, dining room and pantry. Assist once a week in thoroughly cleaning dining room.

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8 am	Breakfast in kitchen
8.30 am	Sweep, dust and polish morning room, water plants – keep brass and silver well polished. All plants and vases watered, dead flowers and leaves removed.
9 am	Mr Roy's breakfast. Put out Mr Roy's hat, gloves, stick or umbrella. Put Mr Roy's books ready.
9.30 am	Fetch breakfast tray, put away Mr Roy's clothes and take to brush. See to Mr Roy's silver and his drawers tidy.
10 am	Wash up breakfast things and see to drawing room silver.
11 am	Prepare two rooms for special cleaning, after which lay luncheon.
1.15 pm	Dress for luncheon
1.30 pm	Lunch. Look through Mr Roy's clothes and keep all mended.
4.30 pm	Tea.
6.30 pm	Put out Mr Roy's evening clothes. To have dinner table ready laid for 7 pm.
8 pm	Dinner

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In Focus – Profile of Mrs Nancy Rogers

Where were you born?
I was born in Bugbrooke, next to the Five Bells. Our old house was demolished and the stone used in building the house currently there. I lived on the Litchborough Road farm for 27 years and have been back in the village for 19 years.

Where were you educated?
Bugbrooke Primary School – In those days you stayed there until you were 14.

Your favourite part of Great Britain
Apart from around here it would have to be Scotland.

If you could take 3 books and 3 pieces of music to a desert island what would they be?
Books: The Bible and any of the classics.
Music: Church/Choral music – light music and musicals (Mikado; Annie Get Your Gun; etc).

Whom do you admire the most and why?
People that work in different parts of the world trying to alleviate the pain and suffering particularly in children, often at great risk to their own lives.

What is your greatest fear?
Nothing that keeps me awake.

What is your favourite food and drink?
A good old English breakfast, a nice cup of tea and an occasional glass of wine.

What talent would you have liked most of all?
To have been a good pianist.

What do you do for leisure?
Knitting, Church work, bellringing and a game of whist.

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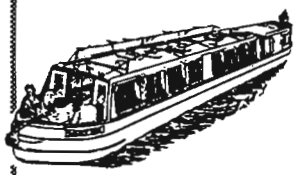

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What single thing would improve your quality of life?
A new pair of legs so I could get out and about more easily.

Do you have any embarrassing moments?
Nothing outstanding in my memory.

Do you have any pet dislikes?
No.

Where did you meet your husband?
In Bugbrooke Church belfry.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?
Like: A good village to live in – something for everybody in the various organisations if people want to use them.
Dislike: No particular dislikes.

How would you like to be remembered?
As one always ready to offer a helping hand when required.

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

Do you have any advice for young people starting out?
Do not expect to have everything for nothing – if a thing is worth having it is worth working for and gives you more satisfaction when you achieve your aims.

Where were you married and when?
In Bugbrooke Church, 1948.

If you could have your life over again what would you change?
I am happy with my life and would not change anything significantly.

Do you have any regrets?
To have travelled more in my younger days, but circumstances did not always allow it.

What are your favourite TV programmes?
I like most soaps and really enjoy quiz shows.

Tell us about your church work.
I joined the Choir in 1933, when the Rector was Craig Coen followed by Charles Harrison and todays Tim Partridge.

I have been bellringing since 1943 when the wartime ban on the ringing of bells was lifted. The Peterborough diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers presented me with a certificate to mark my 50 years as a bellringer.

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What is the last thing you do before going to sleep
Make a hot drink and read a passage from my Bible.

I would like to thank Mrs N. Rogers for giving me the time to ask the questions. Her commitment to and involvement in Bugbrooke Church is to be applauded.
Don Prime

St Michael & All Angels Church News

Bugbrooke Church link with Rothersthorpe

On March 1st the Pastoral Scheme linking the parishes of Bugbrooke and Rothersthorpe as a united benefice took effect, the Queen having signed it in February. Tim Partridge is now officially Rector of both parishes. Links are growing slowly and the new service pattern of a 9am Parish Communion at Rothersthorpe and a 10.30am Parish Communion and 6.30pm Evensong at Bugbrooke seems to be working well.

Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

On Palm Sunday during the 10.30 service we shall distribute Palm Crosses and have our usual procession in the churchyard. During Holy Week we shall have services at 8 pm Monday to Wednesday led by the different Lent groups. On Maundy Thursday at 7.45pm we shall have a service based on the Last Supper. Good Friday will be as usual with a Children's Workshop at 10am, Watch by the Cross at 2pm and a quiet devotional service at 7.30pm.

On Easter Day there will be Holy Communion at 8 am. Easter Carol Communion at 10.30 am. with something for every age group and then Festival Evensong with Communion at 6.30 pm. Easter is the day when every communicant does their best to take communion, if there is anyone who cannot get to church because of illness or age then we will be glad to bring communion to them, contact Tim Partridge on 830373.

Church Vestry and Annual Parochial Meeting

This was held in church on Sunday March 12th after the 10.30 service. The Churchwardens and deputy wardens were thanked. Nigel Burt had completed his four years as warden and so stood down. The wardens elected were Sue Pace and Dave Clayson, and deputy-wardens elected were Ann Gowen and Ian Fergus.

Reports have been circulated about the many and varied activities of the Church in 1994 and the audited accounts of the various church bodies were adopted. The retiring PCC members were re-elected with the exception of Norma Ward who did not stand and her place was taken by Margaret Cooke. Tim Partridge gave his report on some highlights of Church life in 1994 and the meeting finished with a chance for anyone to ask any questions about church life. The PCC will re-dedicate themselves during the services on Sunday, April 2nd.

Church Festival

The Church is organising a week-long festival from 27th May to 4th June. It will begin with the Flower Festival and on the first Sunday we shall be joined by Roly Bain, a clergyman who is also a professional clown and who was clown of the year in 1993. He will be with us for the 10.30 Service and also perform in the afternoon. We hope to have a series of happenings, musical and theatrical on the weekday evenings and then the Bishop of Brixworth will be with us on Whitsunday, June 4th and will preach at 3 pm at our special service to celebrate village life. Do book the dates now.

Royal British Legion – Womens Section

We had a lively discussion in February re our 59th Anniversary in September. Yes, we've been going now since 1945. Also how we would like VE day to be remembered. Most seemed to think of a service to commemorate all those who lost their lives and those who still suffer.

We then had Bingo and refreshments and our good friend Mrs Clarke from next door judged the Competition (a bracelet) won by Christine Hawkins.

Enid Pell Hon. Chairman

Step into the Past

V.E. Day – Saturday 8th May 1945.

I suppose the day dawned bright and sunny, they usually did at that time of the year in Italy.

I recall being stationed in a small town Capua, situated somewhere between Naples and Rome, as I remember on the banks of the river Volturno.

My temporary abode was in the grounds of as dilapidated castle-like structure, complete with moat (empty), it had been used by the Italians as a munition factory numerous outbuildings had been erected where the moat had been and in the surrounding area, much of it damaged. Those habitable were used as billets.

Several of the buildings still contained decrepit arms making machines, if my memory serves me right several with the name plate B.S.A. (Birmingham Small Arms) quite ironic, we sold the Italians machines to make bullets to shoot us with.

One could walk through buildings ankle deep in empty cartridge cases no doubt waiting to be filled, at the time the town was over run by the allies.

On exploration of the castle one could find in many of the lower rooms, I suppose one could call them dungeons, signs over the doorways, a scull and crossbones and the word periclola (DANGER), a stench of cordite or gunpowder prevailed, these rooms had obviously been used to store explosives.

Many had their sandstone walls blackened where whatever materials they had contained had been ignited, either by the Italians when they evacuated the area or during the allied attack.

I say sandstone, on seeing something there I have never seen before or since, in several of these underground rooms the surface of the walls and ceilings had turned to a glass like texture in browns and greens, I presume due to the intense heat.

I digress.

At that time there were many inspiring words written and spoken about the end of hostilities in Europe.

As I recall the gist was; now the enemy had capitulated, we should all be proud of the part everyone had played in making this a reality, how the nation should rejoice that the war in Europe was over and be grateful at what had been done to protect it from the ravages of the Nazis! How every one should pray for a speedy end to war in the far east, in order that all of us could look forward to a world of peace, prosperity, equality and a better way of life for all.

Everyone in those days knew the price the British nation would have paid had Germany been victorious, how Hitler and the Third Reich's intention was to decimate the British. The Holocaust would have been just a dreadful rehearsal for the main event.

By the grace of God this was not to be! so as you prepare for this 50th anniversary. As you light your beacons. Assemble for your street parties. Let off your fireworks. Spare a thought for those who made it all possible.

For the armed forces of many nations on the land, on the sea and in the air.

For all branches of the home defence forces and the army of the land girls.

For the lads, conscripted and sent to work in the coal mines.

For the women and men, often including semi invalids who toiled long hours in the factories to make not weapons of war, but weapons to win a peace.

For the whole nation who combined to make victory possible and for those who gave their all in so doing.

50 years on I try to remember those noble words, for many they were a prophesy, for thousands, nay million more they have a hollow ring.

True we have enjoyed a semblance of peace and prosperity, in 50 years the world has moved on, we have our TV's, our washing machines, our microwaves, but at a price.

Every day you can read stories of the old, the sick and the defenceless, the also rans.

War Widows, Pensioners and families eking out a frugal existence below or marginally above the poverty line.

The disabled fighting for better recognition.

The ailing National Health Service. Tottering schools.

All struggling to survive, for many, day by day the quality of life eroded, a cut here, a tax there, in 1995 I could fill another page.

Nevertheless there is something to celebrate on this 50th anniversary. Thank God that those of us who are left from that time, our children and our children's children are here, all hopefully looking forward to that brighter horizon.

Enjoy your anniversary celebrations, many fought, worked and died in order that you are here to celebrate.

ON THEIR BEHALF ENJOY IT!

Geoff Barnes

I was asked the other day what I remembered about VE day, and I couldn't remember a thing. 'Was I drunk all day?', I asked myself, I know we were in the Pub, the Five Bells with our good friends Mr & Mrs Stanton. But then it came back to me, we had my sister-in-law and brother-in-law from Scotland staying with us and Dad decided we must have some flags etc. put up so it fell to Johnny, who was about seventeen at the time, to go up the ladder. Well we girls just fell about laughing as he was wearing a kilt and desperately tried to hide what he had underneath. I think the day didn't stay in my memory as much as the night my Dad (an Air Raid Warden) and I stood on the Wharf Bridge watching Coventry burn, and when he came home with two little waifs from London (evacuees) one of whom became my bridesmaid, and a few years back came to see me. All her family had survived the war.

Enid Pell

In Coventry where I lived, it was a day of great thankfulness and relief that the War was finally over after 5 long years. The City was still in

ruins and was many years before things got back to normal, but it was a great day. The government gave us all a days' holiday, from school, and work. Church services were held all over town, indeed, throughout the Country.

Most towns and villages held street parties for everyone, we all put in our meagre rations to help make cakes, sandwiches etc (what of I can't remember as we only had about 2oz fat per week) but we managed somehow, tables were laid end to end, chairs brought out from every home, pianos for music, all in the road or streets. Games were arranged for the younger children, hats brought from somewhere, all the old bunting and flags adorned the roads, songs were sung until we were hoarse! and we danced, with anybody, well into the night.

The official celebrations came later, for most families, when the 'boys' came home, but that one day, was for neighbours and friends, everybody joined in and thanked God at least the fighting was over.

Phyllis Turner

Where were they then....

At least four old veterans living in Bugbrooke remember where they were on VE Day:

Arch Coles was in Italy hoping for a quick release. He said he couldn't give the exact location – for security reasons!

George Staniland was stationed in Egypt. He remembers they had a great celebration on the camp. He particularly remembers it as being the only time in his life that he won a bottle of gin in a raffle.

Harry Clarke – the Legion Secretary – recalls a celebration party for all ranks at RAF Station Skellingthorpe in Lincolnshire.

John Sexton was also in Egypt and accommodated on a house boat on the River Nile on Gezira Island. He swears that the boat containing WAAF personnel was moored on the other side of the river! John confesses to a long drink in Sheppard Hotel.

Royal British Legion

The distorted story of Bomber Command given in a Canadian film has now been redressed by a British production which was recently shown on TV. It is clear from this that MRAF Sir Arthur Harris and his gallant crews were made scapegoats by British politicians when there was an outcry against the bombing of Dresden. The decision to bomb that German town was not taken by the C-in-C of Bomber Command who was acting on a directive handed down to him. Although the American Air Force also took part in these raids, that service has escaped criticism

because of an American government statement made at the time defending their action. No such statement was made by the British Government.

Governments are to-day still responsible for putting young men into similar impossible situations. Our troops are in Bosnia as part of a UN peace-keeping force. How can they keep the peace if they are not allowed to defend themselves and disarm the protagonists? We have had our soldiers patrolling among a civilian population in Northern Ireland where some terrorists are lurking behind the others awaiting an opportunity to place a bomb or commit murder. How can a soldier distinguish such terrorists from peaceful members of the local community?

The government endeavours to shield itself by claiming that the troops are given a card with instructions for their conduct while on patrol and what to do when considering opening fire. All this has to be done in split second. When things go wrong, our politicians fling the young soldier into court to stand trial on a charge of murder. What about those responsible for putting this lad in this predicament? It is no wonder that there is public anguish at the way Private Clegg has been treated. The branch also shares this anguish and at first decided as a mark of support for this young man to boycott the celebrations for Victory in Europe. But then it was realised that this displayed disrespect for the Queen and the branch's decision was rescinded.

Wipe Out Poverty – Wash For Dosh

You may see this curious phrase around the village during Christian Aid Week, May 14–20. It is one way of raising funds to help the poorest of the world, by involving young people in washing anything from shoes to pews, so please support them. Did you know that Britain's richest ten people have as much wealth as 23 poor countries with over 174 million people? This is Christian Aid's 50th anniversary and a special service attended by the Queen will be held in Westminster Abbey on May 16th, to which local organisers have been invited. (Do you think I ought to wear a hat?)

The Cooperative Bank is once again our partner in helping promote CAW 1995 by providing direct financial support to fund production of materials, so more of the money you put in your envelope will go to help the poor, the homeless and those suffering after natural disasters. Many charities are worried about the effect of the National Lottery on their income, but as we raised a record amount last year, I'm sure we can do it again!

Sue Pace

Operation Spring-clean – April 8th

Once again the small band of RUBBISHBUSTERS will be tidying the worst rubbishspots in the village on April 8th. Meet at 1 Church Lane for bags, gloves, etc. The more the merrier – who knows – we could even WIN the tidy village competition this year??? If everyone used the recycling bins in the Church carpark for glass, paper and cans, there wouldn't be much rubbish to bust.

Sue Pace Tel: 832516

Vaccinations

Are you going abroad for your holiday this year? If so do you need any travel jabs? Europe, USA and Australia are considered "clean" countries, so all you need are up to date tetanus and polio (both of which last for 10 years) In fact, everyone should have a tetanus booster every 10 years – we have recently found that we have no record of tetanus on 2000 patients!

If you're going further afield typhoid and hepatitis A protection are advised. Some parts of South America, Africa and Far East require meningitis and yellow fever vaccination – the latter can only be given at a yellow fever centre (our nearest being St Giles Clinic or Towcester Health Centre) Those back-packing or living rough are advised to have rabies protection. As many of these injections can be given simultaneously a visit to your friendly Practice Nurse(!) a month before you travel will give you time.

Malaria is still a major killer in the Third World – did you know that accidents kill more tourists than anything else? – and in some parts of the world the malaria mosquito has become resistant to chloroquine. So you may be given different malaria tables – you should start taking them a week before travelling and continue for 4 weeks after returning. None of these measures give you 100% protection from disease, so one still needs to drink and eat sensibly.

By the time children leave school they should have been immunised against tetanus, polio, rubella, TB, measles and diphtheria. If they have missed any of these they can be given at the surgery, with the exception of TB (available at NGH chest clinic) and diphtheria, which will not be available until the autumn.

Sue Pace

Village Policing

As you may be aware, following recent press releases, Northampton-shire Police have for some months, been engaged in a major review of internal structures and ways of improving service to the public. this will

result in a number of changes being introduced within the force area, on the 1st April 1995.

The borough of Northampton has for many years been split into two police areas, the sub-divisions of Campbell Square and Weston Favell Police Stations. Bugbrooke and a large number of other villages surrounding Northampton, have formed part of the Weston Favell police area, since 1983. As a result of the force review, the two police areas within Northampton will amalgamate on the 1st April, 1995, to become the Northampton area and responsibility for policing the villages, to the north, south and west of Northampton, including Bugbrooke, will be transferred to the Daventry Police area from this date.

Bugbrooke will form part of the Towcester Section of the Daventry area and as your village constable, I will be working from Towcester Police Station, after moving from the Weston Favell Rural South Office, presently located behind Mere Way Police Station, on 1st April 1995.

During the next few weeks, details of the forthcoming changes will be publicised in the local press, including contact telephone numbers, but should you require the assistance of the police prior to the 1st April 1995, please contact Weston Favell Police Station on 01604 700700 or in the case of an emergency 999.

Mick Wallace, Police Constable 552

Drugs

There has been much publicity recently about drug related activities now taking place in rural areas. In the belief that ignorance of a problem allows it scope to grow, the Parish Council is arranging a public meeting. the intention is to invite experts from the Council for Addiction and the Police to provide information mainly to adults in the community. They will explain how to recognise the signs of drug taking activities both in individuals and within the community; how to deal with the situation; and the legal implications for those involved. Campion School is doing an excellent job keeping pupils and parents informed and so this meeting is aimed at all the adults in the village whether they are parents, grandparent, aunts or uncles. The more people in the village who can recognise the signs the better. In this case ignorance is not bliss! All organisations in the village will be notified and notices will be posted. Please keep a look out for these notices.

Footpaths Committee

There is always work to be done keeping our splendid network of public footpaths in good condition. We shall be having a footpath clearing morning on Saturday April 29th meeting at the Rectory at 9.30

am. Extra helpers are very welcome ,196 bring a pair of gardening gloves – other equipment is provided. 'Many hands make light work.'

Tim Partridge 830373

Neighbourhood Watch

It is very pleasing to be able to report that the Police have informed us that the crime figures relating to Bugbrooke for the year 1994 show a reduction of 32% compared with 1993. This is, of course, very good news and we hope that perhaps a measure of this upturn may be attributed to the higher level of activity within the Neighbourhood Watch.

Clearly, there is a danger of becoming complacent when hearing of such good results, we would rather look at matters from the point of view of how much more might have been achieved if there was full coverage of the entire village. In particular, more street contacts would enable us to institute much better communications when we receive warnings from the Police concerning outbreaks of a particular type of crime, and thus possibly forestall the potential criminal.

Thefts of, and from motor vehicles continues to be a major contribution to crime figures, and we would once again advise that where possible, it is best to keep your car in a garage when not in use. If you are not fortunate enough to have the use of a garage, then do not leave valuables in your car, keep it locked at all times, and use a visible security device in addition to any other security system. Alarms, coupled with engine immobilizers are also a good idea.

The Police will shortly be commencing an Anti-Vandalism campaign. We would hope that it will receive your fullest support. If you see anything that you consider to be vandalism being committed, then let the police know. The more reports they receive, the better will they be able to take effective steps to catch the people concerned.

Finally, your co-ordinators attended a meeting of the Darby & Joan Club, at which concerns were expressed about the lack of provision of safety chains on the doors of Council Houses. This has been taken up with both South Northants Council and the Parish Council. We hope for an early successful outcome.

Vic Wyles & Roy Smith

Women's Institute

It is nice to report that we have recently been joined by several ladies new to W.I. It is lovely to welcome new members.

Our February meeting, entitled 'Speak and Listen' really brought home to us all just how major a role the chemical industry plays in our homes. It seems that very little is manufactured for our use without incorporating at least three–five chemicals. This talk was in great

contrast to our March meeting when we were visited by Mr Williams, an employee of the fragrance industry. His job ranges from supplying 'fragrances' for producers of toilet cleaners to Chanel! We all had an opportunity to take part in some market research stating our likes/ dislikes of several new perfumes as yet unavailable to the public. But the highlight of the evening came when, in small groups we were given precious bottles of fragrances in order to 'mix' our own perfumes. It was great fun!

Also very enjoyable was our dinner held at Peggoty's restaurant. We all had a very relaxed, sociable evening. Any weight conscious members can compensate for their indulgence by attending April's meeting when we will be led by Mrs Cockerill in *gentle* exercise. Should be good!

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

McQueen House was excellent as always. A weekend of crafts, cooking and fun plus an outing in the mini-buses to Corby Leisure Pool. We also practised for and passed our country dance badge.

We had a brilliant visit to Berserk. Adults aren't allowed on unfortunately so Helen & I could only watch enviously as the guides launched themselves up scramble nets, across rope bridges and down a vertical slide. However it did give us the opportunity to plan the following term's programme which began with our return after Christmas to a Hippy Party. Flares, cheesecloths, floaty garments and wigs were resurrected from the back of wardrobes in honour of the occasion. We played games and hippy music and ate food, brilliantly organised by guide Helen Southerland.

We all enjoyed the Bugbrooke pantomine "Jack and the Beanstalk". We do like a valid opportunity to make a lot of noise and have a good laugh.

22nd February was Thinking Day when guides, world wide, celebrate the joint birthday of Lord & Lady Baden Powell and the establishment of our movement. We celebrated at our meeting with a clothes show of guiding uniforms through the ages, modelled by the Senior Guides. Eat your heart out, Geoff Banks. The District celebrated at Campion School where Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were given the opportunity to play games, learn songs and try crafts from around the world.

As I write we are well into our Firefighters Badge with weekly visits to Daventry Firestation where Fireman Shaun has been helping us through the syllabus. The Senior Guides (Action Plus) also have a busy programme ahead of them. With three of them having gained their Blue Trefoil, a tremendous achievement in itself, they have now embarked on their Baden Powell Trefoil, the highest qualification a guide can get. Consequently with fitness badge under their belt they are now working towards Childcare, First Aid and Europe Badge. I'm not sure where

pancake making came into all of this but my house smelt of frying for days and my plastic red nose has stayed yellow from shock. These same girls have high hopes of doing well in the Venture Scout Master Chef Challenge. Details of how we did next issue.

Rachel 831697 Helen 01327 340404

Mothers Union

On 16th January our members were invited to Kislingbury for an Epiphany Party. Our members who attended had a most enjoyable afternoon.

Tim and Esther came to talk to us about their holiday to the Holy Land. This proved to be a very interesting, informative, animated and enjoyable evening. We were left in no doubt whatsoever that Tim and Esther enjoyed every minute of it. They thanked everyone again who made the holiday possible for them.

Joyce Care from Flore came to talk to us about the 'Daylight Centre' in Wellingborough. This is a 'drop in' centre set up and run by the Mother's Union. The 'Daylight' provides a hot meal, endless cups of tea, laundry facilities, showers and friendship for those in Bed and Breakfast accommodation who have to leave the B&B accommodation during the day. The Centre is run on a voluntary basis by MU members and non-members living in a wide radius of Wellingborough. Bugbrooke MU managed to take a carload once a month. Anyone is welcome to come with us.

Our open meeting in February was on the subject of Drugs. Sadly this was not attended by as many as we would have liked, however, those who did attend were left in no doubt of the serious nature of the problem very close to home. There were two ladies who came to talk to us. One of them was an undercover worker whose job was to gain the trust and confidence of drug users to encourage them to use clean needles. They highlighted the fact that Drugs are no longer only available to the rich. Drugs can be purchased by anyone with just a couple of pounds in their pockets. Dealers do not discriminate, they will sell to anyone who has the money in order to feed their own habit.

The ladies stressed that if anyone is concerned about anyone they think may be on Drugs that they call the Drugs Helpline anonymously. The number is in the Chronicle & Echo most evenings.

On a happier note, we send our love and congratulations to Esther for her Inauguration as the Diocesan Mother's Union President. The special service will take place on 25th March at St Barnabus Church, Wellingborough. Esther will be very much in our prayers as she begins her new role at a time when exciting changes are taking place within the Mother's Union.

Caring for your cat

Kittens

Kittens are old enough to leave their mother at eight weeks. Remember, however, that he or she will become a cat, after six months – perhaps for the next fourteen years. A kitten should be yours for life!

Neutering

The League advocates the neutering of all cats not required for breeding, in order to keep down the number of strays. One female cat can, in five years, be responsible for some 20,000 descendants and many of these must inevitably become homeless.

Both male and female cats can be neutered at five months or older. In the case of the male, a simple routine operation only is involved. The female requires a longer operation which, although routine, usually necessitates a return to the veterinary surgery after seven to ten days for the removal of stitches.

Neutering produces a much more satisfactory and enjoyable pet. A neutered male should refrain from spraying about the house and leaving an unpleasant smell; he should also be declined to wander or fight. It is not correct that a female cat should be allowed, on humane grounds, to have one litter before neutering.

Health

Feline Enteritis and Cat Flu – Many cats and kittens die every year from these diseases. If not already inoculated against feline enteritis and cat flu, your new pet should have this done as soon as it has settled in. This can be done at 12 weeks of age or older. Your vet will give you a certificate – keep it safely, for many boarding catteries will not accept a boarder without one; remember that booster injections will be needed.

Teeth – many older cats suffer from tartar on the teeth which can cause great discomfort to the cat but is usually removable by a veterinary surgeon. The formation of tartar can often be avoided by giving large pieces of meat or safe non-splinter bones to chew.

First Aid – With Scalds or Burns, due to fire, hot fat, boiling water, acid, etc., use plenty of running cold water, dab dry and apply Vaseline frequently. The cold water will reduce pain and shock – but do not expect co-operation from your cat! If concerned about minor burns and scalds and in all more serious cases, seek veterinary advice at once.

Always consult your veterinary surgeon if you are concerned about your cat's health. He is the expert and is there to help and advise.

A healthy cat or kitten has bright, dry eyes, a nose clear of discharge but not dry or cracked, lips free from saliva and glossy, clean fur.

Grooming

Regular grooming of your cat is advised, especially for long-haired breeds. Brushing and combing will remove loose hair, dirt and dust and the occasional flea that he may pick up. Grooming will also prevent furballs which can be harmful and form in the cat's stomach when he constantly licks loose fur.

The Cats Protection League

Cooks Corner – Guest contributor Veronica Chambers

Pork in BBQ Sauce

Belly Pork Strips – Pork Chops or Steaks
1 tbsp brown sugar
Pinch salt
Green pepper
½ tsp Paprika
1 onion
1 tbsp tomato puree
¼ pint water
2 tbsp vinegar
Thicken with cornflour

Cut Pork into strips if using belly. Place in oven proof dish, bake at 200°C or gas mark 6 for 30 minutes. Peel and chop onion and pepper and fry until soft. Add rest of ingredients and mix well. Drain off any excess fat from pork, and pour sauce over. Return to oven and cook for further 25/30 minutes

Bugbrooke Playgroup

Already we are halfway through the Playgroup year and (dare I say) things are running very smoothly. Easter will soon be upon us and as usual we shall be holding our Easter Bonnet Parade and awarding prizes to the children who create the best hats.

More children than ever before are attending Playgroup and most of our sessions are completely full. Available places for the Autumn Term are rapidly being reserved so if you wish your child to start Playgroup in September please contact Barbara our Admissions Officer on 830232 to secure a place. She is always pleased to answer any questions and can make arrangements for you to visit Playgroup and see a session in progress. This gives you the opportunity to meet the staff and children and see for yourself what Playgroup has to offer your child. Please note, children can start Playgroup from the age of 2 years 9 months and may be placed on the waiting list from the age of 18 months.

We would like to express our enormous gratitude to the employees of Heygates who made a very generous donation of £100 to Playgroup funds. This was greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase new toys.

Also we would like to thank local hairdresser and Playgroup mum, Kate Wade who held a marathon hairdressing day in aid of Playgroup

and raised the sum of £55. A big thankyou to Kate and to all those who supported here by booking a hair appointment.

Finally we shall be holding our AGM in June. Most of the present committee will be standing down as they have been with us for their maximum 4 year stint. Therefore we are looking for volunteers to come forward and join the committee. If you can spare one evening a month it is a great way to make new friends and 'do something worthwhile'. Interested? Then give Barbara a ring on 830232. We look forward to meeting you.

Nicola Bignell, Secretary

Friends of Campion

Over £100 was raised at our recent jumble sale, thanks to all who contributed. There will be a barn dance on 19 May at 7.30 pm. Admission of £5.50 will include supper. You can order your tickets through me, Sheila Willmore, on 830430.

We are planning our Summer Fayre for 11 June and would be grateful of any help with stalls, refreshments, etc on the day. Please join in, it can be fun!

Noticed on Saturday 11 March – The lady who parked her blue car in the bus lay-by opposite Campion School then proceeded to pick the daffodils growing on the grass verge, then drove off. How mean can you get.

Darby and JoanClub

Spring is here and despite the snow, wind and rain the wonderful daffodils and spring flowers are still holding their heads up and giving their usual glorious show and despite the dreadful weather we all had a lovely evening at our Fish & Chip Supper in early March. 40 plus sat down and had an enjoyable meal and social evening. Far better than sitting and watching the depressing items on TV. We also have one or two outings planned for later in the year. April we will be going to Windsor (unfortunately *not* for tea with her Majesty!). In June we are going to Wisbech to the Rose Festival and we will be inviting our tea ladies to come also. In August we go to visit Vera and Harold Thompson and we still need to plan our autumn outing. On April 22nd we have our Spring jumble sale which begins at 2.00pm. Any clean jumble will be most welcome and we will collect if necessary. Please ring me on 830725

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Bugbrooke Flower Festival

The theme of this year's Festival will be Flowers for War and Peace, and it will take place over the Late Spring Bank Holiday weekend, May 27th/28th/29th. As co-ordinator, Gill Turland thinks she has contacted all the ladies who normally take part in the Festival, but if there is anyone new to the village who would like to start taking part, or anyone who has been left out, please do contact her at 91 Kislingbury Road (near the Garage). Please don't be shy to come forward – as there are a great number of arrangements to be done and always fewer people and less time than we seem to need!

The "Armistice" Window in the church will simply be decorated with poppies, its subject being Remembrance. There will be a display area in front of the window, and if anyone in the village would like to place a small posy there during the festival of remembrance or thanksgiving, either anonymously or with a name beside it, they would be very welcome to do so. Please try to bring your posies by the end of Friday 26th May, with a container in which to put them and the name (if you are putting one) on a small piece of card. Barbara Clarke, of 21 Homestead Drive, would be glad to talk about this aspect with anyone who wants to take part.

St Michaels Music Society

In January members gathered to enjoy the traditional 'Lollipops' evening. This is an event always looked forward to and once again we had the pleasure of listening to a wide range of music chosen by members.

At the beginning of March the Allen Singers entertained us with an evening of light, easy to listen to music in the Church. The size of the audience was rather disappointing but the music certainly was not.

In the near future members will again be able to test their musical knowledge with a quiz evening and a visit to the Derngate Theatre has been arranged for April to hear the Pirates of Penzance.
Hazel Kitchener Hon. Sec.

Family Health Group

Homoeopathic remedies as first aid treatment in the management of accidents and injuries in the home was the subject of the Group's second meeting in February. The talk was illustrated by slides of the wild flower remedies discussed whose properties alleviate injury due to bruising, burns, skin lacerations, shock and panic.

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The Homoeopathic Consultation was the subject of the March meeting when the significance of full history taking was impressed on the attentive audience. In cases of chronic disease, emotional and physical characteristics play an important rôle in the choice of remedy. It was stated that people react in different ways to the same disease and require different remedies to cure them. On the other hand, two people with entirely different problems may find themselves prescribed the same remedy.

The Homoeopathic Consultation is to be discussed further at the next meeting on Wednesday 5th April at The Consulting Rooms, Orchard Paddock, Bugbrooke, 7.30pm – 9.00pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us to learn more about this fascinating therapy.

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

The AGM was again a very successful evening with the committee changing slightly. We have a very full and varied programme for the year, chiefly in October our 21st Birthday Party.

Our February demonstrator was our old friend, the ever popular Denis Patrick. Our members keep him on his toes and we always enjoy his innovative ideas, always different no matter how many times he visits.

You will see from the heading that the club has changed its name slightly, this is to reflect the increasing membership from surrounding villages.

Our Annual Plant Sale will be held this year at Kislingbury Village Hall on Sunday, 14th may 2.30–4.30 pm. There will be a wide variety of garden plants for sale, including many unusual ones, gardening and flower arranging sundries, cake stall and teas. Make a note of this popular event in your diary.

B E Bell

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society

Our Spring play 'Party Piece' is a comedy in two acts by Richard Harris.

Tickets will be available from Mrs M Cave, The Stores, Bugbrooke or Mrs S. Bignell Tel: 01604 830036.

Adults: £3.00 Snr Citizens/Children: £1.50

St Michaels 74 Cricket Club

Our league season starts on Saturday 6th May with a very interesting local derby, at home, to Kislingbury. Sunday fixtures open the next day, away to Ryelands Old Boys. Let's hope it has stopped raining by then.

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The Annual Cricket Club Dinner takes place on Friday 28th April at the Globe Hotel, Weedon. Please contact me for details.

If you are interested in joining us, please phone me for a chat.

J Chapman 584565

Bugbrooke Bowls Club

During the winter there has been no further progress on the Green other than the excellent work being done by Bert Reeve to prepare the surrounds. As soon as the weather gets a bit warmer and the ground dries out a bit more conifers will be planted around the fence. For some time we were concerned that the drainage on the green was not working properly but the recent evidence is that, despite the wettest winter most of us can remember, the green has drained very well.

We are now near the end of our winter indoor season. With only three weekend games still to play, we have yet to win a match but this year there have been some very close competitions. We are definitely starting to get the hang of playing on a carpet.

The summer season starts in May and we have 22 weekend matches arranged as well as the League and Club competitions. It should be both busy and enjoyable summer. Before that, we have our AGM on 6 April, starting at 9.00 pm at the Rugby club. Non-members are very welcome to attend and perhaps join the club immediately thereafter.

Tony Pace (Secretary)

Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

Easter Tour Fixture

Bugbrooke RUFC V Chicago RUFC (USA)
at
Bugbrooke Playing Fields, Bugbrooke
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12.00 pm Kick Off

Bugbrooke RUFC are one of two local clubs kindly invited by "The Saints" to host Chicago RUFC for their Easter Tour after "The Wanderer's" successful tour last year.

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Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

After some extremely wet weather during February and early March the playing fields have now begun to dry out and the backlog of fixtures are beginning to be made up. Most of our winter sports activities seem to be thriving although it must be said that the Campion Hockey Club have found it difficult at times to fulfil their matches on their grass pitch due to the conditions under foot and the general trend towards Astro surfaces. We are conscious of these difficulties and appreciate their allegiance to their "home" ground.

Progress on the Community Hall and New Access has been made with full planning permission having been granted and building regulations applied for. There is a delay on commencing the roadway whilst surface water disposal is negotiated with local landowners. In previous correspondence they have expressed their desire to help and support the Parish Council and village institutions and have been appreciative of residents' considerations when it has been necessary. Thus, I am sure a speedy solution to this problem will be achieved.

Naturally a delay at this stage would not be beneficial to the Bowls Green which needs laying early in the year so that roots become established and secondly grant making bodies need to know that effective use is being made of their funds and not being held for unnecessarily long periods.

The existing social building and changing rooms are to be leased to the Rugby Club on a long term basis so that more effective maintenance and use of them is made. They will still remain available to all Playing Field users and remain the property of the Playing Fields Association.

The Playing Fields Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27th April at 8.00pm at the Playing Fields.

B.M. Curtis Chairman

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

Best in the County

At the Centenary celebrations of the United Counties League held at Wicksteed Park, Kettering, on March 17th, Bugbrooke St Michaels FC Chairman Mr John Curtis was presented with an award for having the best youth policy of any club in Northamptonshire by Mr Trevor Brooking the former West Ham and England footballer.

The award is a great tribute to all those managers and parents who help organise the youth football at Bugbrooke and to Willie Marriott who coaches youngsters at Campion School from the age of 7 upwards. Well done to all concerned. Your efforts have been recognised by the FA, whose Chief Executive Mr Graham Kelly was also at the award event.

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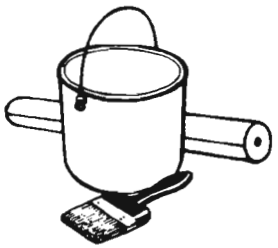

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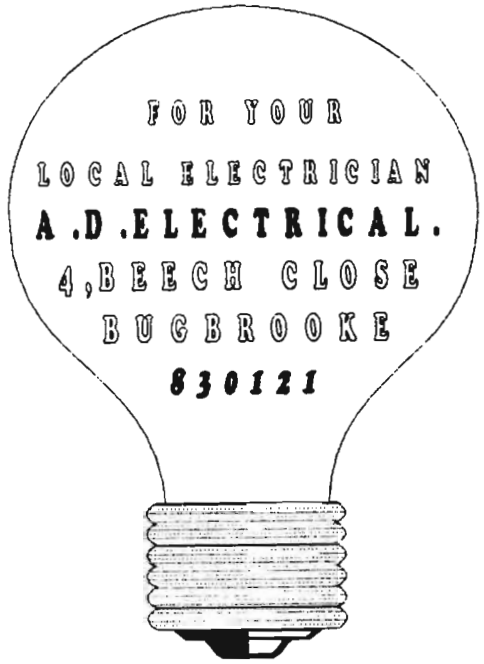

The trophy will sit proudly in the clubhouse as a permanent reminder of the achievement.

All teams are currently striving to finish in a good position in their tables and the 'A' side, all products of the youth policy, will be ***** to win the cup semi-final in order to face the Flore Romers in the final.

Family Announcements

Happy 21st Birthday and Bon Voyage to **Neil Chambers,** who sails on the Oriana's Maiden Voyage as health and fitness instructor. With love from Mum and Dad, Lisa and Dean

21st Birthday wishes to **Greg Harding, James Bradbury** and **Glenn Hammons.**

Cooper - Kelly. Happy 5th Birthday on May 27th Love and Kisses from Mummy, Daddy and Abigail xxxxx

Cooper - Kelly. Happy Birthday Kelly, 5 on 27th May. All our love darling, Nanny, Pappy, Darren, Dawn and Great Nanny xxxxx

Dovey - Martin. Happy 12th Birthday on 9th May Martin, lots of love from Mum, Dad and Lizzie.

Retirement – Frank Power.
Frank - Good luck in all you hope to do in your retirement. What an achievement, 42 years for BWB. We're all proud of you, especially the awards you gained in the last two years. Well done. Love Barbara

Dad - 42 years you were on the canal,
My, I think you've weathered very well.
A couple of times you cam home soaked,
A helping hand to many a boat.
Now time to relax and put up your feet
In the mornings you can have a longer sleep.
The Football Club is now your aim
And the best seat at every game!
Best wishes Dad, love Mary, Naomi and Eliott

Dad - Wishing you health and happiness in your retirement. Here's to 42 years retirement which you deserve, but don't forget, the first signs of old age or incontinence and you are in a home (one with a bar, of course!).
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All our love Irene, Bob, Natasha, James and Laura

Dad - After putting so much into Life
And winning all Life's wars
Let it pay you back some interest
And let the rest you deserve be yours.
All our love Sue, Tim, Haydn and Kayleigh

Dad - Here's to a happy and restful retirement.
Love from Rita, Mark and Joshua

Congratulations to Sheila and Alan Willmore on their Silver Wedding from all at Land & Unwin

Jack Lovell
Daughter (Jane) and family, sister (Betty) and family wish to express their thanks to all who sent flowers, donations, sympathy cards and messages of condolence in their sad loss, and to all who attended the funeral.

Calor Gas Barbeque Competition

Last Autumn a Calor Gas leaflet was included with LINK. We are pleased to hear that Rob Ellis was one of the runners-up in the competition and received a copy of "Calor Gas Book on Barbeque Cooking". Well done Rob.

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Village Diary

April

3	7.30pm	WI "Exercise, Why Bother" Mrs M Cockerill	SS
4	12.00pm	Last day for nominations to Parish Council	SNC
5	2.15pm	Derby & Joan AGM	SS
5	7.30pm	Family Health Group	Consulting Rooms, Orchard Paddock
6	8.00pm	Bugbrooke Bowls Club AGM	Rugby Club
8		Operation Springclean	meet at 1, Church Lane
9	10.30am	Palm Sunday Communion with Procession	Church
10	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	VH
13	11.00am	Maundy Thursday Service	Church
14	2.00pm	Good Friday. Watch by Cross	Church
	7.30pm	Devotional Service	Church
16	8.00am	Easter Day. Holy Communion	Church
	10.30am	Easter Carol Communion	Church
	6.30pm	Festival Evensong & Communion	Church
17	2.15pm	Derby & Joan meeting	SS
21		Last day for return of Housing Needs survey	SNC
22	2.00pm	Derby & Joan Spring Jumble Sale	SS
24	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
24	8.00pm	Flower Society Meeting "Sign of the Zodiac" Mrs S Sargeant	SS
26	7.35pm	PCC Meeting	SS
27	8.00pm	MU Beetle Drive	SS
28		Annual Cricket Club Dinner	Globe Hotel, Weedon
29	9.30am	Footpath Clearing	Meet at Rectory

May

1	7.30pm	WI "Resolutions" Mrs M Keech	SS
3	2.15pm	Derby & Joan meeting	SS
3	8.00pm	Link AGM	VH
4		District/Parish Council Elections	SS
5–6	7.30pm	BADS Play – Party Piece	CS
11	2.30pm	MU Favourite Hymn, Poem or Prayer	SS
14		Start of Christian Aid week	
14	2.30pm	Bugbrooke Flower Society Plant Sale	Kislingbury VH
15	7.30pm	Royal British legion – Women's Section Meeting	SS
17	2.15pm	Derby & Joan meeting	SS
17	7.30pm	MU An evening for engaged and newly married couples	SS
19	7.30pm	Friends of Campion Barn Dance	CS
22	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
22	8.00pm	Flower Society "Flowers of the Churchyard" Mr D Larkin	SS
25	7.30pm	Ascension Day Communion	Church
27–29		Bugbrooke Flower Festival	Church
28		Beginning of Church Festival Week	
31	2.15pm	Derby & Joan meeting	SS

June

5	7.30pm	WI "Smothered in the Bog House"	SS
8	2.30pm	MU Pot plants and Parables	SS

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