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Editor: Paul Cockcroft

At the annual general meeting of Link, where I was elected to this sought after post, I told the assembled masses a little about myself. I was born in 1965 in Bedford and lived for over ten years in North Yorkshire. I met my wife, Lynne, at Nottingham University where I completed a PhD in 1989. I work as an acoustic consultant for a local Partnership. We moved to Bugbrooke last August, after four and a half years in East Hunsbury. I enjoyed learning about the village through the Link magazine, and now I get to read all the articles before anyone else.

There is no doubt that it takes a reasonable amount of time to write an editorial, or indeed any sort of article. However, having seen four copies of the magazine I was inspired to make an effort to get involved. I am very hopeful that, over the course of the next year, many of you will write to me. There is no set list of what is acceptable, so why don't you try me? Of course, one way of avoiding my strict editing is to advertise. The rates are very reasonable and must appeal to the self employed and other businesses who are linked to the village either by proximity or through their employees.

In this issue: an excellent account of attendance at a twinning anniversary in France; a strangely unsettling recollection of V. E. day; more fascinating Nature Notes; the misleadingly fishy "Examining Your Tackle" and other health related matters; the Parish Council report; a request for help from the Sunday School Room; a holiday report from China; news from many of the village organisations; family announcements; the village diary and of course a large number of absolutely fabulous adverts.

Paul Cockcroft
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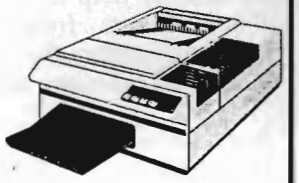

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Bugbrooke Twinning Association

"We've had a letter from Guy Viollet, Secretary of Iteuil Twinning Association asking if we can attend the tenth twinning anniversary in Vivonne" said Tim Partridge at the Twinning Committee meeting on 28 March. "It's rather late in the day and 1 May isn't a holiday here, but I think someone ought to go if they can", he said looking around the table. We all avoided his gaze, looking at our diaries to see what we were already committed to from 28th April to 1st May. An 1100 mile round trip to Poitiers seemed a long way for a weekend. On the other hand, memories of the warm welcome, the good food and the friendship of the last visit to Iteuil made the prospect of another visit almost irresistible. It was finally agreed that I would go.

We set out from Bugbrooke at 7.15 am on the Friday and with favourable traffic conditions on the M25 we were in Dover and caught the 10.15 ferry for Calais. Once in France we continued to make good time on the next leg of our trip towards Paris. The problems started when we got to the outskirts of Paris. It may not have been a holiday weekend in Britain this year, but it was in France. Everyone in Paris seemed to have finished work at midday and to be heading out of the city. We sat for what seemed like an eternity in stop-start traffic on the Peripherique and then out onto the A10 heading south. Finally, at about 7.00 pm, we arrived in Avaray for our overnight stay.

The following morning we completed our journey to Iteuil arriving in pouring rain. The warmth of the welcome more than made up for the weather. Guy Viollet, with whom we were staying, had mustered a welcoming party, which included the Mayor of Iteuil, and about fifteen others, including members of the Spanish party who had come for the twinning anniversary. The 'pineau' (a local speciality made from cognac and grape juice) flowed freely and amid the animated and cosmopolitan chatter of the party the weather improved and the sun came out.

Saturday evening started with an outdoor reception at a small village called Château Larcher at 6.00 pm. From there we drove a few kilometres to Marcay where we were entertained in style in the local community hall. The young people of Vivonne and surrounding villages had organised an excellent meal, complete with jazz band to entertain us. Eating is a fairly leisurely affair in France so it was about 10.00 pm before the real entertainment started. The Spanish party had brought a folk dancing group with them who donned traditional costume, got out their guitars, mandolins and castanets and proceeded to give a dazzling display of traditional dancing and singing. The French, not to be outdone, had recruited some local folk dancers similar to Morris dancers in Britain. The men put on a polished performance of being 'well oiled' yokels and kept everyone entertained with their antics. At the end, the

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French Morris dancers led the Spanish dancers onto the floor and they danced together. All went well until the French put on an act of arguing over who should dance with the Spanish prima donna. The main contender was picked up and carried off by his "jealous" compatriots leaving the Spanish leading-lady by herself wondering what to do next. Since she was clearly used to being in control, the practical joke could not have been aimed at a better person.

After our late night on Saturday, we were glad of a lie-in on Sunday. The highlight of the afternoon was the formal twinning ceremony which was held in the fire station at Vivonne. The firemen had moved their fire engines out into the yard and the station itself, with the firemen standing at the back in full uniform, made an excellent setting.

There followed a series of speeches by the President of the Vivonne Twinning Association, the Mayor of Vivonne, the Mayor of Maella (Vivonne's twin town in Spain), the leader of the German delegation, the Conseiller Général and yours truly. Every speech had to be translated but the German translation of the Spanish speech was lost in a blaze of sound as the firemen were 'scrambled' to attend an emergency, driving out of the yard with their sirens going.

Gifts were exchanged on all sides. The presentation packs of mature cheddar cheese which we had taken started to melt in the heat. A group of school children played the national anthem of France, Britain, Germany and Spain as well as the European anthem. Finally, it all came to an end and there was a disorderly scramble for the wine and cakes. A succession of people came up to us, all wishing to be remembered to those they had stayed with when they visited Bugbrooke.

Guy Viollet reminded us that we had to be at Michel and Danielle's house for a meal at 7.30 pm and that we would be late if we stayed much longer. The meal was truly memorable. Michel and Danielle had Joachim and his wife (from Spain) staying with them and an evening of excellent food and fine wines, rounded off with home made raspberry liqueur and home-distilled 'eau de vie', finished with Joachim playing the harmonica for us.

Somehow we managed to be out of bed by 7.00 am on Monday ready to start our drive back to Calais. The traffic around Paris on the return journey was flowing freely and we even had time to stop outside Paris for a leisurely lunch.

We finally arrived home on Monday evening, rather tired, somewhat punch-drunk from all the driving but fully in agreement that we would not have missed it for anything.

Peter Parry 10 May 1995

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V. E. Day Remembered

I remember where I was on V. E. Day 8th May 1945; in the hills to the West of Damascus. I was an "operator, wireless and line" in the Royal Signals attached to Regimental Headquarters, 2nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery. It was a fine warm day as is usual in Syria at that time of year and I was in a broad shallow dry valley north of Mount Hermon. There was no cheering in "Blackburn Rovers" Camp just a feeling of quiet satisfaction tempered by two worries:

Would we be sent out to the Far East?
and When would we be demobbed?

The other memory that sticks in my mind about that day was more mundane and much more immediate; namely that due to a technical fault in the cooking equipment, the onions which accompanied dinner on that historical evening were fried in a mixture of diesel oil and cooking fat.

So, while a regiment in the next valley fired coloured mortar signalling bombs in celebration, I was trying to rid my stomach of the noisome mess I had swallowed earlier. Following that unsuccessful effort I had to do a 12 hour shift on a switchboard in the back of our three ton Signal Office lorry. Needless to say not a single call came through all night!

Mr K.G. Aiers

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I have never seen the apple trees so full of blossom. The noise of the bees visiting them is quite loud. Did I see on the television that the bee keepers are having to keep a watchful eye on their hives for a grub which can kill the bees? More trouble! The person said it would not affect the honey!

Mr Charles Byrne from the Paddocks rang me up one morning to say that when he looked out of his bedroom window he saw a deer in his garden. It was a little muntjac and was nibbling happily away. When it saw Mr Byrne it leapt the high fence and made off across Captains Close. I am told there are a great many of these deer about and they do quite a bit of damage during the night, when they are feeding.

I was very sorry when we had that deep frost on April 19th. The magnolia in the garden had never looked so beautiful. The flowers turned a nasty shade of brown. Funnily enough, at this very moment several late flowers are trying desperately to bring a little colour back to the tree.

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I think the number of birds in the garden has increased enormously. Blackbirds are everywhere and they never stop singing. The greenfinches and chaffinches have never come to the bird table as they have done this year. The mistle thrush that sits in the oak tree at the entrance to the church car park has not stopped singing for days and days. Linda Scott tells me she has seen a Common Sandpiper along the canal. That's a new one.

I wake rather early some mornings but that blackbird singing its dawn chorus is wonderful. When it gets light it goes down to find its breakfast. There are not many cars going by at four o'clock so the blackbird reigns supreme.

I saw a bluetit taking a small green caterpillar into the nest box where his wife is sitting on eggs. I hope he will feed her well while she is doing that fourteen day stint!

Examining Your Tackle

It must be true that "Prevention is better than cure" but for effective treatment of cancer, early detection is very important.

The National Breast Screening Programme (every 2 years) for women between the ages of 50 and 65 has received much publicity and a good response. What about women under 50, especially those with a family history of breast cancer, and those worried about breast changes? Monthly self-examination (after a period is the best time) will enable you to note any obvious changes. If you are anxious about anything, like a lump or discharge from a nipple, report it immediately to your G.P. You will not be wasting the doctor's time! More than 9 times out of 10, breast problems are NOT caused by cancer, so you will have your mind put at rest quickly. Women with a family history of breast cancer may be able to have a mammogram under 50. The reason they are not done routinely is that pre-menopausal breasts are too dense to give a good picture.

For men, testicular self-examination has not had so much publicity, but is just as important. TSE is a technique for detecting changes in the feel and appearance of a testicle which can occur in males of all ages, but most often between the ages of 15 and 40. Treatment is most effective when detected early, so monthly examination is advisable for men too! Ask for a leaflet at the surgery.

Finally, ladies, do make sure you have three yearly cervical smears, as again early detection gives greater success in treatment. Many smear results are coming back as "unsatisfactory". This is nothing to worry about, it simply means the technicians have been unable to see enough cervical cells under the microscope to give an accurate report. This may be due to an infection (which will be treated before you have a repeat

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smear) or simply not successfully getting cervical cells on the slide. You do not need to have smears over 65 (provided you've always had normal smears) but may request them if you wish. Women who have never been sexually active do not have to have smears either.

Sue Pace (832516)

Family Health Group

The meeting in May focused on 'The Children's Toybox'.

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A most enlightening and interesting lecture was given with mothers identifying their children's remedy from the characteristics outlined.

The next Meeting, which takes place on Wednesday 7th. June at 7.30pm., will examine the different ways of prescribing homeopathic remedies.

The Meetings have an informal, friendly atmosphere and everyone is welcome to attend at The Consulting Rooms, Orchard Paddock, Bugbrooke.

Parish Council meetings – March and April 1995

Parish Council Elections were not necessary as only 14 candidates were prepared to submit themselves to the democratic process. The magnificent 7 x 2 are:- Philip Bignell, Debbie Blair, John Curtis, Dr Dipak Dutta, Ken Gardner, David Harries, Jack Holt, Aubrey Howard, Alf Oliver, Sue Pace, Canon Tim Partridge, Kathleen Riggall, Roy Smith and Simon Villette. The 'new boy' is Roy Smith who, as a regular attender of meetings over the past few years, is already aware of what he has let himself in for. John Sexton and Dr David Paine decided not to stand again and thanks were recorded for their work over the past few years.

In order to increase awareness of all aspects of drugs, the Parish Council has organised a meeting which is open to all members of the community, not simply parents, on Wednesday the 7th June at 7.30 pm in the Sunday School rooms. Experienced speakers from the Council on Addiction and from the Drugs Squad Section of Northamptonshire Police will be available to give practical advice and answer any questions you may have. Representatives from the Community Health Council will also be present. The evening is not meant to be a heavy lecture but an opportunity to ask questions. Whilst drug taking is not a more serious problem in Bugbrooke than anywhere else, the higher the

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level of awareness the easier it is to combat.

Details of the proposed drugs education information evening, together with one or two other significant issues, were included on an information sheet which was sent to all village organisations. This seems to be a particularly effective way of keeping parishioners aware of major issues and events. Such an information sheet will continue to be used. If anyone representing any organisation in the village did not receive an information sheet please let me know or tell the Parish Clerk, Mrs Emma North, so that our list of contacts can be updated.

South Northamptonshire Council has produced a leaflet entitled 'Bubgbrooke Conservation Area' which, unsurprisingly, is about the conservation area in the village. The leaflet contains some interesting information about the history and development of the village. It pulls no punches, stating "... there has been further substantial development in Bugbrooke and this has done much to change the character of the village. Unfortunately little of this has been of any great architectural merit." The leaflet concludes that there are few urgent environmental problems in Bugbrooke and suggests some enhancements which would benefit the character and appearance of the area. These include taking opportunities to underground overhead wires wherever possible.

From the 1st April Bugbrooke fell under a new Police area although still retaining the services of Police Constables Wallace and Wilmore, these officers are now based at Towcester and can be contacted via Daventry Police Station (01327 - 300 300).

Operation Springclean, the annual event initiated by the County Council, took place on Saturday 8th April. Thanks again to Sue Pace for organising, coordinating and litter picking.

The Parish Council were surprised and disappointed to receive a letter from East Midlands Electricity (EME) saying that they were minded to impose charges for quotations for certain maintenance work. The reference to customers' reasonable expectations for quotations before approving work as "a restriction imposed by yourselves" was considered particularly offensive. A suitable letter of outrage was promptly despatched about this high handed approach from what is now a private monopoly.

David Harries

I don't believe it!

Even Victor Meldrew would be amazed at some people's meanness. On VE day the British Legion had their £50 Union Jack, purchased especially for the occasion, stolen and St Michaels was again a victim having the lawn mowers stolen for a second time in a year.

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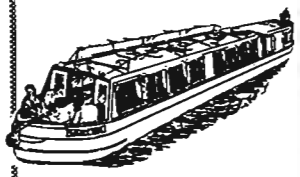

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The Parish Council Committee has decided that it is time to improve the toilets at the Sunday School, by upgrading the existing ones as well as providing new toilet facilities for the disabled.

The plans are well advanced and now the task is to fund the project. The overall cost is in the region of £20,000, with a remaining target of about £8,000. To set about the fundraising to reach the total required, we need people to think of ideas and events which will contribute to this final effort. Please contact Ian Fergus (Tel: 832026) who is one of the co-ordinators of the fund raising events for the Sunday School room, which is a much used village amenity.

Mothers' Union

As summer approaches we will be having various afternoon outings and cream teas. On the evening of 19th July we hope to organise a walk around the countryside of Bugbrooke, finishing at the Sunday School with supper. Everyone will be welcome, especially families. More details nearer the time. Look out your Jumble for our Jumble Sale on September 9th. We will collect.

Wishing you all a happy and safe holiday.

Sue Nightingale

St Michael & All Angels Church News

Bugbrooke Church Link with Rothersthorpe

We are beginning to plan occasional joint services and the first of these will take place on June 25th at Rothersthorpe at 6pm during their Flower Festival. It will be a Songs of Praise and a chance to sing some popular hymns. There will not be evensong at Bugbrooke that evening. If anyone needs transport do ask Tim Partridge on 830373. It is hoped that Rothersthorpe congregation will join Bugbrooke at their 10.30am service on Sunday October 1st when the Bishop of Peterborough will be coming to Bugbrooke.

Adventurers

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Sunday School

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Tim Partridge 830373

Royal British Legion

The son of a respected war correspondent recently spoke of our elected representatives having been appointed for just that purpose and not to lord it over us. It is therefore most pleasing to find that the efforts of the Legion have been supported by the House of Lords in compelling the government to agree a long overdue amendment to the War Pensions for widows. It has taken a long time, but War Pensions widows who have been deprived of their pension on re-marrying will now have that pension restored on the death of their second husband.

Some members of our community have revealed where and how they spent the day all those years ago. I had no such luck as to find myself in such exotic locations which are now a tourist's mecca. My day, as much as I can recall, was spent in a corner of Green Park being tutored by our Colonial cousins in the rudiments of baseball, having dined in the now-defunct Trocadero restaurant which was a haven for the SOE agents on their return from wartime occupied France.

We all hope that the VE Day celebrations were an enjoyable success. We must, nevertheless, never think that that is the end of it. The suffering will still continue for many until their last day. Some are only now realising what their wounds did to them. Such as the chap who got a piece of cannon shrapnel in his hip from a Junkers Ju.88, one Sunday morning in 1941, at the 10th Infantry Training Centre at Magdalene Fields, Berwick-upon-Tweed. The local cottage hospital didn't have the ability to remove it. Only now is he really suffering from this injury. So please remember the many similar and more serious cases on the Poppy Days to follow.

Royal British Legion - Women's Section

We enjoyed a very good evening at the Five Bells in March, playing skittles with the Men's Branch when they finally turned up, (fancy keeping ladies waiting)!!!

The game was won by Don Prime and Mrs May Mathews.

We were upset that nothing was done to celebrate the V.E. Day 50th Anniversary as so many of our young men gave their lives for our freedom. My nineteen year old cousin was killed, writing a letter to his mother, after he had been in action.

There was a misprint as to our own Anniversary in last LINK. It is 50 years since we formed our Ladies Branch.

Sadly we lost one of our keenest members in April. Mrs Freda Barnes will be sadly missed by us all.

The date for our Fete will be in the Village Diary, it would be lovely to see new friends there at Mrs Hawkins' lovely old house near the Co-op.

Enid Pell – Hon. Chairman

Women's Institute

The Women's Institute is a society that offers its members a great variety of activities. There are of course the monthly meetings, held on the first Monday every month in the Sunday School. There are many sporting activities available and our WI has thriving darts and skittles teams. This provides a great fun night out as matches are played in local pubs and refreshments are included!

We also have regular craft evenings. Recently the craft group learnt how to sew silk ribbon flowers. Instruction was provided by Mrs. Ferneyhough and at the end of a very enjoyable evening, we had all produced a pleasing piece of sewing to take away. A further evening of this nature is planned for later in the year.

Members also have opportunities to take part in bowls, scrabble, walks, discussions and much more!

Darby and Joan Club

First our thoughts and sympathies go to the families of two of our members who have sadly passed away; Mr Fred Espiner and Mrs G. Botterill, both very well known and much respected members not only of our club, but of Bugbrooke Village. Mrs Botterill had spent the last few years of her life in a nursing home in Northampton but she was still always remembered by her many friends. Both will be greatly missed.

Many thanks again to all who supported and helped us at our Spring Jumble Sale. Despite the dreadful weather we had an influx of customers right from the start and we raised £178. Thanks also for all jumble received and a special thanks to Mr John Gilkes for a donation and disposing of the surplus.

Our outing to Windsor, although rather chilly, went off well and everyone enjoyed themselves. What a splendid castle Windsor is. On behalf of our members thank you Lily for your kind help towards the fare!

In August we look forward to visiting our very good friends, Vera & Harold Thompson, for tea – yes all of us! How fortunate we are to have so many wonderful friends. It will be lovely to see them and their family once more.

We do have room for new members if anyone wishes to join our club. Please drop a letter to any Darby and Joan committee member or give me a ring on 830725.

SJM

Many thanks to my friends for their unwanted items, sold for £100. I have given Darby & Joan members £2 each towards their coach fare to Windsor and £2 vouchers to members who were unable to go.

Lily Maguire

Bugbrooke St Michaels Football Club

It has been a good season for all teams. The first XI finished 4th in their league and look set to push for promotion to the Premier Division of the U.C.L. next season. The Reserves held a midway position following promotion last year.

The 'A' side had a final run of 9 successive wins and came 2nd to achieve promotion to the Premier Division of the C.N.C. This was a great achievement by a bunch of 17–21 year olds, who all came from the village or through the youth system. The 'B' side also played many youngsters, and won 8 of their last 10 games to finish 6th. They are so keen they have all signed on for next season and will be the team to watch. The Under 18's won through to the final of the County Youth Cup and played Kettering Town in the final at Rockingham Road. They played well but lost 2-0. Nevertheless it was an excellent performance by local lads and a tribute to their Manager Alf Cameran.

All the youth sides for Under 12 to Under 15 performed well throughout the season and were a credit to their managers and parents. The season concluded for many with a trip to our old friends in Vohl, Germany, to play some friendly exchange matches.

It now comes to a busy close season when the stand needs completing and the pitches prepared for August. Many thanks to all players, officials and spectators who have helped the Club to see through another successful season.

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

Members have enjoyed an excellent start to the club year with different interpretations of flowers and arranging. In March we 'walked' with Mrs J Hall, enjoying the 'woods' that she had discovered. If anyone has a spare piece of driftwood, members will be only to pleased to relieve you of it as unusual pieces always come in handy for flower arranging. In April Mrs Sargent introduced us to her 'Signs of the Zodiac'. We had fun guessing the signs from her flowers and accoutrements. Hopefully we have recently made a useful profit at our Plant Sale at Kislingbury. Members will have just participated in the ever beautiful Flower Festival at Bugbrooke Church.

B.E. Bell 831639

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

Another badge was gained for the sash by passing the firefighters tests before Easter. The current programme includes hassock bashing, a clothes party and outdoor activities in preparation for camp. The senior Guides had an absolutely brilliant Easter break in Newcastle. Travelling by train they stayed at the Youth Hostel where they encountered some interestingly dressed nocturnal poster sellers. Shopping at the Metro centre was followed by sampling the various flumes at the local Wet and Wild leisure pool.

St Michael's Music Society

The last two events of the 1994/95 season were a quiz evening, a light hearted and enjoyable affair which covered a wide range of musical knowledge, and a visit to the Derngate Theatre to hear the Northampton Gilbert and Sullivan Group's performance of the 'Pirates of Penzance'. A new season of activities will begin in the autumn.

Hazel Kitchener

A Class from Bugbrooke Primary School – Circa 1952

Back row L–R Gordon Walker, Malcolm Clark, Walt Cunningham, Michael Nightingale, Pete Joy, Tony Bulliman, Stan Clark

Middle row Janet King, Peggy Kirton, Jane Robinson, Barbara Bowen, Wendy King, Maureen Sharp, Pauline Gardner, Barbara Britten, Margaret Smith, Jen Gardner

Sitting on chairs Michael Nightingale, Jean Nightingale, Val Ambridge, Christine Pell, Mr F W Lantsbery (Head), Mary Shepherd, Helen Stanton, Dolf Smith, Vick Ambridge

Sitting on mats Anthony Gardner, John Dunkley, Tony York, Brian Walker, Terry Edwards, Alan Massey

British Red Cross

House to House collection – 6–13 May 1995

Once again the loyal band of supporters for the Red Cross have exceeded themselves! Our house to house collection raised the grand total of £350.29. This year we had some new 'volunteer' collectors (there's a bit of blackmail involved) but all the same many thanks again to them all.

Next year perhaps we'll organise something different to avoid repetition and boredom! Especially as these days there are so many charity street collections. Any ideas gratefully received.

Many thanks to everyone's generosity.

Kaye Adams, Organiser

A Potted History of Bugbrooke Mill

The mill is situated on the river Nene and reached by a half-mile private road running north from what used to be known as the B4525.

circa 800	During 20th century reconstruction work, timber beams set in puddled clay have been dated to AD800.
1086	The Domesday survey records two mills at Buchebroc.
1777	The militia list includes Richard Wait, Miller.
1779	Thomas Eyre's map shows a mill at Bugbrooke but not on the main river. Instead it is shown about ¾ mile south of the present location on a tributary flowing east which eventually joins the main river a little downstream of Upton Mill.
1784	Mill washed away by extensive flooding and a new mill was built. Also the Enclosure Act ensured that the road to Bugbrooke Mill was to be maintained by the inhabitants forever.
1785	Edward Miller, a miller, insured his water corn millhouse, timber and tiles for £20, and the going gears and materials belonging for £100.
1798	Mr E Dodd had a Watermill capable of grinding 24 Quarters/week.
1827	Bryant's map marks it as Bugbrooke Mill on the main river.
1841	Henry Russell, 30, miller assisted by Samuel Hayes, 20, junior miller.
1850	The Tithe map shows Edward Prior Dodd, son of Edward Dodd (above?) as owner of the mill.
1851	The census lists Henry Russell, 47, miller and farmer at Bugbrooke Mill. Also there are his son, 4; a housekeeper; John Barnes, 31, journeyman miller; 2 male servants and one female servant

The above notes in combination suggest that there may have been more than one mill in operation at various times up to the middle of the 19th century.

1861	The census lists William Foxley as miller at Bugbrooke Mill and also in Main Street, and John Palmer as miller's man.

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1864 W Foxley, Bugbrooke miller.

1866 W Foxley, miller and farmer.

1866 A datestone with the initials ABM on a substantial ironstone house adjoining the 18th century mill house.

1869 R Heygate, Bugbrooke Mill.

1871 The census gives at the Mill:

Robert Heygate	26	Farmer & Miller	born Nobottle
Annie Heygate	22	Miller's wife	born Houghton
Rebecca Dunkley	19	General Servant	born Northampton
Thomas Reeves	21	Waggoner	born Cold Higham
John Ormond	15	Apprentice	born Melton, Leics.

1881 The census gives at the Mill:

Robert Heygate	36	Farmer & Miller	born Nobottle
Arthur R Heygate	9	son	born Bugbrooke
Susannah B Heygate	8	daughter	born Bugbrooke
Alice Moore	26	Housekeeper	born Bugbrooke
George Mead	15	Apprentice	born Bugbrooke

1885 Robert Heygate, miller (water) and farmer

1898 Robert Heygate

1903 Heygate & Sons

1920 Arthur Heygate

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Bugbrooke Sports and Community Centre

The Playing Fields AGM was held on Thursday 27th April and as you can see one of the changes made was to the name of the organisation to match more closely our objectives as laid out in the new constitution. The field will still be called the Playing Fields since most of us will be unable to change the habit of a lifetime, but we wish to make it clear to all that our aim is to provide the facilities to benefit all sections of the community and not just active sports groups.

A less obvious change is the chance for all organisations within our village to be represented on the committee and they are invited to send a representative along to our meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Playing Fields. Alternatively if they would just like minutes to be sent to their organisation to keep them up to date with proceedings then please give me a ring to arrange that.

Progress on the Community Hall and Bowls Green are still hindered by local landowners, the problem being the disposing of surface water down the adjacent natural watercourses. We are still hopeful of an early settlement so that that these amenities for residents will become available as soon as possible and at no cost to the community.

I intend to put A4 paper size copies of a plan and elevation of the Community Hall on the various notice boards in the village. This will give you all a chance to gain an impression of the building that is waiting to be commenced. Your views, and comments on the drawings, would be appreicated.

On Sunday 2nd July we will be holding a Fun Day at the Playing Fields which will involve a Six-a-side soccer, Rounders and Tug-o-War competitions. It will be run along the same lines as our successful Street Six-a-side from a couple of year's ago in which we divided the village into areas and managed to get teams and support from a large portion of the residents in friendly rivalry. Notices will be put around the village showing which teams your street is allocated to and coordinators for teams and supporters may well be calling on you for assistance! There will be a Car Boot Sale, picnic area, and various other refreshments available and we hope to see you all there for what in the past has been an excellent day out for all the family. Remember in order for us all to have a laugh "Your Street Needs You as the BOFF–Bugbrooke's Oaf at the Family Funday" so get into the right spirit and come along!

The committee have marked out a 400m running track and a rounders pitch for anyone who wants to use them. Also a jogging track around the perimeter has been marked at 100m intervals so that you know how far you have completed before collapsing! There are several 'Play Summe" sports scheme days arranged by the South Northants council during the summer. The cost of each session is £1.25 and these include:

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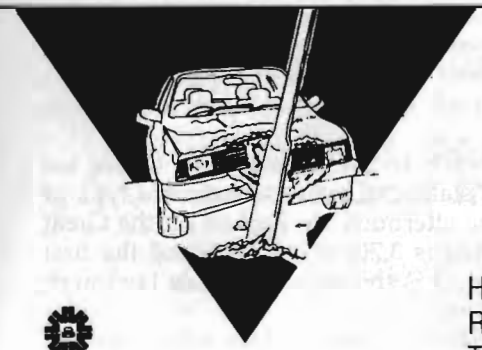

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With junior activities in mind the Committee have decided this year to allocate some funds to assist with the training of coaches or play scheme leaders in return for trying out some of their new found skills on the youth of the village. If you or an organisation wish to help the kids enjoy themselves in an effective way then we want to hear from you so that we can help you to help them. If any youngster (or not so young) would like to design a new logo to go with the new name, we will give a small prize to anyone who comes up with a design that we use either on letterheadings or in the buildings. It should ideally give an indication of who we are and what facilities we offer although more abstract concepts or badger orientated ideas would be considered. All entries to myself or a committee member for display/judging on the Funday.

Best wishes for the summer!

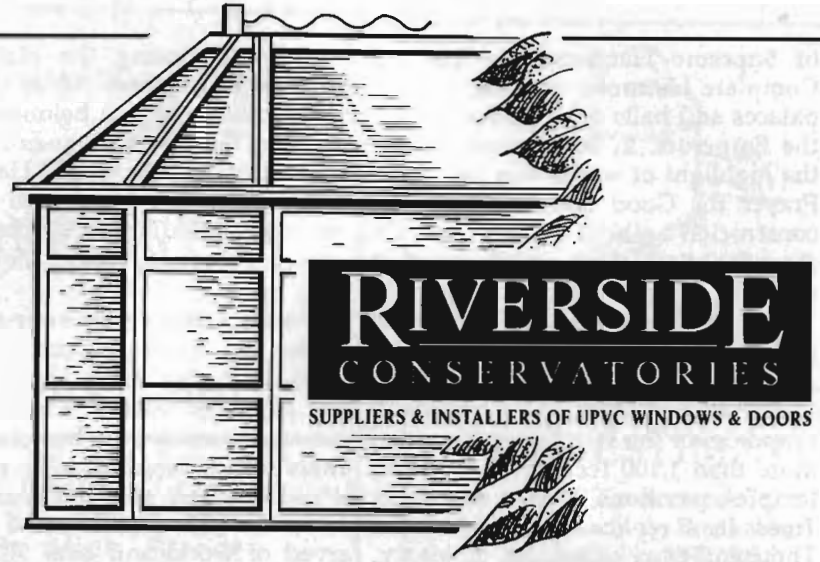
Brian Curtis – Chairman 832244

Our twelve day trip to China

After an uneventful ten hour flight from Heathrow we arrived in Beijing in mid-afternoon on 30th January at the start of the Chinese new year holiday. No fireworks, they were recently banned because of the number of fires caused but there were lanterns everywhere. After settling in to the very comfortable hotel we had our first chinese meal with chopsticks.

The next day we travelled by coach to the Sacred Way where we walked up the Avenue of Animals, statues of every imaginable type of animal to the Ming tombs and in the afternoon we walked on the Great Wall at Badaling Pass. The Great Wall is 3,700 miles long and the first parts were built over 2,000 years ago. It is the only manmade landmark visible to the naked eye from the moon.

The following day we went to Tian En Men Square where among many other buildings is situated the Great Hall of the People, a grandiose building erected in 1959 as the meeting place of the National Peoples Congress. We then went through the Gate of Heavenly Peace towards the Forbidden City which was full of grand palaces, pavilions, courtyards and gardens, all walled in as a rectangular island surrounded by a moat. The Forbidden City is so named as entry was prohibited to ordinary people for nearly 500 years. We entered by the Meridian Gate and among the many outstanding architectural wonders were the Gate



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of Supreme Harmony, the Hall of Supreme Harmony, the Hall of Complete Harmony and the Hall of Preserving Harmony. All of these palaces and halls displayed sculptures and art works which belonged to the Emperors. In the afternoon we visited the Temple of Heaven Park, the highlight of which was the magnificent, circular, blue roofed Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest. Built in the 15th Century, 123ft high and constructed without a single nail. One recurring feature on the roofs of these buildings were sculptures of dragons and serpents placed there to ward off evil spirits.

The next day it was an early start and a four and a half hour train journey 150 miles north east to Chengde. An interesting and very comfortable journey through hills and valleys, fertile fields and small towns and villages. At Chengde is the Northern Resort where the Emperors of the Inig Dynasty came in summer to escape the heat as it is more than 1,100 feet above sea level. There was a beautiful lake, more temples, pavilions, towers and pagodas and the Park of Ten Thousand Trees. In a replica of a Tibetan Temple is the "Thousand-armed and Thousand-eyed" Goddess of Mercy, carved of wood and over 72 feet high, alleged to be the largest wooden Buddha in the World.

Outside Chengde we went to a farming area and were able to visit two typical houses. Although they had electricity with refrigerators and black and white television the accommodation was primitive, similar to what we would have had at the beginning of the century. As with most places in China, the people appeared to be well fed and clothed and the children clean and well mannered.

We next travelled by coach and air to Xi'an, about 550 miles south west of Beijing. Xi'an was once the capital of the Middle Kingdom and one of the world's busiest and richest cities through eleven dynasties starting with the Zhou from the 11th–5th centuries BC. We visited Banpo village, the oldest of the regions archaeological wonders where traces of habitation have been discovered dating from six thousand years ago. Looking down on the outlines of houses, ovens, storage areas and graves was quite a profound experience. Apparently children who died young were buried upright so that their spirits could easily escape.

We then went to the hot springs at Hua Zing where the spa's hot mineral-rich waters attracted royalty from as far back as the 8th Century BC. Again there were beautiful pavilions, pools and gardens.

The main attraction near Xi'an is China's greatest archaeological discovery, the terracotta warriors. Thousands of life-size figures and horses standing in battle formation guarding the tomb of the first Zin emperor. A truly awe inspiring sight. That evening we saw the Tang Dynasty show at the largest theatre-restaurant in China.

Next day we visited the city wall of Xi'an which is more than 8 miles long and being extensively renovated, we saw the Bell Tower from the Ming Dynasty and the Wild Goose Pagodas.

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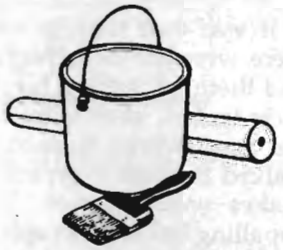

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It was then time to return to the capital Beijing. As all over China there were bicycles everywhere. The population of Beijing is 11 million and there a 8 million bicycles. Almost everything is moved on cycles or cycle trailers, even large suites of furniture. We visited the Zoo and saw the pandas who seemed to be well looked after and content and we walked through a typical meat and vegetable market where even live snakes were on sale. To our eyes the standards of hygiene were appalling but most people looked pretty healthy.

Throughout the whole of our holiday, although night time temperatures were often below freezing, we enjoyed beautiful clear sunny days and we saw no rain at all. Whilst the Chinese guides spoke excellent English very little communication was possible with other people. Even out in the countryside there was a remarkable absence of birds. Lovers of chinese food would no doubt have enjoyed the cuisine but to the average Englishman a chinese meal, twice a day, every day, was a bit much.

Among all the ancient splendour and beautiful artistry the impression was that the way of life of the people had changed little for many hundreds of years, but that following the normalizing of relations with the West over the last decade or so, major changes are beginning to take place. There is undoubtedly a very long way to go however before the world's oldest civilization joins the main stream of the late 20th century.

Robin and Norma Whipp

Family Announcements

Bates
Love and Congratulations, Margaret and Howard on your Silver Wedding, June 27th. Barbara and Ben.

Garlick
Congratulations Teresa, Russ and Lee on the birth of Hannah. From all the aunties and uncles at Land and Unwin!

Kilgour – Glenn
Happy 21st Birthday wishes to Glenn on June 24, with love from Mum, Dad, Karen, Jason and Emma

Walker – Alastair Congratulations on attaining your Doctor of Medicine degree. Hope you are not going to be a professional student, since prior to your new vocation you gained a B.Sc Degree with (Hons). Love from all family and friends in Bugbrooke.

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June			
5	7.30pm	WI 'Smothered in the Bog House' Mr B Giggins	SS
11	1.00pm	Friends of Campion Fete	CS
19	7.30pm	Brit. Legion Wms – Meeting	SS
24	2.00pm	Church Fete	Church Car Park Field
25	6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Rothersthorpe Church
26	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
26	8.00pm	Flower Society 'Summertime' Mr D Patrick	SS
28	7.35pm	PCC Meeting	SS
July			
2		Fun Day	P. Fields
3	7.30pm	WI – Members evening	SS
6	7.30pm	Patient Participation Group (all welcome)	Levitts Rd Surgery
9	–	Flower Society – Barbecue	Kislingbury
17	7.30pm	Brit. Legion Wms – Meeting	SS
19	Evening	Mothers' Union Walk & Supper	SS
23	10.30am	Sunday School End of Year Communion	Church
24	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
24	8.00pm	Flower Society – Competition evening	SS
28	10.00-3.00	Football	P. Fields
29	2.00pm	Brit. Legion Wms – Fete	Mr & Mrs Hawkins Farm
Aug			
4	10.00-12.00	General Sports	P. Fields
8	10.00-3.00	Rugby	P. Fields

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