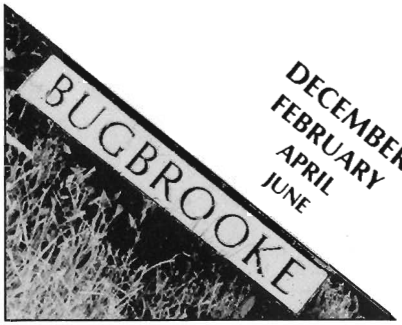

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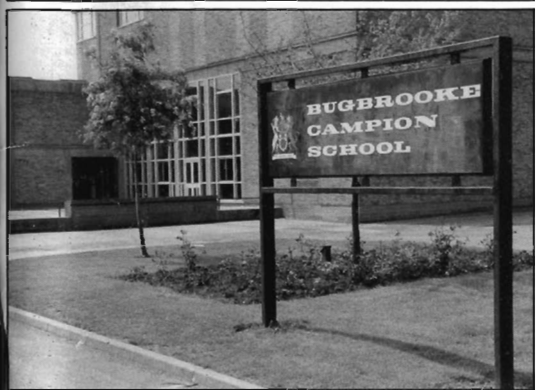

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Editor.....John Sexton.

OTHERS

"LINK" wishes all its readers "A Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year". At this time of the year, this is a common enough phrase - a greeting which has now been used annually in the Christian World for nearly two thousand years.
But in the use of this seasonal greeting we must not deceive ourselves into thinking that there are not those who will not have a happy Christmas and those who will not be "prosperous" in the normally accepted meaning of the word. Prosperity, however, should not be solely connected with wealth and belongings. In a wider sense, a prosperous man is a contented man, and contentment is within every mans grasp. But contentment will not be attained by our looking enviously at those who have more than we have - it can be gained by giving to those who have less. And to those who live alone, a cheerful word - no more, no less - can be more acceptable than the most expensive gift.
Let us all enjoy ourselves this festive season, but let us above all "REMEMBER THERE ARE OTHERS".

COMMUNITY CENTRE.

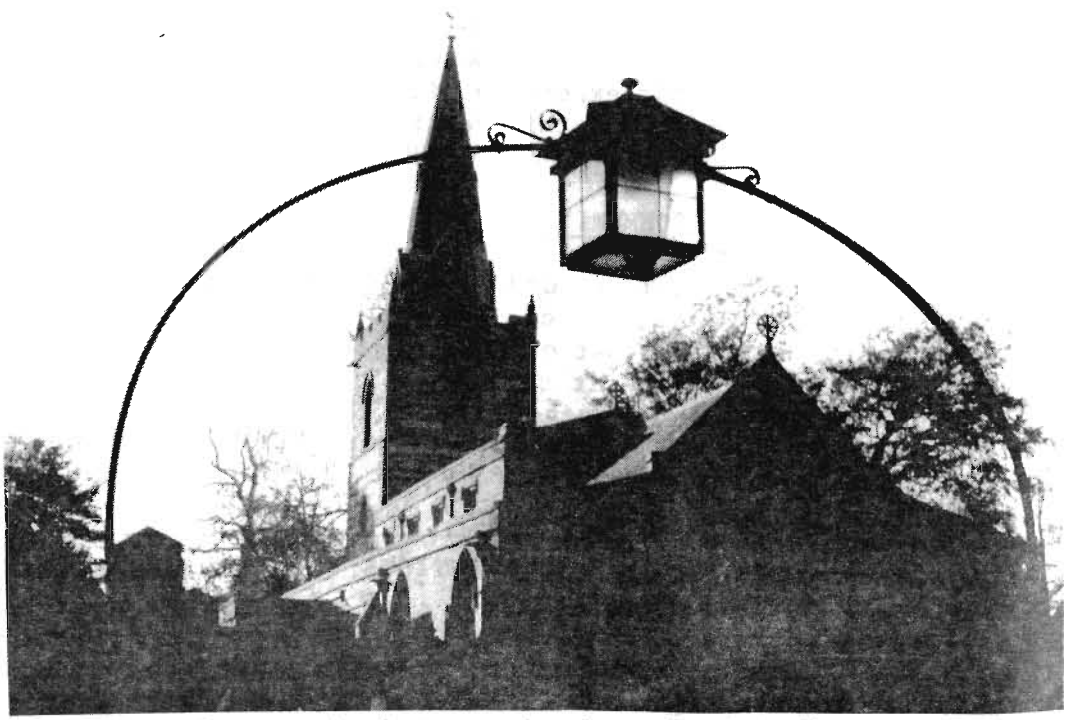
Elsewhere in this issue we publish a letter received from Pam Hollis, Chair Person of Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association on the subject of a Community Centre for the Village. We wish to make it clear that the views expressed in that letter are not necessarily those held by the Management of "LINK" but the letter is published as being a contribution to the debate on a subject of interest to all inhabitants of Bugbrooke.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FEBRUARY EDITION IS. . .JANUARY 22nd 1986. . . . . .

A Christmas Thought

Amidst all the colour, gaiety and joy of Christmas, it is easy to forget that first Christmas with the tiny baby beginning life in a dirty old stable, with little to wear and only the warmth of the animal bodies to save him from chill. How could God allow his Son to become such a helpless creature in such poor insanitary surroundings - at the mercy of everyone and of every natural disaster - what a chance he took. It could have ended there in that stable, so many tiny children died soon after birth in those days, ended where it began with nothing achieved. We wouldn't have planned it like that, but God did, for Jesus was to be like us in every way - vulnerable, surrounded by dangers, misunderstood, ridiculed - his was no sheltered life. But through that life begun in a stable, we are assured that God knows, in the depths of his being, all the problems we face. He rejoices with us, suffers with us, laughs with us, cries with us, for he has promised that he will be 'with us always, to the end of time.'

Tim Partridge - Rector



A new and unusual photograph of our Parish Church in its autumnal beauty by Martin Greson.

GOOD THINKING FOR 1986.

''Do what you can, where you are,
with what you have.'' -- (Moody).

DEFINITION.

''A budget is a method of worrying
before you spend - instead of afterwards''.

BUGBROOKE CONSERVATIVE CLUB.

The Autumn Dinner and Dance was held on Friday 15th November at Rothersthorpe Village Hall. This was a new venue for this event and proved to be very popular.

Approximately ninety people attended. Guests included Mr Michael Morris M.P. and his Wife and Mr Gordon Gee, Chairman of the Rural Area of Northampton South Constituency, with Mrs Gee. Michael Morris, who addrssed the gathering briefly, was introduced to those present by Councillor Mrs Kathleen Riggall, Chairman of South Northamptonshire District Council.

Catering was by Eric Hillyer with Roy Goodwin providing the music for dancing.

As those attending left Rothersthorpe this function was voted the best yet.....combined with the eternal query as to why a much larger village such as Bugbrooke could not have similar facilities.

Parish Council Meeting – David Harries Reports

28TH OCTOBER, 1985

There were very few members of the public at this meeting – either the Parish Council is losing its charm or people were deterred by the colder weather and the absence of effective heating in the village hall.

Proposed changes in the bus timetable, although retaining an hourly service, would mean that the last weekday bus from Northampton would leave town at 8pm. This would make life extremely difficult for hospital visitors and cinema goers. The Parish Council agreed to support a letter from Pam Chambers, the Bugbrooke Public Transport Liason Officer, to the Bus Company setting out the difficulties this and some of the other proposed changes would pose.

The distinctive smell of raw sewage was noticeable recently, wafting over from the aquaducts. The appropriate Inspector from South Northants District Council was called out and he explained that there had been a small leak at the pumping station. The matter was quickly resolved, however, and the District Council confirmed that they would be only too happy to respond to any future calls for an Inspector in similar circumstances.

The County Council are to be approached once again with the request for extensions to the footways at Pilgrims Lane, Peace Hill and the surgery. Although the County Council stated that there is no money available for this work in the foreseeable future the Parish Council considered that a further approach stressing the need for these paths would be worthwhile.

The bollards at the mouth of the West End footpath seem to have a life of their own – appearing and disappearing with alacrity. It is by no means clear who wants them, where or why. The County Council, having installed one at the request of the Parish Council and swiftly removed it following a complaint, are to be asked to suggest an acceptable solution in this dilemma.

Remaining in the West End area; the footbridge has now become impassable and the Parish Council have suggested that, when the repair is carried out, concrete should replace the existing wooden beams.

The Parish Council also considered a number of planning applications; collected their envelopes for the annual Cancer Reasearch collection; resolved to pursue the question of the acquisition of grit bins; decided to ascertain the legal position of owners of dogs fouling footpaths etc; reviewed the level of street lights; and expressed concern over the need for road repairs.

Bus Services

Following the recent changes to the bus timetable I have been asked to report any problems caused by the new times, particularly the 8.08am service, as there is now only the one bus to replace the previous 7.59am and 8.19am. If anyone has any difficulties due to overcrowding on the returning of this, or any other service, please would they contact me on 830198.

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COUNTRYSIDE WALKS

Walking in the countryside in winter is often more rewarding than in the height of summer. In winter trees are without leaves, the air is often clearer and as a result one gets a better view. Paths across farmland, although muddy, are free of crops. So, continue walking all through the winter. "Countryside Walks, Bugbrooke," pamphlets are still available in the shops in the village.

The law on footpaths and bridleways is often complicated and so a few reminders about your rights and the rights of a landowner may be useful. Let's start with obstructions and trespass.

If, on a public right of way, you are confronted with an obstruction which is really impassable, the law recognises a right for you to continue on your way. This you may do in one of two ways. Firstly you may remove just enough of the obstruction to allow you to pass. You must do the minimum damage to the obstruction. The more practical alternative to removing the obstruction is to pass round it. If the path is really impassable you are entitled to deviate round the obstruction but you must be careful not to cause damage while going round. Where a right of way crosses a field with growing crops you are entitled to follow the route even if this means treading on the crop. However, if the crop itself constitutes an impenetrable obstruction you will have no option but to try and walk round.

A person who enters or remains on land without lawful authority (e.g. not on a footpath) commits a civil offence of trespass and to deviate from a right of way which is not obstructed is trespass. The owner of the land may order the trespasser off his land and he must leave by the shortest route and as quickly as he can. Owner may, in addition, sue for compensation for any damage done. If the trespasser fails to leave he can be ejected using more than reasonable force.

Please note that in the case of trespass on a railway, this is a criminal offence for which you can be prosecuted. In any case, it is very dangerous to trespass on a railway. You should only go on a railway line at public crossing places and then should take particular care.

Any further information from; Colin Nuttall. 830658

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbury

My word, wasn't that the most wonderful October you can remember? It couldn't rain, the sun shone, there was no frost and very little wind. The flowers in the garden bloomed on and on, most of the trees retained their leaves and they were an absolute picture.

On the 20th I took my grandson for a walk, down to the river. A hare scuttled out of its form right under our toes. Ten mallard took off from the Bends. Two lovely swans, with their three cygnets paddled serenely past. What a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon. There was one drawback. From across the fields came a steady roar. It was from the M1. The volume and speed of the traffic was unbelievable.

On 2nd November there was a real frost - 5 deg C, and the following morning, when the sun shone on the trees, they absolutely rained leaves. What a delightful spectacle. In one morning some of the conker trees had lost them all.

Looking out of the window at the moment, the oak tree has kept all its leaves and they are quite green!

One other tree interested me. I wondered why some ash trees had millions of seeds hanging on them and some had none. When I read it up, the book said that ash trees do not have seeds until they are forty years old!

To finish off, I must say one word about the weather. Something white fell from the sky last night. Oh dear, we are back to normal!

POLICE MESSAGE - WATCH THAT ICE!

Would the parents of all children please bring to the notice of their offspring the extreme danger of playing on a frozen river or canal. As the canal's are now starting to freeze over I would like to point out that dozens of children were chased off the canal last year by me and I know of many adults who have also chased children off.

I would also like to take the opportunity of wishing everyone in Bugbrooke all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

P.C.DODD, Police Station, Bugbrooke.

Darby & Joan Club News

– Vera Thompson Reports

Our Anniversary Dinner and party, quickly slipped by; what a lovely time we had, it is such a great pity that we cannot slow down enough to enjoy these special moments to the full. There were 80 of us sitting down to our dinner, members, committee, tea-ladies and drivers, and our guests for this year Mrs Adams, Mr & Mrs Langrish, Mr & Mrs Bayeley, Dr & Mrs Dutta and those two very special friends Roy and Beryl, who so readily give us so much pleasure with their music. Although this is a festive occasion we like to remember past members by placing a floral tribute in church over that weekend. This job was so splendidly carried out by Brenda and Arlene.

A fortnight later, we held a Jumble Sale making £89. Thank you all who so kindly gave, and those who turned up to buy on the day.

On Tuesday November 5th, Harpole Club invited us over and a very pleasant afternoon was spent in their company.

Thursday November 21st, off we went to Turners for an afternoon tea dance where we met up with our friends from Oxford Darby & Joan - surely be good start to Christmas celebrations! Then on Saturday December 14th we look forward with great pleasure to joining Heyford Darby & Joaners for their Christmas afternoon entertainment.

The following Wednesday we wind up with our own special 'Family' afternoon. Christmas Tea, presents and a Carol sing-a-long with Esther at the piano.

The name of our club may be Darby & Joan, but when it comes to getting cracking I would think that we are well to the fore. A very active group, a force still much to be reckoned with. We have just welcomed Mrs Mildred Bates, Mrs Ethel Ellison and Mrs Nancy Bubb as new members, and hope they will enjoy our company, as much as I am sure we shall enjoy theirs.

This then seems a very appropriate time to remember those members away from our village.

To Mrs Gran Perkins and Mrs T. Botterill in Ridgeway House at Towcester.

To Mr Faulkner at Evelyn Wright Daventry, Mrs Byles in Lingwood Home, Northampton, Mrs Myers with her daughter at Kislingbury and to Mr Marriott at home at 1 Spencer Close and Mrs Bowen who has to attend Danetree.

May you all have a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and in the words of our club hymn. "God be with you till we meet again."

W.I. Notes.

We open the New Year with a celebration, our 58th Birthday Party on January 6th when there will be a buffet supper and entertainment. On Feb 3rd we are to learn about the work of the Northampton Leisure and Libraries Service from Mr G. Atkinson.

I would like to wish all members and readers of Link a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

ACTION RESEARCH NEEDS YOU!

Mrs Florence Edwards, the Chairman and main-stay of Action Research for the past few years, will shortly be leaving Bugbrooke to live in the United States.

Whilst we all wish Mrs Edwards and her family all the best in their new life, it does of course mean Action Research will need someone to take over from her, otherwise the Group may not be able to continue.

Anyone who is interested in helping us continue with this very worthwhile charity for raising money for research into all crippling diseases, please contact Florence on 831051 to discuss in more detail what is involved.

Letter to the Editor of the ''Link''

17, Georges Avenue
Bugbrooke
Tel:- 830919

Sir,

When I took over the chair of the Bugbrooke Playing Field Association, I was told by quite a few people that nothing positive ever happens in the village because people were apathetic. Many reasons for this attitude were put forward

(A) I've done my bit let someone else contribute
(B) Why should I help, theres nothing in it for me.
(C) We're new here they don't mean us
(D) Whats the point, nothing will get done.

These are just a few comments that I have heard. I must admit I did not believe that that sort of attitude could exist, but after 6 months I find that in fact it does. The majority of people in Bugbrooke seem to think that if they turn up at the Fete and Bonfire night, that is all the support that they need to give. Thank goodness they do support those functions, otherwise we would be unable to maintain the Playing Field.

But its not enough. In addition to new changing facilities the village needs a Community Centre from which all will benefit Young and Old alike. This year's committee of the Playing Field Association, at its first meeting, declared that, it was their aim to have a purpose built brick building erected for the benefit of all.

To do this we have two options:-

(1) Sell some of the Playing Field.
(2) Ask the village for help.

I am looking into the first option: But feel sure the second would be a better choice.

We estimate that we need to raise £50,000 and with our bank balance at present standing at £2,000 you can see that we have a problem!

The heartening thing is that there is the possibility that every £1 we raise can be doubled by grants available. But before we can apply for grants we have to have money of our own. Please read this article carefully. Talk about it with your neighbours, workmates, friends and boss's. Make sure that all of Bugbrooke is aware of the Playing Fields potential.

If you feel able to make a monetary contribution do not hesitate to contact me or any of the committee and if anybody - business, club, or association feels that they would like to sponsor our aims I would be delighted to hear from them.

Come on Bugbrooke, Wake up! Make 1986 the Year things started to happen.

Signed: Pam Hollis, Chair Person.
Bugbrooke Playing Field Association. November 1985.

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

Firstly we would like to say thank you to anyone who helped with our Jumble Sale which was held in September. £140 was raised. During October the Guides took part in an Autumn Challenge when they made corn dollies, apple fritters, leaf pictures and decorations using fir cones, acorns etc. We also went on an evening walk to Kislingbury and had a disco. The Guides are now busy planning patrol activities and we will also be making decorations for the Christmas party at Princess Marina Hospital. We will be taking part in the District Carol Service on December 15th.

Youth Club

As you are probably aware, the Youth Club has not re-opened this year. This is mainly due to the lack of adult support and also to the fact that existing equipment has been damaged by damp within the building, which has resulted in the failure of electrical appliances, and warped snooker tables.

This is not a 'one man' job, but if anyone is interested in taking over the Club, I would be happy to assist in any way I can, please ring Colin Lovesy on 832385, evenings only.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - - (Mens Section).

The Annual General Meeting of the Bugbrooke branch was held on 14th October at the Five Bells. Mr P. Andrew was re-elected Chairman with Mr T. Ward as Vice-Chairman. Other offices were filled as follows:- Secretary: Mr H. Clarke, Treasurer: Mr R. Jones, Standard Bearer: Mr P. Andrew with Messrs J. Johnson and T. Ward as escorts. Mr M. Moulton was re-elected as Sports Secretary.
A very sincere vote of thanks was passed at the meeting to Miss Barbara Bell who for several years had been branch Secretary in a "caretaker" capacity and helped the branch survive a most difficult period of its existence. Her resignation was accepted reluctantly and with much regret.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - - (Womens Section).

At our A.G.M. the same twelve ladies were voted on to the Committee as in many other years; Mr Lantsbery and Mr Steve Billingham once again counted our votes and we do thank them very much. We really do need younger members and would welcome anyone interested on the third Monday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the Sunday School.
We were proud, once again, to take part in the Remembrance Service and noted particularly the splendid turn-out of the Youth of the Village.
We are hoping to have our Christmas dinner on 16th December and cordially invite the mens branch. In January or February we hope to have a W.P.C. talk to us on her work in the Police Force and the Reverend David Saint has also promised to talk to us at a later date. - (Enid Pell - Hon Treas).

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 1985.

The church was filled to capacity for this year's Remembrance Day service on November 10th. A well-attended parade was once again led by the Salvation Army band, and there were standards from both sections of the Royal British Legion and other village and youth organisations. It was particularly pleasing to have in attendance the standard of the Greens Norton Legion Branch.
The service was conducted by the Rector Canon Tim Partridge, the address was given by Mr Roy Chapman and the reading was by a member of the Jesus Fellowship. Mr Tom Jeffs - Vice-President of Bugbrooke Legion - read out the names of the fallen and Branch President John Sexton recited Binyon's Words.

The Parade gets into stride as it leaves the green.

(Photograph kindly supplied by Martin Creson of 1 Smitherway).

Bugbrooke Arts News

BUGBROOKE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Following the success of our last play ''NOT NOW DARLING''our next production will be the pantomine ''DICK WHITTINGTON''.
This will take place at Campion School Hall on Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd, Friday 24th and Saturday 25th January 1986. All evening performances will start at 7.30pm prompt.Saturday matinee 2.30pm.
Tickets will be available from: Mrs M. Terry, 17, West End, Bugbrooke, Tel: 832303. 1985 has been a very successful year for us and we would like to thank everyone who has given us their support, and hope that they will continue to do so. On behalf of the society I would like to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
Sheila Bignell (Secretary)

''NOT NOW DARLING'' -- THE GAMBLE PAYS OFF.

In the world of Theatre it is argued that the biggest gamble for amateur dramatic societies is to attempt to perform farce.
That the Bugbrooke production in October of Ray Cooney and John Chapman's ''Not Now Darling'' was so successful must lay first and foremost with Director Maggie Terry who ensured that a fast pace was maintained throughout.
Unfortunately some of the early "gags" were wasted before the audience ''warmed up''...but when they did they enjoyed the fun just as much as the actors.
Clive Jordan as Arnold Crouch, one of the partners in a fur salon, was most convincing and as the central character throughout the entire action carried the greatest burden. He was ably supported by Ray Smith as his business partner - Gilbert Bodley - and by the excellent Pat Atkinson as Miss Tipdale, their formidable secretary.
Space precludes one from mentioning all the other members of the cast individually but they all absorbed themselves in the fun and each made their own successful contribution to a memorable evenings entertainment.
Congratulations to all..and lets have the next production soon.

IN BRIEF

Drama.
A reminder is in order of the Youth Drama Club Play ''The Business of Good Government'' to be held in the Church on Friday and Saturday 20th and 21st December and Friday and Saturday 3rd and 4th January.

Disco Available.
We are advised that there are still a few dates available over the Xmas and New Year period for the Saturn Sound Disco. All interested phone 830422.

Nitters Grave.
After the repair of the extensive damage to the new railings at Nitters Grave (last Issue: page 13) it only took a few days for futher contact to be made resulting in additional damage damage and presumably extra cost to the ratepayers.

Pantomime.
Readers will be delighted to note in the report from the Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society that they are again to present a Pantomime. This years production is 'Dick Whittington' and performances will be at Campion School on 22nd, 23rd and 24th January. We have no doubt that such performances will be as "professional" and popular as the Society's previous offerings.

Kislingbury Bridge.
Once again this picturesque bridge which must be totally inadequate for the size and volume of vehicles that use it has been extensively damaged. Many vehicles take no notice of signs either side of the bridge which say ''Single File Traffic'' - - could not these signs be larger? or, could not traffic lights be the answer to this problem? or, what about a new bridge? or, what about ...etc etc etc.

Old Saying.

''If November ice can bear a duck
February's gift will be mire and muck''.

Anne Howard's Cookhouse Door

Try these stuffings for your:-

1. TURKEY:-

Chestnut Stuffing

2oz unsalted butter a peeled and chopped onion; turkey heart & liver chopped; 6oz sliced mushrooms; 8oz chestnut puree (tin), 1 stick of celery chopped; 4oz streaky bacon chopped; 1 tablespoon parsley chopped; salt & pepper; 2oz breadcrumbs.

Method:- Fry onion, turkey offal and mushrooms in the butter; Stir in chestnut puree. Blend contents of pan with celery, bacon and parsley. Season and add enough breadcrumbs to bind the stuffing. FILL BREAST END then put

Sausage stuffing in body cavity.

11/2 1b pork sausage meat; 4oz fresh white breadcrumbs; 2 chopped shallots or onions; 4oz minced belly of pork; 1 egg beaten; salt & pepper.

Work breadcrumbs and shallots into sausage meat together with pork. Bind stuffing with egg & season to taste.

2. GOOSE & DUCK

Apricot Stuffing

3/4 1b dried apricots; lemon juice, tablespoon brown sugar, 1 green pepper finely chopped; a peeled & diced apple; 4 sticks chopped celery; 4oz white breadcrumbs; 3oz melted butter; grated orange rind; 2 eggs; salt & pepper.

Method:- Soak apricots overnight in cold water. Put in pan with lemon juice and sugar, bring to boil, simmer for 20 mins. Leave to cool. Strain apricots, chop roughly and mix with pepper apple and celery. Stir in breadcrumbs, melted butter, orange rind & eggs. Season to taste and bind together with about 5-6 tablespoons of the apricot juice.

Forcemeat stuffing

4oz veal; 4oz lean pork; 1 goose liver; 1 onion; 1/2oz butter; 2 large slices of crustless white bread; 1 tablespoon chopped parsley; 1 tablespoon thyme, 4 fluid ozs red wine; 1 egg; salt and pepper.

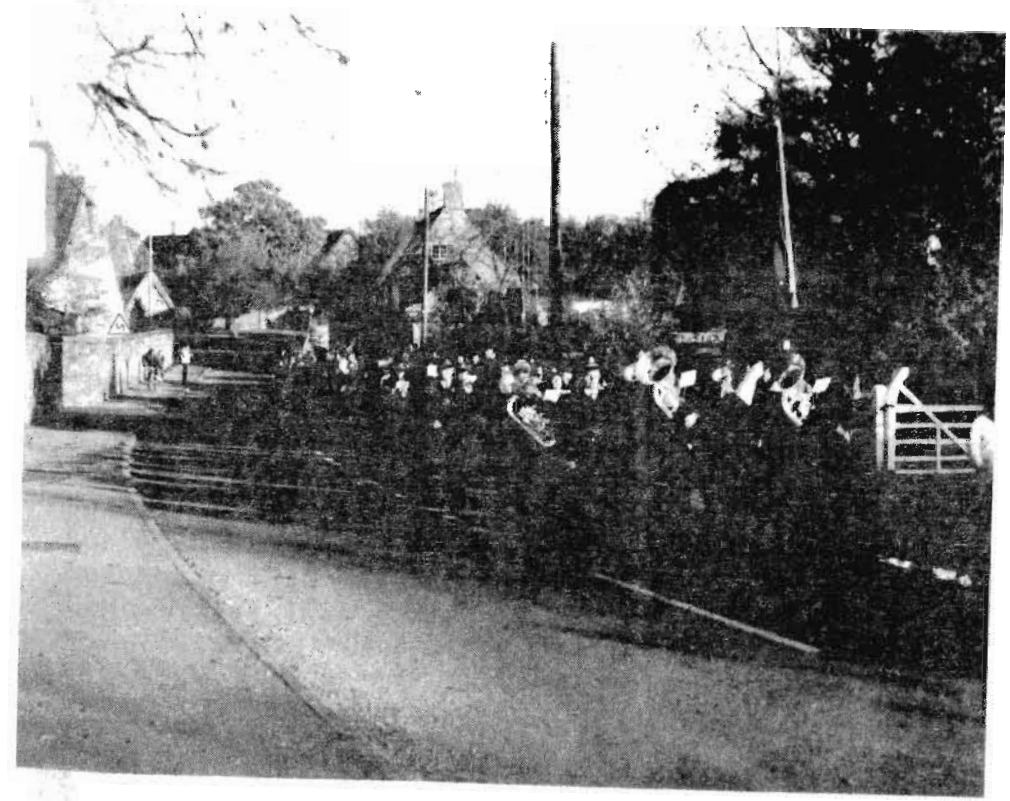
Method:- Put veal, pork, liver & onion through fine blade of mincer. Fry this mixture in the butter until golden brown. Remove from heat and stir in the bread soaked in a little milk and squeezed dry. Add herbs and wine and use beaten egg to bind stuffing. Season to taste.

Bacon Rolls go well with Turkey, Goose or Duck.

1/21b streaky bacon; 1 oz beef dripping.

Method:- Remove rind & stretch bacon rashers. Cut each across into two, roll up and secure with cocktail sticks. Fry bacon in dripping until crisp (about 10-15 mins). Remove sticks before serving.

Hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Anne Howard.



Approaching the Church

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BUGBROOKE'S ORIGINAL PILOT

Reading in your last issue of the success of 3 members of the Air Training Corps in being awarded flying scholarships, reminded me of another much earlier Bugbrooke pilot.
He was Arthur Patrick Staples who was born at Stowe Hill, on 16th March, 1908. After leaving Daventry Grammar School, he joined the Royal Air Force in September 1923. He qualified as a pilot in 1929 and served in Egypt and Iraq as well as in the United Kingdom. In 1934 he was a student on the Central Flying School instructors course at Wittering from July to October. He took his discharge from the RAF as a flight sergeant pilot in March 1937.
He then joined Imperial Airways having gained his commercial pilot's B Licence (No. 11154) on the 24th November 1936, before leaving the RAF. He continued to fly with Imperial Airways until it became British Overseas Airways Corporation in 1940. By 1954, he was listed as a Senior Captain (1st Class) and retired from flying with that rank.
I hope his example will encourage today's pupil pilots to follow in his path.

NEXT STEP AHEAD - HIGH FLYING MARK.

In our last issue we reported that Mark Attwood of Levitts Road, Bugbrooke had been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the Air Training Corps. Now after undergoing a series of rigorous tests at R.A.F. Biggin Hill in Kent he has been awarded an R.A.F. Sixth Form Scholarship.
Mark will now be sponsored by the Royal Air Force throughout his sixth form studies at Campion School and will then go on a further course at R.A.F. Cranfield in Bedfordshire. By this time he should be well on the way to his ambition of being a pilot!
''LINK'' congratulates him on his continuing success.

Sports News

BUGBROOKE CRICKET CLUB.
1985 Season.

Now that winter has arrived, it's time to reflect on another successful summer of cricket.
The season started in April when preparations began to enter various local competitions, in which the Club had mixed fortunes. We were knocked out of the Mann's N.C.A. Cup in the first round by Deanshanger, then we were a losing semi-finalist in the Milton Keynes Cup, but we finally won the St. Crispin Cup, by beating Boughton by a fair margin.
The highlight of the season was a Cricket Festival Week held at the end of July. In previous years the club has gone on a Welsh Tour. The whole idea of a festival was the brain child of Judy Cooper, our Treasurer, to raise money for a Pavilion Fund as many urgent repairs were needed. There was a match on the ground every day for a week. On one of those days, Geoff Cook, the Northants captain, was kind enough to bring a side over which included many 1st team players. Other events held during this week were a Barn Dance held at the Primary School, a Jazz Evening, with Horace Smith and John Crocker of the Chris Barber Band, during which a presentation was made to Geoff Cook, and a Disco on another night for the young at heart. All these events were a great success. Altogether a total of just over £2000 was raised for the Club during this week. Our grateful thanks to Judy for all the hard work she put into the organisation together with all the other helpers who are too numerous to mention.
During the 'off' season the Club does not stand still. The Social Committee have arranged monthly delights, such as Lasagna and Chicken casserole for social evenings at the Club. Our next big event will be our Annual Dinner, which will for the first time be held at our own Club, (thanks partly to a wide hard core path which means it is not now necessary to wear your wellies in winter!) on Saturday January 25th at 8pm. Tickets £6 each, for a menu to be professionally prepared by a Club member, Jane Griffith. Tickets available from Jean Mundy (Tel:830725), Molly Sackley (830422), or Peter White (830452). Any newcomers to the village interested in cricket would be very welcome.

Paul Sackley.

ST. MICHAELS 74 Cricket Club

First a reminder as mentioned in the last issue of "Link", that throughout our close season, we continue Net Practice at Campion School. Every Thursday in the sports hall from 6 p.m. till 7.30 p.m., at a cost of £1 per session. All are welcome.
A future date for your diary is January 25th 1986, when we open the doors at the Sunday School for our Annual Jumble Sale and Grand Draw. If anyone has any jumble or paperback books etc., that we could make good use of, please take your jumble to Mrs Chapman, at 37 Johns Road, or if you can't manage to carry it ring secretary John Chapman on Northampton 584565 and we will arrange a collection. The raffle tickets for our draw will be available from all our players at 5p a ticket. Your support, as ever, will be appreciated.

BUGBROOKE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB.

The season's results are continuing to be like the proverbial Curate's egg - "Good in places"! However in spite of injury problems the general standard of play has been encouraging and we have been pleased to have recent fixtures against new opposition from as far distant as Nuneaton and St. Ives (Cambs).
A social evening was held on November 8th at the Cricket Club pavilion and so successful was the event that a repeat is being arranged for Friday 20th December.
Ivor Bradbury still takes the Mini-Rugby on Sunday mornings (10.30) but would like to see a lot more boys participating; all details from Ivor -- phone 830735.
The usual "friendly" between Bugbrooke 1st XV and the Club President's Invitation XV will be played on the Playing Fields on the morning of Boxing Day.....this is normally a most enjoyable game to watch.
And finally it is understood that a challenge has been made by a Five Bell's LADIES rugby team to play the 2nd XV; how serious this challenge is, only time will tell.

Bugbrooke St. Michaels. F.C.

The 1985-6 season is progressing very satisfactorily. At the time of going to press, our first team are runners up in their league. The second team are 3rd in their's and the 'A' Team are now moving into the top half of their league.
Both youth sides are enjoying a successful season with some splendid results in recent weeks.
If anyone is interested in playing for, or assisting these teams in any way, we should be pleased to meet you at the Club Ground on either a Saturday or Sunday afternoon for junior games.
Alternatively you may wish to help us to continue to improve the facilities for future generations by assisting us financially. You may do this by joining our '300' club, which, for the sum of 50p per month or £5 for the season (10 months) would enter your number in a weekly draw, giving you the opportunity to win £10 in any one week. If you are willing to help us in this way, would you please contact any club official or Terry Lewis, Northampton. 831363.
We look forward to your support, and hope that our football, and endeavours to encourage good behaviour both on and off the pitch will bring again support from you and your family.
May I take this opportunity on behalf of the Club Committee, to wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all players club members, supporters and officials.

K. Hollowell

Ladies Netball Team

We would like to thank all those who supported us on our Cheese & Wine evening recently. Thanks to the effort of Margot Humphreys we made a profit of £60. Half of this is to be donated to the Bugbrooke Ward at Princess Marina Hospital.
The A team are enjoying a very successful season. At the moment they are fourth in the League having lost only 2 games so far.
May we wish all Link Readers a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

The Advertisement section

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OUR NEXT ISSUE.

The next issue of "LINK" will be published in February. Closing date for contributions will be January 22nd 1986. There is no need to wait until then - if you have any news or articles of interest let us have them AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. This will help the Editorial Team avoid that mad rush when what could be two months work all has to be done in a few days.

The Village Diary

Dec. 14th		Bugbrooke Ladies Netball Team Xmas Disco at Nether Heyford Village Hall
15th	4.00pm	Sunday School & Tiny Tots Party.
18th	2.15pm	Darby & Joan. Christmas Tea. Sunday School.
20th	7.30pm	Rugby Club Social. Cricket Pavilion.
20th)	7.30pm	Youth Drama Group Play. Church.
21st)	"	''The Business of Good Government''.
24th	11.30pm	Midnight Communion.
25th	8.00am	Christmas Day Holy Communion.
	10.00am	Family Carol Communion. Children Welcome.
26th	am	Rugby Match. Bugbrooke R.F.C. versus Presidents Invitation XV. Playing Fields.
29th	6.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service.
Jan. 3rd)	7.30pm	Youth Drama Group Play. Church.
4th)	"	''The Business of Good Government''.
6th	7.30pm	W.I. Birthday Party. Sunday School.
8th	2.15pm	Darby & Joan. Sunday School.
16th	7.45pm	Choral Society. Campion School.
18th	7.30pm	Music Society Record Evening.
19th	10.00am	Parade Service.
22nd	2.15pm	Darby & Joan. Sunday School.
22nd)	7.30pm	Amateur Dramatic Society. Campion School.
23rd)	"	DICK WHITTINGTON
24th)	"	(Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm.)
25th	2.00pm	Jumble Sale: Sunday School. Saint Michaels 74.C.C.
27th	8.00pm	Flower Club A.G.M. Sunday School.
29th	8.00pm	P.C.C.
Feb. 1st		Stewardship Mission: Day of Prayer & Supper.
2nd		Launching Sunday for Stewardship Mission.
3rd	7.30pm	W.I. 'Work of Northampton Leisure & Library Service'. Sunday School.
5th	2.15pm	Darby & Joan. Sunday School.
12th	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion.
16th		Thanksgiving Service for Stewardship Mission.
24th	8.00pm	Flower Club. Sunday School.

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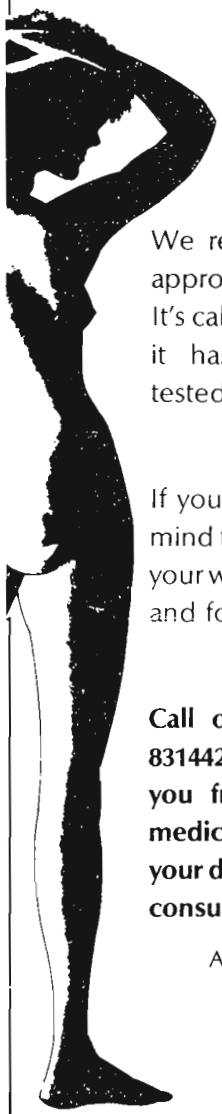

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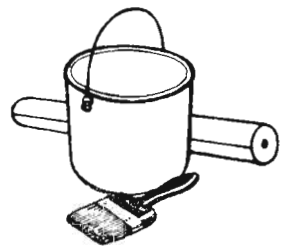

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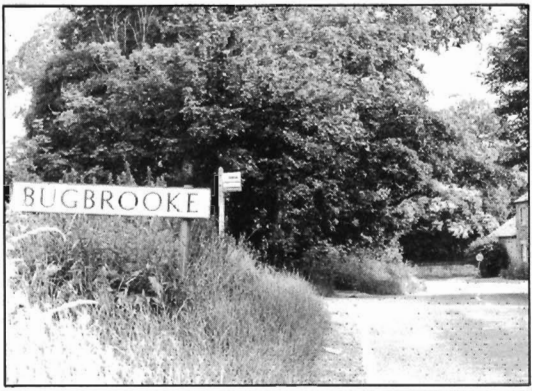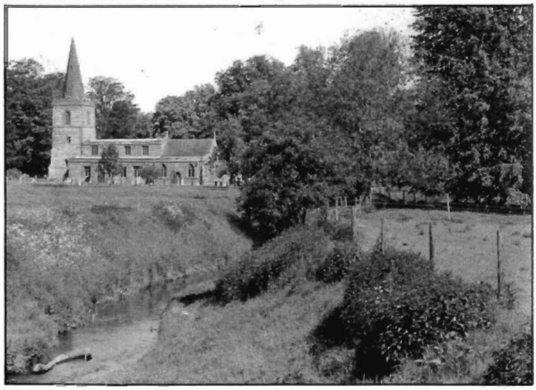
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