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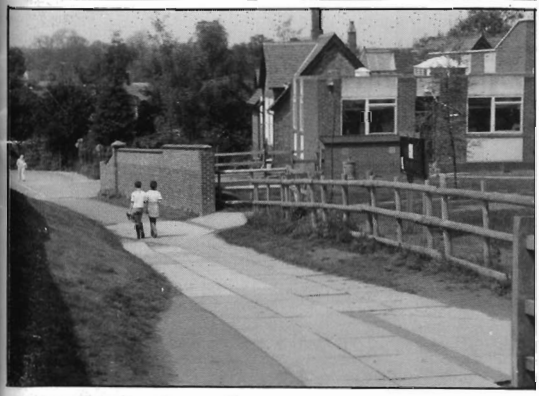

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Editor.....John Sexton

THE SPORTING LIFE

One of the most prominent features of Bugbrooke life is the number of its sporting activities and the large number of participants in the various sports. It is unlikely that any other village of similar size can boast two cricket clubs each with at least two teams, a football club with several senior and junior teams, a rugby club with two sides, a netball team, a badminton team and two mixed hockey sides: any omissions are regretted.

It is widely acknowledged that by no means all the playing members of these sports actually reside in the village but whenever they run onto the field to play, onto the courts or go to the wicket they are all helping to promote the name of Bugbrooke.

Thanks for the virility of Bugbrooke Sporting Life not only rests with the traditional "Sporting Families" of the village (and who are well able to identify themselves) but additionally - in more recent times - to the help, influence and participation of Campion School. Many of those players who are not Bugbrooke residents are pupils and former pupils of Campion who, during the impressionable years of their comprehensive education, have acquired an affinity for the village.

Quite apart from its main educational function Campion School has proved an asset to many features of our village life; but its contributions to sport - in the provision of facilities, the expertise and personal participation of a number of its teachers, its general encouragement to young people to keep fit and partake in competitive games - must surely be the most significant.

Bugbrooke is indebted to and enriched by Campion School's interest in its sporting life.

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DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE - 19th March 1986.

Church Note
Lent Course

This year there is to be a nationwide Lent course issued by the British Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic church entitled "What on earth is the Church for?". Most local Radio Stations are taking part and will be broadcasting material to help groups discuss the subject from different angles. Radio Northampton will be broadcasting on Wednesday nights at 7.30pm and if you would like to join a group listening together then get in touch with Tim Partridge on 830373.

YOUTH CLUB

We have received the following letter from Mr Charles Norman of 10, Spencer Close, which is relevant and thank him for his interest.....

"May I wish the "Link Magazine" a very prosperous and happy new year.
I know very few people, here in Bugbrooke. Therefore would you please favour me by accepting this letter.
It is on behalf of the young people I write!! It is with regret we read of the closure of the Youth Club.
Although a senior citizen, I am sympathetic towards young people!!
It was during the year nineteen forty six, a number of young people, invited me to sponsor their youth club in Duston. This I accepted and found that ninety per cent had a philosophical outlook towards life.
The remaining ten per cent seemed to have had an unhappy background but with good guidance brought the club a fully one hundred per cent "worth while" reputation.
To the extent they won the respect and admiration of the elderly and middle aged people of that day, who in turn rallied around and helped many with their career problems etc.
In return these young people would show appreciation by organising coach trips, to places of interest, social evenings which the elderly and middle aged enjoyed.
The young people of today, I believe, would do the same given the chance.
Without any interest being shown towards them they become similar to the passengers on a ship that is adrift!!
With no place to drop anchor and plenty of rocks on ahead."

COMING HOME TO ENGLAND

After five and a half years in America it was time to come home, mainly for the sake of the children's education. We arrived in Bugbrooke on November 28th "coldest day in November for 7 years" I was told. We shivered and trembled.
During our time in America we became fond of bird watching and the last nine months was spent in Miami, Florida where we lived opposite a lovely golf course. During the summer of last year the air filled with delightful chatter, heralding the arrival of a flock of gregarious parakeets from the Bahama Islands. They stayed but a few short days and then departed for who knows where, but for a short while I watched, enchanted by their social comings and goings in the trees, and their glorious plumage.
When they were gone I was left to continue my daily watch of the Great Blue Heron. Silently watching and waiting at the lake side, he was unperturbed by the golfers or me as I got a little closer each day. If we did get too close he raised his elegant body, flapped his huge wings and seemingly in slow motion, glided out of reach across the lake. How I loved him!
In the autumn the arrival of an Osprey brought out the bird books again. He perched high on the lopped off top of an old pine tree, and peered down at me peering at him through my binoculars. He knew he was unreachable and he regarded my presence with utter contempt. As he shifted from one claw to the other and ruffled his wings his manner seemed to say 'Hmph, you here again?'.
My favourite bird however is the noble Pelican! Not graceful nor beautiful to look at, but endearing and lovely to me, full of character and personality. They would bob about, sleeping head tucked under wing on the ocean inlets waiting for a hand-out from the fishing boats, an easy meal, or soar overhead with that full beak holding "more than its belly can". Of course, the beak occasionally dropped its pickings, so the people on the beach watched very carefully as they flew over!
Just before Christmas I looked out of my window and on the garden fence perched a little English Robin his feathers fluffed up against the cold. This little bird delicate but hardy, small and insignificant in the great scheme of things. This little bird took my breath away, and he brought tears to my eyes, and it felt good to be home.

Carol Morland
65 Smitherway

Parish Council Meeting – David Harries Reports

2nd and 30th December 1985

Whilst most people were preparing for and recovering from Christmas, the Parish Council continued to sustain the democratic process of local government. Unfortunately, the cold weather and the attraction of other, more seasonal pastimes restricted the attendance of interested members of the public.

Following questions from Councillor Jack Holt it was confirmed that if anyone in the village finds if difficult to get their bin to the front of the house for collection each week, they should contact South Northants District Council at Towcester. They have a scheme where in appropriate cases (e.g some elderly people) they will arrange for bins to be collected from the rear of the premises. The District Council don't seem too keen to publicise this service - but now we all know!

Councillor Fred Curtis expressed concern about the damage to the bus shelter on the Green opposite the Primary School, which was under attack from the adjacent oak tree. Sadly, this tree is growing in all directions except upwards and it was agreed that, subject to the agreement of the W.I. who had donated it to commemerate the Coronation, it be replaced by a tree of a similar variety.

Parish Councillors were unhappy about trailing round the village on cold, dark winter evenings for their annual Cancer Research collection. This practice is now to be reviewed and may be changed to a more favourable time of year or possibly even discontinued.

Also under threat is the OAP's Christmas Gift Scheme. It was again drawn to the attention of the Parish Council that the members of the Gift Scheme Committee are now almost all pensioners themselves. If volunteers are not found soon, the scheme could lapse. Anyone interested should first contact Harry Gilkes.

I am sure everyone will be pleased to know that the County Council have promised that grit bins will be available for use in the village - for the Winter of 1987. In the meantime grit will continue to be dumped on green areas throughout the village causing unsightly bald patches.

Footpaths were not ignored and the question of cyclists vs pedestrians on the new path from Kislingbury was considered.

It is clear that the proposed dual use of this path should not present any serious problems provided all users exercise common sense. However, as Councillor Aubrey Howard pointed out, common sense is not always very common.

The Parish Council also agreed to improve the street lighting in the Chipsey Ave/School Lane area; heard concern being expressed about the state of the new BMX track; considered various planning applications; worried about the condition of the wall at West End; registered the need to trim various trees and shrubs overhanging footpaths; and noted the poor state of repair of the roads.

DAVID HARRIES

The Second Spanish Invasion

We are hoping to have another small group of Spanish students in July to do a four week language course in Bugbrooke. Those that came last year, carried home such a glowing report of the village and the families they stayed with, (not to mention the course itself!) that many of them are keen to return.

I am looking for families who would like to accommodate them for the month, and should be grateful to hear from anyone who thinks they might be interested. The students range from 13 - 18 years old, but it is not vital to have children of this age in the household-all they really need is friendly people to stay with. It is interesting and stimulating to get to know people from other countries, and last year's students really enjoyed learning about us and our way of life, and judging by the floods of tears when they left, loved being here with us.

The payment will be £150 for the four weeks. They will be out all day from 8.45am to 5pm and certainly away on two of the four Saturdays involved. There will also be some evening activities, as well as trips to places like Cambridge and Warwick to which the families are most warmly invited.

Please contact Liz White, 50 High St., Bugbrooke. Tel 830452 if you would like to hear more about the course.

Definition:-

"Happiness is the knack of not finding anything to worry about."

Traffic Warning (at dangerous bend):-

"Undertakers love Queue[illegible]"

WALKING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE

In the past issue of Link I dealt with the problems relating to obstructions on public footpaths. In this issue I want to deal with one or two more problems.

What is the width of a path? When a particular path came into being it was often dedicated by the owner and a width may have been stipulated in the dedication. In the main, though, a path has no particular width - the width is determined by the use to which the path is put. A path going to a church and much used, would need to be wider then one used only for pleasure and running across a field. In this latter case one would need only about two feet and people could walk in single file.

Can a path be ploughed up by a landowner? Where a path goes across a field it can be ploughed up. The landowner has to make good the surface of the path within two weeks of ploughing. For various reasons he can ask for an extension of this time. It is always difficult to know what 'making good' or 'restoration' of a path means but often the next series of cultivation flattens and restores the path without further trouble. When a path runs round the edge of a field the landowner may not plough the path even if he restores it soon afterwards.

Can a path be closed by a landowner? Not on his own! A path can only be closed or diverted by the due processes of law when all interested parties can have a say. Where there is opposition the Ministry of the Environment may have to appoint an inspector who will hold a public enquiry and hear all aspects of the case. Parish Councils always get informed of any proposed closures or diversions.

Amendment. In issue 15 of Link page 6, next to last paragraph. The word 'no' was left out after 'ejected using.....' which made quite amusing reading! (apologies from Editor).

Colin Nuttall
830658

POLICE NOTICE

If you own, or are thinking of getting an airgun or firearm do you know the law?

Don't fall foul of the system, pop up to Bugbrooke Police House and get an information leaflet, it's free and may save you some 'bovver'.

P.C DODD

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbury

I finished the last report by saying that snow had fallen. I'll start this one by saying that now it really has and the floods that followed the thaw were a reminder of the dreadful floods of Bugbrooke before the brook was widened and deepened.

But despite the weather this morning (14th Jan) I have seen a snowdrop in flower and many other bulbs are through. Yes, Spring is on the way.

I saw two wonderful things on New Year's Day. Six hen pheasants wandered into the garden, pecked about for twenty minutes then casually wandered out again. What beautiful birds. Then shortly afterwards another visitor arrived. It was a bird I have never seen in all my years in the country. The bird book had to come out and we found its name - a nuthatch. Funnily enough there was a picture of one on the television last Sunday. Speaking of television, aren't there some wonderful nature programmes on? Badgers, wasps, ants, birds, I think the photography is marvellous. I think nature could replace the "Chat Show"!

There is one good thing about the hard weather of January. It does bring the birds flocking to the bird table. Lots of greenfinches and coal tits on the nuts. My table is a flat topped affair and I put a flower pot saucer on it with water in, what surprises me is the way the birds love to have a bath, on quite cool days too. They looked a bit hard through the window several mornings, when the tray was solid ice!

A Churchyard of which to be Proud

Now the unsightly heap of rubbish and ashes has been cleared away, I wonder whether it need reappear.

Could we not do away with the baskets and ask the wonderful people who spend so much time caring for the graves to take the paper and old flowers etc home and dispose of them. There would be no more need for fires.

May I say what a wonderful job the relatives of the recent deceased have done in taking away the floral tributes, as they have gone over. This is so much better than throwing them on that awful ash heap.

F.W.L

Darby & Joan Club News – Vera Thompson Reports

January is that horrible month when it is impossible to arrange anything that relies on the weather. Indeed our very first meeting of the new year was cancelled due to the snow, so it was January 22nd before we all met up again. Unfortunately, we were very sad that we were without Mrs Kate Turland, who died peacefully on January 16th . She had been a very loyal member of the club for many years. Mr Fred Brown too, died suddenly on December 5th, and then just after Christmas Mrs Ida Greedy passed away, just as she was looking forward to joining us. Our sincere sympathies go out to Mrs Brown, Mr Greedy, to Mrs Danson and Mrs Shove on the loss of their loved ones. May they all find comfort of our club companionship and the quiet understanding of our members.

During the rough January days, we at least could look back to before Christmas, to that happy afternoon spent at Heyford in the company of the Darby & Joans.

It was such a pleasure too, being entertained by the Primary School children, Pantomimes take on a new look when presented by our kiddies, we are envious of their enthusiasm, and a little nostalgic, for the folks who like myself went to Bugbrooke school. I don't quite remember things being as good as now. Then on to our own afternoon, nearly 60 of us carol singing, with Ester at the piano, a lovely tea, sherry and christmas cake. The giving and receiving of presents made a wonderful and a little emotional start to Christmas.

Now to settle down to another year which we hope will be as successful as the last.

I read with interest the letter from Mrs Hollis of the Playing Fields Ass., in the last magazine. My Committee and myself would like to point out that we, in our turn asked for support for an application for a residential home here in village for the elderly. We didn't even ask for money, and would have loved a pile of letters to have come from young and old alike. In actual fact we received one very kind reply. All we wanted was something to show that Bugbrooke folk approved of what we were trying to do.

Mrs Hollis is quite right when she says 'WAKE UP BUGBROOKE', we hope she gets more response. As for us we are still plugging away with or without the support of our fellow villagers.

We have been busy planning our programme for this year, starting off with a Fish & Chip Supper on February 25th.

On April 19th a Spring Jumble Sale.

Anyone having any jumble or Bric-a-Brac it isn't too early to contact Vera Thompson of 5A Church Lane.

I would like to wish good health to our members who aren't very well, and to those who are housebound, you will soon be able to look out and see the trees budding, flowers growing, hear the birds singing and Spring will be with us all once again bringing new hope and courage.

Vera Thompson
Club Organiser

ACTION RESEARCH - BUGBROOKE GROUP

Following our request in the last 'Link' for a new Chairman. We are pleased to say that Mrs Linda Lewis (a former Chairman of Action Research), has agreed to temporarily fill the vacancy. This does of course mean we still need someone to take over in the long term. Please don't be put off by the title of 'Chairman', the Action helpers are very supportive and all share the organisation involved in holding the fund-raising events.

Anyone interested in helping Action Research continue its very worthwhile work in Bugbrooke, please contact Mrs Florence Edwards on 831051 to discuss in more detail what is involved.

W.I.

After a fairly quiet time during the New Year our diaries are beginning to fill up again and there seems to be lots of events around the country that we can go to. A large party of members has booked for the special 'W.I. at Derngate' show on March 4th when we will be entertained with music and flower arranging. For our own meeting on March 3rd Mrs Fox will tell us how to make sweetsmelling pot-pourri, while on April 7th we have Mrs Bishop from Moulton College showing us how to bone poultry, so if your roast chicken looks a bit different one Sunday, you'll know the reason why! Our darts team are playing well this winter and have won through to the final rounds, We shall also be holding a Jumble Sale on March 15th at 2pm in the Sunday School.

WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

The World Wildlife Fund is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year and Mrs Sheila Smallwood is holding a COFFEE EVENING with entertainment in aid of their Annual national appeal, on Tuesday April 8th at 7.45 pm in the Sunday School. Entertainment will be by Angela Dickson and friends and admission at the door is 50p.

KNOW YOUR VILLAGE.....No. 1.--THE CLAPPER BRIDGE.

In this, the first article in a series about our village, we shall be looking at the 'Clapper Bridge'. Many thanks are recorded to the many elder villagers whose knowledge and memories have enabled the compiling of this series. The information must not be taken as 'gospel', but should be used as a starting point to delve more deeply into our accepted village heritage.

The 'Clapper' or 'Packhorse' bridge crosses the Hoarstones Brook in the fields across the Wheelpitts from West End, an odd place to find a stone bridge you may say, so let us look why it was so situated.

In medieval times, the whole of the area surrounding Bugbrooke would have been dense forest. There was no canal and no railway embankment, just trees. The clapper bridge, so named because it had no walls to restrict the laden mule trains bringing the wool from the Welsh and Cotswold pastures, was built around the 16th century. But why was it built at such an angle across the brook? Was it perhaps replacing an earlier bridge used for moving the Roman forces between garrisons, or perhaps connecting two Saxon settlements? A straight line through the bridge connects the sites of the Hunsbury Hill and Nether Heyford smelting furnaces. Although now in the fields, the bridge was obviously once a well-used track connecting military or commercial centres.

From the bridge around 1400 a mill-race was dug to the Grist and Grindle Mill, situated near the old Cricket Pavilion, This is possibly where the name Wheelpitts is derived from, ie. the pit for the waterwheel. In living memory this field was a bog with a ruined raised timber track from the clapper bridge leading to the swing bridge at the Wharf. The whole of this part of the village was subjected to regular flooding and in 1970 the Water Authority widened the brook to alleviate the problem. Unfortunately, the large slab across the bridge was broken and replaced by timber, The original stone is now laid in the ground on the approach to the bridge.

So, next time you stand on the bridge, tarry a while and imagine some of the previous passers-by and their preoccupations.

OLD BROCK

LITTER BUGS

As a resident on the private housing estate in a pleasant spot overlooking Campion School playing fields, I find it rather daunting to be confronted with the masses of litter mainly deposited by pupils from the school. There is usually a trail from the local Spar shop to the school via the council garages (Butts Hill Crescent). Not only is it an awful eyesore but a health hazard too. I regularly clean an area near to my house and my dustbin is constantly filled with empty cans and crisp packets.
I realise this is a difficult problem not just affecting our area of the community but surely something can be done to eliminate this unsightly problem. A drastic improvement would be appreciated.

local resident

DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

It is well known that our own District Councillor Mrs Kathleen Riggall was honoured last year in being elected Chairman of South Northants District Council. As her most successful year of office draws to a close "LINK" has invited her to write some details of the requirements of her important position:-

"The Chairman of the District Council has many varied functions to perform; at the first Meeting each year, in May, the new incumbent in invested with the Chain of Office by the retiring Chairman, then the oath of acceptance of Office is taken and from that moment on one is in charge of this meeting and each subsequent full Council until sometime during the following May.

Besides being a member of the four main Committees, the Council Chairman is in charge of Policy and Resources, the members of which are the four Chairmen and vice-Chairmen of the following:- first Environmental Health Committee part of whose duties are concerned with Repair Grants to old properties; Insulation Grants; the inspection of Shops and Ealing Houses; Meat Inspections; help to Village Halls; licences for Riding Schools etc.

Technical Services next, which copes with Drains, Sewage, Signs, Refuse Collection, Repairs and Maintenance.

General Purposes, the Financial Committee, also dealing with Sratt Appointments etc.

Finally Planning, the members of which meet every three weeks in an endeavour to keep the numerous applications up to date.

There are, in the year, many events at which the Chairman represents the Council and the whole District; just three of these attended by my husband and I were a superb evenings entertainment, by kind invitation of the American Air Force, to an Anglo-American Christmas Dinner at R.A.F. Upper Heyford.

Another interesting function earlier in the year at Silverstone Circuits was "Motor 100" to mark a Century of Car Travel, and the third was the "Sou et Lumiere" in Towcester Church, spectacularly performed as a part of the 500th Anniversary Celebrations.

Other facets of the position are the social activities of the Council. A Civic Service in June or early July, to which a representative of each Parish is invited. The Civic Ball

this year on Thursday 20th March at Turners' Music Centre (if any reader would like an invitation to this Dinner and Dance do contact me, it is your District Function, we would be delighted to see you, tickets are limited, so hurry!).

Even sooner is the Annual Meeting of District Councillers and Representatives from the Parishes in South Northamptonshire, at which time queries and problems may be presented to the Committee Chairman and his Chief Officers of each Department, hopefully these questions will be answered to the benefit of all involved.

Here then is a very brief outline of my job this year, inevitably there are a few worries along the way but generally it is a satisfying and rewarding task"

Kathleen Riggall

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BUGBROOKE BRANCH

After our December meeting a most enjoyable social evening - organised by Sports Secretary Mick Moulton was held at Maidford. Unfortunately we lost both the skittles and the pool matchs...but only by a small margin...and we are confident of winning the return in the near furture.

The next monthly meeting is being held at the Five Bells on Monday 17th February at 8.00 p.m.

BUGBROOKE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WOMENS SECTION)

In December we had our Xmas dinner, the mens branch were invited and we had a really nice get-together once more. We were entertained with tap dancing and singing by Cold Higham ladies and children keep fit.

In January we had W.P.C. Sue Cunningham to talk about the work of women in the Police Forces, she was very entertaining and very funny, telling us it wasn't a bit like Juliet Bravo or Dempsey and Makepeace, incidentally she does look a bit like Dempsey (or is it the other way round!!).

Sue lives in the village and is a definite pleasure to meet and talk to. We stood in memory of Ida Greedy who died on New Years Day, a member for many years and our sympathy went out to Stan and his family.

Next meeting 7.30 on 17th February in Sunday School, hopefully the Rev. David Saint to talk to us.

Enid Pell

BUGBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

"LINK' is privileged to reproduce work by Primary School pupils. Due to restrictions on space some have had to be held over for our next issue.

SNOW

Snow fell fast like a flurry of feathers,
People walking in the soft, fresh, smooth snow,
Snowmen are made with brightly coloured hats,
Snowballs being thrown in children's faces,
Fields look like sheets of white cloth spread out,
Lots of children on their sledges, laughing.

(Sarah Collins)

The snow falls softly,
The snow falls swiftly,
Swirling, twirling,
Round and round,
Down and down,
To the ground.

(Robert Ayers)

IT'S NOT MUCH FUN

It's not much fun when you're playing on your own,
It's not mush fun when you're playing all alone,
It's not much fun when you haven't got a friend,
It's not much fun at all.

(Marie Stokes)

WAR

Who is that over there
Who I am going to kill?
Has he a wife?
Has he children?
Those who suffer will not be he;
His family, friends that's who it will be;
People dying everywhere,
Bombs overhead,
Bombs near you,
It makes you scared.
"Gas! Gas!" - someone cries,
We quickly put on our masks
But some are too late.

(Jennie Rayson)

Small Beginnings

On 12th December 1985 The Primary School pupils gave us an early start to the Christmas joys and what joy it was! The modern up-to-date Nativity Musical play lost none of its beautiful story and message. Joseph and Mary acted with such natural tenderness with the baby it might have been real. The music and singing were terrific. One felt that the children were giving of their best all the time. The discipline made for the enjoyment of all.
Thank you all for a Happy time with you on your special day. I'm sure I am echoing all the feelings of the parents and friends who were lucky guests.

Junior Pantomime

17th December: Lower Juniors
A pantomime. The Sleeping Beauty. This was a Feast of Fun and most professional. What clever actors these small people are and how they enjoyed it all. No inhibitions, no nerves. They loved giving us laughter and happiness all the way. Their costumes were wonderful; singing and orchestra a joy to listen to. Their names were very apt.

Toot Rattle	Tick Tock	Toot Toot
Shakin	Puff Blow	Ting Ting
Ting Bang	Ting Toot	Ting Puff
Bong Bong	Clonk Clonk	Crash Wallop

I wonder if any of these sounds will stick to the children as nick-names?
Before the fun started the senior pupils played two items on their recorders - very good indeed. We are blessed with teachers who put in so much time and patience to train our children.
May I wish them well for 1986. I feel sure everyone will join me in hoping their worries will soon be over.

Senior Citizen

1st Bugbrooke Brownies (Monday)

Our waiting list has now been considerably shortened. Could I ask parents who have daughters who would like to be brownies please let me have their names and dates of birth as soon as they are 6.
If there are any of our ex-brownies who have a uniform tucked away that they don't want please could you let us have it as many of our recruits ask for second hand uniform.

Leslie Collins Tel. 831559

2nd Bugbrooke Brownies

The Wednesday brownies would like to thank everybody who bought Christmas cards etc from their catalogues. We sold more this year than ever before. Thank you also to those who supported our Christmas Fayre. The profit from these has enabled us to donate £100 to charity.
We thoroughly enjoyed a trip to the Bugbrooke Pantomime and would like to say thank you to the Dramatic Society.
We are still in need of any second hand uniforms.

OUR VISIT TO GOSSET

On December 23rd Joanna New and I went as representatives of the 2nd Bugbrooke Brownies to the premature baby unit at the Barratt Maternity Home. We presented them with £50 which we had raised at our Christmas Fayre.
While we were there we were shown around the unit by Sister Walden. We saw about eighteen babies ranging from a few days old to one year old. His name was Charles and he had spent all his life on the ward.
We saw a baby called Michelle and one called Rebecca who were a few months old, healthy but very, very small.
While we were looking round the ward we saw that each baby had its own room with lots of equipment in it. We felt very pleased that we were donating some money to such a worthy cause.

Sarah Hutchins

Ist Bugbrooke Scout Group

11 scouts and 15 cubs went off to camp together at Overstone on November 30th. The cubs spent Saturday making decorations and candles for their Christmas Fayre. Neil Sackley not only showed the boys how to make candles but also how to cover the floor, walls, stove and fridge with wax.
The scouts spent their time out in the woods, some of them built an aerial runway over the water filled bomb hole. They also cooked all the meals for 35 people with no mishaps.
The boys were joined in the evening by some of the parents for a campfire, led by the District Commissioner, at which the boys and leaders performed various stunts.
Next day the fun started with a conker fight in which the conkers fell off the strings and trips across the bomb hole. Stephen Cunningham fell in first but Mick Saunders jumped in to pull him out. Two wet. So as not to be left out of the fun Mr Whitcombe also fell in! The whole weekend proved a great success.

Bugbrooke Arts News

St. Michael's Music Society

St. Michael's Music Society held their first meeting of 1986 on the 18th January with "Musical Lollipops". Each member chose a piece of music to be played and the selection was very wide indeed. The evening started off with opera with Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" but the mood was immediately changed with Billy Holiday singing "Baby I don't cry over you".
The programme continued with such varied items as a Welsh Male Voice Choir, Sir John Betjemem reading his poem "Invasion Exercise on the Poultry Farm", Brahms Clarinet Quintet, a selection of accordian music and many more. With wine and cheese (and plenty more) in the interval, the evening proved to be an enormous success.
On February 22nd is the Young People's Concert at the Sunday School. This is the evening when the younger members of the society show their musical skills. If last year's concert is anything to go by it will be a great evening's entertainment.

Dave Marshall

St. Michael's Youth Drama Group

This group gave four performances of a Nativity play, two before Christmas and two at the New Year.
The title was:
"The Business of Good Government"
The whole of our lovely church was put to good use. It was a very impressive atmosphere and the play was extremely well performed.
The story of the Nativity was brought up to date for our Modern Society. I personally thought it beautiful and would have loved to have seen the church full. The people who did not come missed a very good evening. To me it had all the feelings of True Theatre.
The Church Choir was delightful and the Flute Solo disturbingly lovely. The whole entertainment and environment could not be faulted. We are indeed blessed with people who give up their time to encourage and train the young people of our village.

Senior Citizen

BUGBROOKE AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The annual Pantomime - this year "Dick Whittington" was again a great success...certainly judged by the enthusiastic reception by the audience. It contained all the usual ingredients which have stood the test of time -- music, dancing, singing, audience participation - hissing, booing, cheering and many of the same jokes that had our grandparents and their grandparents doubled up with laughter!

Congratulations to all concerned and particularly to producer Shirley Myers and choreographer Paul Burnett for "marshalling" such a large well-dressed cast on a somewhat limited stage area. Next year's "Panto" will be awaited with eager anticipation.

In Brief

Thanks:-

Many of the Village's Senior Citizens have invited "LINK" to express their sincere appreciation of the food vouchers and greetings they received during the festive season as part of the Senior Citizens Christmas Gift Scheme. They are grateful to both the organisers of the fund for their hard work and to the public who subscribed so generously.

Apology:-

We would like to apologise to Martyn Ireson firstly for spelling his name incorrectly and secondly for the poor quality of reproduction of his photographs printed in our last issue. New techniques to be used by our printers should improve this in the future. We are most grateful to Mr Ireson for his help and interest.

Anne Howard's Cookhouse Door

Several people have asked for microwave recipes so try these:-

CELERY & POTATO SOUP - 20 mins STANDING TIME 3-4 MINS

INGREDIENTS

1lb	Potatoes diced	4tbs	Plain Flour
3	Stalks of celery sliced	1/2	Pint milk
1	Chopped onion	1/2	Pint water
6tbs	Water	1oz	Butter or margarine
1/2	Vegetable stock cube	2tbs	Chopped parsley and black pepper

(1) Put prepared vegetables into a bowl and crumble cube over. Cover with lid or film and microwave at 100% (HIGH) or 10-12 mins - till vegetables are tender, stirring twice.
(2) Blend flour with little milk and pour over vegetables with rest of milk and water. Add butter and stir until melted, add parsley and pepper.
(3) Microwave uncovered for 10-12 mins stir several times until soup is thick and vegetables really tender and STAND for 3-4 minutes and serve with CRUSTY ROLLS or WHOLEMEAL BREAD.
Serves 4-6 Portions.

My recipe for bread is:-

1-11/2 kg bag Allisons Wholemeal Flour
1oz Lard, marg or dripping
1dsp Salt
1 Double sachet Harvest Gold Dried Yeast
Approx 1-11/4 Pints water
(1) Rub fat into flour add yeast and salt and gradually add water to dough.
(2) Mix until a soft dough turn on to floured surface and knead for 10 mins.
(3) This can be done in a food mixer. Cover dough with polythene and leave to RISE this takes approx 30 mins.
(4) BEST LEFT IN WARM POSITION.
(5) Then knead again for 5 mins. Quarter dough and shape to fit 4 x 1lb loaf tins.
(6) Grease tins, put in dough and leave until dough has risen well above tins. Bake in HOT oven 240 C; 475 F; Gas 9 for approx 30-45 minutes.
(7) Cool on wire trays.

Anne Howard

Sports News

Bugbrooke Gymnastics Club

After many successful years running the village Gymnastics Club, Jane Pell is taking a very well earned rest. The various classes are continuing this term under the guidance of new teachers. We are sure that everyone who has ever been connected with the club would wish to join us when we offer Jane and her family our very best regards for their coming happy event. We all look forward to seeing two new young gymnasts accompanying Jane at her classes next year.

Bugbrooke Ladies Netball

The new year started well for both the A and B team. The A team had a decisive 19-5 victory over Barclaycard and the B team had a good game against Red Star, one of the top teams in the league losing 26-9. The A team remain amongst the leaders in the Northampton League at the moment.

On the social side our Xmas Disco was a great success. £120 was raised as over 100 people attended to dance the night away.

On Friday 31st January most of the club will be visiting Turners Merry-go-round and this should be an eventful evening.

With the money we raised on practise nights we are buying new items of netball kit. The latest addition is knickers, (so we no longer have to worry about bending over to pick up the ball!).

Our coach, Carol Watson has made a tremendous difference to practise nights and the standard of our play has much improved due to her efforts. She will continue to coach us for the rest of this season. (Anyone who wishes to benefit can join us on Wednesday nights 8.30 to 9.30 pm in the Sports Hall at Campion).

We have entered a team in a new Netball League called the Kitchen Classics League. This involves teams from all over the county. These will involve 1 hour long games outdoors on Saturdays. We'll keep you posted when the games are due as we're sure there will be some Link readers interested in watching Netball (and we would welcome the support).

BUGBROOKE ST. MICHAELS F.C.

A few points of interest about our under 12 team who are currently in the Northampton and District Youth Alliance League.

All players in this team must have been over ten years old, and under twelve on August 1st 1985.

After training for several Sunday mornings before the season started, on Sept 8th thet embarked on what now appears to be a very successful season.

This team is very well managed by Colin Kildower and Eddie Barr, and is bristling with talent, with several boys of exceptional ability. Although space does not permit me to mention all the boys individually, I must mention the name of one young man who certainly knows how to put the ball in the back of the net. He is Scott Hawkins who is the top scorer in the league, with 36 goals to date. No doubt he will have added a few more by the time you read these notes. Scott, however would be the first to acknowledge that his goal scoring talent, would be of little use without ten other very able players to assist him.

On the social side, trips are arranged to see the "Cobblers" or a 1st Division game on a Saturday. Also the occasional Disco is held for the players and their young lady guests.

If you would like to watch this very able young team, who are at the top of theie league (when I pen their notes) they play 30 mins each way, usually kicking off at 2.30 pm on Sundays.

ST. MICHAELS 74 CRICKET CLUB

With the season coming ever nearer, our net practice continues, in the sports hall at Campion School on Thursday nights from 6.00 till 7.30pm. All budding cricketers welcome.

Two dates for the diary are as follows:-

Thursday February 27th at the County Ground at 7.30pm, A sports equipment show, from John Henry Sports of Kingsthorpe. All the big manufacturers of cricket gear will be pleased to show you any aspects of the range and will be even keener to take your orders. All cricketers welcome.

Saturday 1st March at Heyford Village Hall our Cricket Club disco, which starts at 8.00pm. Tickets will be available from all club members at £1.50 each.

Your support, as always very much appreciated.

J. CHAPMAN (584565)

BUGBROOKE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

A well patronised and successful social evening at the Cricket Club pavilion on 20th December was a good send off for the Christmas period. This was followed on Sunday 22nd with a new innovation — a sponsored evening of Carols aimed at raising funds for a further set of our new-style shirts. The Rugby Club "Choir" consisting of some thirty singers under the direction of Club Chairman Glyn Francis performed at the Five Bells to a full house.

The traditional challenge match played on the morning of Boxing Day between the Club and the Club President's Invitation XV was a very good game played in atrocious conditions ending in a 4-4 draw. This year the match was played as a Memorial Game to the late 'Sep' Kingston, both teams observing a minutes silence; a challenge Tankard presented by 'Sep's' parents to be awarded to the Captain of the winning team each year was on this occasion presented to Club Captain Mark Graham.

A magnificent hard earned 10-3 victory on 19th January against Brackley in the first round of the Lewis Shield was a great tonic after an indifferent series of results.

KELLY'S HAIRDRESSING - Due to temporary problems over premises our telephone number is 830959 for a few weeks, then reverting to 831795.

LOST: Our pet cat called Tigress, tabby above, white beneath, with one torn ear. She was last seen on Sunday 19th January and we'd like to know where she is. Any information please to 57 Smitherway.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 25th March 1986
Village Hall 8.15pm

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Parish Conference - April 27th

This will be an opportunity for everyone who is a member of the Church here to come and review the past twelve months and to contribute to the plans for the next twelve months. Everybody's ideas are needed, without your contribution some important opportunity may be missed. Do book that Sunday now and keep it clear.

The Village Diary

FEB.17th	8.00pm	R. British Legion - 5 Bells.
18th	8.00pm	Mothers Club Social - 5 Bells.
19th	2.15pm	Darby & Joan - Sunday School.
21st	6.00pm	Thinking Day Service in Church.
22nd	2.30pm	Mothers Union Jumble Sale - S.School.
	7.30pm	Young People's Concert - S.School.
24th	8.00pm	Flower Club - S.School. "Ways with Wood."
25th	6.30pm	Darby & Joan - S.School. Fish & Chip supper.
26th	7.30pm	Mothers Union meeting - S.School.
MAR. 1st	4.30pm	Deanery Choral Festival, Daventry.
3rd	7.30pm	W.I. "Making Pot-Pourri" - S.School.
4th	7.45pm	Mothers Club "Hand Spin & Weaving" - S.School.
5th	2.15pm	Darby & Joan - Sunday School.
8th	2.30pm	Flower Club - Mothers Day Bazaar.
13th	2.30pm	Mothers Union meeting - S.School.
15th	2.00pm	W.I. Jumble Sale - S.School.
18th	7.45pm	Mothers Club. Cup Parties - Pottery Sale - S.School.
19th	2.15pm	Darby & Joan - Sunday School.
22nd	7.30pm	Music Society: Spring Anthology: Church.
23rd		Palm Sunday.
24th	8.00pm	Flower Club "Floral Sculpture" S.School.
25th	8.15pm	Conservative A.G.M. - Village Hall.
27th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday: Lords Supper.
28th	10.00am	Good Friday: Family Service.
	2.00pm	Watch by Cross.
	7.30pm	Devotional Service.
30th	8.00am	Easter Day: Holy Communion.
	10.00am	Family Communion.
	6.30pm	Evensong and Communion.
APR. 2nd	2.15pm	Darby & Joan - Sunday School.
5th	2.00pm	Scout Group Jumble Sale - S.School.
7th	7.30pm	W.I. "How To Bone Poultry" - S.School.
8th	7.45pm	World Wildlife Fund. Coffee Evening - S.School.
10th	2.30pm	M.U. Lady Day Communion: Church.
16th	2.30pm	Darby & Joan - Sunday School.
17th, 18th, 19th		Amateur Dramatic Society Play
19th	7.30pm	Towcester Studio Band - Church.
	2.30pm	Darby & Joan - Jumble Sale - S.School.

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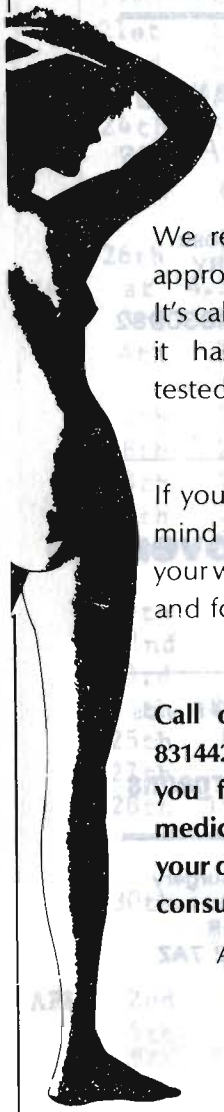

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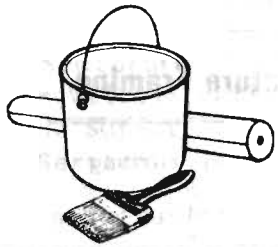

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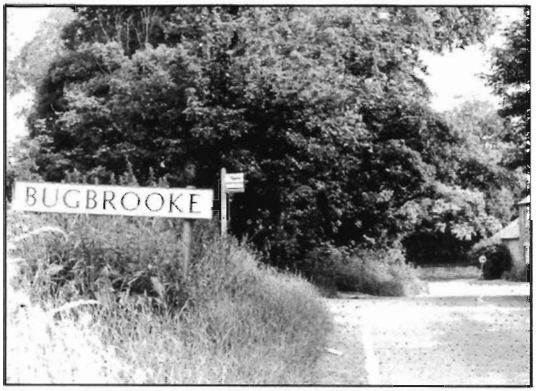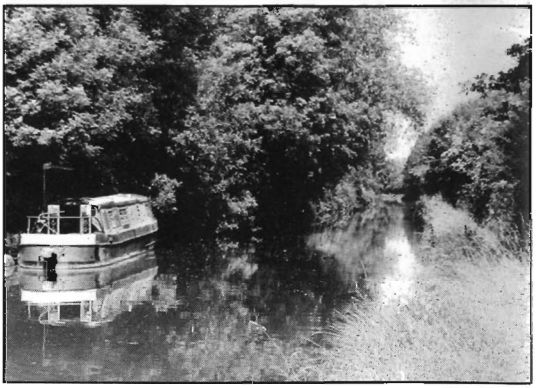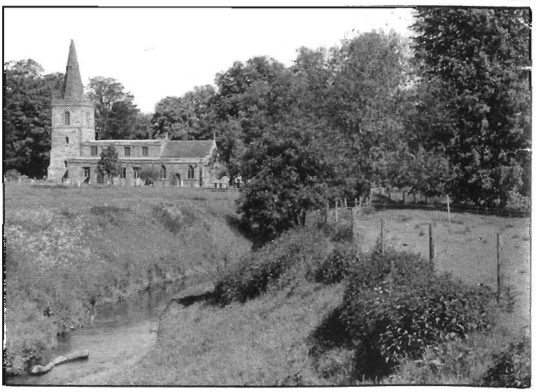
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