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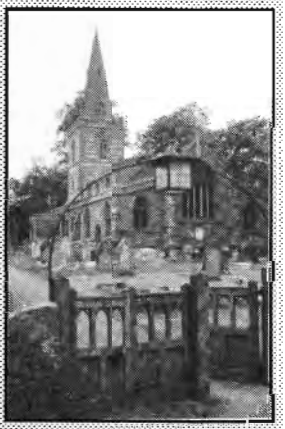

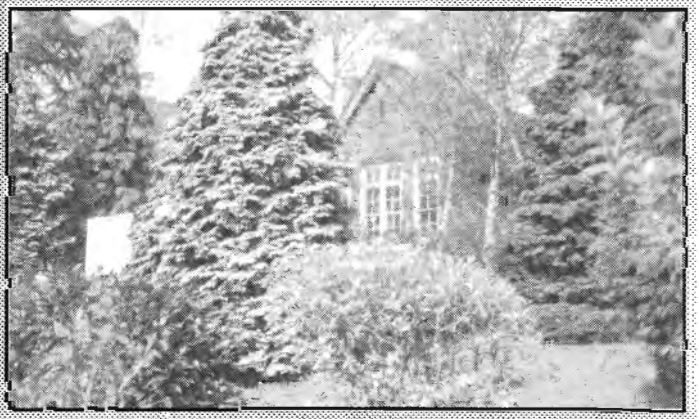

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Editor: John Sexton

The Deluge

After the wettest August in living memory we are informed that the drought still continues. It is difficult, is it not, to compare the luscious green of the English countryside in such drought conditions with those obtaining in the parched, barren ground in the drought areas of the African Continent. Here must be some consolation to those whose "summer" holidays were spoilt by the wet conditions.

Reluctant Gardeners

Some readers have voiced their disappointment that there has been no fruit and vegetable show in the village this year.

We must extend – on behalf of the whole village – a sincere thank you to Frank Flavell who has worked so hard over the years in organising our annual show. It is a matter of regret that diminishing support has, at least for the time being, denied Bugbrooke this traditional event so much part of rural Britain.

Remembrance

The Remembrance Sunday parade and service will this year be held on November 8th. Representatives of the Royal British Legion will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal from 26th October to 7th November. Anyone wishing to help please contact Barbara Bell on 831639. The organisers are confident that in spite of these recessionary times the Village will, as usual, respond generously.

Thanks

My grateful thanks to Tony Pace for his efficient handling of the August 'LINK'.

. . . **and finally** just a thought that there are not that many shopping days left before Christmas!

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Parish Council Meetings

July and August

South Northamptonsire Council have produced a draft Local Plan for the development of the district to the year 2006. During this period the intention is to provide 6,200 dwellings: 2,480 in rural areas, 1,950 in Towcester and 1,800 in Brackley. The Plan envisages Bugbrooke's status changing from a limited development village to a village for restricted infill only. This is intended to significantly reduce the scale of development in the village. However, as almost every available space within the village boundary has already been developed, such a reduction was inevitable – at least until the instigators of this plan at South Northamptonshire decide to expand the village boundary. Nonetheless a local plan is desirable as it might prevent developers ignoring the needs of the village.

Continuing the Parish Council's quest to improve street lighting; the East Midlands Electricity's officer responsible for street lighting has accepted an invitation to talk to Parish Councillors and suggest the most effective ways to achieve the desired improvement. The situation is not helped by the 25 lamp-posts which East Midlands Electricity believe are in such a poor condition that they should be replaced at a total cost of around £10,000. Bearing in mind that the County Council's annual budget is only around £13,000, the scale of the problem can be appreciated. Nonetheless, the intention is to replace these poles in the next two to three years as well as continuing the programme of improvements started this year. A bonus in this respect has emerged in a proposal from East Midlands Electricity, with financial assistance from the County Council, to replace wooden poles in the High Street with underground cabling. With an appropriate donation from the Parish Council, four poles, from the primary school to Elm Tree Bank, should be replaced with upmarket ornamental lamp-posts. The down side, however, is that the poles concerned are also used by British Telecommunications (BT) who have no plans for underground cabling!

The regular topic of policing arose again and PC Wallace took note of a list of problems ranging from vandalism to illegal and careless parking, particularly by the primary school. The wider issue of law enforcement related to the Parish Council's support of an initiative from Kislingbury Parish Council about the lack of police presence and the subsequent rise in crime in local villages. Having taken up Kislingbury Parish Council's suggestion and written to our MP, Mr Michael Morris, members were a little surprised to hear that a meeting had taken place

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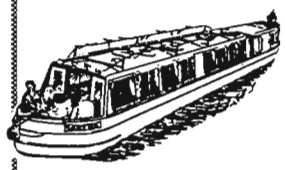

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between Mr Morris and Kislingbury Parish Council to which no representative of any other parish had been invited. The question of etiquette, however, pales into insignificance against the urgent need for a local village policeman. Those who decide police policy are convinced that they need to organise the Force in such a way as to find no place either now or in the future for the old fashioned village bobby. The Parish Council believe that whatever the resource problems (which I am sure are genuine) the withdrawal of the police from the community is a serious mistake.

Maintaining the theme of law and order and unsocial behaviour; there has been an increase this summer in the dumping of garden rubbish. This is not only an offence but is also unnecessary as such rubbish can legitimately be placed in the wheeled bin provided to each household by the District Council.

A muted cheer was raised when it was realised that a number of potholes throughout the village were being filled and a hasty telephone call was made to the Highways Department to point out those holes which had not been marked but which they might like to fill in whilst they were in the area. Yet another request will be made to the Highways Department, (in the hope that they have mellowed over the years) for a vehicle weight limit to be imposed at Great Lane so that the only heavy vehicles permitted would be public service buses and, presumably, the emergency services. Similar requests made regularly over the past few years have been rebuffed.

Finally, in order to refute the notion that the only duty of a parish councillor is to prate once a month in the village hall, I continue to highlight the various extraneous duties and responsibilities which individual members are expected to undertake. The meetings in July and August saw Vice-Chairman Aubrey Howard appointed to the Charity Trustees, John Sexton re-appointed as the Council's representative on the primary school governing body and Ken Gardner and Sue Pace appointed as snow officers (Mrs Pace already being a blizzard officer, this represents a meteorological rise to fame).

David Harries

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groups attending the event to be held at Moulton Leisure and Community Centre will be addressed by speakers from the National Children's Play and Recreation Unit, the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), the National Playing Fields Association's working party on playing space standards, and by an expert in environmental play.

Conference Organiser, N.R.C.C.'s Assistant Director, Catherine Lomax, says, "This is the most important conference on children's play to be held in the county. Our children deserve the highest standards of safe play opportunities, and the experts coming to speak can show the way for providers, who will also have the chance to talk to manufacturers of playground equipment and safety surfacing who are being invited to exhibit".

Invitations will be sent out shortly and anyone who would like further information and a booking form should contact N.R.C.C. on (0604) 765888.

Darby & Joan

Apologies firstly to Mrs Nancy Peal who was referred to as Mrs Nancy Read in the last edition of LINK. Mistakes do occasionally occur especially with handwriting like mine. Sorry Nancy!

The last Bank Holiday before Christmas having occurred we must now look to winter and our events coming up to Christmas. (Where did the summer and year go to?)

On October 17th we have our Autumn Jumble Sale. Any good clean jumble please contact me or any other committee member for collection – no large items thank you! May we also ask once again for your support.

On 14th November we have our Christmas Bazaar. Please note we now start our sales at 2 o'clock.

In December we are off to Compton Lodge in Leicester for a sing-along and Christmas tea dance. Also we are going to our Heyford friends for Christmas tea. So with our own Christmas tea a busy and happy time is in store for us all.

On October 3rd we have our Anniversary Dinner and we look forward to entertaining our guests and our wonderful tea ladies, who serve us such lovely teas all year.

Our sympathies and thoughts go to the family of our member Mrs Judge who sadly died in early August.

Jumble – please contact me on 830725.

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Churchyard Collection

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"I Believe and Trust"

This is the name of a course designed specially by the Mothers' Union to equip all Christians with a better knowledge of their faith as we move through the Decade of Evangelism. There are seven sessions when group work and bible study are used to look at different areas of belief. It requires no previous knowledge and each session can stand on its own. You are welcome to come to one or all of the sessions which we will offer in the next months. On the launch evening we shall show you the course and invite you to take part in the first session led by leaders who have already received training themselves. People often say to me that they are ashamed at how little they really know about their belief – here is the chance to remedy that in a gentle and friendly atmosphere. Contact Tim Partridge on 830373 if you want to know more. The first session is at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11th in the Sunday School.

Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer – November 28

This is our chance as a Church to join together in thanksgiving for all God has done through us in the past year and to ask his blessing on the year ahead. We ask people to fill a half hour spot and we hope to have two people in church for each half hour. There will be a list of ideas for thanksgiving and prayer and books of prayers and a bible to help you in your praying. It may seem a long time to pray but those who have taken part in the past will assure you that it passes surprisingly quickly. After the praying we shall finish the day with a social in the Sunday School.

To help every member of the congregation in their own private prayers we are issuing a prayer sheet every quarter with daily subjects for thanksgiving and prayer connected with our village and Church. There are copies on the chest in church if you would like to take one. We shall be encouraging the use of the decade of evangelism prayer sheet which we issued last year in either the week before the day of

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prayer or the week after. Again they will be available before the week for those who have lost their last year's copies or who did not have one.

Deanery Advent Carol Service
Why not come along to Daventry Church at 6 p.m. on Sunday, November 29th. The choir of the deanery join together, usually well over a hundred voices and there is usually a large congregation on this very popular occasion. If you need transport have a word with Tim Partridge on 830373.

Tim Partridge

Neighbourhood Watch

'Neighbourhood Watch is a localised scheme, community led which forges a partnership between the police and the community, with the primary aim of reducing crime and the fear of crime'.

About 3 years ago some residents in one section of Bugbrooke set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in that part of the village. Gradually this scheme has extended until now about two-thirds of the village is in the scheme. As the new Watch Co-ordinator for the village I would like to extend the scheme so that every street in the village is covered. If this is to happen it does need people in those streets not yet covered to volunteer to act as contact people. Ideally we would like each contact person to be responsible for no more than 20 houses, so the longer streets really need more than one person. If you think that your street is not in the scheme and you would be willing to become a contact person, please contact me (831363) to let me know.

A meeting has been arranged for the contact people at 8.00 p.m. on 21st October at which P.C. Watts, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator will speak about the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and will explain the role of the contact person.

Crime is a growth industry and unfortunately criminals do operate in Bugbrooke. Car thefts, thefts from cars, burglaries, bike thefts have all taken place this year. We cannot rely solely on the police to prevent or reduce these crimes. The 'local bobby' is a thing of the past. We as a community must be more careful (lock doors and windows, do not leave items lying around) and more aware and vigilant. We must be more willing to do something if we see any suspicious incidents – this is

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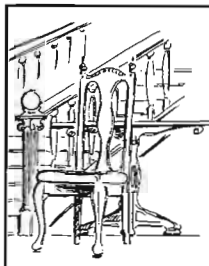

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what the police want us to do. We must perhaps co-operate more closely with our neighbours. Neighbourhood Watch can help to develop a closer community spirit.

'Neighbourhood Watch is only as successful as the neighbourhood wants'. How successful do *you* want it to be? What are *you* prepared to do to help assure its success? Perhaps become a contact person.
Terry Lewis

Bugbrooke O.A.P. Christmas Gift Scheme

We have received about a hundred applications already for this years Gifts but there are a similar number still to come in. Please note that all applications must be taken in or sent to one of the collection points set out in the last issue of LINK.

Should you have mislaid your August copy of LINK, spare application forms are held at the collection points of The POST OFFICE, The STORES and CHERRENEE.

Don't forget that all completed forms must be handed in to the collection points by the 31st OCTOBER 1992 to qualify for a gift.
B. Piper Chairman

Nature Notes By Bill Lantsbery

Now I wonder if I might start with the end of a story. I promised to tell you what was going to happen to Quackers! Yes that was the name given to the Higginbottom duck. Well the family went on holiday and the duck was taken to Nether Heyford, home of Thelma and Frank. This was where the egg was originally found.

One day some ducks flew overhead and Quackers took off and returned to the wild. Claire's daughter Sara-Jane was not too badly upset. End of story.

Now something about fish. One day Esther said to me "Have you seen all the dead fish in the brook?" I said I had not but she said every fish in the brook was dead and some of them were quite a good size.

I saw Tim only a few days ago and he told me the story of the two choir girls, Kristy England and Anna Nightingale who were so upset by the sight of the dead fish that they rang the Water Board and someone came out and tested the water. He said there were traces of oil there and that might have killed the fish. The part of this story that I like is the concern of the two girls and their efforts to get someone out to look into the question of the pollution.

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This afternoon, 11th September, I have leaned on the bridge at the Sunday School and seen quite a nice shoal of fish go by. The Kingfishers are being seen regularly now so that tells us the fish are back. Our modern world is bound to pollute isn't it?

Now the moth. Roy Cunningham from Lime Grove rang me up just a few days ago to say he had seen a lovely moth. It was hovering in front of a flower and putting its 'tongue' out to get the nectar. Roy rang the Irchester Country Park and they told him it would be a Humming Bird Hawk Moth. I see in the local paper that this Country Park is celebrating its 21st birthday this weekend, 12th September and anyone wishing to contact them at any time can ring Northampton 237227. I think this is very useful.

I was told that I ought to contact Paul Humphries because he could tell me something about mink! He said he was fishing in the canal at the top of 'Lovers Lane' along the Heyford road when he had a mink near his keep net. He scared it off and then another fisherman at the next peg said he had two young mink around him. Paul said he had also seen a mink running along the bank at Rainbow's bridge. So they are everywhere now. I think one bird, the moorhen, has rapidly decreased in numbers with the arrival of the mink.

Along the Gayton road, just over the canal, you could often see dozens of moorhens running about the field. Now there are none. We often saw one in the field just at the back here. Not any more.

I feel I must say a word or two about the August weather. What has it been, the windiest, the wettest, the wildest since goodness knows when. Cars have been crushed by falling trees. A man was struck dead by lightening and the coasts were really battered by the huge waves. Now September is here, perhaps it will be lovely!

One last thought. The weather may have been foul but the flowers have been beautiful and have we ever had better runner beans!

P.S. 14th September. I wish I had not mentioned better weather. For the whole of yesterday morning the rain was absolutely torrential and more is forecast for this afternoon. Oh dear!

Thank You

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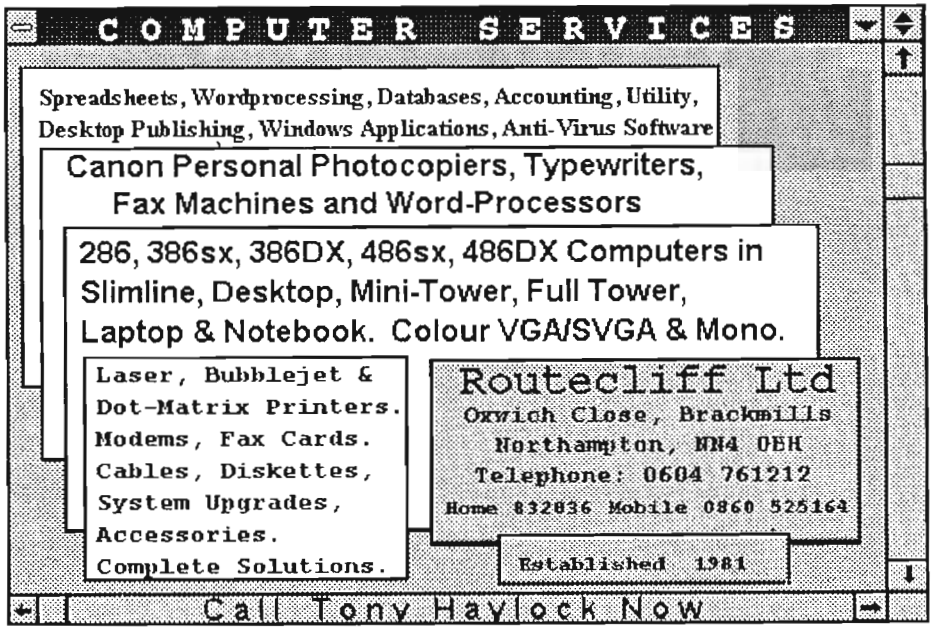

IN FOCUS

Profile of Mrs Kathleen Riggall

Where were you born?
Milton, Nr. Repton, Derbyshire.

Where were you educated?
Stamford and Kettering High Schools and three years at Froebel College, London.

Which is your favourite part of Great Britain?
Scotland and Stockbridge in Hampshire.

If you could take three books and three pieces of music to a desert island, what would they be?
Books: Pride and Prejudice, Book of Poems (Golden Treasury) and The English Countryside. Music: The Music of Noel Coward/Ivor Novello, Military Pipe Bands and Land of Hope and Glory.

Who do you admire the most and why?
Laurens Van Der Post for his thinking and the late Marquess of Exeter for his athletism.

What is your greatest fear?
To become infirm and dependant upon others.

What is your favourite food and drink?
Fresh picked raspberries with cream. Coffee.

What ambitions did you have?
I would have liked to have been a country vet.

When did you first come to Bugbrooke?
In 1950 when John came to look after the Heygate family farm.

Where did you meet John and where were you married?
We met as young children at Broughton, grew up together, were married at Broughton Church in 1948 and have one daughter, Jane.

What talent would you have liked most of all?
To have been able to paint and draw.

What do you do for leisure?
Reading, bird watching, natural history.

How did you become involved in local politics?
I was asked to take over as Ladies Chairman of the Conservative Party at Broughton, joined the Broughton Parish Council and carried on from there.

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Have you had any embarrassing moments?

When teaching in Istanbul where french was spoken in the shops I carefully rehearsed what I wanted to say in French only to be answered back in English by the shopkeeper.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?

Like: The Primary School, I think it is excellent. Dislike: I would like to see accommodation in the village for the elderly.

How long have you spent on Parish and District Council affairs?

I served on the District Council for 15 years, 10 years as Chairman of Community Services and was Chairman of the Council in 1985–86. The Parish Council – I was elected in 1961.

Do you think the running of Councils should be locally controlled or centralised?

The running of Councils should be at local level where the local expertise and knowledge is readily available. The other is too remote for most local issues.

How would you like to be remembered?

As a kind and happy person.

Do you have any pet dislikes?

Tripe and eels.

Were you ever involved with youth and young people at all?

Close association with the Girl Guide Movement where I was a Commissioner for some years.

If you could live in any part of the world, where would it be?

It could only be England.

What are your hopes and fears for the future of our country?

My fears are for the young whose opportunities are so disappointing, and my hopes are that having come out of other recessions I trust that we shall do so again.

Do you have any advice for young people starting out in life?

To enjoy whatever they are doing even if it is not exactly what they would have liked.

(I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Riggall for allowing me the time to ask these questions – Don Prime)

Mothers Union

It was lovely to see some of our members at the service in church on Thursday 10th September which was our first meeting after the summer break.

The Deanery Overseas Exhibition recently held at Weedon Church was a very interesting and enjoyable day, with lots of Mothers Union members and others attending. The total raised was £290.00 which will be given to Mothers Union Overseas Fund who aid Third World Countries.

If anyone is interested in joining the Mothers Union you will be welcome at any of our meetings or for further information, contact me, Sue Nightingale, on 831025.

Action Research

The Bugbrooke Committee would like to thank everyone who has supported us in our events this year. Our annual barbeque raised a splendid total of £408. We have far exceeded previous years in our grand total for 1992 which has reached £1,300.

Our next event will be our Craft Fayre at Towcester Town Hall on 8th November with Paddington Bear as our special guest.

J. Brotherton

Bugbrooke Women's Institute

October brings our Autumn Council Meeting into focus once again: this year we shall be entertained by wildlife biologist, photographer and writer Ian Redmond, who appears regularly on radio and television: his enthusiasm and humour guarantee a lively evening at the Spinney Hill Hall on 28th October. Being an organisation for women living in rural areas, the W.I. is always concerned with wildlife and conservation and the theme for our 1994 Calendar is Trees in the County – members will be busy recording for posterity their favourite trees in their natural setting. We also have a "Rubbish Evening" in Kettering when the County Re-Cycling Officer, representatives from the Institute of Waste Management and the N.F.U. will be advising us on what happens to the rubbish we throw away and how we can help to make the world a safer place by being careful with our household waste. Helping the Earth Begins at Home – remember Help the Earth Week from 17th to 24th October, supported by a national media campaign.

The W.I. also encourages its members to lead a fit and healthy life and this year is being sponsored by Kelloggs at a Nutrition Conference in Daventry on Wednesday 21st October. Other more entertaining evenings include a Sing-Along with Malcolm Tyler on 6th October, a Sport and Leisure Quiz on 2nd November, and a Polish Evening at

Wellingborough on 26th November. On the educational side, W.I. House is running a class on Homemade Pickles and Chutneys and also promoting courses at Northampton College for Women into Accounting, Computing and Engineering.

Of course, Sports are always popular with W.I. members, and our Bowls and Darts teams will soon be in action again. Bugbrooke begins its defence of our Indoor Bowls County Shield this month, and we wish the team luck in their campaign.

So you see, instead of staying home watching boring old television during the long winter nights, you could come and join us and discover a whole new world waiting for you – we are going forward to our national 75th Jubilee next year, so come and join in the inevitable celebrations. Ring Cherry Pilcher on 830389 or Diane Bradbury on 830735 for further details of all our activities.

Hunger Lunch and Traidcraft Sale for One World Week

One World Week is held each October to give people the chance to get together, have fun and learn about issues of justice, peace, environment and development.

The world spotlight falls once more on trade, as governments and businesses look for economic growth and increased world trade in the hope of solving problems of recession and unemployment. The spotlight for One World Week is also on trade, but with a different emphasis. The theme – TRADING PLACES – LINKING LIVES – asks us to look behind the products and the glossy advertising.

What is our link with those whose work is embodied in the products we buy? How do we find out about the people, their lives and working conditions? As consumers we have the power to say YES to trade that protects the environment, pays third world producers fairly, advertises ethically. As consumers we have the power to say NO to dangerous products and to our own unnecessary 'wants'.

TRAIDCRAFT is a fair trade organisation selling clothes, handicrafts, foodstuffs and recycled paper products. On October 24th from 12 noon–2 p.m. in the Sunday School I shall have Traidcraft goods for sale (lots of lovely Christmas presents!) and a hunger lunch. Why not join me?

'The International Trading System was devised by the rich to suit their needs; it ignored those of the poor' Pope Paul VI.

Sue Pace

Bugbrooke Primary School Circa 1918

Do you recognise anyone? . . . if so please contact Jean Robinson at 1 The Anvil who has the original negative of the photograph

Bugbrooke Flower Society

We have had two very interesting meetings especially 'Something for Nothing' with Mr. J. Gates who is Head Gardener at a very large Stately Home. He arrived with one *very* small box from which came a wealth of experience in cuttings and propagating. We had a very lively time and it made a change from flower arranging.

On November 20th we have an open meeting at Campion School, tickets will be £3.50 available from Cherrenee and Mrs. V. Chambers, Orchard House, Church Lane.

Music, Flowers and Comedy from Mr. and Mrs. John Wareing, a glass of wine or orange and light refreshments will be 'The Spirit of Christmas'.

A donation will be made from this event to The Macmillan Nurses Appeal.

B.E. Bell

Received at the Editor's Desk

Dear Sir

RARE SPECIES

In his most interesting nature notes, Mr Lantsbery has omitted to mention the absence of *ailuropoda melanoleuca* and the attendant *calliphora vomitoria* in the village over the last season. It is as if these creatures have declared Bugbrooke, like the A.5, to be a 'no-go area'.

I did, by chance, catch a fleeting glimpse of one of each of these species at about 11.25 one morning. I wonder if any other nature lovers have noted such rare sightings? We should not publicize this information outside the village or we could find ourselves invaded by hordes of twitchers and big game hunters. We would then have to contend with masses of our local constabulary to control the hordes thus detracting these guardians of our law and order from their major tasks of the protection of life and property and the prevention of crime.

Yours faithfully,

(name and address supplied)

Editors Note: To all readers who like your Editor are not scholars of Latin we are glad to say that long and painstaking research has revealed that the first Latin name is a panda and the second a bluebottle.

Friends of Campion

The Christmas Fayre is on a Sunday this year – 15th November at 2 p.m. We will need help with the following items:

Raffle, Refreshments, Publicity, Posters, Father Christmas and Grotto, Tombolas, Cake Stall.

There will also be lots of different craft stalls selling presents for Christmas, so please support your school and help in any way you can by contacting Jenny Unwin via Campion School.

Betty's Pantry – TASTY WAYS WITH TOMATOES

TOMATO SOUP WITH GARLIC CROÛTONS

Soup

1 x 15ml spoon oil
100g lean bacon finely diced
1 stick of celery, sliced
450g fresh ripe tomatoes, skinned and quartered
1 carrot, peeled and finely diced
25g cornflour
900ml chicken stock
Bouquet garni
Pinch of dried basil
Salt and black pepper
Pinch of sugar

Croûtons

4 slices stoneground bread
2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
2 x 15ml spoons vegetable oil

Method

Heat the 15ml spoonful of oil in a large saucepan, then sauté the bacon, celery, tomatoes and carrot together for 10 minutes.

Blend the cornflour with a little stock. Add this to the rest of the stock and stir well before pouring into the saucepan. Bring to the boil. Add the bouquet garni and basil. Simmer for 1 hour. Discard the bouquet garni. Remove from the heat and purée or pass through a fine sieve. Return to a clean saucepan. Season to taste and add the sugar.

To make the croûtons cut the bread into 1cm cubes or as desired. Fry the garlic in the oil for 1–2 minutes, then add the croûtons. Fry until golden brown. Drain well on kitchen paper. Sprinkle croûtons on soup.

Serves 4–6

PEPERONATA

Butter and olive oil for frying
1 medium size onion, peeled and finely chopped
4 large red peppers, cored, seeded and cut in strips
6 large tomatoes, skinned, quartered and seeded
1 tsp of sugar
Salt and black pepper
2 x 2 tbs chopped parsley

Method

Heat a knob of butter and 2 tbs of oil in a saucepan and when foaming, add the onion. Cook gently until soft. Add the peppers, cover with a lid and simmer gently for 15 minutes.

Add the tomatoes and sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Replace the lid and simmer for another 15 minutes or until the vegetables make a thick purée.

Remove from heat, taste for seasoning and transfer to a warmed serving dish. Sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve.

Bugbrooke Playgroup

By the time you read this, Playgroup's AGM will have taken place and there will be a new committee. Many thanks then to the old committee who have worked so hard over the past year, in particular to Jill Boys for keeping the books straight and to Teresa Garlick for her dedication to Playgroup over the last 3 years.

Playgroup is looking for a second-hand doll's cot. Does anyone have one to donate?

Look out for details of our Hallowe'en fair at half term.

Kathryn Hill

Bugbrooke Youth Club

Well! The Youth Club has been open for over a year now and is still going strong.

It's been brought to our attention that rumours are going round that younger members of our club get bullied. We must point out that this is NOT true. Also there is NO drinking or smoking or foul language in the club. Also all our youngsters who cannot be picked up are walked to their doors by Steph or myself.

The summer months provided the weather for outdoor activities and rounders proved very popular.

Stuart Lawed, our youth worker, organised a sports evening at Pattishall Youth Club between Pattishall, Towcester and Bugbrooke where football, rounders and netball matches were played. We are very proud to say Bugbrooke came home with a trophy for winning the football and rounders.

In July we very bravely went to Simpson Barracks to (attack) the assault course (not so bravely when we saw it) but we must admit they all did brilliantly, and I'm sure Pennie, Steph and myself provided plenty of entertainment getting over the 12ft wall. Jumping over (or falling in) the water jump or climbing down the ropes – a good time was had by all.

We would like to thank Tim Partridge and Mr Parry for coming to watch our talent night and hope they had as enjoyable an evening as we did.

We hope to hold an entertainment evening in the near future and anyone wishing to entertain us please contact Steph Bowen or Lynn Elliott or phone the Youth Club on a Wednesday or Friday evening after 7.30 p.m. The telephone number is 831137.

Anyone interested in taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award please get in touch with the above number. The award is open to 14–23 year-olds and anyone is welcome to participate.

Finally we would like to say thank you to Pennie Pancoust and Annette Halliday for their help over the past year as they have now left the Youth Club.

Any parents or adults that have a special interest or unusual hobby they would like to share with the youngsters, please get in touch with the Youth Club, our age range is 11–17 years.

Lynn Elliott and Steph Bowen

1st Bugbrooke Venture Scout Unit

This year's summer programme has been highlighted by two camps. Our first camp in the Mendips near Bath was very successful, here two main activities of caving and abseiling took place. The second camp was in Derbyshire near Chesterfield where we shared the same campsite as Bugbrooke Scouts. Only a few of our members went on this camp but great fun was had by all. On the first day when we did a 19km walk the weather was fine, but for the rest of the week the British weather did its worst. Activities such as cycling, rockclimbing and abseiling were spoilt

by the weather, one event which went on despite the rain was an excellent campfire led by Craig which everyone enjoyed – even the spoon banging contest.

Other events on our summer programme were bike rides, night walks and an excellent Barbeque organised by Clare. She managed to cater for 20 people with no major disasters, even Ken cooked the beefburgers to a turn!

One of our more recent outdoor activities was canoeing at Midsummer Meadow where even "Mr Spraydeck" Adrian was capsized!!

Venture Scouting is an ideal opportunity to enjoy youself while looking at the more adult side of Scouting. If you are aged 15–20, male or female and are interested in joining our Unit, we meet at 7.45 p.m. on Mondays in the Scout hut.

Kathryn Cockrill

BUGBROOKE COMPUTER CLUB

Yes, Bugbrooke has yet another club! This is the first of (hopefully) many updates for the club which was "booted up" during September.

The best way to open the newsletter for a new club is to tell you what we will be getting up to during our weekly meetings.

Well, to start with we will be meeting at Campion school (the day and time yet to be finalised!). The club will be acquiring a number of computers such as the Amiga, Sega etc to start with but any member will be welcome to bring along their own. As time goes by, the club funds allowing, we will be purchasing the latest computers/games.

To raise funds, there will be monthly competitions to win computer vouchers, a trade-in library for secondhand computers and games and possibly the option to take the computers home for a small fee.

The overall objectives are to allow free access to a wide variety of computer games for all members, and provided there is sufficient interest, a workshop where members will be shown the basics of writing programs in the Basic Computer language. (That'll give you an answer to the age old question – "What do you do with your computer except for playing games?").

In addition to all of the above, we will be acquiring programs from the Public Domain Library (where individuals forsake copyright and the games etc can be freely copied) which will be available to members for as little as 60p!

The initial age group is for 11 to 16 year olds (boys and girls!) but if enough interest is shown, then another night will be arranged for under 11's.

This club is new for me too, so let me know if you have any further ideas for club activities.

For Information and Membership Forms – Ring Ian MacIlhiney on 832746

Bugbrooke Junior Youth Club

We are pleased to announce the opening of the new, Bugbrooke **Junior** Youth Club, as from Monday 7th September. Despite many high mountains to climb, in our quest to open, we have found that there is no summit which is insurmountable, if you are as determined for this to be a success as we are.

I have helped at the existing Youth Club since its creation in August 1991, with my co-organiser Annette helping also until late last spring. We felt though that the Bugbrooke children needed an additional alternative, catering specifically for the 11–14 year olds. Providing entertainment for such a differing group as 11–17 year olds, whose interests are so varied, is a very difficult task. So therefore with this in mind, Monday nights will be specialized for the younger ones only.

After the initial market research to confirm our suspicions that this was a needed service in our community, we are delighted to say that the response has been overwhelming.

All Bugbrooke residents of the appropriate age are welcome to join as members. Membership will be £1.00 with weekly subscriptions of fifty pence. We will be based in the Playing Fields Pavilion, as is the original Youth Club. Our thanks to the Youth Club for kindly allowing us to share some of the equipment. Unfortunately though they were unable to help us with any 'start up' funds. To this end we have already held two fund raising events. The first was a pitch at the Five Bells car boot sale on Monday 31st August. Thank you very much Karen and Steve for your donation. Secondly, on Sunday 13th September we went on a six mile sponsored walk. A big thank you to all the parents and children who have participated and supported us in our efforts to raise much needed funds. Needless to say, any further donations from local businesses or residents will be warmly received and our thanks will be made public via our trustworthy village magazine. Many thanks go to Mary Cave at The Stores for her most generous donation to our club and for agreeing to help the cause further by selling our raffle tickets. It is much appreciated.

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I know that by appealing for volunteer helpers, I am risking the same record, but if needs must . . . So any parents or interested parties out there, please contact either myself: 832383 or Annette: 832410, if you have any spare time, ideas or skills.

Forthcoming attractions at the Club will include trips, rollerskating, a trip to the theatre, two discos between now and Christmas, quiz nights to mention a mere few. Prize raffle to take place for a mountain bike. Raffle tickets will be on sale at The Stores, No. 11 Kislingbury Road, 25 Waggoners Way and at the Junior Youth Club on a Monday evening. Cost per ticket £1.00 and the draw will take place on Monday 23rd November at 8 p.m. Winner will be notified by telephone if not present. Funds raised will go towards the running of the Junior Youth Club and much needed equipment.

Come along KIDS and see what we are doing. Your support means the Junior Youth Clubs survival.

Pennie Pancoust and Annette Halliday

THE ARTS

St Michael's Youth Drama

This terms work will be geared towards some kind of performance at the 'Campion Arts Week' 7–11th December. The group will meet as usual every Friday 4.30–6.00 pm in the Sunday School. We will be doing some work on masks and I hope at some stage before Easter to make use of the Outrider Studio.

We would like to encourage boys to attend. This term there will be a subscription charged each week (30p).

Thankyou to all who came to 'Going Home' in July, a good audience improves an event no end.

R. Brown

St Michael's Music Society

Sales of tickets for the concert by the Mellstock Band and the Christminster Singers on 17th October 1992 have been going well but the restriction of ticket sales to Bugbrooke residents only ceased on the 31st August.

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Should you still require tickets, please contact Judith Piper on 832292 or the Rev. Tim Partridge on 830373.

B. Piper Chairman

SPORT

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association

Winter is approaching and the football, rugby and hockey are well under way despite some difficulties in all areas notably rugby with the training area, football with a re-siting of the pitch to avoid worn areas and hockey with the length of grass early on. Each of these problems is being addressed but obviously it would have been more satisfactory had they not occurred at all. However, as a committee we have made the policy of keeping costs to member clubs at a minimum. The consequence of this is that many jobs are undertaken in goodwill and occasionally the timescale cannot be dictated by the recipients. In essence, as with all clubs and associations, we tend to rely upon a few to do the jobs which, at times, it would be more advantageous for us to take control of ourselves. It is clear that each club has the basis of some excellent facilities and whilst there may always be groans about "The Management" it's important to understand that all the clubs and their players are part of the Association and need to play an active role within it and not just buy the services it offers.

We have obtained planning permission on four plots at the end of Pound Lane and once the details of the development have been finalised we should be in a position to make a sale and raise the finance for a Bowls Green. The Playing Fields have reapplied for grants on behalf of the Bowls Club and are in the process of organising an agent to sell the land for us.

Two events are, so far, planned with a Quiz night and another Rat Race for Sunday 11th October and Sunday 15th November respectively.

Finally may I thank two individuals who continue to work unstintingly for "the greater good". Namely Graham Brittain and Terry Newcombe, who, if they can't chivvy someone into doing the job, simply roll up their sleeves and do it themselves. These guys deserve our support. Let's get with them.

Brian Curtis Chairman

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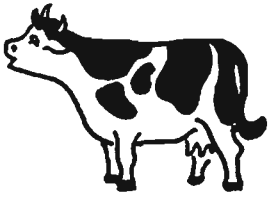

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Bugbrooke Cricket Club

The season is now coming to an end with the weather having been disappointing during July and August, with many matches having been interrupted. There have been several outstanding individual performances with Simon Pont scoring a double century against Rushden Town eleven. With the autumn and winter approaching social activities get under way with a quiz on Friday October 16 and the Annual Dinner on Friday 13 November at the Pickwick (Towcester).

On Sunday September 27 the club have an attractive game against Northants Over 50, commencing at 1 p.m.

All players thank the tea ladies for their sterling efforts and to Molly Sackley for the difficult task of organising the tea rota.

Peter Minney

Bugbrooke Bowls Club

As we come to the end of our second full summer, we can look back on a successful season. We have had seventeen weekend fixtures and won three, it may not sound too good but it is three times better than last year. We did even better in the Delapre League, finishing in the middle of the table which is not bad for a new club.

For the winter season, a schedule of over 50 indoor short mat fixtures is already arranged. We have also got 8 indoor carpet fixtures which are a new addition to our activities. We all owe particular thanks to Robin Frost and Bill Russell, our captains, for organising all these matches.

For next year, seven weekend fixtures have already been confirmed but our real hope for the year is to see the start of our own Bowls Green. The Playing Fields Association are hopeful that work may start in the winter or spring which may allow us to play on our own green in 1994. In the meantime, we shall continue to play our home matches at Delapre (the green has been excellent this year) and use the Far Cotton Working Mens Club for after match hospitality (our thanks to them also).

Membership has risen this year to over 60 but we will always welcome new members. Come and join us.

Tony Pace Secretary (832516)

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St Michael's 74 Cricket Club

It seems quite unbelievable that another season has passed, but this year has been memorable on two counts. Firstly, our team performance on Saturday, in the Town League, has given us our best league position, 4th, since joining the top section, and who knows, if team selection had been easier, we feel we could have been collecting some silverware. But that said, I must on behalf of the whole squad of players congratulate Paul Sackley and Paul Cattell, Captain and Vice-Captain respectively, who have both earned praise for their efforts on and off the field. The other memorable event was the weather. Quite the worst season for match cancellations. Just three games were possible in August. All we can do is write this one off and look forward to some sun next year.

On Sundays our village lads have made good progress in coming to terms with competitive cricket. Martin Hogg, Chris Hollis and Adrian Sprules all came good with either bat or ball, while the "old hands", Gary Scott, Scott Wootton and Martin Lewis continue the rise into the Saturday League side.

Thank yous must go to John Bowling, our umpire who stood and never complained whatever the condition and also many thanks to Ann Hogg and Linda Scott, without whose help there would have been very little on the catering front.

John Chapman 584565

P.S. Indoor nets will commence in the New Year, please watch your Link Magazine for further details.

Bugbrooke St Michael's Football Club

The new season is under way and lots of work has been done in the close season to improve facilities for the 'A', 'B' and Youth teams. This will, hopefully encourage all our local players to support the club and play for Bugbrooke.

It is our long term aim to provide football for local players, from 12 years upwards, to the highest available level in local leagues. This system is well under way with a comprehensive youth policy currently in operation. In future we expect to be able to cultivate and encourage local teams playing for the village.

The 1st XI has had a disappointing start to the season, gaining just four points out of the first fifteen. This is our worst start in UCL football

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but is expected to improve. The Reserves have made a much better start whilst the 'A' and 'B' teams are expected to produce better performances this year with local youngsters being given an opportunity to adapt to adult football.

The club is looking forward to welcoming spectators at home games. There are always 2 adult games to be seen on Saturday afternoons and 2 youth games on Sunday afternoons. The club will be providing free half time teas for ex-players and officials during Saturday matches. Come along and meet your old friends whilst seeing how the present teams are faring. There is a comfortable and warm atmosphere in the clubhouse so it is not necessary to stand out in cold weather for a long time.

We look forward to seeing you.

J. Curtis

FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COURSE Happy 60th Birthday Nanny. With lots of love from Peter. Love also from Carol, Geoff and Sandra

TURNER Fred Happy Birthday for 3rd October Love Anne, Keith, Tim & Louise

CURTIS Mick, Happy 40th Birthday on 22nd October. Our love always from Jane, Tracey and Timothy XXXXX

FERGUS Rory. Happy 7th Birthday on November 5th with lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Katie, Craig, Nanny and Grandad. XXXXXXX

JENKINS Louise Happy Birthday on 11th October love Mum, Dad & Tim

FERGUS Happy Birthday Nanny on October 4th with lots of love from Katie, Craig and Rory.XXX

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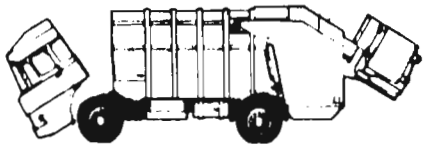

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The Village Diary

October

3	5.15pm for 5.30pm	Darby & Joan Anniversary Dinner	S.S.
7	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
11	8.00pm	BPFA Quiz Night	BPF Social Building
12	7.30pm	W.I. Annual Meeting – Fish & Chip Supper	S.S.
16	7.45pm	Bugbrooke Cricket Club Quiz Evening	Cricket Pavilion
17	7.30pm	Mellstock Band & Christminster Singers	Church
17	2.00pm	Darby & Joan Autumn Jumble Sale	S.S.
20	8.00pm	Flower Society – Dried is Beautiful with Mrs Gray Denny	S.S.
21	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
24	8.00pm	Football Club Oktoberfest	F.C.
24	12–2pm	Traidcraft – Hunger Lunch	S.S.

November

2	7.30pm	W.I. Holiday Experiences – Mr J. Hammons	S.S.
4	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
6	7.00pm	Football Club Fireworks Display	F.C.
8	3.00pm	United Remembrance Service	Church
11	8.00pm	Launch of 'I Believe and Trust'	S.S.
12	2.30pm	M.U. Handicrafts	S.S.
14	2.00pm	Darby & Joan Christmas Bazaar	S.S.
15	2.00pm	Friends of Campion Christmas Fayre	C.S.
15	8.00pm	BPFA Rat Race	BPF Social Building
18	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
20		Flower Society – The Spirit of Christmas with John & Bett Wareing	C.S.
21	2.00pm	Church Bazaar	S.S.
23	8.00pm	Flowery Society – Creative Christmas Ideas	S.S.
25	8.00pm	M.U. Talk – "What the M.U. means to me	S.S.
28	9am–6pm	Day of Thanksgiving & Prayer	Church
28	7.30pm	Church Social	S.S.
29	6.00pm	Deanery Advent Carol Service	Daventry Church

December

2	8.00pm	P.C.C. Meeting	
2	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
7	7.30pm	W.I. Quizman – Name that tune	S.S.
10	8.00pm	M.U. Advent Carol Service	S.S.
16	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Xmas Tea	S.S.
19	7.00pm	Football Club Children's Xmas Party	F.C.

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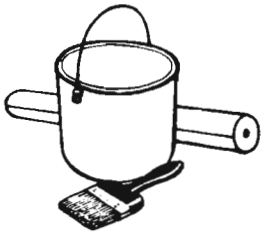

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