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Editor: Paul Cockcroft

With an outstanding number of articles to include in this issue, I have decided to keep my editorial brief. The variety of the contributions demonstrates the range of interests and activities that make Bugbrooke such a wonderful place to live. If you feel like I do, that LINK plays an important role in village life, please join us at the annual general meeting in May.

The deadline for the June issue is **Monday 6th May 1996.**

The Annual General Meeting of LINK will be held on **Wednesday, May 8th** at the Village Hall (next to the Co-op) commencing at 8pm. You are all very welcome.

Campool

The Campool fund was set up many years ago to provide a swimming pool at Campion School for use by the local community as well as the school.

Many of you will remember supporting fund raising in the seventies and the Trustees would like to reassure you that, despite various rumours, the money was carefully invested and a considerable amount of interest has been gained.

The Trustees have met regularly to assess the situation and feel that with the introduction of the National Lottery and the changes occurring in April, we have a realistic chance of obtaining a great deal of funding.

This project is being combined with that of providing an all weather playing surface, also to be sited at Campion. This will give both the community and the school a tremendous sports facility.

Obviously it is a massive project and could cost in the region of £1.5 million. Even with lottery funding we would still need to raise £300,000!!

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions on any aspect of this, please, please put them in writing and address them to The Trustees, c/o Campion School.
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The Northamptonshire County Council's Speed Indicator Device on 23 January 1996 monitored the speed of vehicles travelling into Bugbrooke down Butts Hill.

84 vehicles were observed.
Average speed 31 mph. (limit 30 mph on this section of road)
Speeds ranged between 18 and 48 mph
Number of vehicles exceeding 30 mph: 42 = 50%

Arrangements are in hand for further monitoring especially between the hours of 8 am & 9 am.
Roy Smith

In Focus

Profile of Dr Dipak Dutta

Where were you born?
Assam – the foothills of the Himalaya's – a major tea growing area by the River Brahmaputra.

Where were you educated?
Dibrugarh – my education was there, school – College and Medical College and Gauhati University.

Your favourite part of Great Britain?
The Lake District.

If you could take 3 books and 3 pieces of music to a desert island what would they be?
Books – A selection of poems – Works of Shakespeare, Books of Tolkien.
Music – Mozart – Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves – Frank Sinatra.

Whom do you admire the most and why?
Sir Winston Churchill – for his achievements in leadership during difficult times also for his literary and artistic skills.

What is your favourite food and drink?
French food and wine from the Bordeaux Region.

What ambitions do you have?
To read – travel and visiting historical places.

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

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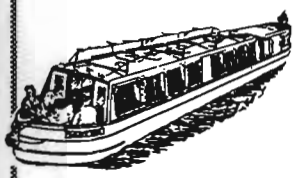

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What do you do for leisure?
Walking in the Lake District and the Dordogne.

What single thing would improve your quality of life?
Good health.

Where did you meet your wife?
King George V Hospital, Ilford, where we were both working.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?
Like – A friendly and peaceful village with plenty of nice walks.
Dislike – Expansion of the village.

How would you like to be remembered?
To have been helpful in my capacity in the village and not offended anyone.

Do you have any advice for young people starting out?
That in trying to achieve their aims they keep to their code of ethics.

When and where were you married?
Barking in 1971. We have two children James and Joanna.

Who would you have liked to have been, given the opportunity?
Someone who chronicled the events of our times.

If you could have your life over again – what would you change?
I would like to have worked more in the Third World.

What do you enjoy most about your work and what is the least enjoyable?
The most enjoyable is contact with people – the least enjoyable is the recent increase of bureaucracy in the name of health.

How did you come to Bugbrooke and when?
I was at a country practice near Hatfield – saw the vacancy for Bugbrooke. I wanted another country practice, thought it would be a good place to bring up children. So here we are 22 years on.

What made you become a doctor?
Followed in my father's footsteps.

Have you been back to Assam and has it changed at all?
An advancement in commerce, but increasing population still a problem.

What do you think of last thing before going to sleep?
If I am on call I hope that I don't get called out and hope that tomorrow is a good day.

Thank you to the villagers for putting up with me these past 22 years.

My thanks to Dr Dutta for giving me his time to answer the questions.
Don Prime

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3 Blackbird
4 Dipper
5 Puffin
6 Kingfisher
7 Duck
8 Swan
9 Knot
10 Dove
11 Wren
12 Eagle
13 Kittiwake
14 Nightjar
15 Grouse
16 Starling
17 Osprey
18 Petrel
19 Redstart
20 Plover
21 Fieldfare
22 Fly Catcher
23 Heron
24 Sandpiper
25 Brambling
26 Stone Chat
27 Kite
28 Ruff
29 Sparrow
30 Chaffinch

Quiz

The clues below should lead you to 20 sorts of fruit (F) or vegetables (V) including varieties. Don't go bananas.

1	Please can we?	V
2	Elderly commoner	F
3	English rock (says Bruce)	F
4	72/07 – 07/27 – 27/17 – 02/10	V
5	The painters one way to die	V
6	Aussie pick of the crop	F
7	You can only borrow it for a while	V
8	Father takes a small portion	V
9	Sounds as though there are vacancies	V
10	Jack – or feel like one	F
11	Ladyfriend of fathers looker	V
12	The printers measure goes swimming	V
13	Always messing about	V
14	Inter the dry grass	F
15	A lot of talk for these two	F
16	Attention to the roses	F
17	Able bodied colour	F
18	Extend the drink of the gods	F
19	Associated with a live wire	F
20	Very precious and tasty	F

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Quotes on religion – Apologies to Tim

It's a bit depressing if most of the congregation are in the churchyard instead of the church.
Alan Ayckbourn

The bible is like the poor, we have it always with us but we know very little about it.
Samuel Butler

Religion is by no means a proper subject of conversation in a mixed company.
Earl of Chesterfield

There are not many people who would care to sleep in a church. I don't mean at sermon time – but at night and alone.
Charles Dickens

"Sensible men are all of the same religion."
"What is that?"
"Sensible men never tell."
Benjamin Disraeli

The other day I saw an advertisement for some job in the church which specified that a knowledge of the Christian religion would be helpful.
Michael Wharton

The ten commandments don't tell you what you ought to do, and only put ideas into your head.
Anon.
Don Prime

Crufts

Congratulations to Rose O'Sullivan and Mike Kennett of Litchborough Road, Bugbrooke on their success at Crufts last Saturday.

Rose was showing their 3-year-old white Hungarian Puli bitch "Dancer" and won the Post Graduate Bitch class. "Dancer" was also Best Bitch and awarded Best of Breed to go through to represent the Hungarian Puli in the working group.

Bugbrooke Twinning Association

The Twinning Association will be holding its annual barbecue on Sunday 19th May at 1.00 pm. This will be held at Holly Bank, 31 High Street, Bugbrooke and will be preceded by the AGM at 12.30pm.

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Tickets can be obtained from Peter Parry (830267), Tim Partridge (830373) or Val Burt (830792).

Parish Council Meetings – January and February 1996

The year finished on a sad note with the death of Jack Holt after almost 50 years service as a Councillor of Bugbrooke Parish Council. Despite his restricted vision in later years he had an almost encyclopaedic knowledge of the village and was always prepared to stand up for the rights of parishioners against any perceived injustice. This was no doubt why he often received the highest number of votes at elections. It is the end of an era and Parish Council meetings will never be quite the same again. A Jack Holt Memorial Walk will be arranged on his birthday, 16th June, the details of which will be announced nearer the time.

Probably the most far-reaching issue considered was Northamptonshire County Council's discussion document and questionnaire "Locating New Development in Northamptonshire – the Options". The Parish Council has informed the County Council that the favoured option is "A", Urban Infill, particularly on derelict sites. Also supported is development in the transport corridor created by the A14 and by the new rail links at Daventry and Corby. The option least favoured by the Parish Council is "C", Key Small Town or Village Extensions, and those which might involve further "urbanisation" of the countryside around Northampton. The Parish Council also encouraged the County Council to make the options document widely available within the village. The responses to this document will inform the future County Structure Plan. Objections to specific undesirable developments are futile if the principle of such development has already been included in the Structure Plan.

Consequently, now is the time to make our voices heard. I hope that many of you had the opportunity to complete and return the questionnaire.

The Parish Council has set up a Development Plan Working Group, partly to avoid being caught unawares by planning and other major issues which could arise at short notice. The Group has been given the massive task of producing a business or development plan for the foreseeable future. This will involve preparing a flexible rolling programme of desirable and feasible activities as part of the budgeting process. It should also contain planning policies based on those outlined in the preceding paragraph and agreed by the 22 Mid-Northamptonshire Parishes, the inaugural meeting of which took place at Bugbrooke last

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Autumn. The Working Group will also need to consider such diverse issues as affordable housing, village appraisal and poop-scoop schemes.

The Family Health Services Authority tell us that the approval for Gordon Davis Chemists Limited to provide a pharmacy in the village has expired. Thus, the immediate threat to the surgery pharmacy is lifted. (They cannot provide a pharmacy if one is provided elsewhere in the village.) However, there is nothing to prevent a further application being made at any time.

Many households will have received an offer from Anglian Water Authority regarding an insurance scheme for repairs to burst pipes or blocked drains on individual household's property – which is the responsibility of the home owner. Continuing the campaign concerning the numerous householders whose sewers are not adopted and so are responsible for any necessary repairs even beyond their own property, the Parish Council has suggested to Anglian Water that they should consider producing an insurance scheme for households served by unadopted sewers.

South Northamptonshire Council has agreed to pay 50% of the cost of a scheme to provide off-street parking at West End on land kindly donated by the Jesus Fellowship. If achieved, this should remove obstructions from the footpath and safeguard an access for emergency vehicles.

Information has been received that the ash trees along Kislingbury Road are to be pollarded. The arboriculturalists on the Parish Council tell me that this will leave us with a totem pole effect for the time being.

Finally, the strange world of footpaths and rights of way. The Parish Council decided some time ago to erect a stile on the fence at the bottom of John's Road; the intention being to provide access to the footpath whilst meeting the field owner's reasonable request that it should not create an official public right of way. To achieve this an official and legally worded disclaimer notice was required. The County Council Rights of Way people were consulted and, after many months and numerous reminders, came up with "Stile Erected by Parish Council. Not a Public Right of Way". I suppose we could have worked this out for ourselves. At least it is clear and to the point, which is more than can be said of some Parish Council and Committee meetings. Aubrey Howard, the Chairman of the Footpaths Committee, brought members to order on one occasion by reminding them that, although the item under discussion related to footpaths, it was the conversation that was rambling.

David Harries

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I think the chap who writes the nature notes was a little premature in the last issue. He wrote that he had not seen any Fieldfares. Well he is

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writing now and saying that he has never seen so many in all his life! We have a Bramley apple tree at the end of the garden and although there was a dreadful drought last year and many apples failed to mature, the Bramley came on late and we had quite a few. I picked some and stored them but I left a lot on the tree. These eventually dropped off and the ground was covered with a mass of little green apples. During the very cold days of late January and the beginning of February several large thrush like birds appeared and started to eat the apples. They were Fieldfares. They had a few Redwings with them. Not many days after, the whole of the garden beneath the apple tree was absolutely covered with Fieldfares. I have never seen so many in my life. They cleared up every single apple and that part of the garden has never been so tidy. Other people have told me that the Fieldfares have cleared up their apples too.

Another little creature which is most numerous this year is the squirrel. I do not know where his home or drey is but he has been running about all the winter. One has just run along the top of the garage and looked in the window. It certainly has no fear of people.

I am watching the Rooks building their nests in the trees opposite. I think they should be named Crooks not Rooks because they will keep stealing the building material from other nests when they are left unguarded.

What a pleasure it is to look out and see the snowdrops. I have never seen so many in the churchyard. The daffodils are coming on well too. They will soon be showing colour. I see some crocus are out too.

There have been some good bird sightings. Don Isom, who lives at Heyford and walks to Bugbrooke every Sunday to see his Dad says that he sees a Little Owl along that road nearly every week. He says what a pretty little bird it is. A Snipe has been seen near the river and several Spotted Woodpeckers are about. Barn Owls are about too.

To conclude, I would like to write about a cockerel. Several months ago, Esther went to feed her poultry and found a large cockerel was amongst the hens. She had no idea where it had come from. It was a vicious old so and so and it crowed from sun up to sun down. Last week she went to feed the stock and she found that the cockerel had disappeared and had taken a white hen with it. Did anyone see them take off?

W.R.V.S. News – Ex Villager Honoured

To mark the closing down of the W.R.V.S. in Towcester, a lunch time buffet was held in the town hall where 120 people were gathered. Mrs Angela Cobley, County Organiser, paid tribute to the work carried out by all the members and wished everybody good luck in the future. After the lunch Angela Cobley, on behalf of the Queen, presented Mrs Doris

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Lovell with her 15 year medal and a clasp for a further 12 years. Doris has been involved with the W.R.V.S. for 28 years and still going strong. Many of you will remember Doris when she lived in the village for 30 years before moving to Litchborough. Well done Doris.

Angela Cobley also mentioned that the monies donated in lieu of flowers at the late Doreen Sexton's funeral was used to pay for a free dinner, tin of biscuits and a box of Roses chocolates for each of the recipients of Meals on Wheels delivered in Bugbrooke and Kislingbury. The balance was used to provide 2 televisions which were donated to the New Assessment Centre at Northampton General Hospital. I believe that the above shows the esteem that Doreen was held in by people that knew her.
Don Prime

Women's Institute

Our little WI in Bugbrooke is part of a national women's organisation that offers us many benefits and opportunities.

All paid-up WI members receive a booklet of vouchers, including money off groceries, free magazines and even discounts on Home and Car Insurance, which are well worthwhile. In addition, National Express offer major savings for WI members who buy a coach-card entitling them to up to 30% off coach travel throughout the U.K. Members discounts are also available on printed stationery, kitchen knives, luggage straps, etc.

1996 is the year of Lifelong Learning and the WI nationally has established the WI Adult Learners Awards to encourage more members to take up further education. Up to £125 will be given to the winner who will have to demonstrate that she has visibly improved her own life, overcoming difficult circumstances to pursue learning, as well as maintaining family and employment responsibilities.

Back home in Bugbrooke, Mrs Opren is coming to talk to us about Sticks and Stones on April lst, this meeting to be held in the Village Hall. On May 13 we are back in the Sunday School to discuss and vote on the national resolutions on Student Grants, Home Economics and the lack of NHS dentists. On June 3rd Mrs Wright will give a talk on Chinese Astrology – sure to be a fascinating subject.

If you would like to find out more about the WI, please join us at any of these meetings. You are sure of a warm welcome.

Mothers' Union

Up to now this year we've had quite a varied programme of events. We began our year by taking over Tim & Esther's lounge for a service and tea. 26 members attended including members from Rothersthorpe.

Our next meeting was a talk given by Deborah Simpson from Torch in Guildhall Road about Homelessness. She enlightened us that homelessness has many faces, from teenagers who have run away from their families to someone who has lost their job and is faced with not being able to pay their mortgage and people in the all too familiar negative equity situation. This evening was certainly an eye opener.

For our afternoon meeting in February our members were asked to bring their favourite baby photograph. This produced a wealth of beautiful photographs spanning generations from husbands, mothers, fathers, children and grandchildren. A most enjoyable trip down memory lane for some of our members.

Our Jumble Sale raised £138. Thank you again to all our regulars for their help and support.

The Ash Wednesday service in church was well supported by members and non-members.

'To Live and Work' was our theme for the March afternoon meeting. The subject was Caring and being cared for. Everyone contributed in a lively discussion that covered the joy and sadness that most of us will encounter at some time in our lives either when we are ill ourselves or if we have to look after a relative or friend.

There are two dates for your diary. On 22nd May we are having an Open Evening. Do come along and see what the MU are doing in 1996.

Our World Wide President, Christine Eames will visit Northampton on 20th June.

Anyone wishing to hear her speak, contact me for details. Transport will be available.

Sue Nightingale 831025

Bugbrooke Playgroup

Playgroup continues to do well with more than 50 children now on the register.

Thank you to anyone who has supported our fundraising events over the last few months. We have recently been able to purchase a new multi-swing frame and more money is currently being spent on new toys and equipment.

The playgroup is open every weekday morning and two afternoons. After the Easter holidays we shall be running two pre-school sessions for those children who will be going to Primary School in September. These will be on Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon.

Playgroup takes children from age 2 years 9 months. Children may be placed on the waiting list from age 18 months. If you would like to enquire about a place, please telephone our Admissions Officer, Barbara Woods on 830232.

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

The PTA has been meeting regularly and organizing events such as films and discos for children. On May 2nd another disco is taking place at the school from 6 till 8.30 pm. On May 15th a Bugsy Malone fashion show will take place in the school hall and parents will be able to purchase clothes afterwards. Everyone is welcomed.

Royal British Legion – Women's Section

Not much news for January and February – Bingo in Jan but Feb meeting was cancelled due to bad weather and illness. However we hope to have some interesting speakers for Spring and will be inviting guests to attend our meetings.

We have received a letter from our President Mrs Trinder who is at present in a nursing home at Daventry and she sounded quite cheerful, but sad she doesn't see her friends much. What a blessing it would be if there was a home in Bugbrooke so we could visit often.

I would also like to point out, re Mr Wyles Legion account in the last issue, that the lady in question who complained in the churchyard re laying of the sprays was *not* a Ladies Section member. However I suggest that such new ideas (however commendable) should be discussed with the ladies in the future.

Enid Pell, Hon Chairman

Bugbrooke & District Flower Society

Once again the Society's year started with our A.G.M., good reports and balance sheet followed by a splendid repast. Subscriptions stay the same but entrance fees have been increased slightly. A small price to pay with the full and varied programme for the year ahead. Although our meetings are usually full we can always squeeze a few more in, so if you would like to come along you would be most welcome, see Link Diary for dates.

Quite a few have asked me 'Do we have to do anything, like arrange flowers?' No, we pay someone else to do that. We don't run flower arranging courses, you just sit back and enjoy, and enjoy we did, our February arranger, Mrs Denny from Ashby St. Ledgers who gave us a "Winters Tale."

I know that October is a long way off but tickets will soon be on sale for our main money raising event of the year, this will be Ian Zorn with his show 'THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT.' Tickets will sell very quickly so look out for posters advertising this event and BOOK YOURS!!

B.E. Bell

Girl Guides

We saw in the New Year with a party, followed soon after by an "evening out" at the village Pantomime 'The Wizard of Oz". We have been visited by the Rainbows when we did crafts, decorated biscuits and as part of Thinking Day celebrations lit candles for all in guiding around the world.

One clause in our new 'World Guiding Badge' is to celebrate Thinking Day in an unusual place so on February 22nd (the very day itself) we headed for Warwick Castle where on top of the gate house we had a small ceremony which included the enrolment of one of our new guides. After exploring the castle it was on to the Guide Dog Training Centre in Leamington to fulfil a clause from another new badge "Sight Awareness". Here we had a fascinating talk on the role of guide dogs and saw dogs from the entire spectrum of training from puppy through to working dog and then retirement.

At present we are busily rehearsing a rock and roll routine for a forthcoming division concert so be prepared for the lively beat of Bill Haley and his Comets to accompany you when next you pass the Sunday School on a Thursday night.

Rachel 831697
Helen 01327 340404

Darby and Joan Club

At last Spring, at the time of writing, has sprung and the evenings are getting lighter, which is a blessing for those who live alone or are not able to get out so easily. How lovely it is to see all the things in the garden come alive again.

I would like to say a big thank you to the Heygates football for their very generous donation to us. Many thanks for thinking of us and it will be used for the benefit of our members. We have our Spring Jumble on Saturday April 20th at 2 pm at the S/S. We would collect any good clean jumble and any bric-a-brac. All would be welcome but please no furniture or large items as we are not able to cope with them. I do hope that you will all once again give us your support. Please ring either me or any committee or club member.

In February we all enjoyed a lovely slide show from Mr Moon. He had some beautiful slides of birds and butterflies and it certainly brightened up a winter's day.

We are still in need of some tea ladies. Please if you can spare 4 afternoons a year (2 hours an afternoon): ring me on 830725.

Jean Mundy

St Michael's Music Society

Although only a small number of members and friends attended the Anthology evening in February, an entertaining time was had and just over £40 was raised towards the cost of the new toilet block in the Sunday School.

In April members will be offered two events. There will be an opportunity to hear G.C.S.E. students at Daventry Tertiary College perform pieces of music prior to taking their examinations. A visit is also being arranged to Olney to hear a concert given by Fine Arts Brass.

The season will end with the Annual General Meeting in May.

Hazel Kitchener

The Royal British Legion – Bugbrooke Branch

This year 1996 sees the seventy fifth anniversary of the founding of The Royal British Legion. Many people might think that the need for the Legion's services would diminish as the distance in time from major wars increases, but unhappily, this is not the case. There are still many ex service men and women suffering as a result of injuries sustained in the 1939–45 conflict, not to mention the multitude of conflicts which have taken place since.

The legion gives help in a great variety of ways, for instance it fights for pensions, not only for ex service people, but also for their dependents too. Help is given to people leaving the services to retrain for employment, or to get started in small businesses of their own. The list of what the Legion does is almost endless. Much of the work that is done is carried out by volunteers from within it's own membership. Not for nothing is the Legion motto "Service, not self".

This 75th year is to be celebrated by setting up a chain of poppies from Cromer to Great Yarmouth, along a route 75 miles in length. The chain is open to sponsorship by the yard. A yard of the chain costs £36.00. If any group in the village would like to get its members to join together to sponsor a yard, then the necessary form and poster can be obtained from the Secretary, Vic Wyles, 51, Badgers Close.

St Michael & All Angels Church News

Holy Week and Easter

During Holy Week we shall have services at 8 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday led by our Lent Groups. On Maundy Thursday at 8 pm we shall have a service based on the Last Supper. Good Friday will have a children's Worship in the morning, Watch by the Cross from 2–3 pm and a Quiet Hour with meditations at Rothersthorpe at 7 pm.

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

Church Vestry and Annual Parochial Meeting

This was held in church on Sunday March 10th after the 10.30 am service. The Churchwardens, Sue Pace and Dave Clayson and the Deputy wardens Ann Gowen and Ian Fergus were re-elected. Colin Ashmore and Gill Ashenden were newly elected to the PCC. Thanks were expressed to those who were retiring and not seeking re-election, Lynn King, Alf Oliver, Jimmy Maguire and Terry Ward. Reports on last year's church activities and the audited accounts had been circulated and were adopted. Tim Partridge gave a resume of the highlights of last year and hopes for 1996 and expressed his thanks to all who had helped with the life of the church over the past year. There are still a few copies of the reports of church activities available in church.

United Benefice Service

On Sunday April 21st at 10.30 am there will be a Benefice Service when the congregation of Rothersthorpe will be joining the congregation at Bugbrooke. This will include a re-dedication for all PCC members from the two parishes.

Bugbrooke Neighbourhood Watch

It seems that the comments made in the last edition of the Link regarding the improvement in the car crime statistics were tempting fate. We have, unfortunately, been hit recently by a number of car thefts. Some of the cases were clearly "joy riders", whilst others were stolen to be subsequently used in criminal activities. At risk of boring you all to death, we must repeat, put your car in a garage overnight if possible, use a visible deterrent such as a steering wheel lock if you have to leave your car outside, and don't leave valuables in your car overnight.

Our telephone cascade system seems to be working reasonably well, although since it was set up there have not been very many matters to report.

We have received reports of statues being stolen from gardens, and of pairs of people posing as officials of one sort or another conning their way into peoples homes, so that one of the two can keep the householder occupied, whilst the other sees what is available to steal. The advice is clear particularly if you are elderly. Don't let strangers into your house without checking their identity. Look carefully at any identity card that is offered to you, and telephone for confirmation if in the slightest doubt. Use a safety chain on your door, and keep back doors locked. If in doubt, call the police.

Vic & Roy

St Michael's 74 Cricket Club

I can now confirm to you, that our application to join a different league this season, was accepted. We begin our campaign in the Northamptonshire Alliance League on Saturday April 20th, away to Kettering. This year will be a completely new challenge, not only against the new opposition that we will face, but our home games will now be played on our new grass wicket. I can honestly say that all playing members are fired up and looking forward to all our matches, that will be played on privately owned grass wickets. No more park pitches and we send a fond farewell to the infamous racecourse.

The club is now actively looking for help, financial or otherwise, from any willing parties. So if you think you can help in any way, no matter how small, do not hesitate to call me for a chat.

The club is always on the lookout for new talent with bat or ball or both, so contact me, if you intend to make 1996 the start of your playing career.

John Chapman, Hon Sec, Tel. 584565

Post Script

I would just like to say a few words about our Chairman and Co-Founder Mr Jack Holt, who sadly passed away earlier this year. It was Jack along with Mr Gerald Farmer, who in 1973 collected together a motley band of youths, who after a season of "Pub Friendlies", decided to form St Michaels 74 C.C. With Jack's enthusiasm and encouragement over the years, it blossomed into the competent, sportsman-like side we have to-day. Although in later years Jack could only support us with his occasional presence, it was good to know his thoughts were as warm and encouraging as they were over 20 years ago. So as we begin a new era in the Alliance League, I'm sure he will be proudly watching us from the balcony of that great pavilion in the sky.

Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

The First XV were very unlucky to lose in the quarter finals of the Lewis Shield to Buckingham in March. By the time this report has reached your doorsteps we may have been promoted as the last two league games were also in March.

The Seniors will be on tour in Newquay and the Colts are also in Cornwall on a separate tour over Easter.

The end of Season Awards Dinner is at the Rugby Club Friday 3rd May, followed by an end of season dance on Saturday 4th May with live music.

Mini Rugby's last two sessions will be Sunday 7th and 21st April. We would like to thank the children and parents who have braved the elements throughout the season, and hope they have enjoyed themselves and we'll see them there next season.

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

Our AGM was held at the cricket pavilion on March 14th and the following officers were elected:-

Chairman:	John Mundy (Tel. 830725)
Vice Chairman:	Mick Adams
Secretary:	Reg Harris (38850)
Treasurer:	Carl Silver (580261)
Fixture Secretary:	Peter Minney (832093)
Groundsman:	Jack Dawson
Saturday Captain:	Roger Stone (842961 h & 648484 b)
Saturday Vice-Captain:	Carl Silver
Sunday Captain:	David Birch (409235 h & 810781 b)
Sunday Vice-Captain:	Robin Harding

The 1st matches will be on 12th & 13th April. The Club are always looking for new playing members, there is an acute shortage of bowlers at the moment! We have a very pleasant ground alongside the brook with a large pavilion and well stocked bar. If you feel you would like to come and join us get in touch with Roger or David above, myself, the Chairman or any other member. Indoor Nets are being held at the County Ground in Wantage Road every Friday until April 12th. Roger Stone is running this, as he is captain of the Saturday team it is your chance to impress him!

Peter White, 50 High Street, Bugbrooke. Tel: 830452 (H & B)

Bugbrooke Sports & Community Centre

Progress seems slow with the community hall as the solicitors' attempt to thrash out the documentation over surface water. Quite why there should be such delays when purportedly both sides have agreed to the terms remains a mystery.

Our AGM is on Thursday 25th April at 8pm in the Social Building and we invite all residents to attend. It is an important time for clubs

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and associations to indicate how the Playing Fields secured for the village should be developed.
B.M. Curtis, Chairman

The Wizard of Oz

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society once again gave excellent entertainment with their annual Pantomime. With a cast of over 30 and backstage help from a further 20 they represented a wide spectrum of the drama talent within the community.

It was good to see a number of promising youngsters mixing with the more experienced players to provide a lively show. Fine performances were given by Shelley Cartwright as Dorothy and Craig Fergus as the Green Guardian. A subtle sense of humour was passed on to older members of the audience by Craig's portrayal whilst Shelley projected her voice well.

The Munchkins and Emeralders were well marshalled and encouraged by old hands Roy Osborne, Sue Pace and Tim Partridge. When they relax and enjoy the occasion like the older hands they will provide good entertainment in the future.

Everyone who took part made a valuable contribution but special mention needs to be made of the way Sally Westland evoked such emotion in the audience by her portrayal of the Wicked Witch. Also Pat Atkinson as the Scarecrow provided an excellent example to younger members in presence and timing. Jim Inch seemed type cast until he was oiled and speeded up whilst Maggie Terry's Lion brought sympathy from youngsters in the audience.

The scenery and stage management were again well considered whilst special mention needs to be made of the excellent specialised make up for the Tin Man, Lion, Scarecrow and Witch. Well done David Poston.

The hard work put in by everyone deserved the appreciation it drew from the audience. With such a mix of experienced and maturing talent B.A.D.S. looks to be in a very healthy condition. Long may they continue to enjoy themselves and provide such fun for the rest of us.
John Curtis

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Christian Aid Week – May 12–18

The churches in England have recently voiced their concerns about the National Lottery. The jackpot stood at £33 million in January – this represents ⅔ Christian Aids annual income (£9 million is raised in Christian Aid Week). If there are no winners one week, why not give the jackpot to charity, so we can fulfil a life-time dream for thousands of people?

Spend £1 on the lottery and 5p goes to charity. Give £1 to Christian Aid and 89p goes direct to those who need it – the rest is spent on education and administration. Did you realise charities will lose out due to the Chancellor's 1p off income tax? (Christian Aid will lose £50,000 per annum from covenant rebates.)

The lottery is in the business of selling dreams but, sadly, the odds are terrible at 14 million to 1. If people really want to make dreams come true they should think about directly supporting charities like Christian Aid. So please be generous when the red envelope drops through your door.

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Sue Pace, Tel: 832516

Cooks Corner

Athenian Mince

Serves 4

1lb raw minced beef
1lb potatoes peeled
1 onion, sliced
14oz can tomatoes
½ level tsp of mixed herbs
Salt and Pepper
4 pint Casserole dish
2oz Margarine
2oz Plain Flour
¾ pint of Milk
2oz Grated Cheese
1 large Egg, separated
Pinch of Nutmeg

Cook the potatoes in boiling water, salted, drain well and leave to cool.

Fry the mince over a fairly high heat, then add the onion and fry together for a few minutes until they start to brown. Stir in the tomatoes and herbs and season the mixture well. Bring it to the boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for about ten minutes, uncovered.

Melt the margarine in a pan, remove from the heat and stir in the flour, then gradually blend in the milk, when the sauce is smooth return the pan to the heat and stirring all the time bring it to the boil for a minute so that it thickens, remove pan from the heat and stir in the cheese, egg yolk and nutmeg.

Spoon half the mince into the dish, slice the potatoes and arrange half of these on top of the mince, then pour over half of the sauce, repeat the layer of mince and potatoes once more. Whisk the egg white until it is stiff and stands in peaks, then using a metal spoon fold it into the remaining sauce and spread this on top of the dish. Bake on centre shelf of the oven, gas mark 4 or 350°F, 180°C, for about 45 minutes or until the top is golden brown and puffy.
Mrs L.M. Law

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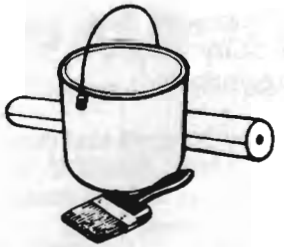

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It is with regret that there will not be a Flower Festival in the church this year. Many thanks to all those dedicated and talented ladies that have worked so hard in years gone by.
Flower Festival Ladies

Easter at the Five Bells

On Easter Monday we will be holding our 7th annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be a bouncy castle to keep the children entertained and, weather permitting, a bar-b-que. Come along – the fun starts at 10 am and it's completely free!

Bugbrooke County Primary School

We are desperately looking for cleaners who would be interested in covering our current cleaners during sick leave or holidays, for between one to three hours per day @ £3.51 per hour.

If you would be interested could you please contact school: *Telephone 830610*

Family Announcements

PELL – COLIN Happy 75th birthday on May 12th. Have a great day. Love from Enid, Barbara, Geoff, Jane, Jan and Nig.

PELL – COLIN Happy 75th birthday Pap. Love from Gavin, Gary, Becky, Tim, Felicity, Jessica and especially Bonnie! xxx

PELL Congratulations on your 18th birthday Gary on May 6th
'Keep them feet a tapping'.
Love from Nan, Pap and Auntie Barb. x

DOVEY – MARTIN Happy 13th birthday on 9th May. Love from Mum, Dad and Lizzie.

GARLICK Happy 1st birthday to Hannah on 7th May and Happy 9th birthday to Lee on 23rd May.
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Village Diary

April			
1	7.30pm	Women's Institute 'Sticks and Stones' by Mrs Opren	VH
4	8.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Church
5	2.00pm	Watch by the Cross	Church
7	8.00am	Holy Communion	Church
7	10.30am	Easter Carol Communion	Church
7	6.30pm	Festival Evensong & Communion	Church
10	2.15pm	Darby & Joan AGM	SS
15	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Meeting	SS
20	2.00pm	Darby & Joan Jumble Sale	SS
21	10.30am	Benefice Communion & PCC Re- dedication	Church
22	7.30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting	VH
22	8.00pm	Bugbrooke & District Flower Society – 'Spring is in the air' – Viv. Hoare	SS
24	7.35pm	PCC Meeting	SS
24	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
25	8.00pm	Bugbrooke Sports & Community Centre AGM	Playing Fields
26	6.30pm	Friends of Campion Jumble Sale	CS
29	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
May			
8	8.00pm	Link AGM – All welcome	VH
8	To be decided	Darby & Joan Meeting – Trip to Heygates	Heygates
9	2.30pm	Mothers' Union in 1995 – Carol Thursfield	SS
11	12 noon–2pm	Christian Aid Hunger Lunch	SS
13	7.30pm	Women's Institute 'Resolutions'	SS
20	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
20	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Meeting	SS
22	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Open Evening	SS
22	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
23	2.30pm	Mothers' Union Deanery Festival at Charwelton	
28		Pentecost (Whitsunday)	
June			
3	7.30pm	Women's Institute 'Chinese Astrology' by Mrs Wright	SS
5	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
9		Campion School Summer Fete	CS
17	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Meeting	SS

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