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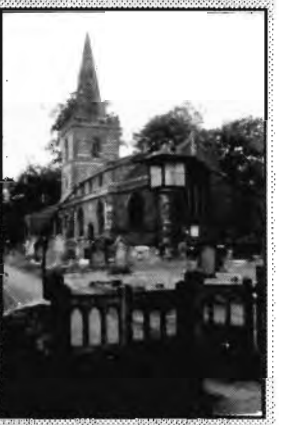

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Editor: Paul Cockcroft

The most important item discussed at the recent annual general meeting was the insecure financial future of LINK.

Due to increased publication costs, our village magazine is faced with a shortfall of nearly £1,200 per year, even taking into account advertising revenue. Without additional income, or reduced costs, all reserves will have been used up by this time next year. If this happens, the magazine will cease to exist in the present format.

LINK provides a service to the whole of the Bugbrooke community and to the many clubs, societies and organisations within the village. A look at the number and variety of contributions in this issue demonstrates this point.

There are at least two ways in which you can assist and enable us to make a positive move forward. The most direct is to make a donation, with cheques payable to Bugbrooke Link Magazine. Please speak to our Chairperson (Vicky Parker Tel: 830268) or our treasurer (Jim Inch Tel: 830933) if you have any queries on contributions.

The second useful way to help is to suggest ways of increasing income, raising funds or decreasing expenditure. Please note down your thoughts and post through my door.

As a reminder, packs of notelets are available from committee members and local shops. Please support your magazine to the best of your ability and help us in our efforts to continue providing this valuable service.

The deadline for the August issue is **Monday 1st July 1996.**

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thought 'fast food' was what you ate in Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' we had for tea. We existed before house husbands, computer dating, dual careers, and when a 'meaningful relationship' meant getting along with cousins, and 'sheltered accommodation' was where you waited for a bus.

We were before day-care centres, group homes and disposable nappies. We never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and young men wearing earrings. For us 'time sharing' meant togetherness, a 'chip' was a piece of wood or fried potato, 'hardware' meant nuts and bolts and 'software' wasn't a word.

Before 1940 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker to the bus depot. Pizzas, McDonald's and instant coffee was unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoking was 'fashionable', 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in the coal house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you had on Sundays and 'pot was something you cooked in.

'Rock Music' was a grandmother's lullaby, 'Eldorado' was an ice-cream, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble.

We who were born before 1940 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are so confused and there is a generation gap today . . .

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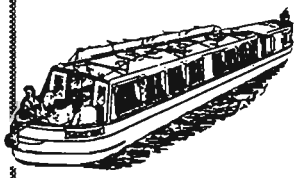

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I don't go to the House of Lords any more. I went once but my umbrella was stolen by a bishop.

Lord Berners

Wives (of politicians) never know whether they're snoozing on the back bench, chairing a committee meeting or carrying on an affair of state.

Jilly Cooper

As a Politician never believes what he says, he is surprised when others believe him.

Charles de Gaulle

There are too many men in politics – and not enough elsewhere.

Hermione Gingold

I must follow them: I am their leader.

A. Bonal Law

We all know that Prime Ministers are wedded to the truth, but like other married couples they some times live apart.

Saki

It's as dark as the mind of a politician.

Molley Roberts

If only the House of Commons had emulated the Lord's admirable inactivity, we should have been saved from a great many foolish acts.

Lambert Jeffries

Don Prime

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

Now isn't it a pleasure to hear the church clock striking the hours? I do hope it keeps up the good work.

Yesterday, 29th April, the weather man said that we had had the

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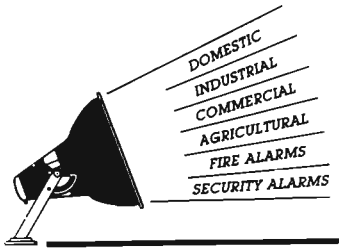

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driest April ever! As I look out of the window now, I can see dark clouds building up over Towcester. I do hope the heavens open and we get a really good rain. I have heard that the people in Yorkshire already have a hose pipe ban. We are lucky in this area to have such good reservoirs. I think certain people in the past thought the water situation out very well.

As I look out of the window, I think the magnolia tree is really beautiful. The frost has not touched it this year and it is magnificent. How wonderful the daffodils have been too. The cold weather held them back and when it warmed up they bloomed well. I think the daffs this year have been the best ever.

The churchyard has looked lovely too. The celandines, which we look upon as weeds, turned the churchyard golden and it seemed a pity to cut them but the cutters have left the primroses and they look a picture.

What a pleasure to get up this morning, 1st May, and find heavenly water flowing into the water barrels. It was actually raining! I do hope it won't stop too soon.

Every single type of tree that can come into blossom is now coming out. Apples, pears, cherries, flowering plums, they are all coming out. Stay away MR. FROST!

There have been several sightings and hearings. The cuckoo has been heard. Swallows and martins have been seen. I think I need better seeing and hearing apparatus! Or do I spend too much time watching the television and hearing about the dreadful things happening in the world. The animals to be slaughtered, the young girl killed at Corby, all the people shot in Tasmania. I wonder where it will end!

I was rather surprised to be told by Maurice Sargent, who lives along Camp Hill, that the carrion crow is such a menace. Taking eggs from birds' nests and young from nests. I always thought that the magpie was the greatest pest. I have not seen so many of these about lately. Maurice says the crow must really be culled!

Have you seen many lady birds? I hope the frost will not kill them.

Oh dear, I should not have written that. The frost came last night, 3rd May, and now the magnolia is a nasty brown! We must wait for 1997!

P.S. Just as I am about to hand the notes in, I have heard the cuckoo!!

Parish Council Meetings – March and April 1996

The Parish Council has co-opted David Mellor and Len Rudkin to fill the casual vacancies. Each brings enthusiasm and knowledge and should be an asset to the Parish Council and the local community.

Proposals for a quarry for the extraction of sand in the fields east of Campion School and south of the old B4525 are already included in the County Council's Minerals Plan. A detailed planning application has

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now been submitted and was given serious consideration by the Parish Council. As quarries go, this could be much worse. The access will remain at Rothersthorpe and the agreed routes for lorries do not pass through Bugbrooke. Two immediate concerns are that the diverted footpath should be made secure and fenced with dogproof netting; and that, although the inert waste to be used for infill is not likely to be hazardous, it would be preferable to use soil only, as ultimately there could be a loss in the quality of the agricultural land. There are also grave reservations about the proposals to encourage the badgers recently returned to the village to stay put whilst their immediate world is destroyed. The whole process is expected to last four years.

The Jack Holt Memorial Walk will take place on Sunday afternoon the 16th June (his birthday). It will involve a gentle stroll of about 1 to 1½ hours, including a view of Charity Meadow, a designated site of special scientific interest (SSSI) in which Jack Holt took a particular interest. All are welcome and details will be posted on the noticeboards.

PC Wallace attended his last meeting at Bugbrooke to provide information on the latest crime figures. They showed a reduction in most categories of crime over the past 12 months (or, if we are cynical, reflected a different system of gathering information). Car crime in the area certainly reduced significantly when two likely lads (not from Bugbrooke) were apprehended. PC Wallace has now transferred to Deanshanger and we wish him every success. Following Wallace is not Gromit (much to the disappointment of Phil Bignell) but PC Gary Wood. The Parish Council hopes to be able to work closely with him towards a crime-free environment.

The Local Government Commission is now carrying out a review of electoral arrangements in South Northamptonshire. The aim is for the District Council to have one Councillor elected for every 1,200 electors. A strict application of this criterion would leave Bugbrooke with 1½ Councillors! The risk is that the Commission, not recognising that villages often have different needs and aspirations, will create artificial conglomerations in order to match their arbitrary figures. The Parish Council has confirmed that we require two District Councillors, representing only Bugbrooke, as at present.

Once again a glossy brochure announcing BT's Environment Week has been produced. The Parish Council might be a little more enthusiastic about this event, and a little less likely to regard it as a cynical public relations exercise, if it were not for recent experience, when BT not only refused to join a joint scheme to 'underground' wires in the High Street but subsequently erected three additional poles in the village, one in the Conservation Area. It is still hoped to remove at least one pole and some wires to improve the street scene in the High Street but this must be funded almost entirely by the Parish Council.

Finally, the Parish Council received information about International

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Noise Awareness Day. Unfortunately, it was received after this Day had occurred. As Simon Villette exclaimed, it must have passed quietly if we missed it!

David Harries

Bugbrooke Sports & Community Centre

A disappointing turnout for the AGM means that the committee will be some members short of its quota for the elected group. Therefore there will be space for some coopted members and if you wish to participate in the running of the Playing Fields and development of new facilities please let me know in order to put your name forward.

The Playing Fields Tote is no longer being collected due to the gradual reduction, over a number of years, of collectors and contributors. The committee would like to thank those who have contributed and particularly those who have made the effort to collect the amounts concerned. The Tote has allowed individuals to support the Playing Fields, for several years these funds have generated many of the facilities available.

The Community Hall project inches closer and it is envisaged that alternative fund raising options may become available when it is opened. We hope those who have supported us in the past with Tote contributions will be able to come and enjoy the facilities their efforts have helped to make possible.

It's good to see the new cricket square being used for the first time although it has made little change to the weather which was windy and wet! The outfield is already quite fast with the grass cut short and the previously dry weather ensuring a hard surface.

The scouts and bowls have started the construction of their new hall and garage facilities and the foundations are now in place. This section of work was undertaken by a band of volunteers armed with rakes and shovels determined to shift the 30 cubic metres of concrete before it set around their feet. We did manage to get the concrete in reasonably level, only to find that as it set so did Geoff Hayter's and Ken Darvell's backs as they recouperated in their armchairs during the afternoon. The footings need to be constructed next and no doubt the bricklayers will be informing us how accurately the concrete is laid when they lay the first few courses.

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Bugbrooke Cricket Club

Our season got under way on April 14th, after the 1st match the previous day was cancelled due to snow the night before! There was still snow on the ground the next morning, then the sun came out giving a beautiful day which was not expected, we could have played after all but an early decision had to be made.

We have a full fixture list until the last Saturday and Sunday in September. We are always looking for new players, if any person would like to join a very sociable Club please contact myself or:

Roger Stone – Saturday Captain (Tel: 842961 h & 648484 b)
David Birch – Sunday Captain (Tel: 409235 h & 810781 b)
John Mundy – Chairman (Tel: 830725 h & b)

On Sunday 21st July at 10am there will be a Car Boot Sale on our ground by the brook, £5 per car. Please contact John Mundy for more details if required.

David Capel, who lives in Bugbooke has been giving coaching on our ground (3.45 – 5pm) to young cricketers from Quinton House School in the under 18, 14 & 11 age groups. By the time you read this the dates left are June 5th (U14), June 11th (U11), June 24th (U11), June 26th (U14), July 2nd (U11), July 3rd (U14). David says that everybody would be welcome to come along and listen. It may be possible to include a few boys but this depends on how many attend from the school, he would appreciate anybody (whatever age) who is prepared to assist. So here is your chance to learn from an England cricketer – if you want any more information contact myself or speak to David himself on one of those evenings.

To date there are a total of 83 'events' to be organised at our pavilion and ground this year which means a lot of work to organise behind the scenes, such as bar floats etc. Please contact me if you wish to hire the ground at £30 for an evening match and £40 for a day match.

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Bugbrooke Bowls Club

At the start of this new season we have already started to repeat the success of last year. As defending champions, we have won our first match in the Delapré League. We also won our first weekend game so all is looking good so far.

If any of you have followed the progress of the green over the winter, you will see that it has not developed to the required standard. This is a result of how the turf was handled as it was laid and the subsequent harsh Winter and Spring. We have already had meetings with the contractors and they plan to deliver a playable surface by the middle of the year. Our hope is that we will be able to play our club gala on our own green at the end of this season and next year we will see the green in full use. We also hope that, by that time, the Community Centre will be ready for us to use as a club house.

Right now what we need is new members: Bowls is an easy game to learn, though rather more difficult to be skilful at. We would like more players to participate in our match schedule. Also we would like more membership fees to help us cover the cost of maintaining the green. Finally we would welcome anyone who would like to learn how to maintain a green or would like to help us maintain and develop the surrounds to the green. Membership fees are currently £15 per year (£10 for pensioners) with a joining fee of £10. If you are interested in joining the Bowls Club, please contact any member of the Management Committee who are:

Chairman	Roy Osborne	7, Whitegates	761598
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Secretary	Tony Pace	1, Church Lane	832516
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Tony Pace (Secretary)

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This year we are delighted to welcome back the **Northampton Pipe Band**. Besides playing their music and giving us a demonstration of **Scottish Dancing** during the afternoon, the Band will march through the village to the fête field for the official opening. This, of course, assumes that the weather will remain dry, which it will – I promise you.

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Enid Pell, Hon Chairman

Thanks to everyone who sent us lovely flowers and cards for our Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

E. Pell

Bugbrooke Pensioners Gift Scheme

A Trivial Pursuit evening was held on Friday 19th April and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. A total of £123.00 was raised for the Scheme.

There will possibly be a further similar event towards the end of the year in addition to our usual wine tasting in early October in order to raise further funds for the Scheme.

The usual application form to apply for a Christmas Gift will be placed in the August issue of Link together with the appropriate requirements.

Bruce Piper, Chairman

Darby and Joan Club

Firstly many thanks to all of you that supported our Jumble Sale in April. Also a big thank you to all who helped on the day with special thanks (again!) to Lily for her cheque & to Mr J Gilkes for his contribution. We had a most successful day which makes a lot of hard work worthwhile.

We now look forward to our summer trips out which have all now been planned.

If there are any senior citizens wishing to join our club please contact me or any committee or club member. We meet every other Wednesday from 2.15 to 4.15pm.

Jean Mundy 830725

I have donated £100 to Darby & Joan Club on 20th April 1996. Thanks to all my friends who contributed.

Lily Maguire

Mothers' Union

On March 25th members from Bugbrooke and Rothersthorpe attended the Deanery Lady Day Quiet afternoon at Braunston.

This was a service with hymns, readings, short sermons and time to be quiet. After a time of worship we had an excellent tea provided by the members of the MU from Braunston.

The Maundy Thursday service in Church was very well supported bringing together Rothersthorpe and Bugbrooke to share in what is always a very moving service.

Sue Nightingale 831025

Dr Dutta & Partners' Patient Participation Group

The Annual General Meeting will be held at The Surgery, Levitts Road, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th June. All patients of Dr Dutta & Partners are welcome. Anyone wishing to join the Group and/or serve on the committee please contact Mrs. B. Auburn (Manager) at The Surgery.

Friends of Campion School

Our Jumble Sale raised about £150, thanks to all who helped or bought items.

The big fund raiser of the year, the Summer Fete, is on 9 June, we hope to see you there. Monies raised will pay for books for all abilities for the school's learning centre. All parents and friends have raffle tickets to sell, proceeds towards improving sports facilities.

Women's Institute

Sticks and Stones – now we know what the title of our last speaker's talk was all about.

Mrs Opren is a lapidary – she polishes semi-precious stones and makes them into beautiful jewellery. With the clarity of someone completely absorbed in her craft, Mrs Opren took us through the year, stone-by-stone: Rose Quartz for January, Amethyst for February, etc.

The ancients imbued these stones with magical healing qualities – gold tiger-eye for stomach disorders, sodalite to strengthen the thyroid. Members of her audience have proved that these old 'magic charms' can work even today. After giving her talk to members of a self-help group of people with arthritis, she was inundated with requests for green moss agate jewellery when one lady discovered her pain had eased whilst holding the stone.

Mrs Wright is coming on Monday 3rd June to talk about Chinese Astrology. Now, that should be another interesting evening.

Later on in the year, the National W.I. is launching a campaign to highlight the dangers of constant dieting. The aim is to encourage people, especially women and through them the rest of the family, to be satisfied with their natural shape and maintain healthy balanced eating.

The W.I. is joining forces with the Townswomen's Guild, the Royal College of Nursing and the British Dietetic Association. Fact sheets on sensible nutrition, the dangers of dieting, food labelling and the benefits of exercise will be distributed to all members of these organisations. So look out for lots of super-healthy W.I. members around the village!

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society

Our next productions will be a 'MUSIC HALL' which will take place at Campion School on Friday 5th and Saturday 6th July. Tickets will be £5 including buffet, bring your own bottle, information regarding bookings from *Sheila Bignell Tel: 830036.*

Bugbrooke Royal British Legion

The main item of news this time is the report of our Annual Dinner, which was held at 'The Five Bells'. A very good time was enjoyed by all, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff concerned for making the evening such an enjoyable one.

We are now actively considering what we can do to clebrate the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the Legion, we have a number of possibilities, but have not as yet come to any definite conclusions.

We are looking for new members to join us, so if there are any ex service people out there who would like to help us to keep alive the old spirit of comradeship, don't be shy, come and join in our meetings, you will be made very welcome.

V.K.W.

Bugbrooke Neighbourhood Watch

Although we have not yet received the full crime figures for the quarter, we are assured by Mick Wallace, our community constable, that his whole beat shows improvement, with the villages of Bugbrooke and Harpole showing the greatest improvement. In general, the trend for car related crime seems to be down, but thefts from garages, sheds, and gardens are rising.

There have been a series of 'Distraction' thefts reported, in which the

householder's attention is held by one thief, whilst his companion steals what he can from the house. A common ploy seems to be for the thief to ask the householder to change a large denomination note, thus allowing him to see where money is kept. Sometimes, the thieves pose as council officials, or gas or electricity inspectors.

Police advice is that you should not admit strangers to your home without checking on their identity. Keep a chain on your front door, and the back door locked. Don't be afraid to check identity documents, and to telephone the body whom your caller claims to represent for confirmation.

Our telephone cascade system for passing information around the village had shown itself to have some shortcomings, so it has now been redrafted, and we hope that it will now function smoothly.

Finally, with the Holiday season upon us, may we remind you to be sure that before you go, you remember to cancel milk and newspaper deliveries, and to arrange with a neighbour to ensure that letters etc are not left protruding from your letterbox to advertise the fact that you are away from home.

Vic & Roy

Nurse's Corner

Hayfever

A recent survey showed that although most hayfever sufferers do visit their doctor, there is a sizeable number who take nothing for their symptoms. Perhaps they are unaware that there are effective treatments. Hayfever restricts performance in young people at a bad time of year – exam time! Almost 50% of those aged 5–19 felt hayfever had a bad effect on their lessons or lectures. Symptoms include sneezing, watery eyes, runny nose, itchy, sensitive eyes, blocked nose/sinuses and headaches.

Although hayfever is a seasonal reaction to pollen, there is an increased susceptibility to irritants such as smoke, animal fur and emotional stress once the season has begun. Your local pharmacist will be able to advise you on simple remedies, but if these don't work for you, do consult your local nurse or doctor.

Sue Pace

Girl Guides

Our trip to Alton Towers was brilliant. Being near the beginning of the season the theme park was relatively quiet, giving plenty of opportunity

to try all the rides numerous times. Being pregnant Rachel was restricted to the swan boat ride, the Ghost train and the Peter Rabbit on ice show, with the additional put down of having to 'look after the bags', whilst her mum and Helen did the water rides and roller coasters! Many thanks to the two gallant dads who boldly took on the custodianship of vast groups of excited guides who were intent on doing Nemesis as many times as possible on a day trip.

The division concert held at Campion School went very well. Our district was representing America and our company's colourful, lively rock & roll routine was well received. Our thanks to the two choreographers for all their hard work and enthusiasm and to the guides for learning and dancing a complicated routine with such energy and enjoyment.

At Easter, we had an 'eggciting' cooking session. The guides cooked eggs in a variety of ways and followed this with chocolate pudding decorated with mini eggs. To balance the less than healthy content of the egg meeting we took up the Take 5 challenge. This meant eating five pieces of fruit or vegetable by preparing fruit salads and trying various vegetable dips, all reinforced by a visiting speaker's talk on healthy eating. Both cooking sessions will count towards the cooks badge.

Rachel 831697 and Helen 01327 340404

Bugbrooke Playgroup

There will be 29 children leaving Playgroup in July to start at Primary School and places will then be available on all morning sessions for children aged 2 years and 9 months or above. Please telephone Barbara on 830232 if you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list.

We have received a donation of £100.00 which was raised by the staff of Heygates. We would like to offer our sincere thanks to them.

We have been updating our stock of toys and would like to obtain a large dolls house. This would preferably be a basic, indestructible type which several children could play with at once. If anyone has one which they would like to sell or donate or if anyone could offer to make one please contact Sue on 832040.

An Easter party was held on the last afternoon of term before the Easter holiday. This was a great success with the weather being kind to us and enabling an egg hunt in the garden. Trying to organise 50 children of pre-school age to do egg and spoon races was quite a challenge! Also the standard of Easter Bonnets made by the parents was excellent.

Gillian Stone

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Team Librarian, Children and Young People, Northamptonshire Libraries

St Michael & All Angels Church News

Church Floodlights

The anniversary of the installation of the floodlights has just gone by. We would like to thank everyone who has sponsored the floodlights over the past year and invite people to sponsor the floodlights for the coming year. We suggest that you might like to give £5 which is the cost of floodlighting for a week. Contributions should be given to Sue Pace at 1 Church Lane, cheques should be made payable to St Michael & All Angels Churchyard Fund. Do help us to keep the church floodlit.

Churchyard Care

We are justly proud of the splendid way in which our wonderful volunteers keep the grass cut and the flower beds cared for. If anyone else would like to help with the grass cutting then please have a word with Nigel Burt on 830792. Mowers are provided.

We would also like to draw everyone's attention to the fact that artificial flowers are not allowed in any English churchyard, the only exceptions to this rule being Christmas wreaths and Remembrance Day poppies which can remain for up to two months after the due date. This rule has been in existence for over 100 years and is designed to ensure that the churchyard has a natural look and blends in with its surroundings. Any artificial flowers still in the churchyard by the end of June will be placed in the churchyard shed and can be claimed by contacting any one of those who look after the churchyard.

Sunday Morning Service at Rothersthorpe

Now that, as a church, we are joined with Rothersthorpe it was agreed that it would be nice occasionally to join together for our Sunday morning service. Their congregation joined us on April 21st and we are to join them on their patronal festival June 30th at 10 am. There will be no services in Bugbrooke church on that Sunday morning but if anyone would like transport to Rothersthorpe do contact Ann Gowen. If you haven't visited Rothersthorpe church before, do take this opportunity, it is an attractive church with a welcoming congregation but during

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weekdays it is locked. Please make a special note that the service is at 10 am.

Parish Quiet Day

Most of us have times when we long for a little peace, a chance to reflect without doorbells, phones ringing and all the other distractions of living. On June 22nd there is the chance to get away from it all for a few hours from 10 am to 4 pm. We are holding the Quiet Day at the Badby Road Convent on the outskirts of Daventry, and it will be led by Peter Moseling, a curate at Daventry. We shall be quiet in the morning and afternoon but talk over lunch which we shall take with us. There will be a list in church for the names of those interested, numbers are limited so do book early.

Tim Partridge 830373

In Focus

Profile of Mrs Enid Pell: Chairperson of the Bugbrooke Branch (Women's Section) Royal British Legion.

Where were you born and raised?
At my grandmother's house at Duston, and then in a cottage down by the Old Bakehouse.

Where were you educated?
Bugbrooke Primary School, but I started work on my 14th birthday.

Your favourite part of Great Britain?
North Wales.

If you could take 3 books and 3 pieces of music to a desert island what would they be?
Books – Catherine Cookson – Josephine Cox – Charles Dickens.
Music – Welsh choirs – My Favourite Hymns – Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves.

Whom do you admire the most and why?
The Queen more than anybody, she has always maintained her standards despite her various problems.

What is your greatest fear?
Of being buried alive.

What is your favourite food and drink?
Italian food, pasta – lasagne & salmon – a nice hot cup of tea as I am not allowed alcoholic drink nowadays.

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What ambitions do you have?
To fly on concorde: I achieved one of my ambitions 2 years ago when I visited my uncle's grave which is on the Somme.

What talent would you have liked most of all?
To have played the piano well.

What do you do for leisure?
I used to like dancing a lot, but nowadays it is reading, crosswords, gardening and the grandchildren.

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

Do you have any embarrassing moments?
None that I can recall.

Do you have any pet dislikes?
No.

Where did you meet Colin?
Colin came in to mend my iron and we have never looked back, we have two children and six grandchildren.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?
Like – I love Bugbrooke and would not want to live anywhere else, I am always pleased to come back whenever I have been away.
Dislike – The lack of facilities for the elderly, more accommodation so that they do not have to leave the village for a home after spending their life in the village. Also the lack of somewhere for the younger people to meet and socialise.

How would you like to be remembered?
As a good friend and neighbour.

If you could live in any part of the world where would it be?
If not in Bugbrooke, it would have to be Austria.

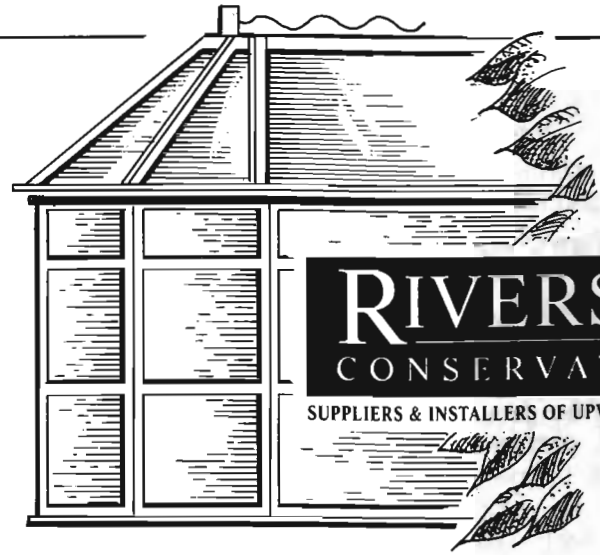
Do you have any advice for young people starting out?
To try and lead a good life and to work hard to achieve their aims.

When and where were you married?
40 years ago in Northampton.

Who would you like to have been given the opportunity?
I am quite happy with myself as I am.

If you could have your life over again what would you change?
Nothing – quite happy with my life.

Do you have any regrets?
I should have liked to have been a school governor at the Primary



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School. That my father never lived to see his great grandchildren.

What are your favourite T.V. programmes?

Most soaps and wildlife programmes.

When did you join the British Legion?

I joined in 1945 and still have my original membership card.

How long have you been Chairperson?

Nearly 10 years – Mrs Trinder is our President.

Do you think the Legion does enough in the village?

It would be nice if we were more involved in village activities and that more people in the village took an interest in the Legion.

What do you think of last thing at night before going to sleep?

After saying my prayers I think of what I have done that day and what I have to do the next day.

My thanks to Enid for giving me her time to answer the questions.

Don Prime

Family Announcements

GEARY – MAVIS
Happy birthday Mum on 9th June. Have a great day. Love Esther and Colin

WALKER – ALASTAIR has passed his U.E.B. Examinations January 1996, to enable him to practice medicine in the U.K. The degrees are L.M.S.S.A. (Lond), L.R.C.S. (Lond) L.R.C.S. (Eng). His M.D. degree was granted in America last year. He attended the Leeds University Medical School which is the family tradition.

Good luck from all the family and friends.

COBB – DOROTHY – I would like to thank all friends and neighbours for the lovely cards and get well messages sent to me during my stay in hospital. Your kind thoughts and prayers helped me a lot, and were much appreciated.

EDWARDS – Paul and Annie wish to thank everyone who sent letters, cards, floral tributes and gave support on the sudden loss of Mary and of her brother Arthur. Please accept this response, as we had too many to reply to each one.

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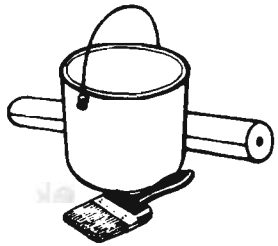

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Red Cross Week – Saturday 22 June 96

Instead of a village collection this year we are going to hold a coffee morning at The Byre in Church Lane (the farm). Hopefully the weather will be kind and we can hold it outside in the garden as we did 2 years ago. There will be some stalls etc., pony rides and a competition for the prettiest cat. So all those children can bring along their family pet. Prize money will be a £10.00 voucher to spend at 'Petstop' in the village. So do come along and support our efforts for this very worthwhile charity on June 22nd about 10.30 a.m.

Kaye Adams

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

It doesn't seem possible, but we are rapidly approaching the end of another school year. Where does all the time go?

Due to commitments at school, and another fête in the village, our May Day celebrations will be a June Fayre this year. It will be taking place on Saturday 29th June at 2.00pm. There will be the usual crowning of the May/June Queen and the Country and Morris dancing by the pupils. There will also be side stalls and games and refreshments will be served all afternoon. Please come along and support us while having a fun and entertaining afternoon out.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported our events over the last 12 months. We will be having our AGM later in the year and would be pleased to see some new faces with some new ideas. If you are interested in joining the Parent & Teacher Association look for details coming your way in the beginning of the new school year. Our fundraising helps buy equipment for the classrooms such as tape recorders and headphones, books for the children to read so they have new titles each term; we helped equip the new classroom two years ago when the kitchen was converted. The 'shopping list' this year includes litter bins, sports kit, playground markings/equipment. These items are needed in the school but would drain the school budget if they had to come out of that. Every little bit of money helps. One of the larger projects we may be raising money for in the future is the extension of the security fencing around the school

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field. This is all subject to permission from the appropriate people. We would like to hear from anyone who has any opinions on this, whether they are for or against it. You can contact the school to speak to Mr Langrish or put your views in writing to him. He would welcome any comments on this idea.

Teresa Garlick – Secretary

General Knowledge Quiz

The numbers below are accompanied by two or more initials which begin the words in the answer.
e.g. 18 = VA (Voting Age)

1. 27 = B in the NT
2. 101 = D (WD)
3. 3 = C in a F
4. 12 = D of C
5. 10 = P in B
6. 454 = G to a P
7. 6 = C in NI
8. 1492 = CCD the NW
9. 0 = TM of G
10. 93 = MM to the S
11. 54 = C in a D (with J's)
12. 29 = D in F in a LY
13. 10 = GBH on the W
14. 25 = of D is CD
15. 11 = P in a ST
16. 57 = HV
17. 5 = O in the W
18. 40 = D and N of the GF
19. 147 = MB in S
20. 12 = S of the Z
21. 21 = S on a D
22. 650 = S in the H of C
23. 24 = BB (B in a P)
24. 6 = W of H the E
25. 1001 = AN
26. 3 = S of a T
27. 10 = E in a D
28. 7 = S on a FPP
29. 13 = BD
30. 26 = L of the A
31. 65 = A of R for a M
32. 3 = F in a Y
33. 2001 = a SO
34. 6 = B in an O
35. 2 = W in a F
36. 1815 = B of W
37. 20000 = LUTS
38. 240 = OP in the P
39. 7 = W of the W
40. 70 = TSY and T

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Village Diary

June			
3	7.30pm	Women's Institute 'Chinese Astrology' by Mrs Wright	S.S.
9	1.00pm	Friends of Campion School Summer Fete	C.S.
13	2.30pm	Mothers' Union – Meeting at Rothersthorpe	
15	2.00pm	Church Fete	Field by Church Car Park
17	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Meeting	S.S.
19	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
20	7.30pm	Mothers' Union – Worldwide President Christine Eames	Npton School for Girls Hardingstone
22	10am–4pm	Parish Quiet Day at Daventry Convent	
22	10.30am	Red Cross Week coffee morning	The Byre, Church Lane
24	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	V.H.
24	8.00pm	Bugbrooke & District Flower Society 'Bric-a-Brac' with Lesley Cole	S.S.
26	7.35pm	P.C.C. Meeting	S.S.
29	2.00pm	BPSA June Fayre	P.S.
30	10.00am	Benefice Communion at Rothersthorpe Church (No morning services at Bugbrooke)	
July			
1		Women's Institute Members' Evening	
3	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
5–6	7.45pm	Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society 'Music Hall'	C.S.
7	10.30am	Sunday School End of Year Service	Church
8	7.30pm	Patient Participation Group – A Talk on Asthma	C.S.
11	2.30pm	Mothers' Union – Tea or outing to be arranged	
11		Bugbrooke & District Flower Society – Maidwell Gardens	
13		Church will be in use for Diocesan Choir Awards Exams	
15	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Meeting	S.S.
15	7.30pm	Royal British Legion	5 Bells
17	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	S.S.
21	10.00am	Car Boot Sale	Bugbrooke Cricket Club (near brook)
22	8.00pm	Bugbrooke & District Flower Society 'Superstitions' with Jackie Harris	S.S.
24	7.30pm	Mothers' Union – Outing to be arranged	
27	2.00pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Fete (Mini) (Note change of venue)	S.S.
27	2.00pm	Wedding	Church
29	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	V.H.

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