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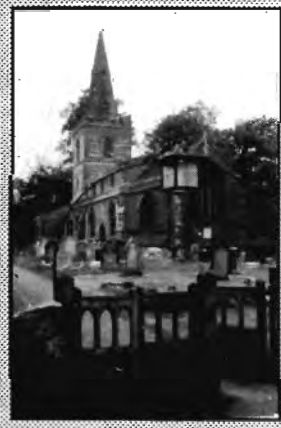

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Editor: Paul Cockcroft

Welcome to this summer issue of your village magazine. Look out for Nature Notes, St Michael's Church news, summary of Parish Council meetings, OAP Gift Scheme, the remainder of the numbers quiz – answers next issue – and articles from many of the groups and societies in the village. Remember, we need your help to keep this newsletter going so please do get in touch.

The deadline for the October issue is **Monday 2nd September 1996.**

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I think I made an error at the end of my last notes. I wrote that the magnolia was ruined because it had been struck by frost. As a matter of fact it had been hit by an air frost and we did not have another one. It recovered and that tree has never looked so well. I went down to it this morning, 26 June, and it still had three flowers on it. That is eight weeks since the frost.

Mrs Anne Bird told me a good story about a tame falcon. She said that on 15 May a tame falcon landed on a telephone pole near her home. It would just not go away and when Anne offered it some strips of beef it ate every piece and would have taken more. Anne consulted the Yellow Pages book and she came across the name of Daniel Keeber. He is the youngest Falconer in Northamptonshire. He arrived about eight o'clock, put a hood over the bird's head and took it away.

The flycatcher arrived on the same day as the falcon, but it has not nested here this year. I see from my diary that last year it arrived on 18 May!

Mr Len Rudkin told me that one day he saw a sparrowhawk eating a bird on his lawn!

Phil Bignell, from The Paddocks, tells me that the albino thrush that is about here has mated with another ordinary thrush and they have raised a family in a nest at the end of his garden. He says his paved garden path is littered with snail shells and they have to sweep them off time after time. Thrushes certainly keep the snail population down a bit.

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I wonder if any of the thrush babies will have a white head or white something. We must wait and see.

I cannot understand why the birds that travel here from foreign countries are in such short supply. I mean swallows, housemartins and swifts. Our own birds, blackbirds, chaffinches and hedge sparrows, etc, have never been so numerous. Is it pollution of the air from all the traffic or is it all the spraying? I do not understand it.

I thought there was one announcement this week that was rather serious. It said vegetables would be much dearer this year because farmers were being told not to irrigate because of the shortage of water. The weather man has promised showers and at this very moment it is hammering down. Can another miracle happen?

Sorry to say I have not seen the kingfisher lately.

To conclude, what lovely flowers we have about the village. A hot spell and plenty of watering gives marvellous results.

General Knowledge Quiz - Part 2

This is the final part of the quiz started in the June issue. The answers will be given in the October issue.

The numbers below are accompanied by two or more initials which begin the words in the answer.

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41. 1215 = D of the MC
42. 18 = P in a RUT
43. 88 = PK
44. 4 = Q in a G
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49. 3 = BM (SHTR)
50. 1926 = Y of the GS
51. 50 = M in an OSSP
52. 40 = P in a F
53. 7 = DS
54. 25 = Y for a SA
55. 18 = H on a GC
56. 39 = B in the OT
57. 1 = W on a U
58. 1066 = B of H
59. 30 = J in the GN
60. 24 = H in a D
61. 20 = FO in a P
62. 8 = L on an O
63. 7 = C in the R
64. 4 = S of the Y
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69. 100 = R in a CC
70. 180 = MTDS

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Two organised group walks, all day and afternoon only, will be leaving the church car park at 10am and 1.45pm respectively. Both walks will visit Upper Stowe where the Stowe Dairy Farm restaurant will be offering a 10% discount to all participants throughout the day. Please come and join in.

For sponsor forms and any details please contact Hilary Collings 831152 or The Rectory.

Bugbrooke Bowls Club

The playing season is going well with good succes in the Delapré League and the weekend matches. Even the club competitions are progressing well. The great disappointment is that we have seen little improvement in the surface of the green; in the view of some people it has actually got worse. This has led to some very heated discussions with the contractor. So, at the end of June it is pleasing to report that, at long last, there are clear signs of some serious action being taken. An action plan has now been set down to bring the green to the required standard by the autumn. With a little luck and a lot of hard work we will be able to play on our own green at the start of next year.

Bugbrooke OAP Christmas Gift Scheme

The application form for the 'Gift' for next Christmas is contained within this issue and should be completed in accordance with the instructions given on the form.

It can then be posted or delivered to any of the Committee members whose address is shown on the form or placed in a collection box at the Post Office, The Stores or Cherrenee.

The collection boxes will be available in the premises shown above from 5 August 1996 and will remain there until the closing date for applications on the 31 October 1996.

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Bruce Piper, Chairman

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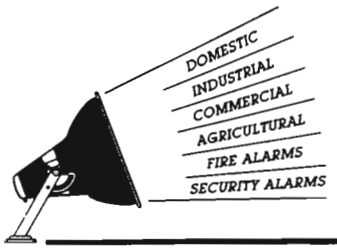

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2. Mrs J. Phillipson, 1 The Leys, West End, Bugbrooke.
3. Mrs A. Bird, 51 Camp Hill, Bugbrooke.
4. Mrs C. Pilcher, 6 Ace Lane, Bugbrooke.
5. Mrs E. Course, 30 Chipsey Avenue, Bugbrooke.

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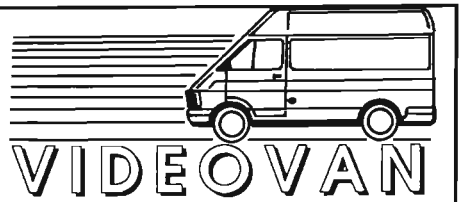

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Parish Council Meetings - May and June 1996

After much work in Committee, the Parish Council has adopted a series of policies which will guide all future decisions. The agreed policy document covers all areas, from economic to the environment. Whilst some of these policies may represent an idealistic (or even Utopian) position, the document provides a framework on which to build a more detailed programme, with target dates for achieving those (sadly few) areas of provision which are within our powers. This programme can then be incorporated into the budgetary process. The policy document, which will be reviewed annually, will be published in Link. Any comments or observations on them will be welcomed.

In May, Mr Keith Edwards, the Regional Customer Services Manager of Anglian Water, attended the Parish Council Meeting in response to our suggestion that they could introduce an insurance scheme for households served by unadopted sewers. (If a sewer is unadopted, all maintenance and repair costs remain the responsibility of the householders.) After a positive and useful discussion, Mr Edwards undertook to examine the possibility of such an insurance scheme and to identify all those properties in Bugbrooke affected. We await his reply with interest.

There is increasing frustration with the infrequent cutting of grass verges throughout the village. Whilst it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to carry out this work, the time may have arrived to grasp the nettle (both literally and figuratively) and employ our own village mower.

Bugbrooke Parish Council has been invited by South Northamptonshire Council to form a pilot community forum with Harpole, Heyford and Kislingbury. The forum will raise issues of concern to these parishes and, in theory, suggest realistic local solutions to local problems. This will be the first scheme of its kind in South Northamptonshire and our selection to be involved was no doubt influenced by our successful establishment of the Mid-Northamptonshire group of 22 parishes concerned about the development and expansion of Northampton into rural areas.

A Rural Symposium, organised by the County Planning Forum, took place at Campion School. When volunteering to attend this rather grandly named event I was influenced by the dictionary definition of a symposium as a 'drinking party'. My disappointment quickly disappeared, however, when I realised that we were to be addressed by the Government Minister with responsibilities for rural areas, and speakers from the European Community and the County Council. We were also provided with an opportunity to discuss with these policy formers the issues and problems affecting rural areas. It was an interesting day, but

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it remains to be seen whether any positive action is taken as a result of our deliberations – and whether it was worth missing most of England's first match in Euro '96!
David Harries

BUGBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL POLICY DOCUMENT

ECONOMIC

EP1 The Parish Council recognises that the countryside has always been a place of work, albeit mainly agricultural, and will support other areas of appropriate economic activity which is satisfactorily located and congruous with the size and character of the village

EP2 The Parish Council recognises that a Post Office is a focal point of the village and will support and encourage its continued existence

ENVIRONMENT (GREEN)

GP1 To encourage a responsible attitude to waste disposal matters

GP2 That every effort be made to encourage local, regional and national bodies to resolve the problem of unadopted sewers

GP3 To remove all wires, poles and other intrusions which detract from the visual environment, particularly those within the Conservation Area

GP4 That all Village Greens and Common Land within the village be registered under the Commons Registration Act and be properly maintained

GP5 To ensure that street lighting is maintained at an appropriate standard

GP6 That tree planting in approved planning applications and agreed replacement of trees under Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) be carefully monitored to ensure compliance

HOUSING

HP1 The Parish Council recognises the wish of many people who live in Bugbrooke to remain in the village despite their changing housing needs

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HP2 The Parish Council supports diversity in housing, in type, cost and its financing

HP3 The full utilisation of the existing housing stock will be encouraged

HP4 Close links will be maintained with the South Northamptonshire Council as the planning/housing authority

LAW & ORDER

LP1 To work towards a crime free environment, by encouraging co-operation with the Police and supporting the activities of Neighbourhood Watch

LP2 To discourage illegal parking and, where appropriate, encourage provision of off-street parking

PLANNING

PP1 Development should be commensurate with the needs of the indigenous population of the village

PP2 The Parish Council recognises the need to protect the existing rural areas from the threat of urbanisation. It will object to further expansion of Northampton or development of areas adjoining Northampton into the surrounding countryside. It will encourage any future development to take account of environmental issues and specific local needs. It will co-operate with other bodies in pursuing these aims as appropriate

PP3 That the principles contained in the South Northamptonshire Council document 'Design in the Countryside' be adopted, except for the proposal for garages to be built in blocks

PP4 That any new residential development should include provision for affordable housing/starter homes and, wherever possible, bungalows suitable for elderly persons and persons with disabilities

PP5 That the requirements of persons with disabilities should be considered, as appropriate

PP6 That the Parish Council support the designation of the Conservation Area and the proposals designed to maintain or enhance the distinctive character of the area

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RP1 To encourage the provision of a wide range of appropriate leisure activities to benefit all age groups within the community by working with other agencies and stimulating investment from all possible sources

RP2 To encourage and promote self-management of leisure activities

RP3 To continue representation on and involvement in the Bugbrooke Community and Sports Association in order to ensure that the facilities remain in use for the Parish

EDUCATION/HEALTH (SOCIAL)

SP1 The Parish Council supports the provision of comprehensive primary health care facilities in the village, including an efficient dispensary and the promotion of health education

SP2 The Parish Council seeks to ensure that the village and surrounding area are served by high quality state schools and recognises the value of well-run nurseries, play-groups and crèches

SP3 The Parish Council will encourage the provision of good facilities for adult education and a permanent library facility within the village

TRANSPORT (HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATHS)

TP1 To encourage an effective system of public transport which enables parishioners to travel at suitable times and at reasonable cost

TP2 To ensure that all footpaths are kept open, walkable and well signposted; that any proposed diversions do not seriously disadvantage the general public and take account of environmental and agricultural issues; and to encourage responsible recreational walking

TP3 To remove heavy goods vehicle traffic from the village's roads, to reduce the speed of traffic throughout the village and to discourage through traffic

TP4 To encourage the prompt repair of highways and footways within the village

TP5 To promote pedestrian safety

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Another year has passed – the Playgroup AGM, which was very well attended, was held on the 17 June. Karren was nearly 'lost for words' at the turn out! A big thank you goes to all the parents who came to show interest in the running of the playgroup. A lot of the existing committee stood down and a new one was formed. Thank you to the old committee for their hard work over the past year, and thank you to Gillian Stone who has kindly accepted taking over as Chairwoman, Caroline Dawks remaining as Treasurer and Sue Broadbent as Enrolment Officer, this will keep some continuity within and will help the newer committee members immensely.

A special thank you goes to Barbara Woods who has now stood down as Enrolment Officer after 3 long years, thank you for your commitment and help during that time and we wish you well in the future.

We have had quite a few children leave to start school this year. With this in mind, well done to the staff who have covered many themes to help the children further their education. In addition to free play times, the themes have included letterwriting, colours, games (PE), PE change, visits to the school. Pre-school has been done in close liaison with the teachers/school. This has really helped to make the children's move to school much easier for them.

Unfortunately we are losing one valuable member of the staff, Debbie Steele. Debbie has been with us since November 1992 and is leaving us to have a baby. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you for all your hard work. From all of the staff, committee and parents of the Bugbrooke Playgroup we wish you and the baby well, many sleepless nights and dirty nappies, and thanks for helping in the attendance figures!!!

One more thank you *must* go to all the parents, staff and committee whose help we have had in supporting our events and fundraising in this last year, it has been greatly appreciated.

If you wish your child/children to enrol in our playgroup we have places available for children from age 2 years and 9 months or above. Please telephone Sue Broadbent on 832040. If you would like to put your child's name on the waiting list, we take names of children from 18 months.

Alison Taylor

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

June Fayre

Despite the change in the weather conditions, this turned out to be a very successful event. The cold didn't keep people at home and they turned out to watch the children dancing and see the Crowning of the May Queen.

We would like to thank everyone who came and especially those who gave up their time to help on a stall. Many thanks to all who donated cakes, tombola items and raffle prizes. The total amount raised on the day was approximately £945.00. We are nearly two-thirds of the way to our total of £1500.00 needed for the security fencing.

School will have finished for the summer by the time you read this. We would like to wish all the Year 6 pupils Good Luck as they move up to Campion in September. Also thanks to everyone who has supported our events over the past year. Thanks also to the Committee who works so hard to put on Film Clubs, Discos, Christmas Bazaar and May/June Fayre. Some of these members will be leaving us at the AGM and we would like to thank them for the years of fund raising they have given.

If you wish to join the Parent Association look out for news of our AGM and come along.

There will also be a Barn Dance coming up in October. Details later.

Teresa Garlick, Secretary

Exhibition of Old Photographs

What a treat to visit the exhibition in Church on July 6th. These old photographs must have evoked wonderful memories for the older villagers and generated a sense of history for those of you who have made their homes here. I know some people who spent over two hours looking, laughing and thoroughly enjoying themselves, one lady told me that it was the best Saturday she had spent in years. This exhibition was the culmination of years of work from Lorraine Turland who has begged, borrowed and also owns some of the photographs, who asked the older generations 'Do you know who this is?' so that throughout the day of the show she could tell you just about who everyone was on the photographs.

Lorraine, with the help of Audrey Finlay (nee Clarke) and their families hope to stage another show next year so look out your old family photographs and see them on display, they do not deserve to be hidden away. Well done ladies and their helpers, it was a memorable day.

Bugbrooke St. Michael & All Angels Church Fête

Well! – we said the weather would remain dry. Not only did it remain dry – it was without doubt one of the most beautiful fête days we've ever had. The Northampton Pipe Band were fantastic – as expected – and the rest of the stalls and events combined together to make it another terrifically successful occasion – and what about the beautiful Rose Queen then?

Although the weather and main events play a very large part in contributing to the success of our fête, the tremendous hard work from *all* who help, and contributions of vehicles, tents, tables, and sound systems, etc., provide the essential background for the success of a day which is always enjoyed by so many people. On behalf of the fête committee may I extend our warm thanks and appreciation to all who contributed in any way whatsoever, and of course, a big thanks to all who visited our fête. We cleared a net total of almost £900, which we thought was quite superb – thanks again.

Alec Shaw

Rose Queen, Emma Rance, age 13

The Royal British Legion - Bugbrooke Branch

I am writing this note on the day following the 80th anniversary of the Somme Offensive, many of you will possibly have seen or heard news reports about the various ceremonies. I have visited the Thiepval memorial which commemorates the thousands of men who died in the offensive but have no known resting place. It is a very moving experience, and it made me think that perhaps we don't remember well enough in this country the thousands of men and women who died in the two major and countless smaller conflicts.

The Royal British Legion is continuing it's efforts to reintroduce the two minutes silence on November the Eleventh at Eleven o'clock each year. This would work as a good reminder of those who gave everything that we might live in freedom. Neither must we forget those who were maimed and injured in many different ways. Indeed, the Legion's latest departure is to offer to veterans of the Gulf War who are unwell as a result of their service there, a fortnights holiday at one of it's three convalescent homes. This exemplifies the Legion principle of 'Remember the dead, but don't forget the living'.

V.K.W.

Bugbrooke St Michael's Music Society

Following our AGM, the committee for the coming year will be: Colin Ashmore – chairman, Margaret Ashmore, Hazel Kitchener – secretary, Nancy Rogers – treasurer and Miriam Shipman – musical director.

The new season's activities will begin in the autumn and the committee hopes to arrange an interesting and varied programme. Membership of the society is open to anyone in the village and new members are always welcome. If you enjoy listening to music, singing or play an instrument, why not join us? The subscription is an affordable £3.

Further information can be obtained from Colin Ashmore, Lodge Cottage, Cornhill, Hazel Kitchener, 15 Pound Lane, or any other committee member.

Hazel Kitchener

Women's Institute

You are invited to a Fashion Show by 'Just Trading' on Tuesday 17th September 1996 at Bugbrooke Primary School at 7.15pm. The clothes shown will be selected from a number of well-known High Street stores and will be available to try on and purchase on the night. Sizes will range from 8 to 26 in styles to suit teens to grannies.

Tickets are £2 each including a glass of wine and are available from Diane Bradbury on 830735. Please join us for this event and take the opportunity to brighten up your wardrobe at bargain prices.

Bugbrooke & District Flower Society

Once again our Plant Sale was a great success with a profit of over £700. What a marvellous effort and thanks are extented to the ladies who work unstintingly all year planting up cuttings to sell.

Our Demonstrator for June, Lesley Cole, travelled from Birmingham. She arrived early and took a walk round part of Bugbrooke and complimented us on our beautiful gardens. (We could do with some rain though couldn't we Mr Lantsbery?) Lesleys' demonstration was called Bric-A-Brac and was one of the most unusual and best I have seen in a long time and made doubly pleasing because I won one of her arrangements.

October may seem a long way off but please note in the Link diary that our big show is coming then and tickets will soon be on sale for this event. Not to be missed!!

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Royal British Legion - Womens Section

We have had speakers for our last two meetings but very poor attendance, although guests were invited to the meetings. Mr Rod Hutchins gave a wonderful talk with slides of the Falkland Islands before and during the war, unfortunately time ran out so we hope to have him later on to give the other half of his talk.

In May we had Mr John Gardner, ex-mayor and now Chairman of Northamptonshire County Council. He gave us "This was my life" and very funny he was too. What an amazing man he is.

Our Fete!! will be at the Sunday School this year so hope to have a good selection of stalls. Most of the money will go to the Purse Presentation and widows subscriptions. Unfortunately we get less and less members and would really welcome new members, come along to our guest meetings, see if you like what we do. You would be really welcome.

Enid Pell, Hon Chairman

Red Cross Coffee Morning

On June 22nd we held a very successful coffee morning. The weather kept fine and it was really so nice to see so many supporters. Everyone gave very generously and we raised £237.04. Many thanks to all those that helped me once again.

Kaye Adams

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

So far we have had an enjoyable season even though not too many wins have been recorded. A weekly report is placed in the Herald & Post by a 'mystery' writer; we all have ideas who it is but nobody has yet owned up! We have been plagued by opponents cancelling matches usually with very little notice, this is particulary irritating to David Birch and Roger Stone who have spent a lot of time getting teams together, to the players who have put the time aside and to Wendy Villette who prepares our teas. Peter Minney, our Fixture Secretary, is gradually weeding out some of these unreliable Clubs who will not be invited to play us next season.

A Bugbrooke XI was knocked out in the 1st round of both the NCA and Milton Keynes Cups. Some good progress has been made in the Plate Cup of both these competitions - losing in the 3rd round of the NCA and reaching the semi-final of the Milton Keynes Cup.

As always, a reminder that we have a full fixture list until the last Saturday and Sunday in September. We are always looking for new

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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)

Both David and Roger have had to work very hard to get a team for weekend matches and have occasionally been let down by players dropping out on Friday evenings or sometimes on the day itself, or worse still not turning up. These people let themselves and the Club down.

David Capel has been giving coaching on our ground to young cricketers but we are disappointed that no young players from the village have so far taken advantage of the offer mentioned in the June issue of Link to come along. By the time you read this there will be no more dates left, hopefully there will be a bigger response if David does the same again next year.

Any Club or Organisation are welcome to hire the ground at £30 for an evening match and £40 for a day match. Please get in touch with me for available dates.
Peter White, 50 High St. Bugbrooke (Tel: 830452 h & b)

Neighbourhood Watch

On looking at last years crime statistics for the village, it was noticeable that by far the greatest number of incidents related to various forms of burglary, (31), and car related crime, (31). During the year, we have tried very hard to make the prevalence of these types of crime clear to you all, and we do say yet again do look carefully at your home security, and be careful with your car. There was recently a case where a lady left her handbag in her unlocked car for a few moments whilst seeing her child into school. When she came out, the handbag had gone. We do advise you all not to leave valuables on view in your car, and **ALWAYS TO LOCK YOUR CAR WHEN LEAVING IT.**
The police advise us that if you are at all suspicious of any person or vehicle, you should call them immediately and ask for the western area control room 01327 300300. *Vic & Roy*

Mothers' Union

The highlight of our year was the visit of our World-wide President, Lady Christine Eames to the Diocese. The majority of our members attended a Rally held in her honour in Northampton on June 20th. We were entertained by the M.U. choir, and enjoyed a wonderful 'Parade of

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Projects', depicting the many ways Mothers' Union members are involved in the work of their Parishes, and in the wider community also. Lady Eames spoke to us in a most inspiring and encouraging way, and during refreshments, many members were able to chat with her and found her a most delightful and caring person. It was a memorable visit.

During the Summer we have some trips arranged, and we have already been to some beautiful gardens in Chipping Warden, followed by a tea in the lovely old Church there, where we ended our trip with prayers before we returned home.

All our meetings are open to anyone who is interested in our work. Please feel free to get in touch with our leader Sue Nightingale, Tel 831025 if you want to know more about us. First meeting in September is Thursday September 12th 2.30pm in Church. Jumble Sale Saturday 7th September, any Jumble please contact Sue Nightingale. Evening meeting Wednesday September 25th 7.30pm in the Sunday School, the speaker is Jenny Loasby of U.S.P.G.

Girl Guides

As usual we spent the summer term preparing ourselves for camp. Fortunately the weather held and we could practice our firelighting and tent pitching skills. We had an incident hike around the footpaths of Bugbrooke at which the skills learnt were put to the test in a variety of challenges.

Boarding the minibuses we travelled to Bedford Oasis Leisure Pool, which is always a great evening out with its two flumes, wave machine and whirlpools.

We joined with guides, brownies and rainbows from our district for a campfire evening of games and singing at which 3 of our guides were presented with their B.P. Trefoil, the highest award achievable as a guide. Congratulations to them all and a wonderful achievement. Also Helen was presented with a badge marking 20 years in guiding as a leader. This is a considerable achievement and I feel I speak for all the girls who have been guides with Helen, when I say a heartfelt thanks for all her hard work, organisation and commitment over the years. As one of her first guides up in Lincoln, I know from first hand that she made my time at guides so rewarding and so much fun that I am still involved today – and still loving every minute of it.

So after 20 years at the job, summer camp should run smoothly. We're heading for Castle Ashby. The theme – the Olympic Games – with fun sports, swimming and horse riding as just some of the activities. Plus the additional novelty of a baby at camp. Rachel (and Andrew's) daughter Ella will be joining us, though at 11 weeks old she won't be expected to pitch her tent – this year.

Rachel 831697 – Helen 340404

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Dr. Dutta & Partners – Patient Participation Group

The Annual General Meeting was held at the surgery on Thursday 27th June, 1996. Miss Barbara Bell was welcomed on to the committee. Mrs Barbara Parr, Mrs Cherry Pilcher and Mrs Kathleen Riggall were re-elected for a further term of 3 years. At the conclusion of the business Miss Joyce Cunningham gave a most interesting talk on her work as Chief Officer of the South Northamptonshire, Community Health Council.

Christian Aid Week & Birmingham to Oxford Bike Ride

Thanks to your generosity (and the willing collectors), Bugbrooke raised £5 more in Christian Aid Week this year than in 1995 - £697. Well done!

Also thanks to all who sponsored us on our 5th 70 mile bike ride. We raised £400 for Action and Cancer Research. *Sue & Tony Pace*

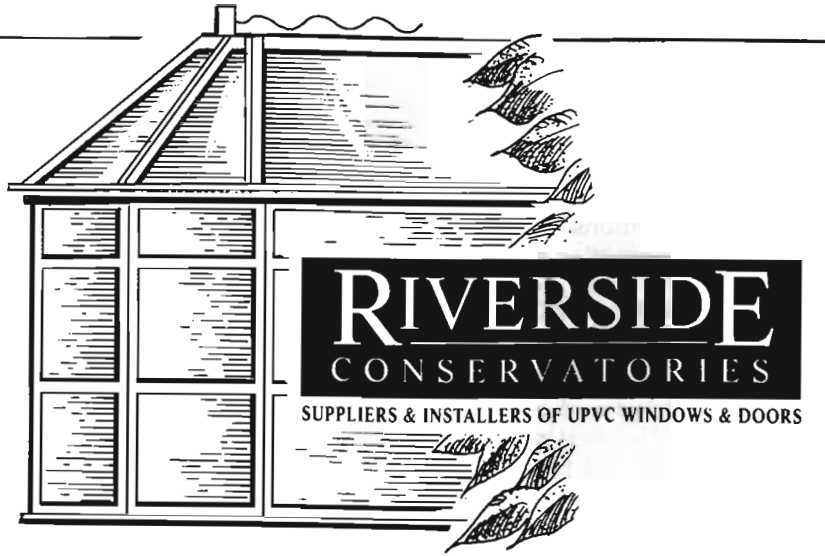
St Michael & All Angels Church News

Confirmation

In the Church of England the majority of those baptised are very young, they cannot speak for themselves and so their parents and godparents answer for them. But when those who have been baptised as children grow up they need a faith of their own and a chance to acknowledge their faith. The service provided for this is confirmation, when adults renew those baptismal promises for themselves and the bishop lays his hands on their head as a symbol of the gift of the Holy Spirit. This can take place at any age from 18 to 100! A group which is exploring the possibility of confirmation will be starting in September and working towards a confirmation in November. You don't have to commit yourselves to be confirmed before you start, you may just want to come along to find out more about the Christian Faith. There may even be those who were confirmed a long time ago and would like a refresher course. If you are interested in any way do contact Tim Partridge on 830373 and he will keep you in touch with the plans.

Pastoral Assistant

Over two years ago Reg Parker began his training as a Pastoral Assistant. First, along with some other members of the Church, he did a year's study on the diocesan Christian Faith Foundation Course, and then he chose, with the support of the Parochial Church Council, to spend another year on the diocesan training course for Pastoral Assistants where he learnt a great deal about the many and varied pastoral situations he might meet, from bereavement to domestic crises,



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from marriage preparation to growing old. Having successfully completed this second year of training, along with the other members of the course he was authorised by the Bishop at a special service in the Cathedral in March and is now an official Pastoral Assistant in Bugbrooke. Of course there are many people from within the Church and outside it who care in many ways, and alongside his work with individual situations we hope Reg will help the rest of the Church folk to care for others even better.

Church Building Trust

For many people in the village the church building is an important part of our heritage, whether they are worshippers or not, and it is certainly one of the oldest and most attractive buildings here. But like any other old building it needs care and maintenance which is not cheap. Each century has also added its own unique contribution so that it is a wonderful mixture of architectural styles from Norman onwards. A number of villages in England, including some very near us, have started Church Building Trusts for their church. A group of people comes together, like the 'Friends of the Cathedral', to raise funds for the upkeep of the fabric of the church and perhaps to undertake smaller works themselves. The group of people may well be mainly non worshippers but want to see the church building remain. Of course the legal responsibility for the building has to remain with the P.C.C. but the Church Building Trust would be able to specify where its money should be spent. We hope to hold a public meeting a little later in the year to see what interest there is; so watch this space.
Tim Partridge, 830373

Thanks

Once again many thanks to my friends generosity. I have donated £86 towards Darby & Joan outing to Hatton Country Park on the 26th June and £50 on vouchers and small gifts for members, committee members and tea ladies unable to go on the trip. *Lily Maguire*

A Big Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored and encouraged me in my running of this year's London Marathon. I ran all the way and finished in 4 hrs 18 mins, 2 minutes faster than my last attempt of 2 years ago. It may not seem much, but it was a great achievement for me due to the very hot weather conditions.

Through the support of you and many others I raised nearly £1,500 which went to the Key Issue Appeal at the Notting Hill Housing Trust who help to provide affordable housing for the homeless.

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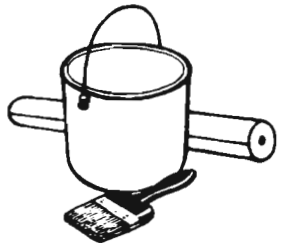

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RUSSELL - NAN AND PAP Happy anniversary Nanny and Pappy. Our love always, Tracey and Tim.

BATES - Margaret. I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, flowers and get well messages during my stay in hospital also a very big thank-you to Mildred.

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August			
3	2.00pm	Mini-Fete at 16 Ace Lane	
14	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
19	7.30pm	Royal British Legion – Women's Section Meeting	SS
19	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
21	6.15pm	Darby & Joan – Cheese & Wine Evening (members only)	SS
28	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
September			
2	7.30pm	Women's Institute – Fawsley/Knightley Family	SS
3	2.15pm	Tiny Tots Service restarts	Church
7	2.00pm	Mothers' Union Jumble Sale	SS
8	10.30am	Sunday School restarts	SS
10	8.00pm	LINK COMMITTEE MEETING	Paul Cockcroft's
11	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
12	2.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting	Church
14	10.00am/ 1.45pm	Northants Historic Churches Trust – Sponsored Walk/Cycle	Church
16	7.30pm	Royal British Legion – Women's Section Meeting	SS
17	7.15pm	Women's Institute – Fashion Show	PS
18	7.35pm	PCC Meeting	SS
23	8.00pm	Flower Society – All Things Bright and Beautiful	SS
25	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Meeting	SS
25	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Meeting	SS
29		Church Patronal Festival	
30	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	VH
October			
2	7.30pm	Patient Participation Group – Drugs & Alcohol in conjunction with Campion School, all welcome	CS
18	7.30pm	Flower Society – That's Entertainment	CS
21	7.30pm	Royal British Legion – Women's Section A.G.M.	SS
25&26	8.00pm	Drama (B.A.D.S.) – Autumn Play	CS

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