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Editor: Paul Cockcroft

Since LINK put out its appeal for funds, we have received over £850 from private individuals, clubs and organisations. We have also received promises of further contributions in years to come, if needed, and we know that others are still considering how they may help to ensure LINK's continuation.

Of course, the long term support of many advertisers is vital and is greatly appreciated. Rowena and Sheila have both made a tremendous effort to increase significantly the amount and variety of adverts, with a resultant effect on revenue.

The individual donations are very welcome indeed and a good way to help is to buy some notelets or cards which are still for sale, available from Kelly's Hairdressers, The Petstop, 10 High Street, or LINK Committee.

We now have enough funds to continue beyond the coming twelve months, which is fantastic news.

Now we can concentrate on what is happening in Bugbrooke. Please do make the time during the next month to put something on paper for the Christmas issue, particularly if you have not contributed before or would like to start again. Don't leave it to someone else.

I have been asked to remind you about the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal at the end of October, beginning of November.

We are very grateful to all of you who have helped in whatever way to ensure that LINK will continue. It has been very heartening to see the extent of your support and to hear that LINK really does make a significant contribution to the life of the village. Thank you.

The deadline for the December issue is Monday 4th November 1996.

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I am sure there are many of you who have a story to tell about the history of the house and I would love to hear it. Also I wondered if anyone had any photographs of the house or garden before it fell into disrepair.

Thank you to all our friends who offered unceasing encouragement to us whilst going through the buying process. It really was helpful to have so many people backing us up.

Gillian and Robert Stone (Karis and Phillip)

St Michael & All Angels Church News

Our New Bishop

Our new Bishop of Peterborough is to be enthroned in the Cathedral on Saturday, November 9th. Every corner of the Cathedral will be full as more than 2,000 people witness this ancient ceremony when the new Bishop is granted entry into the Cathedral and after he has made solemn declarations, is installed in the Bishop's throne in the Cathedral. Indeed the word 'Cathedral' is derived from the latin word for seat, and is the place where the Bishop chooses to place his special seat. Our new bishop Ian Cundy has been a theological college principal and is at present the suffragan bishop of Lewes.

Northamptonshire Theological Society

This meets every two months at the Abbey Centre at Hunsbury and gives local people a chance to hear world famous theologians. On November 12th at 7.30pm there is the opportunity to hear the Regius Professor of Divinity from Oxford, Keith Ward, talking about Religion and Creation. January 14th sees a visit from Canon John Atherton speaking on Christianity into the New Millennium – Facing up to Globalisation and Tribalism. You can pay at the door for each talk or, if you wish, join for the season. Further details from Tim Partridge on 830373.

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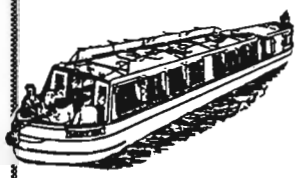

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year ahead. There will be a list for volunteers on the church chest. Of course the church is open each day if anyone feels the need for somewhere quiet.

In Focus

Profile of Mr John Curtis

Where were you born?
Bugbrooke.

Where were you educated?
Bugbrooke Primary School and Northampton Grammar School.

Your Favourite part(s) of Great Britain
Cornwall, Snowdonia and the Lake District.

If you could take 3 books and 3 pieces of music to a desert island what would they be?
Books: The Complete works of Thomas Hardy, Encyclopaedia Brittanica and the Holy Bible.
Music: I have such a wide interest in music it would have to be more than 3. Messiah and great hymns, selections of classical music, brass bands, Welsh choirs. Trad Jazz, country and western and a new group called Enya.

Whom do you admire the most and why?
It would have to be Nelson Mandela who stuck to his principles through severe hardship, and has not been vindictive to his former enemies.

What is your greatest fear?
I have a fear of being trapped underground particularly if there is water about.

What is your favourite food and drink?
Lamb and mint sauce, bananas, blackberry and apple pie. A nice tot of malt whisky.

What ambitions do you have?
To see Bugbrooke obtain the community centre and facilities for the elderly to stay in the village.

What talent would you have liked most of all?
A musical talent and to be a good pianist.

What do you do for leisure?
D.I.Y., crosswords and the gym.

What single thing would improve your quality of life?
To keep good health and able to maintain my present standards of living.

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If you could have 3 wishes what would they be?

1 Not to have broken my leg which ended my football career.
2 For Bugbrooke to regain the balance between industry and residential as it used to be.
3 To live a long and happy life.

Where did you meet your wife?

At Harpole Church, I was best man at a wedding and Marion was the chief bridesmaid.

What do you like/dislike about Bugbrooke?

Like: Bugbrooke is a village where you can be involved if you want to and is not intrusive if you don't.
The location in the country, plenty of good walks, a good friendly village
Dislike: No particular dislikes.

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

Bugbrooke. Too many well sunk roots nowadays.

Do you have any advice for young people starting out?

Have a vision, be determined and to treat other people as you would expect to be treated.
Develop a moral code that will stand them in good stead.

When and where were you married?

St Lukes, Duston in 1962

Who would you like to have been, given the opportunity?

Bobby Charlton.

How did you become interested in the local councils?

I became involved when the playing fields was started and was elected to the Parish Council in 1974 to help push that project forward. Persuaded to be elected to the SNDC in 1978 so as to be involved with the community centre

Do you think that the Parish and SNDC are fulfilling the needs of the people?

I hope so! They are genuinely trying for people to voice their opinions and to participate in the decision making process through the public open debate sessions
The representatives on both councils are very supportive of Bugbrooke in moving towards what it wants to achieve

Have you ever considered entering politics at a higher level?

No. I only entered local politics for the good of Bugbrooke

What do you think you have achieved in your time on both councils?

The upgrading of the facilities on the playing fields. The Levitts Road

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Surgery in conjunction with Dr's Payne and Dutta. Floodlighting of the tennis courts at Campion School and the Community Centre now on course for completion.
On the SNDC an influence over the provision of conservation areas to preserve older parts of the village. Not on my own I might add.

Given "Supremo" Power what would you change on the Parish & SNDCs?
On the Parish Council to ensure that Bugbrooke had the finest health and education facilities that are available. On the SNDC to be able to ensure that we always have a countryside to live in where the environment is well looked after whilst still providing opportunities for work.

Is Bugbrooke as a village large enough?
It is large enough to support its current facilities. But needs to look at ways of enabling young people to stay in the village when they marry.

If you could have your life over again what would you change?
I have been very fortunate and I am quite happy with my life as it has been.

What do you enjoy most about your work and what is the least enjoyable about it?
Like: The opportunity to meet people.
Dislike: The computer systems we now have means you do not always meet people face to face.

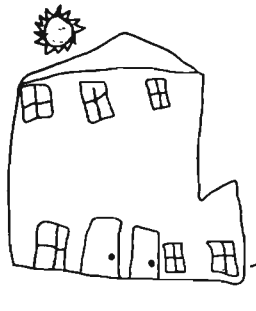
Do you have any regrets?
I feel it is sad that the Bugbrooke Village Chapel ceased to become a Community Chapel – it had a great deal to do with my outlook on life, it also meant that the village young people did not get the opportunity to develop wider aspirations, never the less Canon Partridge has incorporated a wide structure of inter-denominational thought into the church and is very supportive of young people as they develop their ideals.

What do you think of last thing at night?
To be reflective and consider what I have done that day was for the greater good.

How would you like to be remembered?
As someone who tried to improve the way of life in Bugbrooke – and to have set a good example as a teacher and as someone who helped things along.

What do you think of the Link Magazine?
An excellent production – it has been influential in jelling the Bugbrooke Community together.

My thanks to John for giving me his time to answer the questions.



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"Your servant's cut in half. He's dead."
"Indeed!" said Mr Jones "Then please send me the half that's got my keys."
Harry Graham

Once you start buying first aid kits you start having accidents.
George Mikes

"What is better than presence of mind in an accident?"
"Absence of body".
Punch

(Birds)
The Love Bird is one hundred per cent faithful to his mate – who is locked up in the same cage.
Will Cuppy

All I know of birds to this date is that sparrows are the ones that are not pigeons.
Alan Coren

A fly can't bird, but a bird can fly.
A.A. Milne

If you hear the nightingale before the cuckoo, your love affair will prosper.
Jack Thomas

We were surprised how closely the cuckoo imitated the clock – and yet, of course, it could never have heard a clock.
Mark Twain

Bugbrooke Amateur Dramatic Society

Our next production, a comedy by Ray Cooney 'It Runs in the Family', is an hilarious farce in the true Cooney tradition.

Dr David Mortimore is about to address a Neurologists' Convention, which will probably earn him a knighthood, when an old flame, Jane Tate, arrives and announces that their liaison years ago resulted in a son, Leslie, who is desperate to meet his Dad. He is frantic to hide this catastrophic news from his wife and the hospital authorities and is forced to invent not one but two non-existent husbands for Jane. Events are further complicated by the presence of a police sergeant, a wandering senile patient, an assortment of matrons and a syringe full of tranquilizers.

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Friends of Campion School

A new school year is beginning, my last as a parent at Campion. I am hoping that during the year someone will take over as Bugbrooke Village representative and also be responsible for giving dates to Link. It is up to you how involved you become, but at the very least Friends need someone to put up posters around the village when there is a social event going on. *Please* come to Friends meetings, you will *make* friends and find the meetings informative.
Sheila Willmore

Bugbrooke History Research Society

The group was formed in February with the purpose of putting together a Village History to be published for the millennium in the year 2000.

There are currently 15 members. Everyone has been allocated an area of research and any information that can be passed on to them regarding their various areas of study would be appreciated.

The recorders and their topics are: John Terry and Bob Peel (pre-history, Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Doomsday periods), Bruce Piper (Middle Ages – 19th Century), David Jeffery (Agriculture and Milling), Sylvia Wyles (Population and Housing), Mary Chapell and Hazel Kitchener (Industry), Roy Smith (Local interviews with elderly residents), Tim Partridge and Alec Shaw (Religion), Pat Kent (Education), John Curtis (Sport and Geology), Alan and Barbara Parr (Street names and local connections), Andrew Maltby (Secretary and item recorder).

It is hoped that research will be concluded by the end of 1997. Two years will then be spent editing the information and publishing it by 2000.

In order to make the finished product as interesting as possible the group would like to incorporate photographs and maps. If anyone has any photos or maps of historical interest (ie relating to the wars or village events of the past) it would be appreciated if they would allow them to be copied and incorporated in the book. Anyone who would like to participate towards the project in this way should contact the group Chairman, Mr John Curtis on (01604) 830317.

Any anecdotal records of past life in the village would also be valued and Roy Smith (Pound Lane) would be pleased to receive information either directly or via the Chairman.

Darby and Joan Club

This summer started with our June outing to Hatton Park. Our visit in August to Vera and Harold Thompson and family in Lincolnshire for

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which again we send our thanks for a lovely day. Lunch and tea for 40 of us, what wonderful friends they are; always a grand welcome and chats with each of us. Thank you very much! Also in August Headington D and J Club from Oxford (also old friends) came to us for a cheese and wine evening, although rather a warm, sticky evening with 80 to cater for, it was a most successful evening and enjoyed by all.

We now look forward to October when we go to Turners for our annual dinner and an Old Time Music Hall entertainment. A little different this year to our usual celebrations but I am sure our members will enjoy themselves.

In November (16th) we have our Christmas Bazaar at the Sunday School so please give us your support again.

Bugbrooke and District Flower Society

Our July meeting saw Jackie Harris demonstrating her interpretation of 'SUPERSTITIONS'. This was most enjoyable as she took us from 'Touch Wood' with the Tree God through to why July 15th is St Swithins day, fishermen and the albatross and something I for one didn't know, that the Black Cat is not considered to be lucky anywhere else in the world except here.

Tickets for the spectacular Ian Zorn with his "That's Entertainment' show at Campion School will be on sale at Cherrenee in the High Street. If you are a lover of flowers and arranging this is not to be missed for his skills and even if not, his show is just what it says 'ENTERTAINMENT'. See Link Diary.

Our November meeting will take us to Nether Heyford Village Hall for a 'Merry Christmas' demonstration.

Flower Arrangers 'THINK EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS'.

Royal British Legion – Women's Section

Our Fete in July went off very well, despite change of venue and the very few people who attended, to them we say a big "Thank You" and we managed to raise about £10 more than last year.

Our meeting in August was great fun as we all made salads for the Competition and then sat down to eat them. We had a game of Bingo and a very nice evening was had by all. We had two new members and were delighted to welcome them. Both had been members in the past so were doubly welcome.

Did anyone else watch the programmes on BBC2 of the Somme battles? Many Bugbrooke men fought in that area in the 1st World War. Frank Nightingale was killed and Wallace was wounded and taken

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prisoner. It showed many of the war cemeteries and we should never forget those young men who gave their lives. The Second World War programme was the Battles fought around Arras, where Frank's grave is. The programmes were very moving. I hope some of the young people were watching.
Enid Pell – Hon Chairman

Bugbrooke St Michael's Music Society

A provisional programme has now been arranged which will include open meetings for a wide audience and some events for members only.

A visit to the Derngate Theatre is being arranged for members and friends to hear the Northampton Gilbert and Sullivan Group's evening of Highlands from the Opera with Richard Baker in November.

We are always pleased to welcome new members and more information can be obtained from Colin Ashmore, Lodge Cottage, Cornhill, Hazel Kitchener, 15, Pound Lane or any other committee member.

Nurses' Corner

Exercise

I was surprised to read recently that inactivity, as a risk factor for heart disease, is probably on a par with smoking. Sedentary life-style is more dangerous than having raised cholesterol or high blood pressure. I've also noticed how many people park on double yellow lines to save them having to walk further than necessary – and most of them are youngsters! And we all know about the traffic chaos around the Primary School at 9am and 3pm with children being driven to school.

Apparently there are more obese people than ever before in this country, and it's mostly due to a sedentary lifestyle than a poor diet. So let's start a trend in Bugbrooke – next time you need something from the shop – walk or cycle; next time you're tempted to take the lift – use the stairs; next time you have a free hour at the week-end, walk or cycle round our wonderful countryside – the meal will taste all the better when you return! Remember walking or cycling instead of driving is not only healthier, it's also cheaper and more environmentally friendly!
Sue Pace

Bugbrooke Bowls Club

We have done it again; we have won the Delapré League for the second year in succession. Congratulations to all those members who made up

the teams throughout the season. We are also progressing well through the Coleman Shield knock-out competition.

The green is beginning to develop quite well and we expect to start playing on it at the start of next season. We have a major review of progress with the contractor in early September but there is still much work planned for the autumn and spring to bring the green into full playing condition. We also hope to see the development of the Community Centre alongside the green so that all plans will come to fruition at the same time.

Tony Pace – Secretary

Patient Participation Group

There will be a Drugs Evening at Campion School. Unfortunately, owing to staff holidays, a final date has not been fixed. It will be arranged as soon as possible and a date advertised. We hope to have a good attendance on this important evening.

Neighbourhood Watch

The recent weeks have been rather quiet from the point of view of reported incidents, let us hope that this means that the next lot of crime statistics will reflect this!!

I noticed on return to my own home the other day the fact that the "bleep" of the answerphone indicating that a message had been received could be easily heard from outside the building. Our unit is fitted with a volume control, and we now make a habit of turning it right down when we are away. This does mean that we need to remember to check for messages upon our return, but I think that this is a small price to pay for not advertising our absence to a potential thief.

It is also worth remembering to enlist the aid of a neighbour when you are away from home for any lengthy period to check that newspapers and mail are cleared from your letter box daily, and not left protruding to advertise your absence. It is also a good idea to arrange for a neighbour to park a car on your driveway from time to time whilst you are away, so as to give the impression that you are at home.

We wish you a crime free Autumn.

Vic & Roy

The Royal British Legion – Bugbrooke Branch

I don't know how many of you have been watching the series "Defence of The Realm" on Television, but when watching the episode relating to

the Nuclear Submarine, I was very impressed by the commitment shown by the crew. It was sad to learn that on return from a cruise, one of the officers, who had devoted his life to the Navy, received a redundancy notice. Service life, especially operational duties, are very far removed from Civilian occupations, and although in the case set out above the Officer concerned was able to find civilian employment, in all too many cases the transition can be very difficult.

The Royal British Legion takes note of this, and is able to offer ex-service people help with training for a civilian job, or assistance with setting up a small business on their own account. With all the recent redundancies from the forces, this aspect of the Legion's work has become more important than ever. This recalls yet again the Legion dictum "Remember the dead, but don't forget the living".

V.K.W.

Mothers' Union

We ended our year with a meal out for 24 of us at the Red Lion at Hellidon. We were in a private room at the back of the pub, the meal and company were excellent.

We will already have begun our year by the time this issue is out, starting with a Jumble Sale on Sept 7th, a church service and an evening meeting, details of these in the next issue.

There will be a Beetle Drive in the Sunday School on 10th Oct, these always prove to be enjoyable social events.

On the 14th Nov our afternoon meeting will be 'home made' entitled 'An Experience with God'. We have another social evening out on 27th November, the venue yet to be arranged. Then our popular Advent Carol Service (with mince pies) on 12th December.

It great to be able to say that the M.U. is ALIVE, WORKING and GROWING in Bugbrooke. This year we will have enrolled 10 new members including 3 men! We already have 2 men who have been members for a number of years. The M.U. are involved in many projects in their own parishes and the surrounding community that are worthwhile and relevant to society today. If you want to know more contact Sue Nightingale.

Sue Nightingale – 831025

Bugbrooke Old Age Pensioners Christmas Gift Scheme

There have already been a large number of applications for this year's Christmas Gift but there are a lot more still to come in. All applications

must be sent or taken in to one of the collection points named in the last issue of LINK.

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Completed forms must be in by the 31st October 1996 in order to qualify so please make sure that your completed form is at a collection point by that date.

The Gift will, as usual, be distributed in the first half of December.

Bruce Piper – Chairman

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

I am starting to write these notes a little earlier than usual because last night I saw such a wonderful nature programme on T.V. It was David Attenborough talking about the Orang-utans. I think the photography of these wonderful creatures, that live their whole lives swinging about in the tops of tropical forest trees was superb! Only one day previous, 20th August, there was another lovely programme about a trip down the River Zambeze. Two men went the whole length of the river in a canoe and the film showed elephants, crocodiles, buffaloes and goodness knows what. Many of the photographs were close ups. The one about the birds, the bee-eaters, was beautiful.

Now we must come to nature in Bugbrooke. Good news – the kingfisher has been seen, but not by me yet!

Bad news – a mink has been seen by many of us in the brook at the bottom of the Paddocks. We were watching the wedding, with the helicopter present when someone shouted, "Look, there is a mink." We all had a very good view of it. I hope it does not attack the ducks.

I have been amazed this afternoon to see no end of brown leaves on the lawn beneath the acer tree. It must be getting on for thirty years old. They have been scorched by the sun. I think the sun this year has come through the atmosphere hotter than ever before.

I was told that boxes are being erected along the motorways, in which kestrels can nest. This is to encourage the kestrels to build there and catch more rabbits for food. The rabbits do so much damage to the banks and make them unsafe.

Have you ever seen so many butterflies? I think when the sun was really hot the Buddleia bush with hundreds of butterflies on it looked magnificent.

I must conclude by saying something about swallows. I have said that I have seen hardly any. Well this afternoon, walking up Ace Lane, in the field next to the brook, there were hundreds. They were flying just above the ground and I think they were catching flies. Were they filling up for their trip to foreign parts? I think so.

P.S. Peter White has rung me up to say what a lot of mess they are

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getting on the cricket field. Jack Davison, who cuts the grass says he often scrapes it up in a bucket, before he cuts. We think it is foxes. Have any of you seen many foxes around the cricket field area?

Women's Institute

Just a quick peep at our programme for the rest of the year:

Local History of the Knightley family and the beautiful Fawsley House
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Practical First Aid – a few dummies will be needed here!
Christmas Floral Decorations – get organised for the Big Day.

A varied programme which is always backed up by a good bunch of enthusiastic members. Would you like to join us? See Cherry at the Flower Shop.

Earlier this year, the County Federation launched a competition to design a new County Badge. Guess who won – yes, it was Bugbrooke! Our Craft Circle were enthusiastic about the re-design and agreed that a bold modern design was essential. The final pentagon shape follows the outline of the W, the five-petalled Tudor Rose of Northamptonshire, and echoes the five-lobed maple leaf of Canada where the WI was born. We are looking forward to the launch of this new badge at our Autumn Council Meeting in October.

Bugbrooke Sports and Community Centre

This letter has been sent to Pilgrims Lane residents.

The B.S.A.C.C. wish to inform you, as a matter of courtesy, that during September contractors' vehicles will be using Pilgrims Lane for access to the Playing Fields. This is for site clearance and construction of a community centre and car park adjacent to the new bowls green.

The original plan was to access the whole development via a new road off Camp Hill, to be provided by South Northants Council. However the plan was thwarted by certain local complications, which have now been overcome, and S.N.C. are committed to have the road in place within 6 months.

To delay the community centre project further until the new road is available has cost implications for the B.S.A.C.C. Therefore it is necessary for Pilgrims Lane to be the alternative access, at least for the initial stages of the development.

The contractor will use the new access as soon as possible and entrance to the Playing Fields from Pilgrims Lane will eventually be pedestrian only.

Geoff Hayter – B.S.A.C.C. Committee

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Parish Council Meetings – July and August 1996

The Parish Council continue to meet during the holiday season. One recurring theme is the usual summer problem of foliage overhanging footways (in one or two cases being so severe as to smother a street light) and crops obstructing footpaths. Most of these situations are beyond the capability of the volunteer path clearers and remain the responsibility of the owners.

There is to be a joint British Waterways/South Northamptonshire Council Scheme to improve the landscaping and access to the Canal. The Parish Council has submitted a list of desirable work involving, in order of priority: an upgrade of the towpath north and south of the Wharf; improved access from bridge nos. 36 (Wharf), 38 (Rainbows), 40 (Birds Hill), 41 (Gayton Road), 35 (Old Crown); clearance of spoil and landscaping of canal alongside Pinnegar and Barnes; stabilise bank between canal and railway and landscape to provide screen; and the management of the hedgerows along the towpath to improve habitat for flora and fauna. In addition, the Footpaths Committee will devise a circular walk leaflet based on the Canal through the village and endeavour to persuade the appropriate body to print and publish it.

One or two minor accidents and the complete absence of police has drawn the attention of the Parish Council to the increased incidence of illegal parking throughout the village. This problem has been referred to the Police for appropriate action. The Parish Council still yearn for the return of the village bobby who was part of the community and could be seen walking around the village. Police forces in other parts of the country are returning to this system so we live in hope for such an enlightenment in Northamptonshire.

The proposed floodlit all-weather pitch and swimming pool at Campion School has caused concern to some residents of nearby houses. After careful consideration, the Parish Council has asked for certain changes to the plans so that the car park is not adjoining the adjacent properties. Also suggested is appropriate landscaping to provide screening, various measures to reduce noise, limited opening hours and the careful control of the increased traffic, preferably with separate entry and exit points off Kislingbury Road.

Increased traffic was also a concern with the proposal to build a pharmacy on the side of the surgery at the top of Levitts Road. Again, certain improvements and traffic calming measures have been suggested.

Continuing the roads theme, the County Council were informing parishes that the Highways Agency had removed the Council's responsibility for trunk roads. The maintenance of these roads and verges would now be put out to tender. There was concern that this could lead to a further deterioration and the Highways Agency has been informed accordingly.

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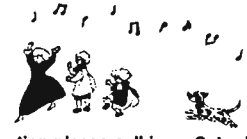

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David Harries

Bugbrooke Playgroup

Another new year, the summer holidays over and it's a return to playgroup for some old and new children.

Just before the summer break, Gillian kindly held a BBQ for old and new committee members which was a great success. Plenty of food and just a "few" bottles of wine were consumed. A thank you goes to Gillian and Trish for organising and a big thanks to our chef on the night, our one and only male committee member, Stewart Wykes.

During the summer holidays a few of the committee members arranged an activity morning for pre-school children which was very well attended, and also the playgroup made some money to go into the fund. Again a thanks goes to Stewart for setting up in the morning.

Some news which may be of interest. Bridie Heighton, who is in charge of snacks, came up with the bright idea about writing to some of the big food manufacturers to obtain some "freebees", i.e. Britvic, Jacobs, Sun Maids Raisin to list but a few and we had quite a good return.

A big thank you goes to all parents/families of those children whom were supported in our fundraising events this year. Mile of pennies raised £53.03 and for Play Week (Obstacle Course) which was run by playgroups over the country, we raised a grand total of £370.53 of which the playgroup retain half.

Something to keep in mind . . . we are in the process of arranging a Xmas Bazaar so keep your eyes posted for the notices nearer the time.

If you wish your child/children to enrol in our playgroup we have places available for children from 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

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Answers to General Knowledge Quiz

1. Books in the New Testament
2. Dalmations (Walt Disney)
3. Coins in a Fountain
4. Days of Christmas
5. Pins in Bowling
6. Grammes to a Pound
7. Counties in N. Ireland
8. Christopher Columbus Discovered the New World
9. The/Time Meridian of Greenwich
10. Million Miles to the Sun
11. Cards in a Deck (with Jokers)
12. Days in February in a Leap Year
13. Green Bottles Hanging on the Wall
14. of December is Christmas Day
15. Players in a Soccer Team
16. Heinz Varieties
17. Oceans in the World
18. Days and Nights of the Great Flood
19. Maximum Break in Snooker
20. Signs of the Zodiac
21. Spots on a Dice
22. Seats in the House of Commons
23. Black Birds (Baked in a Pie)
24. Wives of Henry the Eighth
25. Arabian Nights
26. Sides of a Triangle
27. Events in a Decathlon
28. Sides on a Fifty Pence Piece
29. Bakers Dozen
30. Letters of the Alphabet
31. Age of Retirement for a Man
32. Feet in a Yard
33. A Space Odyssey
34. Balls in an Over
35. Weeks in a Fortnight
36. Battle of Waterloo
37. Leagues Under the Sea
38. Old Pennies in the Pound
39. Wonders of the World
40. Three Score Years and Ten
41. Date of the Magna Carta
42. Players in a Rugby Union Team
43. Piano Keys
44. Quarts in a Gallon
45. Steps for Richard Hannay
46. Holes in Blackburn Lancashire (Beatles)
47. Fingers on the Hand
48. Boiling Point of Water in Degrees Fahrenheit
49. Blind Mice (See How They Run)
50. Year of the General Strike
51. Metres in an Olympic Sized Swimming Pool
52. Poles/Perch in a Furlong
53. Deadly Sins
54. Years for a Silver Anniversary
55. Holes on a Golf Course
56. Books in the Old Testament
57. Wheel on a Unicycle
58. Battle of Hastings
59. Jumps in the Grand National
60. Hours in a Day
61. Fluid Ounces in a Pint
62. Legs on an Octopus
63. Colours in the Rainbow
64. Seasons of the Year
65. Bytes in a Kilo Byte
66. Minutes in an Hour
67. Pounds for Passing Go in Monopoly
68. Planets in the Solar System
69. Runs in a Cricket Century
70. Max. Three Dart Score

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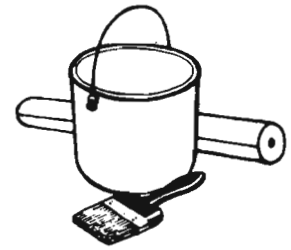

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COOPER – ABIGAIL on 30th Oct
Have a lovely 4th birthday sweetheart. Love from Nanny, Pappy, Darren, Dawn & Great Nanny

Diary

October			
3	11.15am	Darby & Joan Club Annual Dinner	Turners
6	10.30am	Harvest Festival Sunday	Church
7	7.30pm	Harvest Supper	S.S.
9	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Club Meeting	S.S.
10	2.30pm	M.U. Beetle Drive	S.S.
18	8.00pm	Bugbrooke and District Flower Society "That's Entertainment" with Ian Zorn	C.S.
21	7.30pm	Royal British Legion Meeting	5 Bells
21	7.30pm	R. Brit. Legion – Women's Section Meeting	S.S.
23	7.30pm	M.U. Deanery Meeting	Harpole
23	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Club Meeting	S.S.
28	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	V.H.
28	8.00pm	Bugbrooke and District Flower Society Competition Evening with Buffet	S.S.
29	8.00pm	LINK COMMITTEE MEETING	Vicky's
November			
4	7.30pm	W.I. First Aid with Vic Wyles	S.S.
6	2.15pm	Darby & Joan Club Meeting	S.S.
10	3.00pm	United Remembrance Service	Church
14	2.30pm	M.U. 'Experience with God'	S.S.
15–16	7.45pm	"It Runs in the Family" comedy by Ray Cooney – B.A.D.S.	C.S.
16	2.00pm	Darby & Joan Club Xmas Bazaar	S.S.
17	2.00pm	Friends of Campion School 'Christmas Fayre'	C.S.
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25	8.00pm	Bugbrooke and District Flower Society "Merry Christmas" with Pauline Turnbull	Nether Heyford V.H.
27	7.00pm	M.U. Evening Out	
30		Day of Thanksgiving & Prayer	Church

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