BUGBROOKE
COUNCIL SCHOOL
WEEKLY LETTERS
FOR
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October 1913 to December 1913

D. Gilkes

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Week Ending Oct 3rd /13

Dear

Even after Friday, we still had the aftermath of the manoeuvres.- On Friday afternoon a large aeroplane passed over us going South. As it went on, it appeared suddenly to "circle" and then to descend. Some of our boys found it had come down near Banbury Lane. After a short stay, the officer proceeded his journey. - On Sunday afternoon at about 5 o'clock we noticed a large gas-balloon in the southern sky. The wind was very light from the S.E. and the balloon slowly sailed Rugby way at a great height. We think it had 2 men in the "car" and a flag bearing a number above it.-

We were pleased on Monday morning to receive a letter from Clara Johnson Crown Hill, Ontario, enclosing a photograph of the "Tunisian" the ship in which she sailed for Canada.

An aeroplane passed over us going Rugby way before 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon.- It was very low down and we could easily read the letters underneath. "A.R.O.V."- We saw some monster potatoes grown by Mr Wm Higginbottom. One giant was 9 inches long, 12 inches round & weighed 2 lbs 5 ounces.- Several others were of great size - Large congregations attended the Baptist Chapel at last Sundays Harvest Thanks giving Services. The decorations were very nice. The Choir sang the Anthems: "The God of Harvest Praise", and "the Lord of Harvest", The collections in aid of the Hospital amounted to just over £4.-

Mr Jeffrey Senior of Bugbrooke, has done his best to supply the young Colonies with "fresh blood"; but whether that is better for the "old country" is another matter. In Canada, Calgary way, he has Mr & Mrs Bullas with their 6 children; three of whom has been married in Canada; Mr & Mrs Dunkley with their 6 children; one of whom has recently been married; also the late Mr Harry Jeffrey's 5 children, two of whom are married; and 2 great grand-children. He has also one grand-son in New York. This is a record of colonization which is very hard to beat.

The L.N. Wengine "Experiment" passed along the line the other day. We recently had in school an exact model of her from Messrs Bassett Lowke.-

Bugbrooke F.C played Duston F.C on the Close on Saturday last and

won by 6 goals to nil.— There are plenty of mushrooms about now.— Mr W. Clarke has a nice show of Michaelmas Daisies.— Mr R. Jeffs and Mr J. Howard have some fine Dahlias and Chrysanthemums.— Mr S. Ward took first, and one third prizes at the Towcester foal show.

Inside. a room at the Northampton Grand Stand on Wednesday night, the Members of the N. Wireless Club "rigged" up an aerial in half-an-hour, and all we heard Tiffel give her Press Messages at 8 o'clock. This is a record.— We have been having very misty mornings and evenings during the week, but the weather has continued dry and fine.

Latest.

We had a severe thunderstorm here last night. Heavy rain began to fall just before 8 o'clock and then vivid lightning commenced, lasting till after nine o'clock. The rain that fell about 8 o'clock was almost warm, quite tepid. The storm was in one respect most inconvenient, as Thursday afternoon holiday-makers must have been drenched, and, if far from home when the storm began must have been in a sad plight.— Up to noon to-day we have not heard of any damage in the village.— It is Bugbrooke Feast on Sunday and Monday next We hope to see many old friends.— Bugbrooke F.C play Kislingbury at K. tomorrow.— Car slightly rising.— Lighting up time 6.32.

I remain
yours truly
D. Silkes.

Dorothy Billingham

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Oct 10/13

Dear

For many years we shall remember this as the Wet Feast. The thunderstorms of last week seemed to upset the weather, and there have been heavy showers ever since. On Saturday evening, just when our old friends - (Bugbrookes sons and daughters) - would be coming "Home" the rain was coming down in torrents, and on Sunday it was hard to get between the Showers. Nevertheless, the Church was crowded at all the services, and even the Lady Chapel was filled up. The services were hearty and bright, and the decorations were very beautiful. On Monday, the weather was finer, but frequent showers were set in later on.

We much regret to record the death of Lady Knightley of Fawsley. She was a true educationalist and did much good work on the educational committee. Our School Flag stood at Half Mast on Tuesday, the day of the Funeral.

Bugbrooke F. C. will play Kislingbury F. C. on Saturday at K - Heyford Feast on Sunday and Monday next. We hope they will have more favourable weather than we had. - We have heard from our old scholar Herbert Heald who is at the Boy's Garden City Woodbridge. He says he misses his old playmates very much, and wishes he was amongst them again, It is a great pity that when a boy is getting on nicely with his work, and a credit to his class, as he was, that circumstances should make it necessary to remove him. - The School Medical officer will be visiting us presently. - The "round-abouts", at the Bakers Arms, did a good deal more business on Tuesday night than on Monday, on account of the weather. -

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After several days of cloud and sudden heavy showers, Thursday morning was a delightful change. Early in the day, the sky was nearly cloudless, and the sun shon

brightly, and everyone seemed pleased to see it. There are signs of Autumn everywhere. The various creepers in the village shew all manner of gorgeous tints, red, orange, russett, yellow, crimson, and grey, and the trees are beginning to follow suit. In our flower gardens summer flowers are faded, and their places are now occupied by the Dahlias, Chrysanthemums, etc. We begin to miss some of our feathered tribe, and in a short time will be dependent upon our old friend the robin and the sparrow.

Earnest

This morning (Friday) the weather is beautifully fine. The Barometer has a tendency to rise, and the sky is free from clouds. Little Earnest Saunders and his brother Reuben left for yesterday to go home of the homes. A Whist Drive took place at the Old School last night. There were twenty three tables. The Prize winners were Ladies 1st Miss Hillyard, 2nd Mary Perkins, 3rd Miss Bettman. Gentlemen, 1st Mr A Borges, Weston 2nd Mr Southgate Weston 3rd Mr Barnard, Brightwalton Wharf. The Drive was followed by a Dance.

Little Louis Mead came from the Hospital last Wednesday, but we are sorry to say he is not quite so well.

Lighting up time 6.17 pm

Yours Truly
Dorothy Billingham

Gertie Chapman

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Oct 11

Dear.

Just before 3 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, an aeroplane passed over from the South. Upton-way at a great height. Saturday turned out to be a thoroughly wet day, but on Sunday the sun shone brightley at the greater part of the day It made some of us wish our Feast had been posthoned for a week. Of course Hefford had the benefit of the beautiful weather and many Bugbrooke people walked over and spent the evening there.

Bugbrooke F. C. played Kislingbury at K. on Saturday but lost. H. M. the King passed along the L. N. W. Railway at 2 p.m. on his way to Buckingham London.

On Friday evening Mr Hurby, of Pattishall, brought a gentleman to see the Wireless. He was all the way from British Columbia about seven thousand miles to the Far West, and in a newspaper published there he had seen an account of the Bugbrooke Wireless. As he was coming to England, and to the neighbourhood the gentleman made up his mind to visit us. We were very pleased to see him especially as Biffel, and Bleethorpes were good enough to 'talk' to us all the time he was there.

Birth. On Friday Oct 3rd at 77 Fellows Road, Hampstead, Mrs Hugh J. Sheringham, of a son. Mr Sheringham was brother to Mr. G. Sheringham of Byre Farm, Bugbrooke.

Ever since the first such light was invented our people have preferred to sit up at night, and to lay abed in the morning, But they little think how much of the beauty of the day, they miss by this artificial arrangement. Take Wednesday morning for instance. What could have been a more beautiful sight than that Perfect Nature gave to the early riser There was the moon hanging like a round globe of light over Heyford the sky every where was cloudless, an expanse of beautiful mellow light while to the East was a rising Sun, coming like a thing to

his own. Birds were singing everywhere, and everything seemed clean, fresh, and bright, to the five senses; and yet although all this beauty, could be seen and enjoyed, free gratis, and for nothing ninety per cent of us ~~to~~ prefer to snore away our time, in a close bedroom, particularly if we are a "townsmen". We wonder if the great men who made the Law that all little children admitted during the year were to be weighed, and measured ever thought of the terrible scare this would give to some of our youngsters. The other day we had to measure over a score "with their boots offs." When this part of the observation begun (some first class girls assisting) it would have amused the Law Givers to have witnessed the babies' "revolution". Only a very few took things quietly, possibly thinking we had turned shoe-blacks, and were going to give their boots a polish all for nothing, but five per score of the lot, began to scream; two were shouting, might and main for their mamma's (what lungs they have got to be sure) one held fast to the elbows of his arm-chair for protection, and another rent the air with his cries, that we "shouldn't have his boots." But, some ~~however~~, a bag full of George Clark's "peps" seemed to bring "peace upon Jerusalem," and we gradually got through the work. To save him having a "fit" we did not remove the last-named young man's boots, and allowed for his sole; but although his mouth was full of sweets, he still found a way to shout out his protests while, we "did him".

Latest

It was ~~a~~ very foggy this morning, but the barometer remains steady. We have heard from (Mrs J. Hellingbeck (Miss. MacGirr) They have arrived safely at Timmins, Ontario. They have now built a bungalow of their own. Timmins, is rapidly growing into an important town, and it is wise to get land before the price is raised. Mr, and Mrs Walace MacGirr are now in England for the Winter. Ernest Saunders, and his brother Redvers

have been removed from the Woodford Bridge Home, to their own Home near Wolverhampton. We are sorry to say that little Louis Mead had to return to the Hospital. We hear this morning that he is rather better - The Guild Committee held a meeting last night, and decided to commence the season on Nov 5th. -

Brixworth F. C. will play Bugbrooke F. C. at Brixworth tomorrow for the medal competition. - An aeroplane passed over Corn Hill yesterday afternoon. - There were many shooting stars last night. -

Lighting up time 4.3

Yours Truly

G. Chapman.

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Oct 24th

Gertie Chapman -

Dear

They had the best of weather at Kislingbury last Sunday and Monday for their feast. Numbers of Bugbrooke people walked over, on Sunday afternoon, and our Rector preached the sermon -

Bugbrooke F. C. played Buxworth, on Saturday last in the Medal Competition and won by 4 to 3 - Mr and Mrs Heringham who have been in residence at Byre Farm during the summer, have now returned to this house at Hampstead -

The edges-rows now look lovely with elderberries and hips and haws, Acorns are now falling. There are plenty of mushrooms about -

Will the parents who keep their children at home once or twice a week, kindly work out this little sum particularly those who wish to claim a labour certificate for their children when they are thirteen. The school is open about 410 times in a year. This is a year about 44 complete weeks of school work - Therefore a child missing two attendances a week loses 88 in a year, and 410 less 88 leaves only 322 attendances Or if a the child is kept at home one half a day a week on 44 times a year, this just allows it to make 366 attendances a year - As the child must make 350 attendances in one year for 5 years to claim a certificate, this only allows a very small margin for absence, for sickness and such like, Especially should these parents consider, when as a matter of fact, that is serious talk at head quarters of raising the school age from 14 to 15. And again, certain boys are on the habit (especially in the afternoon) of rushing up to school, panting, and out of breath to get in time. Occassionally, they arrive just as the Registers are closed. There attendance is therefore lost. There excuse is they have been kept at work at home till the very last moment - This may or may not be true, but the result is the same -

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Mr George Bates has some lovely Rose Ramblers. Mrs J. Bates has some grand indoor Chrysanthemums. Mrs B. Ashby has a nice show of Red Snap Dragon, Asters are out. - The Holly begins to look very promising with a good stock of berries - Farmers are now busy sowing their corn. It was a lovely morning on Wednesday, with a tinge of frost in the air - The Creepers in front of Manor Farm Mr Johnsons, Mr Watsons and other places, are now at their best. Mr Carpenters window flowers are very pretty - \
Mr Norris the attendance officer visited on Tuesday. We are very pleased to hear that Mr Saunders who has been in Hospital for some months his now at home in Bugbrooke, and able to get about comfortably -

What a lovely sunset we had on Wednesday evening. There was a deep rich glow in the western sky, with the horizon standing out in a pure purple, clear as if cut out of cardboard. It looked a token of frost, and the night turned out keen, and clear -

A Social and Musical Evening in Connection with the Guild took place at the Baptist School room on Wednesday evening - Friends from Harpole gave musical selections. Misses K. and R. Underwood of Long Buckby, gave several violin solos, accompanied of Miss Ashby of Long Buckby. Miss E. Underwood sang several songs - Miss Jeffery of Eastcot gave two pianoforte selections. The refreshments were given by Mr J. Campion on the coming of the age of Miss Campion - Between eighty, and ninety guests were present, and all spent a very enjoyable time - Latest

It was a lovely sunset on Thursday night, followed by a sharp frost. Early this morning it was very misty - One of our vans for many years the property of Mr Gilkes, has now been sold (with the business) to Mr J. Colby of Duston, and the carrying has been handed over this week - The Barometer is slowly rising again two aeroplanes passed over here on Wednesday afternoon, one going N.W. and the other going to the E. - On Tuesday evening, next a Tea followed by a concert will be given at the Old School in connection with our Cricket Club - Tea is at 5.30, and the price of admission is both 6d

for which see bills about the village - We are glad to say Lewis Mead is still improving - Lighting up time 5.15 p.m.

Yours truly
Gertie Chapman

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Oct 31

To Gertie Chapman

Dear

We had delightful weather last Saturday, but we awoke on Sunday morning, to a thick fog, which afterwards turned to rain, and the rest of the day was as wet, and miserable as Jupiter could make it. Monday morning however, was better, although the glass still remained lower.

Bugbrooke F.C. will play Weedon F.C. at Weedon tomorrow, Saturday Nov 1. We have noticed a very large numbers of beautiful Chrysanthemums this year, but among the largest plants it would take a lot to excel in beauty one of Mr Osborne's grown outside, and bearing about ninety flowers.

After school on Monday afternoon, on listening at the Telephone of the Wireless we could plainly hear the constant "crashing of a thunderstorm. The reports came every nine or ten seconds, and we therefore knew that there was one in progress somewhere. Although nothing of the kind was going on here. On it growing dark we could see the frequent flashes of lightening in the Western sky, Although the storm was so far off that the sound of the thunder never reached us. This summer lightening, as it is called, is of course very pretty to look at it, to those a long way from it, but to those "in it." it is only an ordinary more or less dangerous thunder-storm.

Mr W. Payne removed to Farthingstone Heath on Tuesday. This will necessitate the removal of Mr W R Elliott (butcher) to the vacant house, and Mr Colby, from Duston the new carrier, will take the house vacated by Mr Elliott.

A Tea and Social in connection with our Cricket Club took place at the Old Schools on Tuesday evening. About 150 sat down to tea, which was provided by Mr T. Barnes. Afterwards Mr W. Adams presided, and an enjoyable musical programme was carried out by the Misses Sampson, Tustain, Jeffery, Wright, The Rev E. W. Harrison, Messrs, Sampson, H. Tibbs, and W. Smart. Mrs Pinney gave a recitation, and Mr Neal a reading in the Devonshire dialect. At the interval, an interesting item was carried out by the Rev. H. Batstone who, on behalf of the Club, presented a handsome Cricket Bat, bearing a suitable inscription to Dr P. White, who has always

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By Wednesday's post we were pleased to receive a letta from Bonnie Bellas, from Brigary Glengary. She had received our letters, about the army manoeuvres Bonnie says she had not seen a rose-tree since she left England They had no hedges out West, but now that they have got used to it, rather liked the Prairie, as they could see such a long way. They were having their first snow storm on Oct 13th. From Glengarry they could see the Rocky Mountains about 80 miles from Banff. She hoped to go there some day. There were several hot springs of water there, having a heat of 200 degrees. Her sister Florence (who is now married) is living at Alta. Bonnie sends kind regards to all.
The School Boys have been very busy in building up a bon fire on the School Close for next Wednesday the 5th.

Latest

What a beautiful morning it was, the sky was cloudless, the bright star in the South West, is Venus, The Barometer has a slight tendency to rise but it has been very low all the Week.
It was the Rectors Birthday on Wednesday, 29th, On Wednesday the first Temperance Meeting was held under the management of Mrs Gertrude Adams and Miss Tibbs.
Birth At Wellingborough on Tuesday last Oct 28th Mrs J. Wareh of a daughter (late of Bugbrooke Mill)
Mr Parker, and family are leaving Bugbrooke for Decote to Morrow. Lighting up time 5.56

Yours truly.
Gertie Chapman

Dorothy Billingham

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Nov 7th

Dear Sir

We had a fair week end, with occasional showers. We might with truth call this the Glory Week of the year as far as tree colour is concerned. Every variety of warmth is presented to the eye, just as if the leaf World in dying off gives us of its very best. All the year since March it has provided the eye with every kind of Green, soft and refreshening. Now, in its last struggle for existence, every tree in the place of is giving us Gold, Amber, rich, Yellows, and beautiful Grays. Yet underneath all these symptoms of Death, we can find the little Bud, the promise of Life to come. Now this is all very wonderful. But there is a greater wonder still - namely, that the fool can find conceit enough to say in his heart. There is no God!

Mr Norris visited on Monday, and weighed the children who were to go before the Medical Officer on Thursday. The little ones had not forgotten their previous experiance, and one began to tug away at his boot laces even before he reached the door. It was a great delight to them to be lifted into the weighing chair, but some of them were rather disappointed when they found they were not going to have a swing. Of the elder children, Hilda Langley was an easy winner at 102 lbs, while, for height, Ethel Osborne just reached 61½ inches beating Hilda by half an inch. Several were not far behind, a fact which speaks well for the air and good living of Bugbrooke.

We note in the daily paper that Wivelsfield, with which our Rector is connected, has given its name to a beautiful Carnation called the Wilvelsfield Wonder.

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We find that Doris Hefford, who was absent on Monday from the official weighing, turns the scale at 104 lbs, - so Hilda Langley has to take the second prize!

Lectures on Agriculture and Veterinary Science are being at the Council School, every Tuesday evening, the first

having been held on Nov 4.–

Primroses and violets are now out. Mr Long has some wheat up five or three inches high.– Walnuts and Chestnuts are plentiful. Mushrooms are nearly over. We have had a letter from Mr Charles Bush, West Australia. He is quite well. They were then (Oct 4) about to begin their hay harvest.– Our Flower Gardens are still beautiful with Chrysanthemums. Our old head boy George Eaton sends us a photograph of himself and Basil in the Football Team of the Home at Acton House.

On Wednesday (the 5th) we had very fine sport with the bonfires on the School Close and one or two others about the village.

In Wednesday's paper is an account of a poor boy at Nottingham named William Chester, from the Union, who has just obtained a Marconi certificate for his efficiency in Wireless Morse Code.– He is below age, but when he is eighteen he will take charge of a ships full installation. (The wages commence at about 30/ a week, with food and uniform) On Tuesday the Nottingham Guardians ordered £5 to be paid to the boy for to cover his first expenses.– We have a dozen boys (and girls) in Biggleswade who are equally efficient, and perhaps in time to come some way may be found to bridge over the present difficulty. On his part, the Master is willing to give one evening per week to old scholars to enable them to keep up their more practical.

Latest

This morning it was cold and raw, but quite fine. The Glass however is still low. Dr Mason spent the greater part of Thursday at the school inspecting the children from a medical point of view. The Master wishes to mention to the parents how very clean the children were sent to school. Of course they were rather extra tidy, but at the same time the children are sent to school much more clean than formerly.– A Whist Drive and Dance will be held

at the Old School next Thursday. A
Dancing Class is being held at the Old
Schools every Wednesday. Mr W Elliott
has reopened the butchers shop at his house,
which years ago was in the occupation of Mr
J Campion. The South Northants Football
League have issued a very nice handbook. A
Temperance Meeting will be held next
Wednesday under the management of Mrs G.
Gardner and Mr W. Smith. On Wednesday
last the guild discussed the question "What
things we should like to alter and how to do
it.

Yours truly
Dorothy Billingham.

Bugbrooke
Weedon rd
Nov 14 13

Dear.

At his visit here the Medical Officer spoke to the children mostly about the necessity of keeping their hair clean and of attending to their teeth. He also cautioned them as to how they sat at work in their desks. They were to train themselves to write with their eyes fourteen inches from their work, and to draw their feet well under them.

He further enquired of the boys who came before him how many hours they worked on the farm, out of school, what time they commenced and their wages per week.

We are very sorry to state that on Friday evening last as Mr Griff Moore was passing along Captains Close he found poor old Mrs Mary Robinson lying on the ground in a state of collapse. Miss F. Lovell also came up and went for Mr Frank Barford, and they at once carried her home. Dr P. White was sent for, and he found that she was suffering from a stroke. Everything was done to make her comfortable. After several months silence we again heard the Abington Park Telephone Wireless station at work on Monday night. It was about 5 o'clock and several older scholars happened to be near, so for twenty minutes or so, we all had the pleasure of hearing the engineers talking six miles away. We do not know why that station has been silent so long; but we intend, if possible, and if they are good enough to do so, to ask them to warn us before hand of what what time they will be at work, so that we could ask a few friends to arrange to come to listen to them. In the Spring they were very careful not to say too much of what they intended to do, but perhaps circumstances may have altered since then.

The Grafton Hounds passed through Bugbrooke shortly before noon on Tuesday. Bugbrooke F.C. played Earlstrop on the Close on Saturday afternoon, the game ending in a draw 2 to 2. Bugbrooke F.C. will play Hardingstone on the Close Tomorrow. There are plenty of shooting stars to be seen just now. — The Barometer was the lowest on Wednesday morning that we have seen it for some time.

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There was a very heavy downfall of rain at about 5 o'clock in the morning, with vivid flashes of lightning and the rumble of distant thunder. During the week everybody has been saying "How warm and close it is to be sure."
Nature seems to have exhausted its paint box, for most of the beautiful leaves are off the trees which are now left bare and grey. A singing class has been started at the Baptist School under the tuition of Mr C Billingham of Hickinbury. Mr W Ashby has a lovely show of Red Chrysanthemums.—
On Friday night next (Nov 2) the members of the Baptist Guild will attend a demonstration of Wireless Telegraphy at the Council School, commencing at about 7 o'clock.— A number of trees belonging to the different farms in the village are being felled. Latest
On Wednesday evening the second Temperance Meeting of the season took place. There was a large attendance, and a very interesting programme was carried out.— Our little playmate Louis Mead remains in the Hospital. He is comfortable, but it is a long illness for the poor lad. Mr Saunders is at the Weston Home for a short time.— Mrs Robins is as well as can be expected. She always was bright and cheerful, and for her age (86) is a wonderful woman. She is quite able to talk with her visitors, and ~~of taking~~ to take sustaining food.— The floods are out at Hickinbury. They rose here in consequence of the excessive rain, but are now going down. Ellen King says "On Wednesday last about 8 o'clock in the morning, there were stars to be seen quite plainly".— A Whist Drive and Dance was held at the Old School on Thursday evening, when Miss Lane won the Ladies' second prize, and Mr J Higginbotham won the Gentleman's second prize.—

Lighting up time 5. 11.

I remain
Yours truly
Olive Bawley

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Nov 21st 1913.

Dear

The "Rose Rambler" on the rustic archway near the south porch at the Church has grown to such an extent that the timber supporting it began sometime ago to break down with the weight. A substantial support has now been substituted, which, although less rustic, is stronger and safer.

Bugbrooke F.B. played a winning game against the Hardingstone F.B. on the Close on Saturday winning by 3 to 1.—

Serg^{t} Charles Rush, and Corp^{l} B. Clarke, have left the Hillsborough Barracks, Sheffield, and gone with the 71st Battery to Newshot On Saturday last P^{te} Mark Clarke, who has been in Bugbrooke for some weeks on furlough, proceeded to Blackdown Barracks. He is out of his time in twelve months

The roadmen have commenced to "stone" the Kislingbury road. Everybody knows how necessary it is; but our poor workmen who have to "bike" along the road early in the morning and late at night to earn their daily bread (and not on pleasure bent) necessarily feel the inconvenience of the operation, and ardently wish that they may have just a few inches left to them if possible free of stones.

In Nature Study, M^{r} W Gardner has a lovely Jessamine creeper growing over his doorway.— Mrs Watson's Chrysanthemums are a grand show. Mrs Bass has some equally fine — Bugbrooke F. B. play Flore F.B. tomorrow on the School Close for the medal competition. Mrs Yorke has an Easter Lily coming out.

We had a very strong wind from the South West on Tuesday and, on Wednesday morning we found that the Barometer had risen considerably. We do not like a rapid rise, as it more often than not means an equally rapid fall. — We were glad to hear by a telegram on Sunday morning that Mr W. H. Neal has passed the Deacons Examination and, will presently commence his duties as Curate at Haywards Heath.

We hope to meet the members of the Guild at the Council School to-night (Friday) at 7 o'clock to have a demonstration in Wireless Telegraphy.

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Death. We were both shocked and grieved on Wednesday morning to hear of the sudden death of our old friend Mr Thomas Carry. He had been in failing health lately, but was better; in fact had intended to spend the day in Northampton Shortly after 9 o'clock he went to take a newspaper back to Mr Rogers who lives quite close by. When there, he suddenly sank to the floor. Mrs Rogers, at once called to Mrs Clarke and Miss Carry the daughters, Mr Silkes went for the doctor, but it was soon evedint that Mr Carry was dead. In fact it seemed to be a case very like the passing of our late friend Enoch Gardner. Mr Carry was so well known among us that we have regarded him as one of the younger of our village patriarchs, and he will be sadly missed by both his family and a large circle of friends. He was about 79 years of age. We sympathise with Mrs Carry, who herself is unable to get about.

Latest

Mrs Robins is as well as can be expected. - Our boy Lewis Mead is able to roam about the Hospital ward, and seems to be quite at home there. When he's a man he will have to be a doctor. He is, however, getting his strength up for what we hope will be the final operation. - The glass has gone down, and we are having a little rain this morning. - We were pleased to hear from Pte Mark Clarke this morning. He intends to work up for an examination in wireless signalling, which will take place on Feb 10 next. From what we have seen of him here, we think and hope he will get a first class certificate. - A new tombstone has been placed in the Churchyard to the memory of "Edith Mary Rockliffe", daughter of Mr Rockcliffe late of Harford Mill. On Monday last, Mr Albert Carr, who used to work at Bugbrooke Mill, died in the Hospital. - On Thursday, an engine driven by oil passed along the Railway. - Our Church Clock is Greenwich time to-day - Lighting up time 5 1/2.

Yours truly
Clive Crawley.

Gertie Chapman

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Nov 28/13

Dear ....

The funeral of the late Mr Thomas Jarry took place on Saturday. There was a long procession of mourners, and the last rite of burial was accompanied by every evidence of respect for the dead and sympathy for the living.-

Sunday was a typical November day. In the morning there was a thick fog; then the sun broke out, and as you passed under trees, you were treated to a shower bath. In the afternoon, it became cold and damp; and the evening was as dark as Erebus could make it.-

On Sunday morning, just about a quarter to eleven as service was commencing a large balloon was seen to pass over the church going north very low down. As it was simply a gas bag (as they are now called) there was no noise from any propeller.-

On Friday evening last we gave a demonstration of Wireless Telegraphy before the members of the Baptist Guild. After the master had explained the use of the different parts of the apparatus, a class of school children took down a message from the morse bell, shewing the dots, and dashes were translated into words, and sentence "some words" were then very slowly telegraphed to enable the company to follow the letters prepared in the Morse code on the blackboard. At 8 o'clock Eiffel began to send her press messages, and every one had an opportunity of listening for a minute or two to the "real thing". It was a very pleasant evening.

Death. At Huddersfield early on Tuesday morning, Nov 18, after a few hours' illness, Mr W. P. MacGorr son of Mr and Mrs

Maclyn, late of ~~Bugbrooke~~ Northampton. The deceased was born at Bugbrooke in June, 1864, and the Huddersfield newspaper, in lamenting his loss to the town, speak of him as one who by dint of perseverance had worked his way upward to a honourable position in their town.-

We were pleased to see several photographs from Mr W. Davis (whose school is at Southwick, near Brighton) of his scouts. The pictures shew them at their various duties, in company, trekking, and cooking, and so on, and it is evident that Mr Davis, takes a good deal of interest in the Scout movement.

From Malta, we have been glad to hear good news, from Pt Eric Poole, He writes in the best of health and spirits. He speaks enthusiastically of that grand sight mentioned in the newspapers a few days ago when forty-three British war vessels visited the Island. Eric calls for Three cheers for the British Sailor, when whom our very existence as a Nation depends. Bugbrooke F.C. played Flore on the Close, on Saturday, and won by 1 to 0.-

Bugbrooke will play Spratton at S. tomorrow.-

It is ~~a~~ just a year ago yesterday (Thursday) since the Church was reopened. On Sunday next, a special preacher Rev. Wallis is engaged at the Church to give missionary sermons and collections will be made at all services in aid of Foreign Missions.-

On Wednesday an interesting little programme was carried out at the Temperance meeting, when recitations, and songs were given by Sarah Dunkley Lizzie Stibbard, Dorothy Billingham, Bertie Joyce, E. Osborne, G. Marshall, Nellie Jeffrey, Ivy Joyce, Fanny Gardner, Mrs Gardner, and Mr Smith etc.

Latest

What a lovely sunset we had last night! Early this morning it was just as beautiful. "Orion" the Hunter, the grandest constellation in the sky, was peeping into all our West windows before daybreak, bidding us to get up, and fry the bacon,- as he had been hunting all night, and wanted his breakfast

badly' —
We are having a very dark spell now,
and the lantern and flashlight trade
is "booming" - We are glad to see that Lewis
Mead is able to be at home.. Rapid repairs
were being carried out on the Railways
yesterday to a damaged rail. The frosts
have cut our flowers badly, although
we can still see some red Chrysanthemums
about the village. - It is fine, and not
at all cold and the barometer is very
high.. - lighting up time 4.55. —

yours truly
G. Chapman.

Gertie Chapman

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Dec 8th
1913

Dear

We had a splendid week end The barometer was high, the wind was in the south, the sun shone, and altogether we might have been in the middle of Spring instead of at the tail end of November On Monday morning, however, the glass had gone down, and we had some rain - An aeroplane passed over the School close at 11.30, on Sunday morning going Northward, and returned at 2 o'clock -

Last Friday morning, shortly after 11 o'clock, Mr Elliott the County Council Inspector stepped into School We were just finishing off the Weekly letter, and he was much interested in hearing how the letter was produced - The notes and letters of the children, from which we obtain the greater part of our "local news" laid on the table, and the Inspector saw for himself the manner in which for twelve years the letter has been written and circulated -

Monday Dec 1st, was the birthday of our Queen Dowager Alexandria, the widow of our late King Edward VII, and mother to our present King George V, and we hoisted our School flag, the Union Jack, to celebrate the event - Bugbrooke F. C played Spratton F. C on Saturday and won by 3 to 1 - Bugbrooke F. C will play Flore at B. Tomorrow -

As to the Christmas Holiday it has been officially notified to us that the Schools will be closed on Friday, Dec 19, and reopened on Monday, Jan 5th -

A concert on behalf of the funds of the Cricket Club will take place at the Old Schools on Tuesday next Dec 9th; and as a consequence the lecture on Agriculture

at the Council School will be given on Monday night The Morse Code ~~with~~ and Wireless class will be held as usual in one of the Class-rooms. The collections for Foreign Missions at the Church last Sunday amounted to £s. 12. 0. This also includes the sum of £s, which the Children had collected during the year in their money boxes.

We were very pleased to see the moon, or at any rate a part of it, on Tuesday night. The nights lately have been so dark, that you have had to be very careful where, and how you walked. We often wonder how a Londoner would get on if, suddenly one night he could be transported to the "Strand Bugbrooke" He would rub his eyes if he could find them, and would perhaps condescend to acknowledge that at any rate we can lick him in a game of Blind Man's Buff, if in nothing else. Well, the moon is here, and is likely to remain here for a fortnight, and right glad are we to welcome her.

The School Holly tree is well laden with berries. Wall-flowers, and violets are out. Currants bushes are beginning to bud.

Latest

We seem to be in for very unsettled weather. On ~~Monday~~ Wednesday night we had a severe gale of wind, and storm from the West, and it was terrible work for the unfortunate pedestrain or cyclists who happened to be caught anywhere along the Northampton road between 9 and 10. This morning it is nearly as bad, with wild gusts of wind and storm. We had a little snow yesterday. On Thursday morning while the boys were taking Eiffel. They heard the voices of the men talking for sometime at Abington Park. On Wednesday evening the children who had, had missionary boxes during the year had a tea at the Old Schools. Lighting up time 4.45.

G Chapman

Bugbrooke
Weedon
Dec 12/1913

Dear

We have two letters from two Londoners calling in question a sentence in last week's letter in which we challenged Londoners to a game of Blind Man's Buff in the Strand, Bugbrooke, at night. They are addressed to the Editor of the "Bugbrooke Weekly Despatch" which we presume is ourselves. The writer of one asserts that the Londoner is as much at home in the dark as the man in the country. In the "Tube" trains, for instance, there have been occasions when the blackness has been so intense that one man's hand has been in another man's pocket, quite a pardonable offence, and again he had seen at such a time one man light another man's pipe by mistake, and then try to enjoy the result. Well in reply, about a year ago, we sat somewhere in Bugbrooke with about two hundred other people all in the dark but we took care to keep our hands in our own pockets instead of in our neighbour's. It seemed less risky.

Londoner (number Two) asks us how a countryman would act if he accidentally got left in an "island" say midway across the Strand in a real deep nasty London fog! He says us countrymen would stay there till we starved rather than risk crossing the traffic even in broad daylight. Well, we once heard a countrywoman say her "old mun" would go anywhere for a piece of her home-made pork pie, and so in the event of us countrymen getting so "stranded" all that our wives on the other side of the street would have to do is to hold up a nice slice of pork-pie, and traffic or no traffic, we should soon find our way across, if even we had to "dodge and jump" for it.

Bugbrooke F. C. played Flore on the Close on Saturday and won by 3 to 2. Bugbrooke will play Blisworth tomorrow at Blisworth.

A very successful entertainment was given at the Old Schools on Tuesday evening chiefly under the management of Mr F. Burn, of Pattishall House, on behalf of the funds of the local Cricket Club. The first part of the programme consisted of several musical items, which were much appreciated

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After the interval the very amusing sketch "A Mutual Mistake" was produced those performances concluding with further musical selections.

At the Northampton Fat Stock Show on Tuesday, the following successful entries were made from Bugbrooke,

Beasts: Class 3 bow, Mr S Ward. Class 4 Heifer, Mr S Ward.

Pigs Class 20, Mr A R Heygate Class 21, three fat pigs, Mr R R Heygate

We have received notice from Mr Green, County Council lecturer on Agriculture that the next three meetings of the Class, namely on Dec 16 Dec 30, and Jan 6, will for certain obvious reasons be held in Mr Campion's barn. The next meeting in the School will therefore not be till Jan 13.

Birth.- To Mr and Mrs John Adams, Rothersthorpe, a daughter, on Dec 8th.- On Friday evening last several of our Bugbrooke School children, under the superintendence of Miss Tustian and Miss Campion, assisted in an entertainment at Heyford, and were much appreciated.-

The workmen have started felling trees up the Downs.

Latest.

A Temperance Meeting was held on Wednesday evening when Magic Lantern pictures were given by Mr T Collins. The first set of slides were "A Peep behind the Scenes" of a fair, while Mrs Pinney gave a reading on it. Then Mr Collins also gave a reading on it. Then Mr Collins also gave some comic pictures entitled "The Tiger and the Cub."- "Our village shops are now decorated and dressed up beautifully, enough to draw the money out of anyone's pocket. Talk about Gammages !!!. You should see the Post Office, Williams's, Dents, Johnson's Robinson's, and others.- One girl writes "Pigs are being killed" Its rather hard on them, because it is useless to wish them a happy Christmas.- The barometer is lower. Yours truly

Lighting up time 4.49 Clive Crawley

J Joyce

Bugbrooke
Weedon

Week ending Dec 19/13

Dear

On Sunday evening next (Dec 21) the Church Choir will sing the anthem "Rejoice in the Lord alway". This is usually called "The Bell Anthem" at the Symphonies in it are a lovely imitation of a peal of eight bells. It was written in the days of Charles the Second, and in time and measure is a striking example of the music of that period. The trio is exceedingly pretty.

"What wonderful weather we are having!" are the words on everybody's lips. It will help us well into the winter and our coal bills up to the present are not excessive What may happen in January and February we dont know, but December has been very kind to us.

We are glad to hear that the Rev H H. Crawley, who has been away on account of ill-health for some months has now returned to the Rectory, Stowe-nine-Churches. Bugbrooke FC played Blisworth H on Saturday last, and the game ending in a draw 2 to 2. Bugbrooke will play Cosgrove on the Close on Saturday next, in the third round of the Junior Cup. They kick off at 2.30 p m. On Boxing Day the "North v South" will be played at Kislingbury and on Jan 3rd Bugbrooke will play Flore at F. The Harriers will meet at Corn Hill on Tuesday Dec 23rd.

In Nature Study there are still a

large number of beautiful Roses to be seen, not only in the Churchyard but also in private gardens. Beautiful Jessemine is in full bloom in many places.

On Monday mornings during the present season the Church bells ring a merry peal before 6 o'clock. For Christmas Day the Church Choir are very busy learning the Chorus from the "Messiah", "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given", and they are also practising some old favourite Carols.- Sunday next (21st) is the shortest day when the sun rises at six minutes past eight, and sets at nine minutes to four. We shall have a "moonless" Christmastide. Workmen are felling a number of trees down Haste Lane and along the brooke.

On Wednesday, our police officer brought us a copy of the new By-law forbidding spitting in public places. In our lessons on Hygiene our children are taught that this is not only disgusting but a very dangerous practice to other people.

The Guild meeting took place on Wednesday evening when Mr Calvert of Flore gave an address on South Africa. On Boxing Day there will be a sale of work at the Chapel School room. The proceedings will commence at 3 o'clock and will be followed by a concert at 7 o'clock. The Temperance Soiree which was fixed for Dec 24 is post poned till Dec 30

Latest

It was good news some months ago to many of us boys to find that a number of young apple trees were being planted in Bugbrooke.

It was such a promise of future enjoyment. But alas! our joy is turned into sadness which we find that just about two hundred young birch trees are also being planted here The landscape in Bugbrooke is quite beautiful enough we think without them and there is too striking a connection between apples and birches to please us. It is a bad outlook for some of us, but its worse still for the boys of the next generation We once heard of a boy so troubled in this respect that he asked Santa Claus for a thicker pair of plants, but even these cannot always prevent the "backache"!!!

The barometer is very high; and it is a clear frosty morning.

On Sunday next the Chapel Choir

will sing "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"
and "Arise shine, for thy Light is come"
At 11 a'm on Thursday an aeroplane
passed over here going South.

Birth :- At Hislingbury on Tuesday
Dec 16 Mrs J Garrett (to old scholars
"Rose Gardner) of a daughter.

Primroses are out. In concluding
we children wish you a very joyful
Christmas and a Happy New Year; and
we hope that when some of us come
round Carol Singing you will remember
that we do our best to amuse you
with our Letters every week. Lighting
up time 4. 50.

I remain,

Yours truly,

Gertie Joyce.