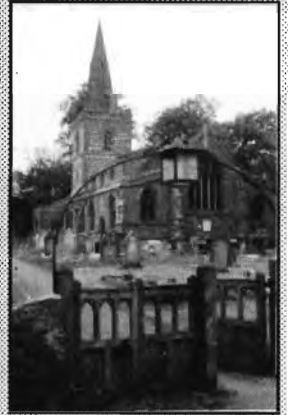


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JUNK

If one was to ask the question "What is a Junk?" our dictionary would tell us that it is a sailing vessel used in Chinese waters and characterised by a very high poop, flat bottom and square sails supported by battens.

If alternatively we simply enquired "What is Junk?" one of the definitions is equally simple – "Rubbish"!

JUNK PAPERS

Regularly now we get delivered – admittedly quite free – newspapers which are full of advertisements and contain a minimum of news; as most such papers are only published weekly a fair proportion of such news is out of date. When one considers the irritation caused to a number of the householders who receive these unsolicited tabloids and the fact that most reach the "Wheellybin" after just a cursory glance one wonders if the cost of production and the cost of advertising are really justified.

JUNK MAIL

Even more irritating is the deluge of unsolicited Junk Mail which drops through our letterboxes with regular monotony. A growing proportion of this has been posted in the United States and certain European countries – and they all give the impression at first sight that the recipient has won a substantial prize. In the short period of two weeks one household was told it had won a Rover car, two fourteen day holidays in Florida and a share of a quarter of a million pounds!

As usual it is the small print that produces the sad disillusionment . . . you can't claim your prize if you are outside restrictive age limits, you can't claim if you are not in full employment, you can't claim if you have not got an annual salary of a specified amount etc etc.

Is it not high time that those in authority and in conjunction with the Post office put a stop to this unwarranted and deliberately misleading intrusion into our privacy?

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Parish Council Meetings

August and September 1990

The two main topics of discussion during this period could not have been more different: the policing of the village and possible twinning arrangements with a village in France.

The Parish Council have never been entirely happy about the Team Policing System adopted by the Northamptonshire Force as it replaced the traditional concept of the village policeman. When it was first introduced an assurance was given that a response to emergency calls could be made within ten minutes. Unfortunately, however, this response time does not seem to have been achieved. Although the system is apparently to be adjusted to make it more flexible, the Parish Council, whilst recognising the need to make the best use of relatively scarce manpower resources, still hanker after the old system when we had a village bobby.

A speed trap was set up near The Rectory and duly caught a number of motorists, almost all from outside the village, exceeding the speed limit. (The Reverend Tim Partridge walked his bike past it – just in case!) Similar traps will be returning to the village at regular intervals – so keep your speed down. Another warning to motorists. A number of Fixed Penalty Tickets, have been issued already for illegal parking in the village – and they will continue to be issued to prevent such thoughtless parking.

On an even more serious note, PC Andy Bell confirms that drug dealers seem to be extending their territories beyond towns and into villages. Whilst it is not a particularly bad problem in Bugbrooke yet, these evil “pushers” are about and youngsters in particular should be made aware of the dangers.

Moving to a much lighter topic, Mr David Atkinson, an officer of the County Council, spoke to the Parish Council about a request from Iteuil, a village approximately 10 kilometres south of Poitiers, for twinning arrangements with a similar village in England. Bugbrooke seems to fit the bill and, with the 1992 Free European Market looming, it seems appropriate to make and maintain contacts on the Continent of Europe. Consequently, all the organisations and clubs in the village will be invited to a public meeting, probably to be held at Campion School on Monday the 12th November, to ascertain the level of support in the village for such a venture. Anyone interested in being involved in any way or who simply likes the idea of an exchange trip to a very pleasant

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part of France, is welcome to come along. Look out for posters confirming the date of this meeting.

Concern has again been expressed over the state of the bus shelter at the top of Butts Hill. Its problem is partly due to the fact that it offers a cosy hideaway for various nefarious activities. Estimates of the cost of its repair or for its replacement with a more open, transparent model are to be obtained. Continuing the theme of buses, the Parish Council are still looking for a volunteer to act as Bus Liaison Officer and to receive proposed changes in schedules etc from the bus company. Obviously it would be preferable if such a person was a regular bus user. If anyone is interested in taking up this small but interesting (and unpaid) job they should contact Mr Harry Gilkes, the Clerk to the Parish Council, on Pattishall 830105/830256 or any parish councillor.

South Northamptonshire District Council are considering the question of car parking on council estates and, although they seem to have forgotten Bugbrooke, John Curtis has, with the approval of the Parish Council, drawn their attention to John's Road, Levitts Road and Chipsey Avenue.

Another innovation from South Northamptonshire District Council is the proposed introduction of a mobile office which should appear in Bugbrooke (Levitts Road has been suggested) probably every other Wednesday for collections.

Finally, one or two suggestions have been received as to the likely origin of the name Pudding Bag Lane. The most interesting theory is that it refers to the puddings which wives of agricultural workers used to spend all morning cooking to take, in a bag, to their husbands working in the fields . . . and why not!

David Harries

Sheltered Housing Scheme

Some time ago members of the Adams Trust and committee exploring the possibility of creating a sheltered housing scheme for Bugbrooke and other villages in the immediate vicinity held an open meeting in the Sunday School to acquaint residents of this village as to progress being made.

It is intended that before long another such meeting should be held. The Committee however do wish to record that some further progress is being made. They are at present in contact with two separate Housing Associations and considering two alternative sites. In addition they are

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in contact with various officials at County and District levels, in the hope that they may report some acceptable progress in the near future.

It is now more likely that eventually sheltered housing on an affordable rental basis will be available. The Committee however is confident that there is a general acceptance that all negotiations of the type in question can take a very long time and that disclosing too much information at too early a stage can be to the detriment of the aims being pursued.

St. Michael's and All Saints Church

Learning about the Bible

On Saturday, December 1st the Church will be organising a chance to hear Dr Michael Thompson who is New Testament lecturer at St Johns College, Nottingham. He will be leading a course entitled 'A Day with the New Testament' in the Sunday School. It will begin at 10.30 am and go on till 4 pm with a break for lunch. You are asked to bring a packed lunch and drinks will be provided. The cost will be #2 to cover expenses. Further details from Tim Partridge on 830373 with whom you can also book a place. It will be offered to the Deanery too so it will be a question of places to those who book first. We hope to make this a regular event and try to get an expert in some Christian field to come and lead us. Do take this opportunity offered to broaden our knowledge of our faith.

Centenary Celebrations 1991

St Michael and all Angels Church has now booked May 5th – 12th 1991 as the week for our festival. We hope to have concerts, drama and other activities all through the week, and special preachers on the Sundays and Ascension Day which falls in that week. We are also still deciding whether we can find a project connected with the church building to undertake to commemorate the Centenary of our last major restoration. By the next Link we hope to have more details together with an account of the restoration which took place in 1890-91.

Flower Festival

Thanks were extended at the Church council meeting to all ladies who helped at the Flower Festival – a sum of £255 was handed in which will be going towards the Church Roof.

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Flower Festival 1990

This year the Flower Festival took up the theme 'Poetry' and from some of the poems chosen, it seems we all went back to the days of learning by rote in school. Works by John Masefield and Walter de la Mare were very noticeable, and Rupert Brooke's 'If I should die' was very tastefully interpreted in the Memorial Window. £250 was raised, which will go towards the church roof fund.

Although a date has not been fixed yet for next year's Festival, we do urgently need more helpers. Come on, out there - ladies (and any gentleman who feels so inclined) who can join us. If all you can do is carry buckets around, well and good. If you aspire to the dizzy heights of pushing a flower stalk into a block of oasis, your future is rosy!! Watch 'Link' for further details.

In association with the Festival, a poetry competition for the two schools in the village was organised. The winning entries are published below:

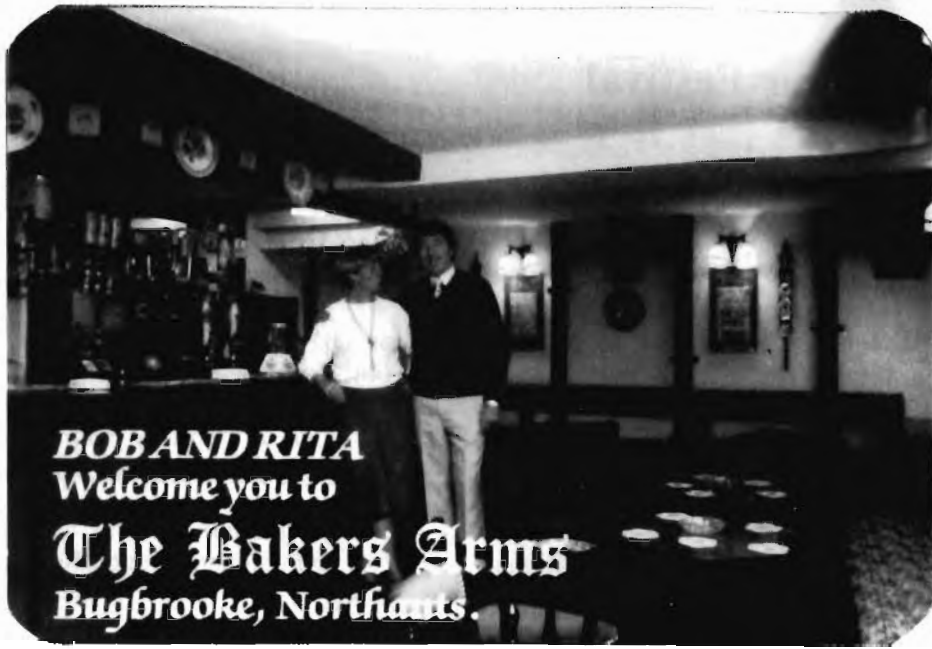
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Bugbrooke Primary

1st: Winter Trees by Vicki Hollis

The bare trees in the forest,
stand dark and empty.
Spooky,
like a spirits playground.
Swaying frantically in the wind.
Slowly,
the swaying stops,
the shadows stay still,
the trees are asleep.

The 2nd winner was 'People' by Sarah Billing. This poem was published in the last issue of the Link.



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Campion School

1st: Red is . . . by Lucie Neal from Milton Malser

Red is the sign of Danger,
 A warning when it's not safe.
 A traffic-light has red on top,
 To tell you that you have to stop,
 And when it's safe to go again,
 The red light disappears.
 Red is a strawberry juicy and sweet,
 A raspberry and tomato good to eat.
 Red is a rose and the sign of love,
 Given to the one you think a lot of,
 The berries in the Winter,
 Grown on the trees,
 Give food for the birds,
 Whilst the rest of us freeze,
 Our noses are red, a sign of the cold,
 Red is the colour that is big and bold,
 It stands out in a crowd,
 And tells us it's there,
 Red is the colour of steak that's rare,
 The postman's van,
 We like to see,
 Bringing a letter from you to me.

2nd: Combustion by Simon Hadley from Pattishall

A single flame licks out.
 At a small, crumpled piece of paper,
 Carelessly dropped,
 By, a passing pedestrian.
 Quickly devouring this,
 Looking for more,
 Crackling its way,
 To a small pile of rags,
 As it gathers energy.
 Cavorting up a pile of logs,
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Like King Arthur,
Slaying a dragon,
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Clawing and spitting,
Like a frightened cat,
Slowly backing away,
Retreating,
Into a corner,
Diminishing,
Shrinking,
Into a small wisp of smoke.

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbery

What an amazing couple of months it has been. The experts tell us that it was the driest August since 1659. I was going to write that I couldn't understand why it never thundered nowadays and yesterday at six o'clock it actually thundered twice! The grass in the fields has long since turned brown but you haven't had to bother about getting the lawn mower out, have you? Some of the crops in the garden have been better than ever. People tell me about their wonderful onions but of course in a hot season with plenty of watering you must get perfect results. The flowers that have been watered regularly have never looked better and never lasted so long. Some people do make an effort to produce a lovely garden. What a pleasure it is to walk along our streets.

Liz and Peter White asked us to pop round to see their passion flower. This wonderful plant had produced an enormous crop of passion fruits. I have never seen anything like it. We have a passion flower growing up the front of the house and it has never had so many flowers on it but we never get any fruit.

To digress for a moment. I was coming down Sandy Lane the other day and I saw a mattress on the side of the road. It beats me why



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people throw rubbish on the side of the road rather than take it to the tip!

Back to nature. My son David has just been in to see us and he told me a good story about wasps. He said someone in Almond Close had no end of wasps under a willow bush and they could not see where they were going into the ground. When he went to investigate he found that the wasps were feeding on honey dew dropped from large grey aphids on the willow bush.

There are enormous number of pests in the garden, aren't there? Every brick or stone you move has hundreds of earwigs under it. The white fly on the greens are there in their millions. When the sun is shining we have an enormous number of little brown flies about. I have never seen them before. I wonder if a good frost will sort a few things out.

I read something in the paper that rather upset me. It was about puffins on the Shetland Isles. It said that about 35,000 puffin chicks died in their burrows because their parents could not find enough food for them. The sand eels, which they feed them on are being fished commercially to be made into pig food! What a tragedy that we are getting rid of that lovely little puffin.

Robert Farmer rang me up to say he had a Wryneck in his garden. This bird has decreased in numbers and now breeds only in Kent, so the book says.

From two sources I have heard that Buzzards have been seen near the Clumps.

I am absolutely delighted that the Kingfishers have been seen again. I feared that someone had got rid of them.

There are not so many molehills are there? Of course the ground is so hard that the mole must be finding things difficult. I saw a dead one lying under the hedge in the garden.

A few nights ago, I heard a Tawny Owl hooting along Trent Valley. That pleased me.

Have you seen many Dragonflies this year? A lovely big green one has been a constant visitor here for weeks now.

As I look out now, 29th September, the rain is pouring down and the Scouts in their tents, in the field behind us must be getting really wet. Isn't it amazing that when the weather breaks it is bound to upset some function. I do hope it clears up later.

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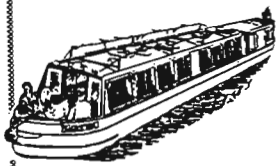
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Gardeners Corner

Gardening Notes for November and December

November

This is one of the poor months of the year with lots of mist, fog and rain. The sun is usually too weak to clear the mist so it leaves us with cold damp days.

Flower Garden

Now is the time to plant your tulips and complete your herbaceous border. Check dahlia tubers for decay, cutting away rotted portions. Dust your tubers, with flower of sulphur, this helps to stem decay. Plant out roses. Use a little peat and bonemeal round the roots, this will help them along. It is also time to plant out trees and shrubs. Do not choose weeping willows, poplars or horse chestnuts for small gardens, these are much better planted in large gardens.

Some of the better ones for small gardens are: Daphne, Viburnum, Lonicera, Lilac, Berberis, Jasmine and Honeysuckle. Acers also make a wonderful display.

It is possible to have flowers throughout the year if you choose the correct varieties. There is Arabis and Aubretia for April and May along with your bulbs. Tulips etc from May until June then Geraniums and hardy and half hardy annuals. Now is also the time to complete the laying of turf.

Vegetables

Clear up old crops. Get on with your digging when the weather permits. Don't forget to sow broad beans. Around the tenth of the month is the best time. Lift any beetroots and carrots you may have left in the ground. Cut off the tops of rhubarb and cover plants with a little straw through winter.

December

This is the darkest month of the year. Average temperatures for the Midlands 7° during the day, 2° through the night, colder in the north of England. One bright spot of the month is we begin to get a little more daylight at the end of the month. There is also of course the Xmas celebrations to brighten things up.

Work in the garden at this time of the year is difficult but efforts should be made to keep gardens clean and tidy for next years gardening.

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Look over your potatoes, onions, beetroot and carrots, remove any that show signs of decay, also check your bulbs & tubers.

Plant growth at this time of the year is at its lowest. Do not try to make your plants grow more rapidly than normal, they will be happier growing at their own pace.

Looking back over the year the weather has been wonderful for non-gardeners, plenty of sunshine to lounge around in. For the gardeners a bit of a problem with little or no rain.

Vegetables did well or fairly well whilst the flower borders again looked wonderful.

LG

Darby and Joan

I must begin by remembering Mrs Harrison, a founder member of our club, who died in September. I am sure not only many members but also villagers will remember her with great affection and will be saddened at her passing. We remember also our member Mrs Madge Miles who died also in September and we send our sympathies to her family. A happy and friendly member who will be greatly missed.

Since my last report, we have had a cheese & wine evening with our friends from Heyford Club and an outing to the Cotswolds and tea in Leamington Spa. As I was unable to attend either I cannot report personally but I am assured by all that both events were greatly enjoyed.

We also entertained our friends from Oxford and with the children from the Primary School entertaining us had a lovely afternoon, a little crowded, but most enjoyable. Our thanks to Mr Langrish, his staff and pupils.

We have an equally full calendar in the next couple of months. Our Christmas Bazaar on Saturday November 17th at 2.30 (S/School rooms). Please do come along and support us, see what bargains you can obtain for Christmas.

We have an invitation for Christmas tea at Heyford Darby & Joan on Saturday December 15th, and then our own tea on 19th December. We take a break for Christmas and restart on January 9th 1991 (Oh dear

another year gone!) We also have a much looked forward to event, an invitation to the Primary School for the pupils Christmas Show. So a busy time ahead.

We would like to wish our member Mrs Norman every happiness in her move to Ireland where she will be with her family.

May I now wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

SJM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOTES

I have recently been passed on the crime figures for the seven months to 31st July for the Rural South Area which shows an increase of 21% over the same period last year. This area extends from Harpole to Yardley Hastings and encompasses 28 villages. During this same period the crime figures for Bugbrooke are up even more at 77%. Detection rates for crimes in the rural area is around 30%.

An analysis of the figures shows that Burglaries of dwellings etc are down – the main area for concern is the theft of motor cars and their contents. The Crime Prevention officers stress that more people should invest in a Car Alarm and that an adequate alarm for the average family car can be supplied and fitted in Northampton for £55.00 including VAT.

The following telephone numbers should be used for the police in all non-emergency matters:-

NORTHAMPTON 700700 – ask for Weston Favell Control Room
NORTHAMPTON 703866 – C.I.D. Answering Machine
NORTHAMPTON 703910 – Crime Prevention Officer.

On Monday 17th September I joined PC Andy Bell for three hours on his evening patrol. Andy had been on duty since 4pm and apart from an accident on the A5 all was so far quiet. Our first port of call was to see an elderly lady whom had lost her handbag. Following this we toured around Nether Heyford, Bugbrooke and Kislingbury paying special attention to the schools and places where teenagers congregate. A disturbance was reported in Milton Malsor which we attended within 5 minutes of the call being relayed to us. After this we were proceeding through Wootton on the Newport Pagnell road when a call came through to attend Roade School where the burglar alarm had been activated. (The school is connected straight through to Weston Favell Police Station.) Again we were at the scene within 5 minutes, but, with

the alarm bell ringing no one was around and there were no signs of entry. We then went to Hackleton mainly to look around the school and finally back to Rothersthorpe, Kislingbury and Bugbrooke touring every street within the villages.

We intend to completely encompass the village in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme by next spring so if you are interested in being a contact person for your street or can help by canvassing over the winter months then would you please contact me as soon as possible.

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Mothers Union

Sixteen of our members went to Lillingstone Lovell Mothers Union for a lovely evening of fellowship and friendship in August. We walked in the farmhouse gardens, had a short service on the lawn and were then served a beautiful supper in the dining room.

Our Autumn Session commenced with a service in Church led by the Rector and enriched by unaccompanied singing.

Later in the month three members attended discussion on the difficulties of "Coping with Credit". Speakers from the Jubilee Trust and the Volunteer Bureau made us more aware of the problems of debt facing so many people today.

For our September evening meeting John Leadley gave a talk about seedtime and harvest in this years series on Festivals. He brought in amusing references to a wartime childhood in Birmingham, national service in the Far East and incidents in family life. As our Parish Reader he also included biblical references to the parables.

Joyce Leadley

Pattishall 830336

Womens Institute

Somehow we missed the last issue – but we are still very much alive!

Bugbrooke W.I. has had a very good year and we celebrated the 75th Anniversary of the Federation with a Barbeque at Orchard House by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs Chambers on September 9th. It was a beautiful day, making the event very successful – all profits going to Childrens Charities.

October 1st is our AGM and we will welcome Mrs Diane Bradbury as our new President, taking over from Mrs Ann Bird who has been very conscientious and hardworking in the endeavour to make our WI a success, a difficult task considering all the activities happening in our village. Therefore we wholeheartedly thank Ann and wish Diane every success as new President. The AGM will then be followed by a hot pot supper with delicious desserts.

We look forward to our new season of darts and skittles and all the friendship and fun with our competitors of other WI's "It's not the winning, but the taking part" that matters!

As it will be Christmas sooner than we think our next programme is Xmas crafts and we hope for more new members, therefore please contact C. Pilcher 830084 or any WI member.

Happy Christmas.

Ruby Coles

WI Committee

Bugbrooke Flower Society

Singing and playing charades! Not what you would expect from a Flower Club but that is what our September demonstrator, Mrs Davis from Nottingham, got us doing. Her Theatrical Inspirations kept us all guessing, her imagination and our own ran riot. It was fun to join in and guess the names of her arrangements although I fear some of us were a little young to remember some of them!!!

We also had our Annual Dinner in September, not very many of us there but a delightful meal with some excellent games to follow.

B.E. Bell

831639

Royal British Legion

Please support your local poppy collection October 29th to November 11th.

Womens Section

Again in September members stood in silence to remember a friend and Member Madge Miles, a very talented lady always willing to help although suffering ill health.

August was a good month for us as our Fete was a great success with over £170 raised for our Charities, and we had a good meeting with Jack Chapman giving us a talk and slides on the Gardens of the National Trust. We hope to have some good speakers in the New Year and would welcome new members or just visitors.

E. Pell, Hon. Chairman

Bugbrooke Primary School Association

The A.G.M. was held on 26-9-90. Mr T. Bartlett – head teacher of Campion – gave a very interesting talk about the School, for which we thank him.

We had a successful year being able to purchase many extra items for the children of the Primary School. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help and support over the past year and hope that your continued support will enable us to purchase items for the children which otherwise they would not have.

J. Braunston

831528

Friends of Campion School

Our Christmas Fayre is on December 1st and as usual we are inviting all crafts people to sell their wares for £5 per stall. If you would like to book a stall please ring Jenny Unwin on 830145.

This is a very well attended event and we hope to make this year's as good – if not better – than previous years'.

If anybody would like to help in any way with the social events at the School but do not wish to attend meetings please ring me – we will be very pleased to hear from you.

First Bugbrooke Brownies

1st Bugbrooke Brownies are still in need of a helper or two.

We meet on a Monday night in the Primary School Hall from 6.00 to 7.30 pm. If you can help please contact Lesley Collins, Northampton 791761, 33 Knightley Rd, Kingsthorpe Hollow, Northampton or come along to the Brownie meeting.

Walking in the countryside. The Rights of Way Act, 1990

The Rights of Way Act, 1990 came into force on the 13th August, 1990. The bill passed through Parliament as a Private Members Bill after the Rights of Way Review Committee had considered all points and made the necessary proposals. It had the support from all sides of the House of Commons as well as all those interested in the countryside.

The Act deals with paths over arable land and the Countryside Commission has published two booklets setting out the details of the new act – one for farmers and one for Highway Authorities; in our case Northamptonshire County Council. The Footpath Committee of the Parish Council considered the implications at their meeting on the 17th September and set out below are some brief notes on the Act.

The farmer has now clear indications as to what he may or may not do. He may plough or otherwise disturb a path across arable land but

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has a time limit by which time he must restore the path so that it has a reasonable walking surface and it is to a minimum width. The time limits are: within 14 days of the first disturbance for a crop; within 24 hours for the second or subsequent disturbance. Crops must not be allowed to grow on the line of the path and the line must be visible at all times. Grass or grass grown for silage or hay is excluded from these rules. The minimum width is a new idea and applies to arable land only – other footpaths remain as before, normally of no specific width. Paths across arable land now have to be a minimum of:

For a footpath – 1 metre across a field
1.5 metres on the edge of a field
(now called field edge paths).

So, paths across an arable field should now be 1 metre in width, visible and have a reasonable surface for walking on and no crops growing thereon. Crops should not be allowed to “fall in” thereby making the path less than the minimum width.

The Highway Authority is given the task of seeing that the new act is complied with and are given further and better powers to implement their duties, including clearing a path and charging the farmer with the cost.

The secretary of the Footpath Committee has a few copies of the two booklets issued by the Countryside Commission and anyone who wants to can see them at 25 The Paddocks.

The above is a very brief account and there is much more detail in the Act which cannot be set out here.

Other Matters

People often tell me that they cannot follow a path in the Parish by the Waymarkers. I hope to write in Link on this at a future date. Much the best way to follow a path is to use a map in conjunction with the waymarkers and there are card maps of the paths in the parish for sale at the Post Office. The Ordnance Survey map 21/2 inches to 1 mile gives greater detail over a larger area and the local map is the Pathfinder series, Sheet 1000 Weedon Bec and Roade.

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Since that day Samantha has spent many hours with those children. Her happy smiles and anxious anticipation of their visits tell the rest of the story.

The End

Footnote:-

Aileen and Dave Allen would like to thank Louise Jenkins, Karen Austin and Denise Harrison for their kindness to Samantha. These three little girls have shown patience, tolerance and responsibility beyond their years, and deserve to be congratulated.

My circle line boat trip around Manhattan

We left the Hotel early and decided to take the Circle line boat trip around Manhattan island in New York. We left the circle line boat stop and pulled out for a three hour journey around Manhattan. The first view I saw that was really good was the Empire State building and the Crysler building and also many other famous places. We sail on and approach Liberty island and very soon I had all the pictures of the

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Statue of Liberty I could ever want – she was nearly as tall as the Empire State building. She was also much greener than I thought. A little while after that we saw Brooklyn bridge and the Heliport which also did a tour. The Wall Street building and the United Nations were next and then there was a long bit and it was all sort of like an English countryside. Then we went under the George Washington bridge and we were back at the boat stop and the sight of the Empire State building was back in the corner of my eye.

by Sarah Denny
age 10 1/2

BPFA

The first stage of our plans to improve facilities at the Playing Fields are now under way with the seeding of new pitches at the far end of the sports ground. This has been possible due to a very generous offer made to us by Mr M. Adams owner of Merriefields Farms and some sterling work by his son and other workers to get the seed into the ground in late September.

This should allow us to proceed with the Bowling Green aspect from next April assuming the finance is available at that time. This will be the case provided our planning applications have been resolved by then.

The new changing rooms are now in operation after some delay at the finishing stages due partly to financial strictures during our lower summer activity and partly due to the unavailability of tradesmen on this "less pressing" project. However I'm sure that our own users, as well as visiting teams, will be glad of the improved accommodation and will utilise and look after it accordingly.

Plans for the new Community Hall have now been drawn up to a larger scale and better quality and they are available to be seen at the Playing Fields and elsewhere. If you have any comments which could improve the design or allow other uses not previously considered please contact me.

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Sue Pace
832516

Bugbrooke Choral Society

Bugbrooke & District Choral Society have commenced their weekly practices which are now being held Thursdays 8 pm at Church Sunday school not Campion as previous. Practices are for Part Songs & Carols for Christmas – after which will be The Crucifixion for Easter time. Old and new members welcome.

St Michaels Youth Theatre

The Young Peoples Drama Group has a new name and is already working on new productions for Christmas.

The Younger Group is performing an unusual Nativity Play on 20th, 21st & 22nd December in Church. 'You've Got It Wrong Again, Gabriel' is a mixture of comedy, carols and serious drama. **All** the family will enjoy it, so make a note of the dates. The older group is exploring the world of Victorian Music Hall, and hope to perform in a variety of venues during January. Anyone needing light entertainment for a Christmas/New Year Party in January please contact me.

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Sport

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

The season has been an enjoyable one with the weather a significant factor. Highlight was the winning of the Wolverton Knock Out Cup when Stoke Bruerne were defeated by 150 runs. Paul Sackley was given the "Man of the Match" for his all round performance, well backed up by Tony and Simon Pont, John Nuttall and Robin Harding.

An outstanding achievement has been that of Ray Wake who at the time of writing and with two matches to go has taken 85 wickets. Plans are taking place for pavilion improvements and a hard working committee will need all the support of the Members.

The season has seen an excellent spirit in the club, and we must never forget Peter White, who permits us to play on the lovely ground and surroundings.

Social events have been well supported, and one looks forward to the dinner with anticipation.

Happy winter everyone!
P. Minney 832093

Bugbrooke St. Michaels Football Club

Another season is well under way with 4 Adult sides and 6 Youth sides playing each weekend. All teams are competing well in their respective leagues although the under 16 team is in need of some strengthening.

The programme of floodlit fixtures gets under way in October and November with all teams having an opportunity to use the facilities that were provided for the benefit of the whole club.

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Family Announcements



Birthdays



BELL

Happy birthday Barb love from Mum & Dad and all the family, Ben & Georgie send a kiss

BOYS

Emily – Happy 7th birthday on the 15th December, lots of love from Mum, Dad and Thomas

Thomas – Happy 3rd birthday on 24th December, lots of love from Mum, Dad and Emily

BRAUNSTON

Katherine – Happy 7th birthday on 24th November, lots of love from Mummy, Daddy and Christopher

CURTIS

Happy birthday Tim on November 27th, all our love Nanny, Pappy, Auntie Barb and Ben

DICKIE

Happy 3rd birthday Robbie on 4th December, love from Simon

FERGUS

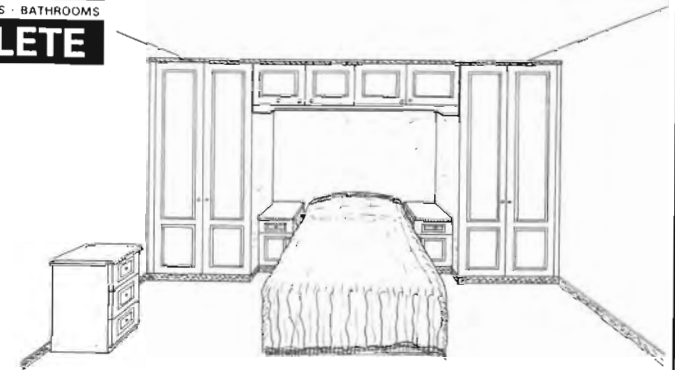
Rory – Happy 5th birthday on November 5th, with lots of love from Mummy, Daddy, Katie and Craig

Happy birthday Rory on November 5th (Our own little Guy Fawkes), love Auntie Barb and Ben

PEGLAR

Daniel – 13th October. Happy 1st Birthday Daniel love from Mummy, Daddy and Samantha

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Luke – Have a happy 6th birthday on October 8th, lots of love, Mummy, Daddy, Adam & Natalie

WADE

Daniel – 6th October. Happy 1st birthday Daniel love from Mummy, Daddy and Adrian



Anniversaries



HARDING

Congratulations, Les and Doris, on your Golden Wedding on 11th November 1990, love and best wishes from all the family.



Births

MITCHELL (née Roberts)

Andrew and Carol would like to announce the arrival of baby Aaron Robert, a brother for Nicola, on 19th September 1990

All announcements for January and February and Xmas messages to 12 The Paddocks (830605) by 3rd December, please.

The Cookhouse Door

Hallo again, these cheesecake recipes are examples of the endless variations of 'the cheesecake theme'. Try :-

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Manhattan Cheesecake

2 x 250g packets cream cheese	2 teaspoons vanilla essence
500g (1lb) Ricotta cheese	2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
1 1/2 cups sugar	2 cups light sour cream
4 large eggs	TOPPING (Optional)
60g (2oz) butter, melted	2 cups cream, whipped
3 tablespoons flour	freshly grated nutmeg
3 tablespoons cornflour	

Have the cream cheese at room temperature, and beat in a large bowl until soft and creamy. Beat in the Ricotta and sugar, then add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add the butter, flour, cornflour, vanilla and lemon rind, and combine well. Fold in the sour cream and pour the mixture into an ungreased 23 cm (9 inch) springform pan.

Bake on the middle shelf of a preheated moderately slow oven (160C/325F) for 1 hour. (The cake will still be soft in the centre at this stage.) Turn off the heat, but do not open the oven door, and leave the cake in the closed oven for 2 hours. Remove the cake to a rack and allow it to cool in the pan, then chill for at least 2 hours. Remove the sides of the pan and transfer the cake to a serving dish. If you like, top with whipped cream and grate fresh nutmeg over.

Mexican Cheesecake

Baked Crumb Crust:	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 1/2 cups plain chocolate biscuit crumbs	
1/3 cup sugar	2 x 250g packets of cream cheese
125g (4oz) butter, melted	softened
Filling:	3 large egg whites
1/2 cup coffee-flavoured liqueur	pinch each cream of tartar and salt
1/2 cup cold water	1 cup cream
2 tablespoons gelatine	grated chocolate, to decorate
3 large egg yolks	
1/4 cup sugar	
2 teaspoons instant coffee dissolved in 1 tablespoon hot water	

Combine all the ingredients for the crumb crust and press the mixture into the base of a 23 cm (9 inch) springform pan and halfway up the sides. Bake in a preheated moderate oven (180C/350F) for 8 minutes. Remove and place the pan on a rack to cool.

Choose a bowl that will fit into the top of a saucepan. Combine the liqueur and cold water in the bowl, sprinkle with gelatine, and leave for 10 minutes to soften. Beat in the egg yolks one at a time. Add the sugar, coffee, cinnamon and salt and mix well. Set the bowl over boiling water (the bottom mustn't touch the water) and beat the mixture until it begins to thicken, about 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and cool a little.



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Place the softened cream cheese in a large bowl and beat until light and fluffy. Add the gelatine mixture, combine well, and chill for 30 minutes.

Have the egg whites at room temperature and beat with a pinch of salt and cream of tartar until they form stiff peaks. In another bowl, whip the cream until stiff. Fold the egg whites and cream into the chilled cheese mixture, then turn into the prepared crust and chill for at least 3 hours to set the filling. Remove the sides of the springform pan, transfer the cake to a serving dish, and decorate with grated chocolate.

Double Chocolate Cheesecake

1 baked crumb crust (see Mexican Cheesecake)	2 tablespoons cornflour
Filling:	1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup cream	1 teaspoon vanilla essence
250g (8oz) dark chocolate, chopped	4 egg whites (at room temperature)
4 large egg yolks (at room temperature)	pinch each cream of tartar and salt
1/2 cup sugar	Topping:
3 x 250g packets cream cheese, softened	1 1/2 cups cream
1 cup light sour cream	1 tablespoon icing sugar
	1 tablespoon dark rum
	chocolate buttons or curls

Bring the cream just to the boil in a saucepan, remove from the heat and cool for 2 minutes. Add the chocolate and stir until the chocolate is melted. Beat the egg yolks in another bowl until light and foamy, then beat in the sugar until the mixture is thick. Add the chocolate mixture and stir until well blended. Place the cream cheese, sour cream, cornflour, cinnamon and vanilla in a food processor fitted with the steel blade, and blend until creamy. Alternatively, beat together by hand.

Combine the cheese mixture with the chocolate mixture. Beat the egg whites with the cream of tartar and salt until they stand in stiff peaks, then gently fold into the chocolate-cheese mixture. Pour into the crust. Bake in a preheated slow oven. (150C/300F) for 1 1/2 hours. Turn off the heat, but do not open the oven door, and leave the cake to cool completely. When cooled, chill for at least 2 hours. Remove the sides of the pan and spread the top of the cake with the cream whipped with icing sugar and rum. Decorate with chocolate buttons or curls and transfer to a plate for serving.

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	8	2.30pm	Mothers Union “Dramatic Things” by Rev. M. Leaf		S.S.
	10	7.30pm	“Reflections” – evening of music		Church
	11	3pm	United Remembrance Service		Church
	14	8pm	BPSA – Fashion Show		P.S.
	16	6.45pm	BPSA – Film Club “Freaky Friday”		P.S.
	17	2.30pm	Darby & Joan – Christmas Bazaar		S.S.
	19	7.30pm	Royal British Legion (Wms) Meeting		S.S.
	21	2.15pm	Darby & Joan		S.S.
	22	8pm	Mothers Union “Festivals”, Mrs J. Care		S.S.
	24	2pm	Church-Autumn Bazaar		S.S.
	26	8pm	Flower Club “An old fashioned Christmas”		S.S.
	28	8pm	PCC		S.S.
DEC	1	2pm	Christmas Fayre		CS
	1	10.30am			
		4.00pm	Learning about the Bible		SS
	2	6.00pm	Advent Carol Service in Daventry Church		
	3	7.30pm	W.I. Beetle Drive/Social evening		SS
	5	2.15pm	Darby & Joan		SS
	7	7.00pm	BPSA – Disco (Juniors)		PS
	13	8.00pm	Mothers Union Advent Carol Service		SS
	16		Carol Singing around village		
	17	7.30pm	Royal British Legion (Wms) Party night		SS
	19	2.15pm	Darby & Joan – Christmas Tea		SS
	20	7.30pm			
	21	7.30pm	You've got it Wrong Again, Gabriel		Church
	22	3.00 & 7.30pm	Young Peoples Drama Group		
	24	11.30pm	Midnight Eucharist		Church
	25	8.00am	Holy Communion		Church
		10.00am	Family Carol Communion		Church

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