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It's summertime, the weather has been pretty good and this is a sporty issue with details about rugby, tennis, football, cricket and badminton and outdoor events including a barbecue.

There are also reports about twinning with a town in Germany, mammals in Bugbrooke's gardens, Guides, Scouts, Playgroup and associated photos for some of the articles.

Most age groups and interests seem to be catered for and I am pleased to see the variety of activities that are on offer and delighted that individuals are willing to make the effort to write about village life to share with all of us.

So if you haven't already done so, perhaps now is the time to get involved with one or more of the groups or societies or contact the LINK magazine with your own news and events.

Our website can be found at www.bugbrookelink.co.uk, containing an impressively wide range of information and links to other organisations and websites, including back issues of LINK and items that are additional to what has been included in the magazines.

The deadline for articles and advert changes for the next issue is Monday 05 September 2011, but earlier submissions are most welcome. The preferred way of us receiving copy is by email to editor@bugbrookelink.co.uk.

Bugbrooke Parish Council

Following the co-option of 4 members the Parish Council has a full complement of 15 members for the next four years. They are John Bignell, Philip Bignell, Diana Cockrill, Brian Curtis, John Curtis, Ken Gardner, David Harries, David Jeffery, Alan Kent, Brian King, Eve Jackson, Paul Phillips, Linda Pope, Jonathan Shribman and Terry Ward. The Chairman for this year is John Curtis with Paul Phillips as Vice-Chairman. To contact the Parish Council please ring clerk Catherine Parry on 832838.

The most contentious issue in June was consideration of a planning application for 2 mobile homes and 2 travelling caravans by a gypsy family at Sheepcot on the Bugbrooke to Heyford Road. Over 150 people packed into the Community Centre to hear points of view put by members of the public. The Parish Council then sent comments to South Northants Council indicating they felt the application was inappropriate on the site. SNC planning committee will be making its decision on August 11th.

The council was given news of the twinning ceremony that took place in Vöhl, Germany, between Bugbrooke and Vöhl. The twinning is a culmination of the

Front Page: Bailey Giles in racing trim at the Bugbrooke Village Church Fete.

friendship that has been ongoing for 27 years between the local football teams. It is hoped to extend relations between other societies, particularly schools. A framed twinning agreement was presented to the chairman of the Parish Council and will be hung in the small hall at the Community Centre, alongside a picture of the Rathaus in Vöhl. We reciprocated by presenting a picture montage of Bugbrooke scenes. We will be holding a reciprocal agreement signing at the Community Centre on June 9th 2012, when the youth teams again visit Bugbrooke.

August is the time of the year for those who have hedges or bushes adjacent to footpaths to make sure they are not impeding pedestrians. The birds have finished nesting and hedges should be trimmed back to the owners' property with no overhanging of the public footpath. If parishioners find they are impeded by hedges overhanging footpaths they should ring the clerk on the above number.

It is hoped that the play equipment for small children on the Primary School field will soon be up and running. A more secure fence and additional equipment need to be in place before it opens.

An environmental improvement is due to take place in West End, Ace Lane and Great Lane when overhead electricity wires are placed underground. The council has been advised this is likely to take place in August following an initial request for this work to be done in 2007.

News is filtering through from South Northants Council, that they have filled their requirement for a 5 year landbank following the decision to approve 1,000 homes in Brackley. The landbank is now approaching 6 years although this will gradually diminish. If the expansion of Towcester soon gets underway, it may take the pressure off Bugbrooke to accept excessive amounts of housing in the next few years. If the proposed expansion of Towcester is fully implemented over 2,000 homes will be built there.

The detailed plans for 31 homes at Peace Hill have been received. Whilst the Parish Council is happy with the design and mix of the homes they are still opposed to the access being wholly through Peace Hill. They feel there are better alternatives.

John Curtis—Chairman, Parish Council

Letters To the Editor

To the dishonest person(s) in Bugbrooke

You know who are you. You walked past a table of home-grown plants which were for sale outside a house and you couldn't resist stealing the £5 that had been left in payment for plants, (6th June, 4–6.30 p.m. to jog your memory). Please ask your conscience whether this money is yours to keep and, if you have any respect for yourself or others, return the money.

Name Supplied

Dear Editor

Now Bugbrooke History Group has got access to a magnetometer and can survey the land down to 4 metres, what treasures will they find beneath their feet? It all sounds

very exciting. Anyone of my age will remember the various artefacts which were kept in the glass cupboard at school. We were told some of them were found in the field opposite the Roman stile on the Heyford Road, the track which led up to Elliot's. We all remember the old footpath that led you from the stile by the brook bridge in Church Lane, across the field in a diagonal manner to another stile, which took you onto Mr R Adams's land, and then that route took you right up to the Roman stile. Now, of course, the field we used to play in and go down the side into the brook, paddling and trying to catch small fish, is no more. We also enjoyed watching the kingfishers in the overhanging bushes, darting down into the water and catching fish. As it was a right of way, I notice a footpath has been provided on the opposite side of the field.

Did you realise that the front and side gardens of the Wagon and Horses, the pub that stood opposite Bugbrooke School in the centre of the village, were at least 18 inches below road level? A small picket fence stopped anyone from falling in. If the Bugbrooke History Group had been around at the time they demolished the Wagon and Horses they would have been in their element.

At that time we lived in the house on the High Street opposite the old village hall, now Bugbrooke Playgroup. I believe my mother brewed the men tea, as they brought us the laths which made up part of the roof. In fact we had quite a pile by the time they had finished. They also carried along to our house what looked like large mats. In fact they were rushes either plaited or woven and covered in wattle and daub. The trouble someone had gone to, to build a roof! We had lots of pieces of wood, including large oak beams. Also they found old nightdresses and material. Last but not least the workmen found a pair of old stocks built into the roof. They also came to our house. Believe it or not they were complete. I can remember my father asking my eldest brother, Sid, and I to go and sit in the stocks whilst he took a photograph. I remember seeing the picture, as photography was one of Dad's hobbies. I have no idea where the picture is now.

Mr Campion was very interested in the stocks as he wanted to display them on a mounting block in front of his house. He paid my father, and after that they were put on display in the front of Mr Campion's house.

I wonder what lies beneath that piece of land where the Wagon and Horses stood. Also, at the bottom third of that plot was where the Bennett brothers repaired cycles and motor cycles, the flat-tank variety of the day. This would have been during the 1930s. Tom Bennett was a regular visitor to our house on the High Street. A very high wall surrounded that part of the garden with a huge wooden door set into the brickwork. I often let myself in to watch the motor cycles being repaired. I think if the magnetometer were passed over that section it would probably go off the Richter Scale!

I await with anticipation to read more in *The LINK* about the History Group and what they find with their magnetometer.

Gwen Catt (nee Clark)

Phenomenal Phenomenon

'You can take the man out of the city, but you can't take the city out of the man,' is a phrase I seem to have been using quite a bit in recent months for one reason or the other. Nevertheless, I am now in my sixth year in this beautiful part of God's Kingdom and enjoying every minute of it, although a few frustrations still rear their heads on the odd occasion, I find myself a bit of a countryphile.



This said, when I came to the villages of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe after living all my life in the none too prosperous and marginalised parts of towns and cities, I soon found the day-to-day problems, struggles, financial concerns, relationship issues, searching for peace of mind, etc, etc, are still to be found in the villages, they are just to be found behind better front doors.

Back on June 12th the Christian Church worldwide as well as here in the villages celebrated 'Pentecost', that moment in time when God sent his Holy Spirit in power, to all of his Church for all time, with the promise he would never ever leave us comfortless or alone. The actual event which is described in the first part of the Acts of the Apostles (the second volume of work from one of the Gospel writers, Luke) gives a picture of a 'Phenomenal Phenomenon' with the full 'Power' and 'Presence' of the Holy Spirit. Even a light reading of history bears witness to the fact the whole course of human history was changed irrevocably by this one event and all our lives are in one way or another influenced and moulded.

However, one gift the Holy Spirit brings upon his church and all those who wish to respond to his love is 'Peace'. Not a peace which simply means the absence of noise or a peace longed for while nations, countries or individuals are in a state of open, often prolonged conflict. But a peace that passes all understanding, a peace that enables people to live with themselves and those around them, a peace that the world cannot give and a peace on offer to everyone regardless of the quality of the front door.

Why not give the Peace of God through the power of the Holy Spirit a chance. If you want to talk (in confidence) please give me a ring.

Grace and God's Peace to you.

The Revd. Stephen R.J. French, Rector of Bugbrooke, Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe

Bugbrooke's Generosity

The house to house collection for Christian Aid in May raised £1579 in Bugbrooke. That's more than £1 for every household! Thank you very much for your generosity for the poorest of the world.

The next house to house collection is in August—the annual churchyard and church building fund collection. This usually raises even more than Christian Aid Week, so again we look forward to your generous support for our beautiful church building and churchyard. We need some new volunteers to help with the upkeep of our huge churchyard, so if you can spare an hour or two in the summer months, I'd be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you all.

Sue Pace, Christian Aid and churchyard collection organiser.

Friends of St Michael and All Angels Church

We had our annual Quiz and Fish & Chip Supper on 17th June at the Community Centre. It was a cool and rainy evening, which was less than ideal as nearly a hundred people had to collect their fish and chips from the van in the car park. However the van managed to park close to the door; and that combined with some orderly queuing inside the hall meant that no one, or their food, got too wet. And when obtained the fish and chips were just as they should be. The quiz itself was set by the previous year's winners, who proved to be excellent quizmasters. They had obviously put a lot of thought into it. The level and range of the questions was just about right and the presentation most efficient. The quiz was won with an impressively high score by a team who were also our winners from two years ago. At least we won't have to compete against them next year, since they'll be setting the quiz (and we've given them strict instructions not to make the questions too difficult for us non-eggheads). All in all it was a very enjoyable evening and raised over £500 towards the Society's funds. Our next fundraising event will be a wine tasting at the beginning of December.

Jim Inch

1779 and All That

What was special about 1779? A copy of a map of Bugbrooke, drawn in 1779, unexpectedly was given to the History Group and we spent a happy time at the last meeting poring over it. It shows how the land round the village was divided up (enclosed) and given (allotted) to various people. Some people gained a large amount, others a small patch, and of course, some had nothing. Nothing changes does it? The names on the map are a fascinating record of original Bugbrooke families, but nobody can offer any information about the Reverend Warren who held a number of plots. Since the meeting, more copies of maps have been found covering other areas. We believe the original maps are in the Records Office. There is also a copy in the Bugbrooke Millenium History Book. Our June meeting also included an interesting talk on the history of Canons Ashby by David Adams. He explained how the building grew, altered and developed, such as why there was a door half way up a wall (filled in of course). Everybody is welcome to the next meeting free of charge on September 14th at the Community Centre when Kate Wells, an excellent speaker, will tell us about Northampton in the summer of 1914.

Pat Kent (secretary)

A Mystery Solved

The photo on the front of the June edition of LINK has been identified. The couple are Elijah and Harriet Gardener, outside their cottage at the bottom of Pilgrim's Lane. They lived next door to Mr and Mrs Allen who lived in the first house with a pigsty attached. Elijah and Harriet lived into their 80s, and are the Great Grandparents of William (Wilf) Curtis who now lives on the High Street (more in the next edition).

Pat Kent

Bugbrooke Primary School

As usual, the school is a busy place, with everyone (children and staff) working hard to improve and the summer term is no exception with the yearly round of school trips, sports days and yearly assessments. It is also a time when we start to prepare the children for the changes ahead of them: different classes, teachers and schools for some! I would like to share some of this work and our achievements from the past few months:

Year 6 in Norfolk

Before the end of term, our Y6 children went on their residential trip to Norfolk; the school has been taking children to Aymerton Field Study Centre for a number of years now and we choose this particular activity holiday because of the high standard of provision for the children: the wide range of activities; the support and care of the staff; the standard of accommodation and food.

Residential trips are an important part of a child's education; they give children access to a far wider curriculum than it is possible to deliver here in school. Children develop their personal, social and emotional skills as well as their independence and confidence!

Taking children on a residential holiday is an exhausting but highly rewarding experience for staff; they give up nights as well as days to ensure that the children are safe, well and happy 24/7! Without this willingness and goodwill from staff, the children would miss out on this valuable experience.

The photos show the wide range of activities that the children take part in during the trip as well as the general experience of being away from home for a week and having to take responsibility for themselves!

Bugbrooke – a Healthy School

We have recently been awarded the Healthy Schools Award which means that we are doing a good job with teaching the children how to grow up healthy. We had a special Healthy School week before the end of term which involved doing lots of exciting activities and a special assembly from our Healthy Schools Advisor, delivered a really fun assembly; we learned lots about being healthy and a song about keeping our bodies active. The Year 5 and 6 sports leaders led some fun activities for all of the classes to join in with throughout the day.

The children in Miss Hayden's and Miss Daniels' classes made fruit salads for the whole school, which everybody enjoyed after their activities. "I really enjoyed making my fruit salad, I liked chopping the melon best!" Nathan, Year One. The other classes also had challenges that they had to complete throughout the week all based around being healthy. It has been a really fun week and we have all learned lots about staying healthy; next year we will be trying to gain the next level of this award – the Enhanced Healthy Schools Award!

Bugbrooke's Got Talent!

Towards the end of term our Year 3 and 4 children put on a production called: We came, we saw, we changed our minds! This was a real "home grown" celebration of

Year Six in Norfolk



Healthy School week



Pictures from Bugbrooke Primary School



Bugbrooke's Got Talent





Bugbrooke Village Hall
Playgroup's day out to West
Lodge Farm in Desborough

their learning this year and the script included a mention of many of the topics covered: the Rainforests, Antarctica, History of the bicycle and of course, the Romans! It was lovely for so many children to enjoy this opportunity to take the stage and play a major part in the production this year. Fabulous dancing, acting and singing. Watch out for these up and coming stars of the future.

Debbie Bastin, HeadTeacher

Bugbrooke needs you!

Over the next year, Bugbrooke Primary School will be looking to appoint new community governors to serve on the school's governing body. This role may be of interest to a wide range of members of the community, from retired teachers to members of local community groups. You do not need any prior experience, only an interest in working closely with the school to shape the lives of our youngest community members; whatever your background, you will have experiences and expertise to contribute to the running of a modern school.

What does a Governor do? Governors are responsible for working with the headteacher to raise standards of achievement for all pupils at the school, for setting the budget and for overseeing the curriculum. They also have powers with respect to the appointment and dismissal of staff and the exclusion and re-instatement of pupils.

Why do schools need Governors? Every school has a governing body to represent the public in the running of the school. School governors bring perspectives from ordinary life and work with the staff and the local authority to help secure the best possible education for the children in the school. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact the school on 830601.

Bugbrooke Village Hall Playgroup

At the time of writing this article we are just three weeks away from the summer holidays and it has been a busy term at Playgroup. The farm trip and school visits have taken place, the sports day and leavers' party are being planned for and a number of fundraising events have been held too.

Around 70 children, parents, grandparents and staff went on the trip to West Lodge Farm in Desborough. This was a lovely day out where the children were able to pet and feed the animals, go on pony rides, play in the park and ride on the train. For some the highlight of the day was seeing Victoria and Kerrie rounding up the pigs for the pig race. There were also many stories of the soaking on the train ride when the heavens opened and the driver thought it was ok to carry on round a second time!

Playgroup is currently preparing for Sports day and the pre-schoolers leaving party. Sports day is a lot of fun with many different races for the children and they all receive a medal for their effort! The leavers' party is held on the last Thursday of

term for all children who will be starting school in September. Miss Tickle Magic is providing the entertainment for this and all children will get gifts including their school book bags.

The pre-school children have now had their visits to the Primary school and met Mrs Eddison and Miss Daniels on a few occasions so we hope this helps the move for them in September go a little smoother. It is a sad time for the staff as they have just a few weeks left with some children that have been in their care for 2 – 3 years but we wish them all well and hope that they soon settle in to their 'big' schools.

There have been two fundraising events this term organised by the voluntary committee, a Fish and Chip Quiz Night and a Summer Fun day. The quiz night was hugely popular and successful. Ian (from the Post Office) was a fantastic quiz master and lots of people have commented that he made it a fun evening and we would like to thank him so much for offering his time to do this. Also, Weedon Fish and Chip shop supplied the food at a discounted rate and this went down very well during the interval. We were very lucky again this year with the weather for our Fun Day and having a bouncy castle and bbq in the garden did make it fun for all those that came. The two events raised around £700 and this money will be used to subsidise the extra activities we are able to offer at Playgroup and hopefully also provide some new equipment for the garden.

The committee would like to say a huge thank you to all the people that support these events and make all the hard work worthwhile and please continue to support Playgroup wherever you can.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank a few local people that have given their time and services free of charge to Playgroup. Stewart Wykes has prepared the staff wages for around 20 years and been involved with Playgroup since his own children attended. We are now able to do this in house but thank Stewart for all the time (and paper!) he has given up for us. Also, Nick Pountney of In Windows has been a great help over many years providing Playgroup with replacement locks and keys at very short notice, along with replacement windows. We would also like to thank NuVu Windows who have donated a UPVC double glazed replacement window for our 'top room' which desperately needed replacing. Thanks to James Morris for arranging this for us. We would also like to thank all those that donated raffle prizes for our summer raffle including Colin Boyson, Heygates, Nuffield Health Club, Virgin Fitness, Northampton Saints, Northampton Town FC, The Turnpike, Tenpin Bowling to name a few. Please look out for details of our AGM which will be held in September. We are always on the lookout for new committee members and just a little bit of your time is always appreciated and helps greatly.

We are now registering children for September, so if you have a child aged 2 to 4 years and would be interested in looking around Playgroup please contact me on the number below or via email as we have spaces available. Please also contact me in order to put your child on our waiting list.

Julie Tompkins 07563 574155 (bugbrookeplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk)

Crime and Anti Social Behaviour in Bugbrooke

Crime figures published for Bugbrooke, updated to include April and May 2011. For full details go to <http://www.police.uk>. Bugbrooke is now rated as being in an average crime rate area for England and Wales

	Dec 2010	Jan 2011	Feb 2011	Mar 2011	Apr 2011	May 2011
Burglary	3	4	2	2	7	1
Anti Social Behaviour	6	9	9	9	15	9
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vehicle Crime	0	0	0	0	0	1
Violent Crime	0	2	2	3	3	2
Other Crime	5	5	6	6	7	6
total	14	20	19	20	32	19

Bugbrooke Neighbourhood Watch

Holidays will soon be here so just a few little hints that might help keep your property safe:

- Ask a friend or neighbour to open and close curtains and remove post out of view;
- Put a light or two on timers to come on in the evening;
- Ask neighbours to use your drive to park extra cars to give the appearance that the house is occupied;
- Don't forget to secure your garage and shed;
- Make sure any valuables are out of sight from windows or doors.

Hope you all have a happy and safe summer.

Rose Berkshire, NHW coordinator

The Bugbrooke Scout Group

The group has had a good year and continues to be popular with both boys and girls. There are three age groups which meet on different evenings. Beavers aged 6 to 8 who meet on Thursdays; Cubs aged 8 to 10 who meet on Mondays; and Scouts aged 10 to 14 who meet on Tuesdays. We are proud of our excellent Scout Hut at the Community Centre and have a great range of equipment for camping and other activities. Scouting is increasing in popularity across the country and we are always happy to welcome new members as there are no waiting lists at the moment. If you have a youngster who would like to join in September please contact Alan Kent 01604 830518.

Friends of Campion School

This school year is now over, but the Friends have some events already planned for the Autumn term, including a second course of Salsa lessons, following the success of

the previous course run by Ellie Leatherland earlier this year. Ellie teaches Salsa and Merengue – both dances are very good fun and have easy to learn basic steps. There will be a course of 5 one-hour lessons held in the school hall on 29 September, 6, 13, and 20 October from 7.30 – 8.30 pm. Each session costs £2 – pay on the night. Courses are suitable for both beginners and intermediate dancers.

Another date for your diary is the Quiz Night with Fish & Chip supper on Friday 7 October. These are always very enjoyable and this year we have the added attraction of Headteacher Bob Clayton as question master.

We are also going to hold a Campion Christmas Market on Saturday 26 November, offering the chance to do Christmas shopping in a more relaxed atmosphere. Look out for details in the October LINK.

Please contact Jane Wood on 07901 775639 or at woodmanyana@aol.com for more information about the work of the Friends.

Women's Institute

Hello Ladies. Firstly I must apologise for misleading you in June's edition of "The LINK", and correct my mistake by saying that we are not baking for the Cynthia Spencer Hospice until November 2012. So ladies you can hang up your pinnies for the time being.

Our picnic scheduled for Sunday June 5th was in fact cancelled, which was a shame, but our meeting on 6th of June made up for this. Maggie Taylor came along to tell us about the wonderful work she and her colleagues perform looking after abandoned, retired and sometimes mistreated donkeys at the Sanctuary based in Sidmouth Devon. The Sanctuary was originally started by Elizabeth Swenson MBE, sadly recently deceased, and opened in 1978. Elizabeth loved Donkeys – which is not surprising when you learn a little more about them. They are very hard working, and loyal. They can live to an old age – sometimes reaching 50 years old. They are gentle and sociable, all of which can make them vulnerable. Lots of us remember having a donkey ride on the sand when we were small, and I think we fell back in love with donkeys at this meeting all over again.

Our Craft Group met for another Crochet evening, and it was suggested that we form a crochet circle to pursue this newfound skill. The next Pergamano session has been postponed, and some of our ladies attended the AGM held at Liverpool this year.

By the time you are reading this our Summer outings will have taken place, a Trip to the London Olympic site on 30th June, a trip to the National Arboretum on 14th July, and a Canal Boat cruise on 27th July – well we certainly get about a bit! Also, in July we started our practice sessions for the next round of Skittles in the autumn, and we made lots and lots of cups of tea at the Church Fete.

Please remember that there is a change to the September meeting, Michael Peachey is coming to paint and in October we will be holding our Annual Meeting with a traditional Hot Supper to look forward to.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer, let's hope it does rain here and there as none of us really want to be in a drought situation, but preferably could it rain during the night!

Take care and visitors are always welcome, so see you at WI.

Beryl Harding (Nptr: 830186)

Bugbrooke OAP Gift Scheme

Bugbrooke pensioners may be interested to learn of the origins of the Scheme. The idea of a Christmas gift for the old age pensioners of the village began as a joint venture between village ladies who attended the Church or Baptist Chapel. Both groups of ladies agreed to meet regularly in Miss Champion's house in the late 1940's/early 50's. They decided to distribute parcels of food at Christmas, to all the pensioners of the village, usually made up in a shoe box. The group, plus other villagers, contributed items of food and the ladies ran an Autumn Bazaar to raise money to buy the foodstuffs. The population of the village at this time was around 900/1000 people and there were only 30/40 pensioners.

The gifts of food at Christmas went on for some years, but gradually the association between Church and Chapel diminished and the burden of the Christmas gifts fell upon a few ladies in the Church. The whole task became too much for the ladies so they approached the Parish Council for help. Together the Parish Council and the Church found individuals to form a committee with the current name; at the same time the food parcels were replaced with vouchers to be redeemed at village shops and businesses.

Funds were raised by holding Whist Drives and Jumble Sales plus contributions from individuals and businesses. This practice continues in a broadly similar manner today, with the Whist Drive replaced with a Trivial Pursuit evening and a Wine Tasting instead of the Bazaar or jumble sale.

We still rely to a large extent on the goodwill and generosity of the businesses, organisations and people of the village to ensure that each pensioner that applies receives a voucher of £9.00.

The number of pensioners has risen considerably and not everyone eligible applies. We currently distribute around 200 vouchers, usually in the first week of December. The application form will appear in the October issue of 'LINK' and must be returned by 31st October. Forms will also be available in the Post Office at that time or from committee members.

Judith Piper (Chairman)

The Wednesday Club

Hello everyone. How time flies, at the time of writing this it's the last week of June and what a mixture of weather for summer.

May 25th – our day's outing to Cadburyworld, Birmingham with wheelchairs and helpers for members who would have found the walking difficult. A pre-booked

lunch and tea was served, both very tasty and ample amounts, a treat for us who usually cater for ourselves. A guided tour round Cadburyworld and coach tour round Bournville village which was so clean and tidy. Gardens have to be kept in order, no pub, shop not allowed to sell alcohol. We bought chocolate (naughty but nice!) and were given free bars on leaving. The weather was kind to us and we arrived home safely.

The recent death of Mrs Vera Thompson brought back a lot of memories. Vera was 'Darby and Joan' itself. Her life was given to the running of all the events of many kinds, caring for members' needs and bringing them happiness. Looking around our new club meetings we see many who were Darby and Joan members in Vera's time and hope the same friendship will continue in the Wednesday Club. A donation was sent to the hospital ward where Vera was cared for in line with her family's wishes. Our thoughts go to her sons and families at this sad time.

June 22nd – At today's meeting we had a visit from Dr Dutta to have tea and a chat with members. This was a pleasant change and reminded us of Darby and Joan days when he held a mini-surgery in the little room at our meetings and lined us all up for flu jabs in the autumn! We thank Dr Dutta for his time and interest in visiting us.

After the August break we return again on September 7th, always happy to see new members, just give Lynne a ring on 830480.

Mrs Mary French

Farmhouse Lunches and Teas

The popular Wednesday Club Farmhouse Lunches and Teas are back! Every Sunday in September, 12 noon 'til 6.00pm in the Sunday School Rooms and Garden, Church Lane.

There will be all the old favourites plus exciting new items on the menu and as always, prices will be low, quality will be high and the welcome will be warm! And every penny we make goes to a good local cause – to provide outings, lunches, birthday presents, Christmas party and presents for the members of Bugbrooke's premier social club for the over 60's – the Wednesday Club!

Lynne Clayson

Nature Notes

In the garden, something stirs...We tend to forget the contribution to our wildlife that mammals make in our gardens and close countryside. While some of us see rabbits and squirrels in the garden, and moles are obvious by their molehills, there are quite a few mammals that are less noticeable because they tend to be more active at night. As a cat owner I know that wood mice and shrews are common because their bodies are found in the kitchen in a morning. Mice have big eyes and big ears and shrews, which apparently taste unpleasant and are not eaten by cats, have long noses and barely existent eyes. Shrews eat insects and are a major food source for barn owls. Mice are rodents and eat mainly seeds and can be seen in hard weather eating food put out for

the birds. The grey squirrel is another common visitor to bird feeders where they can become pests, but there are plenty of squirrel-proof feeders available if you can't tolerate their acrobatic antics.

Recently we have used an infra-red camera to see what comes into our garden at night. When it detects a warm-blooded animal in the dark, it takes its photo or a video. We have seen numerous cats, but also hedgehogs and a fox. The hedgehog forages around the compost heap. They primarily eat invertebrates such as earthworms and slugs, but they will take eggs and the young of ground nesting birds. In August and September they can often be seen during the day anticipating the colder weather and building up their fat reserves. The fox has returned on several occasions and we assume it is a vixen. The smell of a dog fox is a big giveaway, but we had no idea that the vixen had been visiting. With hindsight we had noticed yellow patches on the lawn similar to those a female dog makes when it urinates there.

Another mammal most of us are familiar with is the bat. Last year the bat survey showed that they were common throughout the village, but this year there seems to be fewer. We have managed to capture a video of a bat flying into our porch, but it was more by luck than by judgement. It shows just how small they are when they fold up their wings. The Pipistrelle is the size of the end joint of a thumb.

There are other mammals that have been seen in the village. A Muntjac deer has been seen in a garden in Great Lane. These small deer have been spreading north for some time and are becoming more and more common. A few years ago, we had a report of a badger being seen in the early hours, appropriately enough in Badgers Close, and more recently an otter has been seen in the brook. Weasels and stoats are often overlooked as they are not very big, but they are sure to be around and are often seen scurrying across the road in front of your car. They are both ruthless killers. The smaller weasel eats mice, voles and young nestling birds, whereas the stoat's staple diet is the wild rabbit.

The photos and videos we have taken can be seen on the [LINK website at www.bugbrookelink.co.uk](http://www.bugbrookelink.co.uk) and if you have any more sightings don't forget to let us know.

Margaret Cooke, tel 832125

Bugbrooke & District Flower Society

Our June meeting took us to The Maltings at Clipston for our garden visit. It was a lovely evening and the weather was kind to us. In August Tim Kirkham's title is "Lazy Days" and in September we will take "Pot Luck" with Jackie O'Hare.

Our chairman Simone Squire and committee member Janet Cooper, along with friends from the South Midlands area, attended the World Association of Flower Arrangers show in Boston USA and a great time was had by all.

We look forward to welcoming members and visitors to Nether Heyford Village Hall on the 4th Monday of each month at 7.45pm.

Jane Barker

Bugbrooke Guides

This term at Guides we spent one of our Thursdays at Grendon doing the high/low ropes and the swamp. The high ropes were great fun as we were pulling each other's weight as high as a climbing wall, letting them go at the very top and watching them wiz down with a mighty scream. Laughing at their petrified faces. On the low ropes we had to race round a set obstacles as fast as we could, and race the instructors round; we lost every time. The purpose of this was to get a feel of what the swamp was going to be like. On the swamp we had to walk across a rope to the other side where there was an island in the middle. It was very difficult because as someone else steps on the rope they make it uneven and put you off balance. Most people fell off, but Becky had the most spectacular fall, as in a few inches managed to fall from upright to upside-down in the swamp! At the end we had a swamp race, where we had to go under the ropes and over the huge logs in the swamp. There was one lonely shoe floating on the top of the green carpet-like surface so I said on the way round I was going to pick it up, as they shouted "go" I sprinted for the trainer, grabbed it and dodged under the ropes and we all hauled ourselves over the giant logs. It was exhausting, as the swamp was pulling you in as you were trying to use your strength to get over. Everyone had a fun and smelly evening and more single shoes were lost.

Samantha Dyson

Upper Nene Villages 3rd Age Group — U3A

Please note there will not be a meeting in August.

Monday 18th September 2011 — 10th Anniversary

Charles Byrne: 'Your Life and Welcome to it'.

Charles will be giving us an amusing and light-hearted talk about his time in education, which should turn out to be highly entertaining, knowing our Charles!!

As this is our U3A's 10th Anniversary, we hope you will all join us and celebrate with a piece of cake and a glass of 'fizz'.

Meetings are open to non-members and take place at Bugbrooke Community Centre, Camp Hill, Bugbrooke on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2.30p.m. For further information contact Fay Maddern 01327 352401.

Special interest groups: Antiques Trail, Appreciating Poetry, Book Exchange, French, Genealogy, German intermediate, History of Music, Literature Group, Luncheon Club, 'My Kind of Music', Scrabble, Snooker, Spanish Beginners, Writing Family History.

St Michael's Football Club

The end of a successful season saw the presentations being made to those who had helped the club progress and players who had earned the respect of their fellow players and managers. The awards were given to the following people:

Fundraiser of the year : Jo Stanford and Nicky Wakelin

Sportsman of the year: Tom Murfitt



Bugbrooke Guides at Grendon in the swamp



Sue

Pace with some of the children who attend the tots service in Church on a Tuesday afternoon,





Photos from the fete



Clubperson of the year: Teresa Garlick.

1st Team Player: Tom Bland; Managers Player: James Stirling; Clubman: Scott Dickens.

Reserves Team Player: Wayne Spicer; Managers Player: Wayne Spicer, Clubman: Dave Sharp.

'A' Team Player: Dan Wakelin; Managers Player: Peter Mills; Clubman: George Belgrave.

'B' Team Player: Stuart Wooton; Managers Player: John Tilley; Clubman: Stuart McCloughlan.

At the A.G.M. all teams and managers were thanked for enabling the club to achieve its most successful all-round season with no team finishing lower than fifth in their leagues. A special mention was made of the fact that the club was voted by Northants F.A. as the best Community Club in the County. The Committee for next season was elected as follows: Chairman, Willy Marriott; Vice Chairman, Kevin Gardner; Secretaries, Debbie Preston and Teresa Garlick; Treasurer, Graham Connew; Youth Secretary, Bill Preston; Groundsman, Dave Sharp; Premises Manager, Ron Birch.

Team Managers for next season will be; 1st Team Lee Herbert and Barry Mead; Reserves Paul Field; 'A's Rob Frost and Dave Francis; 'B's Graham Derby and Jack Kennedy.

There will also be a full complement of youth sides from 7 years up to 16 years. Each will be supported by managers and parents with everyone in the club hoping they will be as successful as last season.

John Curtis

Bugbrooke Rugby Union Football Club

Having been newly promoted last season, the first team finished fourth in their league. They also won the elusive Lewis shield and notably had their first win over local rivals Towcestrians along the way. First team coach Arthur Prestidge and captain Jon Holding will continue their partnership into next season, and we wish the team every success.

The second team also had notable success with fourth place in their league. This was their best season for many years.

Several junior teams had notable wins throughout the year, and Saints supporters will have seen some of our juniors playing half time finals at Franklins Gardens—on more than one occasion!

The club now prepares for next season, and amongst other things the club will have a regular third team, and will look forward to the youth teams repeating their recent success in league and cup.

Off field, there have also been some adjustments to the committee, with Bryn Curtis handing over the Chairman role after five years in the post, and Simon Letts handing over the Mini and Junior Coordinators role. These changes are part of a

natural evolution for the club and both Bryn and Simon still remain fully involved in club development and coaching roles. The club is very fortunate to have Nick Cooper take over the Chairman role, and the club will continue to develop under his leadership. Every year we like to repeat our thanks to our Volunteers without whom we wouldn't be able to function, and this year we would also like to thank our long standing sponsors Macflex from Upper Heyford and Bugbrooke based Osso. We would also like to thank Heartwood Kitchens, Hammon Osborne and Swingler Roofing who have recently joined our sponsorship team.

The Mini and Junior open day is on 11th September, and there will be the usual fun activities such as bouncy castle, touch rugby, tug of war and barbeque. Children from the age of 5 can come and just try the game in a friendly atmosphere under the supervision of our fully qualified coaches, or just come along and watch. Activities start at 10am through to 2pm. We also wish to invite any people from the village who haven't been to the club before, to come along and see what we do.

The first two senior games of the new season are at home on Saturday 10th September versus Leicester Vipers and 17th September versus Dunstablians. Why not come along and watch—it's free! and everyone is welcome.

Bryn Curtis 07989 230033

Pig and Polka

'Back in Time' will be performing a concert on Friday 26th August in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association. 'Back in Time' are a four-piece band based in the Northampton area. They play a large selection of Rock, Pop and Rock'n'Roll classics, mainly from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Let them take you "Back in Time".

Date: Friday 26th August. Venue: Kislingbury Village Hall

Time: 7:30pm – 11:30pm. Tickets: £12.50 for 1, or 2 for £20

Drinks: BYO Booze, Soft drinks available, Food: Hog Roast

For more information and tickets call:

Becky: 07971 470871 or Will: 07772 903128 or visit: www.fundraisingmnda.co.uk

Bugbrooke Cricket Club

John Mundy: Chairman 830725 (H,B & FAX) 07850-084535(M)
j.w.mundy@btinternet.com

At the moment we are drawing up plans to replace our aging Pavilion which is coming up to 30 years old. We are often plagued by senseless vandalism & now board up the windows in the winter. If anybody (especially dog walkers) see any damage etc please contact John Mundy or myself, if no reply please leave message on voice mail & contact the Police. Often we are the last to know as a lot of people assume we would already have been informed – we do not mind how many times we are told over the same incident.

We are always looking for new players of all ages so if there is anyone interested in joining our progressive Club at our picturesque ground by the brook please get in

touch with myself, Roger Stone (for Juniors) or John Mundy for more details. There is a regular Practice day at our ground for all ages EVERY Monday from 6pm. This year there will be Junior League Matches for Under 11, 12, 14 & 15 sides. Get in touch with Roger Stone on 01604 842961 if you have any queries, or just turn up. There is a full Sunday fixture list of matches right through until October 2nd. There are Saturday League fixtures for both 1st (Captain Dave Ivins) & 2nd XI (Captain Andrew Devonshire).

We had a very well attended BBQ on June 10th with FREE food which everyone enjoyed. The Bar did exceptionally well!

The Annual Vice President's Lunch will be held as usual on Bank Holiday Monday August 29th – always an enjoyable event. Details will be circulated later but please get in touch with myself if required for advance info.

There are matches at our ground most days of the week when the Bar will be open and where Tony Bird will always give EVERYBODY a warm welcome!

Have a look at our website www.bugbrooke.play-cricket.com for further information with results & scorecards for all our matches for 2011 as well as the past 4 seasons.

Peter White (President) 50 High Street, Bugbrooke, NN7 3PG
(830452 H. & B) p.g.white@btinternet.com

Bugbrooke Badminton Club

Bugbrooke Badminton Club is a welcoming and friendly club, playing on Thursdays 7.30pm at Champion School in Bugbrooke. We have a number of Men's, Women's, and Mixed teams who play in the Northamptonshire League. New members are more than welcome even if you want to play just for fun.

Outside of badminton, we normally go to the pub afterwards and arrange a number of social gatherings through the year which are of course non-compulsory!

For more information, contact Paul or Dave using the details below.

Junior Club Coaching is also offered on Thursdays, at 5.30pm for beginners, and 6.30pm for intermediates. This is again at Champion School and the ages range from 6 to 16 years. Our coach, Rich Collins, is Badminton England qualified and all the children involved so far have had a great time.

For more information contact Paul Warsop on 07756 615610 paul.warsop@tesco.net or Dave Mayes on 07751 106661 davidmayes969@btinternet.com.



An Appeal for local Greyhound Rescue and other rescue centres – For your towels and bedding also car boot items (please no rubbish). All of these can be accepted at Petstop, High Street, Bugbrooke.

Services and Events at St. Michael and All Angels Church Bugbrooke

A weekly leaflet is available in Church. Please take a copy and keep up-to-date with Bugbrooke Church Services, News and Events. The leaflet also covers the Anglican parishes of Harpole, Kislingbury and Rothersthorpe.

Sunday Services

- 8:00am BCP Communion 3rd and 5th Sundays in the Month
9:45am 2nd and 4th Sundays in the month Holy Communion
1st Sunday in the month Morning Worship
3rd Sunday in the month Family Worship
5th Sunday in the month watch for details
6:00pm 1st Sunday in the month 'Sunday at Six'
Shared tea at 6pm followed by Praise and Worship



Other Services

- Tuesdays during term time 2:30pm Tiny Tots Service in Church
First Wednesday in the month :- 9:30 am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Lady Chapel
1:30pm Holy Communion at Jubilee House
7:00pm Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

Regular Events

- Mondays at 8pm Bell Ringers
1st and 3rd Mondays 7:30pm Bible Study at 15 Lime Grove
Thursdays 9am to 11:15am Family Morning during term time in the Sunday School Rooms
Alternative Wednesdays 2pm 'The Wednesday Club' in the Sunday School Rooms
Thursdays 7:30pm S.M.A.S.H. (*St. Michaels At Someone's House*) Fellowship and Bible Study at 41 Pilgrims Lane.
First Wednesday in the month from 7:30pm onwards Men's Curry Night at The Five Bells in Bugbrooke. No agenda just a chance for men to have a night out. Details ring 831621

Future Events

- Saturday 6th August from 6:30pm The Rector's Annual Bar-b-Que at The Rectory
Sunday 11th October Harvest Celebrations
Monday 12th October Harvest Supper

**There are leaflets in all of the above churches but
also watch your letter box for all the relevant information.**

Please keep an eye out for other services and events.

Home Communion by prior arrangement.

Ring 831621 for details and if you have any questions.

Family Announcement

Sandra and Paul— Congratulations on your engagement. Best wishes for a long and happy future together. Much love from Mum, Carol, Geoff and Peter.

Sandra and Paul would like to thank everyone who sent them a card and their good wishes on the occasion of their engagement.

Diary

August

26th	7.30pm	Concert for Motor Neurone Disease Association	Kis VH
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September

Sundays	12-6pm	Wednesday Club Farmhouse Lunches and Teas	SS
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5th	7.30pm	WI—Talk and Demonstration by painter Michael Peachey	SS
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7th	2pm	Wednesday Club	SS
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18th	2.30pm	U3A—10th Anniversary. Charles Byrne 'Your Life and Welcome to it.'	CC
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21st	2pm	Wednesday Club	SS
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October

3rd	7.30pm	WI AGM with Hot Supper	SS
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5th	2pm	Wednesday Club	SS
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22 brave teddies made their owners proud by taking at least one parachute jump from the church tower during the Fete in July. Several had to be rescued from the church roof only adding to the excitement.