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Bugbrooke Link Magazine (Issue No. 18)

Editor.....John Sexton

THANK YOU.

We made no apology for the fact that the Editorial in our last issue was virtually an appeal for our readers to attend the "LINK" Annual General Meeting on May 8th. In the event the Management Committee were very gratified to see a much larger attendance than the previous year. Thus we are encouraged to use Editorial Space to alert our readers to two other events of importance to the village.

GIFT SCHEME.

Firstly there is a Special Meeting of the Senior Citizens Xmas Gift Scheme on Monday June 23rd in the Village Hall (8.00.p.m.). Mr Fred Curtis, the present Chairman has pointed out to "LINK" that he and other members of the Committee who have run the scheme for some years now have themselves become elevated to Senior Citizen status and, hence, are themselves recipients. The sincere appreciation voiced annually by those who benefit from the scheme suggest that it still remains — in the 1980's — a very worthwhile project. It requires a younger committee to ensure its continuance. Do attend the meeting and offer to help.

VILLAGE BONANZA.

Secondly "LINK" would recommend that you support the Bugbrooke Village Bonanza and Fete on July 5th & 6th in aid of Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association. The playing fields are an important amenity to the village and costly to maintain, and the provision of improved changing facilities is an immediate minimum requirement. Your generous support to the efforts of the Playing Fields Committee could help ensure the future of the sporting life of Bugbrooke.

ADVERTISEMENTS IN "LINK" — Full page: £8.00 Half page £4.00. Quarter page £2.00. Line Ads..75p for 20 words. Further information Advert Manager Sheila Willmore 31, Oaklands.

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR NEXT ISSUE — JULY 30th.

The entrails of a stolen and slaughtered sheep were dumped in the ditch at Peace Hill. It is not known who was responsible for this revolting mess but the District Council are to be asked to pipe in this dike to discourage similar gruesome dumping.

Despite reminders and early promises the Jesus Fellowship have taken no action to resolve the drainage problem on the Trent Valley footpath.

Continuing with footpath problems, having received the view of the County Council that the path from the High Street alongside the Primary School (footpath KD9) is confined roughly to the middle part of the entrance drive, they are to be asked to mark the edges of this path so that pedestrians will know where it should be safe to walk.

During the course of one of the meetings a Parish Councillor was heard to mutter "we have achieved nothing tonight"; sadly this could be an appropriate comment at almost any meeting - although this should not necessarily be considered a criticism of the members as to the current predicament of almost all public services where the annual response to requests for actions is to put it on an ever growing list of jobs to be done when money is available. It could also be put down to the fact that Parish Councils have very few powers to support their requests.

Quotation:

"A woman has to do twice as much as a man to be considered half as good.....fortunately it isn't difficult."

Parish Council Meeting – David Harries Reports

24th March, 14th & 28th April and 19th May

In a very close run vote Councillor Alf Oliver was once again elected Chairman of the Parish Council, coming out one vote ahead of Councillor Fred Curtis in a secret ballot amongst the eleven members present.

After a lull of many months the question of the provision of suitable allotment land was resurrected during a period allowed for questions from parishioners. Hardy perenial readers may recall that approximately three years ago the allotment holders lost their second piece of land in the space of two years when their lease was not renewed. The Allotment Association subsequently approached the Parish Council with a request that they provide suitable land for allotments - a duty which the Parish Council are required by law to fulfill. After numerous fruitless meetings and suggestions involving local landowners the Parish Council realised that, in order to carry out their statutory duty, it would be necessary to ask the Parish Council to initiate compulsory purchase proceedings. So far as the Allotment Association were concerned this procedure had begun. However, as many months have passed in deafening silence both the Parish Council and the Allotment Association are to pursue the matter with the District Council.

Concern was expressed over the increased volume of traffic, particularly heavy lorries, in the village. This situation could be exacerbated by the building of a silo complex at the mill which would provide grain storage facilities for local farmers. The Parish Council will oppose this plan unless a bypass is constructed from the Mill to the M1 flyover at Heyford.

The Parish Council received from the Water Authority a similar letter to that delivered to all households in the village regarding the removal of harmless shrimp like creatures from the water supplies. We were advised not to change the water in fish tanks during this operation. It seems that the chemicals used are quite safe - but they might kill fish (!). In view of all the chemicals used in most foodstuffs these days I don't suppose a little more will make much difference - will it?

Nature Notes by Bill Lantsbury

What a mixed bag of weather we have had these last two months. One week's pleasant sunshine, a howling gale, snow, hail and now - at the end of May - April showers.

Despite everything, the blossom is now looking lovely and we must hope the frost will do little damage. Talking of damage, didn't the bitter winds turn a lot of the young evergreens, brown? I had better not dwell on what happened to my spring greens, for the second year!

There have been some interesting birds sighted lately. Julian Moulton tells me he has seen a Grey Wagtail, two black backed Gulls, a Meadow Pipit, a Cormorant. I would think the Cormorant was blown off track by the dreadful gales! A greater spotted Woodpecker has been visiting a bird table in the Paddocks and in the hard weather I had a Siskin in the garden.

One good thing has happened regarding the Starlings in the plantation - they have gone away! I think it was the noise of the machinery in the laying of the new gas main that did the trick. This noise went on all night and the birds couldn't hear themselves chattering!

I have been getting a bit angry about a Magpie that has taken the eggs out of a Blackbird's nest near the garage. Nature can be hard at times but maybe there are too many Blackbirds.

Terry, the postman told me he heard the Cuckoo on April 24th. The old saying is; - "In May he sings all day". I think this cool May has quietened him down quite a bit.

There are Swifts and Swallows about and two Bats keep flitting about in the back garden. I do hope these creatures can find enough food to survive.

Looking out of the window I can see that the oak is coming out before the ash. We certainly do deserve that splash this summer.

May I finish with a question? When I hear that trees are dying from acid rain or thousands of people are being evacuated from their homes because of some nuclear fallout or when I see every blade of greenery within sight being repeatedly sprayed with chemicals. May I ask; - do the experts really know what they are doing?

The County Council have now produced two new card maps - Nether Heyford and Weedon Bec and Everdon. Bugbrooke Parish has many more public rights of way than most parishes but by using the two new maps now on sale you can be certain of the rights of way in quite a large area. In addition, the paths in Kislingbury are all waymarked although there is no card map yet. The maps Nether Heyford are available in the shops in Nether Heyford. Bugbrooke maps are available in the Spar, The Stores and the Post Office. All maps are on sale in the Information Office in St. Giles Street.

There is a short article in Which? (May, 1986) and this gives some useful information on 'Your Rural Rights'. If you don't take Which? borrow a copy as it is well worth reading and is quite short.

A new footbridge over the brook near the cricket field was completed in May. This was built by the County Council to replace the older one which had rotted away and been vandalised. Our thanks to the County Council.

Holidays are coming up. I gave some hints for walking in other areas in the June 1985 (issue No. 12) of Link which are worth referring to before you leave for the Great Outdoors. Good Walking!

Colin Nuttall
25 The Paddocks
830658

POLICE NOTES

The following items have been handed in at Bugbrooke Police Station and are waiting to be claimed.

- 1/ One YALE Key and two others on a ring with two fobs.
- 2/ One long back door type key and one other on a piece of cord.
- 3/ One child's football with a distinctive pattern.
- 4/ One new style Ford Escort filler cap.

A gentleman has lost a brass CHUBB key, if anyone has found one can they please bring it to the station.

Any property handed in at the village Police Station is held here for one month so if you lose something it's always worth a check and if you find anything, bring it up or drop it through my door with a note, I will always get back to you, if you leave a phone number, it helps.

P.C. Dodd.

Darby & Joan Club News – Vera Thompson Reports

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who helped make it possible for us to raise £125 at our Spring Jumble Sale. To the givers of such good jumble, to the many buyers and to our team of helpers. Thank you all very much.

Already we have had two outings, a pleasant afternoon spent at Oxford with Headington Darby and Joan Club. On May 7th we enjoyed a trip round the Cotswolds, stopping at Kings Sutton for a splendid tea and a musical ride home. The waysides, village greens and all the gardens were golden with daffodils. Indeed there were so many, that it seemed as if they had all waited for our visit, before they all burst into bloom. We couldn't help wishing that Bugbrooke could look just as wonderful. We have a lovely amount of grassy areas, that it is a possibility.

A very special birthday on April 26th, mean't that Mrs Shove had reached her 90th year. At the previous meeting we had the pleasure of sharing a birthday cake with her. We wish her many more years of good health and happiness.

On Saturday May 17th, I saw a party of 15 off on their holidays to the Devon Coast Country Club. To prove that one doesn't have to be young to hop aboard a plane, one of our ladies went jetsetting off to Canada, whilst another has had an American holdiay.

June 3rd we have a Cheese and Wine Evening, inviting Heyford Darby and Joan as guest. This will be a special evening made possible by a generous gift of money made to us at Christmas.

We hope to have Kislingbury Club up for the afternoon on June 25th and on July 16th we will have a day out to the Norfolk lavender fields and to King's Lynn African Violet Centre.

Whilst we active people are able to go on trips, we do not forget those left at home.

To those who haven't been very well or in hospital, we wish a speedy return to good health. To our friends who are not able to get out and about we wish them great contentment in their own homes and quiet peace of mind with the knowledge that they are remembered by us all at Darby and Joan.

"BUGBROOKE VILLAGE BONANZA"

What on earth is Bugbrooke Village Bonanza? Read on and you will find out.

We have often heard it said there ought to be a village fun weekend. Well this year Bugbrooke Playing Fields Association have tried to create a weekend of activities on a small scale based around their annual fete.

The weekend will begin at 11 am on Saturday 5th July with a car boot sale, at The Five Bells, thanks to Annette and Roger. Details can be obtained from Pam telephone 830919. We are hoping to hold a Duck Race finishing at the Sunday School bridge just after 2-00pm.

The next event will also take place on Saturday starting at 8pm. Mr Mick Adams has kindly offered the PFA the use of a barn at Merriefields, High Street. There will be food, singing, dancing and live music from the 'Munchen Duo'. The musicians have an excellent reputation and guarantee a very enjoyable evening. Tickets cost £2.50 from Judy telephone 830955.

The main fund raiser will be the fete on Sunday 6th starting at 2.30 pm at the Playing Fields. The Fancy Dress parade will leave Campion School at 2.15. Age groups for prizes being: under 7, under 11, 12 and over. They will travel by lorry to the fete. There will be many displays including Ladies 'Keep Fit' with a join in session for all those who want to work off their Sunday lunch. Country Dancing from the Primary School, trampolining from our County Champions (weather permitting). To round off the afternoon there will be races for children (and adults?).

Many people have already volunteered to run stalls and sell draw tickets. The following donations will be greatly appreciated; Cakes, Books, toys, bottles, prizes and tombola gifts. If you can help with any of these or a stall on the day please ring Jane 830376.

We look forward to the village enjoying themselves on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July.

Bugbrooke Playing Fields Assoc.

Bugbrooke Girl Guides

Since the coffee morning to raise money for the deaf, the guides haven't been idle!

We took part in the St Georges Day Parade at St Micheals in Bugbrooke.

More recently we went swimming, in preparation for a sponsored swim, run by the Roundtable at the Mounts in Northampton. We all enjoyed the practice run, and those girls who were sponsored did extremely well. Thanks to those parents who helped us with the transport.

We've spent a couple of evenings practising our camping skills, putting up tents, square bashing, and all you need to know about tent pegs!

June the 13th, marked the start of our summer camp at Castle Ashby, where, usually, we all eat like horses, have midnight feasts and lots of fun.

Thanks again to those parents letting their girls loose with us and for supplying the necessary articles.

The rest of the 'Summer' will hopefully be spent hiking, outdoor cooking & games, and planning picnics and maybe even an ice-skating trip for after the school summer hols. You see we're all optimistic about the weather!!

Janet Ashwell & Helen Bestwick.

Royal British Legion (Womens Section)

We have had three very successful meetings since I last wrote a report for the "Link". At the March meeting we had a lady from the Community Health Service, this is based in Billing Rd and they will help with any problems connected with the Health Service. A member was helped to find the shortest list for an operation for her husband who has been waiting for local Hospitals to send for him for over two years, so if you need this service I will be happy to give the phone No. In April we had a speaker from the Red Cross and we were amazed at the work they do, other than medical they have many other help schemes. Then in May we had another speaker from Crossroads Caring, this lady told us how they help people who care for invalids and old people in their own homes. It was started from the TV when Sandy Richardson was looked after by Meg in "Crossroads" and now has 95 schemes all over the country. This speaker also would be happy to hear from anyone needing help and would also speak and show a video at meetings. Our fete will be August 9th.
Hon. Treas. E. Pell.

HOLIDAY '86 - HONG KONG

"LINK" was pleased to receive a most interesting account from Mr Pearson Wilson of 5, Meadway of the holiday he and his family spent with his sister and her husband in the Yau Yat Chuen suburb of Kowloon - during late March and early April. Full of praise for the service on China Airways ("a revelation and a delight") Pearson said they reached Kai Tak airport after a 7500 mile journey via Amsterdam, Dubai and Taiwan.

There were many things he noted in the "busy" Colony - the lack of private transport, the multitude of taxis, the famous Star Ferries which run between Kowloon and Hong Kong Island ("always packed - day and night"), and those people who have no television set of their own but who either sit on stools or just the bare pavement outside T.V. Shops and have free entertainment from demonstration models.

"Truly magnificent" was his impression of the worlds largest aquarium in the Ocean Park Leisure Centre... some 100 feet in diameter and 30 feet deep containing examples of nearly all known marine life. The Adventure Park - reached by cable car - provided thrills and spills but "only for the brave".

Other highlights were the taking of photographs of Communist China over a twenty foot fence, a sight of ex-president Marcos' private "mini-liner", a visit to a tram depot, and a journey by sea to the Island of Lantau; here they visited a working monastery after a "long trip inland and upwards - seemingly above the clouds". "It was" said Pearson "almost mind blowingly magnificently beautiful".

Landing in a snowstorn at Heathrow on the final stage of their return flight could not detract from the Wilsons' "holiday of a lifetime".

CONTINUING CHRISTIAN AID.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the house to house collection in Christian Aid Week (May 12-17) especially the collectors: The grand total for the village was £330. You may be interested in a few facts about Christian Aid, although I realise now I should have written this for the last issue of Link: Although emergency situations like the African famine, earthquakes etc. tend to grab the headlines and our consciences, Christian Aid, like Bob Geldof, believe that long-term development is the best way to provide help. Giving the poor the means to help themselves is Christian Aids motto, and via their own people. Did you know that Christian Aid has no workers in the Third World? The annual income of Christian Aid (about £11m-£5m of which is raised in Christian Aid Week) is spent mostly on small projects among the poorest in the villages of developing countries (digging wells, providing agricultural equipment etc.) About 20% is saved for emergency relief and only 15% on administration, publicity etc, which is important in an efficient organisation.

But what more can we do? I believe we're lucky here in Northampton-there's quite a lot we can do. Apart from the many bottle banks (recycling is an important way of saving money, waste and trees!) we have the first can recycling scheme in the country, foil and newspaper collections. Daily Bread Cooperative in Bedford Road sells wholefoods, bought in the Third World, at ridiculously low prices, and-here comes the plug-I sell recycled paper goods and many Third World craft items as a Traidcraft voluntary rep.

If we all think hard about what we spend our money on, who's benefitting from it, and how much we waste in this throw away age, the Christian Aid Week figure for Bugbrooke could double next year: Three quarters of the world's population get one small bite from the apple of world resources-the rest is ours. Surely we could give them a little more?:

Sue Pace, Local Christian Aid Organiser.

IN BRIEF

MAY DAY. Roger & Annette Bridgeford wish to thank all who helped in the May Day celebrations at the Five Bells when despite inclement weather they raised £315 for The Primary School.

SPORT AID. We have been asked to say "Well Done!" to all those who ran, rode, walked and sponsored 'The Race Against Time' for Sport Aid on May 25th. The decision to run a 6 mile route around country lanes was a late one hence the fact that about a hundred people turned out and that over two hundred was raised was most gratifying. Special thanks to PC. Dodd for seeing the participants around safely - and for providing the finishing tape!

PLAYGROUP. A note has been received warning that The Teddy Bears are going on a picnic on June 23rd accompanied by their play school friends.... and those residents of Bugbrooke should beware!

FOOTBALL. St Michaels Football Club state that training will restart on Wednesday 2nd July. They also say they intend to run for Senior Sides next season. Potential players contact John Curtis (830317).

BALLOONS. Some of the infant children of The Primary School recently had a Balloon race - air being relative to a Topic on "Air" in which they have been engaged. Although some only got as far as Heygates Mill, others are known to have reached Leicester and Lincolnshire. Could Norway be the next stop?

"LINK" PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION. There has been a most encouraging response to our photographic competition as notified in our last issue (No. 17 page 11.). the management committee have however decided to extend the closing date to the end of June. Up to that time Pam Chambers, 6 The Paddocks and Debbie Blair, 19 Ash Grove would be pleased to receive further entries.

BUGBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Earlier this term a group of children from the school visited the Black Country Museum. This day-out was arranged as part of their topic on men and machines. The three poems printed below are just a sample of the work produced subsequent to that visit.

THE MACHINES OF THE FUTURE.

The whirring sound of machinery
as the great doors are opened.
It is like the doors into Hell
as the heat launches itself towards you.
Great masses of iron and steel,
moving fast and then slow, are being
operated by men as small as you and I.
The monsters of the future will soon
be in control.

Anna Villette.

MACHINES IN LABOUR.

CRUNCH! I'm crushing the red hot
Iron under me.
Iron going to and fro,
Some hitting me as I go.
The noise around me is so
threatening.
I'm working as I go.
When will I be laid to rest?
I will never know.

Simon Tack.

MACHINES

Mechanical Sounds;
A grind, a spin, the pistons jumping up, then down.
Cogs spinning, a click, a clunk, a twist.
Hammering sounds.
I jump as there's a thump,
Now a whirl,
The whole factory shuffles and trembles
Exit!
A sigh of relief comes over me as I see the
Exit.
I run out;
Suddenly there's quiet and peace,
But in the distance I hear the rumble
As the walls crack and fall
At the Sound of the Machines.

Daniel Clark.

"LINK" has received details of a recent meeting of the Governors of the Primary School with the request that we should use our columns to extend, on their behalf, an invitation to all parents to go to the School and read the minutes of their meetings and also the Head Teacher's report. This would give the parents the opportunity of obtaining up to date information on subjects such as staff manning levels, the standards of pupils work and the state of school buildings etc.

Other items discussed at the Governors meeting included:-

- (1) A fund raising event for the deaf and blind raised a gratifying total of £504.00.
- (2) Pupil participation in the May Day celebrations outside the Five Bells ensured a repeat of the previous year's success.
- (3) The netball team were congratulated on winning the Road Cup. and.....
- (4) Mr John Reed, the Caretaker, was thanked for his services to the school on leaving for a new appointment in Northampton.

Finally the Governors have asked that parents be reminded that they are further invited to raise any matters affecting the school with their appropriate elected representatives:-

Parents Reps:- Mr T. England, 23 Moores Close (832000), Mr S. Villette, 4 Pilgrims Lane (832397) & Mrs M. Masters, 41 Johns Road.

Community Reps:- Canon T. Partridge, The Rectory (830373), Mr F. Curtis, 12 West End (830224).

The next meeting of the Governors is scheduled to be held on Tuesday 21st October 1986.

Anne Howard's Cookhouse Door

Dare we hope that barbecue time is upon us? Try these delicious recipes.

Grapefruit 1/2 per person. Place cut side up on foil. Dot with butter, pour some sherry or rum over each, wrap tightly and heat through for 8 - 10 mins.

Then:

Giant Burger for Eight

A whole loaf of round french bread or peda bread as the foundation for a huge meat patty. To turn the patty you need two rimless baking sheets. Slip one under the meat; place the other on top. Invert the patty and slide it back on to the grill.

1/4 lb butter or marg at room temp
 1/2 teaspoon each of mustard & Chili powder
 1 round loaf French or Peda bread
 3 lbs mince
 2 teaspoons salt
 1/2 a cup finely chopped spring onion
 2 tablespoons tomato based chili sauce
 1 tablespoon soy sauce or worcester sauce
 1 large onion thinly sliced
 Shredded lettuce
 2 large tomatoes thinly sliced

METHOD

Blend together butter, mustard & chili powder. Split bread horizontally. Spread bread with butter mixture. Combine raw meat with salt, spring onions, chili sauce and soy. Shape into one large patty, slightly bigger than the bread. Place on lightly greased grill 4 - 6" above coals. Cook turning once for 5 - 6 mins per side or to your liking. When you turn the patty place bread, cut side down on outside of grill to toast. To assemble, place meat patty in bottom half of toasted bread, top with onion slices, shredded lettuce and tomato and top with other half of bread. Cut into wedges to serve 8.

Finish your meal with:

Bananas One per person. Make slit about 3" long in the skin. Dribble about 1 tablespoon honey into each opening and leave for 1/4-1/2 an hour. Wrap individually in foil and cook 4 - 6" above coal for 8 - 10 mins moving often. Serve sprinkled with cinnamon.

or:

Peaches One per person. Peel and slice (or use tinned) place on foil, sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 teaspoon butter, 1 teaspoon brown sugar. Seal tightly and grill 4 - 6" above coal for about 8 - 10 mins (less if tinned). Serve with icecream.

Hope the weather improves so that you can try these recipes in the holidays.

"LINK" - A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of "LINK" was held on May 8th. There was a good attendance and all discussions and comments were relevant and helpful. Eleven people nominated by the meeting were elected to the Management Committee for the next twelve months. At their first meeting on June 5th this new committee made the following appointments:-

Chairman.....John Gardner
 Editor.....John Sexton
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 Treasurer.....Jim Inch
 Advertising.....Sheila Wilmore, Keith Vanner
 News Gatherers.....Pam Chambers, Debbie Blair
 Ex-Officio.....Vicki Parker.

Bugbrooke Arts News

St. Michaels Music Society

The season's programme ended with a wine and cheese evening at 'Myrtle Cottage'. This proved to be a great success, with diverse contributions from members, ranging from a guitar solo, to a guide on 'Successful Bodging'!

The Annual General Meeting took place on 30th. April 1986. A new committee was elected, with the exception of Nancy Rogers, who remained as Treasurer.

The new committee are:

Chairman, David Marshall.

Secretary, Judith Piper.

Treasurer, Nancy Rogers.

Musical Director, Sue Pace.

Committee Members, Gwen Baxter and Colin Ashmore.

The new seasons programme is currently being compiled, but suggestions have already been made about a trip to 'The Stables', at Wavendon, and possibly a talk and demonstration on the sitar.

The new season will begin in September, and we welcome new members.

Judith Piper.

Open - Air Theatre.

Bugbrooke does not have a bird sanctuary, but on Friday and Saturday 4th and 5th July in the Rectory Garden there will be a chance for you to observe the happenings in a Bird Hide. It seems there is more than one reason for visiting a Bird Reserve. The Seniors at St. Michaels Young Peoples Drama Group present 'Birdwatch' a play by Simon Kent 7.30 pm Fri. 4th & Sat. 5th July, in the Rectory Garden. Adults 50p, Children 25p.

CHORAL SOCIETY

The 1985-86 season ended with a social evening attended by members & friends. The choir sang Elgar's songs from "The Bavarian Highlands & Land of Hope & Glory." The evening ended with a serving of refreshments. Thanks were expressed & cheques presented to Mr. Ian Smith - conductor and Mr. Derek Whittington - accompanist. Best wishes were extended to Mr. Smith who will not be available as conductor for the next season. Mr. Michael Latham who will be conductor for the 86-87 season was introduced to the choir members. The new season stands on Thurs. Sept 4th at Campion School. New members will be welcome.

Sports News

BUGBROOKE SPORTING HISTORIES

Indoor Sports - Jack Holt talks to John Curtis.

"In 1928 Mr John Campion gave the Village Hall to the Parish and immediately a snooker and billiards club was formed. A full sized slate table was obtained and was used regularly by, amongst others, Bill Brown, Frank Flavell, Phil Turland and Tom Mathews. That same table is still in place but in the past was much more extensively used. In fact in the early 50's it was used every night - some evenings by 13 - 18 year olds and on others by adults - always under the supervision of Arthur "Pap" Jeffs.

During the periods before and just after the second World War league and cup competitions were organised. It was a considerable honour to win one of those cups and there must be a few proud owners still in Bugbrooke who can remember the night they won one of these trophies. Amongst the enthusiasts at the time were folk like Arthur Gilkes, Eric Cockerill, Arthur Jeffs, Eric Barnes and Bill Belgrove. Today the table which is still in relatively good condition would benefit from greater use and care. Unfortunately although Television may have popularised the game among the general population it could have brought about its decline as a participatory sport for amateurs.

The formation of the Village Hall also led to the growth of a Table Tennis Club. Founder players included Fred Stibbards, Ernie York, Jack Holt, Steve Billingham, Thorpe Howard, Tom Bennett and Ollie Bubb. They played matches against other villages and thought nothing of cycling long distances for a match - invariably well rewarded with excellent refreshments. It is a matter of regret that there is no table tennis club in the village especially as table tennis tables stand idle at Campion School every night of the week.

However since the building of Campion School other indoor sports have flourished. Two Bugbrooke badminton teams play in the Sports Hall on Thursdays and Saturdays. A ladies netball club use the same facilities on Wednesdays while the football, rugby, hockey and St. Michaels cricket club all practice in the Sports Hall or gymnasium. Additionally there are Keep Fit classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings - hence opportunities for indoor sport and recreation have never been better in Bugbrooke."

Bugbrooke Ladies Netball Club.

We have just completed the Northants Senior Netball Winter League 1985/86, and it was a very special season for us for several reasons. The main one being the tremendous help to advice given to both teams by our coach Carol Watson. Without her I'm sure our achievements would not have been so great. She is now taking a well earned rest for the summer, but she'll be back with us for the winter. The A team have finished two places higher this year, seventh in the League, and when the top teams bring in the county players for their games, you know you've got them worried. The B team also had a good season, despite finishing near the bottom of the league again by nearly doubling the points they won, and generally improving their standard of play, particularly at the end of the season. Altogether, both teams now have a solid base for the summer league.

We also have quite a busy social calendar. We have a coffee evening on 29th May. We started outdoor practises on 4th June from 7.00pm (anyone is welcome to join in). There was a mixed tournament at Lings on 15th June. We all look forward to this as it gives our husbands/boyfriends a chance to join in. Last year it was a gloriously sunny day with both teams doing well, particularly the A team who finished runners-up. Our summer disco this year is on 20th June at Rothersthorpe. Tickets from club members or Kellys Hairdressers. We will also be at the Playing Field Fete on 6th July with our post, and finally our AGM will be held on 20th August. So hopefully we'll see you at some of these events. Bye for now.

ATHLETICS

On the 17th and 18th May, the Northants Amateur Athletics Association Championships were held at the new Rockingham Triangle Stadium in Corby. Young Bugbrooke Athletes were very much in evidence and in spite of awful weather on the Saturday, some good performances were recorded, with several championship best performances achieved. The girls winning gold medals were:-

Lisa Chambers for 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m.
Janet Sargent for 400m hurdles and long jump.
Sarah Bulliman for javelin.

Silver medals were won by:-

Janet Sargent for 80m hurdles
Samantha Hutchinson for discus
Sarah Tyrell for discus
Lynn Gordon for high jump

The boys medal winners included:-

M. Jones who won a gold for discus.
James Bradbury who won a silver for discus
Phillip Newnham who won silver for hammer.

Congratulations are due to Lisa Chambers who won the 400m at the Midland Championships 2 weeks previously at Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, and in qualifying for the National 3 A's. Championships in June.

BUGBROOKE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

The Annual Dinner and Trophy presentation was held at Blisworth Hotel on Friday 2nd May 1986. Sixty members and guests attended.

A toast to Bugbrooke R.F.C. was proposed by Mr Gareth Jones of the East Midlands Referees Society and R.F.U. Assessor. The Club President Mr J.F. Sexton responded and then proposed a toast to the East Midlands Rugby Union and the Northamptonshire and District Rugby Alliance who were represented by Mr Ian Mitchell.

The visitors toast was proposed by Mr G. Francis - the Club Chairman and replied to by Mr Colin Wright, Secretary of the East Midlands Rugby Union Referees Society.

The awards were presented by founder-member Mr R. Botterill which were as follows:-

Player of Year 1st XV.....A. Ogden.
Player of Year 2nd XV.....S. Caldecourt.
Best Young Player.....N. Foules.
Most Improved Player.....M. Brewer.
Clubman of Year (for second consecutive year)

T. Newcombe.

The Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday May 7th at the Cricket Pavilion. Mr Glyn Francis was re-elected Chairman with Mr Steve Vaughan as Secretary, Mr Ivor Bradbury as Treasurer and Mr Terry Newcombe as Club Captain. Final decisions on the Captaincy and Vice-Captaincy of both 1st XV and 2nd XV were postponed pending the calling of a Players Meeting to make recommendations for these important appointments.

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BUGBROOKE ST. MICHAELS F.C.

YES! We have won the premier division of the central Northants Football combination. To all players, and manager Jim Harname many congratulations. Final results:- league position 1st. played 24, won 20, drawn 2, lost 2. The team must also count themselves very unfortunate, after losing the semi final of the lower junior cup when a penalty was awarded against them, and was converted with what proved to be the last kick of the match.

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what might be accomplished. Two players from this team who must be very pleased with their success, are, Neil Flanagan and Bruce Hartgrave. Neil has played regularly for Nottingham Forest Youth Team, and Bruce has been selected for an English P.G.L. representative team to tour Denmark.

The under 12 team finished in grand style by winning the league knock out cup. This game was played in atrocious conditions with hail and snowstorms. However when a two goal lead was levelled by their opponents, the Bugbrooke team showed both courage and stamina and eventually ran out winners by four goals to two.

K. Hollowell.

ST MICHAEL'S 74 C.C.

Once again I am pleased to report a fine start to the season. Although the weather could have been kinder, some fine bowling and fielding performances have seen us gain two victories and a winning draw, in our three opening Town League fixtures. After gaining promotion, again, last year, we now find ourselves, after the game on Saturday 24 May, on top of Division Three. One of the best bowling performances in the clubs history, was produced by Paul Cattell, in the league game against Queens Park Working Mens Club. After Queens Park had been dispatched for just 25 runs, Paul had the amazing figures of 7-8. On the batting front, new man Mike Hogg, has certainly claimed his place, by some strong middle order stroke player and fine half century to put his name on the League list, towards it's batting award.

On Sunday we continue our friendly fixtures, which so far have produced two victories and two defeats, but more importantly they have brought forward four more village players, two of which are still at school.

If there are any players in the village who may be looking for a game, especially youth or school players, please come along and have a chat at our next home game.

The club is also looking for an Umpire for our Saturday League fixtures, due to our regular umpire Mr Keith Matthews suffering a recurring injury. A small fee is involved and if anyone is interested please ring me on N'pton 584565.

Once again Thank You for your continued support.

John Chapman (sec)

Fixtures

Saturdays		Sundays	
June 21	British Timken away	June 22	East Haddon away
" 28	Cogenhoe home	" 29	Corby Town away
July 12	Queens Park home	July 6	Kislingbury away
" 19	Great Houghton away	" 13	Greyfriars away
" 26	Old away	" 20	Heyford home
		" 27	Weedon home
Aug 2	Spencer home	Aug 3	Peterborough away
" 9	St Sepulchres away	" 10	Ecton home
" 16	British Timken home	" 17	Collingtree home
" 23	Whyte Melville away	" 24	SINGLE WICKET
" 30	Old home		COMPETITION
Sept 6	Cogenhoe away	Sept 7	Flore home
		" 14	Badby home

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June	21st	2.00pm	Football: 5-a-side.
	21st	6.30pm	Football: 60's/70's XI v. Current Over 30's
	21st	2.00pm	Church Fete. Field nr Church.
	21/22		Flower Festival: Church.
	23rd	8.00pm	Flower Club: "Invitation to Dance". Sunday School.
	23rd		Teddy Bears Picnic: Playgroup.
	25th	2.30pm	Darby & Joan: Sunday School.
	25th	8.00pm	P.C.C. Meeting. Sunday School.
	28th	8.00pm	American Barbeque: The Byre. Football Club.
July	2nd	8.30pm	AGM. Football. Clubhouse.
	4th		M.U. Deanery Quiet Day.
	4/5	7.30pm	Y.P. Drama Group: Rectory Gdn.
	5th	11.00am	PFA. Car Boot Sale. Five Bells.
	5th	4.00pm	Sun Schl Tea & Games. Rectory.
	5th	8.00pm	PFA. Bavarian Evening. Merriefield, High Street.
	6th	2.30pm	PLAYING FIELDS FETE. Playing Fields.
	7th	7.30pm	W.I. Sunday School. Members Evening.
	8th	7.30pm	Mothers Club: Nature Trail: Cheese & Wine. 42, Camp Hill.
	9th	2.30pm	Darby & Joan: Sunday School.
	10th	2.30pm	M.U. Sunday School.
	12th		Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham.
	13th	12.00noon	Midsummer Carvery. Merriefields High St. Bugbrooke Cons: Assoctn.
	16th		Darby & Joan. Trip to Lavender Fields.
	22nd		Mothers Club: Outing to Woburn.
	28th	8.00pm	Flower Club: "Natural Sculpture". S.S.
Aug	5th	7.00pm	Rounders-Mothers Club v. W.I. P.S.
	6th	2.30pm	Darby & Joan. Meeting and Bring & Buy. Sunday School.
	13th		Darby & Joan. Outing: Charnwood Frst.
	20th		AGM. Netball Club.
	20th	2.30pm	Darby & Joan. Sunday School.
	25th	7.30pm	Flower Club: "Houseplants".

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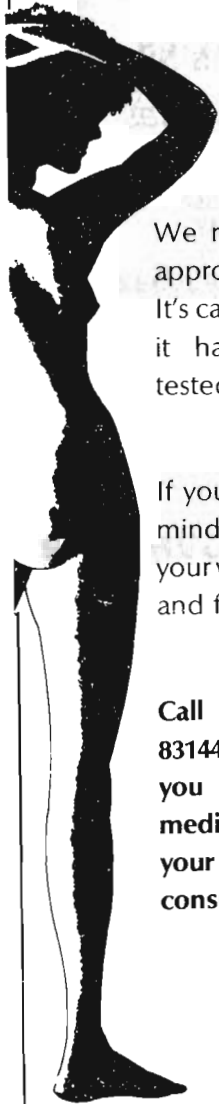
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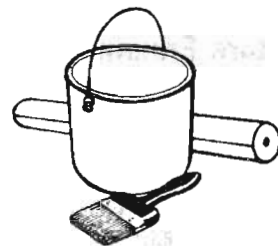
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