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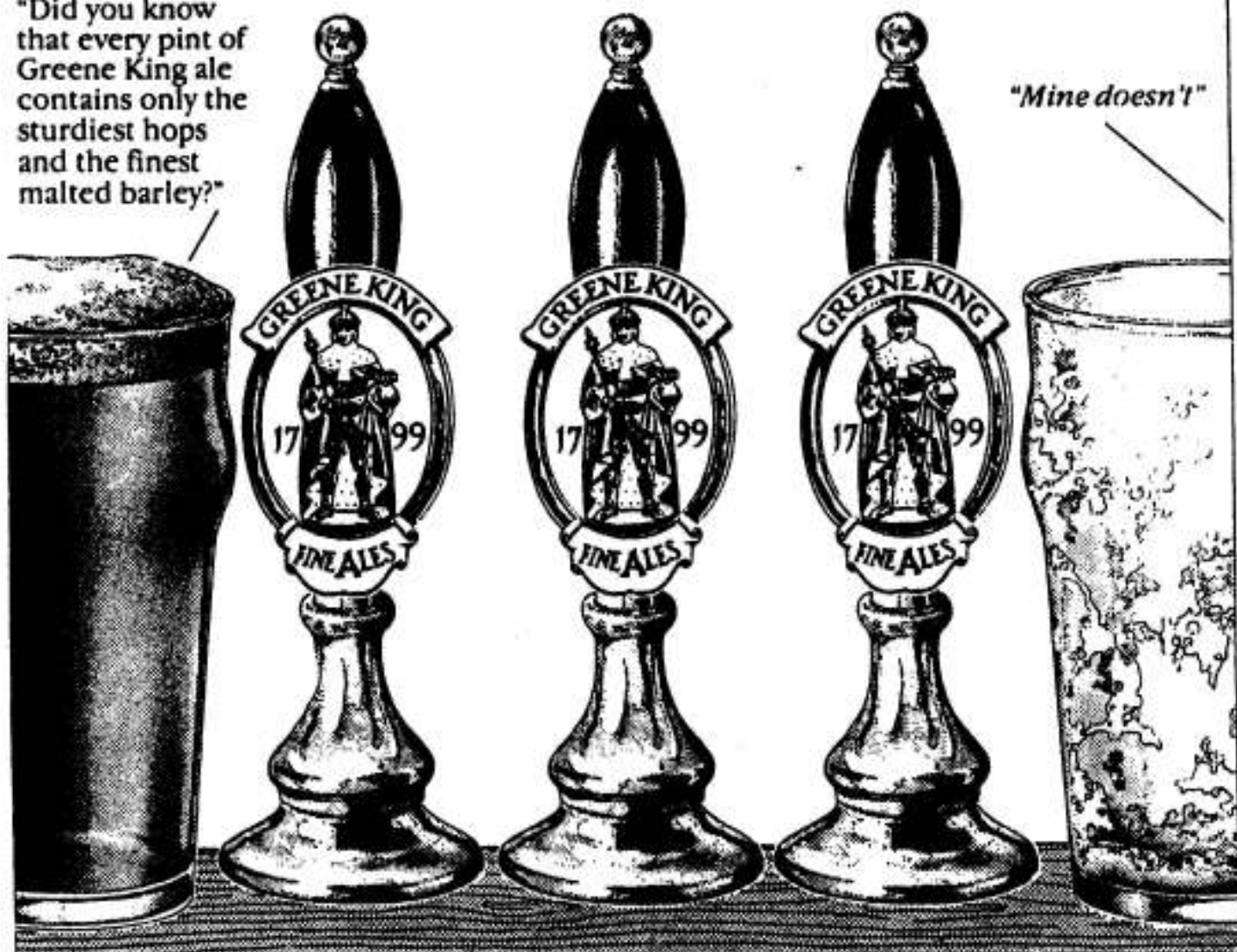
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EDITORIAL

APRIL 1992

Welcome to the first Village Link magazine. This magazine will be delivered free to every house in Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley, every two months. As the title suggests, the aim of the magazine is to draw together the many and varied strands of the communities in the civil parish. Dorothy Morris, one of the editors of the Meppershall Messenger said recently, "Let the village voice be a happy one, helping to spread a community spirit and a joy in living". If Village Link can achieve these aims then the effort will be well worth while.

The success of any community paper depends upon the willingness of organisations and individuals to make use of the facilities offered. The editorial committee will be delighted to receive copy from club secretaries and letters and comments from everyone. There are still places on the editorial committee to be filled so if you think you can offer any skill please contact us.

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APRIL

- 11th FRIENDS OF WRESTLINGWORTH SCHOOL.
CAKE STALL AT POTTON MARKET SQUARE
- 27th ST. PETER'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL MEETINGS
AT CHURCH 7.00pm

MAY

- 4th W.M.H. CAR BOOT SALE
POTTON CRICKET CLUB GROUND
- 5th W.M.H. AGM. 8.00pm
- 11th FRIEND OF ST. JOHN'S MEETING
8.00pm AT COCKAYNE HATLEY HALL
- 20th WRESTLINGWORTH & COCKAYNE HATLEY PARISH
COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING - COCKAYNE HATLEY
- 23rd ST. JOHN'S CAKE STALL POTTON MARKET SQUARE

JUNE

- 3rd FRIENDS OF W'WORTH SCHOOL "SUPPORTER-CALLS"
CLOTH SALE 3pm - 4pm AT SCHOOL
- 21st ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL FESTIVAL FETE
AT COCKAYNE HATLEY
- 27th ST PETER'S FLOWER FESTIVAL

JULY

- 11th VILLAGE DAY AT THE CHEQUERS
- 19th FRIENDS OF W'WORTH SCHOOL FAMILY BARBECUE
IN THE MEADOW

AUGUST

- 15th FRIENDS OF W'WORTH SCHOOL PIG ROAST
WATER END FARM

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

The bi-monthly meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 18th March.


It was agreed that a Village Appraisal should be undertaken. It is just over 10 years since the last such survey, and it should be useful to evaluate the changes in the community in that time.

Several villagers have approached the Chairman asking if mains gas could be laid to the villages. If a modest interest is shown then British Gas will conduct a full survey. In the first instant would those keen to be on mains gas please ring Mrs Jean Rider 447 before the end of April.

A letter has been sent to all householders whose property adjoins the Wrestlingworth Brook. It is proposed that detailed photographs of the brook and culverts be displayed at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 20th May at the Hall, Cockayne Hatley. Interested parties should attend.

Calor Gas has again generously agreed to sponsor the "Best Kept Village" competition in Bedfordshire. Cockayne Hatley will be entered as a hamlet, and Wrestlingworth as a medium village. This years special feature is new tree planting schemes. Cockayne Hatley should be in with a good chance. It would be useful if groups of residents keep their "bit" tidy, especially sweet wrappings and soft drink cans.

Has anybody got the key to Cockayne Hatley notice board? Last notice to placed was by the W.I.



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CALLING ALL GARDENERS

For a few years now, the Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund has been holding Gardening Galas at the Queen Victoria Public House, by kind permission of Mrs. Sally Nicholas. This year is no exception and we are hoping that our 4th Gardening Gala will prove to be as popular and successful as in previous years.

The Committee realise that some people are unable to come along to the Queen Victoria in person and are, therefore, introducing an order in advance service, as well as offering to try our best to obtain plants for members of the community who may be away that weekend or do not have the freedom to pop along to the gardening centres in the area.

The majority of the plants and shrubs will be obtained from Greensands Farm although some of the Committee have been working hard in their potting sheds and greenhouses growing a selection of vegetables.

The Gardening Gala takes place this year on Sunday, 17th May, starting at 12 noon. Cream teas (home-made scones) and refreshments will be available.

If you would like to take advantage of our pre-ordering service, please see the separate sheet inserted with Village Link. But whether you use this facility or not, if you can please come along on the day - we do enjoy seeing our friends in the community. We look forward to seeing you.

THE MEMORIAL HALL

Plans are well in hand to refurbish the Hall kitchen to bring it up to current environmental health standards. The work will be done on a self-help basis. To cause the least disruption to users we hope to complete the job during the school summer holiday.

What we need now are **MONEY** and **MANPOWER**. Grants from the Parish Council and Mid Beds District Council, a loan from the Bedfordshire Playing Fields Association and some money from previous fund raising efforts have already been arranged. We still need to raise more money, to complete the work and repay the loan.

VILLAGE DAY on 11th July will have a new look to it, will you support us then?

Will you ALSO help us now with a donation to the KITCHEN APPEAL. Boxes have been put out in the Post Office, Chequers and Queen Victoria. Please be generous with your support for what is still Wrestlingworth's greatest community asset:

Can you paint, plaster, fit cupboards, lay flooring? Will you help us revamp the kitchen? Tell Nick Lovelock, tel 422.

CAR BOOT SALE - May 4th 1992

The Memorial Hall Committee is taking a pitch at Potton Cricket Club's

↳ Car Boot Sale on Bank Holiday Monday 4th May.

↳ We need goods to sell to raise funds for the KITCHEN APPEAL.

Have you got any good quality unwanted items? If so please contact Brian Trayner tel 274.

WRESTLINGWORTH MEMORIAL HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 5th May 1992 at 8.00 pm in the Hall - **EVERYONE WELCOME**

WOMENS INSTITUTE

MEETING *March 1992*

Because the scheduled speaker did not arrive for the meeting, members spent a pleasant social evening discussing ideas for the "Produce Show". This is an opportunity for members to show off their talents from jam making, crafts and gardening and where silver cups are awarded to the winners.

Would you be prepared to make £2.00 cash grow into more by using your imaginary skills?

Some thought they would make cakes, jam's pickles etc., others thought they might buy seeds - veg and flowers - and sell the produce. There were others that couldn't get their needles out fast enough to get clicking and sewing.

It was suggested that all of these items could be sold at our monthly meeting, village day or wherever we could put a stall. The ideas were endless!

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Our next meeting, which will be our A.G.M., will be held on April 21st. where a Produce Show List and £2.00 cash will be ready for all those who would like participate.

Would all members please be sure to attend as we shall be voting on a change in Monthly Meetings.

After 'business' we will be having slides shown of The Flower Exhibition at W.I House.

W.I DARTS

Nerves were on edge when the W.I Darts team (A) met Amphill W.I Darts team at the Chequers pub to play for a place in the quarter finals.

Whoops of joy and congratulations went up when the winning dart was thrown by a member of the 'home' team to win 4 - 1.

Everyone then celebrated by tucking into refreshments brought out by 'mine host'.

This is the second time that the W.I have had reason to celebrate when dart playing as the 'B' team have also just reached the quarter finals.

Congratulations and Good Luck in the next round.

Tiddlers and toads are alive, well and living in Wrestlingworth

by Carolyn Driver

I am not an early riser and though seldom late, I always seem to be in a rush to get to work at the Village School in the mornings. I guiltily drive past the school children with the excuse that I have to go to Potton, or Biggleswade Library, or the Bank or Sainsbury's (or some farther flung outpost) straight from school.

Today was different - no excuses - it wasn't raining - no place to dash off to - so I walked.

If I hadn't walked, would I have spotted that some overnight phantom had cut the grass on the Braggs Lane green? Would I have noticed that the Gross's ten foot high hedge was sprouting not only green shoots but pink and white blossoms, or the waving catkins outside the Whale's house? Would I have seen three cats sitting on three different doorsteps already waiting for their owners to come home again or the black kitten practically buried in the undergrowth on the brook bank waiting for something to pounce on? If I hadn't walked past the church wall, the daffodils and celandines would have remained hidden in the grass. And - most amazing of all - I wouldn't have stopped dead in my tracks to watch the tiddlers and a toad in the Brook near the old butcher's.

Tomorrow I am going to give walking another try to see what else I have missed. Shoe leather is cheaper than petrol and who knows I might be slim and fit by the summer!

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Parish Eucharist St John's	1st & 3rd Sunday 9.00
Holy Communion	2nd & 4th Sunday 7.30
Evensong Chapel	Sunday School 10.30

For further details see local press and village notice boards.

An Easter Message From The Rector - Gordon Briscoe

Holy Week is a week of contrasts - from the excitement of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem on palm Sunday, through the sadness of Good Friday, to the joy of Easter Day.

In the Crucifixion we see the fullness of God's love for us all when He gives His Son to die such a cruel death on the Cross in order to gain our redemption.

"Love so amazing, so divine demands my life, my soul, my all".
But, thank God, it didn't end on Good Friday - three days later came the Resurrection with its message of joy and hope because we are promised a share in Our Lord's Risen life.

"Christ is risen from the dead".

He trampled down death by death, and by His Resurrection He granted life to us. Glory unto Him for all ages.

May the faith of Easter strengthen you, its joy gladden you and its peace remain with you for ever.

PARISH PATH PARTNERSHIP

The Countryside Commission, in association with the National Association of Local Councils, is encouraging a partnership between highway authorities, and Local Councils and voluntary groups to keep rights of way open and in use.

Rights of way are the single most important way of enjoying the English Countryside, but many are blocked and in poor condition. The Countryside Commission believes that the entire rights of way network should be legally defined, properly maintained and well publicised by the year 2000, a target endorsed by Government.

The Parish Council are keen to set up a committee to undertake rights of way work. Grants will be available to conduct surveys to assess work to be done, to

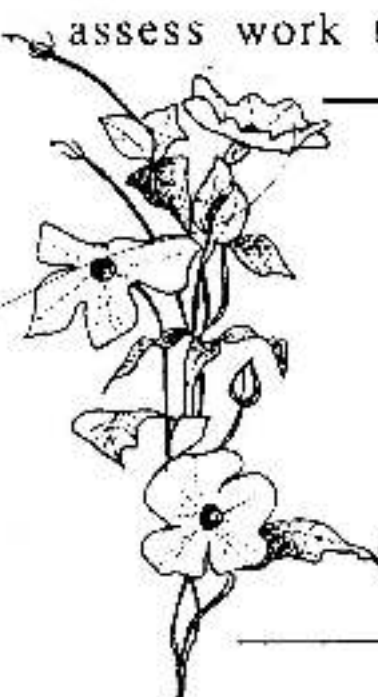
develop and up grade paths, to assist in publicity to help people to be aware of the rights of way network, and to organise guided walks.

The Parish Council have written to the County Highway authority stating their interest in the scheme.

There are many walkers and dog owners in the area who would appreciate good long country walks. How delightful it would be to walk the Parish boundaries on Rogation Sunday. Think of the fund raising that could take place from such a sponsored walk.

Would anyone interested in any aspect of this article please contact Hugh Williams on 269 as soon as practical.

Don't be shy, step forward.



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SPORTS REPORT

THE BEDFORDSHIRE CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION KNOCKOUT CUP 1992

Wrestlingworth's performance in the Beds Carpet Bowls Knockout Cup, held at Amphill on 15th March, was a great improvement on last year. They exacted their revenge on Cople, who had knocked them out in the previous year's Quarter Finals, by defeating them 21-19 this year.

In the Semi-Finals, Wrestlingworth had four representatives:
The team went out to Stevington 37-12.


men's Singles representative, Peter Greenhill lost to the eventual winner from Barton, 7-4.

Guy Rider, in the Junior Singles was beaten 7-1 by Steven Hyde, also from Barton.


However, the highlight of the tournament for Wrestlingworth, was our success in the Ladies Singles which was won by Lynn Winter who beat Pauline Bayne (Cople) 11-7 in the Final.



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RECIPE PAGE

Spring is the time for lamb. So here is a suggested lamb dish to feed 8.

4oz Roquefort cheese
8 loin lamb chops, cut about 22" thick
1 level teasp salt
1 teasp Worcestershire sauce
10 oz can of condensed consomme
Pinch of pepper

1. With a fork, stir and mash the cheese in a small bowl with the salt, Worcestershire sauce and pepper until well mixed.
2. Trim the chops, leaving only a thin layer of fat. Place the chops on a rack in the grill pan. Grill for 8-10 mins on each side.
3. Hold each chop with tongs and spread the Roquefort mixture evenly over the outer edges of the chops. Arrange the chops in a shallow flame proof dish, mixture side up. Pour over the undiluted consomme and grill for a further 2-3 minutes, or until the cheese has melted and is bubbling and the sauce is hot.

Serve with new potatoes and whole small carrots.

Bon Appetit!

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CHILDRENS PAGE

Hello Children,
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like to hear your jokes, and if they are better than mine, ha ha, I will print them. You can use this page to advertise swaps and you can wish your friends happy birthday on this page.

**What's black and white
and black and white and
black and white?**

*A penguin rolling down a
hill.*

**Do you know that bread is
raw toast!**

Knock Knock

Who's there?

Cows go

Cows go who?

No-Cows go MOO!

Dracula's School Report

Reading: Good

Writing: Untidy

Cricket: Shows promise as
a bat.

A postman limped into a hospital.

"A dog's bitten my leg!" he said.

Nurse: "Did you put anything on it?"

"No" said the Postman,
"He liked it just as it was."

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BBC RADIO QUIZ

You have agreed to be a member of the village team to take part in Village Quiz on Radio Bedfordshire. You arrive at the venue for the recording feeling reasonably confident. The mass of useless information you have stored away in your memory bank will enable you to get by without confirming to the world at large that you are a complete duffer.

You trust that the quick recall mechanism in your brain will operate at an acceptable speed; that your co-ordination will not be amiss when you need to press a button to indicate that you are prepared to offer an answer.

The performance presenter calls you to your position. You take your place and you are asked to go through a brief preamble by introducing, and saying a bit about yourself, to enable the sound engineers to set up your microphone for level and balance. So far this has been a doddle! no devastating mishaps.

Now for the real thing: the announcer introduces the programme; the theme music fades away; the presenter points to you to start your introduction for transmission to perhaps thousands of listeners. Suddenly you are not absolutely certain of your name and even lass convinced of your occupation; never mind, you have got through it without actually drying up completely. (22)

Time for the questioning to start. "*What is the administrative capital of Australia?*" You think to yourself that is too easy, its always been Canberra hasn't it? Its a trick question! No it can't be. All this goes through your mind as you urge your index finger to press the button. The buzzer sounds. The question-master looks at you and says "Yes, Twitty of Wrestlingworth." You are astonished to hear a confident firm voice say "Sydney". The question passes to the opposition who receive a point for saying what you already knew - "Canberra". What a wally - why have you lost control of your functions?

Your general inquisitor asks "*What is the symbol for carbon monoxide?*" "CO" you think and press you button in less than a millisecond. Incredibly, by some sort of telepathic instinct the opposing team have beaten you; their bell rings first. They reply "H2SO4". "Wrong". That's good; you *know* it is still CO. You press your buzzer and, when invited to speak, hear yourself say "CO2". You wish you had stayed home and watched telly! (100)



Swinging Sixties

An enjoyable time was had by all at the W.I "Swinging Sixties Evening" held at the Memorial Hall on March the 28th.

Feet tapped, bodies moved and lights flashed as dancers got into the mood to the music of Dixie Dee whose collection of sixties favourites brought back many happy memories!!!

Refreshments were served in the interval and the bar was busy refreshing parts that others could not reach!

And everyone agreed that this had indeed been a very happy and successful evening.

A word from our main sponsor

Calor is delighted to have been given the opportunity to help with the publication of this magazine. The initiative of trying to improve communications within villages is to be applauded and everyone at Calor and within Calor Eastern Region wishes the magazine every success.

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The programme began six years ago and is now active in most counties of England and Wales supporting such events as Best Kept Village Competitions, Village Hall quizzes, publications, village conferences and so on. Sponsorship for this magazine is part of that programme.

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GARDENERS PAGE

Spring, the time for renewal, and an opportunity to put right some of the mistakes of last year.

Seed sowing must go on, to delay could spoil the display in the flower garden. Cut back straggly evergreen shrubs to encourage new growth/from the base. Prune hardy fuchsias, buddleias and other shrubs which flower/on current seasons growth~o two or three buds from base. Roses should have all been pruned by now. Tie in new growth on climbing and rambling roses.

Alpines planted now will quickly establish themselves. If the weather is settled and reasonably mild aquatic plants such as water lillies can go in now. If cold wait a bit longer.

Lawns need aerating, especially on well trodden areas. Reseed bare patches and fertilise generally. With the start of grass cutting now is the time to start your new compost heap.

If, like mine your greenhouse is unheated, and therefore likely to be used as an extension to the garden shed in the winter, it should now be very well cleaned out. Normally our tomatoes and cucumbers have been grown in grow bags. Last year ring culture was introduced. Much less chance of spoilt fruit because of lack of water. I recommend this method of growing to you. If it is your first time ask at your local garden centre for advise.



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