Within Reach



June/July 2012



Leaves (Reach Wood)



Tiny beetle on petal (garden)



Ichneumon wasp (garden) Photos: Alison Lewis

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CHURCH BARBECUE

SATURDAY 14TH JULY 2012
FROM 6.00PM

On the Village Green (Village Centre if wet)

£6/adult
£3/child (6yrs and under)
£20 family of 4

Admittance strictly tickets only. Beware numbers are limited. Tickets from Zenida McDonald (742029) or Jon Cane (741064)

BBQ burgers, sausages and rolls are provided and also soft drinks. You may wish to bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses.

All proceeds are to The Church of St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity, Reach

From the Editor



I write now in brilliant sunshine which seems odd after weeks of rain. Let's hope we enjoy double sunshine for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Garden Party on June 4th and Church BBQ on July 14th after a rather damp Reach Fair.

The Outside Edge Art Group and Cambridge Open Studios are encouraging us to visit diverse local art exhibitions and enjoy a pub lunch and this is an excellent idea.

Once again we enjoy photographs of our local wildlife and thank Alison Lewis and Joss Goodchild for guiding us as to what to watch out for. Planting for the Reach Community Orchard is taking shape and the variety of suggestions is amazing – a feast of taste and texture sensations – David Thomas promises. Snakehall Farm will be having their own eggs in the farm shop and the National Trust has a splendid new bench. The variety of activities at Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey are certainly worth checking out.

The Steed family visited Sri Lanka and kindly donated a host of useful items to a school. Dylan has written all about it and includes some great photographs.

The Sports section includes an article by Karen Carpenter on Just Jhoom. The displays of this dance/exercise were one of the highlights of Reach Fair 2012. Felicity Blocksage is challenging her brother Daniel when it comes to cycling and Ben Snaith has impressed his dad and a few other people with his achievements in running.

And it's great news that the Parish Council has signed a lease with the National Trust for the 24Acres. Lots now to do but it'll be worth it!

See you at the Jubilee celebrations on June 4th and Church BBQ on July 14th.

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Reach Fair 2012



Unfortunately the weather was somewhat against us for most of the preceding couple of weeks and the forecast for the weekend of the Fair looked no better.

With the forecast predicting rain in the afternoon of Fair day, many decided not to venture out so predictably visitor numbers were somewhat down from last year for both the Sunday night quiz and Monday's Fair. Saying that - those that did attend appeared to still thoroughly enjoy themselves.

As mentioned the Sunday night quiz was fairly well supported despite the cold miserable weather and with the help of an auction arranged by Perrett's fairground, £100 was raised which will be going to MacMillan Nurses, as requested by the winning team "Sarkozy and Bruni" (the former Dyke's End team in another guise!). Many thanks go to Grahame Radford our noble Quiz Master for organising and running this very popular social event.



Fair day came and all was going quite well until the rain started at about 1.30pm and this put a bit of a dampener on things including the cancellation of some of the displays which was regrettable.

Typically the sun came out again just as it was time to clear up!

All in all crowd attendance was estimated to be a couple of thousand or so, again, much reduced when compared to recent years. Saying that, because of the popularity of this ancient Fair, the hardy souls that did turn up were not disappointed and due to their support we were still able to make a reasonable amount for the Village Centre funds. They also gave keen support for the various activities that we had arranged despite the weather and we thank them so much for that.

The interim results for the Fair are shown overleaf and will change slightly once all the invoices are received and final payments are made.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank all the members and volunteers who gave up their time throughout the year and on the day to ensure that this year's Fair ran as smoothly as possible. It goes without saying that without your help the Fair could never happen so we really appreciate all that you do to continue this May Day tradition. If anyone would like to consider joining the organising committee we would be delighted to welcome you as some of us are not getting any younger and fresh blood is always good.

Finally thanks again to everyone that helped this year and let's hope that next year the 'Weather God' will smile more favourably upon us!

Jan Tabecki
Chairman, Reach Village Centre Committee



Reach Fair Figures

Commercial Stalls	2012	2011	2010
Perrett - Fair	£1,500.00	£1,510.00	£1,430.00
Bar	£750.00	£750.00	£750.00
Food Stalls	£1,850.00	£1,750.00	£1,900.00
Craft Stalls	£450.00	£470.00	£810.00
Reach Residents Stalls	£255.08	£347.57	£269.00
Entertainment Stalls	£435.00	£400.00	£300.00
Information/Charity Stalls	*£190.00*	£0.00	£210.00

Village Stalls	2012	2011	2010
Car Park/Programmes	£2,470.19	£3,208.74	£3,360.25
Tea Tent	£575.40	£824.62	£858.78
BBQ	£569.49	£1,195.00	£750.00
Bottle Stall	£194.10	£98.06	£320.00
Cake Stall	£122.50	£222.60	£185.30
Salad Stall	£324.00	£524.72	£509.42
Coconuts	£215.10	£165.00	£188.56
Cream Teas	£0.00	£680.09	£541.20
Football	£65.30	£161.50	£122.00
Feed the Frog	£71.59	£183.39	£450.23
Programme Adverts	*£975.00*	£875.00	£850.00
Total	**£5,582.67**	**£8,138.72**	**£8,135.74**

Expenses	2012	2011	2010
Traction Engine	£0.00	£60.00	£60.00
Grass Cutting	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
St Johns Ambulance	*£240.00*	£204.00	£238.52
General Expenses	*£28.00*	£45.00	£106.62
Car Park	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,800.00
Parking (ATC)	£268.00	£268.00	£289.78
Face Painting	*£125.00*	£0.00	£0.00
PA System	*£420.00*	£420.00	£411.25
Story Teller	*£200.00*	£200.00	£200.00
Patchwork Circus	£210.00	£210.00	£210.00
Advertising	*£25.00*	£37.68	£21.38
Toilet Hire	£660.00	£670.00	£646.25
Policing	*£500.00*	£493.75	£444.98
Traffic Management	£1,185.30	£1,194.00	£1,116.25
Straw Bales	*£180.00*	£188.00	£151.20
Raptors	£170.00	£150.00	£95.00
Dance Troup	£100.00	£0.00	£76.38
Programmes	£1,560.00	£1,600.80	£1,175.00
Art Competition prizes	£18.36	£5.00	£20.00
Grand Draw	£200.00	£207.96	£225.00
1/3 share of BBQ/fencing	£472.80	£472.80	£0.00
Total	**£7,572.46**	**£7,436.99**	**£7,297.61**

Figures in italics are estimates and may change

Total	**£5,430.08**	**£5,227.57**	**£5,669.00**
Summary			
Commercial Stalls	£5,430.08	£5,227.57	£5,669.00
Village Stalls	£5,582.67	£8,138.72	£8,135.74
Total Income	£11,012.75	£13,366.29	£13,804.74
less Expenses	£7,572.46	£7,436.99	£7,297.61
Profit	**£3,440.29**	**£5,929.30**	**£6,507.13**

Share to Village Centre	£2,580.22	£4,446.98	£4,880.35
Share to Amenity Fund	£860.07	£1,482.33	£1,626.78

Baptism and Songs of Praise

The Eve of Reach Fair Baptism and Songs of Praise Service at St. Etheldreda's Church, Reach, was a very joyous occasion. After a welcome by our Vicar, the Rev. Eleanor Williams, baby Edward Aspin of Fair Green, Reach, was christened, surrounded by children who were invited to come closer to the font so they could observe the baptism. The children were then free to sit at tables and colour in pictures or play quietly with lego, or to join in with the Songs of Praise which followed. The church was packed and the hearty singing of hymns chosen by the Aspin family and other lay members was enjoyed by all.



Roger and Julie Aspin and the christening of Edward



Gerald and Karen Turner

Gerald and Karen Turner (née Greenhill) will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on June 20th 2012.

They were married at St Mary's Church in Swaffham Prior and this was followed by a reception and disco at Tillotsons Social Club in Burwell.



Gerald and Karen Turner in 1987

Karen, who moved to Reach in 1973 with her family - and Gerald, originally from Fulbourn, met at Reach Fair. Once married, they moved into a cottage overlooking the village Green. They subsequently moved to Great Lane with their two daughters Jodie and Leanne and granddaughter Ella-May.

They will be celebrating their anniversary by renewing their wedding vows in Reach church to be followed by a party with friends and family at the Five Miles From Anywhere Inn in Upware.

Outside Edge Art Group



Fen Barns by Joss Goodchild

Joss Goodchild, Dafila Scott and Hannah Webb, three artists from Reach, together with Cambridgeshire-based Cathy Parker, Vee Wallace from Exning and Julia Suddaby (Sudbury) form the newly launched art group Outside Edge.

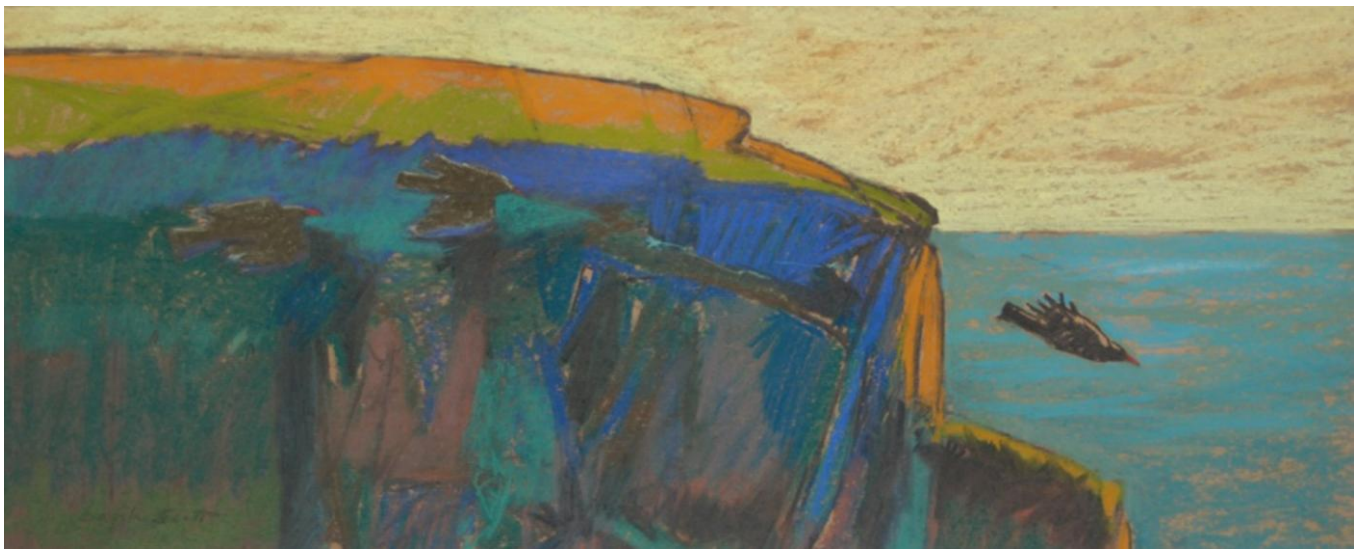


Walberswick by Hannah Webb

In July they showcase an exhibition of their paintings at St. Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior as part of the Cambridge Open Studios initiative. Their works are diverse and include landscape, portrait, wildlife and tree studies in representational, semi-abstract and abstract styles.

Opening times are 10am – 6pm on weekends: 7/8th and 14/15th July.

Admission is free and all are very welcome.



by Dafila Scott

Cambridge Open Studios 2012

What is Cambridge Open Studios?

Cambridge Open Studios is a membership group that collectively works to promote artists and their works in both Cambridge and also many surrounding towns and villages. All artists participating in Cambridge Open Studios will have work for sale irrespective of whether they are a working studio or an exhibition. A number of artists will also have postcards and or greeting cards for sale.

When is it?

Cambridge Open Studios is always in the month of July. This year Cambridge Open Studios are open 7th/8th, 14th/15th, 21st/22nd and 28th/29th July. If you'd like to see a particular artist check the guide book or website to see when artists are exhibiting. They may not be open all four weekends.

What can you expect from Cambridge Open Studios?

With just under 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge there really is something for everyone. From watercolour artists to potters, sculptors and woodworkers to jewellery designers, not to mention beautiful textiles and photography. The artists open their doors and welcome the public into their studios and homes to show off their beautiful works of art. It's a fantastic opportunity to gaze at amazing treasures and if you wish to, speak to the artist that created it.

You may even like to pick out a few artists from the guide who are exhibiting and create your own 'studio tour'. Remember the villages too and there are so often members exhibiting all within range of a pub offering a good pub lunch, so all in all a perfect day!

Entry: FREE

How to find out more ...

Look out for the free yellow guide book normally out in May/June - you can pick these up at libraries, galleries, tourist information and shops to mention just a few.

Follow us on twitter: @CamOpenStudios and Facebook.

www.camopenstudios.co.uk

A fantastic showcase for the artists and a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

Keep an eye out for the yellow flags flying to indicate an Open studio.

Cambridge Open Studios Mini-Guide

Below are your most local artist open studios. You will find the information concerning the days and times the artist will be exhibiting as well as their location, the genre of their work and their contact information as some studios are only available to visit by appointment.

The codes indicating which weeks the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows . . . .

7th and 8th July (1)

14th and 15th July (2)

21st and 22nd July (3)

28th and 29th July (4)



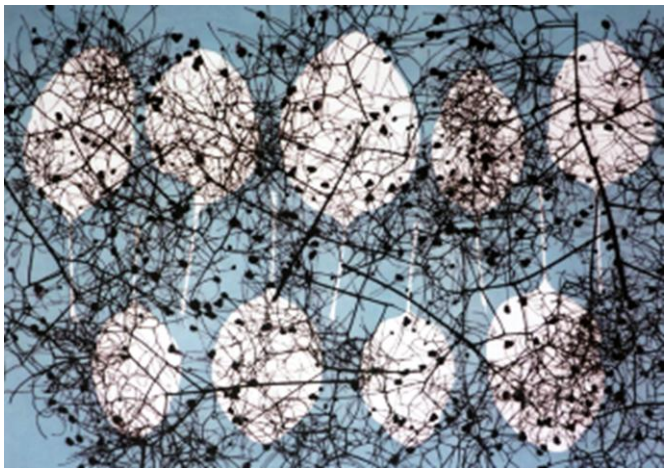
149 Matthew Blakely

Potter
9 Abbey Lane, Lode, Cambridge, CB25 9EP
01223 811959
smashingpots@uk2.net
www.matthewblakely.co.uk
Fresh, translucent, porcelain pots with aqueous glazes and earthy, wood-fired stoneware and porcelain. Please park on Lode High Street.
Weeks: (2) and (3) YES disabled access.



150 Emma Mitchell

Greenview Cottage, 31 Fair Green, Reach,
CB25 0JD
01638 741063
emma@minniedog.co.uk
www.emmamitchelldesigns.co.uk
Nature-inspired designs in hand-worked silver, enamel and gemstones. Blossom, hares, birds and structural plant forms. Beach-hut-style studio.
Weeks: (2) and (4) NO disabled access.



151 Susie Turner

Artist-printmaker
Printroom, The Old Station, Station Road, Stow-cum-Quy, Cambridge, CB25 9AJ
01223 750280
susie@susieturner.com
www.susieturner.com
Nature-inspired traditional and contemporary fine-art printmaking in a picturesque and unique location with easy parking and riverside walks nearby.
Weeks: (1), (2) and (3) YES disabled access.
Working Studio



152 Kari Karolia

Jewellery
Eeyore's Tail, 99 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge, CB25 0LX
kari.karolia@gmail.com
www.karidesign.co.uk
Unique beaded jewellery, influenced by vintage work, nature, architecture and other cultures. Studio in picturesque surroundings, opposite the Church.
Weeks: (3) and (4) YES disabled access.
Working Studio



153 Outside Edge

Painters
St Cyriac's Church, High Street, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0LD
Joss Goodchild, Cathy Parker, Dafila Scott, Julia Suddaby, Vee Wallace and Hannah Webb. Six painters create abstract, narrative and landscape works.
Weeks: (1) and (2) YES disabled access.



154 Paul Abbott

Oil painter
The Mill House, 11 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0JZ
01638 741537
paul@vividicity.com
www.vividicity.com
Bright, happy paintings from a vivid palette. Beaches, huts and rural views reflecting the local and east coast landscape.
Weeks: (1), (2) and (3) NO disabled access.
Working Studio



155 Tina Jost
Fine pen & ink
The White House, 32 Lower End, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0HT
01638 741750
Tina.Jost@Swaffham-Prior.co.uk
Working studio filled with fine 'pen & ink' drawings and illustrations of flora and fauna, houses and other works of art…
Weeks: (2) and (3) NO disabled access.
Working Studio

Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle

The theme of the third Reach Rainbow Crafts meeting on 8th May was Calligraphy and Card-making. These subjects attracted more participants than usual and children and adults alike enjoyed using the varied materials provided. The knitting group was also present. Tea, coffee and home-made cakes were served. Thanks to everyone who helped.

The theme of the fourth meeting on Tuesday 8th May (1.30 - 3pm) at Reach Village Centre was Embroidery (plus knitting). A short demonstration was given of how to work a few basic embroidery stitches and how to use a fabric pen and transfer sheets to place motifs on to a tray cloth. It was suggested that 3-D pin-cushions could be made later on, or articles could be made to sell for charity stalls. The knitters have now knitted almost enough squares to make a blanket. Tea, coffee and delicious home-made cakes were served. Thanks again go to all the helpers.



Because of the holidays, the next Crafts meeting will be on Tuesday 12th June from 1.30 - 3pm in Reach Village Centre. The theme will be a continuation of Embroidery and Knitting which will also be carried on in the last meeting before the summer break. The provisional date for the last meeting is 3rd July but please check with Zenida (01638 742029) in case the date needs to be altered. There will be no meeting in August.

Entry to the above meeting is free of charge.

Zenida McDonald
01638 742029

Italian Wine Tasting 18th May 2012



Malcolm Brearley and fiancée Belinda: I know that you know that I know it's a Uvaggio Sperino 2008.



Hugh de Lacy: Valpolicella Ripasso 2009. I'm getting juniper berries, white grapes, pepper, diesel, old socks….



Grahame Radford: how much for a Brachetto d'Acqui 2010!



Marie Bambrick: Marzemino 2011 what?



Katie Bjork (right): Love you Jo Mules but you're not getting my Pinot Grigio 2011 Pasqua

Italian Wine Tasting 18th May 2012



Philip Lewis: Buy a girl a Cortese 2011 Araldica and she'll be on your shoulder all evening



Patricia de Lacy: Dad, I didn't know Reach got so wild on a Friday night!
Hugh: I know, they can't handle the Barolo 2006 Araldica



Karen Carpenter (left): I've had some Cerasuolo d'Arbruzzo 2011 rose.
Grahame Radford (centre): I said I would take you straight home if you start misbehavin'.
Jane Seakins (right): A night out with these two……..

Oh Deer!



You need a lot of patience to be a wildlife photographer; luckily I have this in abundance. You also need to be quick off the mark with the snapping; unfortunately I'm still a bit slow in this department. Insects, my usual subject, often hang around so I've been aiming for larger and scattier prey.

Our garden is visited by deer that munch through whatever greenery take their fancy. Having discovered that they are living in the wood and since it's stopped raining all day and night, I've been stalking them. Like the paparazzi following an elusive celebrity, tiptoeing around the woodland, camera on a fast shutter speed and ready at a middle distance zoom. I think there was a pair of deer and when they got separated they started calling to each other.

Like a cross between a dog and a seal, a Muntjac's bark is quite piercing when you're close and I speak from experience when I say it's even more unpleasant at 5am in summer when the beast is just outside your open bedroom window!

I followed the barks and had several brief sightings over a few evenings with crunchy twigs and spooked birds often blowing my cover. However I did finally catch one! Though I have to admit it ended up being an easy(ish) victory. Although it seemed to be looking straight at me through the trees it stood in the same spot for about 10 minutes, occasionally calling to its mate who I had scared off. I had to kneel to get a clear shot through the leaves but I ended up with some nice images.

Alison Lewis



Egyptian Geese on the Fen



Reach wildlife is abundant at this lovely time of year. Small flocks of yellowhammer currently inhabit the Aves' farm roadside hedge and last week, whilst riding the short Barston Drove, Swaffham Prior, Reach route, I spied roe deer, marsh harrier, buzzard (x2), kestrel and stoat in just 40 minutes.

We were accompanied by overhead skylark song all the way.

In early May we were also fortunate enough to spot two Egyptian geese on an area of flooded field opposite New Gant Farm together with Lapwing. In Britain these geese are found mainly in East Anglia with North Norfolk holding the highest numbers. Here are a few Egyptian Geese facts:

- They breed widely in parts of Africa and were introduced to Britain (in the 18th century) as an ornamental wildfowl species. They escaped into the wild and now breed successfully in a feral state.
- They were considered sacred by the ancient Egyptians and appear in much of their artwork.
- They are related to the shelduck and measure 63 – 73cms long. Both male and female have identical pale brown and grey plumage with distinctive brown eye patches.
- Lakes, marshes and rivers are favoured habitat with vegetation, including growing crops, their main diet.
- They are most commonly seen in pairs or small groups and they pair for life.
- Both parents take turns incubating the eggs on a nest the female builds from reeds, leaves and grass.

Lastly .....

Like many others we have a bay tree in the garden which didn't survive the winter. We talked about removal but on inspection found a pair of beady eyes returning our scrutiny. A blackbird had nested deep in the foliage and happily the young fledged last week. This leads me onto a recent conversation with Ron Greenhill, who expressed concern regarding tree removal and hedge cutting in and around the village - and its subsequent (often disastrous) disturbance to nesting birds. I looked up the RSPB's policy (www.rspb.org.uk/advice/gardening/planting/hedges/the_law.aspx) regarding this and it may be worth noting that they set out the following guidelines:

We recommend that cutting hedges and trees is avoided between March and August as this is the main breeding season for nesting birds.

It is an offence under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981 to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. It will be an intentional act, for example, if you or your neighbour know there is an active nest in the hedge and still cut the hedge, damaging or destroying the nest in the process.

Joss Goodchild



Egyptian geese on land opposite New Gant Farm

Reach Community Orchard – Selecting What We'll Grow



Last week we received the exciting news that our first application for funding for the community orchard has been approved. We don't have all the money that's needed, but it is a great start and it has provided an added incentive to start selecting the fruit tree varieties we would like to grow. Although planting won't take place until about December, for some of the more rare, unusual and local varieties we need to place an order with the nursery by June if we are to be sure of getting what we want.

In response to the request in the last *Within Reach* several people wrote with suggestions and a small team of enthusiasts has formed (there is room for more…!) to plan the orchard and make a selection.

What has resulted is based on a combination of local recommendations, requests, remembered fruits, old favourites, likely demand and with a strong theme of varieties local to the Cambridge, Essex, Norfolk area.

The orchard should provide a feast of taste and texture sensations for anyone who loves their fruit! We have come up with a list of 154 trees of 65 individual varieties. This is made up of 18 cooking apple trees, 70 dessert apples, 6 dual purpose apples, 6 cherry trees, 20 plum/gage trees, 16 dessert pears, 4 cooking pears, and 14 'other' trees (medlar, quince, fig, walnut and wild crab apple).

There isn't space here to describe all of these in detail, though anyone interested can find the provisional list on the Reach Village website within our Working Document which can be downloaded from:.

http://www.reach-village.co.uk/24Acres_Project.html

STOP PRESS!

I am delighted to be able to confirm that the Parish Council has now signed a 25 year lease with the National Trust for the land. This can also be downloaded from the above web page.



But here are just a few of the varieties on the list to give you a 'flavour' of what has been selected.

Among the cooking apples we have old favourites like Bramley's Seedling on the list, but also local varieties such as Cottenham Seedling which was, as the name suggests, raised in Cottenham. It is described as 'a long-keeping cooking apple with a delicate pale yellow, slightly greasy skin'. Given his connections with Cambridge we've also included Isaac Newton's Tree (otherwise known as the Flower of Kent). Though this is probably not one to risk sitting under, described as 'this hefty cooker' it has an old-fashioned, bumpy shape with green skin that flushes red where the sun shines on it.

We have no less than 27 varieties of dessert apples on the list (and three dual purpose varieties). These include some that may be well known (Egremont Russet, Discovery, Worcester Pearmain) but most others won't be that familiar. It is here that some of the most intriguing names are found: Barnack Beauty, D'Arcy Spice, Pitmaston Pineapple, Thoday's Quarrenden, William Crump and Sops in Wine for example.



We've gone for fewer cherry trees (just six, of six different varieties), given the problems generally experienced with birds and also because the fruit doesn't keep. They include Polstead Black (Polstead in Suffolk is famous for its cherries – as well as being the scene of the notorious 'Murder in the red Barn' in 1827!).

The list of seven pear varieties also includes some that are fairly local including 'Robin' from Norfolk, described by one of the nurseries as 'the best Norfolk pear, some would say the best of all pears! Small, red flushed fruits on the sunny side. 'Sweet and juicy when ripe in August'. There are also a couple of cooking pears on the list including 'Black Worcester' (which oddly enough is a local Bedfordshire variety). Also known as old Warden, Warden pie was mentioned by Shakespeare ("I must have Saffron to colour the Warden Pies", *The Winter's Tale* iv.3).

For plums and gages we've selected a number of local varieties which are said to be very good, including Cambridge Gage which dates back to 1800 ('a greenish yellow skinned gage, larger in size and better cropping than Green Gage, soft, juicy, extremely sweet'). We've also included Purple Pershore which comes recommended as 'one of the best culinary plums, excellent for jams and stewing'.

And finally we have included a range of other fruit (and nut) trees likely to be of interest, including Quince ('Serbian Gold'), Medlar (Royal and Nottingham), Mulberry (Jerusalem), Fig (Brown Turkey) and Walnut (Broadview).

This is by no means the last word. If there are varieties which you would love to see grown please let us know and we'll add them to the list.

David Thomas

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What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

On the 18th April over 30 Co-workers, staff and volunteers stepped out on a Sponsored Walk to support the Prospects Trust's Polytunnel Appeal, with our 'Rover Reporter', *Mable the dog:*

Hello, my name is *Mable* and with two of my doggy friends (*Percy* Pug and *Kiera* Labrador) plus a whole bunch of Prospects Trust types tagging along, we led a sponsored walk one sunny day in April. Putting our best paw forward we explored the lanes around the Farm, in and out of Reach and up and over the Devil's Dyke.

We raised over £1,000 which will provide a new cover for one of the polytunnels at Snakehall Farm. The highlight for me was finding a tasty dead hare, but others collected feathers and twigs which added interest and made our time most enjoyable. Half-way around we stopped for a welcome bowl of water at the pub in Reach – some of the humans drank from glasses – but I was very grateful to George Gibson and the staff of *The Dyke's End* for the provisions. Our vintage tractor followed behind kindly driven by Ron. I noticed that it was the children who weakened and took rides in the trailer. It was really good to see everyone trying hard to make the distance and keep going. Now we can afford to buy a polytunnel skin, so when I next visit the farm there will be a nice dry place for a quiet snooze. Someone also said something about wanting to grow vegetables in it too; I'm quite partial to a juicy carrot!

Eggstatic News!

We are all in a flap this Spring with the arrival of some new faces, well beaks actually, to Snakehall Farm. Taking up residence in our first ever farm office, a very retro caravan, our new feathered friends look forward to a tranquil haven of hospitality in our wood area. Over the winter the Co-workers have been opening up pathways through the trees, creating a nature trail and seating area within the peaceful and previously inaccessible woodland. We have added a new hedge of native specimens and some nesting boxes to encourage wildlife to also take up residency alongside our new chicks on the block. The Caravan of Oeuf has become the most chic (with a k) des res for all ex-battery hens. We do hope that our harem of hens will be happy in their new home. We will be providing updates from "Planet Oeuf" in future editions and on our Facebook page TillyTractor.

What's in the Snakehall Farm Shop?

Over the coming months it won't just be eggs in the farm shop but as always fresh, 0 food miles, organic edibles. With May bringing promised crops of carrots, red cabbage and peas, beetroot, radishes, new potatoes, garlic in June and onions in September, our on-site farm shop will be a riot of flavour and organic goodness. All the usual perfect produce will be in stock from crunchy salad bags to leafy greens, as well as our organic herbs. So if your kitchen garden needs a spring infusion, why not pop in and buy some Prospects Pots. All sown, grown, graded for you by our Co-workers. Don't forget to bring your old books and recycle your reading too, for a suggested donation of a £1 per book you can take home veg, eggs and a novel to read too.

Give and Gain with Grant Thornton

We had a fabulous day of hard work from some great volunteers participating in the national "Give and Gain Day".

On Friday 18th May a team from Grant Thornton donned their wellies and got stuck in at Snakehall Farm. A day of free labour and we are now the proud guardians of a freshly painted portakabin, the chicken's Caravan of Oeuf got a freshen up, our Eco-garden has been planted with a burst of springtime colour and the Snake of Snakehall has been brightened up too. The team even got to grips with our 18 acres of organic weeds. We salute their hard work and hope to see them on the farm again. If you are looking for a novel team-building away day for your business, contact Maz Baker on maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk for more details.

Prospects Trust Polytunnel Partners Appeal 2012

Mable has already informed you of our Polytunnel Partners Appeal, with the Co-workers doing their bit to raise some much-needed funds. We were very fortunate to double their sponsorship through the use of Local Giving. We participated in the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation's Local Match Fund and have been very lucky in raising an additional £1,000 to put towards the Polytunnel Appeal.
http://localgiving.com/charity/prospectstrustatsnakehallfarm

We now have a growing list of Polytunnel Partners, sponsors including; ARM, Cambridge Organic Food Company (COFCO), Queens College Cambridge and longstanding Co-worker Maggie Sinclair. Of course after all their hard work on the Spring Walk our Co-workers are now the proud "Gold" sponsors.

"Prospects Trust Polytunnel Partners Appeal 2012" is a unique opportunity to support our growing this year. We have created a novel sponsorship package to hopefully suit all donors from our Gold Sponsorship of a whole polytunnel to a "co-operative" tunnel for smaller donations. If you are interested in sponsoring a whole, half, quarter or part share of one of our polytunnels, give Maz a call or email maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk for sponsorship forms.

For your donation you will be formally acknowledged on professionally produced signs, receive a Co-worker letter of thanks including a signed photograph of your chosen polytunnel and get regular updates from the farm. We will also be hosting a farm event later in the year to thank our Polytunnel Partners.

Prospects Placements

We are pleased to welcome some new faces to the farm this Spring, David Fuller and Sam Baldwin join us for two days a week. We are also pleased to welcome back a familiar face, David Armsby, who is coming every Thursday with his support worker Doug. Even with these newcomers we still have a vacancy for new Co-worker placements at Snakehall Farm. Offering one to two days per week, 50 weeks of the year, we can provide a supportive growing environment for adults with learning difficulties, disabilities and those with varying health needs. For more details about our placements on the farm and garden team contact Rhian Elis on 01638 741551 or email rhian.elis@prospectstrust.org.uk.



Volunteers "Give and Gain Day"

And finally it was great to see old and new customers alike at Reach Fair, even in the rain, but remember our shop is open dawn to dusk seven days a week so you can keep enjoying the perfect seasonal organic produce all year around. We hope to see you popping into the shop over the coming months, don't forget to sign our visitor's book and give us feedback on our services and produce.

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News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



A topsy turvey start to spring with drought and then virtually constant rain has considerably delayed the onset of spring. The cuckoos who returned earlier than usual are desperately waiting for reed warblers to start nesting before they can breed, but the delay in reed growth along the Lode banks and ditches is slowing everything down. On the plus side there has been amazing sightings of hobbies in recent weeks with up to 20 birds feeding on mayflies along Wicken Lode. There have also been several sightings of cranes flying over Baker's Fen.

Talking of mayflies, this is the name we've chosen for our new electric powered passenger boat. The name, Mayfly, was suggested by a local Wicken resident who as a young school girl remembers sailing a raft made by their class down to Reach for the Fair. Boat trips run four times a day at weekends and Bank Holidays at 12.30pm (and 2pm subject to demand) on weekdays. Trips last 50 minutes and cost £3.80 for adults and £1.90 for children.

Thanks to the generosity and fundraising efforts of members of the Chelmsford, Colchester and North Essex National Trust Associations, we have been able to purchase two disability tricycles and a tricycle tag bike for our cycle hire fleet. The tricycles are ideally suited for children and adults with physical or learning disabilities. Cycle hire is available at Wicken Fen at weekends and school holidays until 4th November, 10am - 5pm (last hire 3pm). Hire rates for children's/adult bikes are £5/£7 for two hours or £10/£14 for the whole day.

Talking of cycling, the Lodes Way Portrait Bench was formally unveiled on Sunday 20 May.

The bench with life-size images of an Eel Catcher, Fen Skater and Victorian Entomologist cut from weathered steel is located on the Southern side of Reach Lode Bridge. The Portrait Bench is part of a nationwide art project supported by the Big Lottery Fund, who are funding the development of new walking and cycling routes, each of which will eventually have a Portrait Bench.

This year we are looking to increase the range and scope of volunteering opportunities for families at both Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey, so we've come up with the idea of **Family Muck in Days**. The activities are suitable for all the family to enjoy and will provide the perfect opportunity for families to spend time together in the outdoors whilst undertaking some really useful conservation activities. The next two programmes are as follows;

Saturday 16 June, 11am - 2.30pm – Anglesey Abbey. Habitat building in the Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery Area including construction of insect hotels and reptile shelters.

Saturday 21 July, 1 - 4pm – Wicken Fen. Wildlife Watch – wildlife surveying for the Wicken Fen bio-blitz challenge.



The children who helped unveil the bench are from local schools who voted for the characters on the bench. Kathryn Cane, aged 10, from Swaffham Prior School and Reach is seated far left.

To help us plan the 'Muck in's' it would appreciated if you could let Lois Baker, our Community Officer know if you plan to come – please drop Lois a quick email at lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk or phone the visitor centre on 01353 720274.

Last month the Trust launched **50 Things to Do Before You're 11¾'s**, a major initiative to re-connect children with the countryside and nature. The list of 50 things include a range of exciting activities from skimming stones, making grass trumpets to tracking animals and camping out in the wild.

You can collect your '50 Things' booklet at Wicken Fen or Anglesey Abbey or find out more online at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50things.

We will be holding our first ever **Wildflower Festival** from Saturday 16 June – Sunday 1 July. In late spring the fen is a riot of colour with an amazing range of flowers including early marsh and southern marsh orchids. Throughout the festival we will be organising a series of self-guided and Warden-led walks to introduce you to the amazing flowers of the fen.

Other June events at Wicken include a **Queen Bee Party** on Wednesday June 6th, 10.30am or 2pm, £4.75 **–** enjoy a right royal party insect-style – learning about bees, honey and try your skills at waggle dancing (fancy dress Royal or insect themed optional), **Pond Dipping with Bug Hunting** on Thursday June 7th, timed tickets from 10.30am, £1.75 plus 50p for optional bug hunt; **Mucky Pups …Summer Shimmer** on Wednesday June 13th – art and craft activities for pre-schoolers £3.95; **Willow & Rush Frame Baskets Workshop** on Saturday June 23rd 9.45am - 5.30pm. Tickets available on 01353 720274.



For weeks we've had to keep it a secret – but now we can reveal that we will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at Anglesey Abbey on Bank Holiday Monday (4 June,10.30am - 5.30pm) with a **Jubilee Fete** starring two of our nations hero's, Wallace and Gromit.

Throughout the day we will be showing Wallace and Gromit films on a large screen on the East Lawn including a special mini animation – A Jubilee Bunt-A-Thon, made especially by Aardman Animations for the National Trust. Leading Aardman model maker, Tandie Langton, will also be leading workshops to help you make your very own plasticine Gromit. Throughout the day there will lots of stalls and good old fashioned family entertainment and activities such as 'splat the rat', guess how many sweets in the jar, tug of war and a knobbly knees contest.

So why not pack a picnic and come and join us for a fun-packed family day out to celebrate the Jubilee (normal admission applies)? [**Sub Ed** – because we'll all be at the Garden Party in Reach!].

Details of all events at Anglesey Abbey including our outdoor theatre season which starts with Shakespeare's classic '**Much Ado about Nothing'** from Thursday 12 – Saturday 14 July can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey/things-to-see-and-do/events

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CROSSWORD WINNER

Congratulations to Mrs Susan Bluck of Reach who has won the prize for Zenida's Crossword No. 12. A £5 book token is on its way to her.

SOLUTION TO ZENIDA'S CROSSWORD No. 12

ACROSS: 1. BADMINTON. 5. WIN. 8. SHOOT.
11. SNOOKER. 12. RANT. 13. LACROSSE.
15. TIDDLEYWINK. 17. CUE. 19. WAVE.
21. SPECTATORS. 22. RAGE. 25. OVER. 26. SILVER.
28. CRICKET. 30. LUDO. 34. WHISTLE. 35. RACE.
37. KNIGHT. 42. NO. 43. SPY. 44. WEIGHTLIFTER.
47. REPEATS. 48. SIDE. 49. SURFBOARD. 50. LAG.

DOWN: 1. BALLOON. 2. DISCUS. 3. ONSET.
4. SORRY. 6. NET. 7. WOOD. 8. SKILL. 9. HE.
10. TRAINER. 14. SHUTTLECOCK. 16. KING.
18. TRACK. 20. AILS. 21. SAVE. 23. ERROR.
24. FIT. 27. VOLLEYBALL. 29. CIRCUITS.
31. USE. 32. SHOWER. 33. HINT. 36. COWARD.
38. GOLFER. 39. TIFF. 40. PASS. 41. RINK.
45. HITS. 46. REAR.

Burwell Women's Institute

The Burwell W.I. Annual Meeting was held on March 29th when the speaker was Mrs Rachel Conn, a solicitor practising in Burwell. Mrs Conn gave a talk about the 'Power of Attorney' and she was thanked for her helpful advice.

The Burwell W.I. Committee retained the same members in post except for two retiring assistants, who were thanked for their past services and have been replaced by other volunteers (one of whom will act as Deputy President).

At the Burwell W.I. meeting on April 26th the speaker was Mr Vic Botterill who gave a very interesting talk about how he became a 'Five Minute Palmist'. He talked about the history of palmistry and how the hand has been assigned different interpretations over the centuries causing some confusion regarding the veracity of contradictory versions. As well as explaining the possible meanings of the lines and 'mounds' on the palm Mr. Botterill showed us how to classify the shape of the hand as Square, Spatulate, Conic, Psychic or a mixture of these and helped each person individually to name their hand shape. Mr Botterill was thanked for his entertaining talk.



Future meetings June and July:

June 28th	Mrs Vivien Honeyborne will talk about 'Martins Health Care'. The competition will be for 'The Prettiest Shoe (real or ornamental)'.
July 26th	Open Meeting. Theme: 'Traditional Toys. Come and play!' The competition will be for 'An Old Toy'.

Meetings are held in the Gardiner Memorial Hall, Burwell, at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Please contact Jenny on 01638 741205 for further information.

Zenida McDonald

Burwell Mothers' Union

At the Burwell Mothers' Union Meeting on April 25th at Burwell, it was lovely to see Susan Baker, our leader, back with us. Despite her broken leg, Susan had drawn up an interesting theme for the meeting and prepared many interesting activities for us, developed from John 15: 1-8, about The True Vine. The Mothers' Union was depicted as the Vine and its branches held all the different aspects of the Mothers' Union from finance and training, to faith and policy, Diocesan links, prayer, support for projects here and overseas, Away from it all Holidays and famine relief. We did word searches, decorated bookmarks, made marzipan 'grapes' and composed our own prayers inspired by the excerpt from the Gospel of St. John. We all had a thoroughly enjoyable time and our thanks go to Susan for her devotion to the Mothers' Union meetings at Burwell. Future meetings June and July:

13th June	7.30pm	Planning and wine meeting.
27th June	2.30pm	Strawberry tea.
11th July	10.00am	Mothers' Union Communion, St. Mary's, Burwell.
11th July	7.30pm	Giving people a 'good' listening to. Susan.
25th July		Lunch. Both groups.

For more information please contact Susan Baker on 01638 741791.

Zenida McDonald

Meeting Marie Bambrick



Q. What is your full name and where were you born and brought up?
A. Marie Bambrick. The latter is probably Norse in origin. I was brought up in Ballaghaderreen, County Roscommon in the West of Ireland.

Q. Has the area changed much?
A. Ireland as a whole has changed dramatically but there are still a lot of people, like my mother, who have lived through the boom and decline but without it making a lot of difference to them. When I go home to Ballaghaderreen it's still very much the town that I remember. I left when I was 13 and went away to school. The latter was St Louis Convent, Kiltimagh, County Mayo, an all girls' boarding school.

Q. Was it a strict Catholic school?
A. It was Catholic but the emphasis was on education and the fact that it was Catholic was a 'given'. The nuns were the first feminists that I met; they were very keen that the girls should do well. We were encouraged to go to university and they had high expectations for us. I liked school. I got opportunities that I would not have had otherwise: there were debating teams, a school orchestra and drama. It was new, exciting and I was very happy.



Marie at school aged 17 - second from the left

Q. What were your career ambitions?
A. I had wanted to be a nurse ever since I was six years old. At school I had to choose between science and domestic science and I was inclined to domestic science for the food at the end! But based on my career choice, nursing, I chose science. In my third year at school a teacher asked me if I was interested in medicine and was very encouraging. I thought it would be too difficult but she convinced me I had the potential and I studied medicine at Galway University. I loved university except for cramming for the exams at the end of each year.

I joined the literary and debating societies, the walking club and had a great time. I studied hard. I couldn't afford to lose my scholarship or re-take exams in the holidays. I worked in the summer vacations to supplement my scholarship. America was a popular destination for vacation work but I chose London. I had worked in London between school and university at the Regent Palace Hotel as a chambermaid. During my university holidays I continued to do the same sort of work. I loved living in London. We were right in the middle of the West End.



Marie's graduation

Q. What brought you to England?
A. When I graduated I went to Australia where I had a sister and I worked in Sydney for three years. After Sydney I went back to Ireland and trained to be a GP. During my training I became more interested in psychiatry and when I finished my GP training I got on to a specialist training scheme in Nottingham, where I did all my psychiatric training and had my first consultant post. I specialised in the psychiatry of Learning Disabilities.

I then came to Cambridge in 1994 when the opportunity arose to work in a service that was actively involved in closing the Ida Darwin as a long-stay hospital and resettling its residents into community homes. It was an exciting place to be especially with the development of community services. My last job was in Forensic Psychiatry in a semi-secure unit for adults with Learning Disabilities.

Q. What did you like in particular about Cambridge and did you have a bicycle with a wicker basket on the front?
A. I had a bicycle with a wire basket and it was stolen when I loaned it to a friend. Initially I found Cambridge unfriendly compared to Nottingham, but I gradually found my feet. I loved Cambridge particularly because there was so much going on. I lived only a 15 minute walk from the city centre. It's a beautiful city.

Q. How did you come to live in Reach?
A. Hugh and I met 13 years ago. In 2009 we both decided to take early retirement. My work was stressful and I felt that I had had enough. Hugh was living in Norwich. After 13 years of courtship we decided to throw our lot in together and buy a house. This was not a whirlwind romance! Cambridge was too expensive so we looked at some of the villages. We fell in love with this house. I thought I would continue my life focussed on Cambridge when we moved but I discovered that Reach was a fantastic place to live in. I've met more people socially in the last two years than I did in my 15 years in Cambridge. I could express the usual clichés about Reach. Basically it's a friendly, active community and we are delighted to have stumbled upon it.



Marie on her wedding day!

Q. You married recently in Australia. Was it lovely?
A. The Australian wedding was fantastic except for the torrential rain. I am one of ten children and three of my sisters and four of my brothers were there, extended family plus old friends. We had a terrific time. Our wedding celebrations have been staggered rather like the Queen's celebration of her Diamond Jubilee.

When we came back from Australia we had a `do' in the Village Centre and we have had various other outings and more to come. This is my first marriage at the tender age of 58 so I'm making the most of it!

Q. Are you a cat lover?
A. I have two cats, twins Oscar and Lucinda

Q. You seem to be pretty cultured enjoying plays and book festivals. Is that right?
A. I don't know about cultured but I love the theatre, films and read avidly. My favourite film is "Harold and Maud" from 1971, with the soundtrack by Cat Stevens. It's about a 24 year old, Harold, with a death wish, who falls in love with 79 year old Maude. It's funny and moving. My favourite book is Lucky Jim (Kingsley Amis). It is one of the few comic novels that makes me laugh out loud.

Q. Can you cook?
A. I love to cook but I'm not sure that I am good at it. I do like reading cookery books.

Q. Are you any good at DIY?
A. Definitely no. Hugh is the DIY expert, IT specialist and gardener. I like reading gardening books and maybe that makes me a theoretical gardener.

Q. What's your philosophy on life?
A. That's easy, do unto others as you would have done to you.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund stands at the sum of **£3,424.51.**

It has been agreed to support the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Party to a maximum level of £1,000 but it is expected that this will be less than £500.

Now that the 24Acres lease is in place, the Amenity Fund Committee have agreed to funding of £1,750 towards the venture with the possibility of another £250 towards the Observatory, subject to further information being provided.

Reach Fair was somewhat disappointing and will provide income to the fund of approximately £850, but that is English weather for you and over the years this will balance out.

It is pleasing to see that the rewards of the Fair over so many years may be used to support the exciting new village amenities on the 24Acres.

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Tuesday 12th June 2012
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Meetings take place in the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. They start at 7.30pm and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend.

In addition to their councillor duties **Rita Dunnett** is Play Spaces Officer and **Hilary Fielding** is Rights of Way Officer.

RaSP Signs up 100th Customer

RaSP passed a significant milestone earlier this year with the connection of the 100th subscriber to the system. Since the bandwidth upgrade of the network last year the growth of RaSP has accelerated with a more than 30% increase in subscribers over the past 12 months. This is good news for everyone on RaSP because more subscribers bring additional funds into RaSP which in due course may enable us to purchase further bandwidth on the main optical fibre; this would provide everyone with a faster connection (currently well over half of RaSP's income is spent on the rental of bandwidth on the fibre).

Cambridgeshire Broadband Funding

In the course of a recent meeting with a representative of East Cambridge District Council, RaSP learned more detail about how the government's much trumpeted 'superfast' broadband scheme will be implemented in Cambridgeshire.

BT will be spending 2.5 billion of their own money to bring fast broadband to 66% of the UK population by 2015 – this will cover urban areas but will leave much of rural Britain on slow connections.

The government has allocated an additional £580M of central funding to upgrade broadband in rural areas, but with a minimum target speed of only 2Mb/s which is slow by modern standards (RaSP is already delivering 5Mb/s). Peterborough and Cambridge are receiving £6.75M of this funding but Cambridge is adding significant local funding to increase the total to £30M. A tendering process has just commenced in which Cambridgeshire is seeking a single large contractor to implement a rural broadband scheme using the £30M plus matching funds from their own resources making a total of £60M. The aim of this spend is to provide a broadband service of at least 25Mb/s to 90% of the population of Cambridgeshire by 2015.

Which areas will be part of the 90% is not yet public and probably won't be published for about 12 months when the tendering process has been completed. It is also not entirely clear what service will be provided to the unfortunate 10%.

A big disappointment for RaSP is that all the money to be spent in Cambridgeshire will be in the hands of the selected large contractor with no money available to RaSP or other local groups. This is a pity since some modest funding to purchase more bandwidth on the fibre would have enabled RaSP to provide a local 25Mb/s service by the end of 2012, 3 years ahead of the grand scheme.

Hugh de Lacy

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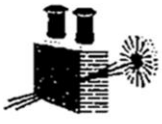

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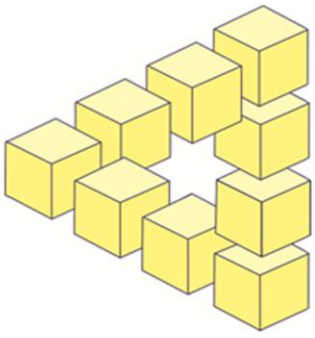

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There is one place that the flags and bunting won't be out for the jubilee - at the offices of the Guardian. That is not to say that the newspaper's commentators will be enjoying themselves. They will be wheeling out their finest in order to push once more that remarkably unsuccessful of campaigns: - to persuade us that we would all be better off as a republic.

Last time around – the Golden Jubilee, that is – the paper confidently predicted that the event would turn out to be an embarrassment, a damp squib compared with the celebrations of 1977. The leader writers then had to beat a hasty retreat when the celebrations attracted mass crowds to the Mall – rather few of them waving republican banners. Okay, they wrote: we were all showing our personal affection for the Queen, while underneath we recognised that monarchy was a rotten, outdated system which couldn't last.

We'll be doing it again this year, of course - toasting Elizabeth II while privately muttering to ourselves how much better we would all be if we had an elected president in Buckingham Palace. I think not. Support for republicanism has hardly shifted during the Queen's reign: it has remained a surly undercurrent, supported by a fairly constant quarter of the population. It has risen a little since the mid 1990s, the nadir of the royal family's fortunes. As for 1977, anti-monarchy opinion was more prominent then than it is now. The alternative anthem of the Silver Jubilee, you might remember, was the Sex Pistols' rendition of God Save the Queen, with its second line 'and her fascist regime'.

It would have been too much to expect a coherent argument from Sid Vicious, but even in one line he managed to miss the point. A strong part of the British public's support for monarchy is that it is a guard against fascism. The lesson of Germany, Russia, Italy and Spain was that once you dump your monarch you may enjoy a few months or years of liberal democracy before you end up with a dictatorship, whether it be from the right or left.

The beauty of a monarchy is that the head of state is not a political figure. There is scramble for power at the very top, our head of government is no more than a humble servant of the crown. For any politician who aspires to absolute power the weekly audience with the monarch at Buckingham Palace serves as a reminder of the limits of the prime minister's office.

You don't have to have an especially popular monarch to achieve the benefit of keeping a prime minister in his or her place - anyone will do who respects the system and keeps their nose out of politics.

Anyone tempted to dabble with republican views should think of what would be the reality of the alternative – the unseemly sight of Tony Blair and Gordon Brown fighting it out for the right to reside in splendour at the end of the Mall. That ought to be enough to concentrate anyone's mind.

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I sympathise with that sentiment, especially since the pub is closed at lunchtime – I have to travel further afield.

In the big wide world there was nothing special to report. Pope John Paul II returned home to Poland as the first Roman Catholic pontiff to visit a Communist-ruled country.

United States President Jimmy Carter and Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev signed Salt II, the first arms-reduction treaty between the two super powers. This restricted both sides to 2,400 missile launchers each – I bet that made us feel a whole lot safer!



The US space laboratory, Skylab I, plunged to Earth, scattering debris across the southern Indian Ocean and sparsely populated Western Australia.

Former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe walked out of the Old Bailey a free man, after a jury cleared him of the attempted murder of Norman Scott. His career was finished however – he now lives in Devon at the grand old age of 83 – but suffers from Parkinson's disease.

In Reach, "Out of Reach" magazine was runner up to the Swaffham Crier in the Cambridge Evening News community magazines contest – and received a prize of £12.50. Coincidentally Within Reach has entered the current competition this week, with the results being announced at the end of June.

Reach Fair took place and appears to have had the kind of weather which we experienced this year. It is interesting to read in the June issue of Out of Reach how different the Fair was in those days. No big fairground as we have now; but a Horse Sale – when sadly just one pony was on offer and that didn't reach its reserve price.

Excitingly, Out of Reach had an irate "letter to the Editor". In the May issue the results of a village survey had been announced (as reported in this column in our previous issue). The then Reach Branch of the Conservative Association who only distributed the questionnaires did not want to be associated closely with the published interpretation of the results. Not quite "Mowergate" but quite fun and worth a read (it's on the website).

In the July 1979 issue of Within Reach there is an excellent article from H. B. C. Jones which outlines some of Reach's history. Again, I'd recommend a read.

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QUESTION?

What type of cheese do you get when you put a paper bag over a horse's head?

ANSWER

Marscapone

Little Windmills Pre-school

Reach Fair was a great success in terms of raising funds despite the rain! We raised £254. A big thank you must go to the committee and staff for their hard work before and on the day itself.
At the end of June we will once again be taking part in the Big Toddle to raise money for Barnardo's so if you spot a crowd of toddlers and their parents descending on the field that is what we are doing!

This term we have been talking about growth. We have planted broad beans and cress and measured our bodies and feet. We have also been celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by making crowns and flags, making sandwiches for our very own 'street party' and making and sending a card to the Queen. We look forward to receiving a reply!

If you would like to know more about Little Windmills, please visit our website at www.littlewindmills.co.uk or ring 07803 671200 during our session times to check availability.

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills team

Swaffham Prior Primary School

At the end of the spring term we held our Easter service and welcomed Simon Goddard to lead it. The children played and sang a selection of Easter music and read some thoughtful readings. Their performances were confident and very enjoyable!

We finished the term by celebrating the installation of our new High Sheriff, Penny Walkinshaw. The whole school went to St Mary's Church and waved flags and shouted three cheers. We felt very special as we were the first people to see her leave the church as the new High Sheriff.

Our new term has begun and we are now beginning to think about the Olympic and Paralympic Games as a school. Over the holidays the children were given an Olympic challenge. They were to choose a sport linked to the Olympic Games e.g. cycling, gymnastics, swimming, trampolining, football, tennis, walking, horse riding and basketball and set their own personal challenge. The response was incredible and challenges included cycling 10 miles, learning to play tennis and completing five rallies, swimming long distances, completing set numbers of jumps on a horse, scoring a set number of goals and practising and refining moves in gymnastics and judo. There are now several displays in school featuring the wide and varied sporting feats that the children have undertaken.

On the first Monday back the children spent an afternoon in mixed age groupings researching and making flags of some of the countries participating in the Games. These were used, along with Olympic themed T-shirts that KS2 designed, during a parade on the Wednesday to mark 100 days to the opening of the Games. On that Wednesday we also participated in a Cambridgeshire schools Olympic dance challenge, again to mark the 100 days.

On Monday 30th April we welcomed into school Barbara Leverett. She came to talk to the children about her experiences as a world champion in the triathlon (in the 60-65 years category). Barbara brought in examples of the clothing that she wears for the Triathlon and some of her medals. The children were then given the opportunity to ask her questions and found out about what inspired her and the need for determination and practise.



Maypole Dancing at Reach Fair
Imogen Trump (centre)

Reach Fair took place on Monday 7th May (Bank Holiday) and it proved to be a very enjoyable event although a bit wet! Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children competently demonstrated maypole dancing to celebrate the opening of the fair by the Mayor of Cambridge. They danced with confidence and displayed fantastic teamwork and problem solving skills. Many thanks to Mrs Walker for preparing the children so well and for those who came and gave invaluable moral support. It is wonderful to continue the tradition and see children from the local community take part (photographs of the event can also be seen on the Cambridge Evening News website). Thanks also go to FoSPS (Friends of Swaffham Prior School) for organising the barrow at Reach Fair. A sum of nearly £500 was raised which is a fantastic addition to the Trim Trail fund.

We are now looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June and KS2 are beginning to prepare for their summer play. Alongside this we are continuing to focus on the Olympics and Paralympics.

Torch Event: The Olympic torch will be travelling through Cambridge on Saturday 7th July. Four local schools have got together to organise their own torch event on Monday 9th July 2012. Two children will be leaving Bottisham Primary School at approximately 9.30 am to run with an adult (and a torch of course!) to Swaffham Bulbeck C of E Primary School. Here they will be met by the children waving flags and cheering them on.

They will be presented with medals and the torch will be handed over to the runners from Swaffham Bulbeck. These runners will then carry the torch to Swaffham Prior C of E School where they will be greeted by cheering children ready for their presentation. The torch will be passed on to be carried to Burwell. On the outskirts of the village, children from Burwell School will meet them so that they can then carry the torch back to their school. They will also be met by enthusiastic children encouraging them on ready for their special presentation event.

We are advertising this event in the hope that local folk might watch out for the children along the route and cheer them on – flag waving to also be encouraged!

Below are the approximate timings – so please watch out for us!

9.30am	Bottisham Primary School
9.50 - 10.10am	Swaffham Bulbeck C of E Primary School
10.30 - 10.50am	Swaffham Prior C of E Primary School
11.20 – 11.40am	Outskirts of Burwell village
12.00 – 12.20pm	Burwell VC Primary School

Hannah Curtis, Head teacher
Website: www.swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk



Maypole dancing musicians.
Mrs Walker of Swaffham Prior School (top right, white scarf) choreographer

Cub Camp

Five Great things I did at cub camp



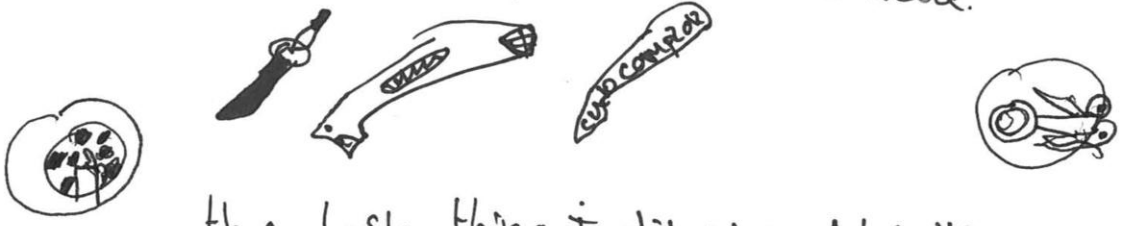
first I did canoeing wich I loved bubt I didnot like it When oliver rammed into me



Nexted i did Archery at cub camp and i nearley hit the balloon.



I did Orienteering which is barnig wood to make a patten in it the wood.



the last thing I did was Absailing and I got to the top and no one has beet me yet.

I wish I could do them again



BY JODIE Halpin mcDonald

My Holiday in Sri Lanka



Baby turtles in the bucket

Over the Easter holidays me and my family went to Sri Lanka. While we were there we visited a school to help people who got hit by the 2004 tsunami that devastated the land and ruined people's lives. Coincidentally whilst we were there, there was a tsunami warning! That was a bit scary knowing what happened in 2004.

My favourite part of my holiday was releasing the baby turtles into the sea and riding an elephant. We stayed in a hotel on an island in-between the sea and a river - it was called Club Bentota.

The hotel had a water sports centre, so my family chose to go on a boat trip down the river next to our hotel.

Visiting the school that we did the fundraising for was one of the major events on our holiday as well as swimming and playing. I would like to say a big thank you to whoever donated…. the total amount that I raised was £260.50 which I wouldn't have raised without your help so thank you!!!



Lily with a friend

With your donations we were able to give a full pencil case to every child in the school as well as a pair of microphones, a fan, 2 blue computer chairs and a huge box of stationery!!

Even though our flight was delayed it was worth it.

Dylan Steed

Here are some photos of the school…..



Us in the school



Sri Lanka - giving the microphone to the principal



Sri Lanka - school playground view

☺☺☺ KIDS PAGE! ☺☺☺

OLYMPICS AND JUBILEE THEMED!



By Susie Tucker

O	L	Y	M	P	I	C	S	L	J
R	I	N	E	I	D	R	T	O	U
I	L	Y	D	A	I	O	A	N	B
N	E	D	A	L	A	W	D	D	I
G	U	E	L	L	M	N	I	O	L
S	I	X	T	Y	O	N	U	N	E
S	T	A	D	I	N	M	M	O	E
Q	U	E	E	N	D	I	A	M	O

Olympics	Jubilee
Rings	Crown
Medal	Queen
Stadium	Sixty
London	Diamond

Where was this picture taken?

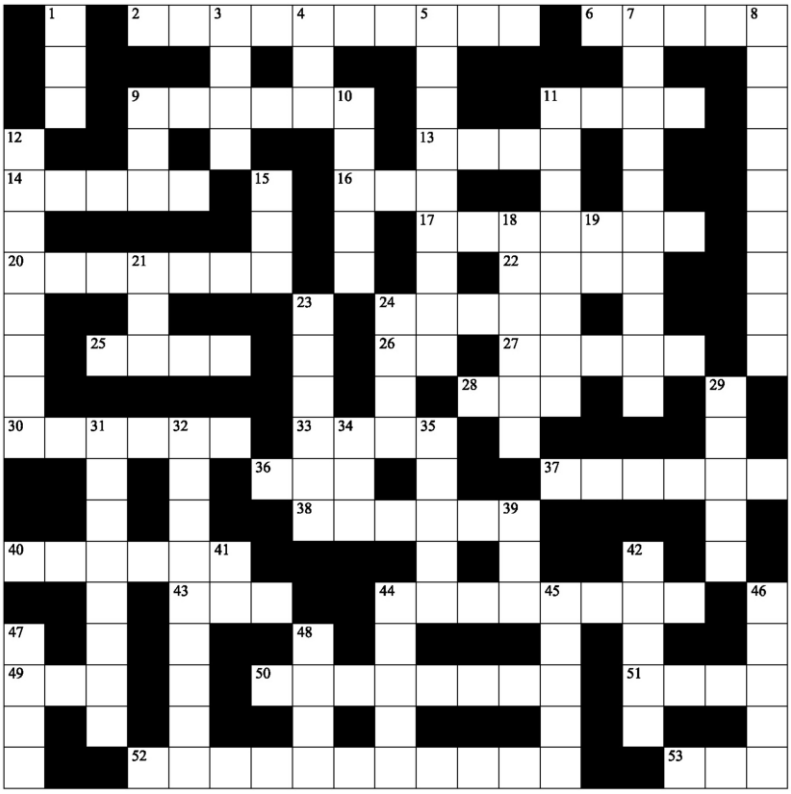
Hint: There is going to be a new tree planted on the green to mark the jubilee. Answer P.33



Anagrams. Answer P.33

1. Eibljue = ...
2. Lypocims = ...
3. Iamdond = ...
4. Ginsr = ...
5. Euqen = ...
6. Dmelas = ...

Zenida's Crossword No. 13



The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on Page 18

A £5 Book Token will be awarded for the first correct entry opened after the closing date. Please send your entry by Friday 6th July 2012 to:

Zenida's Crossword No. 13

North View House, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach CB25 OJJ giving your Name, Address and Telephone Number



ACROSS

2. Famous bear (10).
6. Cranium (5).
9. - Garden where you might find the Royal Opera House (6).
11. A weather – may turn in the wind (4).
13. Cab (4).
14. Alights (5).
16. Sorrow (3).
17. - Hill, carnival or film title (7).
20. - was a late addition to the Victoria Tube line in 1972 (7).
22. Ditty (4).
24. - Street where Holmes resided (6).
25. At – Park Corner you can get on your soap box (4).
26. Hindu chant or Mo in reverse (2).
27. The life of – of Athens is a play by Shakespeare (5).
28. Individual Savings Account, initially (1,1,1).
30. Place of worship (6).
33. The main part (4).
36. Everything (3).
37. - Circus, London tube station (6).
38. King of East Angles died 869 (6).
40. Wild rabbits may live in one (6)?
43. Mace, cane, bar (3).
44. - Lane, station on the Central Line (8).
49. Skill, craft (3).
50. Famous battle or tube station (8)?
51. Biblical home of the first couple, the Garden of – (4).
52. London tube station re-opened in 2012 (11)
53. It can carry lots of passengers (3).

DOWN

1. Feline, moggy (3).
3. Bird of peace (4).
4. Tavern (3).
5. Home of The Spurs (9)
7. District of the Victoria and Albert Museum (10).
8. - Square centre of London's cinema land (9).
9. Popular edible fish (3).
10. - Bridge famous London landmark (5).
11. London station named after a queen (8).
12 The – and Castle, another London landmark (8).
15. Menagerie (3).
18. SETSET (anagram) a fly (6).
19. Not out (2).
21. Deposit, set down (3).
23. - Arch, London (6).
24. James -, 007 (4).
29. Opposite of south (5).
31. ROOMETAG (anagram) London tube station (8).
32. Football team or London station (9).
34. Ancient (3).
35. Young man (5).
39. Greyish brown (3).
41. Not a yes then (2).
42. - Park, London (5).
44. Applaud (5).
45. & 46. Angry monarch (5, 5)?
47. -'s Court, London (4).
48. Wealthy London station (4)?

Rita's Recipes

Seasonal Fruit – try these recipes and enjoy summer fruit at their best.

Hot Gooseberry Trifle (Serves 6)



Ingredients:

4 small sponge cakes
500gms gooseberries
3 level tbsps custard powder
100gms castor sugar
1 pint milk
2 egg whites
3 level tbsps sugar

Method

Cut the sponge cakes in half (horizontally) and line the base of a flameproof dish with them. Cook the gooseberries until just soft, strain them and pour the juice over the sponge cake then place the gooseberries on top. Make up the custard as normal. Allow to cool slightly then pour over the gooseberries and leave for 5 minutes. Whisk the egg whites until stiff, add 25gms castor sugar and whisk again. Fold in the remainder of the castor sugar and whisk. Pile the mixture on top of the custard so that it forms peaks. Bake in a slow oven for 20-25 minutes until the meringue is crisp and golden brown.

Strawberry Fool (makes 6)



Ingredients

500gms Strawberries
Juice of ½ lemon
Few chopped nuts
6 Strawberry halves for decorating
50gms castor sugar
½ pint evaporated milk
Mint leaves

Method

Hull, wash and sieve the strawberries, add sugar and lemon juice, whisk the evaporated milk until double in bulk, Fold into strawberry mixture.
Pour into individual glasses and decorate.

Cricket



The village's cricketers have spent so many years waiting patiently through sweltering Aprils for the season to begin – as it usually does with a downpour – that we decided to start a month earlier this year with a 'pre-season friendly'.

This was not in Qatar, as has become the custom for county cricketers nowadays, but in Thriplow.

The result was what our farmers had been praying for - the very instigation of the fixture was enough to bring a violent end to the drought.



We spent the first hour in the pub debating which website has the best rainfall radar, before settling on www.raintoday.co.uk, which allows users to home into parcels of land about the size of a cricket pitch and watch glorious Technicolor rain clouds roll in from the west.

Then, suddenly an opening appeared and it seemed that we were going to be able to play after all – albeit with a match shortened to 20 overs.

Fortuitously, in the confusion, no-one thought to take the scorebook out of the kit bag, which means we have no official record of the match. But it went something like this. Thriplow went into bat and scored a reasonable, though far from an insurmountable number of runs.

Then we went into bat, on a damp sponge of a pitch, with the ball dying on the mud and failed miserably to make much contact with the ball.

On Sunday 3 June hostilities proper begin, we will be facing either Foxton or Kimbolton in the regional semi-finals of the Yorkshire Tea National Village Cup, at 2pm at Burwell Cricket Ground. Spectators are more than welcome.

We are always looking to bolster our numbers. If you are interested in playing the odd game of cricket please contact me at rossjclark@aol.com or 01638 743725. We take all-comers. Don't worry if you haven't played for 20 years, and you weren't even any good when you did play – or even if you have never picked up a bat in your life. There are always a couple of places reserved in the team for people who make the captain look good.

This is the full fixture list:

Sat 2 June	**Castle Hedingham**	Away
Sun 3 June	**Regional semi-finals, National Village Cup vs either Kimbolton or Foxton**	Burwell
Sun 24 June	**David Silk's XI**	The Leys School, Cambridge
Sun 15 July	**Unemployables**	Burwell
Sun 22 July	**Swaffham Irregulars**	Burwell
Sun 29 July	**Grantchester**	Away

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Answers to Susie's Quiz (page 30)

The picture is of the horse chestnut on the green

The answers to the anagrams are:

1. Jubilee
2. Olympics
3. Diamond
4. Rings
5. Queen
6. Medals

Sports News



A couple of editions ago the sport section featured Kasia Tabecki and her Suspects dance group. Reach Fair goers sadly had to miss the chance to see them perform because the wet grass made this acrobatic dancing too dangerous. The rain did not however stop play for the 'Just Jhoom' dancers.

As Karen Carpenter reports it is obviously as much fun to participate as it was to watch at the Fair - and a great way to stay fit.

Next time round I will return to some familiar faces in this page. People like Daniel Blocksage and Ben Snaith who are both just getting faster and faster on two wheels and two legs (respectively). Oh yes and 'me(!)' just trying not to slow down too much and to find new challenges whilst I still can't run after my achilles operation (aaahhhh!). Last Sunday at 6am I set out (with *c*.70 other riders spread out at one minute intervals) to see how fast I could ride 50 miles up and down the A1 between Sandy and Buckden (sad thing is I actually enjoyed it and have entered again to try to beat my time).

Next Sunday (20th May) at 6am I line up with over 12,000 other cyclists on the Adriatic coast of Italy (beats a slip road onto the A1) with 200km and 3,804m of climb ahead of me - the so called "The Nove Colli (nine hills) Gran Fondo". I admit warnings on the event website that "steep gradients and repetition make this a tough test, underestimate the Nove Colli at your peril" and how it is "a great test of climbing cadence and bike handling skills with consecutive hairpins on many ascents and descent" do make me wonder about the wisdom of tackling it with the Cambridge fens as training ground. Ah well, only 5 days 11 hours 54 mins and 13 seconds (the website also has a countdown to the start!) to go before I discover the answer!

Just Jhoom! – Bollywood inspired fun exercise

If you, like me, want to exercise and get fit but are not into the boredom of jogging and the formality of a gym regime, then read on!

I love to dance and over the years I have joined all sorts of groups but never found anything that has made me feel so good and want to go - whatever the weather or however bad I feel when I get home from work. At last with Just Jhoom!

I can have fun, dance, socialise *and* get fit but best of all, lose weight without any faddy diets. The exercise routines to the magical sounds of Bollywood together with "portion control" mean that I have lost over a stone since mid January!



Karen Carpenter waving to husband Grahame



Hayley Crawford Just Jhoom Instructor

Hopefully some of you were able to raise a smile in the rain at the Just Jhoom dancing display at this year's Fair. So if you like the idea of a different way to keep fit, like to dance and enjoy the idea of something different then you will like Just Jhoom! Anyone can join in - mums and daughters, husbands and wives - even grannies too! [**Sub Ed:** But not us granddads then?]

Your support at the Fair was much appreciated and I thought some of you might like to know more. Just Jhoom! is an excellent way of having fun with a group of people each week for just an hour and at the same time experience a full body workout.

Classes are available in Exning (Tuesdays) Newmarket (Wednesdays) and Burwell (Thursdays) from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. No booking is necessary. If you want more information you can contact me on 742814 or ring the instructor Hayley Crawford on 07789 512669.

PS. Ladies, if you have thought you would like to join in with the "Race for life" but have never had the courage, why not "Jhoom" with us in Bury St Edmunds on 24th June. If you would prefer to just sponsor then please contact me.

Karen Carpenter
Just Jhoom! - Just Dance

Olympic Games

Here are a few dates not to be missed:

7 July	Torch arrives in Newmarket and Cambridge (party on Parkers Piece)
8 July	***Torch Relay and Reach Olympics – (to be confirmed)***
21 May	100 days to the Paralympic Games
27 July and 12 August	Olympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies
5 August	Women's 100m final (can Florence Griffith Joyners' record of 10.49 (1988) be broken?)
5 August	Men's 100m final (can Bolt break his own record of 9.58 seconds?)
5 August	***Reach 100m 'event' – (to be confirmed)***
29 August and 9 September	Paralympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies

What would you and your family like to do to mark the Olympic games in Reach? Of course we will have our own Sports Day with an Olympic flavour - perhaps Sunday 8th July to coincide with the weekend the Olympic Torch passes close by?

We could start with our own torch relay - any ideas of routes let me know. Then there is the day of the event that everyone wanted tickets for - the men's 100m final. How about our own '100m event' on the weekend of the men's and women's 100m final (4th/5th August)? Maybe just a chance to cover 100m en masse in the most unusual, challenging or just plain weird way before heading home that evening to marvel and the world's fastest men do the same in sub 10 seconds! I would welcome ideas and help.

Juliet Vickery

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Felicity Blocksage

CYCLING

Congratulations are also due to lone junior female Felicity Blocksage, who was only nine minutes slower than big brother Daniel. This was her first ever event and she is only 12 years old.

Extract Newmarket Journal

Week beginning 14 May 2012

Ben's back on track with golden double

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HE MAY not be appearing at this summer's London Olympics, but talented teenage athlete Ben Snaith could well be in the shake-up in Rio de Janeiro in 2014.

The Newmarket Jogger junior showed his potential by winning two gold medals in the Olympic Stadium at this year's UK National School Games Athletics Championships.

Representing the South East of England team, the 16 year old from Reach helped his team to victory in both the 4x100m relay and 4x400m relays.

Running the lead leg of the 4x400m relay, Snaith put his team among the front runners when clocking 48.9secs.

The Bottisham Village College pupil then demonstrated his sprinting talent when completing the third leg of the 4x100m relay in 10.3 seconds.

"I am very proud of him," said dad Barrie Snaith. "Watching him take to the top step of the podium at the Olympic Stadium, not once but twice, really brought a lump to my throat."

Snaith's appearance at the School Games completed a remarkable comeback for the Cambridge and Coleridge club runner who missed most of his winter training programme through injury.

Having won both the individual 100m and 200m races at the East Anglian League finals event at the West Suffolk Athletics Club, in Bury St Edmunds, disaster struck in the 4x100m.

"He was leading then just metres from the line he broke his pelvis," said Barrie. "Such was his determination though he finished the race and still ended up winning.

"He only took part in his first event in February following the injury so really he is still catching up with a lot of the lads in his age group.

"It just makes his performance at the Olympic Stadium even more impressive.

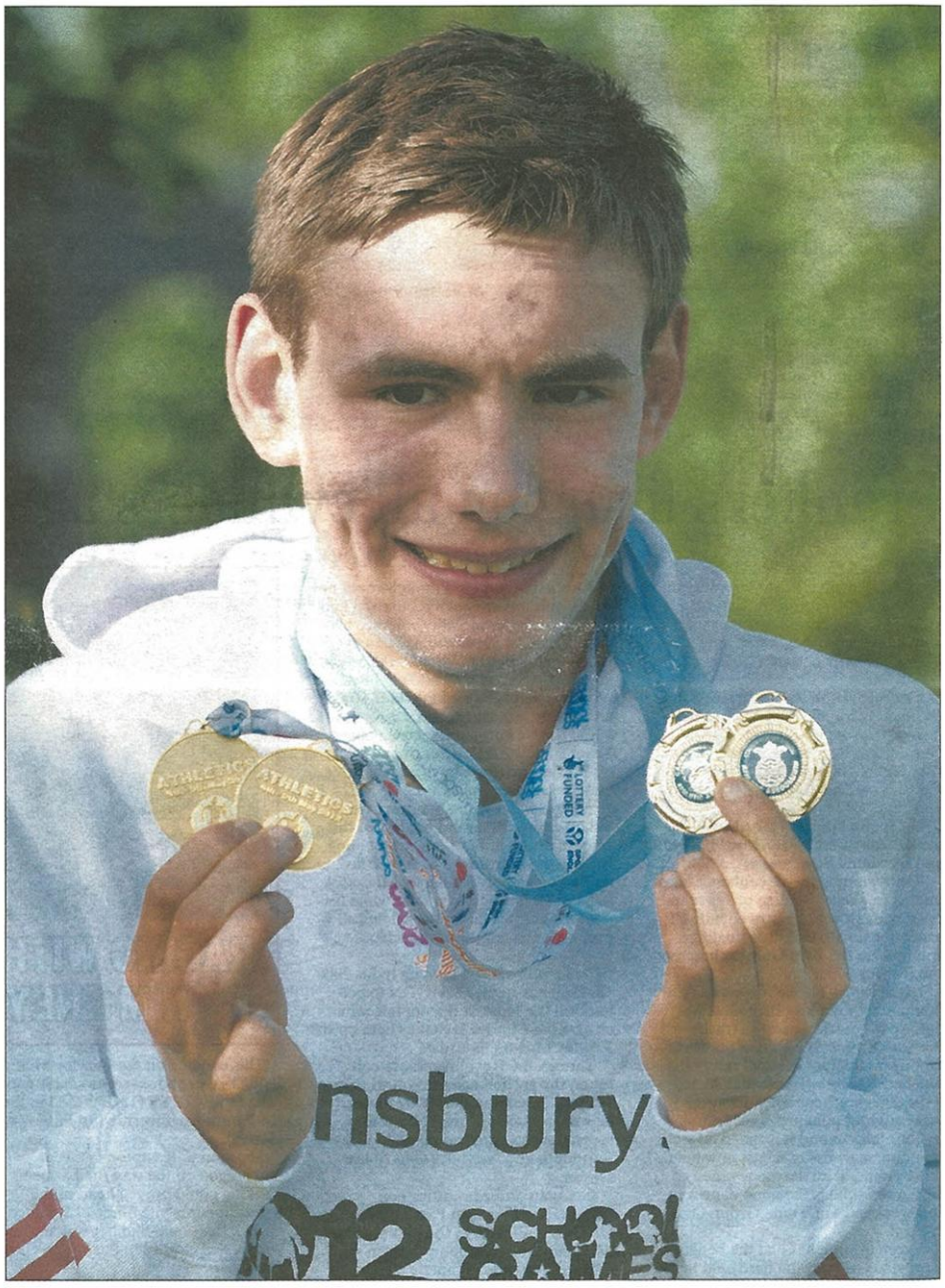
"He had been on a bit of a downer after he had not been picked for the individual contests but he soon brightened up when they went through the relay practice sessions.

"He is such a dedicated trainer and really deserved winning both medals. He has got so much motivation to train and puts a lot of hard work in."

Despite being ranked among the top 10 under-17s in the 100m, 200m and 400m Snaith, who started out as a 1,500m runner, is now likely to use the rest of the season to focus on improving his 400m times.

Talk of appearing at a future Olympic Games may still be a dream, but if Snaith continues to improve a GB vest should one day be a real possibility.

"It would be great if one day he did make it to that sort of level," added Barrie. "There is a lot of hard work to go yet, but as long as he does not meet any distractions then who knows what may happen."



GOLDEN BOY: Ben Snaith with his two medals won at the Olympic Stadium.
MNJP-15-05-12 MW 005. Picture: Mark Westley www.newmarketjournal.co.uk

Extract from the Newmarket Journal week beginning 14 May 2012

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 2nd May 2012

Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Malcolm Brearley	Councillor	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Not Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Councillor	Not Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for Members of the Public

Three members of the public attended.

2. Election of Officers

Councillor Brearley was elected as Chairman, Councillor Aves as Vice-Chairman, Councillor Dunnett as Play Spaces Officer, Councillor Fielding as Rights of Way Officer, John Robinson as Parish Council representative at Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities and Councillors Harrison and Dunnett as Village Centre Officers. The position of Tree Officer will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were reviewed and signed.

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No payments were made during the previous month however a request for £2,000 of funding for the 24Acres project had been received. The Amenity Fund Committee were keen to provide some finance but asked for further information to be provided.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report

April started with a meeting of the Burwell Masterplan Working Party. This was another well-attended meeting, with many local people expressing a wide range of views on the future for Burwell. The meeting decided to instruct officers to further investigate 2 scenarios – a further 100 houses over the next 20 years or a further 350 houses.

The Appointments and Remuneration Committee met in April to confirm the temporary arrangement which sees Adrian Loades act as Executive Director for both Children and Young People and Adult Social Care for a period of 18 months. The Committee also agreed associated changes in responsibility for other Executive Directors.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report (Allen Alderson)

The building works at ECDC in Ely are progressing well.

ECDC has submitted a bid for £5M to deliver (a) a new wheeled bin recycling collection, including paper, glass, metal cans, plastics, cartons and cardboard to be collected fortnightly (b) a new wheeled bin collection for organics to include food and garden waste again to be collected fortnightly and (c) a fleet of new vehicles. Properties which cannot accommodate the new service will keep the existing service.

Council Tax for Year 2012/2013
The council tax is increased by 2.95% this year which is £3.99p per year on a Band D property or 7.67pence per week.

Accepting the Governments freeze grant again this year would most probably result in a budget gap of £273,000 by 2014/2015, equivalent to an estimated 6.7% increase on a Band D property.

This year we have attempted to set a balanced budget for the next three years.

Newmarket Recycling Centre
Many residents from our area have used this facility. When it closed for several week's last summer, then re-opened under new management with a charging schedule for some items, there was concern that it would lead to an increase in fly tipping in the area. Thankfully so far this has not happened. The recycling centre accepts the following free of charge: glass, metals, paper and cardboard, mobile phones, toner cartridges, plastic bottles and any items which can be sold in the Open Door Superstore.

New Reception Area at the Grange, Ely
Sanctuary Hereward now has a service desk at the Grange resulting in a one-stop shop for both housing and other council matters for the use of the public. The improvements also include four interview rooms and four self-service computer terminals for public use.

Tourism
The 'Visit Ely' website is proving to be a valuable information tool for anybody intending to visit Ely. The Council's Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely has shown increases in its attendance and sale levels this past year.

Last autumn Ely Apple Day was well attended. As was this year's Ely Eel Festival on the weekend of the 5th/6th of May.

Thanks should be given to the Council's tourism team for all their hard work.

Housing
With 1446 people on the Council's housing list the short supply of social and affordable housing continues to be a problem. The increased supply of such housing is one of our prime objectives.

There is an excellent and well-run post office and village store at Swaffham Bulbeck. So that it will continue serving our community please use it whenever possible.

5 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to increase its reserves during the current financial year.

5 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

5 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

5 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

The Clerk has yet to complete repairs to the rocking rooster.

5 (8) Rights of Way Report

There was no report.

5 (9) Speedwatch

There was no activity in the previous month. Four further volunteer have come forward making a total of six active members. **The Clerk** has organised training and it is hoped to conduct Speedwatch activity during May.

5 (10) Village Centre Committee Report

The committee is very much focused on Reach Fair 2012.

5 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

A draft lease has been received by the Parish Council and following negotiations a further draft will be provided by the NT. All is looking very positive at this time and the acquisition of funding is now underway.

6. Animal Intrusions into the Cemetery

Fencing will be re-enforced by neighbours on one side of the cemetery but in a rural environment with muntjac deer around it was accepted that the cemetery cannot ever be entirely secure.

7. Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

The dates for the countrywide celebrations are from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June 2012. The village will have a Garden Party which will take place on Monday 4th June starting at 2.00pm and finishing at around 7.00pm - food, drink and entertainment will be provided.

As part of this celebration, the Parish Council will take the opportunity to plant a Sweet Chestnut (Castanea Sativa) on the Fair Green which will take over from the current horse chestnut upon its demise. Within Reach magazine will cover the costs of procuring and planting the new tree.

In addition, an avenue of 60 lime trees will be planted on the Swaffham Prior road on its approach to Reach. Nick Acklam, who suggested this project and **the Clerk** are working together to make it happen. Planting will take place in October 2012.

8. Sewage Works Plans Update

A new European Directive requires further sewage monitoring and Anglian Water have decided that pumping the wastewater from the current works in Reach to the larger site in Burwell is the most efficient and sustainable way to proceed. Work will start in June 2012 and will be completed in a 5/6 week period. Whilst the sewage works at Reach will be closed Anglian Water still requires the site. **The Clerk** has asked a spokesman for Anglian Water to come along to a subsequent meeting to provide further details of what the site will eventually look like visually and what we can expect during the construction period.

9. Trees on the Burwell Road

A villager had expressed concerns regarding some trees on the Burwell Road which might prove a danger to houses and residents if they are not pruned. The trees are owned by Sanctuary Housing and **the Clerk** will get in touch with them expressing the villager's concerns and also asking what intentions they have for the land and asking them to tidy up the verge. **Councillor Alderson** has spoken to Highways regarding their responsibilities and will report back to the Clerk on their response.

10. Planning Applications

There were none.

11. Information Items

Councillor Brearley will represent the Parish Council at a new street light presentation.

The owners of the landing stage on the eastern side of the Hythe were identified and they have informed the Parish Council, that they intend to carry out repairs.

12. Payments

The Wildlife Trust	Annual Subscription	£36.00
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing April 2012	£134.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th June 2012 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: Date:

From the Vicarage – Finding God in the Busyness of Life



Life is busy! For many of us our diaries are full and we are constantly moving from one thing to the next, dropping children at school, driving to work, preparing meals, eating meals, doing the housework…the list goes on and on.

Sometimes it can feel as if there is there is no time to just stop and simply 'be'. There are a couple of questions I've been asked over the years which really get me thinking: 'Where is God in all this?' and 'What brings you to life?'

'Where is God in all this?' That question always makes me stop for a moment and think about what I'm doing and whether in the busyness I have somehow lost sight of what's most important. And 'What brings you to life?' helps me to focus on making sure there is time, even if it's only a few minutes, for doing the things that give me that sense of being 'me' and help me recharge the batteries. Currently that's spending time digging in the garden!

I was encouraged as I wrote this by remembering the words of an old hymn you probably remember: *What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.* Old words, but still so helpful.

Over the next few months there are some exciting things coming up at St Mary's and St Etheldreda's

- **Sunday June 3rd** - Join us for our Jubilee Celebration service at St Mary's – beginning at 10am, followed by the Big Jubilee Picnic Lunch in the churchyard
- **Sunday 17th June - 3pm at St Etheldreda's -** by special request – a service for couples wishing to renew their marriage vows
- **Sunday 24th June** – Messy Church in the Guildhall 4 – 6pm
- **Thursday 12th July** - Toddler Service Teddy Bears' Picnic in the new vicarage garden from 10.00am @ 22 Isaacson Road, Burwell
- **Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th July** – for Burwell Olympics day – beginning with bells 9am Olympic Breakfasts served outside the church, 9 – 11am Parachuting Teddies from the Tower and other children's games
- **Sunday 15th July** 10am at St Mary's - 'Running the Race!' Olympic themed service for all ages
- **Sunday August 12th** – a date for your diary – afternoon all age baptism service at St Etheldreda's - further details to follow

Eleanor Williams (Vicar St Mary's Burwell and St Etheldreda's Reach vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk and 01638 741262)

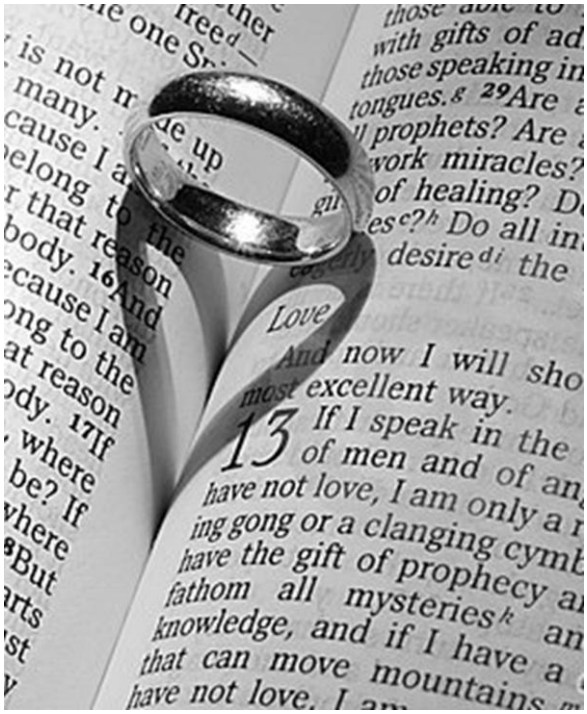
Thank You



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Cream Teas and Bookstall in the church on Reach Fair day. We are also very grateful to the Fair Committee for agreeing that we can keep all the proceeds from these two stalls for Reach church funds.

As you know, we anticipate that we will need to spend quite a lot of money on various repairs in the coming months, so these additional funds will be put to very good use to keep the church building open for the benefit of the people in Reach.

Pat Chalmers



Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
JUNE		
Sunday 3 June Trinity Sunday and Queen's Diamond Jubilee	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion, followed by The Big Jubilee Lunch Picnic in the churchyard	
Wednesday 6 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 7 June	10.00am Toddlers service, with coffee from 9.30am and craft for children	
Sunday 10 June Trinity 1	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 13 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting at Burwell 10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Saturday 16 June	2.00pm Church Fete	
Sunday 17 June Trinity 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	3.00pm Service of Thanksgiving and Renewal of Marriage Vows
Wednesday 20 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 24 J une Trinity 3	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Traditional Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 27 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting at Burwell 10.00am Holy Communion	
JULY		
Sunday 1 July Trinity 4	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms	
Wednesday 4 Juky	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 8 J uly Trinity 5	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday@ 7
Wednesday 11 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Saturday 14 July		6pm Church Barbeque
Sunday 15 July Trinity 6	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms	
Wednesday 18 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 22 July Trinity 7	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional)	
Wednesday 25 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 29 July Trinity 8		10.00am Parish Communion

Bus Timetable

Reach is served by the 10/10A bus service, provided by Stagecoach.

The difference between the 10 and 10A services is that the 10 travels via Valley Way in Newmarket whilst the 10A uses Noel Murless Drive.

A summary of all buses serving Reach and/or Swaffham Prior Monday to Saturday is shown below.

Please note that there is no bus service at all on Sundays.

Newmarket - Burwell - Reach - Bottisham - Cambridge																
Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10
	M-F	**M-F**	**Sat**	**M-F**	**Sat**							**Sat**	**M-F**			
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0704	0719	0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1424	1514	1614	1714
Burwell (Manchetts Ness Road)	0628	0658	0713	0728	0743	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1448	1538	1638	1738
Reach	0638	0708	0723			0848		1048		1248		1448	1458	1548	1648	1748
Swaffham Prior	0644	0714	0729	0741	0756	0854	0951	1054	1151	1254	1351	1454	1504	1554	1654	1754
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0727	0807	0812	0837	0842	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1547	1637	1737	1837

Cambridge - Bottisham - Reach - Burwell - Newmarket																
Service No:	10	10A	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10
				M-F										*	*	
Cambridge (Drummer Street)				0655	0755	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1635	1735	1845
Swaffham Prior				0959	1102	1159	1302	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1712	1809	1919
Reach				1002		1202			1202		1402		1602		1812	1922
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)				1012	1112	1212	1312	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1722	1822	1932
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				1040	1140	1240	1340	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1800		

A full timetable can be downloaded from **www.reach-village.co.uk/bus_service.html**

Please note that the bus stops at a number of stops in Burwell – those listed are just timing points

Diary Dates

June	Event	Location	Time
Sun 3	50th Birthday of Burwell Bus	Burwell Museum	Website below
Mon 4	Queen's Diamond Jubilee Garden Party	Village Green	2pm – 7pm
Wed 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 6	Author: China Mieville	The Olive Tree, Ely CB7 4JF	7pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 7	Recycling Day		
Thurs 7	Orange Prize Evening. Authors: Madeline Miller and Georgina Harding	Toppings Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.15pm for 7.30pm
Sun 10	Alabama Day	Burwell Museum	Website below
Tues 12	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Village Centre	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 13	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Sun 17	Mr Rainbow Magic Show	Burwell Museum	Website below
Tues 19	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 19	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Wed 20	Village Centre Committee	Village Centre	8.00pm
Wed 20	Author: Tim Parks	Toppings Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.15pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 21	Recycling Day		
Thurs 28	Author: Robert Macfarlane	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7pm for 7.30pm
July			
Tues 3	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Village Centre	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Recycling Day		
Thurs 5	Author: Orlando Figes	The Olive Tree, Ely CB7 4JF	7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 7 / Sun 8	Cambridge Open Studios	See pages 7 and 8	
Sun 8	Fete	Burwell Museum	Website below
Tues 10	Author: Antony Beevor	St Mary's Church, Ely CB7 4HF	7pm for 7.30pm
Wed 11	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Sat 14	Church BBQ	Village Green, hall if wet	From 6pm
Sat 14 / Sun 15	Cambridge Open Studios	See pages 7 and 8	
Tues 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 17	Talk. Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Wed 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 19	Recycling Day		
Sat 21 / Sun 22	Cambridge Open Studios	See pages 7 and 8	
Sat 28 / Sun 29	Cambridge Open Studios	See pages 7 and 8	
Tues 31	Author: Kate Summerscale	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7pm for 7.30pm

Wednesdays 7.30pm onwards **Bellringing at Swaffham Bulbeck** - new recruits are welcome

The **Mobile Library** will now visit Reach on the third Tuesday of the month only

CentrePeace visits Reach the second Wednesday of the month

Pilates – Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5.45pm

Village Gardeners meet at 8pm Swaffham Prior Village Hall on the third Tuesday of the month.

Events with **Authors** are organised by Toppings bookshop, Ely

Burwell Museum website is www.burwellmuseum.org.uk **Tel:** 01638 605544

Contact Information

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	Councillor	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Councillor	David Thomas	742676
	Clerk	David Parr	744081
	Play Spaces Officer	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Rights of Way Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
	County Councillor	David Brown	743283
	District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
Village Centre			
	Chairman	Jan Tabecki	742552
	Finance	Grahame Radford	742814
	Bookings	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Amenity Fund Committee			
	Chairman	Ross Clark	743725
	Committee Member	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Committee Member	John Holmwood	742969
	Committee Member	Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
	Committee Member	Andrew Towers	742484
Burwell and Reach Car Scheme			01638 742543
Church			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
	Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Stephen Walton	744214
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency)		999
	Police (Non-emergency)		101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		741234
	Community Nurses		742382
	Doctors	Dr Andrew Wills, Dr Alex Manning, Dr Anthony Parry, Dr Maureen Birch	
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 8.00pm, Tues to Fri 8.30am to 6.00pm	



Ant on bluebell (Reach Wood) Photo: Alison Lewis



Edward Thomas Aspin born 11th January 2012.
A new brother for Henry (pictured) and Tobias.
Congratulations to Roger and Julie



Ron Greenhill's pig called `Pig` had 11 piglets May 2012
[Sub Ed – bet Ron's got a cat called 'Cat']



Reach village on the day of the Fair Photo: George Gibson



Pupils from Swaffham Prior School Maypole dancing Reach Fair 2012 Photo: Hugh de Lacy

Reach Fair 2012



Lily Steed (left)









Jenny Scott and William







Bottle Stall. Alison Lewis



Reach Salad. Sue Briscoe (left) and Juliet Vickery









Maisey Snaith (right) and Katie Winkcup





Tea Tent. Rita Dunnett (far right)



Olivia (left), Freya and Oliver



Hayley Crawford, Instructor, Just Jhoom









Karen Carpenter (centre)