Within Reach



August/September 2012





Allen and Rachael Alderson were married 9th June 1962. Their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated with a family gathering at the Anchor Restaurant, Sutton Gault.



Blackening Wax Cap



Coxcomb Prominent moth caterpillar



Curious young hare



Renewal of marriage vows, Sunday 17th June. Gerald and Karen Turner (foreground) and Les and Sue Bluck

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CHURCH BARBECUE

Saturday 8th September 2012 from 5.30 pm

On the Village Green (Village Hall 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), Jon Cane (741064) or Pam King (742924)

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

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





From the Editor



Oops - we did it again! *Within Reach* won the prestigious Previous Winner Award at the recent Cambridge Community Magazines Awards 2011. Little *Within Reach*, with its 175 copies saw off magazines with circulations upwards of 4,000. Further details of the awards can be found in an on page 3 of this magazine.

Hugh de Lacy is our Roving Photographer and I am sure that you appreciate the significance of his contributions. David Parr assists with the production of the magazine, acts as Treasurer and organises all the advertising, ensuring that the magazine is wholly self-financing - a real achievement! Opposite is a write-up of the Awards and you will see that the judges repeatedly state that the content of the magazine is the most important element and I am sure that you will agree with this sentiment as you recall some very good reads. Well done and thank you to all our authors. The regularly contributors are listed on this page and we have also enjoyed many one-off articles.

We would welcome your feedback about *Within Reach*. Over 14 issues and we've yet to receive a letter! Do you have any new ideas for the magazine? Would you like to contribute? You could become a regular contributor or submit an occasional article. We would love to include more newspaper clippings of family members and friends, and photographs of local events. Please contact me or send them in - we can scan hard copies and type up text.

We have a full issue once again: village news, informed articles on flora and fauna, updates on our sporting greats and more. Please note that Janet Hall will happily answer your gardening questions so send them directly to Janet or to myself.

The 24Acres project has moved several steps forward. Do get involved and maybe start by sponsoring a tree!

See you on Sports Day (Saturday 4th August) and the Church BBQ (now Saturday 8th September).

Read this magazine carefully to discover who is conjuring up thoughts of all-in mud wrestling.

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Editor's Notes

The purpose of *Within Reach* is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household. Additional copies are available at a charge of £2.50. Issues are published bi-monthly which cover the months of Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/July, Aug/Sept and Oct/Nov.

Copies of the Minutes of Parish Council meetings and of *Out of Reach* and *Within Reach* magazines can be found on the village website **www.reach-village.co.uk**.

The next copy date is 15th September 2012. This magazine is approved and printed by Reach Parish Council.

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Cambridge Community Magazine Awards 2011

The awards were held at the Cambridge Rugby Club, Granchester Road, Cambridge, on Thursday 5th July. David Parr and I attended. All the magazine entries were on display and we were treated to a very splendid tea (and wine beforehand). What follows are notes taken from the speakers.



Introduction

The printed magazine is evidently still thriving; there has been a 20% increase in entries with over 50 entries this year.

The Cambridge Building Society, which organises and sponsors the awards, won the Business Excellence Award for 2012. The Society gives over 2,500 hours of community service. It match-funds and last year gave over £10,000 to charities. All this says that the Society recognises the value of communities.

The judges of the magazines were Rob Bryant managing director of publication relations from Mobas, Phil Robinson lecturer in marketing at Anglia Ruskin university, Anne Bullman treasurer for the Cambridge Federation of the Women's Institutes, Louise Bateman, Head of People Cambridge Building Society and Chris Elliott the Chief Reporter from the Cambridge Evening News.



Awards

There are 10 award categories: Previous Winners, Best Specialist Magazine, Best Charity, Best College, Best Photo, Best Front Page, Best Editorial, Most Improved, Low Frequency Magazine and High Frequency Magazine.

The Previous Winners category was called out first and won by *Within Reach.* We received a certificate, a hamper and a winner's logo.



Following the awards there was a Question and Answer Session:

Q. What are your thoughts about the inclusion of adverts?
A. A magazine needs to be well produced. There is nothing wrong with including adverts and deriving an income from adverts. Sometimes adverts within magazines are very organised and this is good, for example, they are grouped and distinguished by the use of coloured pages. Magazines should serve the community and adverts of local services and their phone numbers is most useful. Don't decry advertising, get as much as possible, but beware - some magazines have too many adverts and not enough content. A ratio of 60% editorial and 40% adverts is the norm. Charge a reasonable sum for adverts and group them within the magazine as you wish.



Within Reach **- Winner of Previous Winners Group**

Q. What are your views on the use of colour?
A. The content of a magazine is by far and away the most important element. The use of colour for the front covers is excellent. It creates a powerful phenomenon drawing people in to read the magazine. Good photographs are welcome and the inside pages of a magazine might be all black and white. The constraints of the costs of colour printing are recognised. If your readers are happy with all black and white printing that's fine. Do recognise the digital age and open your magazine to a worldwide audience, for example, have the magazine available as a download.

Q. What creates the `Wow' factor in a magazine?
A. A magazine must be clean and fresh, informative and appealing. Presentation is important.

Q. There are so many ages and interests within a community. To whom should one aim the magazine?
A. A magazine should appeal to the whole community. You need to understand your community and deliver what they want. I have identified three themes for a magazine:

1. Topicality and relevance.
2. Information value. Have names and addresses; contact details.
3. Recognise the value of a magazine as a marketing tool to build awareness and interest in local facilities and community assets. Promote local activities and facilities.

Q. Is a magazine which is produced more often than another magazine better?
A. No not necessarily. The content of a magazine is the most important factor. The quality of articles, the community elements and the relevance of the magazine to the community are most important.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Well done Maisey Snaith!



Maisey Snaith receiving the Swaffham Prior School Trustees Award. This award is decided by the school community and is based on the school values

Red2Green

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Alternate Wednesdays, 10.30 – 12.00 noon
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For more information please call 07827 966367

Dates for Autumn term 2012

19th September
3, 17th October
14th, 28 November
12th December

We have received support from the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

Red2Green

New Club

SWAFFHAM BULBECK DROP-IN

Alternate Tuesdays, 2.00 – 4.00 pm
at Downing Court Community Lounge,
Vicarage Close, Swaffham Bulbeck



Dates for Autumn Term 2012

11th, 25th September
9th, 23rd October
6th, 20th November
4th, 18th December

This is a new informal drop-in. Come and play cards, scrabble or a game of your choice. Or bring your knitting, crochet or tapestry for a friendly afternoon meeting new people and chatting. **Cost: £1.50**
For more information please call 07827 966367
Everyone is welcome!

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Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

In May, Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club saw the last event of our year which was the annual dinner and presentation of cups and trophies. The evening was very successful with over 36 members and their guests attending.

The Club will commence its 40th season on Tuesday 4th September 2012. November 2013 will be the anniversary of the first meeting of the club, originally held at Burwell Village College. Some of the founding members are still very active in the club and last year our membership rose to over 50. During the summer next year the club is planning to hold a special print exhibition to celebrate. This will be held in Burwell, location and date to be announced early next year.

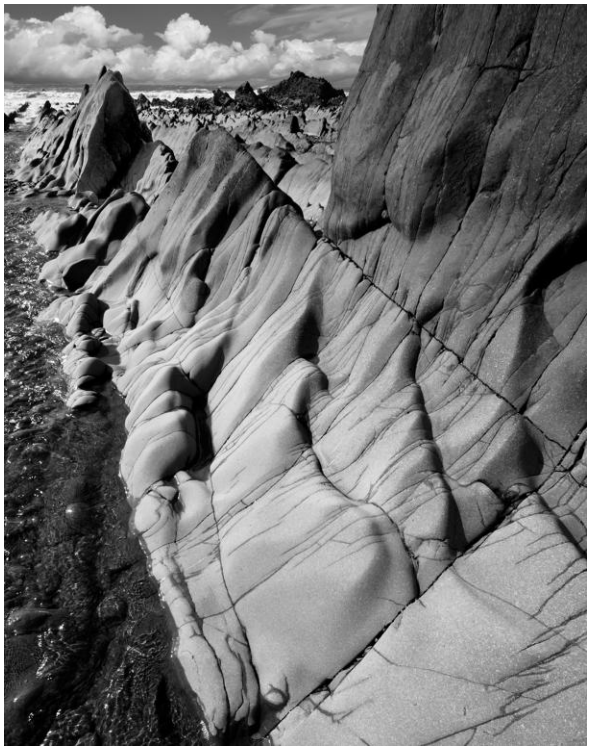


Des Res

For those of you who have had an SLR (Single Lens Reflex) camera for a relatively short time and are now beginning to enjoy photography, you may now like to develop your knowledge further and meet like-minded people. The club invites you to consider joining or come as a guest to see if it will suit your needs. The club meets at Lode Chapel CB25 9EW on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30pm. It has a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. During the evening there is a tea/coffee break when members are able to exchange knowledge and experiences. There is a very wide range of experience represented at the club and during the season invited guest speakers give presentations. In addition, there are members' practical evenings and internal competitions, leading on to area and national events.

On the first evening members are invited to bring a selection of their photographs taken during the summer. Images from new members would also be welcome either as prints or digital images on a USB stick (ideally sized as 1024 X 768). Members who were competition winners last season are also invited to display some of their images.

Lastly, if there are any previous members of the club that are still living locally perhaps they would like to contact the Secretary Daphne Hanson, details later, so that the club can consider how you might be included in next year's celebrations.



Welcombe Bay, Devon

Guest speakers for the next few weeks:

11 September	Perfect Photo Suite 6	Presentation by onOne Software - featuring products that can be used as plug-ins or as standalone applications.
18 September	The Best of Barbie	Presentation of her excellent prints by Mrs Barbie Lindsay MPAGB EFIAP
21 September	The Art of Print Presentation	Demonstration of print mounting methods for competitions and print finishing. Bring your prints for mounting on the evening.

New members are always welcome as a guest at any meeting, paying a fee of £2, refunded on joining the club. The annual fees are: Adult membership £30, Joint membership £50, Student £15. There is a weekly fee of 50p which includes refreshments. Further details can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Daphne Hanson (01638 741106, hanson943@btinternet.com).

Our website is www.bottburpc.org and our Members Gallery and further details of the club and next year's programme can be viewed there.

Jubilee Celebrations

Monday 4th June saw yet another wonderful community event in Reach, the celebration of The Queen's Jubilee, an occasion we couldn't possibly miss celebrating.

With over 300 people attending, comprising villagers with their friends and family, the village green was a bustling sea of red, white and blue whilst the sun thankfully shone down upon us.

The day kicked off in true vintage style with Kate Garner, a fantastic pianist and singer. We all enjoyed the renditions of old time favourites, especially when the song sheets came out and we were all encouraged to join in. Our table was particularly enthusiastic with 'run rabbit run' with its many verses!



Karen Carpenter, Jo Mules and Lesley Boyle

We were all suitably fed and watered with the perfect spread of afternoon tea, not to mention the BBQ with the incredibly tasty onions. The children (and some adults) were entertained with a good old fashioned coconut shy, village games and face-painting by Lizzy B.

The highlight of the day was the ceilidh, which brought together young and old to' doesy doe' your chosen partner. The band, Mindset Ceilidh were fantastic, with caller Sue very patient and with her limitless enthusiasm, the floor was soon full of willing dancers.

To mark the special occasion, each and every child in the village was presented with a rowan tree to plant and remember the day, these were kindly donated by George and Catherine Gibson, new owners of the Dykes End.

Thanks go to all the organisers who made the day such a lovely one and to Hannah Webb for her tea towel drawing.

Reach is indeed, a very special place to live.

Jo Riches

The members of the organising committee were: Karen Carpenter, Rebecca Fordham, Claire Halpin-McDonald, Jo Mules (Chair), David Parr and Jo Riches.



Anita Folkes, Ray Folkes, Joyce Harrison and Jean Estall

Jubilee Celebrations





Left: Richard and Danuta Gibson
Right: Grahame Radford and Karen Carpenter

Elizabeth Parr (in red) with Hazel Lingley



Maisey Snaith and Alice Trump

Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle

The theme of the fifth Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle on 12th June was embroidery and knitting. Members have now knitted sufficient squares to join together to make a blanket and now we are knitting squares for a second blanket. So thanks to all the industrious knitters!

Debbie Lingley inspired the group with her colourful crochet blankets which she is making for her daughters and suggested we make bunting next. Pam King would like to make tea-cosies and the other suggestion is to make pin-cushions. Whatever people feel like doing will be good, as well as knitting squares.

The next Reach Rainbow Crafts meeting was on Tuesday 17th July and 14 people were present. We were honoured to host two ladies, Helen Heath and Joyce Withers, who are veterans of the sewing circles in Bury St. Edmunds. They very kindly brought some of their finished embroideries to show us: three-dimensional bells, a Green Man, a black-work cushion, beadwork jewellery, wall-hanging and framed pictures, amongst other things. Joyce Withers had made a brooch incorporating pins from her hip operation. She also showed many fine pictures she has stitched and explained the stories behind them. We were especially impressed by her very detailed representation of crowds outside a cathedral. Both visitors were thanked for their most enjoyable presentations and given a small gift as a token of our appreciation. We thought their work was very interesting, inspiring and exceptionally talented**.**

With the summer break there will be no meeting in August, but it is hoped that the group will start up again on 11th September 2012, 1.30-3.00pm in Reach Village Centre. Entry to the above meeting is free of charge.

Zenida McDonald
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QR Codes

You may have seen some of these starting to appear. They are called QR codes (with QR standing for Quick Response) and they are the modern equivalent of the barcode with which we are all familiar.

QR Codes are now being used to exploit the fact that the majority of us now have some kind of SmartPhone – with the IPhone being the best-known example. The SmartPhone, which has a built-in camera and is connected to the internet, can read the QR code and when it does, you will be transferred to wherever the code has been programmed to send you - which is normally the supplier's website.

So why not give it a go.

Firstly, you need to download the i-nigma QR Code App to your SmartPhone – it is available from the App Store at no cost.

Once downloaded, open the App which will activate your camera and then you need to focus it on the code. With the one above, you will be taken directly to the Home page of the Reach Village website from which you can go directly to wherever you want, including back issues of this magazine.

And when you come across other such QR Codes you will easily be able to get to their websites as well.

Technology – what would we do without it!

David Parr



Adopt a Tree in our new Community Orchard

See Page 13

Graham Lingley 742293

Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle



Joyce Harrison (left), Joan Tompkins and Zenida McDonald



Zenida knitted this tea cosy



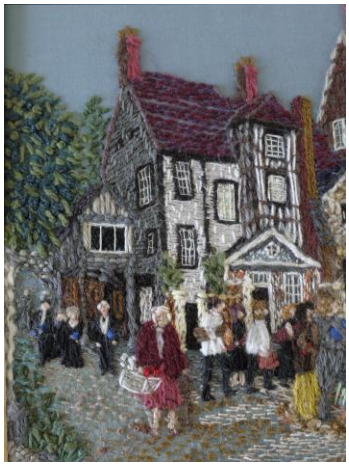
Helen Heath and her black-work cushion



Debbie Lingley made this crocheted blanket



Joyce Withers with one her framed embroideries

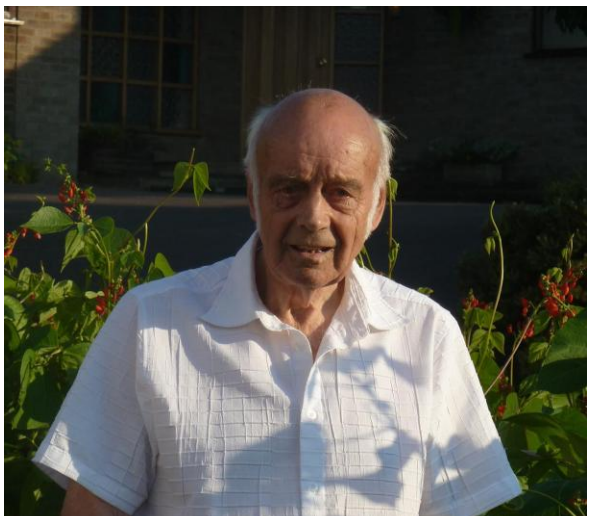


Detail of embroidery

Ray Folkes hits 90!



Ray and Anita Folkes on their Golden Wedding Anniversary 2nd March 2007



Seeing Ray Folkes' garden and watching him on his bike it's hard to believe he is 90 years old.

He had great pleasure in celebrating this milestone by having lunch with all his family and relations. He also had friends call at his home for a glass of bubbly and a piece of cake.

He gets a lot of pleasure from his two sons and their wives, Roland and Debbie and David and Dee. Also Glynis; his granddaughters Kelly and Amy and great grandchildren Matthew, Emily and Isabelle.

He loves watching all sports on TV but his biggest joy is his garden.

Anita Folkes



Ray and Anita Folkes celebrate with some of their family at the Dyke's End

Wild Weather and Wildlife



It may be nice weather for ducks and slugs and lawns, but please spare a thought for the wildlife that is suffering during this so called "summer". Since it didn't rain yesterday (St. Swithun's Day) I'm expecting it to start drying up. However if you are reading this in early August and it's still bad then you can be certain that by now some locally rare or isolated species are on the brink of extinction.



Butterflies, moths, bees, bats, birds and small wildflowers are some of the main victims of the inclement weather. A drop in numbers of night-flying insects like moths will cause bats to go hungry which will in turn affect their young. Sea birds are being blown off cliffs and garden birds are also struggling for food. Wildflowers are being battered and drowned, so the bees and butterflies that do survive have even less food.



The Bailey girls, Scarlet and Daisy, like the rain

These storms have followed 18 months of drought and turned our "green and pleasant land" from brown and crunchy straight to grey and squelchy. It's not just the UK that's been suffering. The jet stream in the atmosphere should be north of Scotland but its much further south and affecting weather all over the northern hemisphere. Scientists have recently suggested this has been caused by melt water from the polar ice caps cooling the air - well it's either that or we've seriously annoyed the weather gods!

Alison Lewis

Mowing Reach Wood Meadow



A small, but significant (and very welcome) change has recently materialised regarding the mowing of the meadow area of Reach Wood.

Some time ago Ron Greenhill expressed concern at the annual mowing method employed.

He felt that the current system, which employs flail mowing, gave no consideration to the wildlife at ground level and that small creatures, insects and reptiles were unable to escape the blades.

Supported by John Reed and David Parr a meeting was organised with Ian Froggatt of the Woodland Trust on site in Reach Wood. Ian understood the concerns put forward and suggested that the meadow could be mown using a Finger Cutter which operates at 4 – 6" above ground level. This equipment uses no suction and creatures below it are unharmed.



The mown top grasses would simple fall to the ground and these would need to be raked and left to rot down in small piles (volunteers will be required please).

The next annual cut is scheduled for the end of September or early October.

The above change to the mowing regime does not involve the normal cutting of the woodland paths.

Joss Goodchild

WOODLAND TRUST

News from the Allotments



St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
For forty days it will remain
St Swithun's day if thou be fair
For forty days 'twill rain nae mare

I am writing this on a sunny Sunday, the 15th June – St Swithun's Day. But I suspect that by tomorrow this tradition will have been proved wrong. There can't have been many people who have not complained about the weather over the past few months. Monthly totals have indeed been high – rainfall has been over double the monthly average of the previous 4 years (close to three times the average for April and June).

Having struggled with the lack of a water supply on the allotments since they were started two years ago, this year's rain has at least had a positive side – no more carting barrow loads of milk cartons full of water, no need to scramble up and down the steep bank of the field drain doing battle with nettles and brambles with a bucket of weed-filled water in each hand, sloshing over your feet.

My strawberries have been especially appreciative and so far I've harvested about 18lb of fruit (compared to about 1lb in each of the last two years). Everywhere on the allotments the vegetables are looking green and healthy (where the battle with weeds has been fought and won). However, it remains to be seen whether the lush green growth of the potatoes is matched by what lies below ground.

With the wet weather forecast to continue (at the time of writing at any rate – the Met Office clearly has no respect for St. Swithun) it is a good time to get certain plants and seeds in the ground. Now is the time to be planting out winter cabbages, Brussels sprouts and autumn cauliflowers and for sowing cabbages for next spring. Kale, Swiss chard, lettuces and other salad crops and even peas and beans can still be sown in July. And leeks should be transplanted or 'dibbed in'. So, if you think you can beat the slugs, it's time to get to work!

Gardening requires lots of water...
most of it in the form of perspiration.
Lou Erickson

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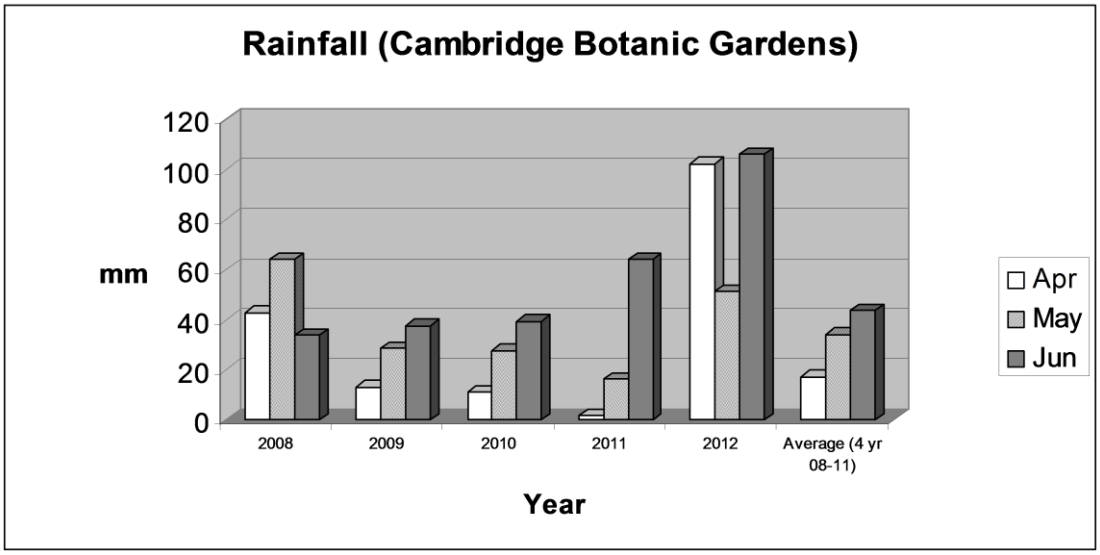



Adopt a Fruit Tree

You'll have hopefully followed progress with the development of our community orchard in the pages of Within Reach over the last few issues. At the end of the year we'll be planting an exciting mix of fruit trees – pears, apples, gages, plums, cherries and even a few walnut, fig, quince, medlar and mulberry trees.

Now is your chance to be an integral part of this community initiative!

Over the course of the next 6 months, starting now, we will be inviting people to "Adopt a Fruit Tree!". What does that mean? Well, those adopting trees will:

- Get you special invitations to annual 'Orchard Days' and other events
- Get you invited to pick and celebrate the first fruit from 'your' tree in the year it becomes productive
- Have your adoption listed on the Orchard page of the Reach Village website
- You will receive a certificate noting your unique role in helping to get the orchard established and a map showing the location of your adopted tree

We hope that those who adopt trees will want to get involved in the orchard – there will be plenty of opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to help out, from planting the trees, caring for them (weeding, pruning) and ultimately helping to harvest the fruit each year.



We suggest a voluntary contribution of £15 for each tree adopted. The money received will start a Reach Community Orchard fund which will contribute towards on-going costs of maintaining and developing the orchard. However, most of all we would like to see people from the village involved in establishing and caring for the orchard, enjoying what it has to offer.

You could also 'gift' an adopted tree as a birthday, Christmas, anniversary or special-day present or donate a tree to mark a special occasion or as a memorial.

If you want to select the fruit tree variety for adoption you can find the list of trees being planted on our web page: http://www.reach-village.co.uk/community_orchard.html. Alternatively we can select one for you.

And remember, by helping to establish our community orchard you will be:

- Ensuring access to local seasonal fruit now and for future generations
- Building local distinctiveness – helping to conserve fruit varieties traditional to the East of England
- Helping to create a habitat that will be good for wildlife - bees, birds and wildflowers
- Helping to make more healthy and sustainably produced food available to people in the village
- Creating a place for relaxation and recreation

So, please be part of this initiative, and Adopt a Tree today!

If you want to know more, or would like to sponsor a tree please contact Graham Lingley by email (glingley3@googlemail.com) or phone 742293.

Graham Lingley

Cambridge Botanic Gardens

Roses - what's in a name?

The origin of our modern garden roses was a mystery until the 20th century. Their genealogy was explored by geneticist Charles Chamberlain Hurst from 1922-1947 at the Cambridge Botanic Garden. Hurst attempted to disentangle their complex ancestry by crossing rose species and examining the genetics of the resulting hybrids. He proposed a scheme of rose evolution from these studies.

This is demonstrated in the design of the Rose Garden, the work of legendary plantsman and Garden Adviser to the National Trust, Graham Stuart Thomas, who was a trainee at the Botanic Gardens. The Rose Garden straddles the South Walk: on the south side are the rose species and the primary hybrids arising between them. The radiating island beds on the north side show the influence of new species crossed with traditional European varieties, including the China roses, the Damasks and the Bourbons.



Rosa Blush Rambler

The garden forms of roses do not grow particularly well in the chalky, dry soil of the Botanic Garden, so a really thick mulch is applied each autumn to enrich the soil and conserve moisture. Many species and primary hybrids, however, flourish. Hurst created many beautiful hybrids during his experimental work and he named two after the Botanic Garden – the single pink Rosa 'Cantab' and the beautiful yellow shrub *Rosa x cantabrigiensis*. Another hybrid commemorates the Botanic Garden benefactor Reginald Cory and is known as *R. x coryana*.

The diversity of colour and form of the many different roses in the Rose Garden is counterbalanced by a classic underplanting of lavenders and geraniums so throughout the summer, the Rose Garden is a magnet not just for visitors but for myriads of bees and butterflies. At its heart are two back-to-back, yew-enclosed benches that offer scent-infused vantage points over the history of the garden rose, a lovely spot to sit at the height of summer.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am – 6pm July – September, October 10am – 5 pm, November- January 10am – 4pm. Adult admission is £4.50 (Giftaid admission £4.95) or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk



Juliet Vickery's home improvements have not been going to plan!

St Etheldreda's Church, Reach
All Age Service with Baptisms
August 12th 3pm
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Church Barbeque
Saturday September 8th 5.30pm
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Back to Church Sunday service
September 30th 10am
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Harvest Songs of Praise
Saturday 27th October 6pm
Followed by Harvest Supper
*
Activities for children at all services

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach
Loving God, Loving People

2012 Reach Olympic Sports Day
Saturday 4th August 2pm

Opened by a local Olympic Torch Bearer at 2pm at Hill Farm

Make your own Olympic Torch and join a procession to the field

Please wear a t-shirt or top the colour of one of the Olympic rings.

Bring union jacks and any Olympic accessories you have

Come with umbrellas or sun cream as appropriate as well as cameras and drinks.

There will be a few new games and the usual post games BBQ

All children (and their parents/supporters) welcome

See web site for more details

www.reach-village.co.uk/news_sports_day_2012.html

Last years cup winners please bring trophies back cleaned and engraved so your name is among the famous sports stars of Reach!

Gardening Q & A



Janet is hugely knowledgeable about plants and we are most fortunate to have her living in the village. In addition to giving seasonal advice she is willing to answer your gardening questions so do contact Janet and fire away.

Janet's Background

At the moment I have my own business growing peat-free plants for National Trust Plant Centres which was temporarily halted because of the hose-pipe ban. After I graduated from Wye College London, I lectured at Writtle Agricultural College. I then went on to organise the casual pickers (between 3 and 250 depending on the season!) on a large farm in Kent until I had the children. After moving up here, I worked on an herbaceous plant nursery for a couple of years before starting up on my own.

Question

I have a long (50m) border with some trees and shrubs which does not have a lot of colour. I have half a dozen three-metre gaps within the shrubs for additional planting and I was thinking of adding Rugosa roses which I saw at Langthorn Nursery, Essex. The roses were very large with hips in the autumn which would be enjoyed by the birds. Does this sound like a good solution? Should I plant all roses or perhaps something else? Can I only plant the roses in December? What specific roses should I choose - there are so many? Where should I get them from?



Answer

Rosa rugosa is a native of the Far East. It has very prickly stems and the veins are sunk into the leaf giving it a wrinkled appearance – rugosa. The very fragrant flowers are produced throughout the summer and autumn followed by red hips, often appearing at the same time as the late flowers. The hips are characteristically short and fat. R. rugosa is very tolerant of salt spray making a good seaside hedge, or for roadside use where salt is used in winter. (Autoroutes in France have R. rugosa in the central reservation for miles and miles) R. rugosa hybridises easily with other roses giving disease resistance to its offspring. There are masses of cultivars, which have been selected for garden use with single, semi-double or double flowers, with colours ranging from white to dark plum red.

I like the sound of roses in your border, but I think you can do better than only having one variety of rose especially as everything else is mixed. I would suggest that only a couple of your gaps could be filled with Rosa rugosa. It is easier on the eye if each gap is filled with the same variety so in a 3-metre gap you would plant them about half metre apart about three quarters of a metre from the edge. I have found R.V.Roger Ltd have a web site with a good selection of R. rugosa varieties to look at. If you fill all the gaps with the same rose the border will lose its English garden appearance so perhaps put some of the modern ground cover roses in some of the gaps. These varieties can be cut back with shears after flowering to give a later display and those flower heads will produce hips for autumn. I have R. Bonica in my garden.



There is so much choice when it comes to roses, but David Austin's English Roses combine the charm of old roses with repeat flowering of modern varieties. You would be able to get a wider range of colour choice by using English Roses to fill the last of the gaps.

You can plant containerised (ones in pots) at any time, but bare-root ones, planted in late autumn, settle into their position better before they start into growth in the Spring (and are cheaper). Anything planted in the late spring through until autumn will need watering several times until it becomes established. It is always best to give new planting a good soak a couple of times a week rather than a sprinkle every day. Our soil isn't ideal for roses; they like a pH range on the acid side of neutral 5.5 – 7.0, so lots of manure in the winter will help them off to a good start in the spring and keep manuring every winter.

I hope your border looks lovely next year and even better the following ones.

Janet Hall

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What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

So it rains, nay pours, but our shop is stocked with sunshine for your plates

Just step into the Snakehall Farm shop and you will be greeted by our bumper summer crop. From now until autumn, each week the seasonal stock in the shop explodes with organic edibles to grace your inclement BBQs or simple suppers. As we don't "add" anything to boost our crops or rid them of nature's visitors, you will only need to rinse away the mud and occasional sneaky stowaway (don't worry we don't charge extra for them but veggies beware). The freshness of our quality produce tastes for itself, simple veg, grown locally, harvested by our co-workers and on your plate in less than 24 hours. You can hold off with the fancy hollandaise and let the summer burst on your plate if not in your garden.

So enough of extolling the virtues of our veggies, what may you spot in the shop? New potatoes, crunchy cucumbers, tomatoes in all sizes, lovely leeks, bunches of carrots and beetroot, did I mention the tomatoes? Onions or shallots, bags of salad leaves, spring greens, spinach and French beans. Rush for the rhubarb while in season and our stock still lasts, grab a few of the more unusual offerings of globe artichokes, chard and endive. Try our beautiful garlic in plaits or single bulbs. Did I mention the tomatoes? Our marmite vegetable, the magnificent Marrow (you either love it or hate it I think) will be making an appearance soon, don't be fooled these are not overlarge courgettes (also found in the shop) we actually grow the real thing.



Our chickens continue to thrive in their recycled caravan on the farm and reward our eager chicken-watch co-workers who love going to feed, tend and hunt for eggs daily. If our basket of smudgy (it is organic smudge) eggs is empty then please try a box of our local organic eggs too. Yellow yokes will bring a spot of sunshine to your plate.

We are WHEELY happy on and off the farm

The Garden Team have new wheels and they can be seen out and about in their Prospects logo'd truck. Over the past two years we have been fundraising for the new truck, which has a larger cab, so we can offer more placements on the garden team. We have secured over £11,000 to get the Garden Team into top gear this year.

Not only covering the cost of the vehicle, we have been able to fund a new lawnmower and the all-important insurance. Give us a beep when you take a peek at our new wheels. We must give thanks to our local and national supporters who have contributed to this cause: Reach Amenity Fund, Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities, Simon Gibson Charitable Trust, The Aquarius Trust, Selwyn College Fund, The Mitcham Charitable Trust, Lionel Wrigram Memorial Trust, Clark Bradbury Charitable Trust, The Rank Foundation and The Cole Charitable Trust. Toot toot to our Truck triumph.

For our local garden team customers, we send a little apology. Not for the rain, but of course that makes the grass grow lush, along with the weeds, but Will and his small team of green fingered co-workers have had to work a little harder this season, as our Garden Team Goddess, Sarah, took a tumble and has been off work. We send our get well wishes to Sarah and our thanks to our contract customers if we have been a day or so delayed in tackling your greenery.

Prospects Trust Polytunnel Partners Appeal 2012

The last edition focused on the farm's efforts to fundraise for the necessary repairs and re-skins to our productive polytunnels. Our Spring Sponsored walk and our fabulous new sponsors, corporate and individuals, has brought us closer to our fundraising target of £10,000, we have a staggering total of over £7,000. If you wish to sponsor a whole tunnel or a part share of one please visit http://localgiving.com/charity/prospectstrustatsnakehallfarm or pop along to the farm to take a look.

We are exceptionally pleased to welcome Manit Contractors www.manitcontractors.co.uk as our very latest GOLD sponsor, supporting a whole renovation of one of our tunnels. They supported us in the Bus Shelter Project several years back and continue to help support our cause. We look forward to hosting a day of their free labour on the farm too.

The Polytunnel Partners Project is sprouting new partnerships, our wholesale customer COFCO (www.cofco.co.uk/news/polytunnel-partners.html) has come up with a great way of generating further support by publicising our plea though their veg box customers, so by September we hope to see COFCO's own fully sponsored polytunnel at Snakehall Farm.

"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. 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.

On a recent break to Turkey I quickly snapped the polytunnel opposite, bursting at the seams literally with tomatoes. With our less sunny climes, we need to keep our polytunnels ship shape, so hope to find a few more sponsors by the end of this growing season - we want the same sunshine tomatoes but with a more secure roof overhead.

Prospects Placements

Did you know we have up to 15 adults growing daily at Snakehall Farm? We offer supported work placements one to two days per week, 50 weeks of the year and we 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.

Uncharitable to a charity?

We seem to have recently experienced the anti-Robin Hood affect. What do I mean by this? You all know of that infamous historical figure stole from the rich and distributed to the poor. As a small charity we definitely would fit into the financially poor sector (although we are rich in our deeds), but it seems that some feel they can prosper at Prospects by attempting to steal our hard earned assets. We have beefed up security on site but still wish to welcome our loyal and local customers to our farm shop, there is new CCTV, locks and lights and our on-site farm doggie knows the good from the bad, thank goodness, especially when our anti-Hoods turn up in the early hours with bolt croppers!

It seems a shame to mention this too but some of our farm shop customers have been miscalculating their produce value. Please double check your adding up (we leave a pad and paper in the shop to test your arithmetic) and pay for all the produce you take. For the record we do not accept foreign coins, buttons or the Waitrose charity tokens as appropriate payment??? We know that for those of you who take the time to read this piece, you are as shocked as we are but we have just calculated a loss of around £900 in farm shop sales due to underpayment or shop-lifting. That equates to a lot of cucumbers.

So sorry to end on a sore point, but we rely on local support and fundraising to break even every year. Naturally we are keen to hold onto our assets and continue to stock our honesty shop, we want to keep the shop open and accessible to all, dawn to dusk daily. We thank you for your continued support and we hope that our farm gates continue to be open to you and more customers this season.

Marianne (Maz) Baker

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Polytunnels in Turkey in need of Maz's zeal raising sponsorship!

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



The lease for the 24Acres project has now been completed and signed. The Parish Council will be taking over responsibility for the lower half of the field once the crop has been harvested later in the summer. Many readers will be aware that funds to purchase the land came from a special 50th anniversary grant from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (EFF), who have also supported a long term habitat monitoring project on the Vision lands. We were delighted to welcome television naturalist, Mike Dilger, to Wicken Fen recently to showcase the important support that EFF played in the development of the Vision. He was clearly impressed by what he saw and had a few ideas for possible future filming visits to Wicken.



Martin Lester, NT Countryside and Community Manager (left) and Mike Dilger, television naturalist

This August we mark the 100th anniversary of the death of Octavia Hill, social reformer and co-founder of the National Trust. To mark her wonderful life we've created a new six mile, Octavia Hill Walk. Departing from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre, the walk takes in Burwell Fen and heads on to Upware before returning to Wicken. Copies of the walk are available at the Visitor Centre or can be downloaded from our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen



Octavia Hill

We have another of our popular **Family Muck In Days** on Saturday 15th September, 11am-2.30pm at Anglesey Abbey. This time we plan to build and install nest boxes to provide warm safe places for birds to lay their eggs and raise their young. Please give Lois Baker, our Community Officer, a quick email lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01353 720274 if you wish to attend so we can plan the day's activities.



The summer holidays are here and we have lots of ideas and fun activities planned to keep the young ones amused. A good place to start would be to collect you free '**50 Things to Do before you're 11¾'** scrapbook from either Wicken Fen or Anglesey Abbey. Building a den, making mud pies, skimming stones and camping out in the wild are just some of the fun things we think every child should do before they grow up.



At Wicken we have **Pond Dipping** with optional Bug Hunt every Tuesday until 28th August - enjoy 30 minutes pond dipping with Wicken's experts on hand to identify the creatures in your net! Timed tickets from 10.30am, £1.75 plus 50p for bug hunt. Introductory **Stand Up Paddleboarding** sessions are available every Thursday until 30th August, £12.50 child £20 adults (please note there is a minimum height requirement of 1.4 metres). **Myths and Magic** piece together the spell and concoct a potion to rescue the tree sprite from the fen witch (4-10yrs) Wednesday 1st and Friday 31st August; **Summertime Arts and Crafts -** Friday 3rd and Wednesday 15th August (all ages); **Den Building** - Learn the best methods of making camouflage, before making your natural den (3-8yrs) Monday 6th and Wednesday 22nd August; **Wildlife Explorer** - Discover the wildlife that calls Wicken Fen home (6-12yrs) on Wednesday 8th August; **Mud Glorious Mud** - is the perfect chance to explore the finer points of mud for building, painting and throwing (all ages) on Friday 10th and Monday 20th August; **Wicken Warriors** - get camouflaged, learn tracking skills and play some wild games (7-12yrs) on Friday 17th and Wednesday 29th August; **Fairies and Pixies** - meet the fenland fairies and Nanny Sparkles plus lots of fairy crafts (3-6yrs) Monday 13th August; **Wild Boutique** - natural crafts and jewellery inspired by the beauty of the fen (7-12yrs) Friday 24th August. All events run from 10.30am-12.30pm or 2-4pm, £4.75 per child. Pre-booking essential on 01353 720274.



New tree house at Anglesey Abbey

Down at Anglesey Abbey, kids will love to explore our new **Tree House** in the **Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery Area.** Built by our Garden Team, the two-storey house will give our younger visitors (and older ones too) a bird's eye view from the trees tops – no doubt we will hear the odd Tarzan call from time to time.

The grounds of Anglesey Abbey provide a magnificent setting for some classic outdoor theatre this summer. The Cambridge Touring Theatre Company take a merry romp through the world of magic and mystery as they perform their comical musical adaptation of **The Sword in the Stone** on Saturday 4th August, 6pm. In the afternoon the company will be running a pre-performance drama workshop for 5-10 year olds from 4.30pm to 5.15pm which costs just £2. The season concludes with The Pantaloons, as they recreate the Oscar Wilde classic, **The Importance of Being Ernest** on 1st September at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £14/adult and £10/child or £46/family for all shows and the children's drama workshop can be purchased on 0844 249 1895 - booking fees apply.

Finally, the summer draws to a close with Anglesey's dazzling **Dahlia Festival** (Monday 10th to Sunday 16th September). The gardeners carefully nurture over 70 species of Dahlia which reach a colourful crescendo in mid September. The gardeners will be in the Dahlia Garden each day of the festival at 11am-12.30 and 2.30-4pm to answer your questions and provide advice on how to grow and look after your dahlias at home.

Have a great summer.

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



CROSSWORD WINNER

Congratulations go to Angela Halpin of Forest Hill, London, on winning Zenida's crossword No. 13. A £5 book token has been sent to her. Commiserations go to the other entrants who completed the crossword successfully but were not picked out first. Thanks for entering and better luck next time!

SOLUTION TO ZENIDA'S CROSSWORD No. 13

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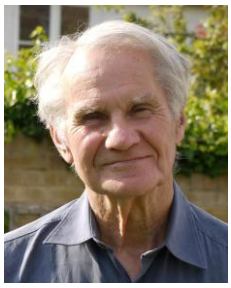
Meeting Philip Lewis



Q. What is your full name?
A. Philip Solven Lewis. Solven is a family name.

Q. Where were you born and brought up?
A. Swindon, Wiltshire.

Q. What stands out for you about your school days?
A. Not much. I went to a good grammar school which had a strict headmaster. I was a moderate student, a moderate tennis player and a moderate cricketer.

Q. What was your employment?
A. I did not know what to do when I left school - my parents could only afford to send my brother to university and anyway I hadn't got the grades. I then caught polio, took a year out to recover then went to work as a junior accounts clerk for Swindon Corporation. After a while, an engineer left the Corporation to set up a civil engineering company and asked if I would go with him to become the (pretty unqualified!) accountant. I went.

Fishing around for what to do, I then did an external BSc. in Economics from London whilst I worked for the civil engineering company. I then applied for various jobs and eventually had a choice as to whether to train as prison governor or a hospital manager. I chose prison and went to Portland Borstal as an assistant governor where it was our decision as to when borstal boys were fit for release - anytime between nine months and three years. That all struck me as pretty haphazard - especially when I found that some of my released borstal boys had been stealing on the train home - so I took three years out and went and did a psychology degree at Liverpool University on a Mature State Scholarship.

Returning to the prison service I served at various establishments but was then asked to run a course training new assistant governors which I did happily for some years. It also enabled me to complete a PhD on the psychological deterioration in prisoners during their time inside. I was then made Deputy Governor of Brixton - a huge London nick which taught me in particular that the idea that judges are experts in sentencing has absolutely no foundation. After three years I left and went to the Cabinet Office and then the Department for Education which took me through to 1994. I retired that year and did a law degree at Cambridge University after which I took the first part of the exams to go to the Bar but found out that I was too old to get a pupillage. So I went to work as the volunteer Adviser in Employment Law at Newmarket Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) advising employees and ex-employees and where necessary running their cases to Employment Tribunal. I now do the same thing for Ely CAB as well. All immensely satisfying - over the years we have won well over £2M for clients.

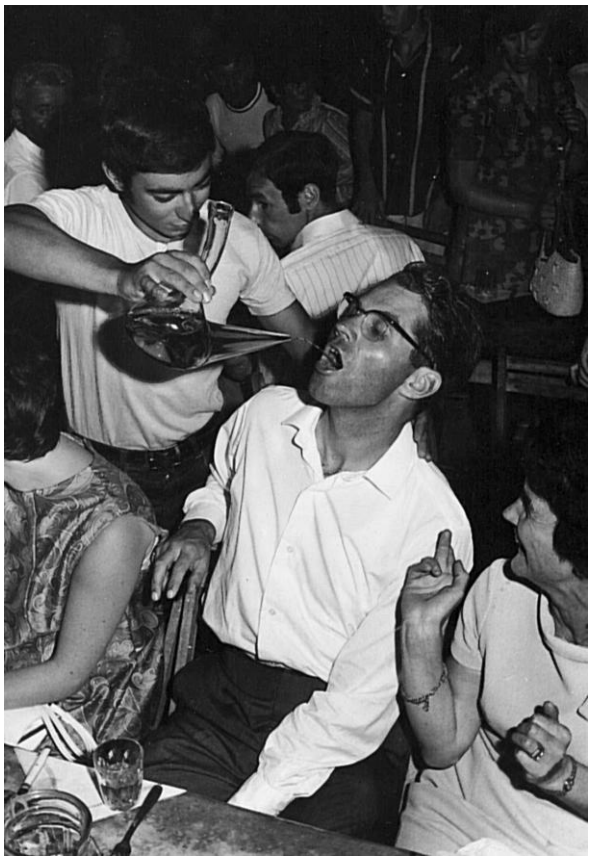


Holding forth on education to the LEAs (Local Education Authorities) – always a popular event!



Philip - fourth from right (the tall one) as Metellus Cimber. A humble heart?

In short, life has been fabulous. A high spot? The CBE in 1995 for services to education.



Early wine tasting. Hugh – this method next time?

Q. How did you come to live in Reach?
A. When I did my degree at Cambridge starting in 1994 I sought to move to Cambridgeshire. I looked at a lot of villages within a 12-mile radius of the university. I must have looked at 50–60 of them - mainly dreadful. I then made a booking with an estate agent to view a house in a place called Reach, bowled down the road from Burwell and was instantly captivated. I started looking at No. 20 but the estate agent did not turn up. The chap next door said he wanted to sell in October. I bought his house there and then. No. 21 dates from 1700 and was originally two houses. I've done a lot to it since.

Ed. The house is a delight and as we sat in the conservatory we watched a young thrush fly from the nest with its mother looking on.

Q. You organised the village picnic to celebrate the opening of the bridge. What triggered this idea?
A. In the past I was the Secretary for the village company which bought the pub - Bryan Pearson was the Chairman. Prince Charles got interested in the concept of the pub as the hub and came to visit. When the bridge came along I just thought we ought to capture it for the village.

It's amazing what the village has achieved over the years - the planting of the wood, saving the pub, restoring and extending the village hall, getting a tennis court and now utilising the 24 acres from the National Trust.

Q. What interests do you have?
A. I spend a lot of time with my family and Sheila. I have two children and four grandchildren including a recent adopted addition. I enjoy tennis, the gym three times a week and the law.

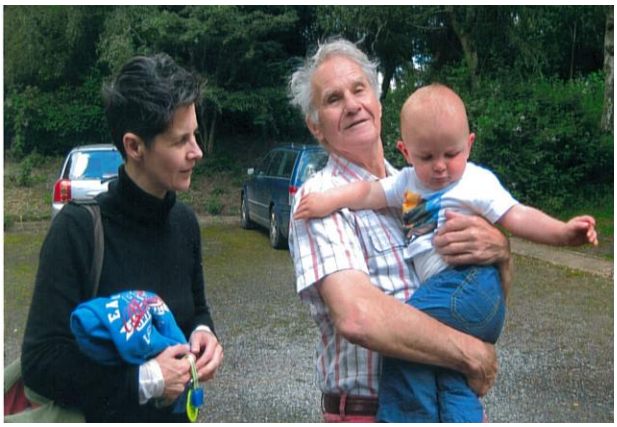
Q. I believe you like to travel?
A. Yes the usual places plus Namibia, Brazil, India and Borneo. I enjoy 'explore' holidays - but not the leeches.

Q. What is your favourite book?
A. Poetry. Ted Hughes, Sylvia Plath, Wilfred Owen and many others.

Q. Your favourite music or musician?
A. I enjoy opera so it would have to be my favourite opera which – *after some thought* – is Julietta by Martinu in which nobody's memory lasts longer than 10 minutes.

Q. Are you handy around the house?
A. Yes. I paint. I installed some of the central heating and restored a fireplace in the house. I assisted the builder as he worked.

Q. Can you cook?
A. Yes. When we have dinner parties I cook. I enjoy cooking pastry dishes: Beef Wellington and salmon en croute.



With daughter Naomi and newly adopted grandchild Rupert

Q. What is your philosophy on life?
A. I believe that in life we have a duty or responsibility to keep our body fit and our mind active. We owe it to nature. Develop, develop and develop! I very much believe in the Freudian concept that we all have huge potential if only we can access it.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

REACH FAIR 2013

We would like to run a Smash the Crockery stall and to do this we will need some crockery! If you are replacing your dinner set or have some old and odd plates and mugs please let me have them. I will collect. Claire Halpin-McDonald (743330)

Burwell Women's Institute

At the Burwell Women's Institute Annual General Meeting on May 31st 2012 the speaker was Mr Bob Harding-Jones, who gave a comic talk entitled 'Can I help You? I'm a paramedic'. Mr Harding-Jones explained that he was in his 40s when he began to train as a paramedic and in the years since then he has noted down amusing incidents where 'emergencies' turned out not to be so serious. He brought along some of his poems about his work and was thanked for his amusing talk.

At the Burwell Women's Institute meeting on 28th June Mrs Vivien Honeyborne–Martin's talk was about 'Adult Foot Health'. We were shown slides of the many problems that can affect feet and it was thoroughly explained which problems can or cannot be successfully treated and how to recognise when it is better to consult a chiropodist/podiatrist rather than continue with self-treatment. We were given a test to see if we could rate different types of shoes according to their health benefits. Mrs Honeybourne-Martin is a highly trained professional and treats clients at clinics in Burwell and Toft. I was impressed by her expertise and obvious love for her work and felt confident that I would happily trust this lady to treat my feet any time. The speaker was heartily thanked for her most interesting presentation.



Burwell W.I. Committee wish to collect photos and memorabilia connected with its past history and would be grateful if anyone who has any memories to share or items to give them to please get in touch. The collected items will then be placed in Cambridge library archives where they will be preserved.

The East of England Show is on 6th, 7th and 8th July. Some members have entered the competitions and Chrissie has bravely volunteered to mind the W.I. stall as usual for the whole three days. Please visit the W.I. marquee if you go to the show.

The Burwell W.I. stall at Burwell Carnival raised over £566 which was handed over to the Carnival Committee. Thanks go to all who helped.

Helpers are needed for the Fenland Fair on 26th and 27th August. Donations welcome.

Many interesting trips, workshops and events are on the local W.I. calendar, for example, a visit to Buckingham Palace on 18 September. Early booking is advised.

On August 30th there will be a talk and slides about 'Life in Lagos'. The competition will be an old holiday photograph.

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

Burwell Mothers' Union members celebrated Holy Communion together at St. Mary's Church, Burwell, on 23rd May. The Rev. David King officiated and it was a lovely service. Afterwards a group of us went to La Hogue Garden Centre at Chippenham for lunch and were fortunate to have dry weather. I had not been to La Hogue before and the goods on display were a feast for the eyes. There was a wide selection of meats, cheeses, fruit, vegetables, sweets, cards, gifts and garden ornaments as well as the usual plants. The restaurant was spacious and service was very good with a range of meals to choose from. Thanks to all members who offered lifts and helped to make it a good day out.

On 13th June there was a Planning and Wine meeting and on 27th June at 2.30pm there was a Strawberry Tea. On 11th July there was Holy Communion at St. Mary's at 10am and at 7.30pm Susan gave a talk. The last meeting before the summer holiday was lunch for both groups on 25th July.

Meetings will begin again in September . . . .

September 6th	Evening meeting
September 26th	Afternoon meeting
October 6th	Harvest Breakfast

For more information please contact Susan Baker on 01638 741791.

Zenida McDonald

A date for your diary

Saturday 27th October 2012

Harvest Songs of Praise
6.00 – 6.45pm, just before the Harvest Supper

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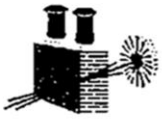

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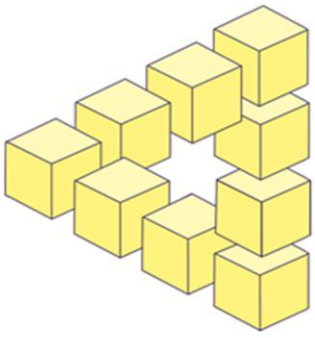

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Ross's Reflections



Thanks to Youtube it is no longer necessary to wait for a BBC documentary: you can obtain instant historical gratification on virtually any subject of the past 100 years. With nothing better to do one afternoon I developed a sudden fascination with Olympic opening ceremonies, to see how they might compare with that dished up at London 2012 – or even the planned opening ceremony to this year's Reach sports day.

The torch procession, unfortunately, belongs to Adolf Hitler. But the Berlin Olympics of 1936 were not quite as innovative as is often made out. The Los Angeles games of 1932 were the first to be held on a modern scale. The stadium held 105,000 people (25,000 more than this year's) and was so ahead of its time that it was able to be used for a second games 52 years later – still the only stadium to have achieved that honour.



The Berlin opening ceremony was the first to include some audience participation: a mass Nazi salute, which was expected to be returned by the national teams as they marched past. The Germans, Austrians and Italians, as might be expected, joined in enthusiastically – as did, interestingly, the French. The British and American teams merely waved.

After LA and Berlin the London austerity games of 1948 looked a little limp. It looks peculiar however to see a blond-haired athletic torch-carrier in white vest come running into the stadium, just as in Berlin. Who on earth decided that we should copy a piece of Nazi-inspired imagery? It caught on, nonetheless and there at the Munich games 24 years later comes another blondish, floppy-haired figure with a torch – possibly unaware of the origins of this part of the ceremony.

Aside from some thigh-slapping Bavarian dancers with leather whips in Munich, the idea of entertainment other than a procession originated with the Moscow games, which features a Greek chariot and a large display screen at the back of the stadium.

Los Angeles in 1984 had the games launched with a rocketman who had to fly with a jet pack on his pack across the stadium. For the first time since Berlin, the audience was given a part: after a countdown everyone was asked to hold up a card which had been left on their seats. The result was a spectacular display of the flags of competing nations.



Seoul in 1988 featured mass dancing again, but the idea of turning the whole thing into a huge pageant, with the procession of athletes reduced to a mere preamble, did not really begin until Barcelona in 1992, the first to be held partly after nightfall. Since then the Olympic opening ceremony has been one big arms race of pyrotechnics.

Maybe we get back to just having a bit of sport and chop out all the other stuff from the Olympics. It would certainly save some money: bizarrely, this year's ceremony not only escaped the cuts but had its budget doubled to £80 million. But somehow I can't see any restraint being shown in Rio: a city which likes to party if there ever was one. I'm just pleased I'm not a Brazilian taxpayer.

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Days Gone By



In August/September 1979 it was Cliff Richard who topped the UK charts with “We don’t talk any more” soon to be followed by “Message in a Bottle” from Police, an English rock band which included Gordon Sumner, better known as Sting.

In the UK, times were difficult with two major IRA actions taking place over the period.



The Queen's cousin, Lord Louis Mountbatten, was killed by a bomb blast on his boat in Ireland. One of the earl's twin grandsons, Nicholas, 14 and Paul Maxwell, 15, a local employed as a boat boy, also died in the explosion with another passenger on the boat, the Dowager Lady Brabourne, 82, dying the day after the attack.

Thomas McMahon, 31 was convicted of the murders and ultimately released from jail in 1998 under the Good Friday agreement.

The attack was followed only hours later by the massacre of 18 soldiers, killed in two booby-trap bomb explosions near Warrenpoint close to the border with the Irish Republic.

The ambush had been carefully planned. The first bomb, weighing half-a-ton, was planted under some hay on a flat-bed lorry beside a dual carriageway. It exploded killing six soldiers of the Second Battalion Parachute Regiment as they travelled past in a four-ton lorry at the back of a three-vehicle army convoy. Members of the Queen's Own Highlanders flew to the scene by helicopter and twenty minutes after the first explosion, as the helicopter took off with some of the injured, the second device was detonated. Twelve more soldiers - two Highlanders and ten Paras were killed as the second device exploded close to them.

In August 1979, John Stonehouse, the former government minister who faked his own death, was freed from prison. He was released on bail after serving three years of a seven-year term for theft, fraud and deception. The charges related to a string of failed fraudulent businesses set up by the ex-Walsall MP before his disappearance in 1974.

The case captured the public imagination because it mirrored a popular 70s television character, Reginald Perrin, who also faked his own death. As well as leaving behind a pile of clothes on a Miami beach to fake his drowning, he also left behind a wife and a daughter.



John Stonehouse with Sheila Buckley

He re-emerged in Melbourne, Australia with a new identity and his former secretary, Sheila Buckley. He was captured by Australian police in 1974; they wrongly believed they had caught the missing Lord Lucan who was wanted in England for murder.

John Stonehouse and Sheila Buckley married in 1981 - he died in 1988 aged 62.

In Brighton, despite the project having its knockers, the UK’s first nudist beach was opened.

In Reach, the big activity taking place was the “Save our Lodes” campaign. The Anglian Water Authority were pressing to remove the existing high level drainage system because of the cost of repair (estimated at £1.6M) and to replace it with a low level ditch system which would require a smaller initial outlay (estimated cost £0.75M).

Led by local councillors, including Geoffrey Woollard, there was a public meeting in the Village Centre attended by over 70 people. A walk along the Reach Lode was also undertaken and eventually, the idea was rejected. It was a real triumph for “localism” and we remain able to enjoy our Lodes today.

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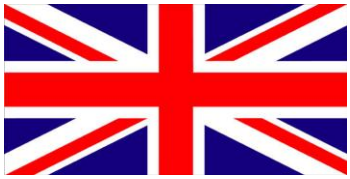

Swaffham Prior Primary School

The summer term has rushed past in a blur of red, white and blue . . . .

On Friday 1st June we celebrated the Queen's Jubilee as a school. There was a tree planting ceremony during which the oldest and youngest children in school planted our 'Royal' oak. The oak sapling is part of the Jubilee Wood which has been organised by the Woodland Trust. The children also prepared some pieces for a time capsule including poetry and thoughts about the Queen, and this has been buried next to the tree. Each child was presented with a medallion celebrating the Jubilee and the day culminated in a Friends of Swaffham Prior School (FoSPS) cafe.

'The Queen is dancing
It's her Diamond Jubilee
The Queen is happy'

Mercury Class wrote this haiku poem about the Queen. A copy has been put in the 'time-capsule'

Three Year 5 and 6 children took part in a history quiz at Bottisham Village College and came third which is a great achievement. They are at present deciding what to spend the prize money on that will inspire future historians in school.

We held a Music Concert last half term and the children performing did so with enthusiasm and confidence. There was a wide range of instruments represented including violins, the piano, a drum, an oboe, a flute, cellos and a saxophone. We have some very talented musicians!

Our theme this term centred on the Olympics and Paralympics. The children have participated in a wide range of art-based projects which include designing and making a banner, creating a piece of art work as a school, which involved every child in the school painting their own section and inventing their own Olympic/Paralympic mascots.

As part of National Sports Week we set ourselves a target of completing 2012 laps of the school grounds. Children and staff spent lunchtimes, running and/or walking to reach sets goals of laps. By the end of the week the target had been reached and overtaken. We reached a total of over 2400! Many of the children managed to complete extra laps. Congratulations go to Ruben who achieved one of the highest scores of 58!



Jubilee celebrations

Neptune made a visit to Lode chapel where they undertook a range of activities devised by Simon Goddard. Later that week Simon led an assembly with the whole school. We have also been visited by Eleanor Williams, the vicar of Reach and Burwell, who led an assembly for us with Nita Burton, our cleaner in charge. During the assembly Nita presented a book to the school called 'The Queen's Beasts'. The book was inspired by the artist, Tom Hiscock, who created sculptures from cans and other recycled materials.

Year 1 went to a tennis festival where they learnt about and practised a range of tennis skills. The children had a very energetic time. One comments made was, 'It was good and we got stickers' (Aiden).

On Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th July, KS2 performed 'Go for Gold'. There were many strong performances and the singing was wonderful. They definitely went for gold, as did Mr Cane and Mrs Lingley who made some spectacular scenery. The hall was transformed into an ancient Greek city with columns, arches and Mount Olympus!

The Summer Fair was held on Saturday 7th July and was a very successful event despite the rain! FoSPS organised a range of stalls and games, cunningly sheltered under a range of marquees and gazebos, and a steady stream of tea and cakes were consumed alongside burgers and hot dogs. It was a very happy occasion and thanks go to FoSPS and all those who helped.

Continuing with our sporting theme, the school was part of a torch relay between four local schools. We greeted the runners from Swaffham Bulbeck, who took only ten minutes to run to us, and Maisey Snaith, Toby and Mrs Walker were handed the torch for the next section. They ran magnificently to Burwell and received well-earned medals to celebrate their achievement. In the afternoon the rain stayed away and we had the 'Swaffham Olympics'. Children from Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior schools were selected to take part in a range of sporting events. They displayed excellence in running, throwing and jumping and Barbara Leverett (world champion for the triathlon) presented bronze, silver and gold medals to the winning athletes.

We have also had a Sports Day, a Multicultural Day (with an Australian theme) for Neptune Class, a picnic for the new incoming reception children and a day of Samba for KS2. It has indeed been a busy time for all!

It seems incredible that the school year is drawing to a close but there is an exciting new term to look forward to in September. We wish you a good summer with hopefully some wonderful sunshine!

Hannah Curtis, Head Teacher

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The banner was made and designed by the children. We took it to the Swaffham Olympics!

Little Windmills Pre-school

This year we say farewell and best wishes to our 16 school risers who are going to three of our local schools, Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell Village College. We will miss them all.

We would like to thank all our parents who supported us with our float for this year's Burwell Carnival. We chose to illustrate the 'Olympics' theme with our interpretation of the first Greek Olympics. Imagine how thrilled we were to be announced as second in the float competition! The children had great fun making laurel wreaths, Olympic torches and medals as well as finding out about the Olympic sports.



Little Windmills' float at Burwell Carnival

Once again we took part in the Big Toddle to raise money for Barnardo's with the theme this year being superheroes. Thank you to all the parents who supported us. We hope you enjoyed your picnic afterwards.

The staff team at Little Windmills would like to thank Tania, Roger and all committee members for all their hard work this year - without them we could not operate. From the beginning of next term which starts on Tuesday 4th September we will be changing our session hours so that we will be running every morning during term-time from 9.15am until 12.15pm.

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

Wanted: School Governors

Earlier this term, Phil Kingsmill stepped down from his position as foundation governor for our primary school at Swaffham Prior. We are very grateful to Phil for all of the time and continual support he has given to the school over the last 11 years and give enormous thanks for all that he has done.

In the next few months the terms of office for two other governors come to an end. The Governing Body is always looking for people to serve as governors. Governors are drawn from all areas of the communities that our school serves including staff, parents, the church and the Local Authority. This means that school decisions are made by local people with a wide range of experiences and views.

There are no prerequisite skills to becoming a governor. The ability to work as part of a team, a readiness to accept responsibility and the confidence to ask questions, listen and fulfil all aspects of the role. There are a wide range of skills that some governors bring with them from their experiences at home or work, such as financial planning or personnel issues, which will enhance the effectiveness of the Governing Body, but all are welcome. You do not need to have any particular qualifications or have expertise in education; you just need to have time, enthusiasm and commitment.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact me, Roz Chalmers, Chair of Governors on 01638 742004 or Beverley O'Dowd, clerk to the Governors, through the school.

Roz Chalmers



Sue Bailey with daughters Scarlet and Daisy

Harry Oliver-Towers: The Torch Relay

We went to see the Olympic Torch at Parkers Piece, Cambridge, on Saturday 7th July 2012 when Iwan Thomas carried the torch and lit the cauldron



Alison Lewis in the crowd at Parkers Piece



Iwan Thomas carrying the Olympic flame
My dad was impressed as well as me

The next day at 5am we dragged ourselves out of bed to see the torch relay in a punt and then on Castle Hill. The torchbearer in the punt was called Ed Roberts who was nominated for doing lots of voluntary work and he handed the flame to Casper right in front of us on Castle Hill.

Did You Know there are **8000** holes in each torch created by lasers! They prevent heat conducting down the handle.



Juliet Vickery and me with Casper and his Olympic torch



A great event!

KIDS PAGE!! ☺ ☺

French themed!! ☺☺☺☺☺



First, some French words!

Hello = Bonjour
Goodbye = Au revoir
Good = bon
A cat = un chat
A dog = un chien

I have = J'ai
So, for example…
I have a cat
=
J'ai un chat

If you have any puzzles or themes you would like to see on the kids page, please contact me through my email – susie_jill@hotmail.com

What is this famous French monument called?





Croissant



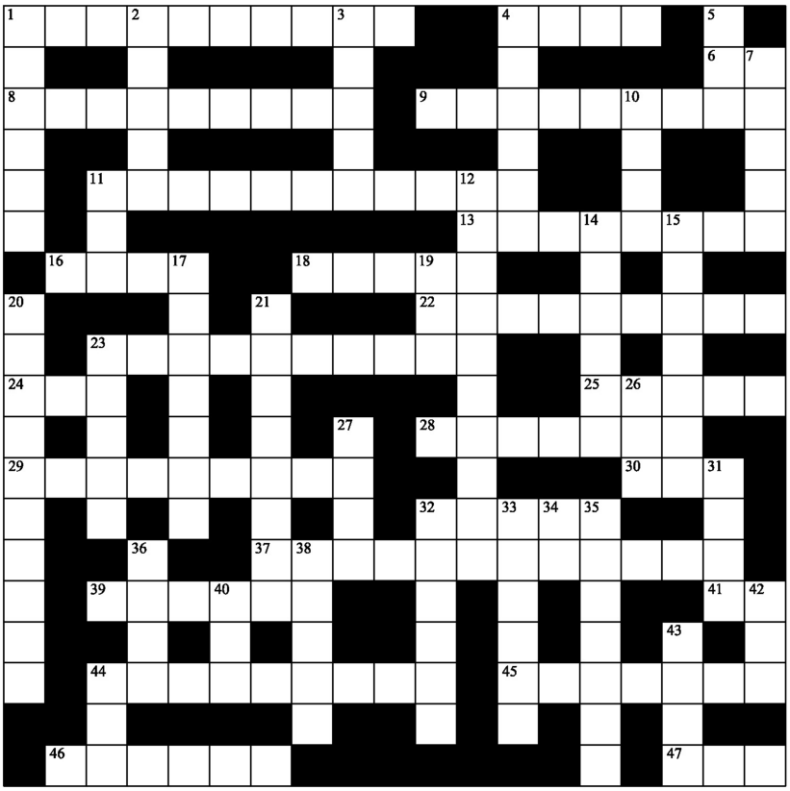
Baguette



Pain au chocolat

Match up the French food with its name!

Zenida's Crossword No. 14



The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on Page 19.

A £5 Book Token will be awarded for the first correct entry opened after the closing date. Please send your entry by Friday 7th September 2012 to:

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



ACROSS

1. Puzzlling (10).
4. Jetty (4).
6. New Testament (abbrev) (2).
8. Edifice (9).
9. Driver (9).
11. Type of cheese (11).
13. Gather (8).
16. Cheese (4).
18. Pale (5).
22. Unconventional (9).
23. Cheese (10).
24. Stray Dog (3).
25. Make better (5).
28. Cheese (7).
29. Cheese (9).
30. Also known as (3).
32. Vagrant (5).
37. Unruly (12).
39. Fruit (6).
41. Linking word (2).
44. Cheese (9).
45. Metro (7).
46. Fighters (6).
47. Not yang but quite the opposite maybe (3).

DOWN

1. Soft-hued (6).
2. Feather (5).
3. Poor (5).
4. Areas (6).
5. Wildebeest (3).
7. Banal (5).
10. Steadfast (4).
11. Marry (3).
12. Cheese (10).
14. Nine (6).
15. Frenzied (7).
17. Deserved (7).
19. Slippery character (3).
20. Wavered (10).
21. Gift (8).
23. Corn (5).
26. Bleat may sound like this (3).
27. Weapons (4).
31. As well (4).
32. Pact (6).
33. Home for bees (6).
34. Middle East (abbrev) (2).
35. Exact, correct (7).
36. A lake in Wales (4).

DOWN

38. Young Disney deer? (5).
40. To chop? (3).
42. Beam (3).
43. Not home (4).
44. Dove's call (3).

Rita's Recipes

I have just returned from a trip to Ireland and whilst there I had some of the most delicious bread I have ever tasted. I managed to obtain the following recipe for

'Moist Irish Wheaten Bread' which I think you will all enjoy.

Ingredients



140g bread four
350g wholemeal flour
1¼ teaspoons salt
1¼ teaspoons bicarbonate of soda
2 teaspoons caster sugar
60g butter
450ml buttermilk
4 tablespoons vegetable oil

Method

Preheat oven to 200 degrees C. Lightly flour a loaf tin (23x12cm).
Sift together the flours, bicarbonate of soda, salt and sugar in a bowl. Rub the butter into the dry ingredients. Make a well in the centre of the mixture and pour in the oil and buttermilk. Stir with a spatula until the mixture is combined. Move the dough onto a lightly floured surface. Knead the dough for no more than one minute, shape and place the dough into the prepared tin.

Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes.
Reduce the heat to 180 degrees C, rotate the tin and bake for a further 30 minutes.

Allow the loaf to cool on a wire rack before slicing.



This bread tastes really good when eaten with a large bowl of soup for lunch, with butter and a selection of cheeses after dinner or with marmalade/honey/jam for breakfast.

Cricket



There is a big problem with the English cricket season: we try to play at the wrong time of year. Cricket is not really a summer game at all - it is better played in the dry in February and March. Then, following a break for the all-in mud wrestling season, we should start again in September and play through until November.



We have, nevertheless, managed to play another three matches this season. Following an encore of last year's drubbing against Castle Hedingham, we travelled to Foxton for the grand-sounding regional semi-final of the National Village Cricket Cup. Given that Foxton's first XI is in the senior league the potential for embarrassment was huge. Would we slash the competition record by scoring fewer than the six runs notched up by Marston St Lawrence in their miserable clash with Abthorpe in the 1978 season, or concede more than 444 runs which an appropriately-named Effingham side allowed Frensham to score in their 2010 match?

Not at all. It turned out to be a real cliffhanger. Thanks to some tight bowling from G Davies the Younger and some excellent catching from Will Kingsmill, we restricted Foxton to 268 for 4 – with only one of their batsmen making it past 100. In reply, Ewen Cameron notched up a swashbuckling 16 and Paul Redfarn a cerebral 27 as we inched closer towards victory. In the end however, we fell agonisingly short, on 94 all out.

We found ourselves in more familiar company against the visiting Unemployables on one of July's rare dry days but on a green and spongy pitch nonetheless. Last year, this was our most emphatic ever victory, in which we bowled out the Unemployables for just 45 runs.

They did not score many more this year: just 69. It might have been fewer still had Theo Clark and Rob Steed not both fluffed their hat-trick balls. We went in to bat already mentally prepared for the beer match. In fact, we batted as if we had already had the beer match – and a crate of Flowers IPA to follow. Wickets started tumbling to the spinners, with only one batsman, Mike Whittingham, pulling himself beyond single figures.

When Rob Steed fell to what seasoned cricket commentator Dylan Steed described as a 'lazy shot' with the total still only 50, we began to face a grim and unexpected defeat. It took, however, a rather controversial piece of umpiring to finish us off. And with the review system not yet in use in Reach friendly matches, that was that.



We did, however, win the beer match hands down, so our mental preparation did not go to waste.

Future Fixtures

Sunday 2nd September	The Spectator	Burwell
Sunday 9th September	Petersfield	Burwell
Sunday 16th September	The Reach/Burwell derby	

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Answers to Susie's Quiz (page 30)

The photo is of the Eiffel Tower

Bottisham Village College
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SPORTS NEWS

The fastest young men in Reach



Today the first Olympic athletes arrived in London and the 'games lanes'on the M4 were opened. For many Olympic hopefuls the difference between 'realising a dream and making the podium' and missing out for another four years or perhaps forever will be seconds of even fractions of seconds. The importance of such 'slivers' of time feeling is something that two young men appreciate . . . .

In most years in the UK, the Olympics (whether in London or not) and Wimbledon might have overshadowed the Tour De France (TDF). But this year it's making more headlines than usual as British cyclists are taking the Tour De France by storm – Bradley Wiggins held on to the yellow jersey (overall winner) for five consecutive days and another Brit, Chris Froome, is second. Wiggins is ahead, at least in part, because he is so good at 'Time Trialling' (what? I hear some of you say - hear me out). For several days during the tour, cyclists do not ride as part of a huge peloton, swallowing mile upon mile as a mechanical mass of coloured jerseys and carbon fibre. Instead riders are set off at one minute intervals and then it's just them and their bike against the clock. This is where Wiggins excels. Time trials (TTs) are popular events in the cycling world. In fact clubs in Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge run time trial events once a week all through the summer and it's in this time trial world that one young Reach resident, Daniel Blocksage, is really making waves.

Daniel Blocksage started time trialling just two years ago – he was good then but with two solid winters of training in his legs and a lot more TT experience he is faster over 10 and 25 miles than almost all the other Newmarket riders – juniors and seniors alike.

Looking for tips myself I asked him about his training. "All of my training is done on a mountain bike as there is extra resistance which will help build up my power and I am certainly doing more training than last year". He adds, "I do a lot of training on my computer bike simulator which allows me to cycle anywhere in the world. I use this to practice my local TT courses as often as I can for training". What that *really* means is long, lonely hours in the garage cycling hard, sweating a lot and going nowhere - but it pays off when winter nights give way to the TT season. This year Daniel rode in the national qualifier race. "In 2011 I got a time of 24 minutes" he says. This year he bettered that by almost 90 seconds. "I got a time of 22mins 40secs on the same course (*Ed:* that's around 26mph!!) - that was within one second of winning the whole event". The top three under 16s in each region qualify for the national championships – so that is where Daniel will head in September.

The Newmarket club marked the huge improvements of four of their Juniors this year with £100 donation towards equipment. This made a welcome contribution to a new 'mean machine' for Daniel. "My new bike has certainly helped but not as much as when I got my carbon wheels". I asked Daniel what he thinks about in the final stages of a TT when it really hurts. Funnily enough, with all this two-wheel technology beneath him his response was, "Whenever I am racing I am always thinking about buying a new seat as one with no padding is really painful!" That's also his tip for anyone starting up "make sure that you buy a soft seat!"

Daniel's goal? "To come in the top five in the national championships and I would like to get my 10 mile time in the 21-minute mark". That's getting seriously close to the 30mph mark! Remember that when he next passes you in your car!!



Daniel Blocksage - Reach's own man in the yellow jersey

If Daniel is the fastest thing on two wheels, then Ben is, without doubt, the fastest thing on two feet. Despite a serious setback at the end of last year, caused by injury, he is once again 'tearing up the track' over 100, 200 and 400 metres. I asked him about how he coped with injury, his recovery and recent races. "I suffered an injury in September 2011 in the last race meeting of the season. I was running the final leg of the 100m relay in the Eastern Young Athletes final for Cambridge and Coleridge at Bury St Edmunds. I had already completed the 100m and 200m earlier that day. About 30 metres from the finishing line I felt a sharp pain in my right hip, I managed to keep running (*Ed :* ensuring victory for his team). I knew it was serious as I couldn't put any weight on my right leg. I had ripped a tendon which in turn fractured the bone in my pelvis. I spent the next week in bed, followed by two weeks on crutches".

It wasn't until two months later that he began a gently easing into exercise through light swimming sessions. "I didn't compete in running races again until January 2012". Despite missing so much of his winter training, Ben was still selected to represent the South East of England at the UK school games which were held at the Olympic stadium(!) in May. "The stadium is incredible" he says "and it was an honour to run on the same track that the world's greatest athletes would be competing on in a few weeks' time. I ran the 3rd leg of the 100m relay, our winning time was 41.56 seconds and it was such a buzz being top of the medal rostrum.

I later ran the 1st leg of the 400m relay where I managed to get a good 20m lead for the team. My split was timed at 48.9 and we won Gold. Our team also went on to win the games overall.

But whilst the Olympic stadium is the ultimate venue for most athletes this year, many of Ben's key races were/are yet to come. Last weekend he ran for Cambridgeshire at the English Schools Championships in Gateshead – with a lot of pressure on him to perform well as he entered ranked No.1 in the UK at his age group (Under17) for 400m. "I won a bronze medal and although I was pleased with this achievement, I was also a little disappointed as I was only 0.4 sec off gold and 0.05 sec off silver, the first two gaining automatic selection to represent England. But that's the way it goes sometimes, especially with the 400m. It's the hardest sprint event, you need to execute the race plan and it's who's got that bit left in their legs at the end that matters".

Like Daniel, Ben also has his sights set on the National Championships. For Ben this is August in Bedford, "I will be competing in the 400m (*Ed*: a distance over which he is currently ranked 2nd in the UK). My best time is 48.84 secs and I would love to run under 48 before the end of the season. I've achieved one of my goals by running 10.9 secs in the 100m, my other aim is to run under 22 secs for the 200m. We've not had favourable conditions so far this season but I think that is achievable for me".



Ben Snaith: Leaving others in his wake as he crosses the finishing line!

Finally I asked for a few top tips and the response reads like a real professional athlete - but why is that such a surprise, that's just what Ben is - not to mention the support crew (aka Barrie, Clare and Massey). (i) Enjoy what you do, I love running but there are sacrifices. (ii) Ensure you get plenty of sleep; the body repairs itself during sleep and replenishes energy. (iii) Eat lots of carbohydrates such as pasta leading up to a race and plenty of fruit and veg. My mum often makes me super shakes where she mixes lots of fruit, raw egg, yogurt, honey, flax and ground almonds. Also lately after reading an article about the benefits of beetroot juice for athletes I've been drinking this, it's disgusting! (iv) Warm up well before races (for Ben this means 45 mins to an hour, a specific routine of jogging, stretching, drills and practice starts and strides).

Right I am off to whizz up a super shake and get some sleep !!!

Olympic Games

Here are a few dates not to be missed:

27th July and 12th August	Olympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies
5th August	Women's 100m final (can Florence Griffith Joyners' record of 10.49 (1988) be broken?)
5th August	Men's 100m final (can Bolt break his own record of 9.58 seconds?)
5th August	***Reach 100m 'event' – (to be confirmed)***
29th August and 9th September	Paralympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies

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Iwan Thomas with the Olympic flame on Saturday 7th July at Parkers Piece, Cambridge

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 4th July 2012

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public

One member of the public attended to discuss Item 9.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4. Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the 2012 Annual Parish Meeting were reviewed and signed.

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No payments were made or applications received since the last meeting. The Clerk reported that for the Diamond Jubilee party approximately £400 will be required from the Amenity Fund as opposed to the £1,000 offered.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report

I have been helping Burwell Day Centre (and Burwell Parish Council) to speed up negotiations to renew the lease for the Day Centre. Hopefully that will reach a conclusion at the July meeting of Cabinet.

Cabinet met on 12 June when we took the decision to seek a new design and build framework contract for the Council's capital programme. We decided to reserve 15% of capital projects to be tendered outside the framework which should give more companies opportunities and give us evidence that we are achieving value for money across the programme. Cabinet also agreed consultation responses to the ECDC paper regarding developer contributions and to proposals to develop North West Cambridge (including Section 106 contributions). Cabinet also agreed an exemption from current tendering rules for three services for homeless single people in Cambridge City.

We are seeking to re-invigorate the role and work of Councillors as corporate parents across the County and a number of meetings have been held with officers to draw up a paper to present to Cabinet.

There were two meetings in June to start the planning process for next year's business plan and budget.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report was provided.

5 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to increase its reserves during the current financial year. However potential mowing cost savings may not materialise should the wet/warm weather continue.

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

It was noted that a number of the byways within the village are becoming overgrown. It was decided that working with the Rights of Way Officer, Karen Whymark, **the Clerk** would remind landowners of their responsibility to keep byways adjoining their land clear.

5 (9) Speedwatch

Grahame Radford has agreed to become Speedwatch Officer and it is expected that Speedwatch activities will recommence shortly.

5 (10) Village Centre Committee Report

There was nothing to report.

5 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

Fund-raising activities continue with good success. The Parish Council agreed that orders can now be placed for the orchard trees, the avenue of limes and the new tree on the Green. It was agreed that **the Clerk** would try and minimise the amount of any cash with order requirements.

6. Dog Control in the Village

A villager had complained about a large dog which was not on a lead that had scared his child whilst walking around the village. It was agreed that **the Clerk**, via the website, would remind villagers of their responsibility to keep their dogs under proper control.

7. Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012

As part of this celebration, the Parish Council will take the opportunity in November 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 Road on its approach to Reach. Nick Acklam, who suggested this project and the Clerk are working together to make it happen.

8. Reach Wood Annual Meadow Mowing

The Parish Council arranges for the paths in the wood to be mowed but annually, the meadow is mowed. Villagers were concerned about the method of mowing and its effect on the wildlife and a meeting has been arranged with the Woodland Trust to discuss the issue.

9. Waste Collection Potential Changes

There are changes proposed for our waste collection services with one major change being the possible move from using recycling black boxes and brown sacks to wheeled bins (where possible – otherwise the current services will continue). One villager who attended the meeting was concerned about a number of aspects of this, including the "ugliness of these bins in a village such as Reach".

ECDC have publicised the potential changes on their website and there is a survey which villagers can fill in. **The Clerk** was asked to alert villagers to this and ask them for their thoughts on this issue.

10. 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 now start in September 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 and at this stage they do not propose and removal of the current infrastructure although this will be reviewed from time to time.

11. Street Lighting Update

In July 2011 CCC in partnership with Balfour Beatty commenced a 25 year street lighting contract. This will include upgrading of lighting columns and lanterns across the county. In addition, some columns will be removed to reduce the street lighting budget. Changes in Reach are proposed and these include the removal of three street lights on Fair Green. Proposed changes in Reach will not take place until early 2015 and there will be significant consultation before then. The Parish Council decided to gain experience over the next two years from local villages (including Burwell) which will be affected first and be prepared to endeavour to optimise street lighting in Reach when the consultation period opens which will be six months before work starts.

12. 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** has been 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.

Natalie Osborne, Housing Officer at Sanctuary Housing has promised to carry out the required work to include tree cutting, verge vegetation reduction and weed clearance.

13. Planning Applications

There were none.

14. Information Items

A letter from Jan and John Robinson was read out which thanked the Parish Council for giving them the opportunity to attend the Jubilee picnic at Burghley House. It appeared that despite the less than perfect weather a good time was had by all.

A new Code of Conduct is being proposed. Currently the Parish Council adopts the ECDC code and it was decided that when ECDC had updated this code, the Parish Council would review it with a view to adopting it.

13. Payments

E-ON	Street Lighting Electricity YE 2012	£331.28
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing June 2012	£134.00
C R Contracting	Mowing June 2012	£310.00
Lanes Bakery	Diamond Jubilee Food	£361.95
D M Parr	Salary April-June 2012	£589.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 1st August 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).





On Friday 27th July 2012 at 08.12am, Big Ben chimed 40 times to celebrate the first day of the Olympics. Not to be outdone, Helen Oliver organised a similar (better) event in Reach with kids and grown-ups ringing away at the appointed hour.

From the Vicarage



Reach is such a special village, with a great community atmosphere and it's lovely to have such a beautiful church. We are committed to keeping the church open every day, so that there is a place where anyone can drop in for a quiet moment, for a prayer, or just a few minutes peace.

We also really love being able to have special services and events in the church and it was lovely to be able to celebrate on June 17th with **Susan and Les Bluck and Karen and Gerald Turner** as they renewed their marriage vows to each other, in front of so many friends and family, between them, clocking up 45 years of married life.

We are looking forward to another special service on **August 12th at 3pm** when we will be having an **all age service** open to everyone, but especially welcoming **Daisy Jarvis Bentley and Arthur Donald Jackson for baptism**. Please do come and celebrate with their families and friends.



Karen and Gerald Turner

We are very grateful for the support that villagers give to the church, especially with the help in arranging such wonderful social/fundraising events. The annual **Church Barbeque** will be on **Saturday 8th September at 5.30pm**, when hopefully the sun will be shining for a lovely late summer evening!! It's great that the BBQ is a part of our Celebration weekend, as we celebrate the completion of phase 1 of our building project at St Mary's in Burwell, with the successful installation of a new boiler. We will have special events on Saturday with tours of the church at 11am and 2pm and the tower will be open. The weekend will culminate in a special service of dedication for the boiler at 4.30pm, with the Bishop of Ely joining us. All are welcome to join us for some or all of the activities during the weekend.

A very special welcome for **Back to Church Sunday** on **September 30th at 10am** – join us for a traditional style communion service. You may have seen adverts for **Back to Church Sunday** over the last few years and wondered what it was. It is an initiative begun in Greater Manchester in 2004, with the simple aim of having one day in the year when we invite someone we already know to something we love - when we invite our friends to our church. We want to welcome everyone - Reach regulars, along with those who have been in the past, maybe for a special event and also those who may never have been. During part of the service there will be groups for children and young people in the Village Centre and we'll be serving refreshments there afterwards. So if you have been before, or thought about trying out a church service – why not come along – we would love to see you.



Susan and Les Bluck

And looking a bit further ahead, as it worked so well last year, we'll be having our **Reach Harvest Songs of Praise for all ages on Saturday 27th October at 6.00 – 6.45pm**, just before the **Harvest Supper.** Do come along and join us! Hymn suggestions are welcome and also suggestions of harvest prayers and readings, perhaps ones that some of the children have done in school? We would also like to include all ages in helping us to decorate the church with harvest drawings, paintings and other decorations. Please bring to the church during the week before.

We are hoping to launch a Friends of Reach Church scheme in the next few months. This is something new for us and we hope to get a small group together to organise this. If you would be interested in helping, particularly if you have had previous experience of setting up a scheme, please let me know.

For more details of any of the services and events please contact me.

Eleanor Williams

Vicar at St Mary's Burwell and St Etheldreda's Reach
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Church Services

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
August		
Wednesday 1	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Sunday 5 August Trinity 9	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms	
Wednesday 8	9.00am Prayer Meeting at Burwell 10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 12 August Trinity 10	10.00am All Age service with baptisms	8.00am Holy Communion **3.00pm All Age service with baptisms**
Wednesday 15	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 19 August Trinity 11	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 22	9.00am Prayer Meeting at Burwell 10.00am Holy Communion at Burwell	
Sunday 26 August Trinity 12	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Traditional Communion	
September		
Sunday 2nd September Trinity 13	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms	
Wednesday 5th	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Saturday 8	**Celebration Weekend at St Mary's** Bell ringing, Tower open, Church tour Displays and refreshments all day	5.30pm Church BBQ
Sunday 9th September Trinity 14	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional) **Service of Celebration and Dedication with Bishop Stephen**	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 12	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Saturday 15	**Nearly New Sale at Mandeville Hall till 12.00**	
Sunday 16th September Trinity15	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church and Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (contemporary**)**	
Wednesday 19	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 23rd September Trinity 16	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional)	
Wednesday 26	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Saturday 29	7.30pm Quiz Night at the Day Centre	
Sunday 30th September Trinity 17 **Back to Church Sunday**	4.00 – 6.00pm Messy Church in Guildhall	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	10A	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				0729	0829	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1712	1809	1919
Reach				0732	0832		1002		1202		1402		1602		1812	1922
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)				0742	0842	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1722	1822	1932
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0810	0910	0940	1040	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

***** on Saturdays and during school holidays these buses may arrive up to 10 minutes early at their destination

Diary Dates

August	Event	Location	Time
Wed 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 2	Corn Dollies and Collages Children's Activity Day	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Thurs 2	Recycling Day		
Sat 4	Reach Olympic Sports Day	Torch Procession from Hill Farm to the top field	2pm
Tues 7	Author: James Wilde	Toppings Bookshop, Ely, CB7 4LJ	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wed 8	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 9	Create Kites and Garden Windmills Children's Activity Day	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Thurs 16	Fun with clay Children's Activity Day	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Thurs 16	Recycling Day		
Tues 21	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 21	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Thurs 23	Make Wind Mobiles Children's Activity Day	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Tues 28	Author: Susan Brigden	Toppings Bookshop, Ely, CB7 4LJ	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 30	Sports Taster Session Children's Activity Day	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Thurs 30	Recycling Day		
September			
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Sat 8	Autumn Show and Village Feast	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	10.00m – 12.00pm 2.00pm – 4.00pm
Sat 8	Church BBQ	Village Green, hall if wet	From 5.30pm
Sun 9	20th Birthday Party	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Tues 11	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle – to be confirmed with Zenida	Village Centre	1.30pm – 3pm
Tues 11	Author: Hilary Mantel	Ely Cathedral	7.00 for 7.30pm
Tues 11	Enrolment Evening	Bottisham Village College	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 13	Recycling Day		
Sun 16	Coach Trip to Sheringham	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm
Mon 17	Author: Sir Terry Pratchett	Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 18	Talk. Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Tues 25	Author: John Sugden	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 27	Recycling Day		
Sun 30	Up to 40 classic cars	Burwell Museum	2.00-5.00pm

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

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

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

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	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
	Speedwatch Officer	Grahame Radford	742814
	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	



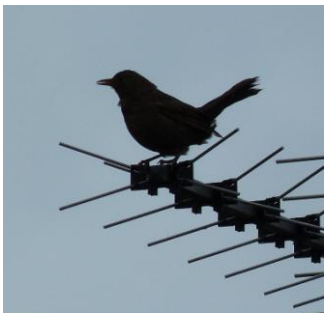
Wicken Dog Show. Elizabeth Parr with Alfie: 1st Most Handsome Dog



Jodie Halpin-McDonald (left) and Katie Cameron 16 June Open Meet Newmarket Swimming Club



30 June Wicken Dog Show. Hector and Violet Keutgen with Percy: 1st Best Crossbreed and 2nd Best In Show!



Female Blackbird



Janet Collins' Farewell Lunch. Clockwise from left: Janet Collins, Ray Folkes, Joyce Harrison, Else Pieter, Jaquie Lewis and Anita Folkes

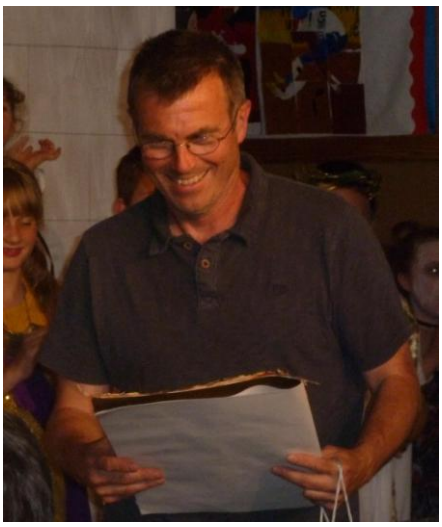


Newly emerged Green Shield Bug with its old exoskeleton









3rd July - Go For Gold!

Swaffham Prior School

Top: Lead roles for Benjamin Shackleton, Imogen Trump and Maisey Snaith

Middle. Front row from left: Alice Trump, Kathryn Cane, Anis Wrench and Hazel Lingley. Middle centre: Elizabeth Parr

Bottom far left: Jodie Halpin-McDonald as Artemis. Left: Jon Cane thanked with Debbie Lingley for constructing the set.



Jen and John Holmwood



Kathryn Cane and Evie Mitchell



Janet and Andrew Hall



Janet Hall and her mum, Joan Tompkins





Karen Carpenter and Jo Redfarn

Queen's Diamond Jubilee 4th June 2012



Ailsa Mather



Tony and Sue Jordan



No - my parents are definitely the most embarrassing!



Lesley Boyle and her mum Ruby



Robert and George Tucker



Alice Lingley and Maisey Snaith







Violet Keutgen and Daisy Miller



Jan and Liz Tabecki with Andrew and Jo Trump



David Parr and Tony Barrett

