Within Reach



April/May 2013



Collared doves



Dunnock



Male reed bunting in Ali’s apple tree



Watch Out! Hector Keutgen's in town



Evie Mitchell (left) and Kathryn Cane



Swaffham Prior School Council with Robert Tucker (centre)
Front: second left Evie Mitchell, second right Daisy Miller

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St Etheldreda's Church
Reach

Eve of Reach Fair

Songs of Praise

Sunday 5th May 2013

6.00 - 6.45pm

A short service
of well known hymns
readings & prayers



VOLUNTEERS FOR REACH FAIR
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6TH MAY 2013

Please contact Jan Tabecki (742552) or Grahame Radford (742814)

From the Editor



Newmarket Hat Hire has featured in Harpers & Queen and Hello magazine – and now the dizzy heights of *Within Reach.* We hope you enjoy our focus on an unusual local company. We also have a piece about the restoration of Burwell windmill and its impressive Heritage Lottery award.

Spring is Sprung is the message of this issue – though this may be a little premature after our recent snow. Alison Lewis has a poem and Eleanor Williams is looking forward to Easter and the months ahead.

In addition to her regular article, Anita Folkes has a moving piece about a special bowls tournament in memory of her grandson, Steven Folkes. The Folkes family are great bowls players and this year's tournament proved to be an extra special occasion.

Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle is well attended and now has ten members. We focus on a couple of keen `crafties' and also include a craft project. Joyce Harrison is knitting for poor babies in Africa and the range of crafts skills exhibited by Alice Lingley is remarkable.

Reach has woods, a tennis court, an orchard, a cricket pitch - and now possible a community solar farm. This issue contains details and also notification of a public meeting.

Joss Goodchild, prompted by Ron Greenhill, keeps us informed of the birds and bees - in this issue you'll find everything you need to know about rooks. Our gardeners' stories from Janet Hall and Danuta Gibson are tainted by the poor weather but nonetheless contain good advice.

Nick Acklam's Avenue of Limes Project has been modified – he tells you all about it in this issue.

Read this magazine carefully and discover who gets up at 5.45am each morning.

And to get you through the recently atrocious weather, don't forget that we have another Garden Party to look forward to – to celebrate the Royal Birth. The date is Sunday 4th August – please put it in your diary.

Finally - see you at Reach Fair!

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Editor's Notes

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Carpet Bowls: A Proud Update

It's nearly 15 years since my grandson, Steven Folkes and his friend, Richard Missing (boyfriend of Kelly Blunsten nee Folkes), lost their lives on the A11 coming home from the Annual English Pairs Carpet Bowls Tournament played at Hemsby, Norfolk. Ever since, a Pairs Carpet Bowls Tournament has been played at Soham Sports Centre in memory of the boys - with all profits made on the day going to MAGPAS (Mid Anglia General Practitioner Accident Service).



Amy Folkes and Paul Dalladay

This year the tournament was played on 3rd March 2013 with over 100 pairs playing and roughly £650 was raised. After winning her Group Games with bowls partner Paul Dalladay from Paston, Amy Folkes (Steven's sister) got into the Quarter Finals, then the Semi Finals and then into the Final. In the latter, Amy had to play Ian Blunsten and Simon Missing - her boyfriend (and Richard's brother). Amy and Paul scored eight points and their opponents scored three points, thus Amy and Paul won the tournament with pride, a tinge of sadness and also feeling sorry for Simon.

Each year everybody, especially family members, tries to win a silver salver with the boys name on. Over the last few years Amy has managed to win a Semi Final Runner Up and finally the Winner's salvers and also a cup to keep for a year.

It was quite a family affair as the trophies were presented by Amy's mother and father (Glynis and Roland). Tears were shed as this was a very personal moment and a sad reminder of two boys who are still very much loved and missed.

PS For people new to the village, Amy Folkes lives on the Swaffham Road.

Anita Folkes

Reach Fair 2013

Quiz

This will take place on Sunday 5th May starting at 7.30pm in the beer tent. Teams should consist of a maximum of six players and the entrance fee is £1 per person. All proceeds will go to a charity of the winners' choice.

Car Parking

We will again be using the car park on Burwell Road with a controlled one-way system for safety. Would all residents in Burwell Road please note that entry and exit from all dwellings will need extreme caution. There will also be no traffic permitted beyond the car park exit towards Fair Green between 10.30am and 5.00pm unless by prior arrangement.

Road Closures

In addition to the above, Swaffham Road, Fair Green and Great Lane will also be closed to traffic during the duration of the Fair. **There will be no access through the village between 10.30am and 5.00pm.**



Car Passes

There will be no car passes this year but we remind residents to be aware of the above and advise visiting friends and relatives that they need to be in position before the Fair commences unless there is an emergency. In this case, please contact Andrew Towers on **07946 893437** or Grahame Radford on **07842 126270.**

Volunteers

As in previous years the success of the Fair very much depends on the help given by residents in addition to the Committee and this year will be no exception. If you can spare some time either setting up on the Sunday and/or on the day itself (to run stalls, car park admission or road closures) the Committee would be extremely grateful. Please contact Jan Tabecki (742552) and Grahame Radford (742814) with offers of help. As we progress, information will be added to the village website at: www.reach-village.co.uk/reach_fair_2013.html.

Newmarket Hat Hire



How long have you been in business?
We will have been in business 20 years at the end of this year. We moved into lovely new premises this year which seems a fitting achievement in our 20th year.

From where do you source your hats?
All the hats are made for us by top couture milliners. We have no industry-made hats, no mass production; every hat is individually made exclusively for Newmarket Hat Hire. That's our niche. You won't find our hats anywhere else!

Also all of our hats are British made. The majority are made using sinamay fibre which comes from the banana plant. Its characteristics are that it dyes very well and allows daylight through which has a lovely effect.



Has Jodie Halpin-McDonald got those proportions right?

How many hats do you have?
We have nearly 900 items in the summer including head pieces (fascinators). People thinking of hiring a hat should allow a budget of £22 - £55 and they will hire the hat over a weekend. The advantage of hiring is that it allows you to have a beautiful creation at a fraction of its cost. People hire hats for numerous occasions: weddings, of course, garden parties, investitures, graduations and religious festivals. Our busiest time is from mid April to mid August.

We do sell hats as well as hire them. Towards the end of the season we judge that some hats have reached their retirement age.

As well as very many hats we have a large range of exclusive jewellery to purchase and also handbags and accessories

What look will be `in' for the coming season?
Large brimmed hats swept off the face are always popular, frequently for the Mother of the Bride. They are very flattering. Pill box hats are in this season. Fashion is dictated by the Duchess of Cambridge. Plate-type hats, disc-shaped worn on the side supported by a head band, are also very fashionable. Hats are coming back into fashion a lot and Kate is helping this trend most definitely. Sophie the Duchess of Wessex is also a trend setter; she wears hats very well. And Zara Phillips. All the royal ladies very much dictate the fashion. Eugenia caused her stir with her hat but I didn't think it was so terrible. She's young and can get away with it.



Sue Briscoe enjoying looking good in a stylish hat

What at the `rules' for choosing the right hat?
Proportions are foremost. The crown of the hat must never be wider than the face, and the brim should never be wider than the shoulder. But note rules can be broken!

Definitely some people are `hat people' and some are not. But there is always a shape that will suit everyone. Wearing a hat is all about confidence.



Jodie Halpin-McDonald - a future customer

I love the challenge of finding the perfect hat for someone. I like it when someone comes in and says, I'm not a `hat person' and I can't wear a hat. I can place a hat on her head and she will know that it suits her and I will wait for the smile.

When a hat is returned, people will say how pleased they were with it and how it brought extra pleasure to the event. They received compliments and the photos look excellent. For me it's very gratifying.



Sue Taylor happy to find the right hat for you!

Our customers are not just local. They will come up from London, north Norfolk and the east coast. We even have an international service; someone will email a photograph of the outfit and we select a hat for them.

My thanks to Sue Taylor. How lucky we are to have Newmarket Hat Hire so close to us at Fordham!

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Newmarket Hat Hire

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Newmarket Community Choir

We are a very friendly choir with approximately 25 members. We meet every Tuesday at The Palace House Newmarket from 7pm – 8.30pm and sing a wide variety of songs. You don't need to have previous singing experience or be able to read music. Enthusiasm and a good sense of humour however do help!

For more details email budslat@aol.com. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and our new web site www.newmarketcommunitychoir.co.uk

Riding for the Disabled Association



Iceni Group. South Cambs Equestrian Centre, Barrington

Can you spare the time to help us out? We urgently need more helpers for our Tuesday morning (term time only) sessions, which run from 9.45 am - 12.00 noon. It is not essential to be "horsey". This is very rewarding – even if the progress is slow – the children love it! The group works with primary school age children with a variety of disabilities.

Please contact **Diana Allen** on **01638 572044**



Take on a Life Changing Experience by Trekking the Great Wall of China for Marie Curie Cancer Care

Marie Curie Cancer Care is sending out the call for local residents to join us in a life changing trek along the **Great Wall of China in May 2014**, exploring one of the wonders of the world and experiencing the people and culture of rural China.

This nine day challenge, from 16th to 24th May, offers participants the chance to trek the 15th Century Ming Dynasty hard rock wall, before descending on local trails to experience the rural life of people in Hebei Province and discovering true Chinese culture, supported by local guides. Each night, participants will be able to camp in the wilds and enjoy eating freshly cooked food beneath the stars. On the last day, participants will have the opportunity to discover the sights and sounds of Beijing, such as the Imperial Palace amongst other breath taking sights.

Marie Curie Cancer Care Events Fundraiser Ed Turnham said, "this is the perfect trip to transform your life view and gain confidence by overcoming physical and mental obstacles in this great challenge. Our participants will work hard as a team to find self confidence and a real sense of achievement. The trek aims to raise £120,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care whose nurses provide free care to people with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes and in the charity's nine hospices."

Open to anyone over the age of 18, the trip has limited availability so it is advisable to register early to avoid disappointment. Registration costs £299 and everyone is asked to raise a minimum sponsorship of £3,000. The trek aims to raise £120,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care with £180 paying for a nine hour shift for a Marie Curie nurse in a patient's home, or £435 for the cost of caring for in-patients at our Marie Curie Hospices.

For further information, please visit our website: http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/fortune or call 01604 442310.



A Community Solar Farm for Reach?

We are looking into the possibility of building a small solar farm on land just outside of Reach - just to the north-west of Blackberry Droveway (opposite the Swan Lake Grain Stores). The 500kW solar farm would cover approximately 3 acres and should generate around 44,0000 kWh of electricity per year. This is enough to meet the needs of more than 100 homes – a sizeable proportion of the village.



We would like to set this up as a community project. If we go ahead we would create a not-for-profit company to own the solar farm and we would hope to raise most of the money to build it from people in the village and surrounding area. The company would be able to pay interest on its shares (so it should be a secure financial return for people who do invest) and it would pay a lease to the Robinson family, who own the land. Although it wouldn't be expected to make a large profit after interest and lease payments, we would hope that it would be able to contribute a small amount to a fund to be used for the benefit of the community too.

Public Meeting

A Community Solar Farm for Reach

Reach Village Centre
7.30pm Tuesday 9th April 2013

An opportunity to learn about the solar farm project, ask questions – and get involved?

There are a number of similar community-owned solar and wind schemes being created around the country. For example Gamlingay are shortly to install a community wind turbine (http://gamlingay-community-turbine.co.uk) and near Oxford a 5MW solar farm has been built by a local Co-operative (http://westmillsolar.coop/).

We're holding a public meeting on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Village Centre, to which all residents of the village are invited. It'll be a chance to present the project to the village and to give people the opportunity to have an input and to ask questions.

If the community is supportive, we would then begin the process of raising the money, applying for planning permission and obtaining permission to connect the system to the National Grid.

We hope this is a great opportunity for the village to be able to produce much of its own electricity in a clean, renewable way. However, we do realise that people will have questions and concerns, so we look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

The Reach Solar Farm project is an initiative by the Robinson family and Midsummer Energy, a local solar installation company. Call us on 01223 858414 if you have any questions.

Andy Rankin

Bottisham Village College
Adult and Community Learning

We have the following courses starting after Easter (from 22 April):

Ceramics
Traditional Indian Cookery Made Simple
Counselling – Introduction (Level 2)
The Craft of Felt Making (from 4 June)
Life Drawing (daytime)
Sugarcraft – 'A Posy of Sugar Roses and Carnations'
Sugarcraft – 'Miniature Shoes and Handbags' (from 4 June)
Upholstery and Chair Caning
French Conversation – Intermediate (daytime)

Saturday Workshops – 11 May 2013

Learn something new in a day ….
Dressmaking
Woodturning
Sugarcraft
Upholstery and Chair Caning

For full details visit our website: www.bottishamvc.org/commed or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372
Email: commed@bottishamvc.org.
Twitter: https://twitter.com/CommunityEdBott
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bottisham-Village-College-Adult-and-Community-Learning/360377503982558



Burwell Mill



On 13th March 2013 the Burwell Mill's cap was lifted off by crane as part of the Fresh Wind in Our Sails restoration project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). For more pictures please go to page 47.

Burwell Museum has been awarded the tremendous sum of £417,300 from the HLF towards the restoration of the Grade II* listed Stevens' Mill and to integrate and improve the displays across the mill and museum as a whole to create an improved education resource.

Burwell Mill's aluminium-covered cap roof was seized in position and could not be turned by the six-bladed fantail (the set of six small sails at the back of the cap). The safest method of repairing the cap was to lift it off the tower and work on it at ground level. A 65 ton mobile crane carried out the lifting operation and the cap weighs 6 ton. The operation went extremely smoothly and Jane Phillimore, project manager, said `The mill hasn't been working for a very long time, about 30 or 40 years. This is very exciting'.

A temporary flat roof will protect the decapitated windmill from rainfall during the restoration project. Over the summer months the Mill will be encased in scaffolding to allow conservation builders to work on the external lime render, to re-tar the tower and to repair and re-paint the windows. It will be fully restored including the replacement of the two missing sails.

The windmill will be repaired to an authentic standard using traditional materials and techniques and it will be returned to a condition where its milling machinery can be safety demonstrated to the visiting public. The mill was integrated with the museum in the mid 1990s and this greatly increases the potential of the site. Milling days, traditional craft and workshop demonstrations, historical re-enactment days and other events are planned.

It is hoped that the mill will be open by spring 2014.

To find out more about the restoration work of Burwell Museum go to www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

History

The mill is thought to have been built c.1820 for Oliver Carter, possibly on the site of an earlier post mill. It remained in the Carter family until 1884 when it was purchased by its tenant, George Mason. From the 1920s until the 1950s it was owned and worked on by Alfred and Warren Stevens, becoming known as Stevens' Mill. It produced flour and animal feeds and unusually became a Listed Building in 1951 while still in regular use. Warren Stevens retired in 1955 and the mill ceased working. The mill and adjacent field were sold to a local construction firm. Demolition of the mill was prevented by its listing and it was purchased from the developers for preservation by Burwell Windmill Trust in 1969. The Trust undertook some restoration work; the sails, fantail and wooden cap had all rotted badly.

At one time there were four windmills in Burwell. Two were in the Toyse Lane area but little or no trace remains. Another mill stood near Newmarket Road and when it became disused it was converted into a barn (it was reduced to two storeys and a thatched roof added to the remaining stump). The barn is part of a modern farm and is visible from the farmyard entrance (next to the Doctors Surgery).



Burwell Mill c.1890

Footnote

Swaffham Prior windmill is in private ownership and it's a tremendous achievement to have restored and maintained the mill. Do look out for the `milling days' – usually a Sunday – when flour may be purchased.



More Choice in Social Care

Cambridgeshire County Council

Social care is provided to people who have been assessed as having substantial or critical support needs with personal care, getting meals, managing medication and staying safe.

If you need social care the County Council will arrange your care for you, but they now have a duty to offer and provide Direct Payments. Direct Payments are an alternative way of getting the care and support you need. They are cash payments made directly into a Direct Payment bank account so that you can use the money to make your own social care arrangements.

With a Direct Payment you have more choice, control and independence about how your care is organised. If you would like to find out more about Direct Payments visit the Your Life, Your Choice website at: www.yourlifeyourchoice.org.uk, pick up a leaflet from your library, phone adult social care enquiries on 0345 045 5202, or contact the Cambridgeshire Direct Payment Support Service on 0845 6000 684.

Reach Book Club

Would you like to start a Book Club?

If yes – please let **David Parr** know on **744081**

Advice from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
Working together to improve community safety

Put a SPRING in your step: The Fire Service has devised a simple checklist for residents to run through this Spring:

Get sweeping: Chimney's should be professionally swept and brickwork inspected at least once a year to prevent chimney fires. Our advice is to check yours before and after the winter period.

Smoke Alarms: Everyone should have a correctly fitted, working smoke alarm in their home. You should test it at least once a week by pushing the button. If you have forgotten to do yours recently, why not test it when you turn your clocks forward?

Easter school holidays: Arson can often increase during the school holidays. Stay vigilant, call 999 if you see a crime taking place and do not attempt to put the fire out yourself. If you are a parent, speak to your child about the dangers of playing with fire.

Be hoax aware during school holidays: Making a hoax 999 call to the emergency services is a criminal offence and we are asking residents, especially parents, to make young people aware of this.

It's DIY time: We frequently receive an increase in calls relating to homeowners getting into accidents associated with DIY. These can involve electrical equipment which has been stored in a damp shed over the winter and heavy-duty garden equipment. Be careful, read the instructions and take expert advice from a DIY store. Never attempt complex DIY electrical wiring yourself.

Escape: Practise your Home Escape Plan if a fire were to occur at night.

For free home fire safety advice, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Like our fan page on Facebook by searching Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue, and follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

Avenue of Limes



It won't have escaped most readers' notice that recently some of the lime trees planted by the village on the Swaffham Road in December 2012 have 'disappeared'.

This is because we were obliged to remove the sixteen trees in question (between Snakehall Farm and the railway bridge) by English Heritage who considered that they posed a threat to the roman villa that lies in the adjacent field.

We believe that we had planted outside the boundary of this Scheduled Monument, marked by the field edge, but recognised that proving this, with boundary and ownership maps that were less than precise, was going to be difficult. With the owner of the field threatening "further action" and there being no scope for moving the trees closer to the road due to BT phone cabling, it was reluctantly concluded that a replant elsewhere was needed.



Claire Halpin-McDonald approving the way the work was carried out with Andrew Trump, Nick Acklam and John Reed

The good news is that the lifted saplings in conjunction with the spares from the initial planting were sufficient to form a striking feature on the edge of the 24Acres, fringing the front boundary. They were replanted there on the 23rd February - my thanks go to John Reed, David Parr, Andrew Trump, David Thomas, Joss and Martin Goodchild, Dan Mules and Janet and Andrew Hall who braved wintery conditions to do the work. A special mention also goes to Claire Halpin-McDonald who confirmed that we had not disturbed the archaeology at the original planting.

We have not given up on restoring the Swaffham Road planting to 60 trees. The original planting was to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee so the number is significant.

To do so we will need to extend the remaining planting closer to the village and to plant into the existing hedgerow - something we avoided in the original planning, when our primary aim had been to infill and link various features - the railway bridge, Snakehall Farm and the solitary ash tree on the Swaffham Road.

We already have the permission of County Highways and the adjacent landowner to extend the current planting and are working to confirm initial assessments that the hedge is not historically or ecologically 'important' (once bitten twice shy). The next steps will be to secure further funding and to agree an approach to the planting that avoids long term damage to the hedge, a requirement of the Parish Council. I will keep you posted.



The trees are spread across the front of the 24Acres field and look lovely

Before deciding to replant the limes on the 24Acres we examined alternative locations on the verges of the Burwell Road and Upware Road on the outskirts of the village. Both looked attractive options but we did not have enough time to talk to adjacent landowners or to establish if any cabling or pipework might get in our way. However if there is sufficient interest in the village we could develop both options in the future.

Please let me know what you think.

Nick Acklam
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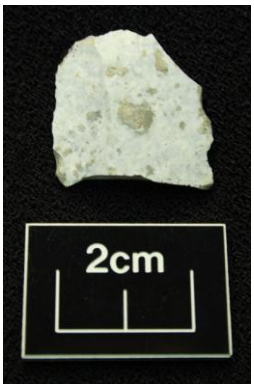
STOP PRESS . . . .

The ground disturbance associated with the lifting of the limes was minimal and confined to the plough soil so the search was confined to looking for artefacts. Just one artefact – a struck flint – was found (see below). The field which is currently set aside is Scheduled principally because of the presence of a Roman building identified by aerial photography as a cropmark.

Iron Age pottery and skeletons have also been found in the field. Within the plough soil it would not have been surprising to find Roman pottery because such finds are often prolific on Roman sites. The struck flint is also a common find; several thousand fragments of struck flint debris occur during a single episode of knapping.



A single flake (3g) of struck flint was recovered, comprising a heavily patinated snapped blade. Blades such as this, with parallel dorsal scars are typical of the technology utilised in the earlier Neolithic period (c.4000-3200BC) and may have been hafted onto wooden handles to be used as simple (single blade) or composite (multiple blades) tools for cutting. The heavy white patination on the exterior of the blade is a result of weathering and re-deposition after the blade was snapped and discarded.

Archaeology has also shown itself on the 24Acre project and a small evaluation will be undertaken in advance of the planting of the woodland. The trial trench evaluation will follow up the results of the field walking which recorded a scatter of struck and burnt flint (*Within Reach* February/March 2012). The scatter may be indicative of a seasonal Neolithic settlement alongside a small river valley in what is now the Fens. One ten metre trial trench will be excavated over the spot where the flint scatter is most dense and co-incidental with the proposed wood planting. We may find more struck flint and archaeological features (pits, hearths and post holes). Given that the flint scatter is sparse we may find nothing at all! If you want to help or find out what is down the trench come to the 24Acre project on **Sunday 21st April from 11am onwards**.

Please let me know beforehand if you want to join in so I know to bring an extra shovel/trowel!

Claire Halpin-McDonald
07834 740881

Reach Pudding Club

Would you like to start a Pudding Club?

If yes – please let **David Parr** know on **744081**

REACH
Rainbow Crafts Circle



First Tuesday of the month
2nd April 2013
7th May 2013

1.30pm to 3.00pm

The craft meetings will not be held in Reach Village Centre, they will be in someone's house

Contact Pam King for details
01638 742924

Enjoy free tea/coffee and chat about embroidery/knitting. Learn to knit or embroider and bring your knitting, sewing or other crafts to work on and show to the group.

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB for 2013 begins in March

Please re-new your membership or now is a good time to join to help raise money to run the Village Centre

Tickets are just £10 for a full year

We have eight draws of £20 on the third Wednesday of the month and two draws of £50 in July and December

100 CLUB WINNERS

November Tony Jordan £20
December Penny Laing £50

Please contact Joyce Harrison (742405) to be part of this year's draw

12th February 2013 Shrove Tuesday





From Left: Elizabeth Parr (with cap), Jodie Halpin-McDonald, Hector Keutgen, Oliver Carmichael and Daisy Miller









Ever popular pancake eating. Violet Keutgen (centre) and Olivia Mules (mouth wide open)

Reunion Time



Did you go to St Mary's or St Andrew's school in Burwell? These schools were closed around 1961 when a new school was built in Ness Road. We thought it would be nice for both sets of pupils to get together for an afternoon chat, cuppa and a bite to eat. Don't worry, we have name tags so there are no embarrassing moments when you don't recognise somebody. We would love to see you and remember the good old days: the little bottles of milk, the malt and caster oil, Miss Carter, Miss Wheeler the cane etc. If you have stories to tell feel free to come forward we would love to share your memories. If you are interested, you are welcome to join us in a reunion at The Gardener Memorial Hall, Burwell on Wednesday 16th October 2013 1.30 – 4.30pm. Tickets £10 each and partners are welcome.

Please contact David Ready (01638 741236), Barbara Turner (Kempton, 741581),
Kathleen Smith (Nunn, 610820) or call in at Tina's, 1North Street, Burwell and buy your ticket. Look forward seeing you!

Above: St Andrew's School *c*.1953. Below: St Mary's School.



Memories: Rogation



Not many people will believe it to look at it now, but the chapel on the corner of the lower green was actually used as a chapel until about the early 1960's (my eldest son Roland was christened there in 1958).

The chapel always held its anniversary on Rogation Sunday which falls six weeks after Easter.

This was always remembered as Reach Fair Sunday and most people had visitors to high teas and it was a very special day in the lives of Reach people.



After the anniversary service people would leave the chapel and make their way onto the green where the Burwell or Wicken bands played an assortment of tunes. Others gathered in the local pubs for a pint or two and to meet with old friends. The Burwell and District bus company would lay on extra buses to take the many people home towards Cambridge later that evening.

Reach Fair has always been opened by the mayor of Cambridge on Rogation Monday at 12 noon, when the mayoral party would throw coins to the crowds like they still do to this day. They also threw coins from their cars to schoolchildren along the route and the children were allowed out of school for this reason. The Fair would be open until 2.30pm and then again at 6pm that evening and Tuesday evening. The following weekend the Fair was at Swaffham Prior for what they called The Feast. Not many people could get to the Fair due to work commitments etc. One year, in 1994, Rogation Monday fell on May Bank Holiday and what a difference that made! Many hundreds of people arrived in Reach that morning and we had a bumper day.

This set the Village Centre Committee pondering 'What if?' We got in touch with the County Council at Cambridge to see what could be done and their legal team looked into seeing if we could get Reach Fair changed to Bank Holiday Mondays on a regular basis. This eventually went to parliament and two years later, in 1996, we officially had Reach Fair on May Bank Holiday and have done so ever since.

This change has made a lot of difference to the Village Centre funds and has kept the Reach Fair going from strength to strength up to the present time.

Anita Folkes

Guess Who . . . .



The above picture (courtesy of the gentleman middle back row) was taken in 1950 or 1951 at the bottom of Chapel Lane near the entrance to Housden's farmyard (now the home of Tom and Claire) – the dirt path leads to the Hythe. So who are they? Answers on page 31.

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

If you are unable to use conventional transport the scheme can help you to travel from Burwell or Reach.

The type of journeys you can make:
Doctors, Dentist, Chiropodist, Opticians, village shopping or visits to relatives/friends at home or in hospital. Transport **cannot be provided** for hospital **Out Patient** appointments

Contact Hours: 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday.
Please give us at least **48 hour's notice.**

01638 742543 answer phone.

You will be contacted after you have left your request for a journey.

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

When you receive this issue of *Within Reach*, the Club's year will be drawing to a close. Tuesday 30th April will be our last major event for this year and will be '**Gigapixel Photography**' by local photographer Sophie Wilson. Sophie will present and demonstrate high resolution panoramic photography from across the world.

In February 2013 the club entered the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF) Projected Digital Image Club Championship annual competition. A total of 34 clubs entered from around the region. Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club were placed eighth and last year we were ninth. The winning clubs were first: Beyond Group, second: Cambridge Camera Club and third: Ipswich and District Photographic Society. The judges' favourite image of the day was 'New Brighton Shelter' taken by Ian Kippax AFIAP DPAGB BPE3*, one of our members and he was presented with the Martin Fry Award.

Our first meeting after the break will be: **Welcome Back** on Tuesday 10th September 2013 when members are asked to bring photographs/images which have been taken over the summer break. Members' winning prints from last year will also be on display. New members are welcome and can bring any pictures that they have taken during the summer.

New members are always welcome as a guest at any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW, from 7.30 – 9.30pm, 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. Alternatively further details can be obtained by contacting the Secretary, Daphne Hanson. Telephone: 01638 741106 or email: hanson943@btinternet.com.

Visit www.bottburpc.org for our Members gallery, further details of the club and our 2013/2014 programme.

Barry Coles
Publicity Officer



Award winning photo: New Brighton Shelter by Ian Kippax

A Spring Poem



Spring has sprung, the grass has riz,
I wonder where the birdies is?
They say the bird is on the wing,
But that's absurd,
I always thought the wing was on the bird!

Winter's gone, the snowdrops too,
When will daffodils peek through?
Their petal heads still tightly wrapped,
Are hanging low,
Not long until their yellow faces show!

Grey skies fade, so too the fog,
Where can I now see a hedgehog?
Waking from sleep to hog the hedge,
A lonely lair,
Do they not know that it is cool to share!

Summer approaching, bird numbers surge,
Will many butterflies emerge?
Like flying butter Brimstones glow,
They love the sun,
But please don't try to spread them on your bun!

Alison Lewis

The Cantilena Singers Spring Concert

Saturday 20th April 7:30 pm
St. Mary's Church, High Street
Swaffham Bulbeck

Director Daniel Spreadbury

Programme selections:
Byrd - Mass for Four Voices
Harris - Faire is the Heaven
St. Saens - Ave Verum
Wood - Hail Gladdening Light
Lotti - Crucifixus

Tickets £10 and £8 (concessions) on the door; refreshments available

Rich Braun 01223 812115

Rooks in Reach!



I learnt something yesterday when, with much enthusiasm, Ron (Greenhill) telephoned to mention that a pair of rooks were residing in Reach. Not considering these birds rare, I failed to appreciate the significance of his announcement until he advised they were the first pair of nesting rooks he has seen in the village since moving here in the 70's.

He feels sure the rooks are sitting on eggs in their recently constructed nest (twigs, grass stems, earth) high in an ash tree, among the limes, on Burwell Road.

It would appear that rooks are nomadic in that they settle in an area, leave it, then re-inhabit later. This was the case with a rookery situated in Burwell at Marsh's property. They colonised the beech trees then left for Burwell Churchyard but are now back.



Rooks Lords Ground Farm 2013. Joss Goodchild

In the ideal world, the rooks will choose to remain in Reach. Here, therefore, are a few details: Rooks grow to 46 cms, they are similar to carrion crows but have a stronger blue gloss to their black plumage and a distinct peaked head. Adults have long bills with whitish unfeathered skin at the base. Their belly and thigh feathers are loose. They are often seen during the winter in large flocks, flying together during the evening to traditional roosts (rookeries). Their favoured habitat is woodland at the edge of open countryside or farmland. They eat beetle larvae, esp. leatherjackets (crane fly larvae), caterpillars, wire-worms, snails, mice, seeds and grain. The collective noun for a group of rooks is a 'Parliament'.

On the subject of incoming birds, Ron also mentioned that although jackdaws are now a regular sight on Reach village roofs this has not always been the case. I learn that, forty years ago jackdaws could be seen on the chimneys of houses in Swaffham Prior but had not ventured to this village. It seems that it is only relatively recently the corvids have 'come in'.

And so, if successful, this clutch of perhaps 3 to 6 rook eggs will incubate for 17 to 20 days with young fledging at 28 to 35 days. Rooks are colonial breeders, it will be interesting to see whether or not our village environment encourages them and others to stay. Whatever the result, this first pair are a welcome addition to the already impressive range of wildlife which resides on our doorstep.

Joss Goodchild

BurwellPrint
your community print centre

This year **Burwell Print** will be celebrating its **25th birthday**, what an achievement for this local Social Training Enterprise! To kick-off our celebrations we are having a **Family Friendly Ceilidh**

The **'Parson's Nose Ceilidh Band'** will be singing and fiddling to get us all off our chairs, or clapping along to the music while seated

Saturday 27 April 7pm - 10.30pm
Burwell Village College Primary School, The Causeway, Burwell

We will have a licensed bar and food will be available to purchase. Tickets are now on sale or you can reserve them if you prefer to pay on the night.

Tickets £10 standard, £5 concession, £23 family (two adults and school age children)

Telephone 01638-613102 or email sue.anderson@burwellprint.co.uk

Please come and join us – it will be **FUN, FUN, FUN!**

CROSSWORD WINNER

No one correctly completed Crossword No.17 but Susan Bluck of Burwell Road was just one letter out!

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No. 17

ACROSS: 1. BUFF. 3. STUBBORN. 8. TAUT. 9. SUNDRIES. 11. ALTRUISTIC. 14. AKIMBO. 15. AGENDA. 17. FLAMBOYANT. 20. HARANGUE. 21. BILL. 22. WANDERER. 23. FETA.

DOWN: 1. BETRAYAL. 2. FOUNTAIN. 4. TRUISM. 5. BEDLINGTON. 6. OVID. 7. NOSE. 10. TURBULENCE. 12. INVASIVE. 13. MANTILLA. 16. IMMUNE. 18. CHEW. 19. GRIN.

Ely Cathedral Flower Festival 20 – 23 June 2013

For four days in June the magnificent mediaeval Cathedral in Ely will provide the perfect setting for the East of England's largest flower festival. With the theme 'In the Beginning' a mass of flowers will transform the Cathedral's interior into a stunning spectacle depicting the Creation. Over 75 displays will represent the land, sea, sun, moon and the many creatures associated with it. A 'river' of water and flowers will snake down the Nave, culminating in spectacular displays under Ely Cathedral's world famous Octagon Tower.

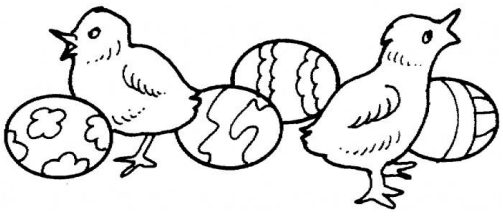
In addition there will be displays representing each of the continents of the world and a special floral tribute, in the form of a life-size throne, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty the Queen. The Festival's Creative Director is Chelsea gold medal winner, Roger Woolnough.

Ely Cathedral is the only UK building to be listed as one of the wonders of the mediaeval world. This iconic Cambridgeshire landmark is situated in the heart of the ancient city of Ely and surrounded by monastic buildings, beautiful parkland, meadows and an attractive riverside.

Visitors to the Festival will also be able to enjoy musical performances and recitals, floral demonstrations and shopping in the Gift & Craft Marquee. The Festival will offer plenty of opportunity to sit down for some refreshments including snacks, lunches, afternoon teas and a dedicated picnic area.

Contact Details:

General Enquiries: Flower Festival Office 01353 660310
Email: flowers@cathedral.ely.anglican.org
Web: www.elycathedral.org





March Winds, April Showers



It's been busy despite the terrible weekend weather. Only one decent weekend in February, of which the Sunday was the best day, bringing out over 4,000 visitors to Anglesey Abbey. Sunshine was remarkably absent, and with that and the cold, it has meant that everything is very behind this year.

Its Thriplow Daffodil weekend as I write this, where I would usually be selling herbaceous plants but this year it would be mid bulb season. The weather forecast was awful (in both senses) for the weekend, but in fact after wet mornings, both afternoons have been quite nice with glimpses of sunshine. I do wonder how much attention people take of these forecasts and how much it affects the visitor numbers at these charity events, which take so much voluntary organising. Let's hope for a lovely May Bank Holiday forecast.



The snowdrops have been brilliant this year. They have been in flower for weeks. The ones up my drive have looked lovely although the ****** deer have made a meal of the blue iris. They don't seem to see the purple ones; the same goes for the lilac and purple crocus. These four-legged critters have eaten the cyclamen comb flowers and will shortly be enjoying the tulips and bluebells. The RSPCA have said that their numbers need reducing for their own good and I wholeheartedly agree.



We gardeners never seem happy with our plant placement and now is the best time to re-organise those herbaceous plants so that you get just the right display. Dig them out and split the clumps, discarding the old centre.

Then replant the young vigorous divisions in groups, having dug over the soil and perhaps added some manure or garden compost. I'm going to have a go at moving a couple of enormous clematis. Hopefully I will be able to get them out with a good amount of soil and drop them into a pre-prepared hole so that they grow away happily in their new home. I think I'll need a JCB for one of them! They will need a good drink a few times during this next summer if there is a dry spell, but once their roots are growing they will be on their own. I took cuttings last summer so I do have backups if necessary.

I have decided that hardy annuals are the way forward this next year, after seeing the amazing displays at the Olympic Park. I have saved seed from poppies larkspur, cornflower, cosmos, marigold and others. I will be throwing it around the garden shortly and hopefully not weeding all of it out. I have also sown some veg, but in the greenhouse. Although the seed packets say March/April to sow it is only a guide. I think it is better to watch the trees and when the apple buds break that is a good time to start sowing. Late sowings will soon catch up but poor early ones never make for good crops. I was wondering about winter wheat, will yield be reduced because of the winter water logging?

I heard mowers out in January this year. That was very early but the grass is growing now so a light cut is in order. Little and often is much the best way, twice a week in late spring and summer and never a close shave in dry weather.

It's raining again.

Janet Hall

BURWELL MUSEUM TRIPS

Wednesday 24 April - Kelvedon War Bunker and Brentwood £20

Saturday 1 June - Rochester for Dickens Day £15

Thursday 27 June - we board the Mississippi Paddle Boat at Horning and go on to Caister £21

Friday 9 August - Clacton £15

Sunday 22 September - Sheringham 1940's Day £15

Wednesday 9 October - Bourton on the Water and Chipping Norton £18-50

Tuesday 17 December – Brick Lane Xmas Show and meal £53

Tickets are available from Tina's - 1 North Street, Burwell or ring Barbara 01638 741581

Fantastic Fibonacci

In late spring the Garden is bursting with life – you can practically watch the hop shoots lengthen, the chestnut leaves unfurl, the wildflowers expand in the long grass areas. The diversity and rate can appear joyously chaotic, but a closer look at many plants reveals pattern and order. One of the most prevalent mathematical manifestations in nature is the Fibonacci sequence, named after Leonard of Pisa, known as Fibonacci, whose 1202 book introduced from earlier Indian mathematics a number sequence 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21 and so on – the next number in the sequence is the sum of the previous two.



When these sequence numbers are used as the side lengths of squares which are then tiled together and the corners of each square connected by a continuous arc, a spiral shape emerges. This spiral pattern is seen in plants in all sorts of ways: tree branching, the plated armour of a pineapple, the arrangement of scales in a pinecone. At this time of year, the sequence can be seen in whorled leaf arrangements as they develop around a stem. If you look down a plant such as a sunflower from above, as a bird, you can see the leaves spirally arranged so that each gets maximum exposure to sunlight and to water. This spiral arrangement is seen too in the sunflower itself which is made up of hundreds of florets arcing out from a central point. Later in the year when the seeds develop, this arrangement provides optimal packing of the seeds – they are all uniformly packed and of an even size, not crowded in the centre and inefficiently spaced at the edges.

Looking at plants this closely will be the theme of our Festival of Plants at the Garden on 18 May. As well as the Talking Plants Tent, where you will be able to bring along your gardening dilemmas to ask our experts for help, a marquee devoted to the latest in plant science, Guides throughout the Glasshouse Range with prop boxes chock-full with things like the biggest seed in the world (the vast Coco de Mer), a plant promenade along our Main Walk featuring a boutique selection of local, independent nurseries, our Systematic Beds will be the focus for a range of activities, tours and talks designed to encourage you to look more closely at the structures and the mathematical beauty of plants and flowers. The event runs from 10am-4pm on Saturday 18 May, and we'd love to see you there. Normal Garden admission applies.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm in March and 10am – 6pm April - September. 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 Day
Development Officer

REACH FAIR

Each year we publicise the Fair across a fairly wide area with posters and fliers which mention the range of activities taking place during the afternoon in the hope of attracting a wider variety of visitors to balance those who come just for the fairground.

We are currently short of people to help with poster distribution in central Cambridge and the suburbs and in part of Ely. It involves going into premises which are likely to have public or staff notice boards and asking if a poster can be displayed or some fliers left. Most places are quite happy to do it as it is not a commercial event.

If anyone can spare some time around the middle of April to help with this, please contact Jacquie Lewis for more details.

Thank you
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Blood Donor Session

7 May 1.15 – 3.15pm; 4.30 – 7pm

Burwell Community Sports Centre, Burwell

Tales from a Reach Garden



Spring has been slow to start this year hasn't it? I am writing this article in the middle of March and our daffodils are keeping their swollen buds tightly closed for now. We managed to plant our hedge during the one warmish weekend in February, finally deciding to plant hornbeam because, like beech, a well-maintained hornbeam hedge holds on to its leaves over winter and provides shelter. It's a good choice for wildlife and it copes, nay *enjoys*, heavy, damp soils – and the soil in that part of our garden is very heavy and claggy. Even on a warmish February Sunday, the pickaxe had to be wielded to break up the sodden clods prior to planting the saplings.



A promise of warmer times? Tomato seedlings in a tray on a window sill

Over by our veggie patch the soil is very different. Years of digging and improving the soil, by which I mean adding compost and well-rotted manure (a much-appreciated by-product from the local horses) have ensured that the soil here is rich in nutrients, free-draining and easy to work. When we first arrived here in 2007, the veggie patch was essentially a tiny field on a north-facing slope. We also discovered that in places, the soil was barely a spade's-depth deep before we hit clunch – this was a little less than ideal for growing vegetables. Nevertheless, during that first year we planted the same fruit and veg we used to grow either in grow bags on the patio, or plant in the middle of our flower borders in our previous garden in suburban Watford.



In this north-facing plot in Reach, we planted courgettes, spinach, runner beans, strawberries and a tomato variety called "Gardener's delight" which had previously done well for us growing outdoors in Watford. We had a glut of strawberries that June, much of which was turned into ice cream and enjoyed over the rest of that summer. Keeping the veggie patch weeded seemed to be a never-ending chore which we carried out most evenings and at weekends. We did manage to go away for a long weekend in August and we looked forward to seeing the fruits of our labours on our return. It rained very heavily that weekend and we thought it was good that the plants were being watered naturally in our absence. On our return we found plenty of runner beans and spinach leaves ready for picking and several courgettes were the size of marrows, but our ripening tomatoes were brown and rotting, overwhelmed with blight, which had to be dug up and burned. We figured there had to be a better way of doing this!



Phytophthora infestans. Blight on tomatoes - a very sad sight. Photo: RHS website

We don't like using pesticides in the garden so we try to use crop rotation which helps to reduce the build-up of pests and diseases in the soil. For instance, if you grow potatoes in the same spot year after year it's inevitable that there will be a build-up of eelworms in the soil which burrow into the tubers, but damaged tubers will rot in storage. The soil would also be depleted of nutrients that aid growth, which would have to be added to the plot every year to help maintain the yield. However for crop rotation to be effective it's essential to remember where things were planted from one year to the next! Add to this the fact that we also had shallow soil and it made sense to us to create some raised beds, which we did in the winter of 2007.

Creating the beds also gave us the opportunity to create horizontal growing areas, rather than a north-facing one. To minimise the effects of blight, the tomatoes would have to be grown under cover, so we also built a small polytunnel and we replace the soil in the polytunnel every year using the old soil elsewhere around the garden. Richard and I love soft fruit like raspberries, but we noticed that the local birds, like us, were also fond of anything red, sweet and juicy, so we also created a fruit cage large enough for various canes and bushes of our favourite berries and currants and protect them from opportunistic blackbirds and pigeons. Not all of our crops are rotated, however; we also grow perennial edibles like rhubarb and asparagus which have their own more permanent beds.



A happier sight - a well stocked veggie patch on a hot July day last year

This framework of beds has served us well and I'm looking forward to planting again this year. This is the time of year when seeds are sown for growing in the vegetable garden and I've started sowing mine. I suppose gardeners are optimists at heart. Past experience says that this long winter will end eventually and that spring really is just around the corner and summer will arrive – but will it be warm and dry or cool and wet?

Danuta Gibson

VOLUNTEERS FOR REACH FAIR
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6TH MAY 2013

Please contact Jan Tabecki (742552) and Grahame Radford (742814) with offers of help.

St Etheldreda's Church, Reach
Date for the Diary
Sunday 23rd June
St Etheldreda's Day
Celebration Service at 10am
Followed by
Church Barbeque Lunch

18th May 2013 7.30pm

Chocolate Bingo

At the Day Centre, Parsonage Close

Chocolate prizes
Cash Prize for the last game
First game free
Other games £1 per card

Tickets £7
to include Fish and Chip Supper
From CentrePeace



What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

WE CONQUERED THE DRAGON AND WON

The Prospects Trust was triumphant this March, with an unexpected entrance into the VCAEC's Dragon's Den competition. Rhian and Maz braved some of East Cambridgeshire's figureheads, as the local dragons, to bid for money to support our new Kindling Project, called Feeling Chipper. We were chosen as one of the top charities bidding for their support and came away clutching a cheque for £400 which we intend to put towards PPE for our Co-workers who will be learning to use the new kindling machine this spring. Watch out for the sacks of kindling for sale in the shop over the next few months.

SPRINGTIME BLOOMS FOR LITTLE WINDMILLS ON OUR EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT

As we type this editorial our Co-workers are crafting some Easter-related items to decorate our woodland walk, in eager anticipation of our first ever Easter Scavenger hunt on Snakehall Farm. When we opened up the woodland area last winter, making it more accessible for our Co-workers, we had some great ideas for more seasonal events using this new area. To date it has hosted a ghostly story teller, it will become camp base for a Scout group this summer and now the Pre-school tots from Little Windmills will be following the Easter trail, collecting bunny tails, hot cross buns and of course Easter eggs as they explore our wood. Our Co-workers won't miss out on the fun either; they have been really eggcited about this event and are looking forward to enjoying a few of the donated chocolate eggs too.

We love welcoming new groups onto the farm, for a small donation, we are able to offer bespoke tours, farming taster days, horticultural knowledge or special interest evenings. Give Farmer Mark a call to find out more on 01638 741551.



Rotovating Polytunnels

GROWING PEOPLE AT PROSPECTS

We are full to the rafters in our barns. We are now supporting 15 placements per day at Prospects Trust and are even more proud to be supporting 41 individuals with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and varying health needs, our Co-workers.

Snakehall Farm is a real farm experience providing a very valuable place to grow for our Co-workers and we thank all our local customers and supporters. Every time you buy a few carrots or hire in our Garden Maintenance Team you are helping us to support them.

We have always welcomed volunteers onto the farm; whatever time, effort or talent you can provide is extremely valuable to us. Our volunteer team continues to grow too, with new volunteers George and Terry, joining the rest of the altruistic bunch of hard working but £0 paid heroes. They must just love the mud and the fantastic atmosphere we provide.

If you have a magic talent that you can provide for free but want to avoid weeds and mud, get in touch, we welcome all support, from legal advice to marketing and IT. We run on such a small team, any expert in the field is welcome onto our fields. You don't have to don your wellies to really make a difference. For example Reach local, Neville, is currently crafting a new signpost, a beautiful addition to our farm site, something he can do well and something we never have time to do.



Pathway building

WOOD YOU LIKE TO LEARN?

We continue to provide accredited and non-accredited training at Snakehall Farm, working in partnership with Cambridge Regional College (CRC). This has been a very long standing and hugely beneficial partnership, especially for our Co-workers who have made Snakehall Farm their classroom - who wouldn't want 18 acres of organic farmland as their school? Rita and our team continue to support our students on site; over the winter they have been busy doing woodwork, producing new bird boxes which have been dotted around the farm with the remainder on sale in our farm shop.

EVEN MORE SEASONAL STOCK IN THE SHOP

We have "enjoyed" all the weather this winter has thrown at us! Needless to say it has impacted upon our sowing, growing and cropping. We are anticipating a slightly delayed growing and harvesting season based on the weather to date – so we need your patience but promise our shop will be brimming again from late Spring right through to the end of the year.

In the shop now: Carrots, onions, parsnips, leeks, swede, potatoes, the previously mentioned bird boxes, walking sticks and a library of books.

In the ground, pots & polytunnels right now: all the usual staples including broad beans, tomatoes, peppers, new potatoes (due in the shop in June), mixed salad plants, spinach, chillies and hardworking Co-workers. We have had great customer feedback regarding our decision to supplement our seasonal stock grown on the farm with some staples from COFCO. Still 100% organic and still from within a very local area, the COFCO produce in the shop is clearly labelled and we do hope this gives our farm shop customers a little more variety over the winter period.

STILL LOOKING FOR OUR 25 HEROES FOR OUR 25th YEAR

We have some plans afoot, particularly focused on our 25th Year – 2014, where we will be attempting to fundraise £25,000 for our 25th Birthday. We are looking for sponsored opportunities – marathons, swimathons, bungee jumps, sky dives, Olympic efforts – we are also looking for local supporters to pledge for the Prospects in our 25th year. If you are a dare devil, a real sport, or have a hidden talent that we can turn into gold, we would love to hear from you, give Maz a call on 01638 741551 or email maz@theprospectstrust.org.uk. Become one of the 25 heroes in our 25th year!



We are planning a stall with a difference for the Reach Fair this year; we are looking forward to seeing you at the Fair in the shop this Spring.

From all the Co-workers, Staff and Volunteers at The Prospects Trust (oh and Tilly the Tractor too).

Marianne (Maz) Baker

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News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



The Wicken Fen Community Liaison forum had its first, introductory, meeting at Wicken Fen on 12th February. The idea of the Community Liaison Forum is to combine Wicken Fen's previous local consultation groups; the User forum, the Lodes Way Steering Group and the Parish Liaison Group into one Community Liaison Forum.

The original groups have reached natural end points but we did not want to lose the valuable input these groups have previously provided. The purpose of the Community Liaison Forum will be to provide a communication tool for members of the local community to discuss issues, bring forward engagement/access opportunities and help influence developments that are in tune with local desires. Present at the first meeting were Parish Councillors and representatives of user groups such as cyclists, horse riders and walkers including Hillary Fielding and Nick Acklam from Reach.



We've now had our first full winter since the construction of a low level earth bund around part of Burwell Fen, which was undertaken as part of a major European Union funded project looking into low cost methods of protecting vulnerable areas against the adverse effects of climate change. The bund which will retain water on the fen will eventually aid the establishment of floodplain grazing marsh and has already proved extremely successfully with large numbers of widgeon and teal overwintering on the fen. The fen should provide excellent habitat for breeding wading birds in the spring.

Construction of the access ramp for the planned new crossing over Burwell Lode (part of the Lodes Way) which was delayed by the extremely wet weather over the last few months is now underway. The ramp will be used as a viewing point complete with seating until sufficient funds are in place to complete the bridge. A small area of hard standing used by contractors will eventually be converted into a small car park on the north side of the Lode. The ramp is being financed with the remaining funds from the Sustrans Connect2 Big Lottery Grant for the construction of the Lodes Way. The money had to be spent by 31 March, so it made sense to start the work now rather than lose it.

Contractors will soon be fencing parts of Burwell Fen in preparation for the movement of some 30-40 konik ponies and highland cattle from Adventurer's Fen to Burwell Fen during the summer months. The fencing will enable us to segregate the animals from areas of high user traffic, such as the Lodes Way cycleway. A colour brochure on our Extensive Grazing Programme is available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre or email your postal address to wickenfen@nationaltrust.org.uk and we will drop a copy in the post.



Work is currently being undertaken to restore parts of historic Fen Cottage – the roof tiles are being replaced with reclaimed pantiles and interior walls in the parlour re-plastered with traditional lime plaster. Once this work is completed, we hope to re-instate the loft area of the cottage into family living space.

Internationally renowned Dutch Biologist and Conservationist, Dr Fans Vera, visited Wicken Fen on Wednesday 13 March. Dr Vera popped over to Wicken Fen before heading to Cambridge University to deliver a lecture on 're-wilding'. During his visit he was given a guided tour of the Reserve by Countryside & Community Manager, Martin Lester and Grazing Ranger, Carol Laidlaw. In the Netherlands, Dr Vera has been a key figure in the development of the Ostvaardersplassen, a 56km² nature reserve which was created in 1968 when the South Flevoland polder was reclaimed. The reserve was designated an international Ramsar Wetland in 1989. He was impressed with our work on the Wicken Fen Vision which we hope one day will rival the Ostvaardersplassen in scale.



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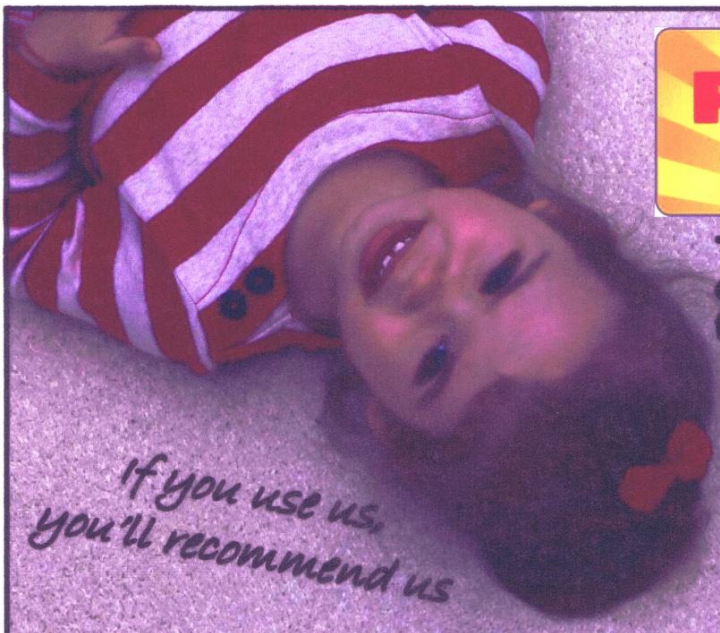

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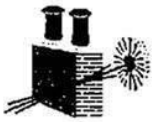

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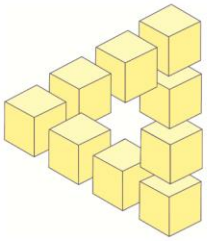

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Ross's Reflections



There is a rather nasty surprise on this year's council tax leaflet. Thumb through it and you will see that the parish precept element of your council tax bill has been increased by 5.1 per cent. Given that the parish council has not increased its precept in three years – it will raise £7,150 in the financial year 2013/14, exactly the same as in 2010/11 – this comes as quite a surprise.

But then being a simple type the sophistry of local government finance does pass a little over my head. Naively I assumed that the precept – the sum which the parish council wishes to raise in any one year – is simply divided between the properties in the village, weighted for the fact that some properties are in higher council tax bands than others.

But that, it seems, would be far too simple. This is how the wizards who work in government finance are able to convert a Reach parish council spending freeze into a 5.1 per cent tax rise for Reach villagers. First, they create what they call a 'tax base' for the village. This is the number of properties in the village, adjusted according to the proportion of council tax they are due to pay relative to a Band D property. A band A property, for example, only counts as two-thirds of a house because it is only liable to pay two-thirds of the council tax due from a Band D property. A Band H property, on the other hand, counts as two houses.

The council then reduces its tax base to take account of the fact that it fails to collect all the council tax that is due. Next year East Cambs expects to collect 98.8 per cent of council tax that is due (to be fair to East Cambs this is higher than many authorities) and so it reduces the tax base of all parishes across the district by 1.2 per cent. You might be able to spot something a little unsatisfactory here: parishes where everyone pays their council tax end up sharing the burden with parishes where households are not so good at paying their tax. I have asked East Cambs where Reach fits in this picture – whether we are good or bad payers – and I await an answer.

East Cambs then divides the parish precept by the revised tax base in order to calculate the tax due on a Band D property. Or at least that is what it has done until now. From the coming year the village's council tax base will be further reduce to take account of the abolition of council tax benefit. Previously, low income households have been able to claim benefits to pay part or all of their council tax. These benefits were paid by the Department of Work and Pensions – i.e. from central government funds. But starting in April there is a new scheme for excusing low income groups from paying full council tax, which is paid for through council tax. Our parish council tax base has been reduced to take account of this in the same way that it is reduced to take account of non-payers, with the result that each property becomes liable for higher council tax.

If you haven't been able to follow that – and I don't blame you – this is the upshot of it: the government has managed to shunt some of its welfare bill onto the parish precept. George Osborne can stand up in Parliament and boast that he has reduced part of the welfare bill – while up and down the country householders open their council tax bills and froth with rage at what looks at first sight like profligate spending on the part of bumpkin councils in the shires.

Sorry if your council tax bill has spoiled your breakfast but the parish council isn't getting any more of your money whatsoever.

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Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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Your Clerk is **David Parr**:

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

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

Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund has **£1,985.62** available.

The recent increase is due to the Parish Council paying money back into the fund as it sells the tea towels that were produced for the Diamond Jubilee. Indeed the two Garden Parties, for the Royal Wedding and for the Diamond Jubilee, presently, (with more tea towels left to sell), cost the Amenity Fund just £450 in total – well done to the organisers!

If you feel you have a worthwhile project that could be funded via the Amenity Fund – please get in touch with Chairman Ross Clark on 01638 743725 or rossjclark@aol.com. To learn more about the fund please visit the village website at www.reach-village.co.uk/amenity_fund.html.

Meeting Jo Riches

What's your full name?
Joanne Riches, no middle name.

Where were you born and brought up?
Born in Welwyn Garden City. I spent the first four years of my life in Ware, Hertfordshire, before moving to Puckeridge, just a few miles north along the A10. I lived there with the family until I left home and bought my first house at 19.



Jo looking very striking

What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
I went to Roger de Clare in Puckeridge, a primary school in the three tier system – it seems just like yesterday. The outdoor pool was very similar to the one Swaffham Prior now have! Then I went up to the middle school, Ralph Sadlier, which was just next door. I remember the high tennis court cage where we used to play, at primary we used to call it the monkey cage! Then at the age of 13 we went up to Ward Freman (now Freman College) in Buntingford, a 15 minute bus journey away. Despite the short distance we had to catch the bus at 8.10am which always seemed so unnecessary for school starting at 8.45am.

What's your career history?
After deciding I'd rather get a job than sit my A levels, I left to go to Herts Secretarial College in Ware and here I studied an intensive typing course. Armed with my new qualification I secured my first job in a double glazing company as receptionist/office junior just a few weeks later. After four long years I left here for a reception-based role for an insulation company but was soon asked by a friend to run the family business, The Stationery Cupboard, in Royston. Here my career path changed and little did I know it but this next job would shape my future! I went to work at a graphic design agency in Saffron Walden as an account and studio manager. It was here I discovered my passion for all things creative! My next job was at a Cambridge-based graphic design agency; here I developed my account management skills further and was also tasked with running the digital photographer! It was at this point, when Dylan was 18 months old, that I decided to take some time out from full time employment and become a full time mum.

The pace of life changed a little but I kept in touch with various contacts and on the very day Lily was born, I was asked to manage the design of a brochure and thus my freelance career began! Seven years on, nearly to the day, I'm running a marketing, event and PR company!



Dylan, great cap!

What do you most enjoy about your job?
I enjoy the variety. Marketing, events and PR is exciting and relatively fast paced, albeit I sometimes feel I live my life by copy deadlines! One day I might be running a social media campaign for a restaurant or organising their corporate catering packages and another creating a beautiful corporate brochure. I love it all.

How did you meet your husband Rob and where were you married?
Rob and I met at The Junction in Cambridge. My friends and I would religiously drive to Cambridge each weekend to enjoy the indie discos and gigs. Rob worked at The Junction which meant my name often used to appear on the guest list! We lived together for 10 years before we got married. We were going on holiday to Loch Ness and decided that whilst we were there we'd 'do the right' thing! We didn't tell anyone our plans, but simply invited them to our celebration bbq a few weeks later. Needless to say, there were people in the family who weren't happy! But I'd never had the big white wedding dream.



Lily, very chilled

You have two children, Dylan and Lily. What do you most enjoy doing together?
The children are so busy with their own clubs, there seems to be little time to do much as a family. But each weekend we always try and spend time together as a family, be it a walk, some gardening, baking, swimming or bike ride. We all like roller skating and ice skating so this is another popular family activity!

How did you come to live in Reach and what do you like about it?
We moved here when Lily was four months old. We previously lived in Littlebury Green, near Saffron Walden in a tiny cottage. When Lily arrived it soon became apparent more space would be useful, so we started looking for a pretty, non-drive through village, with a house that had it all (I really didn't want to move!). There's so much going on in the village, it's great for the children and I feel it's a really safe place, whilst still only being a short drive from Cambridge. I've always been a country girl, loving the outdoor space, peace and quiet.

What are your interests?
I love gardening and over the last few years we've been growing our own fruit and veg. I also enjoy baking and making all things sweet, which is a little odd as I don't have a very sweet tooth, just a soft spot for tea and cake!

Where do you like to holiday?
Somewhere hot and sunny with crystal clear waters and large sandy beaches. I do enjoy breaks away in the UK, and love discovering places I've never visited before, especially somewhere that has a few National Trust properties nearby!

Favourite book?
Restless by William Boyd. The story of an undercover agent during WW2.

Favourite music?
I have an eclectic mix of favourites. I love classical, jazz but my favourite at the moment is Mumford & Sons which is quite folksy and impossible not to dance to.

Favourite film?
That's hard! I love Bugsy Malone, especially the sound track.

Can you cook? You're vegetarian. Does that mean pulses every other meal?
I do cook although I much prefer to bake. Rob's a much better cook than me so he tends to prepare the meals. We do eat our fair share of lentils, chickpeas, pulses and tofu, but not every meal includes them! We also cook with nuts and quorn to give us protein, so there's plenty of choice.

Are you handy around the house?
Oh yes, I like to think so. I enjoy painting and decorating and have my father's attention to detail, which is good but sometimes means things take a while. I really enjoyed making our log store and even though I couldn't lift it on my own, I was determine to do it all by myself!

What is your philosophy on life?
Treat those as you wish to be treated. Be honest. Before you complain, think about those who are worse off and never dwell on something, put it behind you and move on.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Jo's and Tania's New Venture



Recently, Jo has announced that her company, Jo Riches Limited is to merge with telemarketing experts Blue Warthog Marketing.

Blue Warthog was founded in 2003 by Tania Verdonk (who you may well recognise from her previous association with Little Windmills). It specialises in telemarketing, market research and telesales.

With over 20 years' combined marketing experience, Jo and Tania are confident that the new business will benefit their current customers significantly – and attract new ones.

The new business has recently acquired new offices and later in the year a complete rebrand will be unveiled, including a new name, so watch this space!



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Days Gone By



The prominent single which topped the charts this time in 1980 was “Suicide is Painless” which as many of you might know was the theme song for the hugely successful TV show “M.A.S.H”.

M.A.S.H stood for “Mobile Army Surgical Hospital” and the shows were based on events in the Korean War.

In the outside world the big event was the SAS ending the siege of the Iranian embassy in London.

Five Iranian gunmen were killed and one was arrested. Nineteen hostages were set free but one died and two were injured in the cross-fire.

Millions of people watched the rescue live on television as bank holiday entertainment on all three channels was interrupted to show the real-life drama unfold.

More than thirty masked troops stormed the embassy building from the balcony and front and back doors throwing grenades through the windows.



Screams were heard from inside the building and some fifteen minutes later the hostages emerged and were escorted by Scotland Yard police to waiting ambulances.

The siege began five days previously when six gunmen took over the Iranian embassy in Kensington. The gunmen belonged to a dissident Iranian group opposed to Ayatollah Khomeini, the religious leader who had come to power the previous year.

The Home Secretary William Whitelaw ordered the attack on the sixth day of the siege after the gunmen shot dead Iranian press attaché Abbas Lavasani and dumped his body outside the building.

Speaking through hostage PC Trevor Lock who relayed the demands from an embassy window to police officers on the ground, they then threatened to kill the rest of the hostages and blow up the embassy if their demands were not met.

It later emerged that during the SAS raid PC Lock had tackled the leader of the gunmen known as Salim and saved the life of an SAS soldier. He was awarded the George Medal for his actions.

Although Iran had supported the SAS raid, it took about thirteen years for a mutual compensation package to be agreed whereby the British government paid for the damage done to the Iranian embassy and Iran repaired the British embassy in Tehran damaged during the 1979 revolution.

In Reach, the closest we got to a siege was the occasional lock-in at the White Horse.

One of the items which preoccupied the Parish Council over this period was the proposal to build a new road across the Green (this had been contained in the 1973 Village Plan).



As you can see from the excellent aerial photograph taken by the Cambridge University Centre for Aerial Photography in 1954, there were already two “unofficial” roads across the Green. The plan was to make one of them official and remove the main road across the Green.

In the end, the work was never undertaken (obviously!) but it got very close as you can see from a Cambridge Evening News article on the 20th August 1974 (next page).

Another item at the time was Reach’s preparations for a nuclear attack! Councillors were trained on what would have to be done – I must search through the filing cabinets and see whether the Clerk got a bunker place or not – and amend as necessary.

Eleventh hour protests delay new road

The building of a road across Reach village green, due to have been started today, was deferred suddenly yesterday when the highways authority, Cambridgeshire County Council, received complaints from local residents.

The Deputy County Surveyor, Mr. A. Tucker, said: "Our divisional office received at least two letters protesting at the work starting, so we decided to defer the job to find out what is going on."

He said the project, which would link two legs of the Burwell-Swaffham Prior road on either side of the green, had been passed by the parish council, the district council and the county council.

Mr. Tucker said he did not yet know the full grounds of the residents' opposition to the road.

"The project has not been cancelled," he said. "We just want to make sure there has been no slip-up."

Saving

One protest was from Mr. Nicholas Hellawell, of Swaffham Prior Road.

Mr. Hellawell said yesterday he had contacted both the county council and the district council during the morning. He had found out about the roadworks starting on Saturday and he was opposed to the road going in.

The parish council, claimed Mr. Hellawell, had already decided not to have the road built to save money.

The parish council chairman, Mr. Ernest Cole, said the decision not to have the road built "for the time being" was taken in July. The council still wanted the road built eventually.

Mr. Cole said he had first heard about the work starting on Friday evening. He did not know if the parish council had taken any action since then.

Mr. Tucker said the cost of the 50-yard stretch would be about £1,000. It would be ideal for the village, he said. It would give Reach a larger green.

The District Planning Officer, Mr. Timothy Aldworth, said the new road was mentioned in the 1973 Reach Village Plan.

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Swaffham Prior Primary School

Despite the snow earlier this term, school opened and we celebrated by spending some time outside building snowmen and enjoying the snow. In class, children then spent time learning about snow, including how snowflakes are formed and thinking about 'WOW' words to describe snow in their creative writing.

The school had a visit from 'M + M Productions' on Wednesday 30th January. We saw a performance of Cinderella and enjoyed cheering for the prince and Cinderella and booing the stepmother and ugly sisters.



Above: George Tucker
Right: Hazel Lingley (left) and Elizabeth Parr

We have been enjoying class assemblies this term. During Mars class assembly we found out all about a special visitor to the school...a dragon! The children told us about how they had used the evidence (footprints, burnt wood and ash and silver scales) to work out that a dragon had been in our school grounds. We were treated to a model dragon fashion parade and a powerpoint presentation on how they had made them. We were read stories about dragons that they had written and two French songs were performed with actions. All in all a very pleasurable time was had by all!

On Thursday 21 February, we were treated to Saturn Class assembly. We found out about the circulatory system in the human body and parents helped demonstrate the flow of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood around the body.

We were shown pieces of artwork inspired by Picasso (during his Cubist phase) based on portraits of children in the class, which are on display in school if you wish to see them. The children have also been working on persuasive writing and we heard some very well argued opinions based on 'Reading books, watching films'. To open and close the assembly, we enjoyed their singing. It was an informative and entertaining time.

Neptune Class visited Burwell House just after the half term holiday and had a wonderful time. They proved to be an enthusiastic group and comments were made by the staff at Burwell House about their good behaviour and their love of food! The majority of activities were based outside and ranged from learning how to read compasses and use them to follow simple routes and locate areas on a map of the grounds, to working in teams to solve team challenges.

Neptune class held their class assembly on Thursday 7 March. We were treated to powerpoint presentations about their time there and the amazing 'Eggscape'. The children showed us willow stars that they had carefully knotted together and bags that they had decorated using the technique of batik. We found out about Tanka poems and examples based on the school grounds and the coming of spring were read to us. We were told about working in team games and the importance of working co-operatively. Extracts were also read and there was an overwhelming sense of the enjoyment that they had had and how wonderful the food was! We very much enjoyed hearing and finding out about their encounters. Mercury class assembly is following soon.



School Council arranged a series of events to raise money for Comic Relief and the Children's Liver Disease Foundation. Children and adults in school were asked to come dressed in an outfit whish represented what they wanted to be when they got older. We saw doctors, firemen, fashion designers, several teachers, a ballet dancer, a fairy, a paramedic, some mad scientists, explorers and a lot of red noses! A red circle with the initials CLDF written in the middle was chalked outside the school. Throughout the day children and adults covered the chalk circle and letters until they could be seen no more. The third event was a 'Bake Off'. Children brought in biscuits which they had decorated and each class took it in turns to judge another classes biscuits. School Council then chose two overall winners. The biscuits looked fantastic and it was a difficult choice. After school they were sold. Congratulations go to School Council for organising the day.

We are now looking forward to a trip to the Big Bang Fair, a Circle choir concert and celebrating Easter!

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

Little Windmills Pre-school

A special session at Bottisham Children's Centre proved popular with everyone. Parents and carers enjoyed a cup of tea whilst finding out about the wide range of activities on offer to under 5's and the children had a great time with some different toys and games to play with.

During the week leading up to World Book Day some of the children brought in their favourite books which they shared with everyone; this included stories about tractors and one where we had to look for the green sheep!

In the week of Red Nose Day we learned about Ronika, a little girl who lives in Ghana. We decorated biscuits with funny faces and had comic relief stickers and balloons to take home. A bucket collection raised £10 for children like Ronika who are less fortunate than ourselves.

At our Easter service Rev. Eleanor Williams told us the Easter story using the book 'Guess how much I love you'.

Our rag bag collection raised £112 for our funds. If you are having a clear out of clothes, linens and accessories would you consider donating them to us for our next collection? The website www.rag-bag.co.uk outlines what can and cannot go in the bags. If you would like us to collect your donations we would be happy to pick them up. Please ring us to arrange this (07803 671200; 9.15am –12.30pm).

If anyone has any Sainsbury's or Nestle Box top tokens they do not need please could you pass them on to us. Thank you.

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A Happy Easter break to everyone!

Susan and the Little Windmills Team



Pets Corner



Jodie Halpin–McDonald and Teddi



Fluffy Folkes likes to be out at night

Photograph on page 14

So who are they?

Back (left to right): Rodney Housden, Peter Johnson and Terence Rule

Front (left to right): John Cole and Dennis Millard

Thanks go to Peter Johnson who provided the picture

KIDS PAGE!!



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Easter **Eggs**

Chicks **Lambs**

Daffodils **April**

May **Ducklings**

Rabbits **Spring**

Can you find any other bonus words?

Spring Anagrams (Answers on Page 43)!

Prings = ...

Sateer = ...

Balms = ...

Faddolifs = ...

Gikudclns = ...

Stuff to look out for in Springtime...

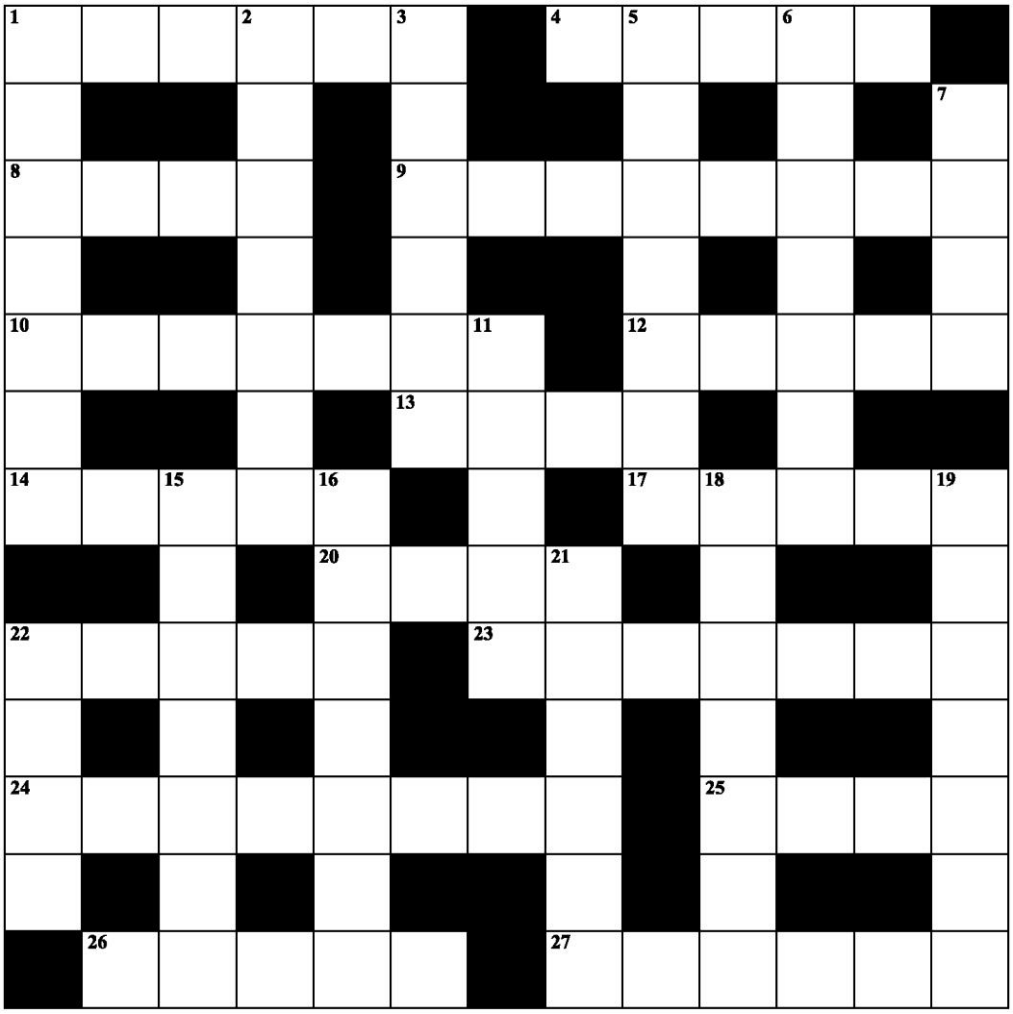
- Daffodils
- Lambs
- Chicks
- Ducklings
- Signets (baby swans)
- Primroses
- Crocuses
- Easter eggs!
- Rabbits
- Blossom on the trees

Spring Jokes!

Q: When do monkeys fall from the sky?
A: During Ape-ril showers!

Q: What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
A: A hot cross bunny!

Crossword No. 18



ACROSS

1 Located (6)
4 Flatulent (5)
8 Score (4)
9 Doorway (8)
10 Wither (7)
12 Prevail (5)
13 Grammy (4)
14 Locations (5)
17 Earnings (5)
20 Bottom of ship's hull (4)
22 Succulent (5)
23 Having all tickets sold (4, 3)
24 Province in E China (8)
25 Oxidise (4)
26 Having an Edge (5)
27 Pertaining to scenery (6)

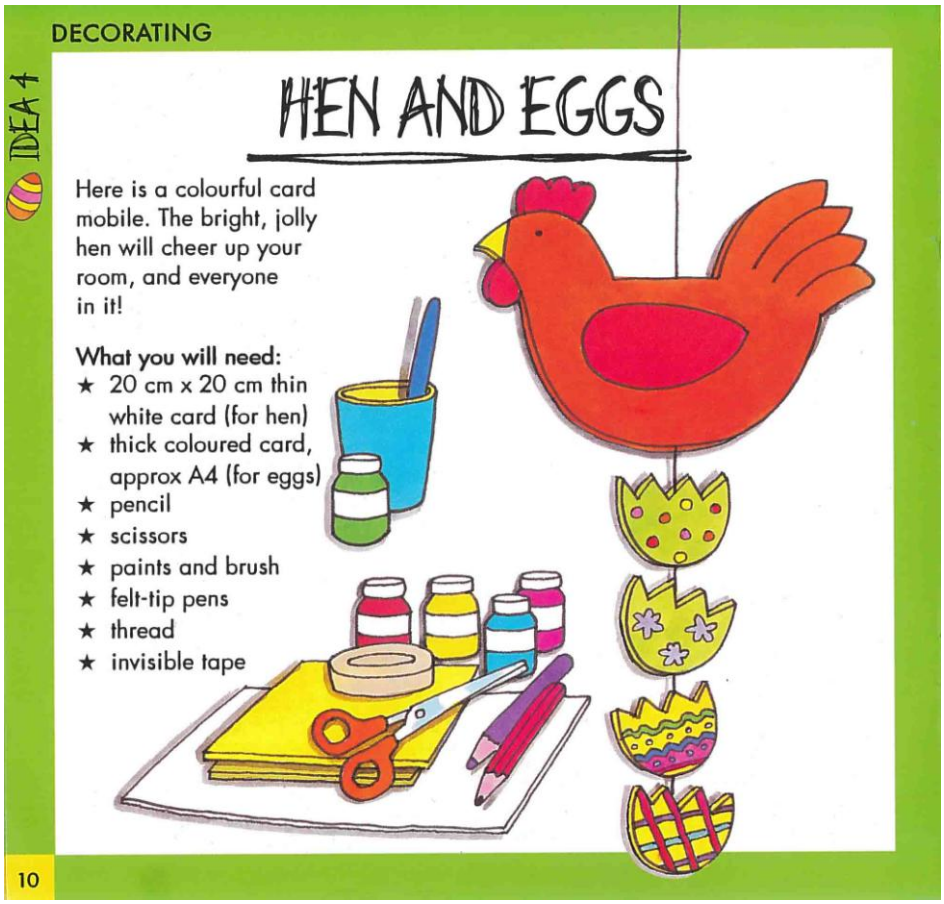
DOWN

1 Winged horse (7)
2 Crash (7)
3 Fuel oil (6)
5 Crew of an aircraft (7)
6 Submerging (7)
7 Sharp (4)
11 Bodies of water (5)
15 Final part (4,3)
16 Horizon (7)
18 Loud enough to be heard (7)
19 Diabolical (7)
21 Lives in rented rooms (6)
22 New Orleans music (4)

The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on Page 17

Please send your entry by Friday 3rd May 2013 to:

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


DECORATING

IDEA 4

HEN AND EGGS

Here is a colourful card mobile. The bright, jolly hen will cheer up your room, and everyone in it!

What you will need:

- ★ 20 cm x 20 cm thin white card (for hen)
- ★ thick coloured card, approx A4 (for eggs)
- ★ pencil
- ★ scissors
- ★ paints and brush
- ★ felt-tip pens
- ★ thread
- ★ invisible tape

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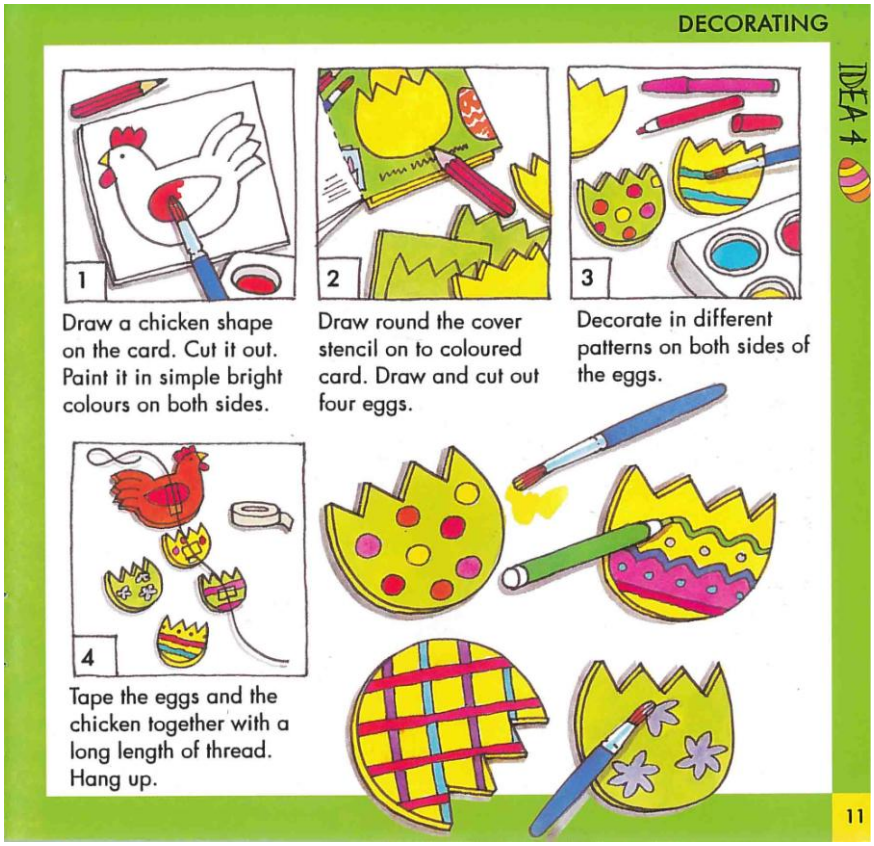
Alice's batik cushion



Alice's cute mouse


DECORATING

IDEA 4

1 Draw a chicken shape on the card. Cut it out. Paint it in simple bright colours on both sides.

2 Draw round the cover stencil on to coloured card. Draw and cut out four eggs.

3 Decorate in different patterns on both sides of the eggs.

4 Tape the eggs and the chicken together with a long length of thread. Hang up.

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Extract from: Crafty Easter Eggs by Clare Beaton

All Things Crafty



Angry bird cushion made on Christmas Eve for her sister Hazel



Alice's beautiful jewellery often given away as presents



Alice Lingley makes such a variety of items!

Joyce Harrison is currently knitting hats and cardigans for Africa's fish and chip babies – so called because they are so poor that they are wrapped in newspaper. Previously she and members of Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle, knitted squares to be made up into blankets. Pam King has agreed to sew the blanket squares together – a very big task! Joyce makes the knitted hats and tops from bits and pieces of wool – bright colours are preferred. The knitted items will help babies and children in poverty in Uganda, Kenya and South Africa. Joyce also recently made an exceptionally nice shawl for her grand daughter which is due to be born any moment.

Alice Lingley makes a wide variety of items often designed by herself. Partly she has been inspired by the textile course at Bottisham Village College which she attends. The material for the jewellery comes from necklaces which are broken up and from Beading Shops. Alice subscribes to beading magazines. A lot of the jewellery she gives away as gifts. Mum Debbie very much likes the ear rings she received. The skirt is the most difficult item Alice has made – and she has yet to insert a zip! She is able to follow sewing patterns. The mouse is cute and includes many different types of stitching including blanket stitch and chain stitching. Alice enjoys experimenting and the fish is patterned using batik. For Alice, crafts are just a hobby but maybe it will develop into something more in the future.



Joyce Harrison knitting for babies in Africa

Rita's Recipes

Happy Easter!



Chocolate and Almond Simnel Cake

Ingredients

250gms butter
500gms golden caster sugar
100gms plain chocolate
1teasp bicarbonate of soda
284ml tub of buttermilk
400gms plain flour
25gms cocoa
100gms ground almonds
2 large eggs
Zest and juice of 1 orange

Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line two deep, 23cm cake tins. Boil a kettle of water.

1. Put the butter and chocolate in a saucepan and gently heat, stirring until completely melted.
2. In a large mixing bowl put together the flour, ground almonds, cocoa, sugar and bicarbonate of soda with a pinch of salt.
3. Whisk together the eggs, buttermilk, orange zest and juice in a jug.
4. Scrape the melted chocolate mixture and egg mixture into the dry ingredients, add 150ml boiling water and whisk until the batter is lump free.
5. Divide the mixture between the tins and bake for 45 minutes. Swap the tins around after 30 minutes if on different shelves.
6. Check that cakes are cooked. Allow to cool in the tins



For the Marzipan

Ingredients

85g golden caster sugar
200g ground almonds
1 egg plus 1 yolk, beaten
100g icing sugar
50g cocoa

Method

1. Mix sugars, ground almonds and cocoa in a bowl.
2. Make a well in the middle and tip in the egg. Mix together using an ordinary knife before kneading with your hands to make a smooth ball. Wrap in cling film. Store in fridge until ready to use.

For the Frosting

Ingredients

25g butter (softened) 250g icing sugar 2x250g tubs mascarpone cheese Zest 2 oranges and 100ml juice

Method

1. Beat the mascarpone and butter together until smooth.
2. Sift in the icing sugar; add the zest and juice then beat until combined.

Assemble the cake: Split each cake in half sandwiching together with the frosting. Place the cakes one on top of the other using the chocolate spread between the two cakes. Roll out the marzipan and using the cake tin as a template cut out a circle. Carefully brush top of cake with a little apricot jam and lift the marzipan disk into place. Make 11 balls from the remaining marzipan and stick to the top of the cake. Spread the remaining frosting around the outside of the cake and dust the top of the cake with a little icing sugar and cocoa mix.

HELP. I would also like volunteers to make cakes for REACH FAIR if you are able to help contact me on 01638 742943. Thank you!

Sports News



For a village that is packed with riders, I feature the equestrian side of Reach far too infrequently. I hope this month's sports feature will start to redress the balance by focusing on two avid young riders from 'up the fen' - Alice and Imogen Trump. I cannot claim any credit for the words below. Their answers to my questions were so nice to read I have left them completely unedited – they convey passion, dedication and a sense of humour – enjoy!

Interview with Imogen & Alice Trump

When and how did you start riding and what or who inspired you?

Imogen: I started riding when I was three years old on holiday in the New Forest with my family. I was really supposed to be four in order to have a ride on the pony, but I was tall for my age and very desperate and the lady let me ride. I enjoyed it so much and talked about it so much that, when we got home, my mum found a riding school that would take children from three and it all went from there!

Alice: I kind of started riding because my sister was riding and I had always looked up to her and so started riding for my own enjoyment and for my love of animals. We used to live in Wiltshire and I went to a riding school there called Hulberts Green. I haven't been riding from such a young age as Imogen but I was still only five when I started.

What got you 'hooked' - what is it you enjoy most?

Imogen: I love the fact that horses are so willing to work with you and to please you. I find them really gentle yet courageous at the same time. It's difficult to say what I enjoy most. I like being around horses so much that I like everything about them and I don't see the jobs that I have to do for them as chores, I actually quite enjoy it, which is just as well!

Alice: It's not just the riding that I enjoy, I also love owning my own pony and grooming and giving him lots of hugs, although riding is very fun.

Tell us about your horses and what it takes to look after them...

Imogen: We now have three horses (all with fairly dreadful names: they are called Jon, Wendy and Bella) Jon was our first pony. We have had him for three years and he was the beginning of our pony-owning days. Now we can't remember what life was like before! Jon is very cheeky, but very cute, which is lucky for him. Wendy joined us when we went to look for a cat. The lady at the cat rescue place wondered if we'd like to have a horse too and so we came home with a cat and a horse! That was just over two years ago. She came so that my mum had something to ride rather than walking with us all the time. Very soon I grew, however and started riding Wendy. She has been a great next step up for me, but has rather been feeling her age recently and we have been trying to rest her a bit more. Just over a month ago our latest addition came: she is a 15.3hh Thoroughbred called Bella and feels a bit like a sports car after driving a land rover (and previously a mini!)



Imogen Trump on Bella

Alice: Every weekday morning the alarm goes at 5.45am. It sounds bad, but you get used to it. Winter is the worst when we have to go out when it's still dark and it's often VERY COLD. It's quite a struggle having to drag yourself out of bed when you can hear the rain and the wind outside, but we do. When we get out, we do the normal routine of putting on the horses' rugs, giving them their breakfast and then taking them out to the field. After that, we have to muck out the stables, fill the water buckets and hay nets and scrub out the feed bowls. We're usually back in the house about 6.30am and ready to have our breakfast at 7am.

What is your most memorable day of riding?

Imogen: That's probably got to be the day we went to camp overnight up at Holkham and took the ponies to the beach. I was riding Wendy and Alice was riding Jon, but Jon got so wildly excited and wanted to gallop so fast, that we swapped horses and I ended up careering along the sand on a madly galloping tiny pony much to the alarm of onlookers. He wouldn't go anywhere near the sea though: much too scary!

Alice: Last year was my first year going to Junior Camp at Pony Club and I'm so glad I went; it was so worth it!!! It was certainly the best week of my life so far – every day we did riding and working towards our badges. [Like Brownies with horses – Ed]. Although it was my first camp, I was awarded the Pony Club spirit cup out of a group of about 40 other children and that made it the most amazing day of an amazing week.



Imogen Trump on Wendy

Tell us a bit about pony club and your success there

Imogen: I have been a member of Littleport and District Pony Club since September 2010 and have attended many rallies and training events – firstly with Jon, then with Wendy and now with Bella. I have also entered some competitions including mini-eventer trials down at The Jays in Suffolk.



Alice Trump and Jon

Mostly though, our pony club training is at Fenning Farm near Soham. In August 2012 I went to my first senior camp which is where we camp for six nights at Cottenham race course and so do our horses. I stayed in a tent with seven other friends and it was all quite crazy but so much fun. At the end of camp there is a prize giving and I was very pleased to be awarded the Newcomer's Cup which is apparently given annually to the new member at senior camp who best meets all the values that Pony Club seeks to instil. I was surprised and delighted to receive it.

Alice: This is my second year at Pony Club and I am making new friends and most of all riding my pony with them. Pony Club is a great place to learn new skills and to build a relationship with your pony.

What is your proudest moment?

Imogen: That would probably be the show I went to in June 2012 when I entered a show jumping class on Wendy (a 15.2hh cob, not really built for athletic displays!) competing against adults on Thoroughbreds and other show jumping breeds. I was very proud of Wendy as we managed to come second, being narrowly beaten by an adult after a clear round and then a jump off. My second place rosette meant a lot!



Alice Trump and Jon

Alice: Our Pony Club has an Open Show which is very friendly and last Summer I entered a class called 'First Ridden' which I won! Jon chose that day to be especially good, although he couldn't resist eating some grass while the judge wasn't looking! I have a cup at home now which I'm very proud of.

Where around Reach do you enjoy riding most?

Imogen: I enjoy all my rides around the area as we are very fortunate to have all the open spaces and bridle paths we do. In the autumn we particularly like to go along the hedgerow rides, such as up Earthworks Way or along Baston Drove where, from the advantageous height of a horse, you can pick some excellent blackberries that can't be reached from the ground. Wendy has got particularly good at picking her own blackberries at the same time!

Alice: We ride most of the time on Tubney Fen. There is a little gate just beyond the wood yard by our house that we go on to the fen through and we feel that it's basically our gate as not many people use it. I like trotting and cantering along the verges by the fen roads too. We are very lucky not to have much traffic around. Another nice place to ride is on White Fen. There's lots of space and sometimes they cut a track around the edge of the field which is brilliant for cantering along, although the ponies sometimes think it's a race track! Luckily Jon's quite greedy and he often likes to stop for a snack of the grass half way round.

So look out for these two next time you venture out along Earthworks Way or Baston Drove or across Tubney or White fen. I will certainly remind myself that, while I am still slumbering at 5.45am, Imogen and Alice will already be hard at work !

Juliet Vickery juliet.vickery@yahoo.co.uk

Cricket Fixture List for 2013

Sun 5 May	vs Rain Men, Burwell
Sun 2 June	vs Fordham or Kimbolton (National Village Cricket Cup) Away
Sat 8 June	vs Castle Hedingham, Away
Sun 7 July	vs Dave Silk's XI, Burwell
Sun 14 July	Vs Unemployables, Burwell
Sun 28 July	vs Swaffham Irregulars, Burwell
Sun 4 Aug	vs Grantchester, Away
Sun 1 Sept	vs Petersfield, Burwell
Sun 8 Sept	vs National Trust, **Reach!** (grass permitting)
Sun 15 Sept	vs Burwell, Burwell

We are always looking out for active, lapsed or novice cricketers who would like to play. We are a multi-ability, poly-gender, all-ages team so there is no need for anyone to feel they aren't up to it. Besides, there are always a couple of places in the team reserved for people who make the captain look good.

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REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 6th March 2013

Attendance

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

In the absence of Chairman Councillor Thomas, Vice Chairman Councillor Aves chaired the meeting.

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

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 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

There was no activity during the previous month.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

Full Council met on 19th February to debate the Business Plan proposals recommended by Cabinet. Following a six hour debate the Cabinet's proposals for the plan for the next 5 years were approved.

An extra meeting of Cabinet was held in February to consider the tender documents for rolling-out Superfast Broadband across Cambridgeshire. Cabinet agreed to award the contract to BT and the contract should be signed over the next few weeks.

A meeting was held with ECDC officers to ensure that the Burwell Masterplan and Village Vision (currently out to consultation) are using consistent figures. I arranged for the Chairman of the Fire Authority and the Chief Fire Officer to address a public meeting in Swaffham Bulbeck regarding plans to merge Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck Fire Stations following the building of a new Fire Station and Training Facility on Reach Road, Burwell.

Minister for Schools, David Laws MP, visited Cambridge. I met him at CRC and took the opportunity to press our case for fairer funding for Cambridgeshire schools and also to address the thorny issue of home to school transport for those attending the planned University Technical College.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report was provided on the day. The following was subsequently provided.

The new waste collection service will be rolled out over a 10 week period from September to November 2013.

The council has decided not to introduce parking charges in Ely.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a substantial surplus over the course of the financial year.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

4 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

Councillor Fielding attended a meeting of the National Trust and provided minutes for distribution to councillors.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

There was no activity to report.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

There was no activity to report.

4 (9) Speedwatch

There was no activity during the previous month. A new Speedwatch Officer is being sought.

4 (10) Village Centre Report

The main focus of activity presently is on the forthcoming Fair.

4 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

The cricket pitch and orchard are now fully funded and the orchard trees have been planted. Funding for the Woodland will come from the Forestry Commission but prior to this an archaeological dig will take place in April. It is hoped that the 2,900 woodland trees will be planted towards the end of 2013 and the manege constructed during late summer 2013.

5. Buildings of Local Interest

ECDC would like to identify such buildings which currently do not have any protection (they are not listed or in a conservation area). Councillor Alderson will attend the next Neighbourhood Panel meeting and report back to the Parish Council at the April meeting when this item will be discussed again.

6. Dog Bins Requirement

Two villagers had commented on the need for dog bins. The Parish Council felt that dog owners who do not use the current bins were unlikely to use designated dog bins. It was felt that further education was needed.

7. Land Registration

This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

8. Salt Bin Positioning on Great Lane

The Parish Council reviewed the options and came up with a suitable location which **the Clerk** will communicate to Highways. The Clerk pointed out that salt bins are placed on two paving slabs and should they subsequently need to be moved, this is easily accomplished.

9. Village Sign Refurbishment

The village sign was deemed to be in need of repair. John Holmwood had a look and will carry out the necessary work during the summer months, free of charge. **The Clerk** was asked to contact him and put a plan in place which would include delivering the sign to his house for the work to be done. **The Clerk** will also look at the refurbishment of the base of the sign in due course.

10. Village Vision Plans

This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

11. Planning Applications

There were none.

12. Information Items

A mooring request for one day a week for a limited period was granted.

Village mowing contracts for the coming financial year ending March 2014 have been agreed and **the Clerk** will put these in place.

Positioning of the cricket net and surface requirements was an item deferred until the next meeting.

GOBA have proposed an annual payment to the Parish Council of £200. The Parish Council felt a higher figure was more appropriate and asked the Clerk to respond to GOBA along these lines.

It was noted that the number of deer in Reach has increased significantly and this issue will be added to the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting.

13. Payments

Suffolk Acre	Insurance	£754.23
EEAOP	Orchard Trees	£1,020.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd April 2013 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).

Triathlon

Vickery's vow after returning from injury blow

Juliet Vickery is lining up a shot at this year's Newmarket Triathlon as she nears a full return to competitive action following a lengthy lay-off, ***writes Graham Clark.***

The 49 year old from Reach has earmarked a shot at the sprint distance event in May in a bid to get back into the sport after spending the past 12 months recovering from an operation on her right Achilles.

"After having the operation I was initially told that I would be jogging in three months, and racing in six months, but that has not been the case," said Vickery.

"I can just about do 20 minutes of running on it now and have been doing plenty of strength building exercises.

"I feel I could run five kilometres but not the 10 of an Olympic distance triathlon."

Should all go well in the Newmarket event, which is made up of a 300m pool swim, 22k cycle ride and 4k run, then the former 2008 ITU World Triathlon age category winner, could take on the qualifiers for this year's ITU Sprint Distance World Triathlon Championships.

"I will see how my foot holds out at Newmarket but if it does then I would head to Northampton in June for the World Sprint Triathlon qualifiers," said Vickery.

"Although it is not as competitive as an Olympic distance triathlon it would be good to try and reach the final as it is being held in London this year."

While running may have been out of the equation for Vickery over the past 12 months it has not stopped the Newmarket Cycling and Triathlon Club member from getting on her bike and taking to the water.

With her increased cycling efforts it has seen Vickery sign up for the 400 mile London to Edinburgh cycle contest, along with setting out numerous milestones she hope to hit during time trial events throughout 2013.

"I have definitely improved on my cycling and this is because I have been able to give it more focus as I haven't been doing the running," said Vickery.

"This year I would like to get my 25 mile time-trial personal best down by two minutes.

"I would like also to lower my 50 mile time-trial from two hours ten minutes which I set last year.

"As for the 100 if I could get under five and a half hours that would be fantastic."



BACK ON TRACK: Juliet Vickery who has set her sights on taking part in this year's Newmarket Triathlon after spending a year on the sidelines.

Extract from Newmarket Journal Jan 24 2013

Letter from the Vicarage: Spring is Sprung!



Spring is probably my favourite time of year – with all the signs of flowers starting to grow again and being able to go for a walk with the dogs without having to get kitted out as I would for a polar expedition. And being a rather late convert to the joys of gardening, now it's a wee bit warmer, I'm enjoying being able to get started planting my veggie seeds and have a window sill of potatoes chitting, ready to be planted before too long.

And Spring means Easter. I love Easter – not just for the chocolate - but because after the solemn days of Lent and then the dark days of Holy Week, the joy of Easter Day never loses its power, as we sing the triumphant, joyful Easter hymns, about new life and hope (though I have to admit I'm probably not at my best for the early morning dawn service!) But Easter isn't just one day a year, it affects every day, bringing the possibility of life and hope, whoever we are, wherever we are, whatever's happening in our lives. 'Christ is risen!' may be the traditional greeting for Easter Day, but its powerful message continues to bring new life, for every day.

Looking ahead to the next few weeks, we have some special services coming up. The annual Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise will be at 6pm on May 5th – a good opportunity to come and sing your favourite hymns. Then a bit further ahead June 23rd is the Feast Day of St Etheldreda, so it's a perfect day to have a special Celebration Service, followed by a Lunchtime Barbeque. We will be giving more information in the June/July issue of *Within Reach*, including more details about our future plans for the church. But put the date in your diary now!

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



For some years there has been a display of lilies at Easter at the altar at St Mary's in Burwell, in memory of family and friends who have died. This year we would like to offer you the chance to place a display in Reach church. If you would like a name included - please contact Eleanor Williams (741262) or Pam King (742924). There will also be a list on the table at the back of church. We usully ask for a small donation of £1.50 per lily to cover the costs.

Red2Green

B	U	R	W	E	L	L		
	S	C	R	A	B	B	L	E
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Alternate Wednesdays, 10.30 – 12.00 noon at Ness Court Coffee Lounge, Baker Drive



For more information please call 07827 966367

Dates for Summer Term 2013:

17th April
1st, 15th, 29th May
12th, 26th June
10th July

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Red2Green

SWAFFHAM BULBECK DROP-IN

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



Summer Term 2013

26th, 30th April
14th, 28th May
11th, 25th June
9th, 23rd July

This is an 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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The answers to Susie's anagrams (on page 32) in order, are Spring, Easter, Lambs, Daffodils and Ducklings

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
April 2013		
Wednesday 3	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Sunday 7	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with Baptism	
Wednesday 10	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 12	7.30pm Music in Quiet Places Joglaresa Concert	
Sunday 14	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 17	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 21	8.00am Morning Prayer 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (Contemporary) 11.30am Annual Parochial Church Meeting, followed by Bring and Share lunch	
Wednesday 24	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 28	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional) 4.00pm Messy Church	
May 2013		
Wednesday 1	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Sunday 5	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	6.00pm Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise
Wednesday 8	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Saturday 11	7.30pm Voices in Spring – Burwell Community Choir concert	
Sunday 12	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 15	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 19	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (contemporary)	
Wednesday 22	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 26	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional) 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 29	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	

Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diary Dates

April 2013	Event	Location	Time
Easter Mon 1	Daffodils and Easter Eggs	Chippenham Park CB7 5TP 01638 721416	10am – 5pm
Tues 2	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Tues 2 and Wed 3	Holiday Drop-In Session. Children all ages. Craft activities, brass rubbing and story telling. FREE	Ely Cathedral	10am – 12pm
Wed 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 3	Author: Harry Eastwood	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.15 for 7.30pm
Mon 8	Reading Group	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.15 for 7.30pm
Tues 9 and Thurs 11	Perfect Ploughing	Denny Abbey Farmland Museum Waterbeach CB25 9PQ 01223 860988	12pm – 4pm
Thurs 11	Author: Deborah Moggach	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7pm for 7.30pm
Friday 12	Dancing in Tetuan	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7.30pm
Wed 10	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 11	Recycling Day		
Sat 13 and Sun 14	Easter Family Activities	Welney Wetland Centre 01353 860711	9.30am – 5pm
Tues 16	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 16	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Tues 16	Aled Jones UK Cathedral Tour	Ely Cathedral 01353 660349	7.30pm
Wed 17	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 18	Author: Tracy Chevalier	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 20	Nearly New Sale (Burwell Happy Tots)	Gardiner Memorial Hall, Burwell	10.30am – 12 noon
Sat 20	Carnival Comedy Club	Burwell Village College Hall (Primary)	Doors open 7.30pm
Wed 24	Kelvedon War Bunker and Brentwood (£20)	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Ring Barbara on 741581
Thurs 25	Recycling Day		
Sat 27	Ceilidh	Burwell Village College Primary School	7pm – 10.30pm
Sun 28	Flower, Food and Craft Market	Ely Market Place CB7 4NT	10am – 4pm
May 2013			
Wed 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 1	Author: Diarmaid MacCulloch	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7pm for 8.00pm
Mon 6	Reach Fair	Everywhere	From Noon
Tues 7	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Wed 8	Author: Audrey Niffenegger	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7pm for 8.00pm
Wed 8	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 9	Recycling Day		
Sat 11	Saturday Workshops	Bottisham Village College	Details Page 7
Sat 11	Voices in Spring (Burwell Choir)	St Mary's Church, Burwell	From 7.30pm
Wed 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Sat 18	Chocolate Bingo	Day Centre, Parsonage Close	7.30pm
Tues 21	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 21	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Tues 21	Author: Lord Browne	The Old Bishop's Palace, Ely CB7 4EW	7pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 23	Author: Kate Humble	St Mary's Church, Ely CB7 4HF	7pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 23	Recycling Day		
Sun 26	Flower, Food and Craft Market	Ely Market Place CB7 4NT	10am – 4pm

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

Events with **Authors and Reading Group** are organised by Topping bookshop, Ely 01353 645005 or www.toppingbooks.co.uk

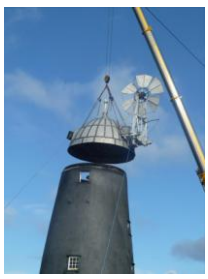
Burwell Museum website is www.burwellmuseum.org.uk **Tel:** 01638 605544

Clubs Contact Information

Club	Contact	Telephone/Email/Web
Art Group (Burwell)	Heather Shaw	741180
Band (Wicken Coronation)	Robert Peacock	723804
Bell Ringing (Hand-bell ringing Swaffham Prior)	Sharyn Robinson	745247
Brownies (Burwell)	Heather Dean	615521
Carpet Bowls (Swaffham Prior)	David Folkes	745551
Choir (Newmarket Community Choir)	budslat@aol.com	
Cubs (Swaffham Prior)	Tim Doe	743656
Cricket (Reach)	Ross Clark	743725
Cycling Club (Wicken)	Peter Rush	07703 555711
Gardeners (Village, Swaffham Prior)	Margaret Joyce	744390
History Society (Burwell)	Sylvia McKinley	742647
Lacemakers (Burwell)	Carole Morris	742024
Local History Society (Burwell)	Catherine Pearce	741098
Morris Men (Devil's Dyke)	Randall Scott	01223 208253
Mothers Union (Burwell)	Susan Baker	741791
Photographic Club (Bottisham and Burwell)	Daphne Hanson	741106 hanson943@btinternet.com
Pony Club (Soham and District)	Tina Hall	720989
Scouts (Swaffham Prior)	Tim Doe	743656
Sewing: Young Quilters	Telephone to find your local group	01904 613242
Sports Centre (Burwell)		742125
Swimming (Newmarket Swimming Club)	Hazel Sampher	730348
Tennis (Reach)	Philip Lewis	742115
Theatregoers (Burwell)	Pauline Fletcher	742008
Theatre: Bottisham Players	Anita	07788 312373
WI (Burwell)	Jenny	741205
Youth Club (Swaffham Prior)	Alan Badcock	742228

Burwell Windmill Removal of the Cap












Contact Information

Parish Council			
	Vice Chairman	Michael Aves	742800
	Councillor	Ross Clark	743725
	Councillor	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Chairman	David Thomas	742676
	Councillor	Diana Ward	744210
	Clerk	David Parr	744081
	Play Spaces Officer	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Rights of Way Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
	County Councillor	David Brown	743283
	District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
Village Centre			
	Chairman	Jan Tabecki	742552
	Finance	Grahame Radford	742814
	Bookings	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Amenity Fund Committee			
	Chairman	Ross Clark	743725
	Committee Member	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Committee Member	Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
	Committee Member	John Holmwood	742969
	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	



Centre: Olivia Mules with Violet Keutgen and Evie Mitchell (far right)



From Left: Olivia Mules, Daisy Miller, Violet Keutgen and a friend



Elizabeth Parr (left) serves to Evie Mitchell



From left: the Gibson girls, a friend, Hector Keutgen, Daisy Miller, Olivia Mules and Violet Keutgen



Front from left: Daisy Miller, Evie Mitchell, Violet Keutgen and Olivia Mules