Within Reach



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Apple Tree Blossom



Bee Fly



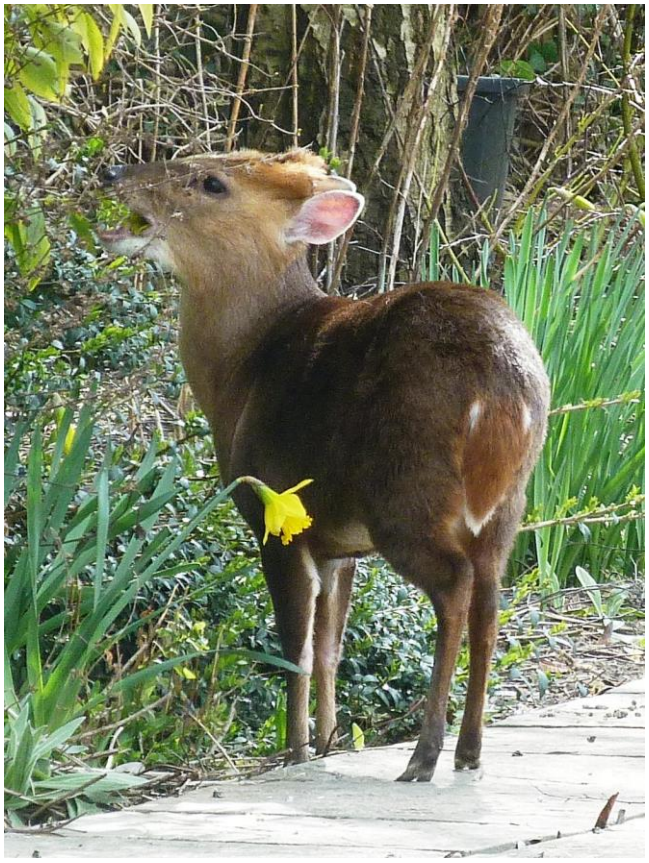
Blackbird having a bath



Robin



Muntjac with tongue out



Muntjac eating our plants

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Sunday June 23rd at 10am

St Etheldreda's Day
All Age Service

In Reach Church



followed by a

Family Barbeque

11.30 for 12 noon on Fair Green

All Welcome!

From the Editor



This is the 19th Issue with the `new' editorial team – that's over three years of magazine production! I hope you will agree that *Within Reach* goes from strength to strength and in this issue we welcome a new contributor in Marie Bambrick.

Once again we've entered the Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards and the results will be known in June.

Reach Fair features in this issue and as dull day follows dull day at present we certainly appreciate that we were blessed with excellent weather.

Eleanor Williams launches the St Etheldreda's Church Appeal. Some essential work is required to repair the deteriorating fabric and the suggested improvements and future plans for the church deserve our support.

Sitting at her computer Anita Folkes remembers Reach C. of E. School and we meet Dennis Millard who, like Anita, also went to the school. We have included a lot of old and interesting photographs in Dennis's article and David Parr recalls village news from 1980. Marie Bambrick gets the lowdown on a very familiar face in the village.

Alison Lewis solves the mystery of what that big buzzy thing is that wants to get out of the window and through Joss Goodchild we learn about muntjac which are becoming so common in our gardens. Progress on the 24Acres is just fab and there's good news about the orchard, cricket pitch, manège and woodland.

We've lots of encouragement to be busy with Janet Hall describing the Swaffham Prior Horticultural Show, inspiring ideas from All Things Crafty and a piece from Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club.

You can join a Heart Beat Healthy Walk or as Freya Thomas notes, go slightly mad like her mum and cycle from London to Edinburgh! You could join Danuta Gibson and channel your energy into the garden and end up with a great crop of home grown veg – *Brevicoryne brassicae* permitting.

Read this magazine carefully and learn who walked over 20 miles and raised £130 for charity.

See you at the Church Service and BBQ on Sunday June 23rd.

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Editor's Notes

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

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Community Solar Farm: Update

Paul Robinson opened the meeting, saying that he had lived in Reach for 35 years and now runs an organic farm at Lode. He had found that solar panels are very successful in generating power and it was through getting solar panels installed on his own house that he met Andy Rankin of Midsummer Energy.

Andy then talked about the proposed scheme for Reach, pointing out that we need to move to sources of energy that don't produce CO_2. Wind and solar are effective choices for the fens. Solar power is quiet and unobtrusive whereas wind power can be quite noisy.



Andy Rankin

The proposed site for the solar farm is off Blackberry Droveway, opposite Swan Lake barns. The solar panels will be mounted on frames on the ground. The advantage of ground-mounted systems is that to produce a given amount of energy they are more cost-effective than a number of smaller roof-mounted systems. They can be mounted at the optimal angle to the sun and kept clear of any shading.

A 500kW system would use 2,000 panels mounted on frames around 2m high. It would generate around 460,000kW of electricity per year - equal to the annual usage of 115 typical homes. So it could put Reach well on the way to being carbon neutral. Some hedging already exists around the site and more would be planted to screen the solar farm. Space is left between rows so that the panels do not shield each other. Sheep can graze on the land and will keep the grass down thereby stopping vegetation shading the panels.

The proposal involves setting up a community-owned company to own the array, so that local individuals and businesses can benefit from the project rather than big corporations. Any excess profits could go into a community fund.

There are several local examples of community-owned renewable energy projects such as Gamlingay Community Turbine (a wind power project) and a solar array at St Paul's Community Centre, Cambridge. Further afield, Westmill Solar Co-operative in Oxfordshire is a community-run project ten times the scale of that proposed for Reach. In Germany and Denmark around 25% of renewable energy generated is owned by community groups.

The build cost is expected to be around £650,000 and the money will come from selling shares in the company and from loans. The expected life of the farm is 20 years or more. The company will receive income every year from the feed in tariff. It also benefits from the sale of electricity, so it should have an income of slightly over £50,000 per year. Outgoings will be: the lease of land, maintenance (weeds, vegetation), interest on loans/shares and repayment of loans/shares. An interest rate of 4% should be possible and any additional profit could go to a community benefit fund. We would hope to raise as much money as possible from people in the village, but if we didn't raise all the money locally we would expand the area of investors e.g. to Cambridge.

In summary the solar farm could provide a significant proportion of the electricity used in the village and the project should benefit the local economy. If you want to know more - have a look at:
www.reach-village.co.uk/news_community_solar_farm.html

QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSSION

Q. Why would I invest in the solar farm rather than putting solar panels on my own house?
If you have a suitable roof you might be better off putting panels on your roof, as you would benefit directly from the electricity as well as the feed-in tariff. However, not everyone has a suitable roof (south facing and reasonably large). You might in any case like to have both panels on the roof and a share in the solar farm!

Q. Does the electricity feed the village directly – will we get free electricity?
The electricity gets fed into the National Grid and people in the village will have to still buy electricity from their energy supply companies as normal.

Q. Are there any grants available?
It's very hard to find grants to help with the up-front costs of projects like these. But the electricity that the solar farm produces is subsidised. The payments that are received go back to the company and ultimately to the people who have invested in the scheme.

Q. How much power do you get on a dull day?
The power output does depend directly on the amount of solar energy hitting the panels, so on a dull day you would get only a small fraction of the power that you would get on a clear day at noon – perhaps only 10% at times. At night it would not be producing any power as there is no means of storing the energy produced during the day.

Q. How will it connect to the National Grid?
The site already has a power line crossing it. A transformer will be connected to this power line.

Q. How long do the panels last?
Panels are very reliable as there are no moving parts. However over time there is a very gradual drop in output as the cells age, so after 10 years the output is expected to be around 90% of the original rated power and after 25 years it would be around 80% of rated power. Eventually it might be worth replacing the panels to give it a new lease of life.

Andy Rankin - andy@midsummerenergy.co.uk

Reach Fair 2013



First of all, how lucky were we with the weather? Glorious sunny weather for most of the weekend and on Fair day itself! What a pleasant change from recent years where wind breaks and brollies were the order of the day.

Now almost as much a tradition as the Fair itself, the popular quiz took place on Sunday night and was again well supported. This year Andrew Towers took on the duties of Quiz Master giving Grahame Radford the night off. Many thanks to Andrew for doing such a splendid job. A total of £70 was raised on the night which will be going to the East Anglian Children's Hospice, as requested by the winning team.

Fair day arrived and the sun shone and crowds arrived early in readiness for the noon opening. Numbers were definitely higher than in the last few years, possibly about 5,000 over the course of the day, which was encouraging for both stallholders and the Fair organisers.



The interim results for the Fair are shown and will change slightly once all the invoices are received and final payments are made. All in all, profit made was a big improvement over last year's figure and as usual will be split between Reach Village Centre and the Village Amenity Fund.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank the organising committee and village helpers for their time freely given in setting up, running stalls, marshalling and clearing up later to leave our village in as clean and tidy a state as before the Fair. Well done to you all!

And finally it goes without saying that the present organising committee are always looking for new folk to join our very small group of ever ageing members to develop the Fair and to make sure that it continues year on year.

Thank you all once again - your continued help is very much appreciated.

Jan Tabecki

Chairman
Reach Village Centre Committee





Reach Fair Finances

Commercial Stalls	2013	2012	2011		Village Stalls	2013	2012	2011
Perrett - Fair	£1,500.00	£1,500.00	£1,510.00		Car Park/Programmes	£2,743.07	£2,470.19	£3,208.74
Bar	£750.00	£750.00	£750.00		Tea Tent	£705.00	£575.40	£824.62
Food Stalls	£2,300.00	£1,850.00	£1,750.00		BBQ	£482.50	£569.49	£1,195.00
Craft Stalls	£810.00	£450.00	£470.00		Bottle/Plant Stall	£266.00	£183.30	£98.06
Reach Residents Stalls	£90.00	£255.08	£347.57		Cake Stall	£141.10	£122.50	£222.60
Entertainment Stalls	£625.00	£435.00	£400.00		Salad Stall	£455.50	£276.06	£524.72
Information/Charity Stalls	£90.00	£168.40	£0.00		Coconuts	£262.80	£215.10	£165.00
					Cream Teas	£100.00	£0.00	£680.09
					Football	£131.20	£65.30	£161.50
					Village Games	£116.60	£71.59	£183.39
					Smash the Crockery	£194.20	£0.00	£0.00
					Bric-a-Brac	£45.00	£0.00	£0.00
					Books/T shirts	£53.00	£0.00	£0.00
					Programme Adverts	£150.00	£975.00	£875.00
					Soup Stall	£57.05	£0.00	£0.00
					Programme Donations	£67.45	£0.00	£0.00
					Total	**£5,970.47**	**£5,523.93**	**£8,138.72**
					Expenses	**2013**	**2012**	**2011**
					Traction Engine	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
					Grass Cutting	*£10.00*	£10.00	£10.00
					St John Ambulance	£508.80	£319.20	£204.00
					General Expenses	£0.00	£135.94	£45.00
					Car Park	£1,020.97	£1,027.96	£1,000.00
					Parking Personnel	£0.00	£268.00	£268.00
					Meal Vouchers	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00
					PA System	£420.00	£450.00	£420.00
					Story Teller	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00
					Patchwork Circus	£225.00	£210.00	£210.00
					Advertising	£0.00	£0.00	£37.68
					Toilet Hire	£660.00	£660.00	£670.00
					Police	*£400.00*	£520.51	£493.75
					Traffic Management	£1,005.30	£1,185.30	£1,194.00
					Straw Bales	*£329.00*	£125.50	£188.00
					Raptors	£190.00	£170.00	£150.00
					Dance Troup	£0.00	£100.00	£0.00
					Programmes	£380.00	£1,560.00	£1,600.80
					Art Competition prizes	£0.00	£18.36	£5.00
					Soup Heating Rings	£112.09	£0.00	£0.00
					Grand Draw Prizes	£0.00	£200.00	£207.96
					1/3 share of BBQ/fencing	£472.80	£472.80	£472.80
Total	**£6,165.00**	**£5,408.48**	**£5,227.57**		**Total**	**£5,803.96**	**£7,433.57**	**£7,436.99**
Summary								
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Village Stalls	£5,970.47	£5,523.93	£8,138.72					
Total Income	£12,135.47	£10,932.41	£13,366.29					
less Expenses	£5,803.96	£7,433.57	£7,436.99		Share to Village Hall	£4,748.63	£2,624.13	£4,446.98
Profit	**£6,331.51**	**£3,498.84**	**£5,929.30**		Share to Amenity Fund	£1,582.88	£874.71	£1,482.33
(figures in bold indicate estimates and are subject to change)								

St Etheldreda's Church Appeal



The current church of St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity stands on the site of a much earlier church, a single ruined arch of which still remains.

The building has always been there for everyone, as and when needed and many residents choose the church for weddings, funerals or baptisms, when it is packed to capacity.

We now want to secure its future and to ensure that it is as warm, welcoming and as comfortable as possible for all who come – whether for our regular services of worship, for special occasions, for the monthly visit of CentrePeace, in times of need, or just for a quiet moment.



Future Plans

We plan to achieve our vision of making St Etheldreda's a warm and welcoming centre of prayer and community life for the village by:

- Keeping our doors open every day and offering hospitality to worshippers, visitors and pilgrims
- Offering a variety of opportunities for public and private prayer and worship for people of all ages and making all our services more accessible to everyone
- There is evidence that young families in Reach would value some more child-friendly church activities and with this in mind, there are plans to launch occasional Messy Church sessions later this year
- Developing our work with all sections of the community, especially young people, families and the elderly
- The neighbouring Village Centre caters for most of the village's need for a meeting place, but there are occasions when our church could be made available for public events such as concerts and exhibitions

Essential Repairs

In order to continue serving the community of Reach, St Etheldreda's church needs to be maintained in a sound and safe condition. The last architect's report revealed significant deterioration in the building and it is important to address these issues as soon as possible before any further deterioration occurs.



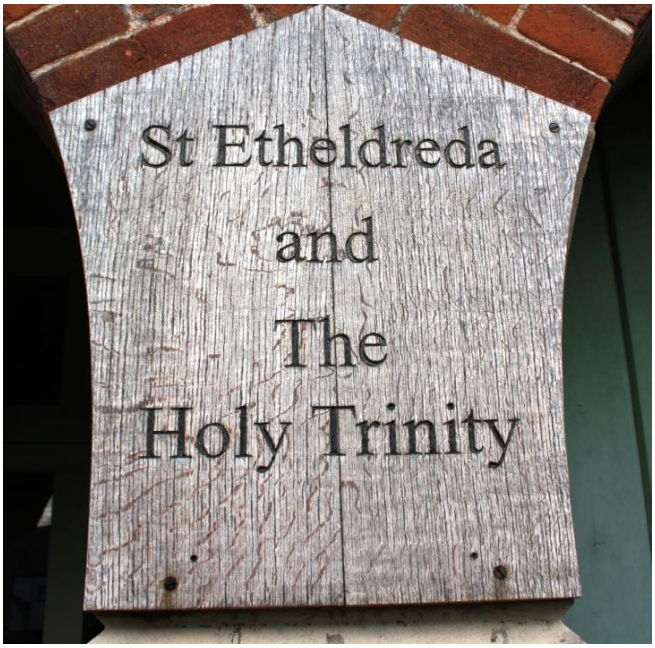
The work required includes repairs to the external stonework to prevent it from crumbling and redecorating the interior of the building. The cost is around £25,000 and it is intended to seek a grant to get this work done – or to get us substantially close to our financial needs.



Improvements

As well as addressing the essential repairs, we would like to take the opportunity to make a few modest improvements to the church:

- Disabled visitors to the church have requested a handrail at the entrance to make it safer and easier for them to negotiate the steps
- People with hearing difficulties often say that they cannot hear all that is said. A simple sound enhancement system would help to overcome this problem and would also be useful at the occasional large wedding or funerals when some people have to stand in the porch, or even outside
- A simple water supply and drainage would make it much easier to serve refreshments and to carry out cleaning, gardening etc. Toilets are not being planned at present, but could be considered in future if there was enough support.



Financial position

In addition to income from collections, regular giving and fees, Reach church relies heavily on fundraising events to meet its regular running costs of about £6,000pa.

In recent years, however, there has been a shortfall of income, which has necessitated withdrawals of £1,000 - £2,000 each year from the reserves in our legacy fund. Clearly these reserves won't last forever and cannot be used to pay for the repairs and improvements if they are needed for day-to-day expenses.

The Way Forward

We are approaching the financial needs in two ways:

1. We will apply for **grant funding**, which we hope will cover most of the cost of the essential repairs. We also welcome **donations** and hope to raise enough to be able to do the modest enhancements as well as the repairs

If you would like to make a donation towards the repairs and enhancements, please make cheques payable to Holy Trinity Church, Reach and send them to Terry Chalmers, Treasurer, 70 North Street, Burwell, Cambridgeshire CB25 0BB. He can be contacted at **01638 742006** or you can email him at: **mail@terrychalmers.co.uk**.

If you are a UK tax payer, please consider whether you could Gift Aid your donation. Forms are available in the church or from Terry.

2. We will set up a **Friends of Reach Church** group, with the aim of raising enough money on a regular basis to ensure that our running costs are met, without recourse to reserves. This will leave the legacy fund available for unforeseen emergencies and further enhancements.

Friends of Reach Church

We would ask our Friends to provide a **regular, annual donation**. The amount is not important, if we get enough people supporting us then we will soon be able to cover our current annual shortfall. Friends don't have to be churchgoers - they can be anyone who loves Reach and who wants to do what they can to ensure we don't lose our lovely church.

Friends will receive information about church events, an annual newsletter and an invitation to an annual service of thanksgiving for St Etheldreda's Day.



For more information about joining the Friends of Reach Church, please contact the Vicar, Revd Dr Eleanor Williams on **01638 741262** or you can email her at: **vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk**

Family Medicine in Kenya

When local people in Swaffham Bulbeck and beyond raised the money that founded the Mark Towriss Bursary Fund four years ago, I was anxious. I didn't know the organisation or people responsible for the Kenyan Family Medicine (GP) training. Would your money be properly used? Would they give the doctors a fitting training? Would the doctors themselves be fit recipients? A visit to Kenya in February with my daughter Catriona answered all these questions. We visited the three bursary scholars, Moi University Hospital Eldoret and a couple of rural hospitals. It became clear that this training fund is valuable, not only to the three recipients but to the many rural people they will serve, families who have had too little medical health support.

Kenyan Family Doctors are working hard to turn the face of medicine from the big city hospitals, to look outwards to the 80% of Kenyans who live in the countryside. They are slowly forging links with more remote communities, supporting the rural nurses and clinical officers (health professionals educated to a level just below a doctor) in providing more health education. They are creating Comprehensive Care out-patient programmes to educate TB and HIV patients; teaching them the need for continuity of treatment even though they feel better; the need for reviews. But of course it all costs money. When a family's money runs out patients stop taking the medicine. In both hospitals that were superintended by Family Doctors they had also introduced palliative care clinics. The clinic I visited was conducted by a mature and gentle clinical officer who also visited patients and their families at home; conducted monthly gatherings for families to share stories and concerns. These are small beginnings – but precious innovations.

Here is one Kenyan nurse's response to working with a Family Doctor. A family physician: 'this person is able to go around the person, or even the family. He can tackle the child [illnesses] in that family. He can tackle the mother who has gynaecology issues. He can touch the father who has an issue even with marriage, because he has done psychology as well. Our family medicine doctor has done even psychology, so he can go around the family issues. He can give a health talk…[He] will go to maternity and deliver the baby as well, do maternal issues which is complicated and he can come out well.'

(Voort *et al*, BMC Family Practice 2012
http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2296/13/12)

Dr Tembu, the first bursary scholar, works in Kangundo rural hospital, 90 minutes east of Nairobi. His training has given him enthusiasm for preventative medicine and clinical teaching and he would eventually like to join the Faculty of Family Medicine teachers. March saw his final third year exams, the birth of his second child and the Kenyan elections – the instability and violence he personally experienced in 2007 made this an anxious time.

Dr Kibett and Dr Ochieng, both second year Bursary Scholars, were away from their district hospital attending two months of lectures at Moi University Hospital where we met. Both are rural Kenyans and feel a sense of responsibility towards their communities. Their thoughtful lecturer Dr Chege spoke of the financial sacrifices this will mean for them – private city practice commands a higher salary and greater social status - and rural schools are inadequate for children of well-educated doctors. Equally, in his long experience of serving rural communities as a family doctor, there are other less tangible rewards. As Catriona and I sat with Doctors Kibett and Ochieng sharing a meal, talking about medicine and teenagers I was struck by their brave commitment to this pioneering work.



Ute and Catriona Towriss with Bursary Doctors Kibett and Ochieng

The Family Doctors I spoke to were clearly dedicated to furthering their cause. Dr Thigiti was one of the first three Family Medicine graduates, now working with the Ministry of Health on the long-term Kenya health vision: each district hospital will have satellite health centres manned by nurses and clinical officers who will work as a team under the leadership of a family doctor. These doctors are powerful pioneers and advocates for the poor, working persistently to change entrenched political and medical attitudes in order to bring healthcare to the millions beyond the towns and cities reaches.

In 2005 Moi Hospital was the only Family Medicine training centre. Now the Aga Khan Hospital, Nairobi offers family medicine training and the Nairobi Hospital will join in the future, with a faith-based university Kabarak, close behind. While the government is supportive, Family Medicine is still largely unknown to Kenyan medical students, nurses and indeed trained doctors. No Kenyan I spoke to outside the family medicine circle knew what a family doctor was. There is still a long road to travel and they need our support. The bursary scholars Drs Tembu, Kibett and Ochieng say a big THANK YOU to all who have made this bursary possible and enabled them to undertake this training.

We will be taking on a new Family Doctor Bursary Scholar later this year. For this we need to raise another £12,000 for 2013. We have raised almost £3,000 already to support Kenya's goal:

- 100 Family Doctors to be trained by 2018;
- By January 2013 first 15 graduates of MMed Family Medicine Kenya.

Now 20 family doctor registrars training in Moi University and Aga Khan University. That is 35 doctors already. 65 more Family Doctors to go. Kenya can do it – with your help!

For further information and to make a donation: http://www.marktowrissbursary.com/

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Benjamin Shackleton did it!



Benjamin Shackleton walked to school and home again every day for a week carrying a gallon of water to raise money for Comic Relief! He walked over 20 miles and raised over £130. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him, cheered him on his way and to his many friends who walked alongside!





Reach Book Club

There has been some interest in starting a Book Club

Let **David Parr (744081)** know if you want to join

Cambridge Open Studios 2013

What is Cambridge Open Studios?

Cambridge Open Studios exists to promote local artists of all mediums and their work to the public. More than 250 artists from Cambridge and the surrounding towns and villages participate each year over a number of summer weekends, opening their doors to the public to allow a unique glimpse into the world of art.

Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase original works of art and in some cases prints, greetings cards or postcards. They can also speak with artists about their work or even see them at work to discover their techniques.

Our aim is to demystify the world of art, bringing artists together with local people and offering an unusual insight into a fascinating unseen world.

When is it?

Cambridge Open Studios always run on Saturdays and Sundays in July, from 11am-6pm. The dates for this year are 6/7, 13/14, 20/21 and 27/28 July.

If you wish to see a specific artist please check the guidebook or website for details of when they will be exhibiting as not all artists will be available on every date.

What can you expect from Cambridge Open Studios?

With nearly 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge, there really is something for everyone. From watercolour artists to potters, sculptors to jewellery designers, textile artists to photographers, whatever your tastes or preferences, there will be something for you.

The artists open their doors and welcome the public into their studios, workshops or homes to show off their beautiful works of art. It's a fantastic opportunity to gaze at amazing treasures and if you wish, speak to the artist that created it in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

You may even like to pick out a few artists from the guide who are exhibiting and create your own 'studio tour'. Remember the villages too; often members are exhibiting within range of a good pub lunch or tempting teashop, so you can plan a route to make the perfect day out.

Entry: FREE

Find out More

- Look out for the free yellow guide book distributed in May/June to local libraries, galleries, tourist information offices and shops.
- Visit our website: www.camopenstudios.co.uk or follow us on Facebook or Twitter: @CamOpenStudios

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

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre

presents

Gilbert and Sullivan's Ruddigore
Wednesday - Saturday 12th - 15th June 7.30 pm
(matinee Saturday 2.30pm)
Downing Farm, Station Road,
Swaffham Bulbeck

We look forward to seeing you.

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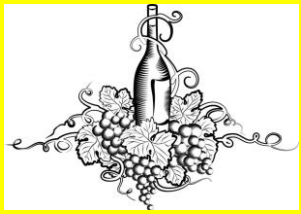

Wines for Summer Drinking

Informal tutored wine tasting

Reach Village Centre
Friday 28th June at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 per person to include at least 8 wines to taste plus nibbles.

Advance booking essential

Contact Hugh de Lacy on 01638 743839

Mini-Guide

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

6th and 7th July (1); 13th and 14th July (2)
20th and 21st July (3); 27th and 28th July (4)



171 Emma Mitchell
Jeweller
Greenview Cottage, 31 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD
Tel: 01638 741063
Email: emma@minniedog.co.uk
Website: www.emmamitchelldesigns.co.uk
Nature- and craft-inspired designs in hand worked silver, enamel and gemstones. Blossom, hares, birds and structural plant forms. Beach-hut-style studio.
Weekends: 1 2 3 4

167 Ruth Elizabeth Blundell
Mixed media 2D and 3D work
The Old Dairy, 34 Lower End, Swaffham, Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0HT
Tel: 07792 656223
Email: rutheblundell@hotmail.com
Small birds and beasts in 2D and 3D.Sculptures constructed from wood. My 2D work is acrylic painting on panels and paper, plus pencil drawings.
Weekends: 2 3 4

168 Lorraine Izon
Potter, illustrator
Meadow View, 24 Lower End, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0HT
Tel: 01638 742920
Email: izon.elliston@btinternet.com
Animal and bird sculptures, tiles and decorative bowls. Drawings, illustrations, prints and cards. Also SALE of some older pieces and seconds.
Weekends: 2



170 Melanie Goemans
Painting, drawing, etching
Walnut Tree House (studio behind house), 21a High Street, Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0HB
Tel: 07711 525108
Email: melaniegoemans@yahoo.com
Website: www.melaniegoemansartist
I work in old media (oil paint, etching, aquatint), with the challenge of making work that is relevant now, yet retains high levels of craftsmanship.
Weekends: 1 2 3
WORKING STUDIO



166 Paul Abbott
Oil painter
The Mill House, 11 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0JZ
Tel: 01638 741537
Email: paul@vividicity.com
Website: www.vividicity.com
Modern florals, rural and coastal landscapes from East Anglia (yes, beach huts!). Oils painted by knife in a loose, dynamic style from a vivid palette.
Weekends: 1 2 3 4
WORKING STUDIO

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

This year is again fast drawing to a close for the Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club. It has been a busy year for the club with external competition entries in various parts of the country. In all we entered six competitions and had photographs selected for display at the East Anglia Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF) Exhibition in Harlow. The club continues to produce a high standard of work which is reflected by the fact that we have improved our placing positions in each of the competitions entered, over our performance in 2011/2012.

Looking ahead, our first meeting next season 2013/2014, will be on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 7:30 pm at our meeting venue Lode Chapel CB25 9EW. The new programme is now available on our website: www.bottburpc.org.

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October 2013 will be the Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club 40th Anniversary Exhibition which is being held at Mandeville Hall, Reach Road, Burwell. The Exhibition will be officially opened on Saturday 19th at 10.30am by Keith Heppell, photographer of Cambridge Newspapers Ltd. Opening times will be Saturday 19th from 10am to 4.30pm and on Sunday 20th from 10am to 4pm. Planning for this event is now well under way and we are expecting to display around 200 photographs of our members' work. Entry is free.

The club welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee £2.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining. Annual subscriptions: Adult: £30.00, Joint Membership: £50.00, Student: £15.00, plus weekly fee 50p (including refreshments).

For further details contact: Mrs Daphne Hanson CPAGB APAGB.

Telephone: 01638 741106

www.bottburpc.org

Barry Coles

Publicity officer



Armed Forces Day Sunday 30 June

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH

ARMED FORCES DAY

Patron: HM Queen Elizabeth II

To mark this occasion and to show our recognition and appreciation of all that our Armed Forces and Veterans are currently doing on our behalf, the Bottisham Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a commemorative **Church Service in Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham on Sunday 30th June commencing at 3.00pm** with the Rev. Sue Giles presiding.

After the Service there will be a reception and refreshments in The Royal British Legion Social Club in Downing Close.

This is an invitation to everybody in Bottisham and the surrounding district to join us for this occasion.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH ALL WHO SERVE

Saturday 20th July
7.30pm

St Mary's Church, Burwell
'A Capella' Concert
By Cantilena

Tickets from CentrePeace
The Causeway, Burwell

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Tel: 01223 715550 or email info@tfw.org.uk

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Camquit is our local stop smoking support service who are a team of professional advisors who understand that quitting smoking is different for everyone. They can arrange Nicotine Replacement therapies at prescription only cost and for those who don't pay prescriptions these are free. Camquit is open extended hours including weekends and have clinics available right across the county!

If you have friends and family who smoke, please feel free to forward my email on to them, they can call our dedicated helpline on 0800 0184304 or self refer to our service via www.camquit.nhs.uk/CAMQUIT/Support/Referral-form.htm.

For more information about our service please visit www.camquit.nhs.uk.

Nicky Playle, Data Administrator
Camquit Stop Smoking Service
Tel: 01223 723 022 Free Fax: 01223 723 059

My working days are Monday – Wednesday.
If you are sending confidential information please use my nhs.net account: nicola.playle@nhs.net

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Amenity Fund

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

The recent increase is due to £114.57 of sales of Jubilee and Royal Wedding merchandise at Reach Fair - grateful thanks go to Karen Carpenter for her endeavours.

Shortly, we should see the added benefit of what was a lucrative Reach Fair for the Amenity Fund (see page 5)

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.

Heart Beat Healthy Walks Celebrates 10th Anniversary

The Heart Beat Healthy Walks scheme is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary and we would like you to join us! Heart Beat Healthy Walks is part of the national Walking for Health initiative and offers led walks for beginners. The scheme welcomes new walkers of all abilities throughout the year and currently runs seven walks each week starting from a variety of locations around East Cambridgeshire. Walks run from:

Burwell: Thursdays, 10am meet at the war memorial

Ely: Tuesdays, 2pm, meet outside entrance to Ely Cathedral

Littleport: Tuesdays, 10.30am, meet at Harley Davidson Sculpture

Littleport Buggy Walk: Wednesdays, 11.30am, meet at Littleport Children's centre

Soham: Mondays, 10am meet at St Andrew's Church

Sutton: Fridays, 10am, meet outside the Brooklands centre.

Wicken Fen: Wednesdays, 10am, meet at Wicken Fen car park

If you would like to attend a walk simply turn up approximately five minutes early at any of the walks and look for your friendly Walk Leader Volunteer.

If you'd like further information about Heart Beat Healthy Walks or would like to train as a Walking for Health Volunteer Walk Leader please contact the Scheme Co-ordinator, Gemma Mott on 01353 865393.

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB 2013

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

March Gillian Fry £20
April Glen Newman £20

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

Memories: Reach Church of England School



The village centre was once the village school. It had two classrooms divided by a sliding screen. The biggest classroom had a huge tortoise stove in one corner which constantly needed to be filled with coke. The smaller classroom had a different kind of stove, also burning coke. The toilets were across the back yard with septic buckets. The caretaker, Mrs Ivy Webb, and her husband Charles lived in a cottage which was where the lawn and cherry tree now grow.



The school came under the care of the Church Committee next door, who also let it for weddings, concerts, whist drives, parish council meetings etc. The Church committee met probably three or four times a year with Mr Sergeant (who also ran the village shop) acting as Secretary and Treasurer, and he also dealt with all the bookings. In 1969 Mr Sergeant resigned from these duties and I was asked if I would like to take them on, to this I agreed as it gave me an interest outside of the home and family. Later the caretaking and cleaning duties were added to my duties, and also any lettings.

In 1959 we heard that there was a possibility of the Education Committee closing the school. Joyce Harrison and I got up a petition to try and keep the school open but, as we said at the time, it was all cut and dry before it ever came to our notice.

The school was finally closed in 1960/61 and the children all went to Swaffham Prior Church of England School where they still go today until they are 11 years old. The Church handed the over the running of the hall (as it then was) to the village, who had to keep it in good repair. The Church still had priority over the use of the hall, if they had anything on.

When it was handed over the village formed a committee and started to have meetings and ideas were tossed about as to how best to go about improving these premises. It was decided that we would start fundraising towards updating the hall. We had many money-raising ideas and hard work to look forward to (little did we then know how much). So much needed doing: new floor, ceiling, central heating, toilets, drainage and plenty of paint.

While all this was going on the hall still had to be kept clean and tidy. Once or twice Joyce Harrison and I hired an industrial scrubber for the floor as it was in a rather dusty state and was too much to do by hand. I used the cleaner as I couldn't get up and down to good, and Joyce was on her knees mopping up the water. The Rev. Byron (vicar at the time) came into the hall to see what we were doing and went and got a hassock from the church and joined Joyce with the mopping up. We really appreciated this kind gesture as he was not a young man. Later Ray Folkes took over the cleaning of the hall.

The committee were lucky to have several knowledgeable people on the team for some of the jobs and we saved ourselves some of the expense. We were also thankful to get some grants from East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Until next time.

Anita Folkes ☺

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Michael Aves	Vice-Chairman	742800
Ross Clark	Councillor	743725
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	742943
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	741853
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	742405
David Thomas	Chairman	742676
Diana Ward	Councillor	744210

Your Clerk is **David Parr**:

20 Fair Green Reach CB25 0JD
Tel: 01638 744081
Email: reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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.

It's not a Bee it's a Fly!



The Large Bee-fly (*Bombylius major*) is common throughout most of Europe in the Spring. It may look a bit like a bee and sound a bit like one too, but it does not have a sting and is harmless. The long proboscis helps it to drink nectar whilst half hovering, with front legs gripping the flower.

They have evolved to look like bees in order to be able to get close to the underground nests of solitary bees and wasps. Adult females flick their eggs into or near a nest. If they don't hatch in a nest and aren't able to crawl into one, then the larvae will attach themselves to a bee or wasp and be carried in. The larvae feed on any food stored there and being parasitic they will also feed on young bees, wasps and beetles.



I have found that they like to sunbathe on the side of our house in the evening as it gets the last of the spring sun and this makes them easy to get close to with a camera. It's very hard to snap them when feeding as they dart around and are quite skittish, though I will keep trying to get a good shot!

Alison Lewis

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.

Around and About



An early evening walk in Reach Wood was interrupted recently by a piercing shriek from dense undergrowth. Thinking it was an injured animal I approached and saw a rabbit-sized creature coming towards me, uttering the high-pitched single cry again. I realised the tiny creature was a muntjac kid, the doe perhaps nearby.

Muntjac are also known as Reeves' Deer - named after John Reeves who was an inspector with the East India Tea Company in 1812; Barking Deer (because of their loud, repetitive sound) and Chinese Muntjac Deer. They are increasing in numbers, noticeably so in Reach where they boldly graze woodland paths, droves and even gardens during daylight, dawn and dusk.

Sighting muntjac here can be an almost daily event but a small amount of research revealed some interesting facts, for example, muntjac are long-lived, ages of 16 – 19 years have been recorded. Muntjac are also the oldest of all known deer species, paleontological evidence shows that they have been around for 12,000 years.

Muntjac are not a native species, they were brought here in 1900 from China by the Duke of Bedford to ornament parkland at Woburn Abbey. During the 1920s deer escaped (some say deliberately helped) which led to feral populations establishing across southern England.



Less elegant than our native deer, muntjac are easily recognised by their distinctive hunched outline, the result of haunches being higher than withers. Their tails are longer than other breeds of British deer, held erect if disturbed with pale undersides showing. These small deer, barely 2ft tall, have russet brown coats in summer which change to grey/brown in winter. Males have short, generally unbranched antlers and visible tusk-like upper canine teeth which curve slightly outwards. These are effectively used in territorial battles and can cause lethal injuries to dogs.

Despite their large numbers, Muntjac are generally solitary creatures or can be seen in pairs, doe with kid or buck with doe. Dramatic population increases can be attributed to the fact that their successful breeding involves (unlike other species of deer in Britain) breeding all year round. Following a gestation period of seven months, does can conceive again within days of giving birth to a single kid.

Muntjac are omnivores; their diet consists of grasses, twigs, bark, herbs, fruits, birds eggs and small animals. They typically feed at 3 – 4 hourly intervals, consuming fresh food quickly and then retreating into the undergrowth to chew the cud.

Today they are considered an invasive species; high densities cause problems to native species and are disruptive to local ecosystems. In woodland their destruction of new shoots can prevent coppice regeneration and the loss of plants; disturbance to undergrowth has been linked to both the decline in numbers of ground nesting birds and loss of insect habitat. A further sobering fact is that muntjac have become a major hazard on British roads, in 2010 it was calculated they caused approximately 42,000 traffic accidents.

Other News

It would appear that the pair of rooks nesting on the Reach side of Burwell Road have not raised young. Ron saw swallows in the village for the first time on 16th April and although swifts passed through recently, none were nesting. The cuckoo has been heard and two turtle doves in Reach Wood. Buzzards are more and more in evidence locally.

Joss Goodchild

BURWELL MUSEUM TRIPS

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

24Acres Orchard

"*You could make an apple pie every day for 16 or more years and not use the same variety twice….*"

(Common Ground. The Apple Source Book (1991))



With spring finally here, some of the trees in the orchard have started to come into flower. Ida Red ("*the red apple from Idaho - an attractive apple with a mild flavour*") and Williams Bon Chretien ("*an early fruiting variety producing large yellow non-gritty fruits with an excellent sweet and juicy flavour… perfect for poaching and preserving, as well as eating fresh*") were among the first to blossom, the latter producing clusters of small white blossom, the former larger pink flowers. But despite the appearance of flowers we won't get any fruit this year. The advice we've been given is to remove all the fruits early on in the first year of planting, so that the tree puts all its resources into growing the plant and putting down roots, rather than producing fruits. Each tree will need to be visited with a pair of scissors to cut off any fruits that have formed.



Ida Red

Apart from that, management this year will be minimal. If it is dry the trees will need to be regularly watered – we are negotiating with a contractor to do that for us. The orchard will be mown twice and individual trees will need to be kept free of weeds. The mulch mats should help with that but some weeding by hand may be necessary. The main task will come in November, when the trees will receive their first formative pruning.

As predicted, there has been some deer damage. The 1.2 metre tree guards provide protection against muntjac but roe deer can easily reach branches that come above the netting. About a dozen trees show signs of having been nibbled. But hopefully as people start to use the cricket field and manège and visit the site for walks, the increased disturbance will deter the deer, which are quite shy.

Most of the trees in the orchard seem to have survived the winter (it is still too early to tell for some, like walnut and fig, which come into leaf quite late). However the same may not be true for the bees which we'll be depending on for pollination. Already hammered by varroa mite and possibly the effects of neonicotinoid pesticides, the weather in the last 12 months has affected British bee colonies. A bee colony needs 20-30lb of honey to survive an average winter but the cold wet summer last year meant the plants' pollen yields were low and the bees weren't able to venture out to collect what little pollen was around. This gave way to an extended winter with many flowers blooming later than usual – as a result many colonies have not survived.

Towards the end of June we'll be aiming to have an orchard management day to carry out some simple tasks – removing young fruits, weeding around the young trees, and checking that tree guards are still in place. Watch this space (especially those who have adopted trees) if you want to be involved!



Williams bon chretien

Fruits in the orchard

In each future issue of Within Reach we will feature, in alphabetical order, descriptions of fruit varieties being grown in the orchard. The descriptions of apples are reproduced with permission of Orange Pippin (http://www.orangepippin.com/).

Adam's Pearmain

Adams's Pearmain is an old-fashioned late dessert apple (introduced 1826), one of the most popular varieties in Victorian England, probably originating from Norfolk. It has an attractive 'pearmain' shape. This is a fairly dry apple - which is perhaps not regarded as a desirable attribute today. In spite of this it is actually a very enjoyable apple, with a rich aromatic flavour which in apple terms is usually described as 'nutty' - a quality it shares with another popular Victorian apple, the Egremont Russet.

Although it had 'shelf appeal' for the Victorian housewife, its autumnal colouring is probably too subdued to compete with the bright young things on the modern supermarket shelves. Perhaps this is part of its appeal; it recalls a bygone era where subtlety of flavour was appreciated - a lovely apple to savour in front of an open fire on a cold winter's day. http://www.orangepippin.com/apples/adams-pearmain

Annie Elizabeth

Annie Elizabeth is an old-fashioned English cooking apple, introduced in the 1850s, possibly a seedling of Blenheim Orange, which it resembles in shape and size and also in its relatively sweet flavour.

This is one of the best apple varieties for any recipe which calls for an apple which keeps its shape when cooked. It is also an easy variety to grow in the garden, fairly resistant to most of the usual diseases and tolerant of the wet mild climates often found in northern Europe. A notable feature is the attractive purple blossom.
http://www.orangepippin.com/apples/annie-elizabeth

David Thomas

24Acres Cricket Pitch

The ring drain has been installed around the cricket square and the pitch and outfield seeded. The grass is now beginning to show through. All being well and we have a mixture of sunshine and rain, as opposed to just one or the other, we aim to play our first fixture against the National Trust on Sunday 8 September.

Ross Clark
01638 743725
rossjclark@aol.com

24Acres Archaeological Evaluation

In April, a small archaeological trial trench evaluation was undertaken in advance of the proposed planting of a community woodland. It followed field walking which recorded a scatter of struck and burnt flint and the latter may have been indicative of a seasonal Neolithic settlement alongside a small river valley in what is now the Fens. The trench was located in an area of relatively high ground and features (a pit and a tree throw) were located but none contained finds.

Though the exercise did not produce significant archaeology it was well supported – thank you – and undertaking the search was quite exciting. If anyone would like an archaeological event organised or some finds recognised, let me know.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

24Acres Woodland



The planting of the community woodland was postponed last year pending an archaeological survey as some flint fragments spotted on the surface of where we plan to plant had hinted at the possibility of a significant Neolithic site below. The survey revealed scant remains and we have been given approval by the Forestry Commission and the National Trust to proceed.

On the back of this, the Forestry Commission has reaffirmed its willingness to fund the planting and we expect a contract to formalise this very soon.



Over the next few months we will be devising a planting scheme for the five acres allocated to woodland which will include glades and paths and will take account of the variations of soil and relief on the site. We are planning a mix of trees and shrubs that replicate what would occur naturally on such a site, including alder and willow (including perhaps a few cricket bat willows) in the damper areas and hornbeam, small leaved lime, sweet chestnut, cherry and spindle elsewhere. Ash would be prominent in soils of this kind but in light of ash dieback disease I am seeking expert advice on planting of ash seedlings as the mortality rate of young ash trees in affected areas on the continent is very high and the disease will almost certainly be with us in the next year or two. It makes sense to reduce the proportion of ash but the key question is - should we keep ash in the mix in the hope that some will prove resistant?

A plan of the scheme will be available for comment at the Opening Day of the 24Acres in September 2013. Our aim will be to plant 2,900 trees - small whips or seedlings - in November or December. We hope that most if not all will be planted by the village and local groups. More details to come on this nearer the time.

Nick Acklam

24Acres Manège



A long and very wet winter has emphasised the need for a good surface on which to exercise horses in Reach and the surrounding villages. The droves surrounding the village have become more churned up than in previous years with the prolonged period of wet weather and the increase in the number of vehicles creating craters in the sodden earth.

It has been difficult and in some cases impossible to ride along a number of the droves over the winter season.

Plans for the community manège are moving forward with the submission of an application to Sport England for the Inspired Facilities Grant. The community manège is an unusual request and as there are very few examples of this type of facility in the UK, it is hoped that the idea will be seen as an inspiring one. The success of the GB equestrian team in the 2012 Olympics has created a renewed national interest in the sport with increasing numbers of people wanting to learn to ride or return to riding.

After a last minute request for support for the community manège we were inundated with emails from villagers and riders in surrounding areas expressing a huge amount of interest and enthusiasm for the idea. Sincere thanks to everyone who took the time to send through some fantastic letters of support. These were collated and included in the grant submission.



Jodie Halpin-McDonald on Princess

The manège was originally planned to be built in the Spring/Summer of 2013, should the application be successful we could still be on track to have this project delivered before we are set upon by the autumn and winter weather.

An application for planning permission is currently being prepared by the Reach Parish Council.

In order to discuss the details of the construction, location, management and maintenance, we will be holding meetings in the coming months. Please keep an eye out for the notification of the dates by email. If you have not attended a meeting previously and would like to be informed of the dates, please forward your name to liz@stageoneinteriors.co.uk.

Liz Tabecki

Horticultural Show



I may be wrong, but last year a schedule for the Swaffham Prior horticultural show was delivered in our magazine for the first time. I have been to the show in the past but last year I was asked to judge a couple of the classes. I enjoyed myself, but the task was far from difficult as there were only a couple of entrants!

So as it is time to be planting out lots of flowers, fruit and vegetables, perhaps we should be considering entering a few classes. Classes such as 5 runner beans, or a selection of five flowers or apples must be fairly easy to find. If you don't know how to prepare and display your wares there is lots of help on the internet, but really all the advice is a bit way over the top for a little show. If you want a bit of help I'm sure there are people in the village who have entered in the past or I might be able to give you a few tips on how to arrange your onions or straighten your beans! The idea isn't to grow enormous specimens, just evenly sized perfect ones.



It isn't only for growers; those of us who bake can consider the cake classes and there are home-made wine, jam and chutney, honey and eggs, as well as flower arranging and classes for the children.



The BBC programme the "Country Show Cook Off" gave a flavour of the bigger shows and our little village shows are equally as exciting as you wait to hear (and disagree with) the judges' decisions. The biggest tip they needed on that programme and one we are always telling our children before they take an exam - read the question, enter exactly what is asked for.

So come on Reach, let's enter a few more classes this year!

Janet Hall

The Swaffham Prior Horticultural Show is on Saturday 14th September and I will try and include a schedule in the next issue of the magazine. Details of the Wicken Bake Off on Saturday 29th June are included with this issue. Ed



Mystery Guest Speaker

Come and be inspired and entertained by our mystery colourful speaker!

Saturday June 1st 7.30pm

Day Centre, Parsonage Lane
Tickets £10, Schoolchildren £5
to include Buffet Supper

Chelsea Chop and June Drop!

June can do funny things to gardeners. After the hard graft of spring spent sowing, propagating, digging and contending with weather more autumnal than vernal, the garden is finally lush and exuberant with flower about to open. But instead of sitting back to enjoy the show, we polish up the secateurs once more and get into the borders to chop back those buds so lovingly coaxed into being by up to a half! This is the technique known as the Chelsea chop, so named as the right time to do it is late May or early June, weather depending and it more or less coincides with the famous RHS Chelsea Flower Show.



Echinacea is a good candidate for the chop

As ever, it is science that underpins horticultural technique. Usually, the top shoot of a plant prevents the growth of side shoots by producing growth inhibiting hormones, a phenomenon known as apical dominance. So by adopting the 'off with their heads' approach of the Queen of Hearts in Alice in Wonderland and removing the lead shoot, gardeners doing the Chelsea chop remove the apical dominance dynamic and the plant responds by branching out lower down and producing new flower heads. Understanding quite how a plant sends messages to its extremities to grow or not grow, given it has no brain or nervous system, is still a huge challenge and a very active research area in plant sciences in Cambridge, particularly at the Sainsbury Laboratory at the heart of the Botanic Garden.

In the ornamental garden, the benefits of the Chelsea chop include extending the season of flower interest by delaying the flowering of some plants – staggering the Chelsea chops over a few weeks could be a good idea. The plants are also sturdier so require less staking and although flowers are smaller, they are usually more numerous. Tall border stalwarts make good candidates for the Chelsea chop including Echinacea, Helenium, Phlox and Solidago.

Another notable phenomenon this month is known at the June drop, when fruit trees naturally shed a proportion of their developing fruitlets, sending out an annual panic about the prospect of a poor harvest. In fact, June drop is likely to result in larger fruits of better quality and more even ripeness, and gardeners should follow up with additional fruit thinning in years of heavy fruit set.

As I say, June does funny things to gardeners. Here at the Botanic Garden we experience our own sort of June drop as we always see a fall off in visitor numbers this month, even though the Garden is at its best! So why not come along and take advantage of the quieter glades.

The Botanic Garden is open 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



Tales from a Reach Garden



Warm spring weather finally arrived in the middle of April after a long and bitterly cold winter and it is amazing what a difference a change in weather makes to the garden! Sowing and planting is taking place and some of the vegetables which were left in the ground over winter are gradually being dug up to make way for new plantings.

Thanks to the weather, not everything has happened as expected. Normally by the end of March I would expect to be picking the early sprouting broccoli. That certainly happened last year, though the picking season was curtailed by the sudden appearance of mealy cabbage aphid during the hot dry spell we had at the end of last March (remember the drought?). Their waxy cuticle made them very difficult to eradicate and they were unaffected by the rain. Eventually the plants were so weakened by the infestation they had to be dug up earlier than planned.



***Brevicoryne brassicae*. An infestation of cabbage mealy on a cabbage leaf**

This year has been very different but no less problematic. Alas during this year's miserably cold March, our broccoli plants looked very bedraggled: a few misshapen leaves on long, fat, bare stalks that had been pruned haphazardly by a combination of frost, wind and molluscs during the long winter months. Richard was all set to dig them up, burn them and vowed never to grow them again.

So why bother over-wintering any vegetable plants at all? Well for a start it's good to have something fresh and nutritious to pick and eat in the early part of the year when there is very little else growing. Secondly, for some plants this is the time of year when they grow best and our leeks have certainly done very well this winter. I grow a variety called "Neptune" which just seems to shrug off the winter weather. In very cold weather, such as we have had over the last couple of winters, leeks grow more slowly, if at all, but they cope. During the previous winter of 2011-2012 our leeks developed a few orange spots of rust fungus on the outer leaves (the prolonged dry weather of 2011-12 encouraged a lot of unwelcome visitors to the garden), nevertheless, the leeks flourished and we finally dug them up just before the flower stalks formed. This winter's leeks have been superb.

They've been picked regularly for soups and stews and freeze well, sliced and blanched, or as soups.

As soon as the ground softened after winter the carrots and parsnips were also disinterred. Carrots and parsnips are actually biennial plants: their over wintering tap roots, store the nutrients, sugars and starches created from the first year's growth, so that they are ready for flowering and setting seed in the second year. They are best picked before they start growing again, before the flowering stems render them woody and unpalatable. The cold weather actually sweetens and intensifies the flavour of the roots. Carrots taste wonderful when cooked within an hour of being taken from the ground – bought carrots just don't have the same flavour, except perhaps as cakes and soups. The parsnips were blanched and frozen for use during the rest of the year.



In spite of the risk of winter damage, there are several reasons for growing winter-maturing brassicas rather than the summer varieties (by brassicas I mean plants like cabbage, kale, broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts etc.). The main one is that they are large plants when mature (especially broccoli) and they take up a lot of room, but in the summer our vegetable patch is full of other plants and there simply isn't the space. Although the seeds of faster-maturing varieties are becoming available, most brassicas take about a year to grow and mature. There is another reason for growing the winter- and spring-maturing brassicas...they are incredibly popular with all manner of pests which happen to find them as tasty as we do. In summer and early autumn, I keep the younger plants growing in a protected "nursery bed", until there's more space available later on, when they are planted out and there are fewer pests around; however, they do need protection from slugs and snails *at all times*. I sow the seeds in trays indoors at about this time of year and transplant the seedlings outside later. Sowing the seed outdoors directly into soil can result in there being no plants at all because given half a chance, the slugs and snails will munch the shoots just as they poke their heads above the soil, so an indoor sowing gives them a better chance of survival.

One year we experimented and grew a summer maturing variety of broccoli (actually a calabrese). It grew well and large heads of the immature flowers were ready for picking that August, which is when we realised that cabbage white butterflies had visited, laying their eggs on some leaves which were touching the netting. No amount of washing, rinsing or soaking in salted water could shift all the caterpillars hidden away, the same colour as the stems they were devouring… until they were cooked, when they became easier to spot and remove!

I know the UN has recently published reports suggesting that we should cultivate insects as an alternative source of protein, but we weren't ready for that reality - and the caterpillars were probably overcooked! I do wonder how much insecticide is sprayed on these crops commercially to keep them looking perfect and pest-free on supermarket shelves.

As for this year's sad and scruffy batch of broccoli plants, they had a stay of execution. At the end of March I asked Richard to wait another month, just in case and I'm glad I did. These plants won't win any prizes for beauty, but thanks to the recent bout of warmer weather they've been prolific croppers. I don't think I have ever picked as many delicious, tender stems of broccoli as I have during these last three weeks.

Danuta Gibson

What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

After lots of intense growing in time for Reach Fair, the whole Green Team at Prospects Trust is now focusing upon the Summer season. Soon the shop will be stockpiled with the most edible organics from our abundant polytunnels. If you haven't ever visited our shop now is the season, just remember to bring your change.

Reach Fair was a fabulous success again this year for Propects. Our stall was resplendent with organic veg plants and herbs, especially our tomato plants which sold very well. We thank all those who tried their luck on the Prospecting Pots stall too, did you win one of the £5 cash prizes or did you bag a bug?



Our farm site and facilities continue to improve, with a refreshed Tea Barn for our Co-workers (adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and those with varying health needs) recreational breaks from their day of graft on the farm. The volunteer team from Grant Thornton kick-started the project with a clean down and full paint job. We have been lucky to secure some additional grants and donations and now have stacking chairs and folding tables to help us maximise on the space this large room allows us. Next on the funding wish list is a durable non-slip floor and a revamped kitchen space.

Our Packing Room, the hub of our harvesting activity, has also been brightened-up thanks to the team from Lloyds TSB/Black Horse Finance. Not only did they come with their DIY Tools, they fundraised actively across their customer base of Car Dealers to raise money for the materials. Well done both volunteer teams - they gave and we gained and so we look forward to Give and Gain 2014.

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News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



There's been some fantastic wildlife action in recent weeks. A pair of Common Cranes have taken up residence on Sedge Fen and more recently there have been sightings of Avocet and Spoonbills on Baker's Fen and the sighting of a Black-winged Stilt on Burwell Fen.

Hurdle Hall has been fenced to enable the land to be let for commercial grazing. A segregated route has been created around the Southern end in order to provide permissive bridle access without gates or contact with livestock. The design for a livestock crossing over Harrison's Drove will shortly be sent out to Parish Councils for consultation. We are currently trying to secure permission from Highways to have a 3M bridge over the Drove rather than a 5M bridge which is the regulation height for a Highway. The Wicken Fen Community Liaison Forum met on 16 April – issues discussed included the problem of motorcyclists using the Lodes Way, the need for a car parking strategy and the problem of travellers horses blocking footpaths. Copies of the minutes will shortly be available on the Community Page of our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen.

We currently have several volunteering opportunities at Wicken. Firstly, we're looking for volunteers to help look after the White Fen Community Woodland near Lode. This would involve visiting the woodland every couple of months, checking a small group of trees and straightening canes, clearing tree guards etc. It is a small commitment that will make a big difference in helping the trees become established.

Secondly we're on the lookout for a photographer to help with a fixed point photography project. Each year we photograph the reserve from a number of fixed points to record how the landscape is changing over time. We estimate that the project will take around 10 days a year to complete and we can provide a camera if needed. If you are interested in either of these opportunities please contact Community Ranger, Lois Baker, on 01353 720274 or email lois.baker@nationaltrust.org.uk

There's a buzz of excitement at Anglesey Abbey as we formally launch a Heritage Lottery Funded Project to open the 'domestic areas' of the House. In total, 11 rooms will be open to visitors including the kitchen, butler's pantry and servant's hall. The Domestic Wing Project as it is known will significantly add to the overall visitor experience, creating a greater understanding of Lord Fairhaven and how the house functioned to support his very particular way of life.



Lord Fairhaven

The domestic areas will be restored to their pre-1966 appearance. Oral archives such as interviews with the current Lord and Lady Fairhaven and staff who worked in the house, together with records such as cellar books and guest books, will be used to help recreate the layout, atmosphere and activities that took place in the domestic wing. The domestic rooms are scheduled to open to visitors next year.

As part of the project we plan to recruit a number of Volunteer Community Ambassadors. We're looking for people who can give up one day a month (or more) to communicate and promote the project within local communities and encourage people and organisations to become involved. If you're interested in becoming a Community Ambassador please contact Rachel Morley via email - rachel.morley@nationaltrust.org.uk.



Common Cranes by Richard Nicoll



Events at Wicken Fen include our popular under 5's activity **Mucky Pups** on 12 & 13 June, 10.15 -11.45am. The theme for this month is Pirate Adventure – tickets at £3.95 are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274. Members of the Dragonfly Project will be leading **Dragonfly Safaris** around Wicken Fen on Saturday & Sunday 15 & 16 June at 11am & 2.30pm. Tickets are £8.50 adults, £5 children, which includes admission to the Fen (NT members £3.50/£2.50). If you would like to learn more about Dragonflies they are also running a **Dragonfly Larva Identification for Beginners** course on Sunday 16 June – the course costs £35 and places can be booked by calling 01733 204286 or email: courses@dragonflyproject.org.uk.

Looking ahead to July – join us for our **Bioblitz** over the weekend of 12 -13 July, 4pm - 4pm hours, when we try and smash last years total of 917 species recorded in just 24 hours. Lastly on the 28 July, we have our **Dragonfly Day** when there will be lots of free Dragonfly events & activities for all the family to enjoy.

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



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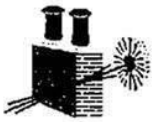

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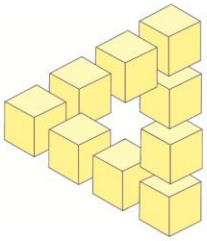

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Ross's Reflections



I have heard several people say that 'for once' the sun shone on Reach Fair. It is an old cliché that bank holidays attract poor weather, but how true is it? I dug out the weather records for the 15 fair days for which I have been living in Reach and for each year compared fair day with the previous Monday and the following Monday. You may be surprised.

I have used records for Cambridge where possible, but I can't find a complete set. So, for the years 1999-2001, I have used temperature records for Stansted airport. As for rainfall, I have used an average of rainfall for Northolt, Wittering and Wattisham – Reach being roughly in the middle of a triangle of those three places. So if they don't quite match your memories of Reach fair, this may be why.



	Max temp (C)	Max temp (C)	Max temp (C)
Year	Monday before Fair Day	Fair Day	Monday after Fair Day
2013	13	21	13
2012	17	12	11
2011	18	21	19
2010	18	11	16
2009	11	13	15
2008	15	21	24
2007	20	17	14
2006	14	14	18
2005	17	21	12
2004	20	11	17
2003	15	16	11
2002	14	14	15
2001	12	12	13
2000	15	16	17
1999	18	20	18
Average	**15.8**	**16.0**	**15.5**

	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall (mm)	Rainfall (mm)
Year	Monday before Fair Day	Fair Day	Monday after Fair Day
2013	0	0	0
2012	0	4	3
2011	0	0	0
2010	0	1	0
2009	5	0	0
2008	1	0	0
2007	0	5	2
2006	0	9	11
2005	2	2	0
2004	0	8	1
2003	6	0	4
2002	3	1	9
2001	0	0	13
2000	1	0	0
1999	1	0	4
Average	**1.2**	**2.0**	**3.1**



In other words, Reach fair day has been on average slightly warmer than either of the adjoining Mondays. It has been a little wetter than the preceding Monday but drier than the following Monday. As these are 24 hour records they don't give you the whole picture – such as that last year the day's rain fell almost entirely during the hours of the fair. They do suggest, however, that we have had two recent fairs as warm as this year's – in 2008 and 2011. Don't ever complain about Bank Holiday weather again.

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DOWN: 1. PEGASUS. 2. COLLIDE. 3. DIESAL. 5. AIRCREW. 6. SINKING. 7. KEEN. 11. LAKES. 15. TAILEND. 16. SKYLINE. 18. AUDIBLE. 19. SATANIC. 22. JAZZ.

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2. DOG SHOW
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Meeting the man who visits every house in Reach, knows most of the people in Reach and doesn't even live here!

Interview with Adrian Jennings - Reach's Postman, on the eve of his 30th year of service for Royal Mail

Q. Adrian where were you brought up and tell me about your family?
I was born in Newmarket and brought up in Burwell and I have one younger brother, Raymond, who also lives in Burwell. Sadly both my parents are dead.

Q. Where did you go to school?
I went to four different schools - Parsonage Close and Ness Road Schools in Burwell, Burwell Village College and then Soham Village College.



Q. So how did you become a postman?
I knew the Swaffham Prior postman, Wally Bradley. His son was a Formula 3 racing driver and Wally would go away at weekends to races with him. He paid me to do his round on Saturdays (on the QT!) from when I was 15. I was 18 when Wally retired and I went for an interview for his job. It was a tough interview – they asked me if I could get up in the mornings and if I could ride a bike. They gave me the job!

Q. You and Karen have been married for 13 years. Is she also from Burwell and how did you meet?
Karen is from Lewes in Sussex. She was working with a company in Burwell and I delivered the post there.

Q. *So how long did it take you from just saying hello to asking her out?*
Not long - after all I was seeing her every day when I delivered the post. We've been married for 13 years and we have a daughter Rachael aged 11 and Laura (21) who is Karen's daughter from a previous marriage.

Q. So…30 years into your job, what is it about it that you like?
I like being out in the fresh air, on my own and I think mornings are the best time of the day. I love meeting the people I deliver the post to.

Q. Are you worried about the forthcoming privatisation of the Royal Mail and are you going to become very rich with those Royal Mail shares they are talking about giving you?
I'm not worried about the privatisation, even though I'm not sure what its effects will be. We don't know whether they will give us shares or sell them to us, but I don't expect to become rich overnight…

Q. I first saw you away from work when you were up a ladder on a building site in Burwell, so are you a DIY enthusiast?
It was our own house that I was extending and I have just completed the work. I did much of it myself. I used to do a lot of work for other people in Burwell, installing bathrooms etc but I don't do so much now. Karen and I enjoy walking when the time allows. She now works at the Burwell Early Learners. I also enjoy working in the garden.

Q. What changes have you seen over past 30 years in your job?
The amount of letters I deliver is far less now and rarely do I deliver hand written letters apart from Xmas. The volume of parcels has gone up so much - plants, food, Ebay stuff and Amazon is probably the biggest user of the Royal Mail now.

Q. What is a typical day for you?
I get up at 6am, go to Burwell Post Office and sort out the mail with other colleagues. I start my deliveries in the Burwell Fens and my first delivery in Reach is at Snakehall Farm. I park my van then and pick up my bike which is parked at John Cole's farm. I finish around 1.30pm. Thursdays and Fridays I do a collection round in Cambridge and surrounding areas.

Q. What are the perks of the job and I'm not thinking of "Confessions of a Postman" here…
Well....I get 50 free first class stamps at Xmas!

Q. Karen suggested I ask you about "the Old Minger" – is that one of the people you deliver to?
No. That's my car that I rescued from salvage. It's a 1990 Ford Sierra and I've had it for 23 years. Karen and the girls reckon I will go before it does. They refuse to be seen in it.

Q. Tell us a few secrets you've learned during your rounds.
No. Discretion is part of the job.

Q. What do you enjoy watching on TV?
I'm not interested in any of the soaps – I like nature programmes and factual programmes and of course the weather forecast is my" must watch" programme!

Q. That perma–tan you've got was surely not obtained with delivering in this British weather. How do you cope with the 10 months of the year that seem to be winter?
Mostly it's not too bad. The winter of 2011 was the worst since 1962. It goes with the job.

Make sure you say Hi to Adrian next time you see him on his round!

Marie Bambrick

And Also Meeting Dennis Millard

Q. What is your full name?
Dennis Charles Millard. My middle name is from my father.



My brother's name is Gilbert Edward with `Edward' also being from my father.

My brother is 10 years older than me.



Dennis and Elizabeth Carter



Young Dennis on a tricycle

Q Where were you born and brought up?
I was born in the house near Joyce Harrison's on Great Lane, Delph Cottage. I have lived in Reach all my life. I moved from Great Lane to this house on the green with my parents when I was 29 and a half. I don't think Reach has changed a lot though there are lots of people I don't know, like the people in the house opposite, Gallions, which is for sale. My grandfather, dad's father, used to live there.



Mum and Dad

My mother was born in Burwell and came to Reach to work at the manor, housekeeping, when she was just 14. She met dad when he was caring for horses near the Dyke's End. Dad worked on the water, he was a dyke cleaner - that was on his marriage certificate. I looked after my mum and dad up until I was 46. They died close together, my mum first. They took quite a lot of looking after.

I used to watch the Tug of War on the lode. 1963 was the year of the big freeze. I stood on the river and cut the wood out of the willows and I met a guy who had skated from Ely to Cambridge.



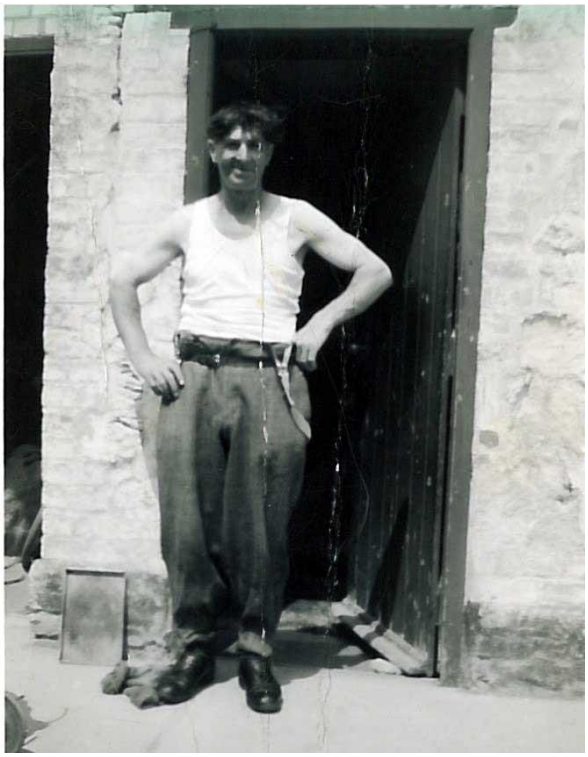
My dad (left) cooling off in the lode

Q What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?

I went to Reach Village School and then on to Burwell Secondary Modern. I was 10 and a half when I went on to Burwell but others were 11 years old so I was at a disadvantage. I ran away from Reach Village School once because I did not like one of the teachers, Mrs Bendall. I ran towards the dyke but got caught and taken back by a boy. I went to school at the same time as John Cole.



From an early age I liked working in the garden



My dad was a dyke cleaner

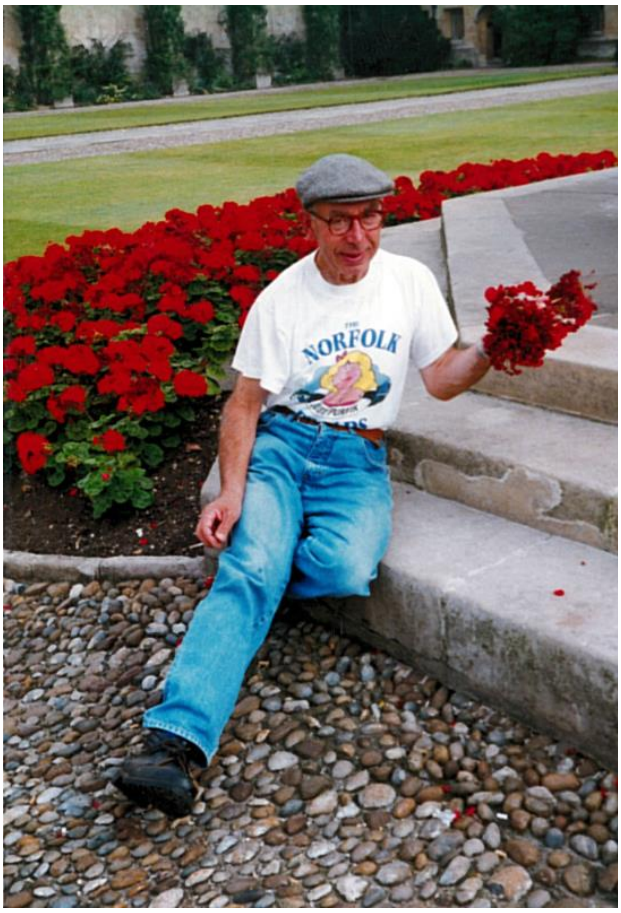
Q What was your employment?

From the age of 16 I worked at Trinity College, Cambridge, in the gardens. It was the only job I had and I was there for 42 years. I retired aged 58. I liked the job; sweeping, edging, hoeing etc. We were busy all year round even in the winter; I used to cut the ivy to stop it from growing up the trees. We had good times. Under Head Gardener, Mr Britain, we used to laugh and joke with him. Prince Charles was educated at Trinity. When he saw us he would chat with words like: “nice job”, “weather not nice today”.



Dennis – once again on a bicycle

I worked under about six head gardeners and they all had different ideas about planting. But all of them kept geraniums around the fountain and they are still there now. The gardens haven't changed much. Lawns were very important features and if there was an important visitor – such as the King of India – we would edge, sweep and tidy. I had a lovely leaving ceremony and from the money collected for my present I was able to buy a microwave and other things.



Dennis Millard. Gardener at Trinity College

Q You cycle quite a lot to Burwell?
I visit the club and the day centre. I go to the Five Bells for Sunday lunch. There are no shops in Reach so I have to rely on Burwell.

Q What are your interests?
When I was about 16 years old I used to catch eels using a fishing line. I used to fish quite a lot. My dad and I used to go to the horse racing at Newmarket. Before the construction of the flyover you could get straight on to the heath. I like most sports except snooker. I used to follow Cambridge United. I like to be outdoors not indoors.

Q Where do you like to holiday?
I didn't have a holiday until after my parents died. In 1995 I went to Scotland and it was one of my best holidays. In 1999 I went to Ireland which I enjoyed but I did not like the ferry crossing. I like days out, I'm going to Rochester in a couple of weeks. I very much like to go on the trips organised by Burwell Museum.

Q Favourite read?
I regularly read the Cambridge News. I like word searches and I write poetry. I've had three poems published and another is in the pipeline.

Q Favourite music?
I like music, especially country and western, songs where you can hear the words, ballads.

Q Can you cook?
My mother used to say that my Yorkshire puds were better than hers! I don't bother to cook now and I enjoy eating out.

Q Are you handy around the house?
I was handy especially in the garden.



Dennis today, often to be seen cycling to Burwell

Q What is your philosophy on life?
Make the most of your life and make the best of your circumstances

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Days Gone By



The singles which topped the charts in June and July 1980 were Don McLean with “Crying”, followed by Olivia Newton John and the Electric Light Orchestra (ELO) with “Xanadu” and then Odyssey with “Use It Up and Wear It Out”.

The most memorable performer there is Olivia Newton John, who will be 65 in September. She still performs regularly having survived breast cancer in 1992.

It was a quiet time for world news with the main UK story being the announcement by the Government of the location for the first US nuclear cruise missiles to be stored on British soil. Secretary of State for Defence Francis Pym told the House of Commons the 160 missiles would be located at RAF Greenham Common, Berkshire and the disused RAF Molesworth in Cambridgeshire.

Mr Pym said neither of the bases would be used as a launch site. In times of crisis the American-owned warheads would be moved to secret launching sites within 50 miles of their storage silos.

Although there was no "dual-key" system to launch the weapons, the minister assured the Commons the United States would not use them in an attack without Britain's assent.

Protests against the decision to use the base for cruise missiles began in the summer of 1981. The Women's Peace Camp that remained there for almost 20 years became one of the most enduring symbols of the campaign against nuclear weapons.



Missiles were kept at the base from November 1983 to March 1991 when the 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty started a gradual process of nuclear disarmament. The women finally dismantled their Peace Camp in September 2000.

Iraqi security forces have shot dead three gunmen who attacked the British embassy in Baghdad. The unknown attackers, armed with automatic weapons and grenades, burst into the embassy grounds and set off explosions near the main entrances.

But they failed to enter the building and were killed in the embassy gardens by Iraqi security men, sent at the urgent request of the British ambassador, Alex Stirling.

The attack came on the eve of Iraq's first national assembly elections for 20 years. Iraqi officials said the attack on the British embassy was an attempt to disrupt the ballot. But others saw it as an attempt to avenge the deaths of the masked gunmen shot dead during the recent storming of the Iranian embassy in London by the SAS.

In Reach, there was little, if any, fighting.

The 1980 Fair was a success, blessed as it was with fine weather. The only problem(?) was the fact that the Morris Dancers didn’t turn up but Ranold saved the day, giving visitors some reels on his bagpipes.

There was a nice article in the magazine at that time written by “newcomers” Sue and Tony Jordan who at that time lived in Hobsdyke End and therefore had a “grandstand position”. Overall they were impressed but mildly disappointed that some of the traditions of the original fair had disappeared.

Mrs Peacock, who had run the village shop with her husband for the last ten years, following his death, decided to move to Bury St Edmunds to be near her family. So on the 9th June 1980 she handed over the keys to the Post Office and shop to Mr and Mrs Tierney and family.

Sadly, the death was announced of Kerry-Anne Gainer of Fair Green, who died in her sleep, aged just seven weeks.

Looking through the Parish Council minutes it can be seen that “Mr Greenhill” (Ron) had been appointed to look after the Burial Ground at the princely sum of £105 per annum. Also that Margaret Evans had been appointed as the new Clerk from September 1979 at just £75 a year. They seem such small amounts when we look at them today.

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Swaffham Prior Primary School

We had a busy end to the spring term...

Mercury Class assembly took place on Tuesday 19th March and we were treated to songs, number rhymes, beautiful artwork and a PowerPoint presentation which showed examples of models made and research undertaken about castles. They have found out how a drawbridge works and what arrow slits and crenulations are for. The children confidently participated and all of their voices were heard loudly and clearly. A thoroughly enjoyable event!

The FoSPS Easter Bingo was yet again very exciting and an amazing £173.20 was raised! It is always looked forward to by the children, from reception to Year 6 and as the collection of eggs being collected increased, the anticipation grew. Much chocolate was consumed and it was a very enjoyable, albeit noisy event for all!

The Circle Schools Spring Concert took place on Monday 25th March. It was fantastic! Eleven primary schools and Bottisham Village College performed a range of songs and other musical items, including Boomwhackers, recorders, a rock band, a Jazz band and an orchestra. In total, around 230 children/young people participated. Mrs Holt expertly conducted the joint choir and we heard renditions of 'Sailing', 'Engine, Engine' and 'The Long and Winding Road' amongst others. Congratulations go to Swaffham Prior Choir for a successful sing and to Mrs Holt and Mrs Chalmers for their role in organising the concert.

Reverend Sue led our Easter celebration at St Mary's on the last day of term. Throughout the service we had contributions from each class including a selection of songs and poems. Two children from school volunteered to have their feet washed by Reverend Sue which she did to remind us of the time that Jesus washed the feet of the disciples and that we should treat everyone as an equal.



We started the summer term with lots of excitement. As part of their new topic, 'Castles', Neptune and Saturn classes walked to Devil's Dyke with shields and swords and re-enacted The Battle of Hastings.

Neptune Class represented the Normans and Saturn Class became the Saxons and they learnt about the different techniques and strategies used during the battle.

Mars Class and Mercury Class have begun a topic based on 'The Carnival of Animals'. The children in both classes designed and made colourful animal masks. They then wore them and took part in a parade held in the school hall in front of the rest of the school. We saw pandas, lions, turtles, giraffes, parrots and monkeys amongst others. It was a great way to finish our first week back to school!



The Year 5 Maths Challenge was held at Bottisham Village College on Tuesday 7th May. Congratulations to our team, which consisted of Dylan, Hugh, George and Josh, for coming third. Questions included: 'What is 17.5% of £240?' and 'If it is 5pm in England and it is 9am in Tokyo, what time would it be in England if it was 4am in Tokyo?' They are now waiting to see if they have qualified for the final at Duxford later this term. The boys thought it was fun and if they get to the finals would like to work on their estimation!



Reach Fair was a very warm and sunny affair this year. The Year 5 and 6 children expertly performed three maypole dances in front of a huge crowd and were featured in the Cambridge Evening News and Newmarket News. They did not make any mistakes and are quite rightly very proud of their achievements. Thank you to all of you who came to support the children and to Mr Godfrey for preparing them so well. FoSPS organised the Grand Draw and nearly £700 was raised which is a fantastic amount.

The History Quiz took place at Bottisham Village College on Thursday 9th May and Kathryn, Finnian and Josh represented the school. They had some very difficult questions including, 'What was Margaret Thatcher's nick name?' and 'Which king stole the crown and starved his cousin to death?' They were runners up and should be congratulated on their team work and general knowledge. Well done!

We have had another visit from Little Windmills. They spent the morning in Mercury Class enjoying the opportunity to play with the other children in class. I also visited Little Windmills and had a lovely time listening to stories with the children there.

Some of the other planned events for this term include, an Outdoor Learning Week, a 'Drop everything and read' day, trips to Mountfitchet Castle and Banham Zoo, the KS2 trip to Aylmerton, the KS2 production and an Olympic Legacy sports day. Exciting times ahead!

Hannah Curtis, Head teacher
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Little Windmills Pre-school

Little Windmills PRE-SCHOOL

It was lovely to see so many people visiting our stall at Reach Fair. Thanks to everyone's generosity our coffers have been boosted by just over £200.

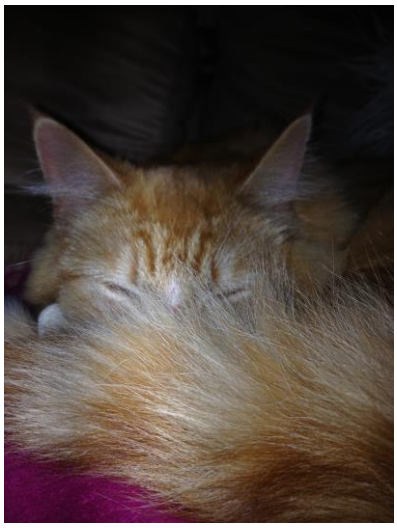
Recently one of our parents very kindly brought in some very young chicks for the children to hold. This was an exciting activity as many of our children had not had the opportunity before to be so close to such young 'real' creatures. We then talked about how chickens develop and hatch.

A while ago we purchased a toy woodworking bench and a selection of pretend tools. This proved such a popular toy that we were led to develop the idea of extending the activity using real tools and a flexible material which although not real wood gives the children a feel of doing 'woodwork'. The next stage in this development is to purchase tools to use with real wood, primarily balsa but also off cuts. If anyone has any off cuts they could donate and any spare screws or nails we would be most grateful.

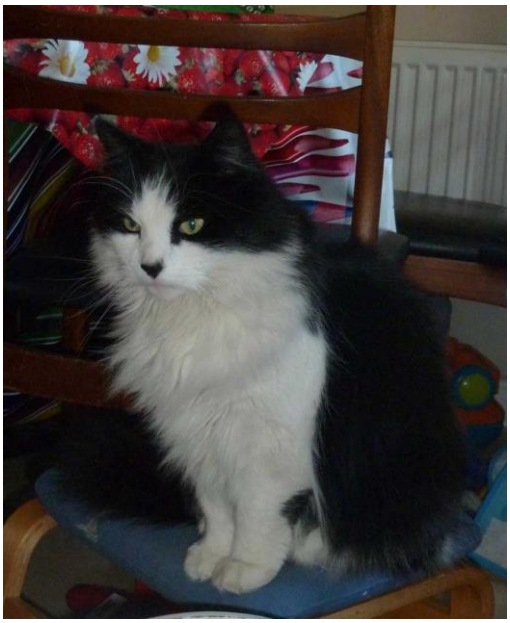
Also we would like to provide digging boxes for the children to use outdoors and any donations of topsoil would be gratefully received.

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Team

Pets Corner







Pets Corner Captions

Top: Garfield Mules hiding
Middle: Dolly Miller with new owner Daisy
Bottom: Dash Bridgeman brother of Fluffy Folkes



Kids' Page!!!!
It's summertime!!

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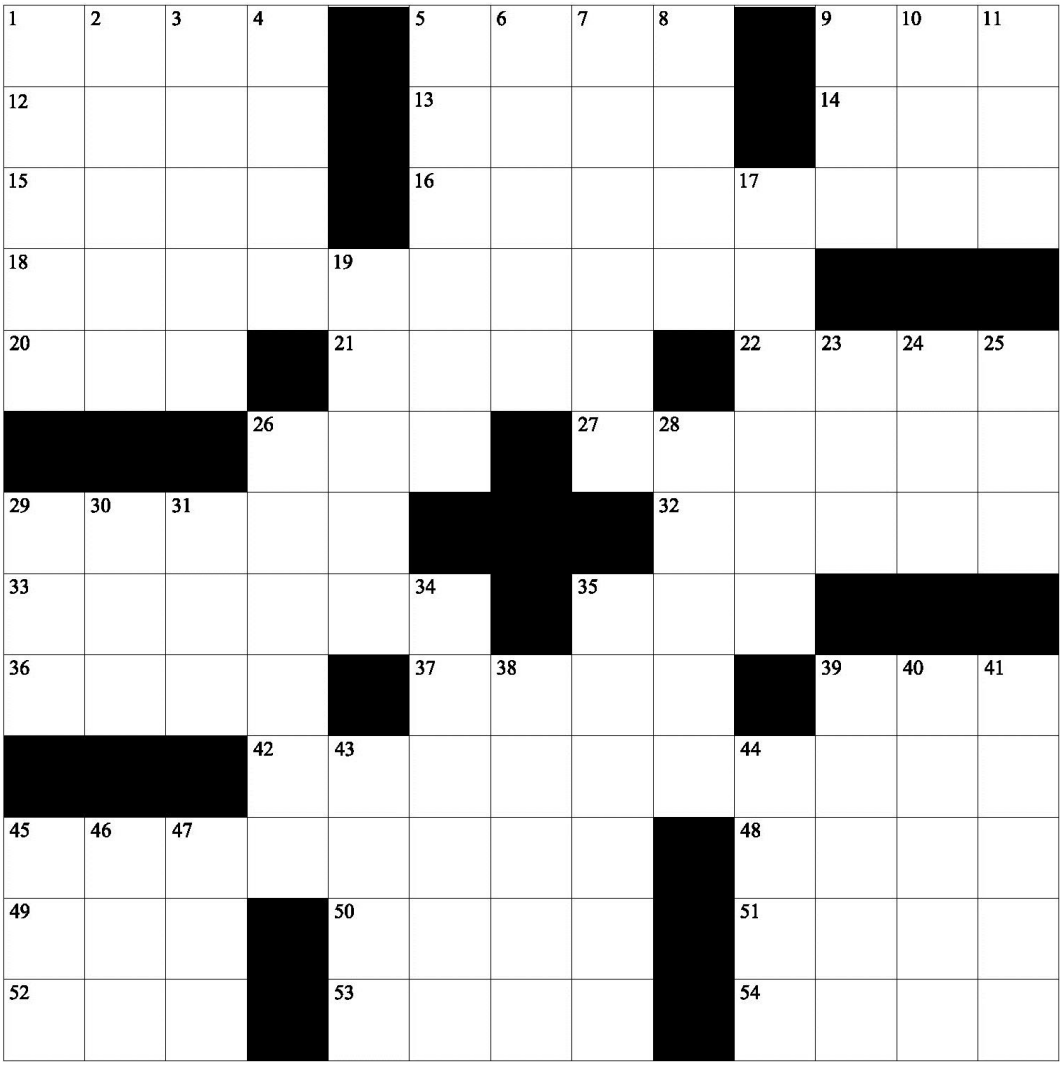
Summer Sunshine Ice Cream Beach Hot
Outside Flowers Holidays Camping Travel

Jokes:

What do you call a pig on a hot summer's day?
Bacon!
What is grey, has four legs, a tail, and a trunk?
A mouse on holiday!
What runs but never walks?
A river!

Crossword No. 19



The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on Page 26

Please send your entry by Friday 5th July 2013 to:

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

ACROSS

1 Deer (4)
5 Scoundrels (4)
9 Entire amount (3)
12 Sprinkler attachment (4)
13 Bogus butter (4)
14 Actor's signal (3)
15 Similar (4)
16 Home of the Padres (3,5)
18 Walker (10)
20 WSW's opposite (3)
21 Bad actors (4)
22 Afternoon parties (4)
26 Lobe site (3)
27 Come out (6)
29 Tiny (5)
32 Wrathful (5)
33 Tiny (6)
35 Big boy (3)
36 A Baldwin (4)
37 Excuse me! (4)
39 Boston time zone (abbr.) (3)
42 Impossible to fill (10)
45 French writer (8)
48 Pained sound (4)
49 Intense rage (3)
50 Look closely (4)
51 Absorbed by (4)
52 Hen product (3)
53 Appendages (4)
54 Tinter (4)

DOWN

1 Figure (5)
2 Keepsake (5)
3 Apart (5)
4 Heredity carrier (4)
5 Fellow leading actor (6)
6 Clock feature (5)
7 Actress ____ Richards (6)
8 Pop (4)
9 Air hero (3)
10 Haul (3)
11 Zodiac sign (3)
17 New doctor (6)
19 Commandment verb (5)
23 Notable period (3)
24 FBI employee (abbr.) (3)
25 Behold (3)
26 Draw out (6)
28 Florida city (5)
29 Watering place (3)
30 ___ Gibson of "Braveheart" (3)
31 Had breakfast (3)
34 Simpler (6)
35 Parking timers (6)
38 Sultan's wives (5)
39 Dark wood (5)
40 Writing tablet (5)
41 Male voice (5)
43 Wine producing valley (4)
44 Among (4)
45 Strive (3)
46 Association (abbrev.) (3)
47 Limb (3)

Reach Craft Club knits for Africa



Zenida McDonald started the group for crafts before she left the village. We have been knitting vests and hats for babies in poor communities in Africa. These are called fish and chip babies as they are wrapped in newspaper when they are born. Sue Jordan heard about a charity sending these knits out to Africa and we have been knitting a web site pattern of theirs. The charity asked for a small amount of money as well so that transport costs were covered. Knowing that Bryan goes to various countries in Africa, regularly visiting hospitals, we have asked him if he had any contacts that would like us to knit for them. He not only has masses of contacts but he has agreed to take the clothes to where they are needed!!!

As you can see, the clothes have made their way to a rescue centre for abandoned babies in Nairobi. We cannot thank Bryan enough for agreeing to find the contact for us.

We are also knitting simple squares for cot blankets. If you haven't knitted before and would like to have a go at knitting a square and getting it sewn into a blanket, why not come along to one of our get-togethers on the first Tuesday of the month at 1.30pm. These are held in various houses in the village – for details phone Pam King on 742924.

Joan Tompkins



All Things Crafty

Fish and Chip Babies

Baby jumper knitting pattern (knitted all in one)
Approx. 50g DK wool – Acrylic deep colours

Use double knitting wool and 4mm needles, cast on 44 stitches.
Work 18 rows in K2, P2 rib.
Work 30 rows stocking stitch (1 row plain, 1 row purl).
Cast on 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows and at the same time change K2, P2 (for sleeve).
Rib 22 more rows.
Next row: Rib 21, cast off 26 stitches, rib 21 (please cast these stitches off loosely in rib, to allow the neck to stretch over a baby's head).
Next row: Rib 21, cast on 26 stitches, rib 21 (please cast these stitches loosely, using one size bigger needles if necessary).
Work 22 rows in K2, P2 rib.
Cast off 12 stitches at beginning of next 2 rows.
Work 30 rows stocking stitch.
Work 18 rows, K2, P2 rib.
Cast off. Sew side and sleeve seams.



Baby Beanie Hat Pattern (approx. 20g DK wool)

Using double knitting wool and 4mm needles cast on 64 stitches and work 14 rows in (K1 P1) rib.
Work 18 rows in stocking stitch or until work measures 11cm from cast on edge.
Shape crown as follows – Row 1: *k6, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (56 stitches).
Row 2 and every alternate following row: knit.
Row 3: *k5, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (48 stitches).
Row 5: *k4, k2tog. Repeat from * to end of row (40 stitches).
Continue decreasing in this manner until (k1 k2tog) has been completed and 16 stitches remain.
Knit row 1. Break yarn and thread through remaining 16 stitches. Pull up tightly and join seam.

Craft and art activities happening over the next couple of months

Festival of Quilts 8 -11 August. Halls 7, 8 and 9 NEC, Birmingham.

Handmade at Haddenham
Haddenham Galleries From 13 July, 10am – 6pm to 21 July. Price £2.
Described as an exciting action art and craft event. Well known artisans/makers demonstrating their work which will be for sale.

Cambridge Open Studios
July 6 - 7, 13 -14, 20 - 21, 27 - 28
Meet the artists in their studios and see how their work is made.



Spoilt Rotten Beads in Haddenham
Introductory Jewellery making workshop day courses.

Sew Much to Do. Sewing shop in Ely.
Look at their workshop/club pages for some great courses.
They cover such things as: Sewing Basics, Patchwork for Beginners and Dressmaking Club

Young Quilters' Patchwork Workshop. Swaffham Prior Village Hall. Sunday 7 July 11am – 2.30pm
Diana Ridsdill Smith 01223 811946

More information can be found about all the events on the individual websites.

Rita's Recipes



Ratatouille

This recipe can be eaten hot or cold. It is excellent served with rice, by itself or with meat.

Ingredients:

2 Large onions sliced
Olive oil
2 Green peppers
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt and pepper
1lb Tomatoes, peeled and chopped
2 Cloves of garlic crushed
1lb Courgettes sliced
1lb Aubergines
2 tsp Allspice
Basil



Method:

Cook the onions and garlic slowly in olive oil for a few minutes. Add the courgettes and peppers to the onions. Add salt and pepper. Cook for 5 minutes.

Add the tomatoes and plenty of basil. Cook slowly for 45 minutes in a covered pan. If very watery, drain off some of the liquid, reduce and then return to the pan.

Meanwhile slice the aubergines and sprinkle with salt, leave for about ½ an hour to allow the water to come out. Then rinse under the tap and squeeze dry.

Heat 4 tablespoons of olive oil in a pan and add the aubergines, lemon juice and allspice, cook slowly until soft.

Stir into the other pan of vegetables and cook for a further 5 minutes.

Sports News: 4 Days, 444 Miles, 2 Wheels



Well done Mum!

This year my mum will reach a birthday milestone (which one I am not permitted to say) and so she decided she wanted to do something extra special. For most mums this would be a nice spa day, or perhaps a holiday to somewhere sunny. So, naturally my mum decided to cycle from London to Edinburgh in four days as part of the 'Rat Race Road Trip'.



She took part in this along with a fellow cycling friend and they succeeded in being the fastest female pair despite them both informing me that, while their legs were relatively fine, their body-bike interfaces were… not.

She managed to finish the course in a cycle time of 29 hours and 8 minutes, (ride time, including food stops 31 hours 11 minutes) as well as managing to eat more junk food than I am allowed in a year. The whole race was 444 miles with 19,347ft of climb, starting at Tower Bridge and finishing at Arthurs seat:

Day One: London to Stamford (camp site Burghley House)
Day Two: Stamford to York (camp site York race course)
Day Three York to Morpeth (camp site Morpeth castle)
Day Four: Morpeth to Edinburgh

The rat race road trip web site says "They encountered the full repertoire of British road cycling terrain; the urban sprawl of London, the flatlands of Lincolnshire, the steep ascents of Northumberland and the rolling hills of the Scottish Borders".



My mum thoroughly enjoyed this nearly 50 experience (ooops I let it slip, sorry mum), enjoying sending fig rolls flying from her cross bar bag on a bumpy road (cyclists behind probably thought there was a food fight going on!), and hearing grown men complain about the lack of gummy bears at Pit Stop 2. Goodness knows what she will decide to do when she is 60!

Freya Thomas



Juliet with her Rat Race Bike Buddy Helen (the bags went in a van!)

Cricket News



It is only mid-May as I write but your cricket team has already dusted the cobwebs off the team kit bag and defended the village's honour. As we wait for the grass to grow on our own pitch we faced the Rain Men at Burwell on Sunday 5 May.

There is quite a tradition regarding this fixture: that it always ends in the twilight with one side prodding around for a draw. Quite often it is the Reach captain himself, wielding his bat with all the finesse of a lump of four by two as the overs tick away.

This year it was something we were determined to avoid. Winning the toss we elected to bat. And what an innings, with Ewen Cameron showing a typical gutsy performance to score his first ever century, managing even to outscore our two ringers. By the time we threw in the towel in the 38th over, having given up looking for the ball somewhere in the undergrowth to the north west of the ground, we had notched up a strong 249-3.

For a while it looked as if Phil Kingsmill's optician was going to win us the game. Equipped with contact lenses after a miserable season in the deep a couple of years ago he launched a remarkable throw to run out the Rain Men's opening batsman. Wickets began to tumble, with Ewen catching everything coming his way – until, that is, the Rain Men's resident limpet attached himself to the crease and we ended in customary, prodding fashion.

The team spirit can best be summed up by Ewen's remarks after the match. "The closest I've been before to scoring a century was at school, when the team declared with me on 93. We won that match, while we only drew this one. But guess which one gave me the most pleasure? Who cares whether we beat Enfield Boys School or not?"

That's the spirit. While other sports are all about high-fiving each other and sharing in the warm glow of a team victory, only in cricket do you get five togged-up batsmen politely applauding their number 4's personal milestone while they mutter through gritted teeth: when is this guy going to be out so I can have a go?

We are off to face Armageddon in the National Village Cup on Sunday 2nd June – at either Fordham or Kimbolton. Do come along. We'll need someone to carry the bodies home.

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

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REACH / *Equestrian student aiming for TV stardom*

Ellie chases her X Factor dream

Reach equestrian student Ellie Melville, 17, is dreaming of riding into stardom – as a singer playing to audiences of millions. She has got through three auditions for ITV's X Factor and is waiting to hear if she has been selected for the the first televised auditions. A former pupil at Bottisham Village College, Ellie, a keen show jumper, is now studying at the College of West Anglia in Cambridge.

Extract from Newmarket Journal 16 May 2013

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 1st May 2013

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected: Chairman – Councillor Thomas, Vice Chairman – Councillor Aves, Play Spaces Officer – Rita Dunnett, Rights of Way Officer – Councillor Fielding, Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities Officer – John Robinson and Village Centre Officers Rita Dunnett and Joyce Harrison. No Speedwatch Officer was elected due to lack of volunteers for this role from the village community.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

The only activity during the previous month was the payment by the Parish Council of £114.58 into the Amenity Fund as a repayment against subsequent sales of merchandise produced for the Diamond Jubilee Party.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report

In the run-up to the County Council elections on 2nd May, April has been relatively quiet at the County Council as purdah rules have applied from the beginning of April, meaning that many ordinary meetings will be taking place after the election.

Cabinet met and agreed an interim highways works maintenance programme for the next 6 months, whilst a new scoring system is being introduced to allow local members more say in prioritising work in local areas. It also agreed governance arrangements for the roll-out of superfast broadband across the County and an expansion of the Roundhouse Primary School in St Neots.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Alderson said he was working to promote greater use of the Swaffham Bulbeck shop and Post Office, trying to get potholes in Great Lane repaired and pointed out that ECDC are working to get the travellers encamped on Little Fen Drove removed.

5 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a surplus of over £1,400 from its core activities (this excludes projects such as the Avenue of Limes and 24Acres which are paid for by grant funding and donations) over the course of the financial year ending March 2013.

5 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

5 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

Councillors Fielding and Ward attended the National Trust Liaison Forum Meeting on the 16th of April 2013.

5 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

Councillor Dunnett attended a ROSPA training course on the 22nd April 2013 in Exning and our play spaces were inspected by ROSPA during April. **Councillor Dunnett** and **the Clerk** will review the report during an on-site meeting and **Councillor Dunnett** will report back to the Parish Council during the June meeting.

5 (8) Rights of Way Report

There was no activity to report.

5 (9) Speedwatch

A new Speedwatch Officer has been sought but with no success so therefore it was decided to disband this activity within the village.

5 (10) Village Centre Report

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

5 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

Funding for the Woodland will come from the Forestry Commission with an archaeological dig having taken place on April 21st. Since the dig did not discover anything of significance it is expected that funding will be confirmed. A bid has also been made to Sport England for a Manege – the outcome is awaited.

6. Byways Restrictions

It was agreed that the Parish Council should look at the possibility of restricting the usage by motor vehicles of some byways in the village. Discussion on this topic was deferred until the June meeting.

7. Deer Nuisance

A number of villagers had complained about the large number of deer which populate Reach and its surrounds – and the damage that they cause. **Councillor Clark** has investigated what might be done about this problem and will report back to the Parish Council at a subsequent meeting.

8. Planning Applications

There were none.

9. Information Items

There were none.

10. Payments

Exning Parish Council	Play Spaces Officer Training	£20.00
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard	£12.50
PlaySafety Ltd	Play Spaces Annual Inspection	£92.40
EON	Street Lighting Electricity	£331.28
CAPALC	Annual Membership	£125.38

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th June 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).

Chairman: Date:

Ramblings from the Vicar – Lessons from Dibley!



Twice in the last week I've had conversations in which a comparison has been made with *The Vicar of Dibley*. Not so much a reflection on the goings-on in our PCC meetings (I hope!) but about seeing a woman vicar. Both of the people came from countries where there are no women vicars, so the experience of a woman in a dog collar was new for them, apart from the lovely Geraldine, of Dibley fame.

But it has got me thinking about what the TV series *The Vicar of Dibley* brought to us. It began in 1994, not long after women were able to become priests in the Church of England. Joy Carroll, the real life inspiration for Geraldine, commented in a recent interview that "it helped everybody receive women priests into the community and into the fabric of society". Geraldine was not a figure of ridicule, but she was smart and funny, but also saintly, in a very human way. She was compassionate and caring for her rather motley crew of parishioners, who ranged from the mildly eccentric to the downright odd. There were some really funny moments, but also some simple, yet very profound, 'God moments', like the Nativity service and the wonderful Pet Service.



It wasn't us! We just happened to be passing when it exploded!

So – Burwell and Reach aren't Dibley, but perhaps there are lessons to learn, about love and compassion, tolerance and acceptance, forgiveness and grace…and perhaps one day we could even have our own Pet Service, as was held recently in Ely Cathedral. I'm not sure Echo & Boomer could be trusted though, with too many tempting soft furnishings for them!

And finally the joke of the month:

After a very long and boring sermon, the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the Vicar. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the sermons. "Vicar, today your sermon reminded me of the peace and love of God!" The Vicar was thrilled. "No-one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Tell me why." "Well - it reminded me of the Peace of God because it passed all understanding and the Love of God because it endured forever!"

Let's hope that we're a bit less like that and perhaps a bit more like Dibley! And, perhaps one day, as well as women vicars, we will see women bishops!

Revd Dr Eleanor Williams
Vicar at St Mary's Burwell and St Etheldreda's Reach
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PS – and by special request – here are both the Vicarage canine companions, waiting not for God, but for cheese!



And finally, please do have a look at the St Etheldreda's Appeal article on page 6

Our Church is a lovely building and whether you are a believer or not is a real asset to the village

Any help you can give would be very much appreciated

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
June 2013		
Saturday 1 June	7.30pm Supper with Mystery Guest Speaker at The Day Centre	
Sunday 2 June	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Service with baptisms	
Wednesday 5 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 6 June	10.00 Little Bears service for toddlers and their parents/carers	
Sunday 9 June	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 12 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Saturday 15 June	2.00pm St Mary's Church Fete in the churchyard	
Sunday 16 June	8.00am Morning Prayer 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (Contemporary) 3.00pm Carers' Service	
Wednesday 19 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 23 June	8.00am Holy Communion	10.00am All Age Service for St Etheldreda's Day, followed by Family BBQ on Fair Green
Wednesday 26 June	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 30 June	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional) 4.00pm Messy Church	
July 2013		
Wednesday 3 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 4 July	10.00am Teddy Bears Picnic in Vicarage Garden	
Saturday 6 July	4.00pm Piano Concert by Celia Waterhouse and her pupils	
Sunday 7 July	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 10 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 14 July	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00 Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 17 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Saturday 20 July	7.30pm A Capella concert with Cantilena	
Sunday 21 July	8.00am Morning Prayer 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00 am Parish Communion (contemporary)	
Wednesday 24 July	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 28 July	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Parish Communion (traditional)	
Wednesday 31 July	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: June

June 2013	Event	Location	Time
Tues 4	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Tues 4	Author: Richard Holmes	St Mary's Church, Ely CB7 4HF	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 5	Authors: Martin Walker, Colin Cotterill and Elly Griffiths	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 6	Recycling Day		
Sat 8	Village Fete	Lode	11am – 4pm
Sun 9	Open Farm Sunday	Hainey Farm, Barway, Ely CB7 5TZ 01353 724282	10am – 3pm
Ditto	Ditto	Triangle Farm, Angle Common, Soham CB7 5HX, 01353 721561	12 noon – 2pm
Ditto	Ditto	College Farm, Grange Road, Duxford CB22 4QF, 01223 839002	2pm – 5pm
Tues 11	Author: James Runcie	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 12	Author: Rowan Williams	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral	7pm for 7.30pm
Sat 15	Church Fete	St Mary's, Burwell	2pm
Sat 15	Talk: Then & Now by Roy Tricker	St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior	5.30pm for 6pm – 7pm
Sat 15 & Sun 16	Midsummer Market	St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior	11am – 5pm
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 18	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Tues 18 June	Author: Amy Sackville	Ely Library, Ely CB7 4ZH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 20	Author: Louise Doughty	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 8.00pm
Thurs 20	Recycling Day		
Friday 21	Author: Robert Macfarlane	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 8.00pm
Sun 23	All Age Service	St Etheldreda's	10am
Sun 23	BBQ	Fair Green (Village Centre if wet)	11.30am for 12 noon
Mon 24	Author: Anna Whitelock	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 8.00pm
Tues 25	Author: Kaffe Fassett	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 8.00pm
Thurs 27	Board Mississippi Paddle Boat at Horning to go on to Caider	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Ring Barbara on 741581
Friday 28	Wines for Summer Drinking	Village Centre	7.30pm
Sat 29	Village Street Market	Swaffham Bulbeck	11am – 4pm
Sun 30	Armed Forces Day Church Service	Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham	3pm
Sat 20	`A Capella' Concert by Cantilena	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7.30pm

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

Diary Dates: July

July 2013			
Tues 2	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 4	Teddy Bears Picnic	The Vicarage Garden, 22 Isaacson Road, Burwell	11am – 11.30am
Thurs 4	Recycling Day		
Saturday 6	School Fair	Swaffham Prior	12 noon – 4pm
Sunday 7	Choral Concert: Cadenza	St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior	7.30pm
Wed 10	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Fri 12 – Sun 14	28th Ely Folk Festival	Ely Town Centre and Football Ground Ely CB7 4DL	07500 527334
Sat 13 – Sun 21	Handmade in Haddenham	Haddenham Galleries CB6 3XA	10am – 6pm
Sunday 14	Morris Car Day	Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum CB7 4UN	01353 688360
Tues 16	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 16	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed 17	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 18	Recycling Day		
Friday 19	Author: George Monbiot	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 8.00pm
Saturday 20	`A Capella' Concert by Cantilena	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7.30pm

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
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
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

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	





Archaeological Evaluation on the

24Acres

We didn't find much but it was fun looking!







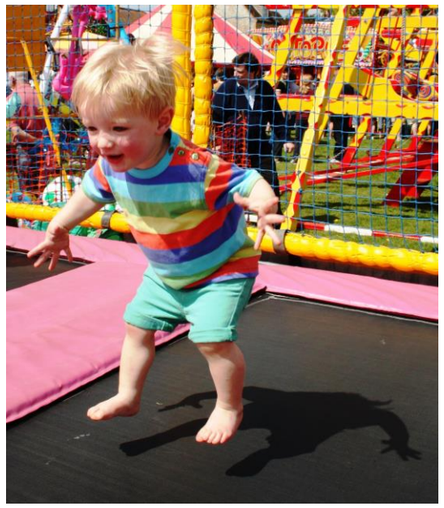
A re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings – part of Swaffham Prior school's castles project. Or just an excuse to have fun!







Karen Carpenter (right)



Oliver Robinson











Reach Fair 2013



The Octopus





Little Rovers Cars



Philip Lewis



Children from Swaffham Prior School dance the spider web



Kathryn Cane



Minnie and Rebecca Fordham



Patchwork Circus





Andy Knight on BBQ



Dylan Steed (centre)