Within Reach



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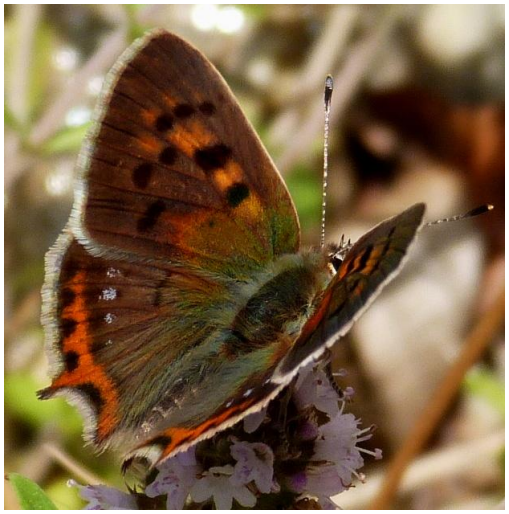

Small Copper (female)



Banded damselfly



Queen of Spain Fritillary



Joss's horse Thistle



It was three this year!



Cardi, Ailsa and Daisy

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From the Editor



Wow! Well…. We've been knocked off our pedestal and came away with no prizes from the Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards. It is said each year by the judges that `the content of a magazine is king' and so we might have expected some recognition. That said, viewed against other magazines, we are not as glossy and our layout is quite plain.

Should anyone have design talents and wish to input do let me know. Maybe the magazine would benefit from a more jazzy template?! If anyone has any thoughts about the magazine re. the above or generally do get in touch.

We have a new crossword maker – Puzzleric – which hopefully will attract some entries because unusually last month we had none. We also had no entries for Pets Corner - tish tish! I've resisted the temptation to work my way through pictures of my chickens to consider yourselves lucky. Eleanor's dog features once again in her article and the Refarns' new pigs were visited by Little Windmills.

Congratulations to Snakehall!. They triumphed at the Technology4Good Awards. Read below about their amazing success.

Once again we have some fascinating old photographs of life in Reach courtesy of Anita Folkes and Robert Wood. If anyone has old photos of Reach (events, buildings, people etc.) do let me know.

Marie Bambrick has a fishy tale and it's great to hear about local businesses: their origins, ambitions and people.

In the Sports News prepare to be amazed by Ben Snaith's achievements but I'm afraid our cricket team are going to have to put in more practice if they are to make a good show against the National Trust on Sunday 8th September on the 24Acres pitch (N.B the latter looks a bit weedy at present – I couldn't help but notice as I sat on the new benches).

The Swaffham Prior Autumn Show and Photography Competition is on Saturday 14th September and as promised, we include details.

See you at 5.30am at the 24Acres BioBlitz on Sunday 11th August.

Read this magazine carefully and discover that we used to organise a Miss Reach Competition. Being thoroughly modern I suggest we have something which pays homage to the male torso (oops sorry I just got carried away!

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Editor's Notes

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

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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FishBurwell

Interview with "Trish the Fish" (Trisha & Colin Bircham)

Where are you from originally?
Both Colin and I were born in Exning. We have been married for 32 years and have two sons, Oliver (24) and Thomas (19). We moved to Burwell when we got married. Thomas is off travelling and Oliver is an English language teacher.

So how did you get into the fish business?
Colin worked for a wholesale fish company that delivered fish to the hotel and restaurant trade. He had a phone call one day from somebody asking him how they could go about getting a fish trailer. He looked into it and six weeks later we were the owners of a fish trailer! That was in 2010. You know what its like, you often think wouldn't it be nice to have your own business……..and we just decided to go for it. We had the trailer kitted out to our specification and we roped in the boys to help. I continued my part-time job for a while but then decided to do this business full time.



Do you have any other places you go to with the trailer?
No. I'm here outside Manchetts in Burwell three days a week and then we have the shop in Newmarket.

How did you and Colin come to open the fish shop in Newmarket?
I saw an advertisement for Strictly Come Newmarket - a competition to pitch business ideas a bit like "Dragons Den". I thought about it, then sat on it and submitted our business idea just a week before the deadline. We had to go through "dragons den-style" interviews. It was not as bad as on the TV but tough enough. We were eventually the runners up, out of 14 competitors. We then started looking for premises and spent time looking at footfall, parking facilities etc. One of the mentors suggested I speak to owners of the Guineas shopping centre and that's how we found our premises. Colin knows his fish, what to buy, how to prepare it etc. He's very good at his job and he really enjoys running the shop.

Where does your fish come from?
Most of our fish comes from British waters except the tuna. The salmon comes from Scotland. Our oysters and mussels come from Brancaster and our crabs from Cromer.

A long established fishing family with their own boat "The Budding Rose" supply us. What's on their boat today can be in our shop tomorrow.

Which fish are your best sellers?
Our natural smoked haddock and the fish pie mix are very popular. So too are our hot smoked salmon and sea bass.



I notice your sign saying fish demos. How did that come about?
A lot of customers would say they like fish but don't know what to do with it. We talked about this and Oliver and I decided to do a demonstration at Stetchworth. We then did one at Reach Village Centre on 12th June. The next one is in Burwell in the Mandeville hall. I have also done demos at various colleges for 6th Form Food Technology Classes. The format is a dish for the top of the cooker, one for the oven and one for the grill. They have gone down very well and we are planning more for this autumn and winter.

Does your kitchen ever see meat?
Only on Sunday – I do a roast then.

I suppose you and Colin go fishing on your day off?
No. We walk the dog and just chill out.

Where do you go on your holidays?
What holidays?! We have had two days off in two years. That might be considered the downside of the business but not at all. Running our own business is great and we both love what we do. We're thinking about another shop somewhere.

Who coined the term "Trish the Fish" and is the rumour true you changed your name to Trish to rhyme with fish?!
Absolutely not! This is the name I was christened with and I don't know what wag came up with the term but it has stuck!

Trish and Colin's business has impressed others. They were awarded the New Business of the Year in 2012 by the Newmarket & District Chamber of Commerce. They were also finalist in East Cambs and Ely Standard's New Business of the Year. They have a great website Fishburwell.com with lots of fish recipes on it. The shop in Newmarket is open Monday – Saturday and Trish is at the trailer outside Manchetts, Burwell, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They also supply fish to The Pantry, Rhubarb restaurants, Nancy's tearooms in Newmarket and Bite2eat in Exning.

Marie Bambrick

Memories: Village Hall Fundraising



The Village Hall Committee came up with lots of ideas to raise money to renovate the hall. We had discos once a fortnight which the teenagers enjoyed until the Hells Angels started to join in and there were several fights amongst them especially when the Hells Angel girls started coming as well.

They would also try and pick fights with the people running the event. They often had to be taken down to size and were quite often literally held down on the road until the police arrived. In the end we had to stop having discos. After that Joyce Harrison and I ran bingo sessions on a Tuesday evening which proved to be very popular and we had this going on for some time with a percentage of the money going to the hall funds. We also held special evenings such as Cheese and Wine and Tramps and Tarts. Dances with live bands were a great hit especially the country and western nights. We were also lucky to secure fortnightly Auction Sales which were attended well. In addition to hiring the hall the auctioneer allowed Joyce and I to do refreshments and teas from the kitchen and this was a good little earner.

For two or three years Joyce and I, with help from Bob and Emily Smith, had a refreshment tent at the Country Fair on August Bank Holiday when the fair was held at Swaffham Prior.

We used to have two days during the week running up to the Cash and Carry to get drinks, crisps and food to sell in the tent. We also had loads of bread rolls from Tesco. There were four of us supplying people with food, cups of tea etc. all day.

When we had dances in the hall, after organizing the buffet, Joyce would keep topping up with food as it ran out while I ran the bar so that we didn't need to pay Bob and Vera Scrutton to do this.



Tramps and Tarts Evening.
Anita Folkes (left) and Joyce Harrison having fun.



Jean Estall, Anita and Ray Folkes and Bill Estall



The opening and re-naming of the village hall as the Village Centre. From left: Ray Folkes, John Robinson, Joyce Harrison, Anita Folkes, Harvey Harrison, Arnold Cawthorn and Judith Neeve.

Reach Fair was the busiest time and we had a whole week of events. In the beer tent it used to be hectic with five of us serving none stop most of the day. On the Friday night before the Fair Ernie Cole organised a darts tournament. We did the bar and also hot dogs and burgers. Saturday we cleaned the hall and organised the seating for the Mayor's Luncheon. Ray and Joyce's husband Eldred were a great help to us at this time. Sunday was cooking and preparing for the tea tent. While I was helping to do the bar Joyce ran the tea tent with her team of helpers.

Monday evening after the Fair we sometimes did a sausage supper which people who had been running stalls really appreciated. The hall would be packed, often with standing room only. We often ran out of potatoes and had to keep running down to the shop to re-stock.

Tuesday was bingo. Wednesday we were back at the Cash and Carry to stock up for the Dance and Buffet. Friday evening was often Family Disco Night. Saturday was the Dance and Buffet. We sometimes used to organise a Miss Reach Competition and we would dress up in our finery. Sunday morning started off with a Cycle Race starting at Reach and going through the Fen and finishing at Reach. While this was going on the Dog Show organizers were getting ready for their show and we kept going until the Dog Show finished. We did refreshments and teas all day and after we had cleared all up, we used to just flop and hardly had the energy to get home. We enjoyed every minute of this full week of activities, if we had not we could not have carried on as we did.

While the fundraising was going on the work started on the hall. Everybody tried to do their bit. We were lucky to have several committee members who were skilled at putting in drains, hanging doors and fitting windows etc, and even putting in toilets and kitchen units.

Some jobs had to be put out to tradesmen like electricians, heating engineers and fitting flooring, but painting and such like were done by the committee members. We also ordered and purchased cutlery and crockery, table and chairs. The last thing we ordered and had made were the curtains to complete the job off nicely.

We had a special evening at the hall in October 1978 when our guest, who lived in the village, the childrens' author Arnold Cawthrow, did the honour of opening and renaming the hall as REACH VILLAGE CENTRE. We all felt very proud of the work we had achieved and we all had a lovely evening.

All our fundraising did not go to the village hall. In 1977 when the Queen held her 25th Jubilee, Joyce and myself and some more mums arranged a tea party for the children in the hall. It looked a picture with the Union Jacks in beakers and the red, white and blue napkins on two long tables. There was sandwiches, cakes, jelly and ice cream, and Mr Crookenden who lived at Fitzroy Farm had us a lovely cake made at Peterhouse College in Cambridge which took pride of place. There were several travellers children came up to the village to see what was happening and we took food out to them outside. This was when the first Sports Day started and for several years we gave the children a tea party on Sports Day.

We also organised a full Christmas Dinner for all the over 60's in the village. Sometimes when we could arrange it, we had someone to play the piano or an organ so everybody could have a good sing song. Everyone also had a small gift to take home with them. We certainly enjoyed the evening as I'm sure most people did.

Anita Folkes ☺

Massai Warriors in Burwell!



On 8th October you may see some unusual sights around Burwell, and hear singing and 'whooping'!
We're delighted to welcome the Osiligi Maasai Warriors to St Mary's church at 7.30 pm
to entertain us and to show us something of their culture.

Osiligi Charity Projects (www.osiligi.org) is a UK charity whose objectives are to relieve the poverty in the Maasai areas of Kenya by helping the people to help themselves. The Warriors tour the UK annually performing their songs and tribal ceremonies to raise funds for the Osiligi charity and also for the organisations who host them. The proceeds of the event in October will be divided between Osiligi and St Mary's Building to Serve Appeal.

Osiligi aims to support education, health and sustainable employment in the Maasai communities. Its projects include:

- Building a rural primary school to give an excellent education
- Sponsoring children who are orphans or whose parents are too poor to send their children to school
- Providing clean water for the children and the community
- Introducing solar lamps to the villagers homes to replace harmful kerosene lamps, fumes and smoke
- Making loans to a Women's Group so they can start their own small businesses
- Teaching agriculture

Please come and enjoy this spectacular event.
Tickets will be on sale in CentrePeace, Tina's and The Post Office, price £10 for adults and £5 for children.

The Troupe's music is incredible, mesmerising to hear and certainly fascinating to watch.
This is an opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse culture of the Maasai.

AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENT!! NOT TO BE MISSED!!

Crafts and wares will be available for purchase

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme Report 2012 - 2013

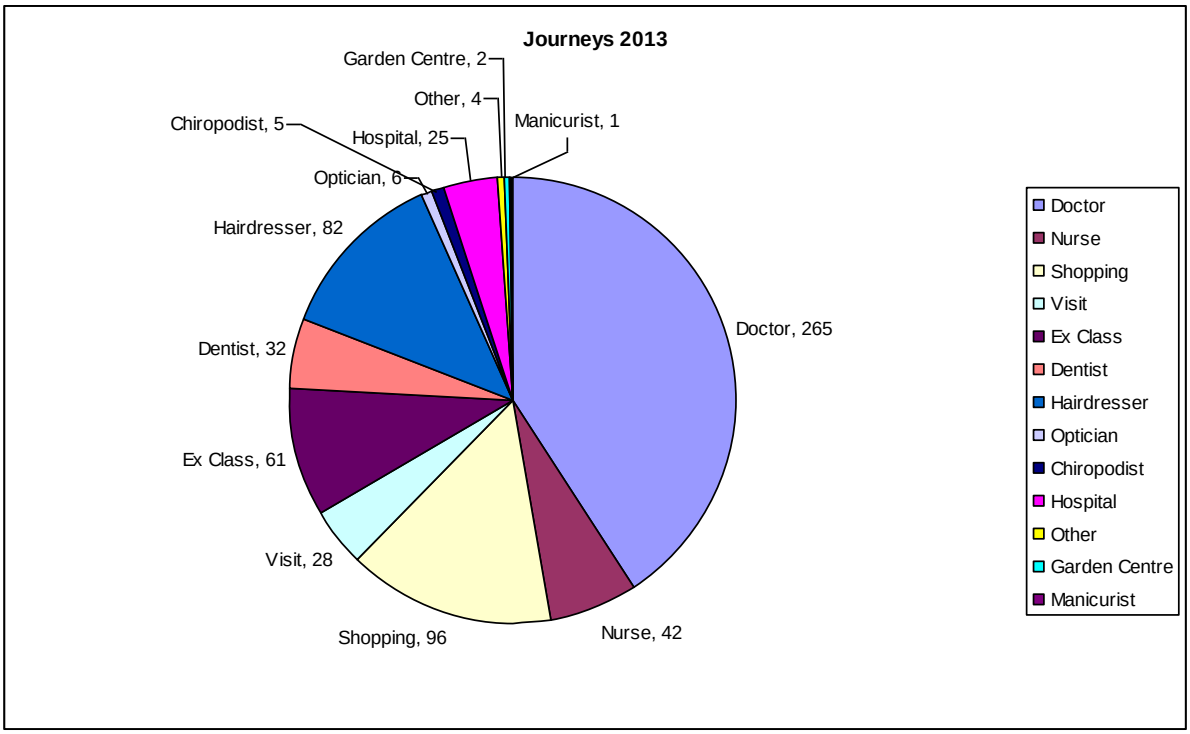
Another year, another report and another record number of drives! Our most popular and valuable destination continues to be Burwell Surgery for the Doctor and the clinic appointments with the Nurse and of course, the Burwell Dentist. Thank you again to the Dentist for those welcome Christmas gifts. However we have increased the number of drives for trips, just as important for those with mobility issues, to the hairdresser or the shops in Burwell.

This year we have added exercise classes to our drives as well as swimming classes in Newmarket. This must be a real help for those wanting to improve their mobility. It's also the first time we have driven to the garden centre and the manicurist but why not! We are there too for those social drives if someone wants to meet a friend for lunch either at their house or a pub. Don't forget if you are driving someone out to lunch or shopping it is reasonable to expect the person to pay for two journeys – not to wait outside for the return trip.

Mr Pearce, a driver since the start of the scheme many years ago, retired this Christmas and we did send him a token of our appreciation. Two new drivers were recruited and have already completed several drives. We are grateful for these new volunteers. If you know of anyone who would like to drive or be a journey co-ordinator please let me or Sally know. This entails working a month at a time, twice a year, taking down the messages for drives from the passengers and phoning round to find a driver. Telephone costs can be claimed from the scheme.

I decided for curiosity reasons to see how many drives individual drivers have done and special thanks for the most drives this year goes to Mary Patrick and John Rose. An award also goes to Michael Colbourne for carrying the most passengers on one trip to an exercise class. Thank you to all drivers for your hard work and extra duties, even needing to contact an emergency service on a routine journey.

Janey Gostlow



Reach Village Centre AGM
8pm Wednesday 11th September 2013
New committee members wanted

The important thing about this committee is that it organises the Fair.
No Fair no Amenity Fund!

Dennis and the Wasp

We went on Bill Gredley annual day trip the other week
to Great Yarmouth by the sea
And travelled in Richmonds coaches, with friends old and
new all good company
Soon we were travelling along the road, when bang we
broke down
And had to wait for another coach, to take us on to
Yarmouth town
And we soon got on our way again, trying to make up for
the time we lost
When we noticed flying around the coach, was this
horrible wasp
It flew from window to window, everyone tried to
shoo it away
They did not want to be stung by the wasp, and so
spoil this special day
Now our Dennis could see a way to catch the wasp,
as it flew bye
He would trap it in his Champaign glass, in a blink
of his eye
And he caught the wasp in a flash, as it settled on the
window pane
But then he did not know what to do next, and this
was very plain
As he could not hold the glass on the window all the way,
the wasp was getting mad
So he quickly turned the glass upside down, this was
the only chance he had
To get rid of the wasp quickly as he could, in a kindly
sort of way
Then throw it out of the window, so it could perhaps
live another day
Dennis soon dispatched the wasp, as the miles went
swiftly past
And we were on our way without the wasp, safe from
being stung at last
So we made our way to Great Yarmouth, with ticket
for a show, and money for dinner
And this is the day we look forward to, thank you so
much Mr Gredley, every ones on a winner
Except the wasp.

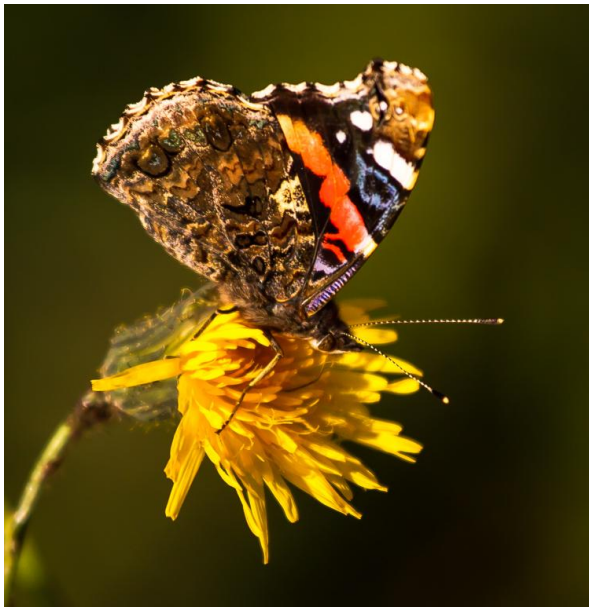
Bill Estall



Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

Our next season 2013/2014, will be the fortieth and commences on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 7:30 pm at our meeting venue Lode Chapel Lode CB25 9EW. Members and guests are invited to bring prints or images which have been taken over the summer and in addition last year's award winning prints will be on display. The new programme is currently available on our website.

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 October 2013 will be the Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club's 40th Anniversary Exhibition which is being held at Mandeville Hall Reach Road Burwell. The official opening is at 10:30am on Saturday 19 October 2013 and will be by Keith Heppell, a photographer from Cambridge Newspapers. The Exhibition will be displaying about 200 prints from our members. 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:
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Barry Coles
Publicity officer

Hacked!



On Monday 10th June this year I headed off for France, by car, to meet with my younger daughter Rachel, her husband Matty and my grandson Oliver - they had rented a holiday villa in the Dordogne.

Having stayed overnight in Saumur it was midday Tuesday when I took a call from my elder daughter Jenny to tell me that my mailbox had been hacked.

"I" had sent out an identical email to my whole address book of 650 people saying:

"I'm writing with tears in my eyes, my family and I came down here to Manila(Philippines), for a short vacation unfortunately we were mugged at the park of the hotel we stayed, all cash credit cards and Mobile were stolen off but luckily for us we still have our passports with us. I have been to the embassy and the Police here but they're not helping issues at all and our flight leaves pretty soon from now but we're having problems settling the hotel bills and the hotel manager won't let us leave until we settle the bills.Please be so kind to reply back so I can tell you what to do and how to get some cash to us.
I'm freaked out at the moment."

The first thing I did was to text a friend and get her to see whether my account was accessible or not (most hackers change the password immediately so the owner has to spend time getting back into their mailbox). Thankfully that was not the case and she successfully changed my password making the account "secure".

I was three hours away from the Dordogne and they did not have WIFI so it was only later on, when I found a suitable hotel, that I was able to look into the situation. The Hacker had sent out the above email to everyone in my address book - some 650 people. They had deleted everything in my Inbox (I don't know why) and also deleted my whole Address Book to stop me sending out an email to everyone saying "it's a scam".

As I travelled south my mobile phone kept ringing as people got in touch. Some to let me know I'd been hacked, some genuinely worried. The Hacker changed the "signature" at the bottom of my emails, the area codes for my phones were changed so anyone trying to use those numbers would be unsuccessful.

The Hacker had also changed settings in my mailbox so that any incoming emails would be sent to a separate address and I would not get to see them. So I have no idea how many people responded via email but one friend did, at least. He's called John, an Austrian, with near perfect English, but as you can see from the email string below he was taken in initially and only at the last minute did he get suspicious . . .

Hello David,
I just got back to the office, pls let me know how I can help. Do you think its possible if I settle your bill via credit card from here? How can I get in touch with you. What hotel are you in at the moment. (My mobile phone Nr. is ----------) Pls get in touch with your credit card company to make sure they block it and try to request a new one (1 day procedure.) Pls let me know asap how I can help.

To which "I", or actually the Hacker, responded . . . .

I'm so glad to hear back from you. (£900) will cover all our expenses including our taxi fee to the airport. all you need is my name and present location to have it done. You can have it wired on my name via any Western Union around you, I promise to refund it to you as soon as I arrive home.
Here's my info: Name : David Parr Location: 47,simon street, malate Country: Manila Philippines Amt: (£900)
Western Union will require a Photo Id for me to receive the cash and also a confirmation number which will be given to you as soon as the cash is sent. I'll use my passport as identification. Email me the 10 digit confirmation number and every other details which i will need to receive the cash here. Let me know once you are heading to the Western Union office.

John then responded . . . .

Dear David,
I am on my way, bank closes in 10 min. talk to you in half an hour., will make transfer in Euros. OK? John

To which the Hacker responded . . .

Okay.. Will be hanging in here to read from you soon

John went to the bank - but just before he was going to make the transfer, he became suspicious and emailed . . .

David, for security reasons let me pls know your favourite hotel in Salzburg .

To which the Hacker responded . . . .

omg!!
If it's not really me. I will not ask you to wire the cash to my name because i will have to show my passport before i can pick up the money at the western union outlet here
A friend in need is a friend in deed

John now knew it was a scam because I'd have just sent the word "Sacher" - probably the best hotel in the world.

Once back in England, with help from BT, I was able to reconstruct my mailbox to how it was on the 10th June (BT keep daily backups for 7 days) so I got back my Inbox and my Address Book.

How did I get hacked? I don't know - it may have been something I did but Yahoo do not have a good track record of security and BT are now moving from them to have, again, their own server which they will keep secure.

Finally, my main piece of advice would be to never use a link within an email (unless you trust the source) - always go to the main website and make access from there.

Oh - and finally - I did email my Hacker, since I knew the email address used to redirect my mail to. I asked if anyone had sent any money - but got no response.

David Parr
davidmparr@btinternet.com



I know they look a rum lot Hugh
but we've let them in now



7.31pm



Hi, I'm the intelligent Bambrick



Take the bottle off her, not a chance!



I like Blue Nun, chilled, and in a small glass



A real fun evening! Thank you Hugh and Marie



Hannah Perrett and Rhys Baldwin - soon to be married



Some Bambricks



Oh Lesley we rather liked it!

School Re-Union: St Mary's or St Andrew's School, Burwell



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

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

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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Rita Dunnett	Councillor	742943
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Meetings take place in the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. They start at 7.30pm and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend.

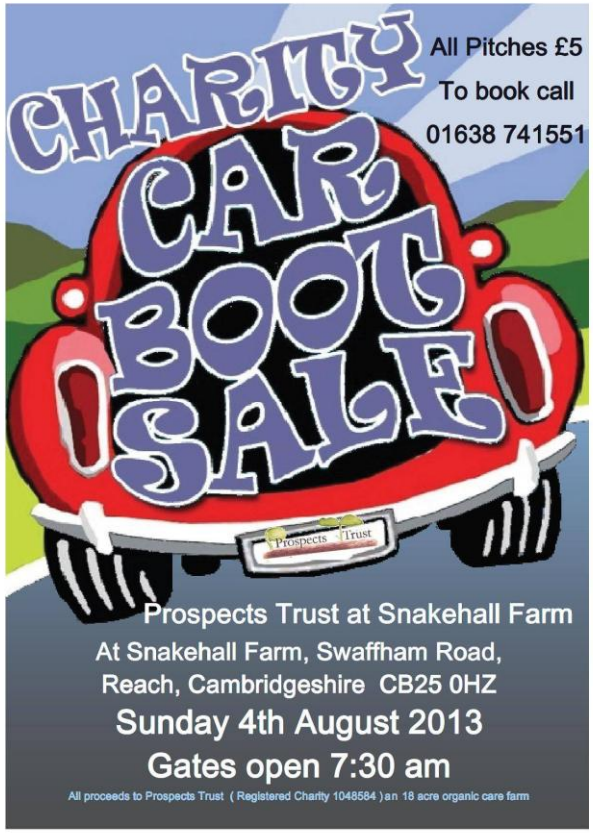
In addition to their councillor duties **Rita Dunnett** is Play Spaces Officer and **Hilary Fielding** is Rights of Way Officer.

Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund has **£1,985.62** available and will soon benefit from the income from a successful Reach Fair.

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.



A Message From Your Paper Boy

I would like you to know that as from 7th September I will not be delivering the Cambridge News as I will be going on an Advanced Apprenticeship Course in Engineering which will, for the first year, take place in Bournemouth.

However, my sister Felicity will take over from me. I should be back most weekends so I will help her on Saturdays.

After all these years I am really going to miss my round and the chats I've had.

Daniel Blocksage

Burwell Museum



Our 1907 Holsman car created quite a bit of interest at Burwell Carnival in June. We couldn't run its engine for very long as it is a bit smokey! (see the photos on our Facebook page). Next year we hope to be able to drive it in the carnival parade - it just needs a little bit more work doing on it first. A big "Thank you" to Manchetts who very kindly transported the Holsman to the carnival field and back to the museum for us on one of their recovery trucks.

You can see the Holsman in its usual home, along with many other elderly motor and horse powered modes of transport (including the last remaining *Burwell & District* bus), in the Vintage Vehicles Gallery building at the museum.

As the school summer holidays are now upon us, you might like to know that we are running a series of activities for children every Thursday in August.

1st August "**Wind Power & Windmills**", 8th August "**Fen Creatures**", 15th August "**Romans at Burwell**", 22nd August "**Fen Crafts**" and 29th August "**Puppets and Storytelling**". For more details of each activity please see our website or the poster. Admission is FREE for those under 16 on these days but they must be accompanied by an adult. Normal admission price for adults or free if you have a Season Ticket.

On Sunday 15th September it is **Heritage Open Day**. Make the most of this opportunity to discover more about the past, present and future of Stevens' Mill.

The whole museum is open as normal during all on-site Special Events. Details of all our events are on the Special Events page of our website www.burwellmuseum.org.uk. Posters advertising the events will be displayed on notice boards and shop windows around the village and on the museum's front fence.

Restoration work continues on the windmill. Please feel free to come and have a look at the mill from the outside at any time and come and speak to one of the Trustees about the work when the museum is open. Our Windmill Project blog is regularly updated with news, information and photos (and the occasional video) about the restoration. Click the link on our website to go to the blog. We hold a Windmill Project public open meeting on the second Wednesday of each month at the museum from 6.45 – 7.15pm. Anyone interested in the progress of the restoration of the windmill is welcome to come. We'll try to answer any questions or queries you may have.

The windmill cap will hopefully be lifted back on top of the windmill tower sometime in late September or early October with the sails being reattached soon after. The aim is to have the restored mill open to the public from Easter 2014.

The museum welcomes enquiries from anyone interested in volunteering at the museum when it is open Thursday and Sunday afternoons. Please contact Ann Wise, by email at volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk or ring the office and leave your name and telephone number.

Our **Oral History Project** of the mill and the village is continuing. If you have any memories of Stevens' Mill and/or of Burwell that you would be happy to share then please contact us to arrange a date and time. One of our volunteers can come to you or they can record you at the museum. If you would prefer to just share your memories in writing, please do send them to us by post or email. Eventually, these recordings will be able to be played (or read, in the case of written memories) on our website. There is currently just one written memory on the website but we would like lots more!



If you are going to the Fenland Country Fair at Quy over the Bank Holiday weekend, please do come and see our stands. While you are at our stands the Friends of Burwell Museum will gladly relieve you of any loose change you might have that's taking up too much space in your purse or pocket! They will have a tombola and will also be selling items from the museum shop.

We hope you have a good summer and early autumn. Don't forget that we are open 2-5pm, every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday until the end of October. Pre-booked group visits are most welcome. Please see our website for details or phone the museum office.

If you would like to receive updates on what's happening at the museum, including reminders of forthcoming events (including Friends fundraising events) and news and photos of the windmill restoration please Follow us on Twitter or Like us on Facebook (or both!) – links to our pages on these sites are on the Home page of our website.

Here's a reminder of our main contact information:
Email: museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk
Website: www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
Phone: 01638 605544 (Please leave a message)
Post: Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0HL

Further contact information is available on our website.

Simon Heath
Museum Trustee

Butterflies and Birds of North Greece



In June my Mum and I went on a "Butterflies and Birds of North Greece" tour with Greenwings Wildlife Holidays (www.greenwings.co). We were based in a small family-run hotel near Lake Kerkini which is about an hour's drive north of Thessaloniki and close to the Bulgarian boarder.

The variety of relatively unspoilt habitats makes it naturally high in biodiversity, but it is also a stopover for many migrants. The first few days were bird focused with our tour guides being a British couple who run BirdWING (Birdwatching in Northern Greece) and the rest of the week was mostly about butterflies. Each day we visited different local sites by the lake and in the foothills of the nearby mountains, with lots of roadside stops whenever we saw anything interesting. My favourite site was part of a winter ski piste; it was strange to be on one in the summer with wildflowers, millions of ladybirds and deer!



Storks nesting on top of telegraph poles

During the week we saw around 70 species of butterfly, many of which I'd never seen before and that is more than you would find in the whole of the UK. There were plenty of other small creatures like dragonflies, lizards, beetles, tortoises and katydids – large bush crickets the size of my hand! We spotted lots of interesting birds including several species of heron, spoonbills, pelicans, hoopoe and storks that were nesting on the top of telegraph poles in villages!

We didn't see many mammals, but the best sighting we had went a bit like this… I walked to the edge of the footpath, looked into some trees, announced "no mammals" as was the running joke for the last few days and then looked back to the footpath only to see two wild boar ahead of us!

On the last morning before our flight we had a boat trip on Lake Kerkini. It has been made artificially bigger by a dam and this caused a small area of forest to be flooded. Pelicans nest nearby on large wooden platforms and hundreds of birds, mostly cormorants, nest in the trees. It was very surreal floating through the tree tops of the flooded forest, where the birds have become used to the boats and allow you to get quite close. The trees survive because for a few months each year the lake is partially drained for irrigation, however unfortunately they are slowly dying off.



Black Headed Bunting

It was a great week with a small group of very nice like-minded people. I came back with 600 photos and some butterfly species ticked off my "must see" list – though I was disappointed to miss the Camberwell Beauty.

Alison Lewis



Green Lizard (male)

High Summer



It seemed an age before the swifts arrived in Reach this year, we missed their wheeling cries and associated arrival of summer. Once here, they nested in their usual haunts – favouring houses with broad eaves and gables (modern and renovated houses generally exclude these) and successfully raised young.

I learn that swifts' nests are constructed from little material, mainly grass, leaves and rather charmingly, 'feathers found in the air', glued together with saliva. They usually nest in colonies in small shallow roof spaces under eaves although they will also use purpose-made nest boxes.



Vitally, nests need to be at least 5 metres from the ground with a clear airspace outside the entrance to allow birds to gain speed as they leave.

Unfortunately, swift numbers have dramatically declined in the past decade and loss of nesting sites are thought to be a contributory factor.

On the warm, still evening of 8th July masses of adults and juveniles took to the skies above Reach, feeding on bountiful insect supplies (including airborne spiders). A wonderful sight, hundreds of high speed swifts crosshatching the sky on long scythe-like wings, aerial acrobatics accompanied by excited screaming. Ron telephoned to alert us to this spectacular which was clearly visible from his garden at the other side of the village. He reminded us that in just a month's time, the swifts will leave on their long flight to winter in Africa.

Sadly, Swifts are now on the Amber List, they are birds of Conservation Concern. The RSPB are looking for further information regarding declines in numbers, can you help? http://www.rspb.org.uk/thingstodo/surveys/swifts/underthreat.aspx

Chickens

On an entirely separate avian note: For those of us who blanch at the sight of our hens resisting the night-time lock-up, due to seasonal red-mite infestation and the subsequent arduous task of spraying the chicken house/run, help is at hand!



A new treatment is available which takes the form of an easy to administer poultry drink. Red Stop Solution is added to drinking water, after ingestion the solution enters the bloodstream rendering the blood indigestible to the mites who stop feeding. They die of starvation and, because they can't feed they can't breed. It contains 100% natural ingredients (non-toxic plants thyme, burdock, tansy, alcohol & glycerol hydrate) and has no residues. Further information can be found at:
http://www.sprcentre.com/Online-Shop-Categories/SPR-Red-Stop-Solution-50ml

Joss Goodchild

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB 2013

100 CLUB WINNER

May: Charles Moseley £20

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

BURWELL MUSEUM TRIPS

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



If you've wandered down to the 24Acres orchard in the last couple of weeks you will have seen two beautiful oak benches, made by local (Wicken-based) craftsman Jamie Cakebread. They are backless benches allowing you to either sit, watch and support the Reach cricket team, or turn the other way to face the orchard and contemplate future harvests. In the next few weeks we'll also be installing two picnic tables.

A fence with a five-bar gate and two access points for pedestrians has also been put up to mark the boundary with the by-way. In the autumn a hedgerow of native species will be planted between the fence and the lime trees that were planted earlier in the year.

On the morning of Saturday 8th July a work party carried out some management tasks at the orchard. About 18 people came along to weed around the trees, check the tree guards and cut off any fruits so that the trees put all their energy into new growth. We've also started putting in row markers so that visitors will be able to locate and identify individual trees more easily. A 'census' of the trees found that six of them are dead and two don't look very healthy. If you sponsored any of those don't worry – we'll replace them in the autumn.



Volunteer needed

Our orchard is now registered on the Orange Pippin Apple Tree Register at:
http://www.orangepippin.com/orchards/united-kingdom/16dward16-south-east/reach-community-orchard.

You can click on the variety name to get more information on its features, uses, tasting notes, photos and reviews. And each individual tree in our orchard is also registered (click on the registration number). Here it is up to us to record information about the trees in the orchard (management, age, flowering dates, harvest etc.), as a contribution to a national database.

So, if there are volunteers who would like to take responsibility for monitoring the orchard and feeding information into the database please get in touch!



Featured Fruits from our orchard
Courtesy of Orange Pippin: http://www.orangepippin.com

Ashmead's Kernel
An old nondescript green russeted apple, originating in the 1700s. The appearance is, let's be honest, not especially attractive. Ashmeads Kernel is lumpy, misshapen and rather small. The underlying bright green skin is entirely covered in russet. Russet can be very appealing – think of the dull golden glow of Egremont Russet for example – but somehow on Ashmead's Kernel it just looks plain dull.

Yet appearances can be deceiving. Ashmeads Kernel has remained popular for well over two centuries and with good reason: it has a distinctive flavour which is quite different from most other varieties. Tasters rarely agree on exactly what the elusive flavour reminds them of, but pear drops is probably close.

Ashmead's Kernel is a versatile apple, not just for eating fresh, it can also be used for salads and cooking and it is a highly-valued apple for juicing and hard cider.

For gardeners, Ashmead's Kernel's quirky character can make it less than straightforward to grow. Unlike modern apple varieties which tend to be quite precocious, Ashmead's Kernel takes its time (3-4 years) to come into bearing. Once it does, cropping can be still be light to average because Ashmead's Kernel flowers erratically. Pollination is also difficult.

Ashmead's Kernel is also one of a very small band of apple varieties from the Old World that succeeded in the New World. When the first settlers arrived in North America they brought with them tried and tested varieties from Europe, yet few adapted to the very different climates of North America and most of the early successful American apple varieties were chance seedlings which evolved in America. However Ashmead's Kernel did thrive and today holds a position of respect on both sides of the Atlantic – it will never be a mainstream variety and placed alongside almost any modern variety, Ashmeads Kernel looks completely outclassed. But in the flavour stakes this old-timer holds its own.

David Thomas

24Acres Bioblitz on Sunday 11th August

We are holding a Bioblitz on Sunday 11th August at the 24Acres site, an inaugural event to engage the local community in the wildlife and biodiversity of the 24Acres.

We plan to repeat this event annually to monitor developments over time.

The site is already starting to take shape, and we expect to be able to benchmark the wildlife that we find including birds, moths, bats, small mammals and plants so we can watch and support the exciting development over the coming months and years.





There will be a number of events taking place throughout the day and we are also planning to have small mammal traps, moth experts and bird ringing.

Dawn bird walk	05.30 – 07.00
Mini beast hunt	10.00 – 12.00
Lunch	12.00 – 14.00
Botany	14.00 – 16.00
Bat walk	21.00 – 22.30



Clipboards, recording sheets and jars for collecting will be provided.

This will be an interesting and engaging day out for everyone so please come along and support the project.

If you are able to help on the day, or for more information, please contact Hannah Perrett by email at hannah.perrett@reach-village.co.uk

Look forward to seeing you there!





Award Winning Website Helps Find Equipment to Assist You in Maintaining Your Garden

With the warmer weather finally here you may be thinking about getting out in your garden. If you are, an award-winning website can provide you with help and advice about the equipment available to make day-to-day tasks in the garden easier.

Help and support with day-to-day living

AskSARA has proved popular with local people since a Cambridgeshire version launched last year. So far it has helped nearly 4,000 people across the county access advice and information about the equipment and support available locally to help them remain independent and in their own homes. In addition to maintaining the garden and outdoors, a wide range of topics are covered from managing medication and eating healthily, to equipment to aid hearing, personal care and household chores.

AskSARA can also help you to find equipment to help prevent falls at home and when you are out and about.

Whether you need advice for yourself or for a friend or relative that you care for, you can find out about the equipment available by visiting AskSARA at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara. For anyone without access to, or not confident in using the Internet, the staff and volunteers in your local library can help you to find information.

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Swaffham Prior Autumn Show and Photography Competition

This year's Swaffham Prior Autumn Show will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 14th September and will include a photography competition.

It looks like another difficult year for growing vegetables with such a late Spring, but we know that Swaffham Prior gardeners are hearty souls and that greenhouses and windowsills have probably seen the germination and sprouting of tomatoes, courgettes, pumpkins, sunflowers and the like.

Vegetable and flower beds are now starting to fill out and by September there will be a collection of prize-winning flowers, fruits and vegetables in the village. Even if you haven't started yet, there is still time to get out in the garden and grow some prize-winning exhibits.

If your talents lie in the kitchen, there will be the opportunity to demonstrate your powers with categories for cake, preserves and wine.

Get all the kids involved too: as usual, there will be special categories just for them.

Digital cameras and smartphones in our pockets mean that there is no excuse for missing those amazing views and family events. Capture them and enter the ***Photography Competition.*** There will be three age categories with the following themes:

Up to 10 years	Pets and Family
11 to 16 years	Action and Abstract
Over 16 years	City and Landscape



The Autumn Show categories this year will include:

VEGETABLES

Beans	Herbs	Mixed veg
Peas	Squash	Beetroot
Leeks	Onions	Potatoes
Tomatoes	Carrots	Lettuce
Parsnips	Shallots	

FRUIT

Apples	Pears	Soft fruit
Stone fruit		

CHILDREN'S CATEGORIES

Cake	Giant Vegetable
Sunflower	Decorated egg
Miniature Garden	Vegetable animal

FLOWERS

Roses	Mixed Flowers
Pot Plant Arrangement	

BARKING and PRESERVES

Jam or jelly	Fruit Cake
Alcoholic drink	Pickle/chutney
Victoria Sponge	Eggs

Full details of the categories, photo completion rules, and entry forms will be available from the Village Hall website:

www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk
or contact: 01638 741659

Summer Expeditions of the Junior Plant Hunters

Backpack? Check. Map? Check. Magnifying glass? Check. Binoculars? Check. Passport? No! There's no need to go anywhere near an airport because intrepid young explorers can discover plants from all over the world in the Botanic Garden. And with the support of Microsoft Research Ltd, each week this August we will be launching a new plant-spotting activity trail to inspire young Darwins on their summer holidays.

The four trails all reveal just how many weird and wonderful stories plants have to tell. *Be a Bee* comes first: spot all sorts of different bees on the flowers they love best in the Rose Garden and Bee Borders, but also can your mini Darwins observe bees collecting up propolis from pine trees, which they use as a glue to patch up the hive or perhaps the nibbled notches from the soft furry leaves of lamb's ear, which carder bumble bees like to use to line their homes made in old mouse nests!



The following week we say PAH! and look at the interactions between Plants, Animals and Humans. On a journey through the Glasshouse Range, look out for the 'shrew loo'. This tropical pitcher plant lures shrews with a rich nectar source to perch above the pitcher which they use as a toilet, thus supplying the plant with essential nutrients! And did you know that the female poison arrow frog climbs high into the rainforest canopy and plops her tadpoles into the protected paddling pools of water collecting in the base of bromeliad plants?

In the third week, young explorers can rate the superpowers of plants around the Garden from most poisonous to most explosive and play plant battle cards. Finally, collect up a plant passport and travel the globe in the Garden, collecting stamps and finding out just how far some of these plants have travelled to get here. On the way, try to spot the names of some famous explorers commemorated in the plantnames. The mountain flax that has come 11,630 miles from New Zealand is called *Phormium cookianum*, named after Captain James Cook who mapped the islands on his first voyage (1768-71). Who knows how far a journey around the Botanic Garden might take you this summer!

Swapover day is Friday, with new trails coming out on 2, 9, 16 and 23 August and supplied in totally overhauled backpacks kitted out with everything a budding naturalist might need, which are available to borrow free of charge from the ticket offices.

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

Messy Family Fun

A holiday club for the whole family with St Mary's Messy Church Team

Lots of exciting activities including Art & Craft, Music and Games

Wednesday 28th August 2013

10am – 1pm

The Guildhall
near St Mary's Church, Burwell

For more details and to book places
Call Alice on 07905620381
or Eleanor on 01638 741262
Or email vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

This is a family event: children (under 18) must be accompanied by an adult (18+) and adults remain responsible for their children throughout
Cost: £1 per person to include drinks, picnic lunch, and all materials and activities

Tales from a Reach Garden



We have had a wide variety of weather this year, haven't we? While I'm writing this we have already had a couple of weeks of warm, dry weather and it looks set to continue for the next week at least. We have been busy watering the beds, weeding and picking soft fruit and vegetables over the last couple of weeks. What a contrast to June which was cool and very windy (north winds too). As our vegetable garden is exposed on the north side, this proved to be a disaster for our runner beans.



Strawberries, redcurrants, radishes, courgettes, mangetout and raspberries, all picked on the same day in the first week of July

Richard and I have grown runner beans every year since we first had a garden in which to plant them. They are usually a dependable crop to grow, although they do need a rich soil and a lot of water in order to flower and form pods reliably. They are ideal for small suburban gardens; they provide height in the borders, the flowers are pretty and as the plants twine upwards, rather than spread outwards, the reward is a hefty crop of bean pods from a relatively small space. We used to create a wigwam of canes each May and plant a couple of seeds at the base of each cane, water well and up they grew. Suburban gardens in Watford don't seem to have the same range of pests that exist here in the Cambridgeshire countryside and they are also sheltered from strong winds by neighbouring houses. The first year that we planted beans in our vegetable garden in Reach, far fewer plants germinated than expected – this was also true of our broad beans and peas too. We soon realised that the main reasons were field mice, pigeons, slugs, snails and rabbits, which either gorged on the beans fattening underground, or chomped their way through the seedlings. In fact it was a miracle that any cropped at all!

Since then I've sown seeds of beans and peas in pots indoors and plant them out in the garden when it has been suitable to do so. Over the last few years it has been too cold to use our polytunnel to do this. So every Spring, parts of our house become a make-shift potting shed for a few months – each window sill, and even the floor near the patio doors, is stuffed with pots of our vegetables.

To avoid a glut of peas and broad beans I don't sow all the seeds in one go. I sow them in batches, at least a fortnight apart. I usually leave the peas and beans in a sheltered spot outside to "harden off" before planting them in their beds. The broad bean plants went into the ground between March and May; the peas and mangetout went into their bed between April and June and then when the risk of frost was over, the runner beans and dwarf beans were planted sometime at the beginning of June. Each of these beds was protected with chicken wire to keep the rabbits off. Last year I didn't do this immediately after planting the first batch of peas and the following morning I found the seedlings had largely disappeared overnight, probably devoured by ravenous rabbits.

This year we also had strong and persistent winds to contend with throughout the spring. The broad beans and peas seemed to cope with the winds, although back in April the broad beans looked unhappily bedraggled, but they recovered, many of them putting out healthy new shoots from the base of the plants. This year when the runner and dwarf beans went into the ground, they even enjoyed a week of mild weather to help them settle in. Then the weather changed, it became much colder and the wind blew hard from the north and north east. It took less than a weekend to do it, but out of about 20 runner bean plants, only two survived, the remainder were shrivelled up. The dwarf beans, being lower-growing, continued to flourish. In future we'll make sure the runner beans will be sheltered from the winds, but who would have expected this to happen in the middle of June?

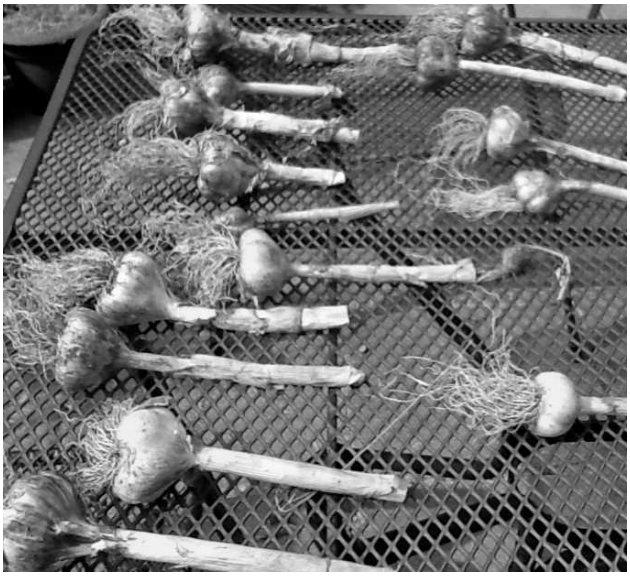


Peas growing in our garden

Now in an attempt to make up our losses, we are sowing the beans directly into the ground. Out of the first batch of ground-sown beans, only about ten plants germinated successfully. I've just sown another batch into the ground. I'll know by the end of next week if any have taken… Still, we've started picking the mangetout, peas and broad beans. My son actually offered to help pick the peas recently – none of them made it to the kitchen, though – they are so delicious when freshly picked…

All the beds in our vegetable plot are now full, although one still has garlic and shallots that were planted last September. I have some squash plants in pots, just waiting to be planted in that bed when the garlic and shallots are finally lifted. This year's prolonged cold weather delayed the growth and maturing of most plants in the garden; however, I've started to dig up my garlic and shallots now, about a month later than planned.

The earliest variety of garlic I've just dug up and left to dry are huge bulbs (the size of my fist) of "Early purple Wight" and the name gives a clue as to where this variety originated.



Early crop of garlic drying in the sun

We don't tend to think of the UK as being a centre of garlic growing, but they do grow very well here, even in the damp and cooler climate of Manchester (my Mum grows them in the sandy soil of her garden there). There are garlic growers in the Isle of Wight who sell their produce in shops in the UK (and even abroad), but in spite of the ridiculous ease of growing garlic here, most garlic available to buy in this country is imported from Spain. Daft, isn't it?

Danuta Gibson

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



There are a couple of staff changes to report – firstly, Property Operations Manager, Chris Soans, is taking up a short term secondment as General Manager for the Ashridge Estate in the Chilterns. It's congratulations to Vision Warden, John Hughes, on his promotion to Senior Ranger. Lois Baker is also stepping up to Senior Ranger during Chris Soans absence but will be keeping her Community Ranger portfolio during this period.

Spring may have been slow to get going but summer has arrived with a bang – the prolonged dry spell means that the Nature Trail around Sedge Fen has finally been re-opened as water table on the fen begins to drop. Wildlife seems to be having a better time this year, especially the cuckoo, one of our key indicator species. After a dismal 2012 when not a singled chick fledged, a number (final number yet to be confirmed) have fledged this year.

The adult birds have already departed on their long migration south and this years young will follow south in September.

This years 24 hour BioBlitz, which started at 4pm on 12 July, recorded over 700 species, with several experts yet to submit their final species count this figure is set to rise. Highlights include sightings of a water shrew and a yellow necked mouse, a rusty red click beetle (the first ever recorded sighting at Wicken) and a total of 209 different moth species including the rare reed leopard and marsh carpet moth.



Rare Reed Leopard Moth

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The summer holidays are now in full swing – activities for the kiddies include **Wicken Warriors** on 2 and 21 August; **Den Building** on 5, 16 and 28 Aug; **Pond dipping and Minibeast Hunt** on 6, 13, 20 and 27 August; **Mud Glorious Mud** on 7 and 19 August; **Summertime Arts and Crafts** on 9 August, **Wildlife Detectives** on 12 and 30 August; **Myth and Magic** on 14 August and **Fairies and Pixies** on 23 August.

Looking slightly further ahead, **Mucky Pups**, the adventure and art & crafts activity for under 5s resumes on 11 & 12 September, 10.15 -11.45am, with an Ugly Bug Ball and finally there's a **Basket Making Workshop** on 14 September. Advance booking is essential for all events – tickets can be purchased from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895 or online via the Events page of our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen.

Anglesey Abbey is running a series of **Wild Wednesdays** in the Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery Area throughout the school holidays. The programme includes; **Birds & Moths Day** 7 August; **Den Building** 14 & 28 August and **All Things Sticks** 21 August. The activities are free (normal admission applies) - timings are 11am–1pm or 2-4pm.

Over 70 varieties of Dahlia provide an amazing burst of late summer colour for our **Dahlia Festival** (Monday 9 – Sunday 15 September). The Gardener's will be in the Dahlia Garden each day from Monday – Friday, 11am - 12.30pm and 2.30 – 4pm to answer your questions on how to grow dahlias, whilst dahlia arrangements in the house (Wednesday - Sunday) will explore the life and interests of Lord Fairhaven. Have a great Summer!

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

Not Just Any Old Care Farm – An Award Winning Care Farm

The Prospects Trust is now a social media guru! Fact. Thanks to our novel use of Facebook, creating our TillyTractor profile, we scooped the AbilityNet's Technology 4Good award at their national Award Ceremony held at the BT Centre, London on 4th July. Hosted by writer and broadcaster, Mariella Frostrop, the Technology4Good Awards celebrate innovation and excellence of the many charities, businesses and individuals who use digital technologies to make the world a better place (their words), and in our words "whhhhhhoooooppppppieeeee".



Prospects at T4G

You may have heard the Farm Team whoop with glee when we bagged the award in an auditorium full of well deserving and innovative technologists. Not bad for a charity that thinks a hard drive is taking Tilly the Tractor over a ploughed field and an Apple is grown in our orchard. So want to make friends with an award winning Social Media darling? Befriend TillyTractor on Facebook or tweet her #TillyTractor.

Tilly Tractor Social Media Award Winner Changes Her Colour!

If you already follow the growing's on at Snakehall Farm via social media then you are already very familiar with our farm figurehead Tilly Tractor. If your child goes to Little Windmills Pre-school then they have probably sat in the real Tilly. Tilly Tractor was secured back in 2009 with a People's Millions Grant from the Big Lottery. She was our big green dream. However she was very expensive in her tastes, her fuel consumption was just not in-keeping with our eco-economy options of a small charity. After months of deliberation and haggling, the Farm Team secured a great deal with Ernest Doe, trading in our John Deere Tilly and getting a smaller, fully loaded and raring to go New Holland Tilly. Tilly has turned from green to blue in the blink of an eye. The newly made-over Tilly Tractor will continue to be our farm figure head and major attraction, however with her smaller proportions she is better built for our fields and plots. Our Farming Volunteer Ron Cornell and the Co-worker cohort welcomed the new Tilly onto the Farm on Tuesday 16th July, long may she plough for Prospects.

The Big Push 2013. A Wheely Great Success

On Monday 1 July our co-workers, volunteers, trustees and staff team enjoyed a little FUNdraising with a difference. Taking to our organic acres with themed wheelbarrows and be-spook scarecrows in a team pursuit of sponsored endurance. Over £1,000 was raised by our committed Co-workers (adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and those with varying health needs).



Farm Team with the T4G Trophy

Four sponsored wheelbarrows provided by Ernest Doe, Ridgeons, Ben Burgess and Travis Perkins were decorated by the farm team into different themes, from the Only Wheel is Essex (the big pink bejewelled one) to the Red Barrows. Much fun was had by all. The Co-worker Committee has now decided to put their hard earned sponsorship towards a new power harrow for their new blue Tilly Tractor. Thank you to all who pushed and all who pulled from their pockets too.

Splendid Sign of the Times

Neville has crafted some new beautiful signposts for the farm, if you haven't seen them yet, pop down to the shop and admire his talents and our lovely new additions to the farm. All at Snakehall Farm say thank you Neville.



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Booty Call for Treasure Hoards – 4th August 2013

We are opening our gates up wide and early for our first Charity Car Boot Sale in aid of the Prospects Trust on Sunday 4th August. From 7.30am car boots full of bounty will adorn our 18 organic acres, the early bird catches the worm, so either book your pitch for £5, with all proceeds going directly to support our Co-workers, or just come along on the day and bag a bargain....or two...or three.

Prospects Placement Taster Sessions and Help Us Grow our Farm Facilities Open Day

We are busy planning our AGM, to be held on the farm this year on Friday 20th September, but while tidying out the Big Barn we thought why not swing open the gates and promote Prospects to a new audience. Throughout the day we will be showcasing some of our farm facilities ambitions, demonstrating the way we wish to grow our farm to new and existing funders, donors and supporters. We will also be offering taster sessions for prospective new Prospects Co-workers (adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and varying health needs) as we now have a number of placements available on fee days. We will be winding up this busy day with our AGM and our Co-workers Achievement Presentations. This promises to be a super charged day on the farm.

If you are interested in attending give the office team a call on 01638 741 551 and Sue or Rhian will give you more details.

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Ross's Reflections



A recent issue of Within Reach carried a review of my musical, Shot at Dawn, about a woman's fight to win a posthumous pardon for her brother, executed for cowardice during the Great War. Last November the piece had a showcase, or rehearsed reading, at a small theatre in Camden Town, using a professional cast and directed by Matthew Gould.

Matthew Gould is a former member of the cast of Les Miserables who is now establishing himself as a director. He recently directed The Mystery of Edwin Drood at the Arts Theatre in the West End.



The showcase was a great success, but as I have discovered that doesn't mean that you get Cameron Mackintosh knocking at your door waving his chequebook. Musical theatre is a very crowded and competitive world, where you have to shout to get heard. The brochure for this year's Edinburgh fringe has over 200 musicals, most of which are being produced on a shoestring. If a piece is to get taken forward someone has to make it happen.

Matthew is very keen to continue to be involved in the project. Our plan is to stage a full production for a week next spring – 2014 of course being the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Great War. We have been talking to a number of possible venues including the Royal Artillery Museum in Woolwich, which has a fabulously atmospheric hall full of large guns, naturally. We also hope to bring the production to Cambridge for one performance.

There does, of course, arise the issue of how to fund the performance. We have prepared two budgets: one which assumes a successful application to the Arts Council and which would give us access to renowned actors and a smaller budget which would rely on emerging actors. The latter budget comes in at around £6,000. One could raid one's own savings, but far better that we raise money from a wide spread of backers – that way we would be more likely to impress the Arts Council and so obtain funding for a grander performance.

My thinking is to set up a temporary company or partnership with 60 shares of £100 each. Then, when the production is over, we would wind up the company and distribute the proceeds. This would not be a donation but a commercial investment. If we sell every ticket you could potentially double your money. Alternatively, you could of course lose some of your money. I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in investing £100 towards the production. I don't want any money at the moment; just expressions of interest.

You can hear some of the music and read more about the piece by visiting www.shotatdawnmusical.com.

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If you have any questions or concerns you should contact Patrick Pierrepont on 01353 668985 or 07771 976952 or: patrick.pierrepont@eastcambs.gov.uk.

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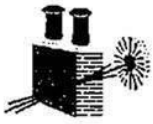

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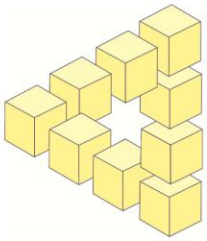

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Meeting Robert Wood



What is your full name?
Robert John Wood

Where were you born and brought up?
I was born in Newmarket General Hospital and for the first 25 years of my life lived in Reach.

I lived in Ditchfield for 14 years and thereafter Churchfield Farm on Burwell Road, opposite Lesley and Gareth's field. My dad was a farmer and the field where Lesley and John keep their horses was part of the farm and was where Veronica kept her horse. The shed in the field was built by my dad and I and Lesley has added to it.

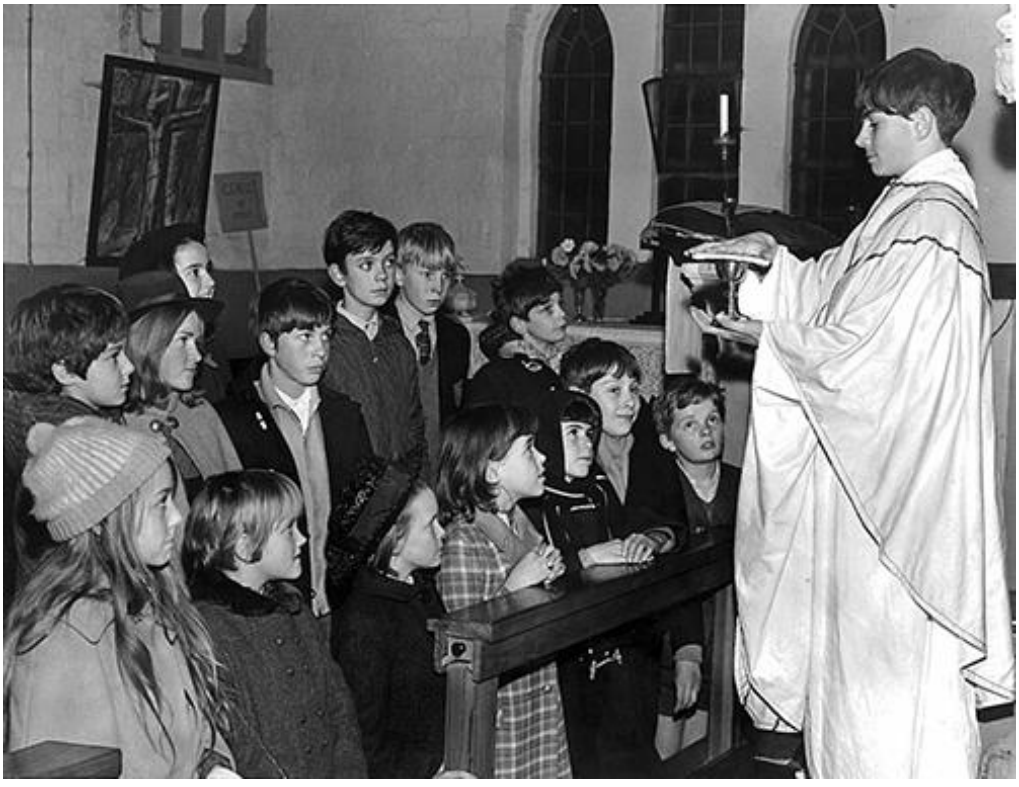
To start from the beginning, in 1938 my grandfather (Robert Wood) came to the village and took over Church Farm, the farmhouse at Church Farm is now the Dyke's End Pub. My grand parents were there until about 1961. After that date my grandparents moved to Churchfield Farm and Church Farm was sold to the Warringtons. It was sold off as a house and with part of the farm buildings down to where the large barn is and Mr Warrington ran an engineering business within the former farm buildings. Mr Warrington later started the Pub in the farmhouse which is Dyke's End today. My grandfather ran Church Farm (what's now the pub) as a mixed farm: arable and livestock (cattle and mostly pigs) and although I was very young, I have many happy memories of Church farm. Churchfield Farm was also arable and livestock. In those days livestock was profitable and the arable consisted of corn and sugar beet.



Robert with grandfather, Robert

I have a brother, Neil. From the age of 6 or 7, or even younger, evenings and week ends I was working on the farm. It was my life and I wanted it to be my career.

What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
I remember my first day at Reach Primary School (what is now the Village Centre). It was the first day after the Easter Holidays. My mum took me to school but I ran away and I was back home before her. She didn't take me again and it was the same year that the school closed. I went to Swaffham Prior Junior School and then Burwell Village College.



Robert (robed) at Sunday School

Can not remember much about school as in those days the farm was my life, working with my dad and grandfather during the weekends and school holidays. Cambridge Cattle Market on a Monday was my highlight - when I could go. I was at Swaffham Prior when they expanded the school; the hall as it is today was originally the classrooms when I first went there. I remember a fundraising scheme which raised money for the swimming pool - it was opened during my time there. At Burwell Village College I was Head Boy. I played football for the school and was sport orientated. At Burwell Village College some of the teachers that taught me had taught my dad. Mrs Swan (English and Religious Science) taught my dad and aunt and Mrs Wolfe, the maths teacher, also taught my dad and aunt.

What is your employment history?
I left Burwell College at 16. I was two years at Young Street College, Cambridge, where I did O levels and an engineering course. My aim at 16 was to join the farm but my father insisted that I go to college for two years and then join the farm. He thought I needed something behind me. After two years I still wanted to join the farm but my father suggested I complete an apprenticeship and get another trade behind me as backup before going into farming. I took up an instrument maker apprenticeship at Cambridge Instrument Company. As at the time farming was starting to go into decline, looking back the apprenticeship was a good choice! When I look back at the farming in Reach, in the early 60s my grandfather had a smallholding of 80 – 90 acres and that employed three people: grandfather, father and a labourer (Eustace Badcock). Although father later had increased acreage, when he retired the farm was barely supporting one family. In the early 1960's there were more than a dozen farms within Reach Parish and today I believe we only have one working farm within Reach. My father's farm was a Cambridge County Council farm as were many of the farms within the village. The 24Acres land was formerly Cambridge County Council land and part of my dad's farm.

On completing my apprenticeship I became an instrument maker within Engineering and R&D Departments and went on to supervise a team of Instrument Makers within Model and Tool Making Shop. For about 13 years I was with Cambridge Instruments, moving into Manufacturing and Manufacturing Engineering before I left. Thereafter I then moved to a start up company called Linx, based in St Ives, making coding equipment. In the early days the product was Continuous Ink Jet (CIJ) that prints sell-by dates, bar codes, etc. I joined their manufacturing department in a management role, did this for two years and then took on the UK Service Manager role and set up their UK Service Department. And then after another 2 years I took on a global role as a Customer Services Manager. In 1998 I was promoted to Customer Services Director, a position I still hold today, with responsibility for the customer service of the Linx product range and Install Base sales worldwide through the Linx distribution channels both direct and indirect. I also have executive responsibility for Linx France. From a new start-up company in 1987 to today Linx has experienced excellent growth to become a successful world-wide business. It was floated on the stock exchange in 1992 and purchased by a large American company some eight years ago.

How did you meet Veronica?
I met Veronica at a disco in Reach Village Hall. She was from Burwell and we were married in St Mary's Church, Burwell. We moved to Exning after we married and lived there for about 13 years.

When my dad retired we wondered what we would do with Veronica's horse because it was kept on dad's farm. So we bought a plot of building land in Chapel Lane that had land for a paddock for her horse and built the house over a period of 12 – 15 months.



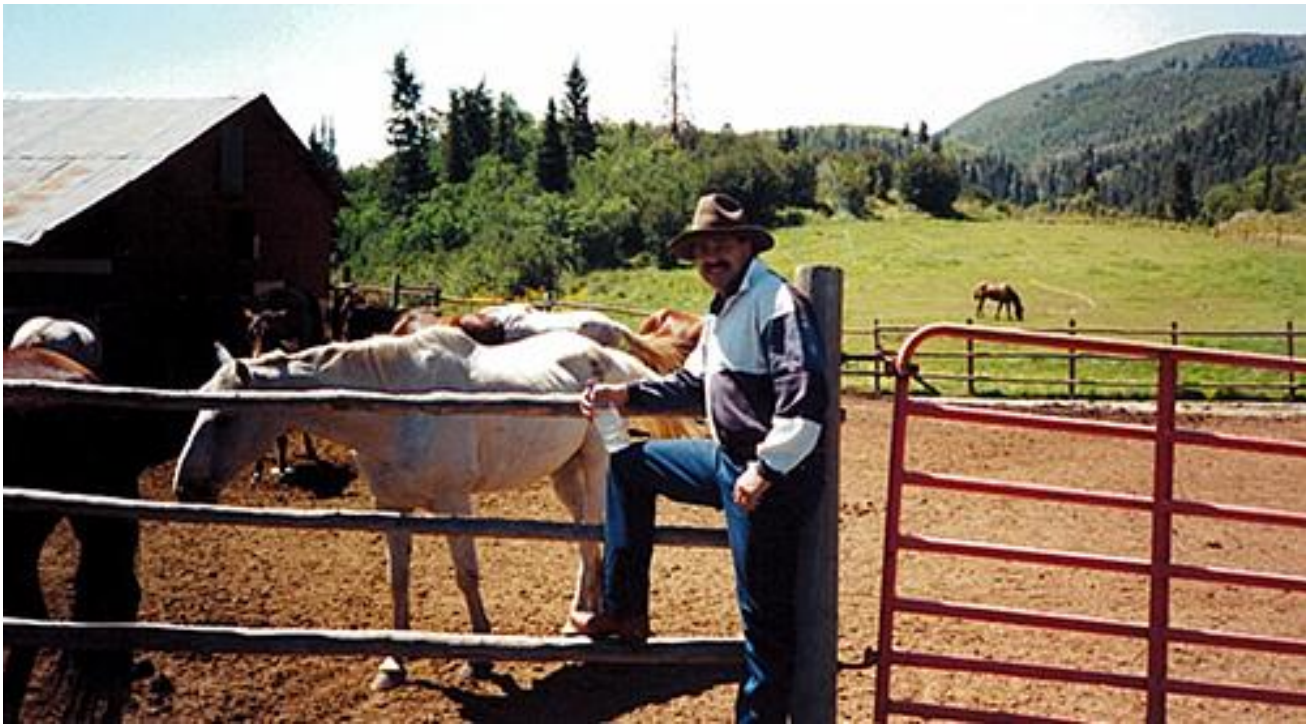
How did you come to keep rare breed sheep?
Dad kept pigs and cattle, not sheep, so had experience with livestock. We had too much grass for just the horse. Some friends in Norfolk asked us if we would like their Portland sheep, which we agreed too. Then foot and mouth broke out just as we were to move the sheep to Reach, so they had to get rid of their sheep locally. We had set our hearts on sheep so we bought four Portland ewes once the foot and mouth was over and you could transport farm animals again. It was going to be two, but ended up as five. One year later we got our first ram and had a herd for breeding for eight years with different rams along the way. Spike was our favourite ram, we had him for many years. We are now reducing the herd, just keeping them as pets. We've done it all, the complete cycle: had lambs, sheared the sheep, knitted jumpers and eaten the meat.

What are your thoughts of Reach?
Village life has changed dramatically. In my early life it was a real farming village, people had time, people knew everyone and always had time to talk. It was a real community. As children we didn't have computers or even TVs (in our early life). There seemed to be more children around and on many evenings in the summer there would be football on the green with 8 or 9 kids on each side. We would have to dodge the cow pats because Mr Cole took his cows across the green most days.

Most of my friends within the village have had to move away because of the lack of affordable housing. In many cases their parents are still be here in the village.

Transport was better in the past with regular buses to Cambridge and Newmarket. The church played a bigger role within the village and my early life. There was Sunday School with Mrs Whitehead and most children in the village attended. The shop was open and I can remember attending a service at the chapel. We had a church fete. The Fair in the early days was not on a Bank Holiday and we got the Monday off school. The Fair was open at midday for the afternoon and then it closed after about three hours and opened again in the evening. It was open again Tuesday evening and then went on to Swaffham Prior for a couple of nights.

People lived and worked in the village or more local to the village. Today there are only one or two who live and work in Reach I believe.



Kids fished a lot on the Lode. From 16th June, the start of fishing season, there would be a dozen or so children fishing. There was also the tug of war with King Len wading in the Lode. Once the sewage farm was built the tug of war stopped.

What are you interests?
I support Cambridge United and watch them play when I can. I do lots of house and garden projects. I was on the Parish Council and Village Centre Committee some years back. And I enjoy walking.

Where do you like to holiday?
We like holidaying in America and Lanzarote. We enjoy cruising and also spending time in Norfolk.

Favourite read?
Veronica would say newspapers.

Favourite music?
Soul and Northern Dance.

Can you cook?
I only cook when Veronica is away but I am a good washer-upper [Jobs going at the pub Robert!].

Are you handy around the house?
Very much so and there's not much I can't do. For example I built the lounge on the house. It was a cow shed within the Conservation Area so it had to be converted rather than demolished.

What is your philosophy on life?
Work hard and enjoy life. And "Do unto others as you would have them do to you".

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The agreement meant that Poland became the first Eastern Bloc country formally to recognise an effective and independent trade union movement.

The strike leader, Lech Walesa and deputy prime minister Mieczyslaw Jagielski signed the deal, ending industrial action, at a ceremony in Gdansk.

In September the first independent trade union, Solidarity, was formed under the leadership of Lech Walesa.

But the Polish regime imposed martial law in December 1981 and the union's leadership, including Mr Walesa, was imprisoned. He was released in 1982 and awarded the Nobel peace prize in 1983.

Economic conditions worsened in Poland and the government was eventually forced to negotiate with Solidarity. The result was partially free elections and a non-communist coalition government including Solidarity.



Lech Walesa in 2009

Mr Walesa became the elected president of Poland in 1990, a post he held until he was defeated in elections in 1995. Wałęsa continues to speak and lecture in Poland and abroad on history and politics.

In Reach, after many previously disastrous attempts, the village scored a creditable 89 points out of a 100 in the Best Kept Village competition.

At the Parish Council meeting it is minuted that "discussion took place about the possibility of having a village sign in Reach". Ultimately, of course, our sign appeared as you can see below.



Michael Aves working with Glen Newman

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Swaffham Prior Primary School

In May we had an Outdoor Learning Week and what a fabulous week it was. Throughout it the children spent time exploring and learning outside. Activities included a visit to Anglesey Abbey for a Creative Arts Day and den building. The children had the opportunity to paint, sketch, explore the woodland area we were in and make dens. The den building proved to be a great favourite and demonstrated some clever architectural skills! There were opportunities for orienteering and a range of art based activities. Years 5 and 6 went to Wicken Fen where they made willow hurdles and had a go at geo-caching. All the children learnt about 'Survival Skills' (KS2 had the chance to light fires), fire safety and tried 'backwards' cooking. Cooked bananas and marshmallows were consumed in great quantities by all! They also had maths trails and a sharing assembly.



A Family Campfire and BBQ on the school field, supported by FOSPS, ended the week. We enjoyed a range of campfire songs from the school choir and feasted on burgers and hot dogs! In the hall there was an exhibition of some of the artwork and writing that was created during the week and a slideshow of photographs.

'Drop everything and read' day took place and the school became full of book characters, including Fantastic Mr Fox, Legolis the Elf, a selection of princesses and fairies, Little Red Riding Hood and some pirates. We were joined by the author, Gillian McClure, who shared a selection of her books and got the children to think about some of the skills required to be an author or illustrator. The children spent the day carrying out book related activities and there was a competition for the best costumes of the day.

Some football matches against Teversham were organised by Paul Jordan who takes the KS2 children for PE sessions each week.

Teams of Year 5 and 6 children played two matches against Teversham Primary School, home and away. The boys were great ambassadors for the school, both on and off the pitch and it proved to be a wonderful opportunity for them to play competitively. Swaffham Prior won both games with scores of 8-4 and 3-2.



Saturn and Neptune classes enjoyed a trip to Mountfitchet Castle, which is the only reconstructed motte and bailey castle in the world. They had a fabulous day during which they explored the castle and found out about life as it was then.

We were delighted that paintings and drawings of St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior, were exhibited in the church as part of the celebration of '40 Years On'. Children in KS2 had a visit from Elisabeth Everitt who talked with them about St Cyriac's Church. The whole school then went to the church, made preliminary sketches and finished off their pieces of artwork in school. Janet Wilmott and Elisabeth Everett, who organised the art competition based on St Cyriacs, came into school to present prizes.

The residential trip to Aylmerton has come and gone. The Year 5 and 6 children spent the week on the North Norfolk coast and had a wonderful time. Highlights included a walk across mud flats and a boat journey to see the seals at Blakeney Point, orienteering around a 'Monster Trail', climbing on high ropes, exploring rock pools, playing a 'Sea Defence' game, watching a display of birds of prey and being introduced to snakes.



Year 6 have had two days at Bottisham Village College in readiness for their transition in September. They have also had a special assembly and were presented with books from the parish by Simon Goddard and Reverend Sue. The rest of the school have spent an afternoon in their new classes for September. We welcomed Miss Helen Cranness, our new Mercury Class teacher to school and she had the opportunity to meet children and parents and join the new reception picnic. The picnic was held for the new incoming reception children and their parents and they were able to meet their future Year 6 'Buddies'.

We have had sporting events for Key Stage 1 (5-7years old). Year 1 took part in a tennis festival at Bottisham Village College with other children from local primary schools. The children played well and won a trophy for making good progress during the day. Year 2 attended a multiskills session. They participated in a series of games which involved a variety of skills ranging from throwing balls into hoops, dribbling footballs between cones, balancing balls on racquets and undertaking a complicated obstacle course. The children joined in enthusiastically and were complimented on their good behaviour. Well done, Year 1s and 2s!



At the time of the last edition, we had found out that our Year 5 Maths Challenge team were waiting to hear if they got into the final. They did! The final took place and the team of George Tozer, Hugh Shackleton, Josh Gould and Dylan Steed participated extremely well. They finished in the top eight schools out of 29 taking part and had a score in the 90s. The winning team got 99 so it was very close. Congratulations!

The Summer Fair was held on Saturday 6th July and proved to be a very successful event. The total raised was £850 which is a tremendous sum and over £100 more than last year. The sun shone and we enjoyed a range of stalls and games, cakes and tea and burgers and hot dogs. We were entertained to maypole dancing by children from Saturn Class and Mr Godfrey organised some team games, including tug-of-war and pass the water balloon! It was a very happy occasion and many thanks go to FoSPS and all those who helped and those who came and supported.

Year 3 went to a Multicultural Day, based on Eastern Europe, at Bottisham Village College. They enjoyed a day of being creative and came away with pieces of artwork, including collages based on Russia.

Banham Zoo was the venue for Mercury and Mars Classes' trip. They spent a day at the zoo and enjoyed in particular a train journey around it. The highlights were watching the feeding of the penguins and seals, seeing the tigers and meerkats and standing on a platform so they were at head height with the giraffes!

Sports Day was held on Thursday 11th July and the children demonstrated their many athletic skills once more. It was followed by a picnic with parents and carers.



Rehearsals are continuing for the KS2 production, 'What a Knight!' and there is still an Olympic Legacy sports day with Swaffham Bulbeck and the Leaver's Assembly. Our school year is drawing to a close once more but there is an exciting new term to look forward to in September.

We wish you a good summer, with continued sunshine!

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



Reach Village Centre
AGM
8pm Wednesday 11th September 2013
New committee members wanted

Little Windmills Pre-school

This half-term has definitely had an animal theme. Firstly, Jenny Bridgeman kindly brought some of her chicks in for us to see. The first time we saw them they were tiny. Only a few weeks later they were unrecognisable! They had a lovely time foraging in the back yard and the children were fascinated. Jo Redfarn kindly allowed us to visit her two new pigs Olive and Nellie. Despite inclement weather, we spent a while watching them stand in their dinner and inspected their sty. We spotted all sorts of fruit and vegetable in their trough and were able to name most of them.

This year for the first time we purchased five caterpillars and watched them grow. We talked a lot about what would happen and listened to the story of 'The Very hungry Caterpillar'. After a while of growing bigger every day the caterpillars turned into chrysalides. We then transferred them into a net and watched with interest. Sure enough, after a few days five Painted Lady butterflies emerged. We then put in some leaves and flowers and a few bits of fruit for them to eat. After a couple of days we took them out onto the green when the parents arrived and let them go! Some of them fluttered away immediately, some were a little reluctant to leave the security of their home. Eventually after a little encouragement they all left in search of a tasty bush!

Even our carnival float for Burwell Carnival had an animal connection! In keeping with this year's theme of theatre and musicals, we chose 'Cats'. Our committee set to and dressed the children and float accordingly. It was great to see so many children and parents entering into the carnival spirit and enjoying waving to the crowds along the route. Thanks once again to the Shakeshaft family for providing our transport.

Once again we toddled round the playing field in Reach to raise money for Barnardo's and sent off £140 to the charity. Thank you everybody.

Although we have a small trampoline that we use a lot we have been very lucky to have been given permission by our next door neighbours to use their extra special large sunken trampoline where the children have been developing their bouncing skills. So thank you Natasha, Nathan and Lucy.

It's that time of year again when we say goodbye to the children going to school in September. We will miss you and wish you every success.

A big thank you to the person who left a beautiful pram outside the village hall. We are very grateful for any donations and this pram has been a fantastic addition to our resources. The children adore it.

If you would like to know more about our work at Little Windmills please look at our website www.littlewindmills.co.uk or ring 07803 671200 between 9 and 12.30 and arrange a visit. Places are available in September

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Team

Goodbye to school risers. Big Toddle!



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

The answers to the anagram are on Page 43



Stay safe in the sun!

- If you're going outside, make sure you put on suncream.
- If you can, wear a sunhat.
- If it's really hot, try not to go outside between 11am and 3pm, because that's when the sun is hottest.
- Drink plenty of water.

Anagrams

Musrem
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Nuhniess
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Nucresam
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Creiceam
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Cheab
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Fun stuff to do in summer!

- Play rounders outside.
- Have a water fight!
- Go on a walk.
- Find a nice spot in your garden and read.
- Have a barbecue.
- Go to the beach.
- Go to the play area.
- Go swimming!
- Have a picnic.
- Meet up with your friends.
- Make a summer scrapbook.
- Draw a picture of one of your pets, or a flower in your garden.
- Make a cake or some biscuits.
- Write a story.
- Write a poem.

Make sure you stay safe in the sun whilst doing these activities!

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!!!

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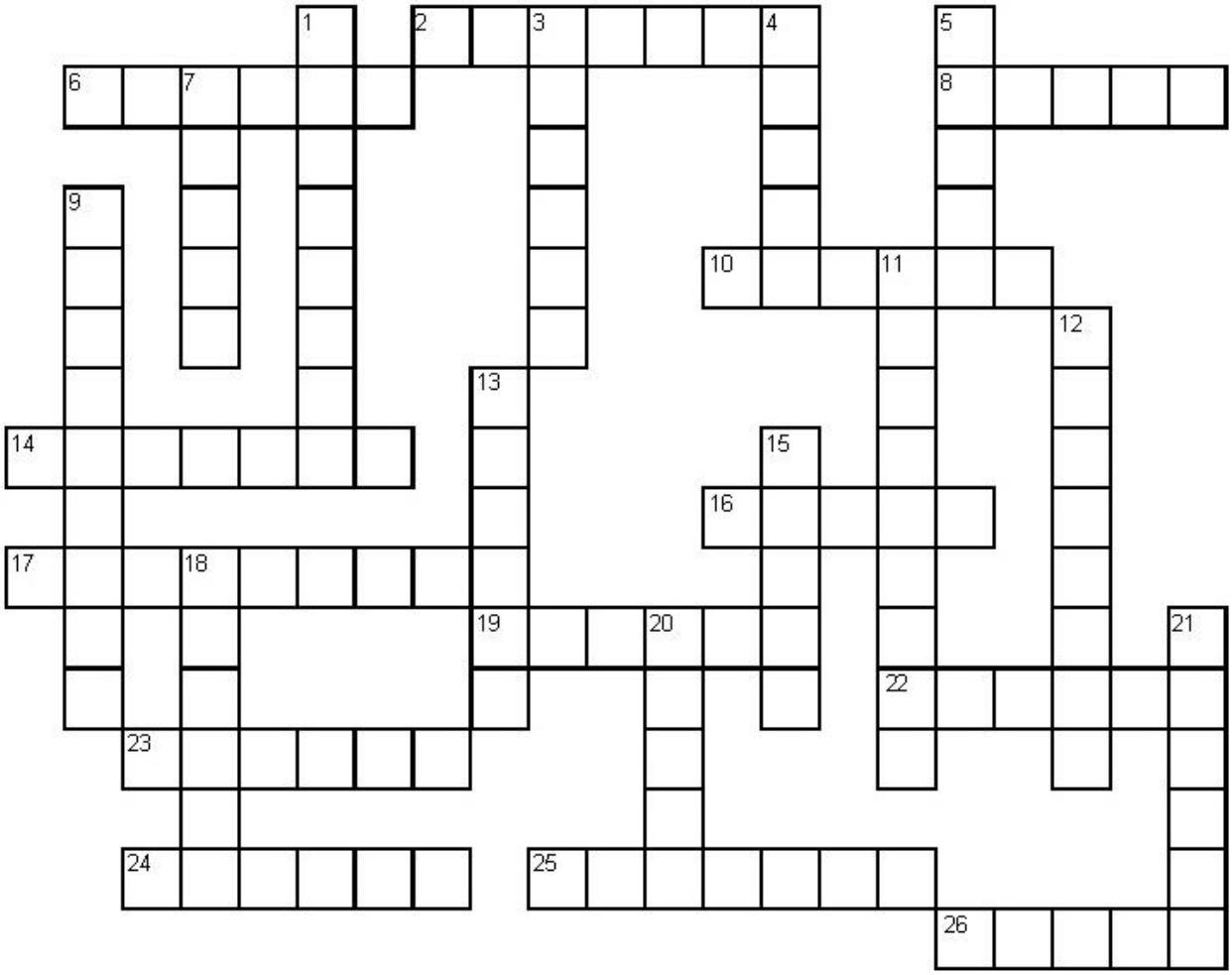
Crossword No. 20



ACROSS

2 Stretch out the reason for the long answer (7)
6 Le pest set in mortar (6)
8 Rid AC of this bitterness (5)
10 Teach something in this, but diminish (6)
14 I net sap to become wise (7)
16 How do you get down off this bird? (5)
17 Cite grate for this smoking tube (9)
19 Put an end to rumours have a drink to celebrate (6)
22 One of 1d possibly (6)
23 Rile two hundred going round (6)
24 See cur and make a save (6)
25 Came into land and put down roots (7)
26 Make better and give reward (5)

DOWN

1 Aged runner posh way to address one (3-4)
3 Passionate red ant (6)
4 Very cold, or very hot? Sounds like could be either (5)
5 Does this sword have sharp teeth (5)
7 Use 17a to create this screen (5)
9 Not really sure, start off under canvas (9)
11 Is truly, faithfully, yours (9)
12 Long past time (4-3)
13 As little as possible in iron cowboy land (6)
15 Sounds like where a building is being erected? I see (5)
18 Pointed out goal to reach in church (6)
20 Trot a horse to see your future (5)
21 Pet elm found over curtain (6)

Please send your entry by Friday 6th September 2013 to:
CROSSWORD North View House, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach CB25 OJJ
giving your Name, Address and Telephone Number



All Things Crafty

It was in February 2012 that Zenida McDonald called a group of us to her first meeting of Reach Craft Circle. It does not seem possible that so much has been achieved in such a short space of time. Re-reading Zenida's introductory article has been a great help to me in particular. 'You don't need to be skilled to join in (I am NOT) but hopefully skilled knitters will volunteer to help' (thankfully they have). Two blankets for Oxfam have been completed, the last of which was 6ft by 4ft, which apparently is the size needed for the homeless. All the squares were knitted by Reach people – Debbie, Rita, Jen, Jan, Joyce, Yvonne, Jane, Joan and Sue. Sadly I cannot put my name to even one square. I did try but now I realise I am not a knitter. But never mind, it is a delight being part of this group. I can at least make the tea! There is something so peaceful in hearing the sound of knitting needles in skilled hands creating something that is going to be of use to a person we will probably never meet and that it has been created from the good hearts of the group is special. We have been greatly helped with the production of baby jumpers and beanie hats for Africa by Wendy Smith and Roseen Scott, both bellringers from Burwell.

So much has been created from Zenida's idea. We still miss her very much. Her article goes on – 'If there is anyone who would like to come along and share their own craft with the group or just to come along anyway they would be very welcome.' I add this for I am still looking for a craft I can do! Seeing Joyce knitting a jumper for her son Nigel and Debbie knitting a wonderful multi-coloured one for Alice is a treat indeed. You should see the blanket she created for her other daughter Hazel. Joan is not deviating at all. Having knitted many jumpers and beanie hats she is now busy with the cot blanket, though by the time I have written this she is probably onto another one! Joan does go at it with great speed as with the rest of the team. But there is always time for plenty of talk with many interesting and funny memories.

Our last meeting was held at Joan's house where it is always a delight to admire Janet's garden. It was just the best time to see an amazing display of delphiniums as well as much else. Debbie Lingley has great plans for the future with the possibility of having a craft stall at Reach Fair – more information about this later. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6th August at 14 The Hythe at 1.30pm.

Pam King

Knitted Bunting Debbie Lingley

A great way to use up oddments of wool

You will need:
Double knitting wool in assorted colours
Knitting needles size 4mm

Instructions

- Cast on 30 stitches
- Knit 3 rows (garter stitch)
- Knit 2 stitches together each end of the next and every following 4th row until there are only 2 stitches left.
- Knit 3 rows on these 2 stitches
- Then, knit these 2 stitches together
- Knit the last stitch twice more
- Cast off
- Darn in the ends

Garter stitch, means every row is knit.

It is great to use for a childs bedroom or to decorate a room or garden for a party. I have customised my bunting by adding beads and buttons.



DIARY DATES

The St Neots Food and Drink Festival 2013
Market Square
03/08/2013

Art and Craft Fair – St Ives
Free Church, Market Hill, St Ives
03/08/2013

Bert & Gerts Arts, Crafts & Vintage Market
Cambridge Leisure
04/08/2013

Crafts in the City
Cathedral Square, Peterborough
10/08/2013

Cinnator Fairs
Corn Exchange
17/08/2013

Basic Sewing Skills
Impington Village College
Sat 10-16:00
Session on 30th November 2013
£30 or £23 Concession

Pottery Impington Village College
Wednesday 19:00 – 21:00
Lasts 8 weeks
Starts on 02/10/2013
£80 or £63 Concession

Knitting Group – 'Engage in the afternoon' at
Cambridge Central Library
Ongoing regular activity on Monday 14:00 – 15.30
Free
An opportunity for knitters and crotcheters to get together, exchange ideas and share experiences. New enthusiasts are always welcome.

Knit and Natter
Anchor PH, Burwell
Fridays 10-12

Sewing for Beginners (evenings)
Sewing for Fun (day)
Bottisham Village College
Enrolment Evening Tuesday 10th September

MUSICAL LADIES

All the answers are women's names which . . . .



1. Do all the breezes say her name quietly ?.....
2. Is the wind called this ?.....
3. Why,why,why, my,my,my……..
4. Is she only called this on a Tuesday?.....
5. Look up to the sky too see her……..
6. She left him at a fine time……..
7. She used to live next door……..
8. Was she a boy named this ?.....
9. John Denver wrote a song for her……..
10. Oh my?? Said Tony Orlando……..
11. Neil said to her oh he was a fool……..
12. The real nuns sang about her……..
13. You were asked not to bring her……

Rita's Recipes

Summer Soup



Served with crusty bread is just right
for a healthy snack during hot weather

Tomato Soup
Serves 6

Ingredients:

25g butter	1 medium onion finely chopped
1 clove garlic finely chopped	900g ripe tomatoes roughly chopped
1teasp lemon juice	dessertspoon brown sugar
350 ml water	25 ml milk
1tblspoon cream	salt pepper and paprika



To Garnish:
150 ml natural yoghurt chopped fresh basil

Method:
Melt the butter and cook the onion and garlic gently in a covered saucepan without colouring. Add a pinch of paprika and the tomatoes and cook for 10 minutes over medium heat. Add the lemon juice, water and brown sugar and simmer for a further 5 minutes. Cool slightly, puree and pass through a fine sieve into a clean bowl. Stir in the milk and the cream. Check seasoning. Serve with a swirl of yoghurt and sprinkle with chopped basil leaves.



Tomato Sorbet
Serves 4

Ingredients:

570ml of Tomato soup (as above)	60ml Vodka
2 teaspoon sugar	Salt and black pepper

Method:
Mix together the soup, vodka, sugar and seasoning. Place in an ice cream maker and churn until the mixture is a soft scoop consistency; or place in a freezer and beat at 30 minute intervals until required consistency is achieved. Serve in individual glasses decorated with basil leaves.

Sports News



It's been a little while since I featured the fastest (young) man on two legs in Reach – Ben Snaith. But, as you will see from his report on the last few months, his talent has well and truly been noticed not just in the UK but 'across the pond'. I will leave Ben to tell you his own story but it's worth adding that his sister shows every sign of following in his (remarkably fast) footsteps having won both the U13 100m and 200m girls Cambridge County Championships and broken the Bottisham Yr7 record which must make 'keeping up with the kids' something of a challenge!

Ben Snaith reflects on a remarkable few months:

2012 was a great year for me in the Under 17 age group. I finished the season ranked No.1 in the UK in the 400m, 3rd in the 200m and ran the 2nd quickest time of 10.64 in the 100m.

The highlight was topping the rostrum in the 400m at the National Championships at Bedford in August in a time of 47.92secs. Amongst the crowd that day was former U.S 100m/long jump Olympian Kareem Streete-Thompson.

Kareem is the Sprints Coach at the University of Missouri and he was at the Championships looking for potential recruits. A couple of weeks after the event he contacted me through Facebook with the offer of a five-year athletics scholarship. The offer includes all study, accommodation and training fees. After Kareem spoke to my parents, a trip was organised for the family and I to visit the university in March for 10 days.

It was an amazing experience. The sports facilities on campus are world class and include: indoor and outdoor athletics track, an indoor and 85,000 capacity outdoor American football stadium, two basketball arenas, a baseball stadium, an Olympic size swimming pool and a hi-tech gym. Athlete and student support is awesome and no expense appears to have been spared. The athletes even had their own canteen with colour-coded food based on nutritional value. Of course it does help having the owners of Walmart living on your doorstep.

The athletics team was recently promoted to the highest league, the NCAA 1st division. Over the years they have produced several Olympians, the most recent being Derek Paterson 800m in 2004 and Christian Cantwell the Olympic shot-put silver medallist in 2008. Recent recruits include male and female sprinters from the Caribbean and last year's British No.1 ranked Under 20 triple jumper Jonathan Ilori. The NCAA has strict rules on recruitment and unfortunately I wasn't permitted to train with the team during our visit. We were able to watch the training sessions and also a home meeting whilst we were there.

The University campus is set in 1,250 acres of botanic gardens. The range of courses available is vast and the Uni scores highly academically. Everyone we met there was very friendly and welcoming. When I first received the offer I was excited and yet apprehensive.

I do not receive any sponsorship so accepting would benefit me financially and probably give me the best opportunity to fulfil my potential. My concerns are being so far away from family and friends and having to be more independent.

I have decided to complete my 'A' levels first and then consider all my options next year. I am also considering offers from Idaho, New Orleans and San Antonio Universities which is very flattering. There may also be options to stay in the UK.



Ben Snaith 400m GB Juniors

This season has started well for me. I ran for GB Juniors at an International event in Loughborough in May and came up against Olympians Martyn Rooney and Nigel Levine - a great experience. In mid June I won the 400m at the National Under 20 Championships and European Trials in a new PB of 47.14 seconds. This gave me automatic selection for the forthcoming European Junior Championships which are taking place in Italy next week. Things have gone a little bit crazy for me since then. At the end of June I travelled to Germany and came 2nd for GB in a 400m event. Last week I switched to the 200m for the English Schools Championships and won silver in 21.23 seconds which was also a European qualifying time.

My aims for the remainder of this season are to consolidate my current UK No.1 ranking at 400m and run 46 seconds. I would also like to reduce my 100 and 200m Personal Bests. As I will be competing against guys two school years older than me at the European Championships, a realistic aim would be to just make the 400m final. Next year we will be targeting the World Juniors which are being held coincidently in the U.S.

Dad says: The scholarship offers could be a fantastic opportunity for Ben. Unfortunately the US can offer the facilities and support that the UK can't. Having visited the University of Missouri and spoken to the staff, we have no reservations about Ben going out there. He certainly has some difficult decisions to make in the coming months.

Juliet Vickery

Cricket News



After last year's near-miss in the National Village Cricket Cup our hopes were high as we went into the regional semi-final against Fordham. Fordham the village, that is: not to be confused with Tony Fordham, our man-mountain of the middle order and seering volcano of the opening attack.

The last time Fordham met Fordham the result was five wickets for big Tone: a entire village humiliated by one of its distant sons.

Sensing, perhaps, the chance of an early tea followed by an afternoon of rose-pruning, Fordham put us in to bat. It was a decision it seemed they would come to regret as Reach quickly began to accumulate runs, with Tony himself knocking up a solid 21. By the end of our innings we had put a formidable 51 on the board.



Fordham began their reply nervously prodding around, unable to work the ball much beyond the boundary. By the time that Gwilym knocked over the stumps of their opening batsman the team looked doomed. Yet the last nine wickets just eluded us and Fordham managed just to creep over the line, with less than 35 overs remaining.

Fordham enjoyed the match so much, though, that they invited us back: to play their under 15s. Theo Clark knocked up 78, with the unfortunate result that – in accordance with the traditions on the club – he owed us a jug of beer. It was sad in a way his first visit to the bar of the Dyke's End upon turning 18 ended with his spending his entire pocket money on the rest of us. In spite of Theo's 50, we didn't win the under-15s match either, but we are determined to work our way down through Fordham's teams until we find someone we can beat. I hear their under-threes are nothing special.

In previous years Rob Steed has failed to turn out for our annual match against Castle Hedingham, in spite of instigating the fixture. This year, we were determined that he wouldn't escape the bruising. In fact, just to make sure that he shared the pain, we made him captain. A splendid 50 from Peter Bridgeman was not enough, sadly, to prevent us perishing once again on Castle Hedingham's fast but uneven and bouncy turf. Future historians will judge the game by the nosebleed over the scorebook.

Sept	vs Petersfield, Burwell
Sun 8 Sept	vs National Trust, **Reach!** (grass permitting)
Sun 15 Sept	vs Burwell, Burwell

Ross Clark
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LODE RUNNERS

3rd LODE HALF MARATHON
AND 3 MILE FUN RUN
Sunday 3rd NOVEMBER 2013

Start times: 10.00am for Half Marathon and 10.15 am for Fun Run

The half marathon will be run over the popular National Trust Lodes Way out to Burwell and back again, starting at Lode Social Club. It is a fast, flat course.

Visit www.loderunners.co.uk for more information and an entry form. Entry is by post and all entries must be received by 26th October 2013.

Runners are limited to 200, with entry fees being: affiliated £18, Unaffiliated £20.00 (+£2 for on-the-day entries – numbers permitting). Fees are non-refundable.

Fun Run entry fees are £5 and £2.50 for Under 16's (+£2 for on-the-day adult entries). Same entry form – just tick the 'fun run' box.

This year will be raising money for The Alzheimer's Society and Lode Social Club Maintenance Fund.







From left: Hazel Lingley, Elizabeth Parr, Jodie Halpin-McDonald and Kathryn Cane with thanks to Hector and Violet Keutgen

The Car Wash and Café raised £225.66 for four charities: FAN (a children's cancer charity), Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, RSPB and RSPCA. Thank you to everyone who supported us!





REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 3rd July 2013

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public

One member of the public attended and spoke regarding item 6. He also mentioned the expansion of Cambridge Airport and the impact on Reach. The **Clerk** will look into this and add it to the agenda of a subsequent meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

There was no activity during the previous month.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

Cabinet met on 18th June. I presented a paper seeking authority to build 3 new Special Schools over the next few years to cope with rising demand in the number of young people with Special Educational Needs. This was approved unanimously, with preferred sites identified as Littleport, Northstowe and the Huntingdon area. Cabinet also agreed our approach to bidding for a City Deal for the Cambridge area and also agreed to get involved in promoting the Green Deal for energy efficiency.

Business planning for the next 5 year period started in June, with a workshop with senior officers.

I spent a day interviewing candidates for the Service Director post for Strategy and Commissioning and a provisional offer was made.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report provided.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

4 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

No members attended any such meetings during the last month – other than that documented in item 4 (8).

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

Councillor Dunnett and the Clerk had previously reviewed the recent play spaces safety report and the Parish Council agreed on certain remedial actions which will be put in place by **the Clerk**.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

Councillor Fielding attended a recent Fen Bridleway Association meeting which was also attended by Peter Duthie of Cambridgeshire County Council. The Parish Council had alerted him to areas of hedges that need to be cut back – however no action had been taken. **Councillor Fielding** will photograph the delinquent areas and send them to Mr Duthie who will be asked to take the necessary steps to get the work done.

It was also reported that the process for restricting byways is a long, expensive one and the default is normally local repair. This topic will be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

The question of the mowing of the Dyke was raised and the **Clerk** was asked to alert the relevant people in ECDC to the need for this work to be carried out.

4 (9) Village Centre Report

The Village Centre AGM will take place on July 17th 2013.

4 (10) 24Acres Committee Report

A bid has been made to Sport England for a Manège – the outcome will be known later in July. Planning permission has been applied for. Funding has been granted by the Forestry Commission for the woodland.

5. Byways Restrictions

This item was deferred until a subsequent meeting.

6. Local Highways Improvement Programme 2013/2014

The Parish Council's suggestion regarding improving the drainage of water from outside the properties 20-28 Fair Green has been accepted by the County Council. Further details of the actual work and the cost are expected over the coming weeks at which point the Parish Council will decide whether to proceed with the project or not.

7. Planning Applications

13/00364/CAC and FUL (Fitzroy Farm) was discussed and approved by the Parish Council subject to conditions which will be communicated to ECDC by the **Clerk**.

8. Information Items

It was reported that the pathway in the cemetery requires some clearance – this work will be organised by the **Clerk**.

The situation regarding the RaSP mast was discussed and the **Clerk** was asked to look into the situation and report back at a subsequent meeting.

9. Payments

Cambridge Restoration	24Acres Orchard costs	£707.04
C R Contracting	Mowing June	£320.50
C R Contracting	Mowing and Watering the Orchard	£160.00
DMParr	April, May, June salary	£589.00
Prospects Trust	Avenue of Limes Watering	£129.00
Andrew Trump	24Acres Cricket costs	£375.00
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing June	£140.00
Spearhead Turf	24Acres Cricket costs	£6,402.00
DMParr	24Acres Planning Permission costs	£192.50
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard costs	£556.17

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th August 2013 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).









Rafting - and swimming - at Upware with the Scouts



From the Vicar



Thank you to everyone who supported the recent church barbeque – it was lovely to see some old friends and some new faces as well. We've now launched the Friends of Reach Church and if you'd like to find out more about this very practical way of giving support to our village church, then please get in touch.

Over the summer we have a ½ day holiday club at the Guildhall, near St Mary's in Burwell, so if you and your family are at a loose end on Wednesday 28th August, come and join us for art and craft, music and games.

Looking ahead to the autumn, for harvest we'll be following the same format as we have for the last couple of years: on Saturday 21st September we have a Songs of Praise at 6pm, with well-known harvest hymns and then the harvest supper at 7pm in the Village Centre. Many thanks to those who work so hard to support this.

We are also hoping to run an Alpha Course, an opportunity to ask questions and explore Christian faith. Let me know if you're interested.

Enjoy the lovely summer weather and see you soon!

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

PS If anyone finds a large stone pineapple, which has mysteriously disappeared from the Vicarage gate, please can you let me know? Thanks ☺



Are you sure there isn't any left for me?

PPS for all those who would otherwise miss the regular Vicarage canine update – here you are…



The answers to Susie's anagrams are:

Summer, Sunshine, Suncream, Ice Cream and Beach.

Don't forget
CentrePeace @ Reach
2nd Wednesday of every month
St Etheldreda's church, Reach

Good quality second hand books, Traidcraft goods, greeting cards and Free tea, coffee and cake

Wednesday August 14th
Holiday reading sale continues – 4 paperback novels for £1!

Wednesday 11th September
Come and relax for an hour to mark the end of the school holidays.

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
August 2013		
Sunday 4 August	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 7	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Sunday 11 August	10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional) 4.00pm Songs of Praise at Ness Court	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 14	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 18 August	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (Contemporary)	
Wednesday 21	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion Ness Court	
Sunday 25 August	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	
Wednesday 28	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 10am - 1pm Holiday Club at Guildhall	
September 2013		
Sunday 1 September	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 4	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 5	10.00am Little Bears	
Sunday 8 September	9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 11	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 15 September	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church & Pathfinders 10.00am Parish Communion (contemporary)	
Wednesday 18	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise followed by Harvest Supper at the Village Centre
Sunday 22 September	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Parish Communion (traditional)	
Wednesday 25	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 29 September	4.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise followed by Harvest Tea	10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)

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				0729	0829	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1712	1809	1919
Reach				0732	0832		1002		1202		1402		1602		1812	1922
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)				0742	0842	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1722	1822	1932
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0810	0910	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1800		

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

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

Diary Dates: August

August 2013	Event	Location	Time
Thurs 1	Recycling Day		
Thurs 1	Summer Holiday Activities for Children	Burwell Museum	2-5pm
Sat 3	Food and Drink Festival	Market Square, St Neots	
Sat 3	Art and Craft Fair	Free Church, Market Hill, St Ives	
Sun 4	Car Boot Sale	Snakehall Farm	From 7.30am
Sun 4	Bert and Gerts Arts, Crafts and Vintage Market	Cambridge Leisure	
Tues 6	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Wed 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 8	Summer Holiday Activities for Children	Burwell Museum	2-5pm
Fri 9	Author: Tim Hayward	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Sat 10	Crafts in the City	Cathedral Sqaure, Peterborough	
Sun 11	24Acres Bioblitz	24Acres	All day – see Page 17
Sun 11	Model Railway Day	Ramsey Rural Museum PE26 2XD	10am – 5pm
Wed 14	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 14	Author: Mark Cocker	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 15	Recycling Day		
Thurs 15	Summer Holiday Activities for Children	Burwell Museum	2-5pm
Thurs 15	Author: Harry Sidebottom	Topping Bookshop, Ely	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Sat 17	Cinnator Fairs	Corn Exchange	
Sun 18	Stationary Engines and Vintage Tractors	Prickwillow Drainage Museum CB7 4UN	From 11am
Tues 20	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 20	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Tues 20	Author: Neil Gaiman	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 22	Summer Holiday Activities for Children	Burwell Museum	2-5pm
Sat 24, Sun 25, Mon 26	Stow Cum Quy Fair	Stow Cum Quy	9am – 5.30pm
Wed 28	Messy Family Fun	The Guildhall, Burwell	10am – 1pm See Page 19
Thurs 29	Recycling Day		
Thurs 29	Summer Holiday Activities for Children	Burwell Museum	2-5pm
Sat 31	Author: Margaret Atwood	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral	7pm for 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: September

September 2013			
Tues 3	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Sat 7 & Sun 8	Haddenham Steam Rally	Sutton Rd, Haddenham, nr. Ely CB6 3PT	
Tues 10	Enrolment Evening	Bottisham Village College	7 – 9pm See Page 23
Tues 10	Author: Allan Mallinson	Ely Library, Ely CB7 4ZH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 12	Recycling Day		
Sat 14	Swaffham Prior Autumn Show and Photography Competition	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	See Page 18
Sun 15	Heritage Open Day	Burwell Musuem	2 – 5pm
Wed 11	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 11	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Tues 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 17	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Thurs 19	Author: Tim Dee	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 8.00pm
Sat 21	Harvest Songs of Praise	St Etheldreda's	6pm
Sat 21	Harvest Supper	Village Centre	7pm
Sun 22		Burwell Museum Coach Trip: Sheringham 1940's Day	Ring Barbara on 741581
Thurs 26	Recycling Day		

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 lmwood	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	



Dennis Millard enjoys a chat



Hannah Perrett and Eleanor Williams

Church BBQ





All dressed up for the Bottisham Ball









Car Wash and
Grand Water Fight

