Within Reach



October/November 2013



Brimstone on runner bean flower



Wood pigeon nesting in apple tree with young



Common Darter dragonfly



George Tucker



Air ambulance in Reach! Fortunately it was not needed and we wish Hector Keutgen a speedy recovery



I like pigs, this one is called Lisa. Ed



Lily Steed looking forward to school

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Harvest Supper

Saturday 16th November 2013
at 7pm

Reach Village Centre

Adults £8, Child £5
Family of four £23

Supper and soft drinks provided
Bring your own wine/beer

Please bring your own crockery and cutlery

Tickets from Jon Cane (741064), Pam King (742924) or David Parr (744081)

Admittance strictly ticket only - no sales after Thurday 14th November

From the Editor



In this issue we particularly enjoy the old photographs of Little Lane, which accompany Ross's article. Ross suggests people might write an article about the history of their house and the people who lived there - so be inspired!

Kasia Tabecki won an unusual competition - prepare a design for a BMW car. She came first in this Cambridgeshire-wide competition.

We enjoy seasonal tips and observations from our gardeners and country lovers. On Saturday November 30th David Thomas has organised a one-day Orchard Management Training course (page 13).

There are a couple of photographic exhibitions to look forward to: one in October in aid of St Mary's Church (page 6) and the 40th Anniversary Exhibition of the Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club (page 11). The latter will be held in the Mandeville Hall, Burwell – a good opportunity to look round this new building. There is an exhibition of paintings involving Dafila Scott, Hannah Webb and Joss Goodchild in November. It takes place in Bury St Edmunds so you might combine the visit with lunch out etc.

We have an update from the Reach Community Solar Farm and this project may give rise to an archaeological evaluation so boots on and sharpen those trowels.

If you feel like giving, the Foodbank and Menelik Education would welcome your contributions (page 7).

We are grateful once again to Juliet Vickery and friends for organising Sports Day. The photographs show how enthusiastic the children are about this event. Prepare to be impressed in the next issue when Juliet tells us how both she and David Blocksage got on at the Team GB world sporting events – it's incredible that two people from Reach qualified. We have some great photographs of Katie Cameron doing rather well in the Bloom Cup.

The National Trust with its walks, Snakehall Farm with its Disco, Rita Dunnett with her recipes and Susie Tucker with her puzzles are putting us in the mood for Halloween. All Things Crafty are looking ahead to Christmas!

See you at the Harvest Supper on Saturday 16th November 2013.

Read this magazine carefully and learn that Fat Hen is not an overweight bird.

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Editor's Notes

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Ross's Reflections



Far be it from me, a mere scribbler for this journal, to do the job of the editor, but I think it is about time we had a series where people write about their houses: the properties themselves and all the people who have lived there over the years. I'm going to kick it off this month and then perhaps someone else would like to have a go next issue.

Search in the hedge for the nameplate to my house at 20 Great Lane and you may just about make out the words "Tigh an Righ". Translated from the gaelic it means "the King's House" and was given to the property by the Scottish doctor who then lived here as a reference to his predecessor, Len Warren, otherwise known as the King of Reach. "King Len", as he was popularly known, was a district councillor and amateur historian with a reputation for over-enthusiastic interpretation of historic documents. His contention – formed about the same time as the Ealing comedy Passport to Pimlico hit the screens -- was that Reach had never been part of the United Kingdom.

After a failed attempt to annex Newmarket Heath, hastily abandoned after negotiations with the Jockey Club before it reached the High Court, he 'abdicated'. A year later, in 1970, his theory that Reach was an independent nation caught the attention of radio enthusiasts from Surrey, who investigated the possibility of setting up a pirate radio station in the village to challenge Radio Caroline. Reporters who descended upon the village met with a sceptical public. "I can't really see it coming off," one wise 14 year old told reporters. Robert Wood, as he gave his name, was right: the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications soon stamped on the idea.

Len Warren always called the property Triple One – a reference to the fact that he had created his home from three cottages, which themselves had been known as 1, 2 and 3 Little Lane. The cottages were auctioned by AT Grain and Sons on 21st October 1949 at the Black Horse Inn, Swaffham Bulbeck. I still have the catalogue, in which somebody – possibly Len himself – had scribbled the prices. Bidding started at £100 then went to £160, £180, £200, £220 and finally £230, next to which is written the word 'withdrawn'. The following June he bought the property anyway – paying £235.

If £230 seems a little cheap by today's standards, there were a few snags. Cottage number one had a sitting tenant, Mrs H C Webb, who paid 11 shillings per lunar month. The water supply was from a council standpipe on the Hythe. Sanitation consisted of nothing but an earth closet and there was no electricity: that was not to arrive in the village for another four years. When Mrs Webb moved out Len knocked the cottages together. In 1964 he and his family moved out to a houseboat for a few weeks while the roof was raised on an extra dozen courses of bricks.

Len died in November 1979. The following year the property was sold to Dr and Mrs Roberton for £29,000. It is a long time since you could buy a four bedroom house for that sort of money, but I don't envy them their mortgage repayments: they paid an interest rate of 21.2 per cent. Two years later they borrowed another £16,000 and extended the house.

We have had a few visitors back to the house over the years: Len's son and daughter have both been here. Mrs Webb's grand-daughter has been in contact, too and sent some old photographs which reveal, among other things, Mrs Webb's splendid first name, Hepzibah. You don't get too many of those around nowadays, in spite of the name cropping up in Harry Potter and before that as a heroine from the planet Tryl'sart in the Marvel comics.

Most remarkable, though, was the dog-walker I got talking to in Haslingfield, where we used to live, a few days before moving to Reach in 1999. I told him we were moving – to Reach. "Reach? I was born there," he said. Where? "Number 2 Little Lane". It turned out that he – Trevor Meacham – had been born in what is now the corridor outside Theodore's room.

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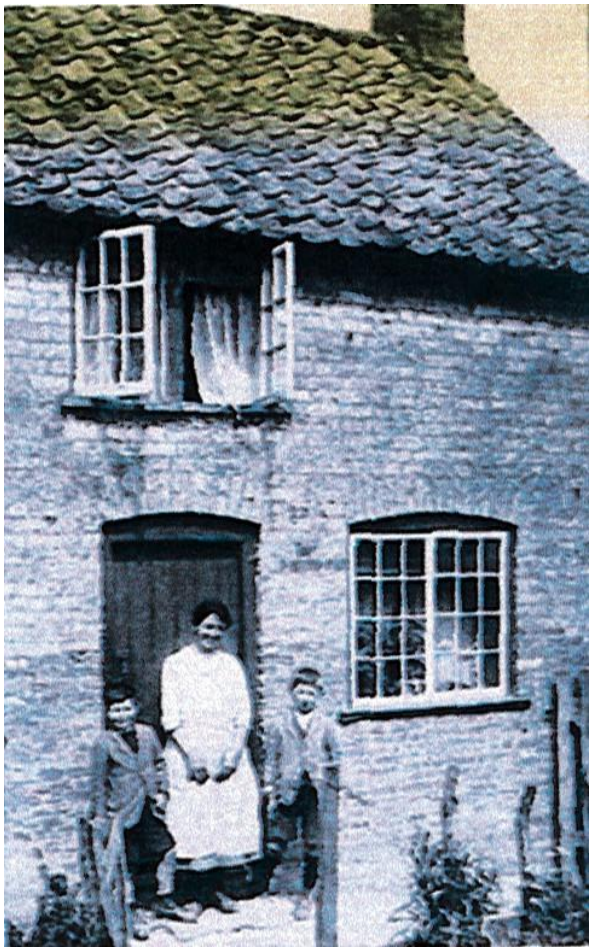


Hepzibah Webb with Chris Webb (Vera's brother) and Ted Bowyer outside 1 Little Lane, Reach



Henry Charles Webb and Hepzibah Adah Webb before his wheelchair days



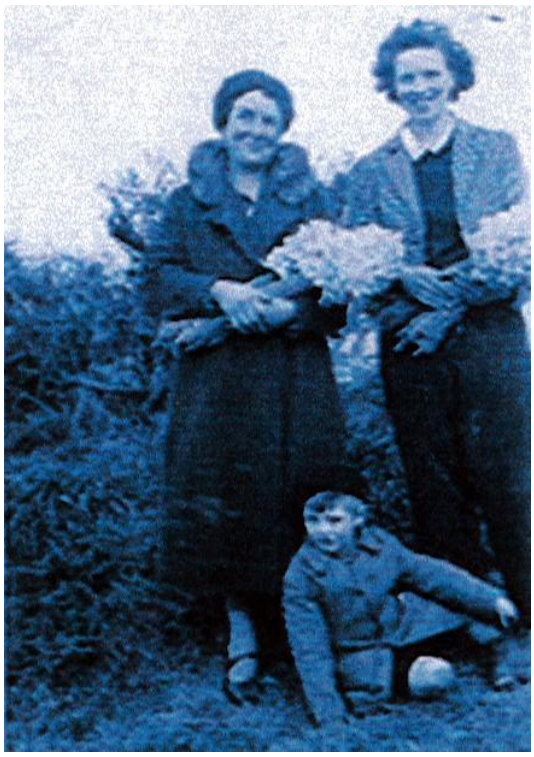
Mrs Lily Badcock about to trim Henry Webb's hair and moustache. Little Lane, Reach



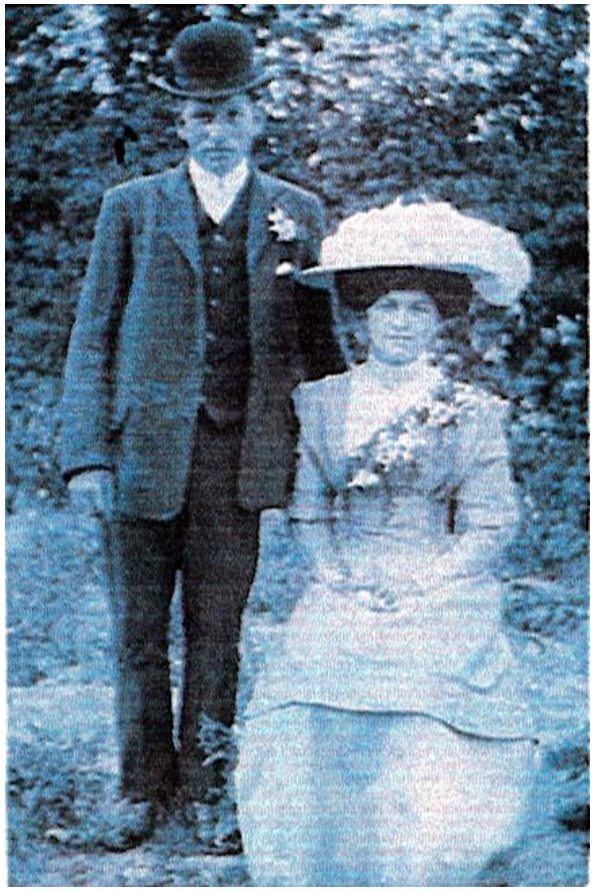
Hepzibah and Henry Webb with son Chris and daughter Vera. 1 Little Lane, Reach.



Vera Webb holding John with a friend, ?Phyllis and Flossie the dog. 3 Little Lane



Hepzibah (left), Vera and John. 3 Little Lane



Tilly Webb and George Bowyer on their wedding day



Vera Webb married to Alfred Edward Reid Reach 1936



Four generations: Gran Cook, Hepzibah, Vera and John. Little Lane

Outside Edge

Three artists from Reach, Dafila Scott, Hannah Webb and Joss Goodchild are holding their annual exhibition at the popular Edmundsbury Gallery, situated at the edge of the beautiful Cathedral grounds in central Bury St. Edmunds. The show runs from Saturday 16th to Thursday 21st November 2013. Opening times are 10 am – 5 pm., closing at 4pm on 21st.

Together with four other East Anglian artists, Cathy Parker (Cambridge), Vee Wallace (Exning), Heather Maunders (Ely) and Julia Suddaby (Sudbury) the seven-strong group 'Outside Edge' will exhibit a broad range of paintings. Subject matter will include landscape, portraiture, wildlife, tree and botanical studies in a variety of medium and styles. Cards and unframed, mounted prints and paintings will also be for sale. Do come and have a look at our work, we would enjoy seeing familiar faces from the village and meeting new visitors.

OUTSIDE EDGE

Exhibition of paintings by

Cathy Parker, Dafila Scott,
Hannah Webb, Heather Maunders,
Joss Goodchild, Julia Suddaby
and Vee Wallace

SATURDAY 16th – THURSDAY 21st
NOVEMBER 2013
Open daily 10am – 5pm, including Sunday.
Thursday closing 4pm

THE EDMUND GALLERY
AT ST EDMUNDSBURY CATHEDRAL
ANGEL HILL, BURY ST EDMUNDS
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David Boughey Photographic

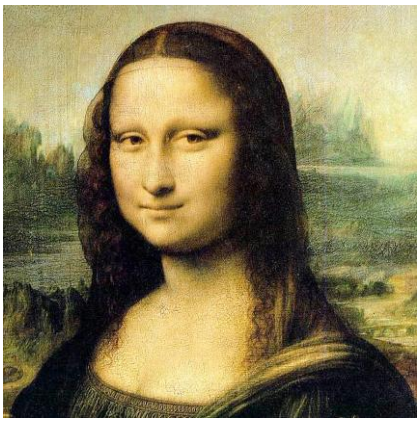
Photography Exhibition

In aid of St Mary's Building to Serve Appeal

St Mary's Church, Burwell
Saturday 12th October 4.30pm – 8.30pm
Sunday 13th October 2.00pm – 6.00pm

Free admission
Refreshments available

Art at CentrePeace



We've always had displays of African art on the walls of CentrePeace in Burwell and various local people have displayed their crafts in the glass cabinet in the window. The Management Committee recently agreed to change the wall displays more often by featuring work from other artists, in addition to the African art.

If you, or someone you know, would like to display pictures or other crafts in the shop, then please contact Pat Chalmers on 742006. The only proviso is that space is limited so large items would not be suitable! There is no charge for this, but if you would like to make a donation to CentrePeace out of anything you sell, then you are welcome to do so. If enough people are interested, we will aim to change the displays every 1-2 months to give everyone a chance.

Pat Chalmers
01638 742006

Foodbank Collection Point

At St Mary's, Burwell, we have started to act as a collection point for the Foodbank which is being set up in Soham to meet a growing local need. If you'd like to help, one way would be to bring items to the church and leave in the crate by the door, or if there was enough interest, we could start having a collection point in Reach.



Here is a list of the foods that are needed, with at least three months shelf life: milk (UHT or powdered), sugar (500g), fruit juice (carton), pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereals, rice pudding (tinned), tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars.

If anyone in Reach is interested in helping in some way, please contact Eleanor Williams (01638 741262 or eleanorjw99@hotmail.com)

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

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

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

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

01638 742543 answer phone.

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



Menelik Education

Building a better future in the Democratic Republic of Congo..
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Menelik Education aims to provide a brighter future for people in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), by educating children, promoting good health and building cohesive communities. Menelik Education works in partnership with schools, universities, community groups and health clinics in Kinshasa, DRC and in the UK.

Menelik Education is sending out another Container to the Congo later this year. It is filled with many items - medical equipment; office furniture, computers, clothes toys, books etc. and will fill a 40-foot container.

We still need the following items: sewing machines (manual and electric), mattresses, bed linen and towels, carpet and other flooring. So if you are having a clear-out or need to get rid of anything I would be really grateful if you could let me know. We can collect.

We can always continue to take clothes or pretty much anything. Books would have to be in French though and ideally not winter clothes!

The container will be handled by us in the UK and by the Embassy in the Congo so it will be safe and delivery to the appropriate destination is guaranteed.

Thanks so much

Contact **Polly** on 07764 976411

Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One



A Service for Thanksgiving and Remembering
Sunday November 3rd 2013
3pm
St Mary's Church
Burwell
Followed by refreshments

Kasia Tabecki and her Motor

You won a prize for your art work recently, tell me about it.
My art teacher at school suggested I enter a competition sponsored by Elms BMW. It was a Cambridgeshire–wide competition. We were given a blank canvas - well a blank template of a BMW car - to do a design on.

I was interested in and researching pop-art at the time for a GCSE project, so I decided to do a pop-art design that would be colourful and eye catching. I was inspired by some pop-art images I had seen and also put a lot of my own original ideas into it. It only took a few hours to complete it.

I gather that the `eye-catching' design included various eye depictions and this must have gone down well with BMW, since they are launching a new i series…
That was purely by chance!

You won first prize out of a field of 400 entrants - that was quite an achievement. What was the prize?
I was given a goody bag with stuff, all with the BMW logo. The school received £250 but best of all we were given the loan of a BMW, complete with my design completely wrapped around the car, for a weekend.

Were you screeching up and down the village in it all week-end?
No - I can't drive yet!

I suppose you have been spoiled now and will expect your first car to be a BMW?
Well…not a BMW, I'd settle for a Mini which is one of BMW's other cars!

What are your other interests besides art?
I love riding my horse. I do lots of sports including basketball and have a passion for dance. I'm a member of a dance company, "The Suspects Crew" based in Ely. We do all genre of Street Dance.

If we wanted to see you dance where should we go?
We put on an annual show around the New Year at the Maltings in Ely. We have also performed in The Grafton Centre, at the Aquafest and at Ely Eels Day.

Where do you go to school and what stage are you at?
I'm at Bottisham Village College and will be doing GCSEs this academic year.

Have you any ideas about what you want to do when you finish school?
I'm thinking about doing sports physio.

What? Are you not going to pursue your artistic talent?
Well...I'm trying to escape the family legacy! My mum was an art teacher and now runs her own interior design business. My father is a Design and Building Project Manager. My grandmother was an art teacher. My babcia (polish grandmother) was an illustrator for the astronomy department at Cambridge University. My dziadzjo (polish grandfather) was an official photographer in WWII and my aunt and uncle are both graphic designers. My younger sister, Anya, is also good at art.

As a teenager do you find life in a small village difficult?
I suppose it could be quite isolating but I have lots of friends at Bottisham Village College and go to my dance group in Ely two or three times a week.

Where do you think you will end up?
My dream, just now, is to be a sports physio to a great basketball team in the USA. I'm really keen on all sports.

Marie Bambrick



Award winning and eye catching design by Kasia Tabecki

Memories: Reach Fair Over 800 Years Old



In 1201 King John granted Cambridge its first Royal Charter and the Charter gave Cambridge the right to have a Guild of Merchants and stage a fair. The annual fair was held in May and Reach was chosen as the location.

As well as being the 800th anniversary of Cambridge's first Royal Charter, 2001 also marked the 50th anniversary of another charter granted to Cambridge: the right to be a city was granted in 1951.

And in 2009 Cambridge University also celebrated its own Octocentenary. The beginnings of the university have been traced back to 1209 when scholars from Oxford came to Cambridge to begin teaching students.

Many events were organised by the council in Cambridge and were ongoing throughout 2001. The celebrations started on Sunday 7th January with an ecumenical church service at St Mary The Great, as the charter was granted on 8th January 1201. The bells of the four city churches rang out.



In January the Queensborough Feast, held at Corpus Christi College, had a reading of the Royal Charter and a lecture. In February the college was open for several days so people could look at a copy of the Charter and in July an exhibition of Cambridge's historical insignia opened at the Fitzwilliam Museum.

In 2001 at Reach Fair the mayor, Councillor Evelyn Knowles and her guests held their annual lunch in the Reach Village Centre and to commemorate 800 years, several people who had made a difference to the Reach community were also invited to lunch. That evening a few of us were also invited to the Guildhall. It felt very grand going up the curved staircase with the air force cadets lining the route to the chamber where the reception was being held. We were greeted by George Swindell, Master at the Mace and had an interesting evening of medieval events and music and a long reading in Latin.

A Royal Charter is a formal document issued by a monarch granting the right of power to an individual or corporate body. Reach has a plaque to commemorate this important anniversary on Hill Farm House where the mayor opens the Fair every year. Councillor Evelyn Knowles unveiled this plaque as part of the 800 years' anniversary and the reading on the plaque is as follows:

This Plaque commemorates the 800th anniversary of the Burgesses of Cambridge being granted a Royal Charter by King John to hold an annual fair. This became known as Reach Fair and has been held here every year since 1201. Unveiled by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor Evelyn Knowles. January 8th 2001.

So this is how Reach Fair first came about 812 years ago. What an honour it is to be part of Reach and its historical past.

Anita Folkes ☺



Reach Community Solar Farm Update

Plans for the community solar farm are gradually taking shape! We're intending to register a new Co-operative that would own the solar array and we're very close to finally settling on the company rules and sending in the application form. We've been granted support by the Co-operative Enterprise Hub for assistance and advice in the startup phase, so we're looking forward to working with them.

We recently applied to the County Council for a 'Screening Opinion' - a request for them to let you know what reports and surveys they would like to have submitted with the planning application. As the project is relatively small they have told us they won't require a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This is good news as it can be very expensive to hire consultants to get all the reports done for a full EIA. However, they have advised us that, as the site is not far from the Devils Dyke and as there have been archaeological finds in the surrounding areas in the past, they would like a full archaeological survey.



We are hoping to do the archaeology survey as a community dig, overseen by a professional archaeological services company. Doing it this way will keep costs down and is very much in keeping with the idea of involving the local community as much as possible in the project. So we'll shortly be looking for volunteers to come down with their trowels! The date hasn't been fixed yet, but we hope it should be in the next few weeks. We'll try to pass word around the village well in advance - it should be a full and interesting day.

We'll hope to put in the planning application a couple of weeks after we get the archaeology report. Then six weeks of nail-biting until we hear back and find out for sure if the project has the go-ahead.

We've just set up a website - reachsolarfarm.co.uk. It's a bit bare at present but we'll try to keep it up to date as plans progress.

At the moment there is a group of five of us working on the project in our spare time. We could do with a couple more people joining us who are keen to see the village connected to a locally-owned carbon-free energy source and who don't mind putting a few hours in. If that could be you, we'd love to hear from you. Get in touch at andy@reachsolarfarm.co.uk or 07974 709710.

Andy Rankin

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

WINTER is coming and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to sweep their chimneys before the cold sets in.

Our top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Have the chimney swept at least once a year, or more frequently if you burn wood;
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn down well before you retire to bed;
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks or embers before you go to bed;
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure that it has the kite mark or conforms to a relevant British/European safety standard;
- Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them;
- Inspect your chimney breast regularly – particularly in the roof space – to ensure that it is sound and that sparks or fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks;
- Avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly;
- Buy only suitable fuels; and
- Do not overload the grate or appliance.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home. This will give you give you an early warning to a fire, allowing extra time for occupants in the home to escape.

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

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Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

Time is fast approaching to one of the major highlights of the Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club calendar this year, as in October 2013 they are staging the Clubs **40th Anniversary Exhibition.** This will take place at Mandeville Hall, Burwell on Saturday and Sunday 19/20 October 2013, 10-4pm. The official opening by Keith Heppell, a photographer with Cambridge Newspapers Ltd, is on Saturday 19 October at 10:30am.

Entry to the exhibition is free and there will be a prize draw, including prizes kindly donated by Waitrose, Katherinepaul, Burwell Print Centre, Finishing Touch, Permajet (photographic paper), Tina's, Premier Stores and Nomad Ltd. Light refreshments will also be available. Please be sure to remember this important date and come along to view the exhibition. The show will feature high quality prints from members, some of which will be available for sale. An audio-visual presentation will also show a selection of members' digital images.

The current season commenced on Tuesday 10th September at our normal meeting venue, Lode Chapel, Lode, CB25 0EW. In October and November the following events are scheduled:

15 October 2013

'**Creative Consciousness**' Dianne Owens FRPS from Lancashire & Cheshire Photographic Union will be presenting her prints, during her tour of East Anglia clubs.

22 October 2013

For those of you who are interested in obtaining a PAGB award, Andy Hanson MPAGB ARPS APAGB FIPF, will be explaining how to apply for these awards.

12 November 2013

'**Photoshop Demonstration Evening**', given by member Ian Kippax AFIP DPAGB BPE3*, who is an award winning photographer at National level.

19 November 2013

'**Nature Through a Viewfinder**', Digital presentation by Roger Hance FRPS AFIAP BPE5*, from Ipswich Photographic Society.

Full details of our new programme are available on our website and members gallery.

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





Out and About

Wildlife



Little owls have been seen on the edge of the village and three cranes were spotted on Tubney Fen during August. Ron was alerted, by the squawking and regrouping of his chickens, to the presence of a red kite at the bottom of his garden; this a rare sight for Reach.

Between 8 and 9am a barn owl regularly works the borders of Reach Wood, green woodpeckers and muntjac are frequently visible/audible there also. Sadly I've hardly seen the kestrel which used to make a daily appearance at our field and Ron's noticed that the buzzards are less apparent. There are English partridge on the northern fringe of Reach and Hilary has been watching a family of marsh harriers nearby, the adults clearly educating their youngsters to the art of ground feeding (insects) in the field opposite her stables.

Fens

It is noticeable that blocks (rather than narrow cover belts for game birds) of maize are in evidence locally. Growing to great heights, this crop obviously flourishes in rich fenland soils. I asked Phil Kingsmill from nearby Lords Ground Farm where their maize is destined for and he replied - a new anaerobic digester which is being built by another farmer at Chittering. Gases from the process drive a gas turbine to generate electricity which is usually fed into the national grid.



Joss and the beanstalk

Again, on the subject of our local fen, Hilary and I were driving her pony and carriage recently and noticed that a particular weed flourished in (primarily) fields of leeks. The leek harvester neatly leaves this bushy green vegetation behind and I wondered what it was. Hilary replied that Shaun called it Fat Hen. She investigated it further and discovered this fast-growing weedy plant was Chenopodium Album, a type of goosefoot and a form of wild spinach which can be traced back to the Bronze Age as an important source of food.



Leek harvesting - Fat Hen in foreground

Other

A desperately thin cat has been infrequently visiting our field; it has a poor, staring black coat. On the occasions seen, I can put food out in the middle of the field, away from borders and it runs over to eat ravenously. I wonder whether anybody else has dealings with this shadowy creature?

Mystery

A few weeks ago a kind but anonymous person left a lovely bottle of port in celebration wrapper on our back doorstep. We scoured bottle and bag for the revealing message but drew a blank. Very many thanks are due to the generous donor ... but we'd love to know who you are??

Joss Goodchild

Ed. Just had to pick up on the archaeological reference:-

Fat hen (Chenopodium album) is a native summer annual often found in abundance among arable crops (particularly root crops) or on waste ground. The plant is a member of the goosefoot family (Chenopodiaceae), which also includes the common crops beet (Beta vulgaris) and spinach (Spinacia oleracea). Like spinach, the leaves can be eaten raw in salads, where they provide a strong, tangy taste, or cooked for a milder flavour. The seeds, which are produced in great numbers, can also be dried, winnowed, rubbed, parched and ground into a flour that can be used in its own right or added to cereal meal or flour.

On British archaeological sites, fat hen is present from the beginnings of agriculture during the Neolithic (c.4300-2100BC), indicating a long history of interaction with farming communities. Although early evidence of use is limited, the rampant nature of this plant on well manured soils may have led to its exploitation as a by-product of arable cultivation. There is much greater evidence of prehistoric use in Scandinavia, where the final meal of a number of Iron Age bog bodies contained quantities of fat hen. Documentary records show that fat hen was grown with a range of other goosefoot species as potherbs in medieval gardens.

24Acres Orchard

Orchard Management Training Course



On 30th November, as part of the Community Orchard project, we will be running a one-day course on fruit tree and orchard management. The course will cover issues such as pruning, tree protection, pests and diseases, sward management, assessing the health of a tree and general problem solving.

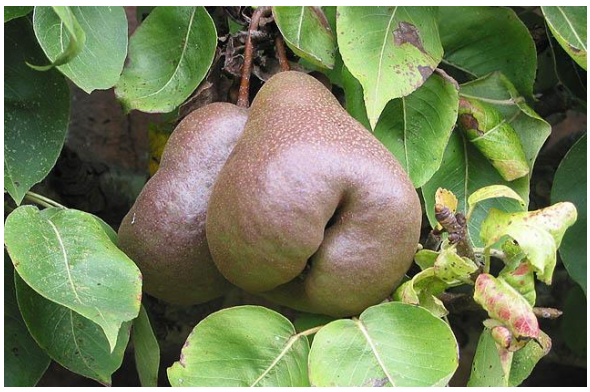
The training course will take place at the Village Centre, with some practical exercises in our own orchard.



The course will be taught by Bob Lever, orchard expert and member of the East of England Apples and Orchards Project. Bob is a fountain of knowledge on all things orchard - orchard traditions, orchard creation, orchard restoration and apple identification.

Numbers on the course are limited, so please let me (david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk) know if you would like to attend by 30th October. All are welcome, no previous experience is required, but priority will be given to those who have adopted trees in the orchard. If the course is oversubscribed we will draw names at random.





Featured Fruits from our orchard
(Courtesy of Orange Pippin: http://www.orangepippin.com/ and East of England Apple and Orchards Project [EEAOP]).

Barnack Beauty
This is a handsome old apple variety from Barnack, a small village that is now part of Cambridgeshire (formerly Northamptonshire). It is a medium-sized and slightly oblong apple with an eye-catching orange-brown flush. The Orange Pippin website described it as having 'a sharp flavour and is best used for cooking' whereas EEAOP list it as a dessert apple with a 'sweet and complex taste'! It received Royal Horticultural Society awards in 1899 and 1909.

Black Worcester Pear
Black Worcester is probably the oldest English pear still in use. The Worcester Black Pear may originally have been introduced into the country by the Romans and was first recorded from Warden Abbey in Bedfordshire in the 13th Century. Black Worcester pre-dates the trend towards the Continental sweet buttery-fleshed pears that became popular in Victorian England. Instead the flesh remains hard, more like an apple, and is interspersed with gritty flecks. It sounds somewhat off-putting, but don't worry - this is not a pear you eat fresh, but rather one for the kitchen. Slow cooking transforms the fruits and this is the definitive choice for traditional English stewed pears. The pear is iconic to Worcester, appearing in places such as the city coat of arms, the County Council crest and the cricket and rugby club badges.

David Thomas

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB 2013

100 CLUB WINNER

The 100 Club has not been drawn recently and will be drawn in October

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

24Acres Woodland



We are on track to plant the community woodland area later this year. The chosen weekend is **Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th of December** so please put these dates in your diary. We have 3,200 trees to plant so it'll take a couple of days to complete. Further details will be published on the village website in due course.

Over the past couple of months, guided by Steve Boreham, we have surveyed the planting area. It amounts to just over 5 acres or 2 hectares and runs for about 150 metres beyond the cricket pitch and the orchard. If you who want to take a look, the furthest edge is marked by a series of stakes. We are currently encouraging the National Trust to plant woodland where their land adjoins ours so we could eventually end up with a bigger and more varied woodland area.

The surveying is important because it will allow us to match tree and shrub species to soil conditions. This is commonsense really but is also one of the conditions of the Forestry Commission's grant that is funding the planting. The planting area shows quite a bit of variation - sloping to the north west and whilst we are only talking about a difference of 8 feet or 2.5 metres, it is really quite noticeable when on the ground. In pre-agricultural times the fen edge ran through the site, close to where it joins the cricket pitch and the orchard. Further out it would have been crossed by a number of streams and featured at least one pond. The soils reflect this and the planting area quickly changes from the quite thin chalky clay that underlies the cricket pitch and most of the orchard into a deeper siltier soil. We were surprised that we encountered so little peat and no gravel (in contrast to further out on the land retained by the National Trust).

Of the springs that have shaped the site, only one remains active. This is now channeled in the ditch on the western edge of site and is quite free flowing. With the National Trust we are exploring how we might use this to raise moisture levels in the lower lying parts of the area and so produce conditions better suited to trees like alder and willow.



There is no sign of the spring that used to be channeled in the middle ditch of the site which probably reflects how much water is now extracted from the surrounding chalk. Although dry, the middle ditch is quite an obstacle so we plan to install a simple culvert bridge to allow free access across the entire woodland site.

We will be planting 3,200 trees or shrubs, a mix of 20 or so native species. Sadly ash has been excluded from the scheme because of the problem of disease reported in a previous edition of 'Within Reach'.



As the attached map shows there are four zones:

- an area dominated by beech and oak fringing the cricket pitch and orchard
- an area dominated by oak and maple occupying the lower silt and peat areas
- a small area of alder and willow following the course of the middle ditch and taking in a lower lying peaty area.
- areas of meadow or glade that will give access to the woodland and will offer some lovely views out onto the surrounding countryside. We hope that one of the glades will be occupied by the manege.

I am sure that everyone in the village appreciates the existing Reach Wood (3,400 trees planted in one day). Those who helped plant it must surely look at it today with some satisfaction. And all those who enjoy visiting it must be grateful for the efforts of those who turned up with their spades 18 years ago. Now it is our chance to leave another such legacy!

We look forward to seeing you on **Saturday the 7th and Sunday the 8th of December.**

Nick Acklam (acklam@reach-village.co.uk)

Autumn Apples

Autumn, Keats's season of 'mellow fruitfulness' when the hedgerows and orchards are full of ripening pomes, drupes, berries and hips – all botanical terms for different sorts of fruits in rich, inviting colours and often aromatic and juicy - the characteristics required to attract an animal to eat them up and effect seed dispersal.

Ripening is a complex process controlled by plant hormones, the chemicals by which different parts of a plant communicate with each other and trigger change. Most plant hormones are transported via the plant's vascular system, but some, like ethylene are released as gas into the air. One of the effects of ethylene release is ripening, prompting the plant to convert the starchy reserves in fruits like apples into sugars, and in many varieties causing the exposure of 'ripe' colours such as red and yellow as the green chlorophyll breaks down. This chemical process lies behind the old adage 'one bad apple spoils the cart', since one apple releasing ethylene will promote ripening and ultimately rotting in the rest. It also explains why placing a ripe banana, a prolific producer of ethylene, in a paper bag together with unripe fruit will encourage them to sweeten and soften.



Apples have inspired not only scientists – think of Sir Isaac Newton and the falling apple said to have inspired his theory of gravity - but also storytellers, and feature particularly richly in classical mythology. The judgment of Paris resulted in him awarding the golden apple to Aphrodite, who granted him Helen of Troy in return, the most beautiful woman in the world, thereby sparking the Trojan Wars, while the swift-footed huntress Atalanta, determined never to marry, challenged all potential suitors to a running race. She won them all until Hippomenes laid down golden apples to distract her, allowing him to win the race and her hand. And Hercules had to use trickery and skulduggery to extract the golden apples from the Garden of Hesperides.

But perhaps the most remarkable story still is the slow journey of the orchard apple from its wild home in the Tien Shan mountains of Central Asia eastwards to China and westwards through Turkey to Europe, diversifying over the centuries into the 7,500 cultivars grown today.

At the Botanic Garden, we will be presenting just a fraction of this rich diversity at Apple Day, which returns after a five year absence on Sunday 27 October. There'll be a try before you buy apple tasting tent, an apple edibles tent full of locally-produced goodies and lots of apple craft, trails, tours and storytelling. Tuck into the tastiest sort of heritage this autumn!

Entry to the Botanic Garden on Apple Day on Sunday 27 October, 10am-4pm, requires the purchase of an Apple Day ticket, priced £3 for everyone aged 17 and over, plus normal Garden Admission, children aged 16 and under are free. Tickets are available in advance from the Garden ticket offices from 21 September and will allow fast-track entry on Apple Day.

The Botanic Garden is open in October 10am–5pm, November & December 10am-4pm. 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
Cambridge University Botanic Gardens

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club
40th Anniversary
Founded 1973
Exhibition
19/20 October 2013
Saturday & Sunday 10 - 4 pm
Official Opening 10:30 am
on Saturday
by Keith Heppell
Photographer at Cambridge Newspapers Ltd
at
Mandeville Hall
Reach Road BURWELL
Cambridge CB25 0AR
free entry
Refreshments available all day

Tales from a Reach Garden

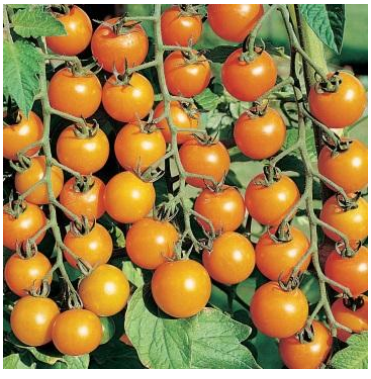


The climbing beans we sowed in the ground at the beginning of July germinated fully and flourished during the warm weather we had in July and August, so we have had a crop of climbing beans after all. It hasn't been as large a crop as we have had in previous years, but that was inevitable after the much later start. Some outdoor crops, such as courgettes and patty pans, do well every year, providing they have enough water. Just four courgette plants have given us a huge crop. I plant two varieties, "Jemmer" which is a prolific yellow variety and a dark green variety "All green bush/zucchini" which also does well. The patty pans are equally prolific. I have grown a variety called "Yellow bird" which can be picked small, or left to grow larger - they taste similar to courgettes but with a firmer, slightly less watery texture. They are worth growing because they are difficult to find in shops, or expensive when you do see them. I like to stuff the larger patty pans and bake them.



At the end of August we had more tomatoes than ever before. I grow a few different varieties each year, some are old favourites of mine, like "Sungold" which is a very sweet, orange coloured, cherry tomato; "Black Krim" which produces large red/brown tomatoes perfect for stuffing and baking; and "Super Marmande" which also produces large bunches of medium to large tomatoes, which are quite fleshy and nice in sandwiches.





This year I planted a prolific variety of tomato called "Oxheart" for the first time. This pinkish, fleshy, heart-shaped tomato has very few seeds and I have found it to be excellent for roasting, as well as sauces and soups that are suitable for freezing.

Our vegetable garden has been very productive this summer, but at times it has been very hard work. During the hot dry weather in July I needed to water the plot on an almost daily basis. This was one chore I did not have to do during the cool, wet summer of 2012. On most hot days I would water the fruit and vegetables in the cool of the early morning (often before breakfast) followed by harvesting, pruning, tying in etc. until it became too hot to continue working. One of the compensations when watering in the morning is watching and listening to wildlife outside and above the garden. In July there were hares (as well as the inevitable rabbits) racing around the 24Acres. In mid-to-late August I enjoyed watching the swallows and martins gather on the wires, trees and bushes behind my house, twittering and "chuckling" (that's what it sounded like), followed by acrobatic displays as they scooped up insects. They were gathering together and fattening up before their journey south.



During the heat of the summer I preferred to water the plot during the mornings because there were fewer biting insects around. However, sometimes due to other commitments, an evening watering of the plants was inevitable - as were the insect bites - but eventually in the twilight Richard and I became aware of bats flitting about, hunting their prey which could include moths. On our way back to the house, we heard a few lucky moths "humming" while sipping nectar from the honeysuckle bush which was sprawled over a fence.



Black Krim, Sungold and Oxheart – three of the varieties of tomatoes I have grown this year.

Well, summer came to an abrupt halt during the second week of September as temperatures dropped. There is a definite autumnal feel to the weather now, but the harvesting continues and at this time of year it's the blackberries, apples and pears which need to be picked. After a very slow start, it has been an amazing year for fruit in our garden.

Danuta Gibson

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



We will shortly be saying goodbye to Chris Soans, Property Operations Manager at Wicken Fen. After five years at the fen he is leaving to take up a position of Consultancy Manager at our Regional Office in Bury St Edmunds. Chris has been instrumental in improving the visitor infrastructure at the fen, as well as a great advocate for the Wicken Fen Vision, including the Reach 24Acres project and the development of the Lodes Way.

Following the success of the Reach 24Acres project, we are also working with the community of Swaffham Bulbeck to create a community woodland on the Gutterbridge plantation. The woodland will be leased to the Parish Council and work parties to restore the woodland are already underway.



This autumn we're hosting a series of free talks on the National Trust and outdoor spaces. Sadly the subject for the November talk has yet to be confirmed after the originally speaker was tragically killed in a road traffic accident whilst on holiday in the United States. The programme is as follows:-

Wednesday 2 October – *Hatfield Forest* by David Simmonds

Wednesday 6 November – TBC.

Wednesday 4 December – *Wicken Fen, past present and future* by Peter Green & Lois

All talks will be from 11.30am to 12.30pm in the Learning Centre.

The National Trust is one of a number of organisations supporting the release of Project Wild Thing, a new feature-length documentary looking at the relationship between children and nature. The film follows director David Bond as he appoints himself Marketing Director for Nature and 'sells' the benefits of his wonder-product, nature, to apathetic children - including his own!

Filmed in locations as diverse as the island of Eigg in the Hebrides and Tower Hamlets in East London, the film leaves every viewer convinced that giving children access to nature is essential. The film was premiered at the Sheffield Documentary Film Festival in June and is set to hit cinema screens nationwide towards the end of October. You can catch a sneak peak of the film at www.projectwildthing.com.

Project Wild Thing is being supported by **The Wild Network**, a new partnership of organisations, including the Trust, RSPB, Play England and the NHS Sustainable Development Unit. Over the next three years The Wild Network will be supporting a series of projects and campaigns aimed at ensuring that children in the UK have the opportunity to forge a close bond with nature.



We have a number of events scheduled at both Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen as part of the Trust's **Great British Walk Festival** held in conjunction with PruHealth. Events at Anglesey include **Wildlife Explorers** on Monday 28 October, 11-1pm or 2-4pm, where we will take a walk tracking wild animals living in the garden and a **Wild Art Sculpture Trail on** Wedneday 30 October, 11–1pm or 2-4pm. **Walk the Fens** on Sunday 26 October offers an 8 mile walk from Anglesey or a 13 mile walk from Wicken meeting up for lunch in the Red Lion in Swaffham Prior. Up at Wicken we have a **Geocaching Taster Day** on Monday 28 October from 10.15am, a **Pram Push** on Friday 1 November 10.15-11.30am, a **Dog Walk** on Saturday 2 November 10am–11am and finally a **Family Bird Watching Walk** on Saturday 2 November 2- 4pm. Details of all walks can be found on our respective websites. The half-term menu for kids at Wicken includes **Autumn Adventure** on Tuesday 29 October at 10.30am or 2pm, and **Batty Halloween** on Thursday 31 October 10.30am or 2pm. Tickets for these events cost £4.75 per child and are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

Our popular pre-schoolers **Mucky Pups** programme continues with **Autumn Magic** on 9 and 10 October and **Frosty Fun** on 13 and 14 November. The events run from 10.15-11.45 and cost £3.95 per child – booking is essential on 01353 720274.

It's hard to believe – but Christmas is fast approaching. To help you prepare we have a **Christmas Decorations Workshop** on 16 and 29 November and **Christmas Wreath Making** workshop on 29 and 30 November - both courses cost £18 and advance booking is essential.



Finally - it may have been a long hot summer, but we've been busy planning for **Winter Lights** at Anglesey Abbey. This year's festival is being held on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, 29 November – 15 December. Tickets are now on sale (£10 Adults £7.50 Child and £32 for a Family Ticket) from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895 or by following the links from the Events page of our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey.

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

No article for this issue, Propects Trust would just like your vote (see the poster below), and your attendance at the Halloween Disco (details also below).



Marianne (Maz) Baker

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Harvest Supper

Saturday 16th November 2013
At 7pm

Tickets from Jon Cane (741064), Pam King (742924) or David Parr (744081)

Meeting Tom McDonald



What is your full name?
Thomas McDonald

Where were you born and brought up?
I was born in Newcastle upon Tyne in the children's hospital next to the Town Moor.

I was brought up on the other side of the River Tyne and for the first five years I lived in Hebburn. I have memories of huge ships being built in the shipyards. We could see the ship cranes from our house and we always went to see a launch.

The Baltic Mill, now an art gallery on the Quay Side, is where my dad worked as a docker, unloading and loading bulk carrier ships. Prior to being a docker, he was a pit pony lad and he ended his career as a Port Manager in Jedda Saudi Arabia.

In the 60's my dad used to bring all sorts of exotic fruits home (damaged goods). I remember when he brought a copy of Chairman Mao's little red book which I still have today when they unloaded a Chinese vessel. We also owned a fishing boat, a 35ft Coble, a traditional fishing boat based on the design of a Viking long ship (a fisherman's tale?). The Rain Goose was built at a boatyard in Whitby. Me and my Uncle John brought her up along the coast to South Shield's where she was moored near to the mouth of the Tyne. I have fond memories of baiting the long lines with mussels setting and pulling up lobster pots and taking out parties of anglers from the local Men's Social Clubs who usually got very drunk though I can't remember losing any overboard.

My Mother, Zenida, trained and worked as a nurse then re-trained as a school teacher. I used to spend a lot of the school holidays at my grandparent's farm near Abergavenny in South Wales and I was lucky enough to have a pony. My granddad subsidised the farm by running a pop delivery lorry and I remember whistling around narrow country lanes going up and down the Sugar Loaf mountain and others delivering wooden crates of fizzy pop and cider (made on the farm) to remote houses and farmsteads.



What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
My first school I can remember was Kells Lane Primary School, a school not for the faint hearted. Luckily enough I won a music scholarship and attended Newcastle Cathedral School and climbed to the heady heights of Head Chorister. It was no fun being a Chorister as we had to attend the cathedral Monday to Thursday 4 to 6pm, and Fridays 4 to 7.30 pm for choir practice which was followed by evensong. Saturday was for weddings - for which we got paid - and Sunday was services morning and evening.

W***hat is your employment history?***
When I left school I more or less went straight into the Navy, after sailing around the world my career came to a halt in 1982. I joined the Merchant Navy and worked on oil tankers and container ships. When I was on shore leave I used to work as a volunteer archaeologist which I first did as a schoolboy working on various sites along Hadrian's Wall.



I know this picture is blurred but this is me and my mate Tippy on a rally

After being made redundant by BP, I studied archaeology and worked for Professor Colm O'Brien at Newcastle University mainly excavating urban sites in Newcastle which was being heavily re-developed. I remember cutting one of many urban archaeological trenches associated with the re-development of Newcastle's historic quayside. The quayside project ran for many years and incorporated MSc schemes offering employment opportunities for young people.

After a few years I moved down south and worked for Dr Mike Farley of Buckinghamshire County Council Museum, then for English Heritage as a Project Officer. One of my larger excavation projects was a Roman villa site at Stanwick, Northamptonshire, which was as much as a quarter mile across. This is where I met Claire, my wife, who also worked for English Heritage. I then worked for the Museum of London as a Senior Archaeologist digging sites in north and south London. After being made redundant again for the second time during the last recession, I got a job as a Senior Projects Manager with the Hertfordshire Archaeological Trust. Here I undertook highway excavations on the Cole Green By-pass Hertford and the A41 By-pass which at the time was one of the largest archaeological projects undertaken in the region.

I am currently co-Director of Archaeological Solutions Ltd with Claire. We have offices in Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Bury St Edmunds and carry out work across the UK.

Over the last couple of years I have had a parallel career working with both young offenders and assessing young people who are brought into an Adolescent Unit who need help in either returning to their families, foster care, residential care or supported accommodation. I also work for the YMCA. Whilst working within the youth sector, I have gained a degree in Criminology and Social Policy and a Diploma in Social Policy. I have also gained my professional certificate in Effective Practice (Youth Offending) with the Open University and I am currently studying towards my professional certificate in Theory and Practice (Youth Offending). I'm impressed with the OU and have found it good way to study while working. It has allowed me to change direction and gain experience at the same time.

I am currently involved with the Prevent and Deter side of Youth Offending which is targeted activities for young offenders. My favourite activity is a Motor Cycle Project which I help run in Cambridge City as I have owned a lot of motorbikes - other activities include woodskills, cycling and varied outdoor pursuits. We recently took a group of young people through their basic canoe training at Grafham Water, then went up the Thames from the Westminster Boating Club in speed boats and kayaked back passing the Houses of Parliament and the London Eye. I am also involved with taking young people through their Duke of Edinburgh awards.



You have two children, Josh and Jodie

Josh is now 24 and lives with his partner Jo in Northamptonshire with my grandson, also called Josh. Like me, Josh loves his motorcycles and he competed from the age of 6 to 17 years riding for various clubs. He competed in the British Nationals and rode in Spain and the USA and was sponsored riding KTM bikes. One of the reasons why I moved to Reach was its close proximity to Mildenhall and Wild Trax's.

Jodie is 10 and like her brother is a bit of a speed freak. Jodie rides her pony, Princess, at Soham Pony club. Jodie learnt to ride on the venerable Jetty and still regularly attends pony lessons with Ashleigh at Burwell.

How did you come to live in Reach?

We moved from a small village, Benington, near Hertford, to Reach to be closer to our office in Bury St Edmunds. Reach was a good midway point between our offices. You can't help but like Reach, it's a lovely village and we enjoy living here and taking part in community events.

What are you interests?

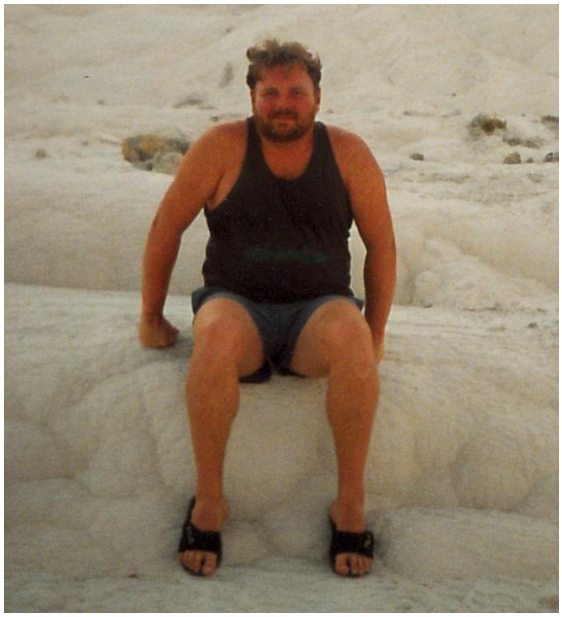
All things mechanical especially cars and motor bikes. In my youth I raced a Yamaha RD 350 in the production class and at the time rode a highly tuned Yamaha RD 400 E. I did auto testing in my little green Mini and I rallied a Ford RS Mexico and a flat front RS 2000 as a member of the Hexham and District Motor Club. I love Formula 1 and have been to Silverstone on race day.



My son Josh enjoying motor cross. We used to go most weekends

Where do you like to holiday?

England and abroad particularly Spain, France and America. We went to Dartmoor over the summer and had sunshine every day. I like America and have visited there twice on holiday, both with Josh.



In Florida we rented a house near the coast and went shark fishing in the Gulf of Mexico. We saw flying fish, a barracuda and a sea turtle and I also caught a shark. We stayed near Kissimmee in Orlando and went to the theme parks. In Orlando we went up in a helicopter and rented a Harley Davidson and rode it down to Miami and back. The second time I went to America Josh was much older and we went on a three-week fly drive and we booked all of the motels via the internet and even booked a fishing trip on Lake Tahoe. We were very surprised when the guy turned up at 7 am at the meeting point.



Even my mum, Zenida, was a bit of a speed freak!



Favourite music?
Nothing but the Girl

Can you cook?
Yes I love cooking mostly meat and fish dishes. I went to see Rick Stein at Ely Cathedral and enjoyed his fish cooking demonstrations.

Are you handy around the house?
Getting better……

What is your philosophy on life?
Be prepared to help those less fortunate than yourself and never judge a book by its cover.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Sing today none but joys

An evening of seasonal choral music for Advent and Christmas.

Saturday 30 November, 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, High Street
Bottisham Cambridgeshire CB25 9BA

Programme to include carols, anthems and spirituals in Latin and English, including works by Benjamin Britten in his centenary year, and favourite arrangements by David Willcocks, John Rutter, Ralph Vaughan Williams and others.

Daniel Spreadbury (director)
Jonathan Giles (organ)

Refreshments available
Tickets on the door

Fun Day Fundraiser



Danny Pickard has CHARGE Syndrome and is profoundly deaf. His only hope of hearing is an auditory brain stem implant. We are hoping to raise £65,000 for the surgery in Italy, travel expenses, specialist therapies and equipment.

To raise money, there will be a Fun Day Fundraiser at the **Burwell Ex-Service & Social Club on Sunday 27th October**, from 10am onwards - with the following attractions . . . .

Auction (6-7pm)	**Disco (from 7pm)**
Bar	**Face Painter**
BBQ	**Fun Walk (starting at 11am)**
Bouncy Castle	**Meat Draw (3pm)**
Craft Fair	**Raffle**

For further details or to book a stall at the Craft Fair please contact Emily on 07733 230848 or visit the Club website at www.burwellsocialclub.org.uk.

Or to donate to this excellent cause please visit:

www.helpmehear.info or facebook.com/helpdannyhear

Days Gone By



One of the most outstanding singles ever (in my opinion) topped the charts in October 1980. This was "Woman in Love" which was sung by Barbara Streisand and written by Barry and Robin Gibb of the Bee Gees.

Strangely, Streisand doesn't like the song because she doesn't believe in the meaning of the lyrics and has rarely performed it live.

At this time also Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher made a defiant speech to Conservatives at their party conference in Brighton. In it she stressed her determination to stick to tough economic policies despite doubts expressed within Tory ranks.

Responding to recent expectations of an about-turn on counter-inflationary policies, Mrs Thatcher declared to widespread cheers: "To those waiting with bated breath for that favourite media catchphrase, the U-turn, I have only one thing to say: You turn if you want to. The lady's not for turning!" This was one of her most famous speeches.

Sticking with a political theme, former Hollywood actor and Republican governor of California Ronald Reagan became the new president of the United States. He defeated Democrat Jimmy Carter in the US presidential elections by the huge majority of 489 electoral votes to 49.

Elected at the age of 69, Mr Reagan was America's oldest president and he established an exceptional working relationship with Margaret Thatcher.



He was re-elected by a landslide in 1984 and began arms-control talks with the USSR that led to the Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty in 1987.

He remained extremely popular right till the end of his term in 1989 despite the scandal over US arms sales to Iran that provoked worldwide criticism.

In 1994 he announced he was suffering from Alzheimer's disease - he died ten years later aged 93.

Back to UK politics and we saw the arrival as Labour Party leader of the outspoken left-wing MP Michael Foot.

He famously used to wear a "donkey jacket" and did so at the Cenotaph on one memorable occasions. Thatcher was not pleased!



He surprisingly beat Denis Healey, who served as chancellor in James Callaghan's government, who had won the first round easily, with 112 votes to Mr Foot's 83.

The election of Michael Foot was one of the main factors leading to the start of three-party politics in Britain. The following year, senior Labour figure Roy Jenkins joined the "Gang of Three" to defect from the party, forming the centre-left Social Democratic Party.

The party merged with the Liberal Party in 1988 and is now known as the Liberal Democrats - the third-largest party in British politics after Labour and the Conservatives.

No great excitement in Reach at this time it seems. The village was preparing for the annual Harvest Supper and Dance which this time featured "the ever popular Pentacle" and which cost £2.25 in those days (you should be aware that our 2013 Harvest Supper will be taking place on **Saturday 16th November**.

David Parr
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Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund has **£1,544.79** available and will soon benefit from the income from a successful Reach Fair.

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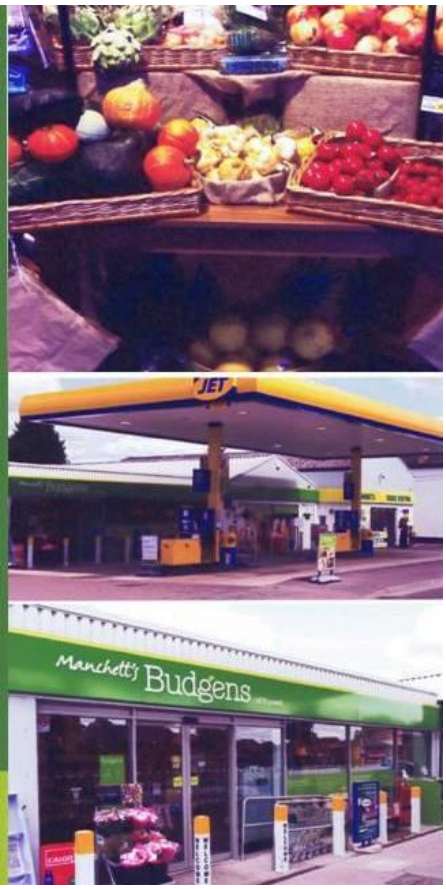

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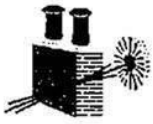

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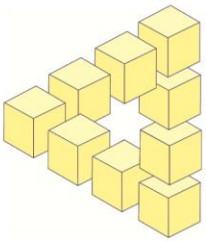

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Meetings take place in the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. They start at 7.30pm and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend. In addition to their councillor duties **Rita Dunnett** is Play Spaces Officer and **Hilary Fielding** is Rights of Way Officer.

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MUSICAL LADIES

All the answers were women's names

Do all the breezes say her name quietly? LOUISE
Is the wind called this? MARIA
Why, why, why, my, my, my DELILAH
Is she only called this on a Tuesday? RUBY
Look up to the sky too see her LUCY
She left him at a fine time LUCILLE
She used to live next door ALICE
Was she a boy named this? SUE
John Denver wrote a song for her ANNIE
Oh my ?? Said Tony Orlando CANDIDA
Neil said to her oh he was a fool CAROL
The real nuns sang about her DOMINIQUE
You were asked not to bring her LULU

Thank you Puzzleric!

CROSSWORD WINNER

Congratulations go to no one because no crossword entries were received. Please concentrate and try and do better next time.

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No. 20

ACROSS: 2. ELASTIC. 6. PESTLE. 8. ACRID. 10. LESSON. 14. SAPIENT. 16. EIDER. 17. CIGARETTE. 19.SCOTCH. 22. LEGUME. 23. CIRCLE. 24. RESCUE. 25. SETTLED. 26. TREAT.

DOWN: 1. OLD-BEAN. 3. ARDENT. 4. CHILE. 5. SABRE. 7. SMOKE. 9. TENTATIVE. 11. SINCERELY. 12. OVERDUE. 13. FEWEST. 15. SIGHT. 18. ASPIRE. 20. TAROT. 21. PELMET.

Fruit Tree and Orchard Management

On 30th November, as part of the Community Orchard project, we will be running a one-day course on fruit tree and orchard management. The course will cover issues such as pruning, tree protection, pests and diseases, sward management, assessing the health of a tree, and general problem solving.

The training course will take place at the Village Centre, with some practical exercises in our own orchard.

If you are intereseted contact
David Thomas by 30th October

David.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk

Swaffham Prior Primary School

After a long, hot summer we have reached the beginning of the school year again and it has been lovely to see the children once more. Our new reception children are beginning to settle well into Mercury Class with their new teacher Miss Helen Cranness. As our numbers have grown, we have also welcomed Miss Emma Ojelade, who is teaching Year 5 for four mornings a week.



Neptune and Saturn Classes have begun a topic on The Blue Planet and have already spent a large proportion of their time finding out about coral reefs and their inhabitants. Children in Saturn Class have been creating their own website pages to share their information with each other and display on the school intranet. Children in Neptune class have been designing and sewing sea creatures and have had to think about what makes a good stitch. Mars Class has been learning about instructional writing and the children have been writing their own instructions describing how to make sandwiches and boats. They have also enjoyed making the sandwiches and eating them! Children in Mercury Class have been drawing and painting portraits. They have also been writing about themselves.



On Friday 20th September, we entertained some German visitors. Pastor Jan accompanied by Britta, a kindergarten teacher and a group of 12 young people from Pastor Jan's confirmation group spent part of the morning with us. Following a tour of the school they then spent some time in the classes learning about English schools. They joined us for our Celebration assembly and we were treated to some photographs of their home town. We found out that German children do not have to wear uniforms and they do not have whole school assemblies like we do.



Next month, Saturn Class will be going to Ely Cathedral for a day of activities, we will be celebrating the Harvest and have Grounds Day to look forward to. Exciting times ahead!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher



Little Windmills Pre-school

Little Windmills
PRE-SCHOOL

At the end of last term we said goodbye and good luck to our children starting school and we start out on a brand new year!

This half-term we will celebrating the harvest by going to church. Our service will be led by Rev. Eleanor Williams to whom we are very grateful. Our craft activities, songs and stories will have an autumnal theme and we hope the weather will not stop us from getting outside and enjoying our outdoor activities.

We look forward to Halloween activities like carving pumpkins and making pumpkin soup and talking about how to keep safe around fireworks.

If anyone has any Nestle book tokens they are not sure what to do with, we would be glad to take them off your hands as we can exchange them for books. We will gladly come and collect.

Similarly we have regular collections of old clothes, linens, bags etc. for which we receive money. We use a company called 'Ragbags'. You can see more about them on their website www.rag-bag.co.uk. Again we can arrange to collect. Just give us a ring on 07803 671200.

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.

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Team

Messy CHURCH

Last Sunday of the month
4.00 - 6.00pm
in The Guildhall
Next dates
October 27th & November 24th
Join us for another fun time
of games, crafts, songs & Bible story
Then sit down for tea together
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Pets Corner



Get well soon to Tiggy Nicholl who got tangled in fencing and hurt her leg. She is on box rest.

Little Bears



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9.30am Coffee for Grown-ups & Crafts for Children
10.00am Join Alfred Bear and the rest of the gang
for our fun time of singing & Bible stories
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KIDS' PAGE

Halloween edition!!!



H	V	D	D	F	W	A	S	D	W
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Halloween Ghost

Pumpkin Witch

Vampire Scary

Skull Werewolf

Skeleton Dark

ANAGRAMS

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The answers to the anagram are on Page 38



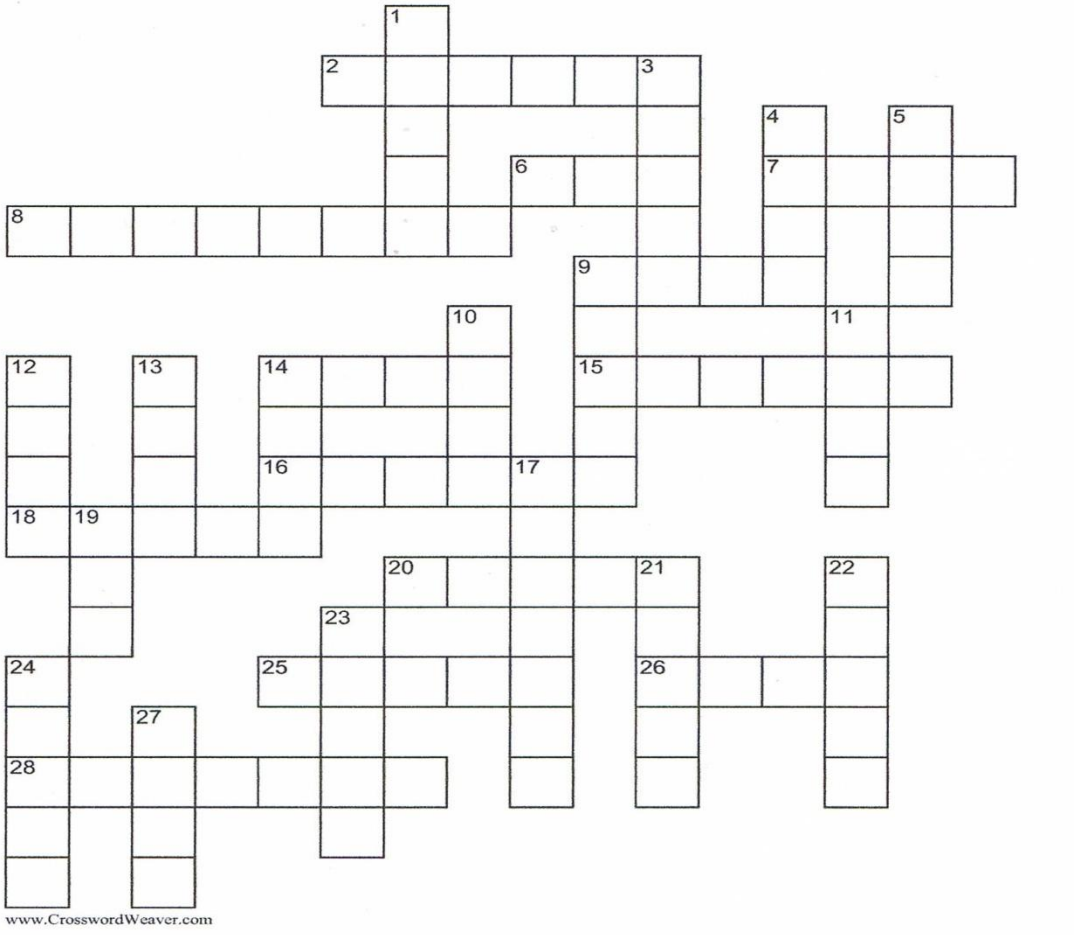
HALLOWEEN TO DO LIST

- Pumpkin carving
- Telling scary stories!
- Drinking hot chocolate
- Trick or treating!

Crossword No. 21

Anagrams

Each clue contains an anagram of the answer



ACROSS

2) Save Debris for grooms (6)
6) Ate and drunk late afternoon (3)
7) Cheese made by the Dutch (4)
8) Reagents given to NCO (8)
9) Left in a stew at point (4)
14) Read all about it, that's a challenge (4)
15) Went to the centre just lately (6)
16) One rag turns this colour (6)
18) Find three in Earth layer (5)
20) Acting in God (5)
25) Inapt wall covering (5)
26) Mace is the best (4)
28) Get B.O later if you eat this (7)

DOWN

1) Could make you groan whilst playing (5)
3) Hill and vales find forced labour (5)
4) the newt decided to go (4)
5) Was young Mr Dingle an Inca? (4)
9) Does sower get better? No (5)
10) Be horrid and name it (4)
11) How much does your chin measure? (4)
12) Ice cream cone given a single time (4)
13) Mr Shaw cleaned himself (4)
14) The rood screen shows way in (4)
17) It tingles and sparkles (7)
19) Turn Pat on to water (3)
21) Carry a pager in vineyard (5)
22) Lance a boil to free it from dirt (5)
23) Put church naves on top (5)
24) Make sheep bleat if put under with Mother Brown (5)
27) Flog it say fore first (4)

Please send your entry by
Friday 8th November 2013 to:
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giving your Name, Address and Telephone Number





KNITTED CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION

The kit you'll need ...

- One pair of 4mm knitting needles
- Two colours of double-knitting wool (we used green for the tree and brown for the trunk)
- A few sequins
- A handful of wadding to stuff the finished decoration
- A piece of narrow ribbon

Step-by-step instructions

Make two tree shapes:

With trunk-colour wool cast on 6 stitches and knit 8 rows.

Using tree-colour wool cast on 9 stitches at beginning of 9th row.

Knit across these and trunk stitches and cast on another 9 stitches at end of this row. There is now a total of 24 stitches. Make ends secure.

Knit 5 rows. 6th row knit 2 together at beginning and end of this and every following 5th row until 12 stitches remain.

Knit 3 rows then knit 2 together at each end of next row. 10 stitches.

Knit 3 rows then knit 2 together at each end of next row. 8 stitches.

Knit 2 rows then knit 2 together at each end of next row. 6 stitches.

Knit 1 row then knit 2 together at end of next row. 4 stitches.

Knit 2 together twice, knit 2 together and finish off.

To make up: Put the two tree shapes right sides together and sew around trunk and tree leaving a gap. Turn the right way out, fill with wadding, and sew the remaining gap.

Members of the village knitting group are making teddies and blankets to send to Africa. Debbie Lingley has included the patterns (opposite) for anyone who wishes to make one and pass onto the group (Debbie, Joyce Harrison or Pam King).

Don't miss the Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace 10th – 13th October 2013

Teddy Bear



Double knitting wool.
Size 10 needles.
Wool colour: avoid white.
Main colour for head and paws: yellow, brown, or cream.
Trouser, jumper, scarf colour: any bright colour

Cast on 10 stitches, main colour and knit 10 rows, Garter stitch.
Change to trouser colour, knit 26 rows.
Make another leg in the same way.
Knit across all 20 stitches and work 16 rows.
Change to jumper colour and knit 22 rows.
Change to main colour for head and change to stocking stitch: work for 5 inches (approx. 44 rows).
Change to jumper colour. Continue remainder of Teddy in reverse order.
Stitch down the sides of the head.
With jumper colour, pick up 7 stitches either side of neck join (14 stitches in all) and knit 19 rows.
Change to main colour and knit 10 rows for paws.
Sew up Teddy, leaving opening in crotch. Sew diagonal top corners for ears, before stuffing.

Please stuff Teddy with polyester or other healthy padding. Please do not use foam rubber as babies may chew it. Run a thread through the knitting around the neck to draw it in. Sew happy face on teddy. For mouth, please use stern stitch or back stitch.

Scarf: Cast on 60 stitches.
Knit 4 rows and cast off.
Tie scarf on Teddy and sew firmly to back of neck.

Please do not deviate from the pattern, as we wish all teddies to look the same.

Cot Blanket



The cot blanket is made up from knitted (or crocheted) 6 inch squares sewn together and edged

Cast on 30 stitches in double knitting wool, on No.9 needles
Either: knit each row (garter stitch)
OR knit in double moss stitch i.e.
P2 row 1
P2, K2 row 2
P2, K2 row 3
K2, P2 row 4 and so on

In either case knit sufficient rows to form a square.
Sew squares together to form a blanket, approximately 1 metre square, after edging.

Edging: Cast on 12 stitches; knit enough to go round the blanket. Sew on to the blanket (edging can be crocheted if preferred).

Colours of squares and edging – your choice!

Rita's Recipes

It's 'Pumpkin Time'. Try these recipes and give your family a treat on Halloween.



Pumpkin Soup

25g Butter
200g Potatoes peeled & chopped
250g Carrots diced
1 Onion finely chopped
Grated nutmeg to taste
900g Pumpkin (diced)
Salt and pepper
1.2 litres of vegetable stock
150ml milk
Demerara sugar to taste

Method

Melt butter and cook onion in a covered saucepan for 5 minutes, do not allow to colour. Add the potato, 700g of the pumpkin, the carrots and the vegetable stock, bring to the boil and simmer gently for about 20 minutes until all the vegetables are tender. Cool a little then puree in a liquidiser. Return to a clean pan and stir in the milk.

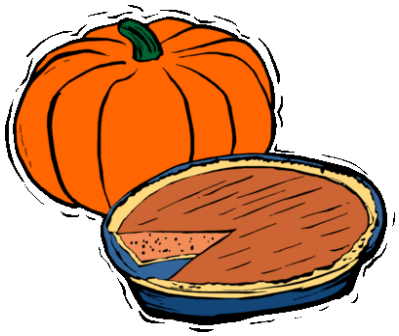
Meanwhile, put the remaining pumpkin in a saucepan of boiling salted water and cook for 2 minutes. Drain and add to the pureed soup. Add the sugar, nutmeg and season to taste. Reheat gently. Serve topped with grated Gruyere cheese and French bread.

Pumpkin Pie

Sweet short crust pastry case, use your favourite recipe adding 40g of crushed hazelnuts or pecan nuts to your mix. Bake your pastry case blind for about 10 minutes using a 9inch diameter by 1½ inch deep tin. If you feel really lazy you could buy a readymade case from the supermarket.

For the filling

450g Prepared pumpkin flesh, cut into 2.5cn cubes.
2 Large eggs plus 1 yolk
1tsp Ground cinnamon
½ tsp Allspice
½ tsp Ginger
75g Soft dark brown sugar
½ tsp Grated nutmeg
½ tsp Cloves
275ml Double cream



Method

Pre-heat the oven to 180C. Make pastry base (if making your own)

- Steam the pumpkin until soft then place in a course sieve and press gently to remove excess water.
- Lightly whisk the eggs and extra yolk together in a large bowl.
- Place sugar, spices and cream in a pan, bring to simmering point, whisk to bring everything together. Then pour over the eggs and whisk again briefly.
- Now add the pumpkin puree, still whisking to combine everything thoroughly.
- Pour into you pastry case and bake for 35-40 minutes by which time the pie will have puffed up round the edges but still feel slightly wobbly in the centre.
- Remove from the oven and place tin on a cooling rack.

It is equally good to eat with crème fraiche, either chilled or at room temperature.

Sports News



I am writing this the day before I head off to London to race in the world triathlon age group championships in Hyde Park an exciting, but also slightly daunting, prospect. The attraction of racing on the olympic course has drawn thousands of athletes from over 60 nations to the event.

Just qualifying to race for 'Team GB' was tougher this year than ever before. So it's really remarkable that it won't be just one Reach resident lining up in the Serpentine on Friday 13th but two - I will be joined by Daniel Blocksage making his debut at the worlds in the Under 23 category. We will report back in the next issue. Fingers crossed!

Juliet Vickery



Violet Keutgen doesn't hold back apple bobbing



Juliet Vickery describes the order of the events



Theo Clark takes the tape!



The start of the marathon



Hector Keutgen takes a tumble!

Sports Day 8th September 2013



Evie Mitchell and Olivia Mules



Theo Clark and Finn Baldwin



Harry Oliver-Towers and Dylan Steed



Andy and Emma Mitchell



Rose Mitchell





Hector Keutgen and Olivia Mules

Sports Day 8th September 2013





Champion Apple Bobbers



Great Sports!



Hannah Perrett braves the rain



Cup Winners!



The things my mum puts me in for!



Katie and Maylands Delight after winning the 80cms and 90cms eastern region British Showjumping Club at Norton Heath, looking smart in her prize!



Katie and Maylands Delight showjumping in the Bloom Cup

Katie Cameron has had a very busy summer, competing for the Soham and District Pony Club in the Area Horse Trials, showjumping and the Bloom Cup.

In the Bloom Cup the team came 2nd with Katie producing the only double clear (showjumping and cross country) and this was Soham Pony Club's best result in this event, which is held every year.

She won the Eastern Region British Showjumping Club Championships at 80 and 90cms, in the pony section.

She also enjoyed pony club camp at Soham and District Pony Club, and Woodland Camp at Hare Park in Six Mile Bottom.

Her next big event is the Pony Club Showjumping Team Event at the East of England Showground at Peterborough in October



Katie and Maylands Delight going cross country in the Bloom Cup at Gledeston Hall



Katie (second right) and Maylands Delight with the rest of the team coming 2nd at the Bloom Cup – looking rather pleased and a big thumbs up for the team!

Cricket News



Grantchester's most celebrated resident, Rupert Brooke, is best known for his line about leaving a part of himself in some foreign field. After this year's epic match there will forever be a part of Reach Cricket Club left behind in Grantchester's cricket field. And I don't just mean the match ball, which ended up embedded deep in some bush and a few studs; I mean our spirit.

Last year, only a thunderstorm robbed us of a heavy defeat at Grantchester. Having read on their website of their evolution from a pub side we had gone along expecting to face a bunch of beer-bellied sloggers, only to find our bowling taken apart. This year, then, we had no reason to expect things would be any different. Yet having put Grantchester into bat, the wickets began to tumble as one of our teenage ringers, Jan Zirmirsky, steamed in from the cowpat end. From the Vicarage end Tony Fordham and Theo Clark were also working miracles, which reduced Grantchester to 97 all out.



Another fantastic catch by the captain!

It took a while to sink in what had happened: we had put ourselves in sight of victory against one of the strongest teams on our fixture list. Unfortunately, by that time we were in the depths of a crisis, three wickets down for no run. Twenty plodding minutes later and Rupert Brooke might have written: "stands the scoreboard still ten for three?" The wickets continued to fall regularly until, 27 runs from victory, we found ourselves with nothing but the captain's wicket standing between us and a remarkable defeat. But cometh the hour, as they say. The captain settled into a bloody-minded last wicket stand with Tony Fordham, Tony scoring most of the runs while the captain blocked and nibbled at the odd bad ball.

Come the last over and only three runs were required for victory. A single from Tony on the first ball left the captain exposed, requiring one run for a tie and two for victory. Even now, as with England at Headingley in 1981, the bookies were probably still offering 500-1 against a Reach victory. But in this case the bookies were quite safe.

On the penultimate ball the captain decided the time for prodding was over and swung wildly. Had he connected it would not only have meant a Reach victory, but would have had the secondary pleasure of laying out either Lord or Lady Archer. But of course he didn't; rather he skied it to mid on for an easy catch.

We did end the season with one victory to our name, however: against the Unemployables, one of our regular opponents from Sussex. We prevailed in spite of handing the Unemployables two ringers: one an 18 year old fast bowler and the other none other than Philip Lewis, making his debut in a Reach match at 78 (his age, not his average). And a very sterling performance he put in, too. If Philip can make it there is really no excuse for any other Reach resident to refuse the clarion call. Players of all standards welcome next season.

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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.

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 4th September 2013

Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Councillor	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Chairman	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Aves and Ward declared an interest in item 5.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

During the previous month £300 was granted for Royal Birth commemorative mugs and £200 for the 2013 Sport's Day.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

An extra meeting of Cabinet took place "behind closed doors" to consider issues around the Guided Busway. Cabinet also met with the Senior Management Team to progress business planning following Government funding announcements in July.

The Constitution and Ethics Committee held a workshop to consider practical arrangements for moving from a Cabinet system to a Committee system in 2014. Various models are being worked up in detail for consideration in September and October.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

The new wheeled bins will be delivered during week beginning October 7th. The new black sack and recyclables collection will be on Thursday October 17th and the black sack and garden waste collection will be on Thursday October 24th.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation and hopes to break even during the financial year despite extra spend on a Local Highways Improvement and playground spend on a new net and potentially a new ladder.

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.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

Remedial actions regarding the play area have started with the entrance gate being repaired, the cutting back of foliage, spraying of the weeds and stabilising the handrail of one item of apparatus. Still to be done is replacing the netting and possibly the ladder on a further item and refurbishing the bench. **The Clerk** will also address the issue of the large goals on the playing field.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

Councillor Fielding, Rights of Way Officer, had been in contact with Peter Duthie of Cambridgeshire County Council with regard to a number of issues. The replies from Mr Duthie (who has subsequently left the authority) were seen as unsatisfactory by the Parish Council and **the Clerk** was asked to invite a suitable representative of the County Council to a subsequent meeting.

A villager has complained about the overgrown foliage outside some properties on the Fair Green and the Swaffham Road. **The Clerk** was asked to bring this problem to the attention of the relevant home owners and ask them to remedy the situation.

The villager also commented on the overgrown hedges on the Dyke's side of the Swaffham Road which results in buses getting very close to cars parked on the opposite side of the road. **The Clerk** will bring this to the attention of the relevant authorities.

4 (9) Village Centre Report

There was no meeting in August - the Village Centre AGM will take place in September.

4 (10) 24Acres Committee Report

A bid made to Sport England for a manège was refused but the Parish Council was encouraged to reapply in October. Planning permission for the 24Acres has been applied for and good but slow progress is being made. Funding has been granted by the Forestry Commission for the woodland. The gate to the site is now locked and the noticeboard is ordered. The first tranche of grant money from AmeyCespa has been received so that the Parish Council is in control of the cash flow situation.

As regards the woodland, the Project Leader Nick Acklam has produced a draft plan which the Parish Council wishes to review with him and others. **Councillor Thomas** will organise a meeting of interested parties so that orders can be placed to allow planting in Nov/Dec 2013.

5. Great Lane Parking

A villager had complained about the parking of a number of vehicles on Great Lane. The Parish Council felt that since a number of building works were taking place simultaneously, this was simply a temporary problem and that no action needed to be taken. The Parish Council also agreed that while people are entitled to park on the byway they are not allowed to block it, just as on any other road.

6. Planning Applications

An amendment had been received for planning application 13/00364/CAC. This had been reviewed by the previous reviewers and the Parish Council decided that no further comment was needed.

7. Information Items

As regards the RaSP mast, a planning application has been received by ECDC and the Parish Council will be able to review it shortly.

A villager had commented that the Lode was becoming significantly narrowed and work needed to be done to remedy the situation. **The Clerk** was asked to inform the relevant authorities.

The design and financial arrangements for the Royal Birth Commemorative Mug were approved. **The Clerk** was asked to place the order.

The Clerk was asked to investigate a report that Darwin Airlines at Cambridge Airport had secured a number of further routes which may have an impact on the village.

9. Payments

John Reed	24Acres Fencing and Gate	£2,078.40
C R Contracting	Mowing August	£274.00
C R Contracting	Mowing and Watering the Orchard	£7.00
Prospects Trust	Avenue of Limes Watering	£129.00
D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing August	£70.00
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard costs	£191.78
Balfour Beatty	Street Lighting Maintenance	£336.02
Metrosigns	Orchard Noticeboard	£828.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd October 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).

Will you be our Friend?



One of the first things you notice about our little beagle, Echo, is how friendly she is, as she bounces up to every dog and person she meets wagging her tail. For her, everyone is a possible friend and someone to play with (except pigeons and non-canines like cats).

Friendship means different things in different contexts – for Echo it may be simply another dog to run around with for a few minutes. On Facebook a friend can be someone who you've known all your life, or just met in cyberspace. Friendships also change with time. When we thought about setting up the Friends of Reach Church, I don't think we had a fixed idea of how this might develop, other than setting up a way that people who have some sort of connection with the church could be more involved. We've been encouraged by the responses so far and are very grateful for the support that's been offered. It's been suggested that a Friend might be someone who offers financial support, but also could be someone who offers time or skills and we are very grateful to those of you who already do offer this. What is important is that we don't expect you to come to church in order to be a Friend, but it is nice to see you if you do.



One of the things which has also been suggested is that we look at whether there are other ways in which members of the community might use the building as a resource. We already have CentrePeace at Reach once a month, but there may be other opportunities that the space could offer, perhaps for groups to meet, or other gatherings like concerts. We are open to ideas and talking through the suggestions that have been made about developing the church building. Please get in touch if you do have some thoughts about this. We're also very conscious that the current pattern of services, with an early morning communion and an evening contemporary service once a month may not suit everybody, especially those with young families. We would like to hear your views!

In the meantime, we will be continuing with our usual pattern of services in Reach, with other services at St Mary's, in Burwell. Coming up in November will be the annual service to remember loved ones who have died, at St Mary's on Sunday 3rd November.

Then the Remembrance Sunday service beginning at the Reach war memorial at 10.45am and continuing in church. We're planning the dates for Christmas services and have our Christingle service at St Mary's at 4pm on Sunday 1st December and the Reach Family Carols on Sunday 22nd December at 3pm. More details to follow.

If you would like to get in touch please either phone me on 01638 741262 or email eleanorjw99@hotmail.com.

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

Wanted – A New Home!



We are looking for a new home for the grand piano which is currently in the chancel at St Mary's. It does play reasonably well, but needs a fair amount of work doing to it. Any reasonable offers considered! Contact Eleanor on 741262 or email eleanorjw99@hotmail.com

KID'S PAGE
The answers to Susie's anagrams are:
Halloween, Ghost and Werewolf.

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 October 9th
Wednesday November 13th

Concerts in St Mary's

Tickets are still available for the exciting concert by the Osiligi Maasai Warriors, but hurry, time is running out! This opportunity to experience and enjoy the diverse culture of the Maasai is definitely an occasion not to be missed.

THE OSILIGI TROUPE
OF
MAASAI WARRIORS

St Mary's Church, Burwell

Tuesday October 8th at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £10 (adults), £5 (children)

Available from:
CentrePeace, The Post Office and Tina's
Or by telephone or text to 07798 643136
Proceeds to the Warriors and St Mary's Building to Serve.

Our next concert, in November, will be very different and features the wonderful harp quartet. The members of the quartet have a shared goal of presenting new works and their own idiomatic transcriptions to show off the full scope of four concert harps. Many original works have been commissioned for the group, helping them to establish themselves as the leading harp ensemble in Europe, so, with the wonderful acoustics in St Mary's, it should be a great evening.

Cambridge Sumer Music Festival - Music in Quiet Places Concert

4 Girls 4 Harps

St Mary's Church, Burwell

Saturday 23rd November at 7.30pm

Tickets: £15, £13 concessions, £6 children/students

Available from:
CentrePeace, The Post Office and Tina's
Or by telephone or text to 07798 643136

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
October 2013		
Wednesday 2	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 3	10.00am Little Bears Toddler Service	
Sunday 6th October	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 9	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 13th October	10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 16	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 20th October	8.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 23	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 27th October	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
November 2013		
Sunday 3rd November	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Service of Remembering	
Wed 6	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 3	10.00am Little Bears Toddler Service	
Sunday10th November	9.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Churches Together Remembrance service	11.00am Remembrance Service 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 13	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Saturday 16th		Harvest Supper
Sunday 17th	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 20	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 24th November	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 27	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	

Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

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

Cambridge – Bottisham – Reach – Burwell – Newmarket																
Service No:	10	10A	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10
				M-F										*	*	
Cambridge (Drummer Street)				0655	0755	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1635	1735	1845
Swaffham Prior				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: October

October 2013	Event	Location	Time
Tues 1	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Tues 1	Author: Lucy Lethbridge	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 2	Authors: Sophie Hannah and Emily Winslow	Ely Library, Ely CB7 4ZH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Sat 5 - Sun 6	Third Prickwillow Ploughing Festival	Prickwillow Drainage Engine Museum, Main Street, Prickwillow CB7 4UN	01353 688360
Tues 8	Author: Jim Kelly	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Tues 8	Osiligi Troupe of Maasai Warriors	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7.30pm
Wed 9	Coach Trip	Burwell Museum Coach Trip: Bourton on the Water and Chipping Norton £18.50	Ring Barbara on 741581
Thurs 10	Recycling Day		
Thurs 10	Author: Melissa Benn	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 9	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Sat 12	Author: Coffee and cake with Tim Parks	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	11am for 11.30am
Sat 12	Fabric Sale	Star Curtains, Exning	10am – 2pm
Sat 12 – Sun 13	Photography Exhibition	St Mary's Church, Burwell	Sat 4.30pm – 8.30pm Sun 2pm – 6pm
Mon 14	Authors: How to be an English language tourist with David and Hillary Crystal	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Tues 15	Jennifer Saunders	Cambridge Corn Exchange	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 15	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Wed 16	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 17	Author: Louis de Bernieres	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Sat 19 – Sun 20	Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club Exhibition	Mandeville Hall, Reach Road, Burwell	10am – 4pm
Tues 22	Author: Conn Iggulden	Ely Library, Ely CB7 4ZH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 23	Author: Simon Thurley	The Old Bishop's Palace, Ely CB7 4EW	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 24	Recycling Day		
Sun 27	Fun Day Fundraiser for Danny Pickard	Burwell Ex-Service & Social Club	10.00am until late (see page 21)
Mon 28	Author: Kate Moss	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Mon 28	Ely Ghost Tour	Ely Tourist Information Centre 01353 662062	7.30pm
Wed 30	Author: Patrick Barkham	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm 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: November and Club Contact Information

November 2013			
Sun 3	Lode Runners	Starting Line: Lode Social Club	10am and 10.15am
Tues 5	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Tues 5	Author: Oz Clarke	The Old Bishop's Palace, Ely CB7 4EW	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wed 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 7	Recycling Day		
Tues 12	Author: Coffee and cake with Pam Ayres	St Mary's Church, Ely CB7 4HF	11am for 11.30am
Wed 13	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 13	Author: Penelope Lively	St Mary's Church, Ely CB7 4HF	3pm for 3.30pm
Sat 16 – Thurs 21	Exhibition of Paintings	The Edmund Gallery, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS	10am – 5pm Closes 4pm Thursday
Sat 16	Harvest Supper	Village Centre	7pm
Tues 19	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 19	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed 20	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Wed 20	Author: Bill Bryson	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 21	Recycling Day		
Friday 22	Author: Margaret Drabble	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Sat 23	Author: Kate Adie	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Wed 27	Author: A.C. Grayling	Ely College CB6 2SH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Friday 29	Artemis Cooper on Patrick Leigh Fermor	St Peters Church, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Sat 30	Orchard Management Training Course	Village Centre	One-day course organised by David Thomas

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
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
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	



Kathryn Cane and Ben Shackleton



Daisy Bailey

New School Starters 2013



Daniel and Ben Knight



Freddie Bridgeman - camera shy



Congratulations go to Hannah and Rhys from Great Lane who were married on Saturday 28th September and held their reception in Reach Village Centre





Sports Day
September 8th
2013



