Within Reach



December 2013/January 2014



Be afraid, be very afraid



Spooky Eliza Clark



Flynn Clifton's the name



Shire horses at Prickwillow Ploughing Day



Jodie with Minnie (left) and Daisy with Betty



Daisy on Cardi (left) and Jodie on Princess

Contents

Title	Author	Page
24Acres		
24Acres Compost Toilet		17
24Acres Woodland	Nick Acklam	17
An Orchard with a Rattle and a Hum	David Thomas	16
Amenity Fund	Ross Clark	24
Articles		
Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club	Barry Coles	9
Broadband News	Hugh de Lacy	6
Burwell and Reach Car Scheme		7
Cambridge Fire and Rescue Service		13
Exclusive Interview with Tina Turner	Marie Bambrick	3
Fascinating Facts About Reach		30
FishBurwell Cooking		12
Fostering		
Manchetts Raising Funds for Danny Pickard	Mandy Manchett	7
Meeting Rita Dunnett	Claire Halpin-McDonald	26
Memories: Burwell Buses	Anita Folkes	4
Reach Community Solar Farm Update	Andy Rankin	8
Twas the Night Before Christmas		10
Wine Tasting		11
Bus Timetable		45
Church		
Church Services		44
From the Vicar:	Eleanor Williams	42
CentrePeace@Reach		43
Contact Information		48
Cookery: Rita's Recipes	Rita Dunnett	36
Clubs Contact Information		47
Crafts: All Things Crafty		34
Crossword	Puzzleric	33
Days Gone By	David Parr	23
Diary Dates		46
Editorial		2
Kids Page	Susie Tucker	32
Little Windmills	Susan Bluck	30
Parish Council		
Draft Minutes		40
Know Your Parish Council		24
Parish Clerk Vacancy		13
Pet's Corner		31
Plants and Planting		
Bare Branches Still Leave Delicate Traceries	Cambridge Botanic Garden	18
Tales from a Reach Garden	Danuta Gibson	19
Reach Village Centre Committee	Grahame Radford	24
Ross's Reflections	Ross Clark	25
Sport and Recreation		
Sports News	Juliet Vickery	38
Equestrian News	Lorna Steven	37
Swaffham Prior Primary School	Hannah Curtis	28
What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?	Maz Baker	21
News From Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey	Howard Cooper	20
Wildlife		
Citizen Science	Gareth Davies	14
Where the Butterflies Go	Alison Lewis	14

An Evening of Carols

Friday 20th December 2013
in the Village Centre at 7pm

Carols, mince pies, mulled wine and a raffle

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Burns Night

Saturday 25th January 2014
in the Village Centre at 7pm

Sue Loaker, Police Crime Prevention Officer, Kevin Evans from Neighbourhood Watch and Stephen Cook from Briar Security will be presenting at the Wednesday December 4th Reach Parish Council meeting – starting at 7.00pm

PLEASE COME ALONG!

From the Editor



Marie Bambrick interviews Tina of Tina's. Learn about the origins of the shop and how those eye-catching window displays are put together. Anita Folkes reminisces about the Burwell and District Bus Company when a weekly ticket cost 11 shillings and conductors would help you on and off the bus with the pushchairs, shopping and – not forgetting – the kids.

The weather has been warmer this year and there have been more butterflies. Alison Lewis tells us where they go post summer. Gareth Davies, standing in for Joss Goodchild, advises us how we can get involved in Citizen Science – wildlife surveys. The management of the orchard (David Thomas) and the planting of the woodland (Nick Acklam) also inspire us to be more aware of that beneath our feet and all around. As always Danuta Gibson's gardening article is full of advice and tips as to how we can do things for ourselves. Snakehall Farm has once again enjoyed remarkable recognition and success. Well done.

We have a new contributor, Lorna Steven, who will keep us up to date with Equestrian News and we welcome her first contribution. Janet Hall on plants is hanging up her quill - we thank her for her past advice and do you remember her article about cooking Sunday lunch in a hole in the ground? Janet is still willing to answer questions and give advice, if so prompted. We have a new section to excite you – Fascinating Facts About Reach – so if you come across some fact/s large or small do let me know. Pets Corner – for which I have a weakness - has a bumper crop of entries in this issue. Enjoy!

Thank you Hannah Curtis and All Things Crafty for your great selection of photographs. The crossword in the last issue was much enjoyed as we had four correct entries.

Daniel Blocksage represented his age group for Great Britain in the World Triathlon Grand final raced over the Olympic Course in Hyde Park. Over 5000 athletes across all age groups and countries took part. It's an experience he won't forget. Very well done. Juliet Vickery also took part in the event and won SILVER! I met Juliet weeks later and she was still grinning from ear to ear. An incredible achievement especially with her injuries earlier in the year and also in the later stages of the race!

Maisie Whitehead died peacefully in Hilton Park Nursing Home. Her funeral service will be held at Reach Church on Monday 2nd December at 2pm followed by burial in the Churchyard. Our thoughts are with her family and friends.

See you at the 24Acre Tree Planting on Saturday 7th December. Happy Christmas and New Year!

Claire Halpin-McDonald
Claire.halpin@ascontracts.co.uk

Cover photos: Hugh de Lacy and Claire Halpin-McDonald

Editor's Notes

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

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

The next copy date is 15th January 2014. This magazine is approved and printed by Reach Parish Council.

Editorial Team

Editor	Claire Halpin-McDonald
Production	Claire Halpin-McDonald David Parr
Advertising/Treasurer	David Parr
Distribution	Freda Lloyd, Grahame Radford, Rita Dunnett, Joyce Harrison
Roving Reporters	Jo Riches Marie Bambrick
Roving Photographer	Hugh de Lacy
Allotments/24Acres	David Thomas
Bell ringing	Lesley Boyle
Cookery	Rita Dunnett
Cricket	Ross Clark
Days Gone By	David Parr
Fen Chitchat	Lesley Boyle
Equestrian News	Lorna Steven
Kids' Page	Susie Tucker
Little Windmills	Susan Bluck
Memories	Anita Folkes
Parish Council	David Parr
Snakehall Farm	Maz Baker
Sport	Juliet Vickery
Swaffham Prior School	Hannah Curtis
Tales from the Garden	Danuta Gibson
Wicken Fen	Howard Cooper
Wildlife	Joss Goodchild Alison Lewis

Exclusive Interview with Tina Turner

Yes, we managed to get an interview with an initially publicity–shy Tina. She's not shy about her business though and with good reason. She started up Tina's in Burwell 10 years ago and it has become a thriving shop and a hub of Burwell village life. It opens from 8.30am-5pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 4pm on Saturdays.

Tell me a bit about yourself
I'm Burwell born and bred. I attended schools in Burwell and then Newmarket Upper. On leaving school, I worked at Brown's garage for four years, got married and left when our first son was born. We have two sons; Jonathan aged 33 and Dean who is 28. We also now have a lovely grand-daughter, Chloe aged 15 months.

Did you marry a Burwellian?
Yes – my husband Dave is also from Burwell. He is a farmer but I'm not a true farmer's wife!

Hmm…that sounds like the title of a country song! What gave you the idea to set up the shop?
My mother had a small shop near Brown's and she did repairs and mending. Next door to her was Pandora's Box - a knitting shop run by Margie. I used to work for my mother. When the site was earmarked for redevelopment, both my mother and Margie decided to retire and I thought, what am I going to do now? I decided to amalgamate both businesses and expand them. I started up on The Causeway, where CentrePeace is now. I moved to the present site after 18 months. Apart from the 18 months there, I've spent all my working life in North Street. I haven't travelled the world much!

Maybe not – but it looks like all the world comes to you here. The shop is a true Pandora's Box … you have so many facets to the business.
People describe it as an Aladdin's Cave. There is the wool, crafts and haberdashery, the mending and alteration service, laundry and dry cleaning, scissor sharpening and sewing machine repairs, the helium balloons and personalised ribbon service. Oh…I'm also the box office for village events.

And you do all of that yourself?!
No – my mum and aunt do repairs and mending. Dad does the sewing machines and sharpening. Dave does the helium balloons and also the accounts.

So…truly a family business! How do you manage doing business with your husband?
Very well – we love being together – even after so many years of being married.

Is Christmas a busy time for you?
It is. We sell a lot of craft kits and gift vouchers. It's the two weeks after Xmas that's a nightmare. I close for two weeks and do my annual stock–take. Not my favourite job.

You have some lovely window displays – I'm thinking particularly of the Chimpanzee's Tea Party you had on recently.
Yes – that was a charity display for the Parkinson's UK. All the toys were knitted by my mother-in-law and customers. It was auctioned for £200. With that, a cake stall, a raffle and donations, we raised £1,582 for the charity.

Are you "crafty" yourself?
I knit, cross-stitch and do some sewing. I do some of the knits on display and my mother, mother-in-law and Joan from the village do the rest.

Are you the "Agony Aunt" of knitters in the village?
Yes – lots of people come in for advice!



Tina Fuller (nee Turner)

Have you seen a revival in knitting over the years?
Yes – it's become very trendy now to knit and my customers are younger than they used to be. There is a knitting group that meets In the Anchor, Burwell, on Fridays and another knitting group in Soham on Thursdays and there is also "All Things Crafty" in Reach.

You mean like the "Stitch N' Bitch" groups I've read about?
Yes – but I'm sure they don't "bitch "while they stitch!

Do you take holidays?
Yes – we like Devon and Cornwall particularly and we go to Crete to visit my sister who lives there, near Rethymon.

So are you really Tina Turner?
I was until I married. Now I'm Tina Fuller and I don't sing!

Any plans to expand the business?
Not exactly but I'm toying with the idea of starting a knitting group or a class at some point.

Finally, can you tell me any knitting yarns??
Not just now!

Marie Bambrick



Memories: Burwell Buses



In the 1920's a Mr George Mansfield of Burwell started a cobblers business. Before the first World War, George Mansfield also started to repair cycles. He had a house and shop built in Burwell High Street about 1914, later to become the bus company's offices.

George Mansfield did not stop at bicycles and soon acquired a motorcycle and a Ford Taxi. In 1923 he bought an ambulance which had been converted into a bus. In 1924 the first purpose-built bus arrived. There was no stopping George Mansfield now and he began to build up a fleet of buses and their appearance and performance improved year by year.

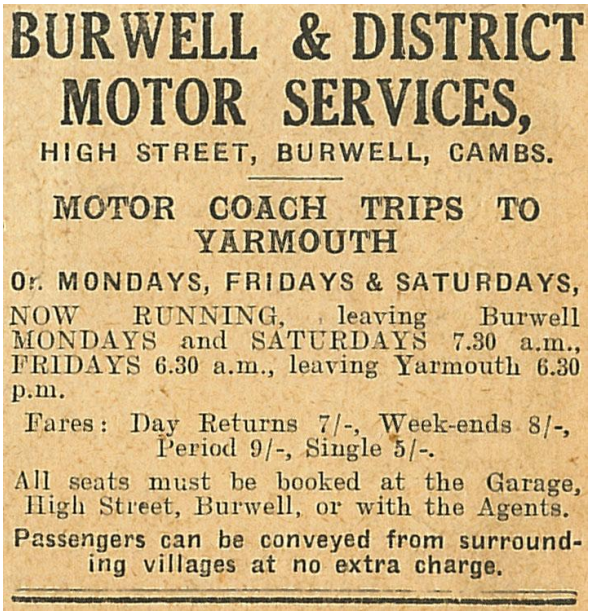


● Mr Horace Mansfield and his sister Mrs Doris Welsh, two of the partners in the firm, outside the company office, which has been in High Street, Burwell since about 1914.

During the 1930's Horace Mansfield (son) began to get involved in the business and has some vivid memories from then and the war years. The Government took all the best coaches and drivers for use in transporting troops. Horace's sister, Mrs Doris Welsh, said when we got them back after the war they had been painted for camouflage and some still had the netting on them. After getting them back they were painted brown and cream and were recognised by everyone. After the war, Burwell and District Service started taking people to the seaside for day trips. I remember later on going to Great Yarmouth, Felixstowe and even London Zoo.

The main service route was Burwell to Cambridge and this included Reach, The Swaffhams, Lode, Bottisham, Newmarket and Ely. On Wednesdays a bus would run to Bury St Edmunds for market day. In recent years school contracts became important and private hire was popular, as now more people were able to afford to run a car.

Graham Fuller of Swaffham Prior became a popular driver and conductor. Jim Neale was also popular as a driver and conductor following in his father's footsteps. When you had booked a ticket to go out for the day, the bus company would use a car to collect you from home to catch the bus at Burwell and they would also bring you home at night.



BURWELL & DISTRICT MOTOR SERVICES,

HIGH STREET, BURWELL, CAMBS.

MOTOR COACH TRIPS TO YARMOUTH

On MONDAYS, FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS,

NOW RUNNING, leaving Burwell MONDAYS and SATURDAYS 7.30 a.m., FRIDAYS 6.30 a.m., leaving Yarmouth 6.30 p.m.

Fares: Day Returns 7/-, Week-ends 8/-, Period 9/-, Single 5/-.

All seats must be booked at the Garage, High Street, Burwell, or with the Agents.

Passengers can be conveyed from surrounding villages at no extra charge.

When I started work in Cambridge at the age of 15 in 1952, I used to pay 11 shillings for a weekly ticket. After marrying and having children, I never worried about getting on the brown buses as the conductors were always helpful and would get the pushchair ready and come and take the small children for you and help you off the bus. This was a great help when you had done more shopping than you meant to do.

Eastern Counties Bus Company brought the fleet of buses when Burwell and District decided to sell up and it was very strange seeing Red Buses instead of our beloved Brown and Cream ones. Mr Horace Mansfield was on one of the last buses as it made its final journey to Cambridge and back. A lot of people made this momentous journey and all the fares collected (£80) went to Addenbrookes Hospital towards the Cancer Scanner Appeal Fund.

Jim Neale, one of the drivers on the Burwell buses, cosseted and renovated a bus and used to do occasional trips out for old times sake. The bus is stored and on show at the Burwell Museum in Mill Lane, Burwell. Why not pop along and see it.

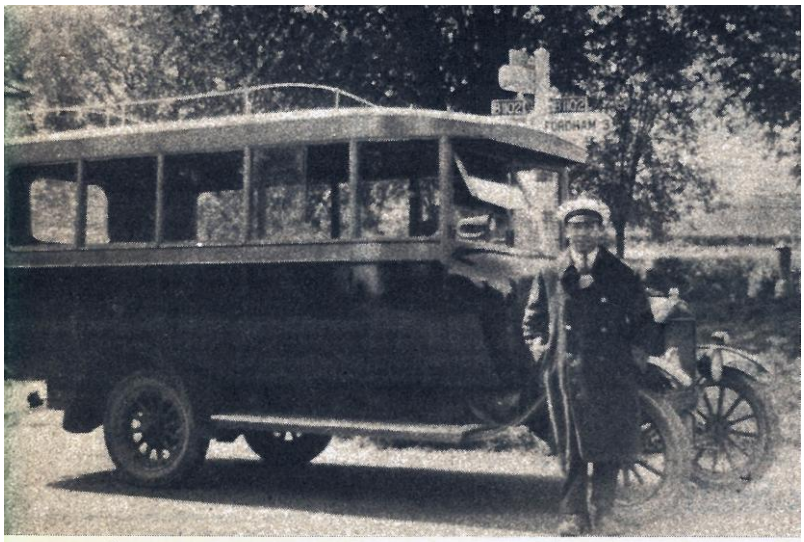
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone.

Anita Folkes ☺



● Burwell and District Bus Company garages, which until Saturday housed the familiar brown and cream buses which have served the area since the 1920s.

Photos:
Newmarket Journal
June 14 1979
recording the occasion of
the last run



● Mr Reg Mansfield, who died in 1968, with a 1922 'T' Ford, parked near Pound Hill in Burwell High Street.



● This picture was taken about 1930 and shows young Ron Neale who used to act as a conductor while he was still at school. Ron's son, Jim, worked as a conductor and a driver for the company until Saturday.



● Mr Jack Hancock who died last year aged 80, worked for the company all his life. This picture was taken in about 1926.



● Graham Fuller, a driver and fitter with the firm, since 1964, at the wheel of one of the familiar brown and cream buses.



The Last Run

Broadband News

Superfast Broadband Coming to Reach in 2015

As many of you know the UK is funding faster broadband in rural areas via a central government budget of around £500M; in Cambridgeshire the local authority has received £6.5M of this central funding and is spending a further £20M of local funds with a stated objective of bringing fast broadband to 98% of Cambridgeshire's rural population. After a competitive bidding process, Cambridge awarded the contract for implementing the scheme to BT in March this year.

A few weeks ago the 'Connecting Cambridgeshire' website (http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk) published a list of villages who can expect to receive fast broadband as part of this project; Reach is included in this list with a projected start of the new service between March and June 2015.

What is Superfast Broadband?



The official publicity describes 'fast broadband' as delivering speeds of 'at least 24Mb/s' – four to ten times faster than the rather variable existing service. However if you look at the entry for Reach it states: 'many homes and businesses [are] to receive superfast broadband speeds (minimum 24Mb/s) while others will be able to receive fibre broadband speeds of between 2Mb/s and 24Mb/s'.

Why the discrepancy and who are the unfortunate 'others' who may only get a service of 2Mb/s (probably no better than they are receiving today)? The answer to this lies in the way that the new scheme will work.

Technicalities



The current standard broadband service in Reach (excluding RaSP) uses a fibre optic link to Burwell exchange which then connects subscribers using relatively old copper wire telephone lines from Burwell to Reach.

These copper wires were never designed to carry fast data signals and don't do it very well; if you lived very close to the Burwell exchange (within a few hundred metres) you would get a respectable broadband service of 5-10Mbps but the signal quality on the copper drops off very rapidly as you go further from the exchange which forces BT to slow down the data rate to compensate. Reach is far enough from Burwell for the signal to have deteriorated very seriously resulting in the poor broadband typically received.

For the 24Mb/s superfast broadband service BT are laying new fibre optic cables from the exchanges to street side cabinets close to rural population centres (this system is known as 'fibre to the curb' or FTTC). Copper wires then feed the telephone and data signals to individual homes. These copper links are much shorter than before so that the broadband service is much better. However it is still the case that the longer the length of copper from the street side cabinet to the subscriber, the more speed deterioration occurs. The other factor is the quality of the copper wire itself: this varies considerably with more recently installed connection much better than older ones. It is for these reasons that Cambridgeshire CC are being very cautious about the service people might expect.

Assuming that the new fibre terminates in the centre of Reach, I would expect everyone in the central 30mph zone to receive a speed of at least 15Mb/s, probably higher. Subscribers outside the village will see slower speeds: at a distance of 1km the speed is likely to be around 10mb/s and at 2km it will have dropped to 5Mb/s or less.

Business Support

Cambridgeshire have recently announced a new scheme to provide financial support to small businesses (less than 250 employees) to help them improve their IT capabilities. The scheme opens to applications in January 2014. Click on the 'Business Support' link on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website for more information.

Broadband Champion

As part of the broadband improvement scheme Cambridgeshire County Council have invited 'Broadband Champions' to come forward to represent their local areas. I put myself forward for this and am now receiving monthly updates about the project and will use this information to provide updates on the scheme - but if you have a specific question I will try to answer it or obtain an answer for you.

Hugh de Lacy



Manchetts Raising Funds for Danny Pickard



Recent fundraising at Manchetts has seen a total of £1,700 raised for local lad Danny Pickard, the majority raised from our own Peter Manchett's charity golf match back in September and the rest from collections in our Budgens and reception areas. Thank you to all our customers giving their loose change and the generous donations from golfers who came to our charity day.

Danny and his mum Helen popped in to collect the cheque and met with me and our service manager John Wyatt. I enjoyed a lovely cuddle with Danny! Danny's grandad Frank Smith was part of the team at Manchetts many moons ago and we are really proud to be able to help with Danny's Help Me Hear Campaign (www.helpmehear.info).

Always happy to provide a hamper from our Budgens store, we put one together for the Prospects Trust Halloween party and it helped to raise funds on the night.

We would also like to thank everyone for voting for us in the Velvet Awards, to be crowned by velvet readers as First for Motoring in the region is fabulous especially as Marshalls won it last year! We are striving to provide convenient services and our newest is being able to view your tyre size on line by just popping your registration into this website: www.burwelltyres.co.uk and getting a comparison quote where you can book for next day fitting and all from your arm chair!

Don't forget Father Christmas will be in store on Christmas Eve ready to give out presents to your little ones and a glass of cheer for you!

Mandy Manchett
www.manchetts.co.uk
mandy@manchetts.co.uk



Remembrance Sunday



They shall grow not old

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

From Laurence Binyon's poem *For the Fallen*, written in September 1914

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme will close for the Christmas period from December 13th to January 6th.

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.

Reach Community Solar Farm Update

On a chilly but dry weekend in November the Solar Farm project commenced – or at least the cutting of soil with the undertaking of an archaeological trial trench evaluation. The latter was required by Cambridgeshire County Council Historic Environment Team, as advisors to the Local Planning Authority, prior to the determination of planning for the solar farm. These archaeological searches are pretty standard on development projects (the smallest search we've ever done was in advance of a new ladies and gents toilet block behind a pub!).

Four 30m long x 1.6m wide trial trenches were required and John Robinson did a really great job stripping off the ploughsoil to the potential archaeological horizon.



John Robinson with his JCB starts the project!

The site had a potential for archaeological finds. It straddles the edge of Swaffham Prior Fen, a chalk peninsular to its south and a large amount of prehistoric finds have been made in the area. The closest find spot comprises a bronze axe head found 70m east of the eastern development boundary, while settlement is indicated by ploughed out round barrows on the high ground to the east. An Iron Age and Roman settlement is also recorded to the south. The Reach Lode was originally cut in Roman times and the Scheduled Monument of the Devil's Dyke to the east was probably constructed in the 7th century. The Hythe was a wharf on the fen edge from medieval times and the post-medieval wharf lies to the east of the site between numbers 46 and 48 Great Lane. In the 17th century the Reach Lode was re-cut and Swaffham Fen was drained and enclosed.

So lots to look out for!

The ground was largely wet in the past so the main finds were struck flint flakes and tools – derived from the prehistoric exploitation of the fen wildlife. We found sparse struck flint flakes throughout the trenches. The interest was the technology of the knapping - all the struck flint was removed using a soft hammer with parallel dorsal scars all from single direction removals.

This suggests a date rather earlier than anticipated: later Mesolithic and earlier Neolithic (approx. 6000 BC).

We are grateful to everyone who assisted on the day: Jo Riches, Lily and Dylan Steed (with metal detector), Jon and Kathryn Cane, Charles Moseley, Veronica Wood and her sister Yvonne and Graham and Hazel Lingley. Thank you also to John and Paul Robinson, Andy Rankin and Kate, plus Samuel Egan of AS.

The Planning Archaeologist, Kasia Gdaniec, visited the site and stated that there were no nationally-important finds to prohibit the progress of the project and it would be unlikely that further archaeological input would be required. I'm not convinced, Lily Steed found a sherd of slipware (Olly the Owl pottery) and I think we should go back and find the rest.

It felt like a long day – out in the fresh air, mattocking and shovelling - thank you and well done to everyone who sustained the course and didn't keel over. I think Kate's chocolate cookies did the trick.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

We'd like to say a really big thank you to all the budding archaeologists who came to help survey the site for the solar farm - and to Claire, Tom and Sam for showing us what to do! It was a really interesting day and we all learnt a lot and went home happy, muddy and with slightly aching shoulders from wielding our trowels and mattocks.

Once we have the archaeology report back, we've got a little bit more work to do before we can submit the planning application. But that shouldn't take long and we should be ready to make the application within the next few weeks. As with any planning application, it will be open for public comments and consultation, so we'll try to let everyone in the village know - we'd really welcome everyone's views.

Andy Rankin



Hey ho! No prehistoric log boats

Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club

The weekend of 19th/20th October 2013 saw the 40th Anniversary of the Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club and an Exhibition was held to celebrate this event at Mandeville Hall in Burwell. It was officially opened on the Saturday by Keith Heppell, senior News Photographer at Cambridge News Ltd who selected a print by Helen McMenamin-Smith entitled 'Watching' as best in show. The Exhibition was very well supported with over 100 people attending on each of the two days. The display of more than 200 photographs, together with a digital presentation, covered a diverse range of subjects.

Amongst the visitors on Saturday was the President of the EAF (East Anglian Photographic Federation of Photographic Societies) Mrs Sue Dobson CPAGB APAGB, the umbrella organisation of 120 photographic clubs in the East Anglian area. During Sunday three former Presidents together with the President Elect of the EAF attended. The Exhibition proved to be very successful and visitors commented on the high quality of the work.

For those of you interested in photography, our forthcoming event at the club is as follows:

28 January 2014

'Images of India' digital presentation by David Steel of Cambridge Camera Club.

Full details of our new programme are available on our website and member's 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:
Mrs Daphne Hanson CPAGB APAGB
01638 741106
Website: www.bottburpc.org

Barry Coles
Publicity officer



Best in Show Photograph by Helen McMenamin-Smith titled `Watching'

Twas the Night Before Christmas

Anita Folkes says, to me it never feels like Christmas until I have heard this old rhyme:

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below.
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! On, Cupid! on, on Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"

Clement Clarke Moore (1779 - 1863) wrote the poem Twas the night before Christmas also called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in 1822. It is now the tradition in many American families to read the poem every Christmas Eve. The poem 'Twas the night before Christmas' has redefined our image of Christmas and Santa Claus. Prior to the creation of the story of 'Twas the night before Christmas' St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children, had never been associated with a sleigh or reindeers!

Clement Moore was a reticent man and it is believed that a family friend, Miss H. Butler, sent a copy of the poem to the New York Sentinel who published the poem. The condition of publication was that the author of Twas the night before Christmas was to remain anonymous. The first publication date was 23rd December 1823 and it was an immediate success. It was not until 1844 that Clement Clarke Moore claimed ownership when the work was included in a book of his poetry.



Wine Tasting



I'm not even keen on alcohol!



Ladies don't get fooled by all this posh tipple, come round to the car park later I've got a great selection in my boot including some Blue Nun



……Oh yes! And then there's the yacht in the Seychelles…



You should trying living with this fellow. He never stops talking – even when he sleeps!



FishBurwell Cooking Demonstration

Trish and Oliver of FishBurwell gave a fish cooking demonstration in Reach Village Centre on the evening of Wednesday 12th November. We were greeted with a glass of wine and fish yummy fish pastries.



Trish's family will eat fish five nights of the week with a roast on Sunday and something different on Saturday! The three recipes on the night were cooked using scallops, sea bass and plaice.

The shop in the Guineas shopping centre Newmarket will undertake all the filleting and bone the fish – phew!

The fish used that evening was from Newhaven in the morning. Most of the fish which is sold from the shop and mobile trailer outside Manchetts, Burwell, is from the British Isles with mackerel from Cornwall and Scotland, soles from the south coast and bass from Anglesey. The company obtain their fish from old fishing families.

FishBurwell can see the effects in the shop of the television programmes like Saturday Kitchen. One episode used spider crab, filmed at Christmas but televised in March when spider crab is out of season!

The company has also been visiting schools such as Ely College, Years 10 and 11, and given cookery classes.

The website (www.Fishburwell.com) has all the recipes.

The shop in Newmarket is open Monday to Saturdays, and Trish is at the trailer outside Manchetts, Burwell, on Wednesdays (10am - 4pm) and Fridays (11am – 5pm).



Fostering

Cambridgeshire County Council

Cambridgeshire County Council needs you to help change the lives of local children and young people

Foster Carers provide a stable family support network for local children and young people when they are unable to live with their own family. Every year we have over 425 children and young people looked after by Cambridgeshire County Council.

The shortage of Foster Carers means that children and young people are placed with independent foster carers or residential units some outside of Cambridgeshire. They may also be looked after within the county children's homes. We need to recruit more Foster Carers in order to give them the best possible future.

Foster Carer's come from all different kinds of backgrounds. It may be that you have your own children or you may have worked with children before. You may have no experience of children or possibly considering a career change?

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you can offer stability, security and the positive experience of a loving family then we want to hear from you.

You might be married, in a civil partnership, single or living with a partner from an ethnic background, in a same sex relationship, in work, unemployed or retired.

Recruiting local people will mean that children and young people can live in their own community, continue to attend the same school and maintain contact with their family and friends.

We offer generous allowances including a start up package, 24 hr support and full training.
Call our freephone number on 0800 052 0078 or email fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



REACH

PARISH COUNCIL

REACH PARISH COUNCIL CLERK VACANCY

Job Specification

Purpose Statement

The Parish Clerk is the Proper Officer of the Council and is under a statutory duty to carry out all of the specific responsibilities listed below. The Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer, administering all of its finances and maintaining all necessary financial records.

Responsibilities

1. To ensure that statutory and other provisions governing or affecting the running of the Council are observed.
2. To receive correspondence and documentation on behalf of the Council and to deal with these appropriately or bring them to the attention of the Council.
3. To prepare agendas for meetings of the Council.
4. To produce information for councillors to allow them to make informed decisions.
5. To attend all meetings of the Council, taking the minutes and within five working days, distributing them to councillors for their approval at the subsequent meeting.
6. To implement decisions made by the Parish Council.
7. To receive and report on invoices to be paid for by the Council and where these are approved, to ensure such payments are met.
8. To issue invoices on behalf of the Council for goods and services and to ensure payment is received.
9. To monitor and balance the Council's accounts and prepare proper records for audit purposes and VAT.
10. To manage all aspects of the Parish Council's cemetery to include receipt of payments, liaison with funeral directors and keeping of proper records.

The ideal candidate will be . . . .

- Computer literate, specifically being comfortable with the basics of email, Excel, Word and the internet
- Organised, thoughtful and analytical
- Comfortable speaking on the telephone and dealing with local government

Remuneration

The role is paid as SCP (Spinal Column Point) 26 which pays £11.665 per hour which, based on 17 hours per month, pays £2,380 per annum. Pay is reviewed annually by the Parish Council.

To apply . . . .

If you are interested in the role then please email the current Clerk on reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk **briefly** explaining why you feel you would be ideal for the role.

The deadline for applications is **midnight on Thursday 12th December 2013**. Interviews with the Parish Council will then take place the following week with a decision being made on Friday 20th December 2013.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk
www.cambsfire.gov.uk
PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

IT is the time of year when we're enjoying a tipple with friends, cooking heaps of delicious food and decking the halls.
The fire service has these messages to make sure your festive cheer doesn't go up in smoke:

- Kitchens are a fire hotspot, so take care while cooking your Christmas dinner. Never leave cooking unattended and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Switch off fairy lights and unplug them before you go to bed or leave the house. Make sure they confirm to the British Standard and never overload plug sockets.
- Be careful when drinking alcohol while smoking or cooking.
- Finally, make sure you have a working smoke alarm which is correctly fitted and works. And NEVER take the batteries out to power presents!

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, follow us on Twitter @cambsfrs.

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

Where the Butterflies Go



Winter is sadly devoid of butterflies and only the most hardy brave our early spring and late autumn. I've often thought a nice sparkly snow-covered garden would make a glorious background to these pretty creatures. Unfortunately since they need warmth from the sun to help them move and fly, they are rarely seen beyond our somewhat limited summer. They are however around us, in one form or another.

As I type this, although I'm sitting in a hotel in California, I know that back home many peacocks, red admirals and small tortoiseshells are in our shed and under the roofs. There are usually a few hanging upside down underneath the overturned wheelbarrow. Brimstones will be tucked away in the middle of hedges and dense shrubs, disguised as pale leaves. Hibernating as adults, they may indeed venture out on the odd mild sunny day, but with little daylight, cool winds and few flowering plants they won't be out for long.

Other species will be protected from the risk of being awoken by overwintering as pupae/chrysalises. Orange tips, the whites and holly blue hang in vegetation like little dead crinkled leaves, twigs or bird droppings.

Many of our butterflies, including most of the skippers and fritillaries, plus others like ringlet, common blue and gatekeeper hibernate as caterpillars. Camouflaged in vegetation and among fallen leaves, they may be abundant but almost impossible to find. In fact of all our Lepidoptera, probably the hawk-moth caterpillars are the most conspicuous at any time of year – please do tell me if you ever find one! In fact the only time I've ever seen a caterpillar in the winter is in the mouth of our resident wren, who always manages to find big juicy green ones in the rockery!



Just a few, including the chalkhill blue (locally found only on the Devil's Dyke), high brown fritillary (critically endangered) and purple fritillary, overwinter as eggs. They are easy and nutritious pickings for any predator that knows where to find them.

Painted lady, clouded yellow and red admiral are probably our most common non-resident migrants. Although the latter will stay over in the South during a mild winter, the rest head back to warmer climes. Painted ladies have the most unusual and only recently understood migration pattern. During spring they breed in North Africa, some then make their way directly to the UK and others will stop to breed again in several stages throughout Europe before reaching the UK or even further north. They are strong fliers and some years we see vast numbers throughout the country, however this year I saw very few.

Alison Lewis

Citizen Science

Citizen science is becoming an increasingly popular way to harness the skills and time of the general population. You may have heard about recent projects to categorise the shape of galaxies, translate fragments of ancient manuscripts or categorise the sound of killer whales.

If you are interested in birds, there are numerous ways to become involved in large scale scientific research. The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) runs an online service called Birdtrack. Anyone can sign up for an account and log their bird observations through the website or from the mobile phone app. It's a very convenient way for individuals to keep track of the birds they see but put together with the hundreds and thousands of other people's records it provides valuable information about species population changes and migration patterns.



Hen Harrier

For the next few months you may bump into me on a regular walk up through Reach Wood, down to Swan Lake barns, across Tubney Fen and back along the lode. If I'm staring into space and muttering to myself don't feel you have to keep your distance. I will probably be trying to count a flock of birds, as part of the BTO's Winter Thrush Survey. This is the second year that volunteers have been making regular counts of the numbers of thrushes seen between October and March. Some of the species - blackbird, song thrush and mistle thrush - you may see at any time of the year, though their numbers may swell as over-wintering birds move south. However, the stars for me are the redwings and fieldfares that arrive, sometimes in huge flocks, to spend the winter away from the colder climates of Iceland, Scandinavia and Russia.



Redwing

This time a year ago I had just returned from a trip to Shetland. While I was there redwings and fieldfares were touching down on Fair Isle in their thousands, to take a break before moving further south. When I got back to Reach many of them had arrived here. What are the chances that some were the same birds? This year the numbers around Reach are still building. Watch out for them stripping berry bushes or feeding on the fields.



Waxwing

This is also the time when other migrants arrive to spend the winter. Last year there was a huge influx of waxwings to the UK. These spectacular birds are often seen in supermarket car parks because they like the berries on the cotoneaster plantings but they can pop up almost anywhere. There was a small flock at Upware in December last year. This year sightings across the UK have been few and far between but you never know.

You may also like to keep an eye out in the next few weeks for the arrival of short-eared owls. They are gradually moving inland from the east coast. You should see them hunting across the fen fields, especially around the National Trust land. If you are very lucky you will also spot a hen harrier. I saw my first of the year on Tubney Fen two weeks ago.



Short eared owl

Happy watching!

If you are interested in citizen science then check out: http://www.citizensciencealliance.org or the BT website: http://www.bto.org

Gareth Davies

Christmas Tree Festival

Fakenham Parish Church holds its 13th Christmas Tree Festival from

Thursday 28th November – Thursday 5th December
10am - 8pm daily

This ever popular occasion attracted 25,000 people last year and raised almost £22,000 for charities – mostly in small coins!

This year 76 charities will be taking part and there will be 90 trees!

Entrance to the Festival is free but please bring a bag of coins to place at the charity trees of your choice.

Inside there will be a Christmas Bazaar selling a wide range of Christmas goods; also refreshments, a Tombola and a Grand Draw. Prayers will be said on the hour for the charities and there will be six Prayer Trees where you can write a prayer of your own.

An Orchard with a Rattle and a Hum



As part of the community orchard project we would like to encourage flower-rich meadow grassland beneath the fruit trees. However to do this requires us to reduce the competition from coarse growing perennials, including grasses. One way to do this is by stripping nutrients from the soil by scraping off the topsoil.

But that is costly and requires a lot of effort. An alternative – which we're trying – is to sow Yellow-rattle (*Rhinanthus minor*).



Yellow Rattle

Yellow-rattle (also known as Cock's Comb, Hay Rattle or Shackle Bags) gets its common name from the sound of its seeds which rattle in their pods at the height of summer.

It's an annual plant which thrives in grasslands where it lives a semi-parasitic life by feeding off the nutrients in the roots of nearby grasses. As a consequence, farmers used to see it as an indicator of poor grassland, but it is often used these days to turn improved grassland and former arable land back to meadow. Because it feeds off the vigorous grasses it reduces their competition, allowing a more diverse mix of species to develop and thrive. It's a food plant of the caterpillars of the Grass Rivulet moth (a small white moth, variably marked with grey and brown lines, which flies by day, from late afternoon to early dusk) as well as a favourite nectar source of the bumble bee – so in time our orchard meadow should rattle and hum.

Getting Yellow-rattle established isn't easy however. The seed needs to be sown into short grass during the autumn. They germinate on the surface of the soil in February or March, after its dormancy has been broken by cold winter temperatures. With the right conditions and a few warm days the seeds germinate and each produces a small two leafed shoot. To germinate, the seed relies on being warmed by the sun and is not dependent on contact with the ground. The seed's flat structure keeps it naturally on the surface, however the energy in the seed is soon used up and if the surrounding grass is too long the seedling won't be able to photosynthesize and will soon die. To become established it needs its roots to parasitize a 'host' grass plant. There is therefore a fine balance between having a suitably dense grass sward but one which isn't too long that it shades out the Yellow-rattle seedlings when they first germinate.



Grass Rivulet Moth

In the longer term, if we are to maintain the yellow-rattle, our management of the orchard/meadow will need to be suited to its life cycle. It is an annual species that flowers at the height of summer and is in full seed a couple of months later (late August). As an upright plant it can't tolerate being cut or grazed off too severely during this period, so close mowing needs to stop between about March and early September. Traditional hay-making practices were very effective at providing conditions for yellow-rattle and other flowering annuals to seed and spread.



Kathryn and David Cane

The grassland in the orchard has now been seeded with Yellow-rattle (with the assistance of David and Kathryn Cane and Alice Trump) and we wait to see whether it gets successfully established in the spring.

David Thomas

24Acres Woodland



Planting of the 24Acres woodland takes place on Saturday 7 December. There are about 3,000 trees and shrub saplings to go in - quite an ambitious target - so it would be great to see as many of you as possible out there from 0900 onwards. It would help our planning if you could let David Parr know in advance if and when you are going to be available.

Please also bring your own spades. We will be providing soup and cake to keep the chill at bay!

In my previous article I mentioned that our planting scheme will match tree and shrub species to soil conditions. To achieve this we have divided the site into ten sectors, each of which will have a particular mix of trees and shrubs. The sectors have already been laid out in brightly coloured surveyor's paint and we will putting in planting holes using augurs (large motorised corkscrews). This will make planting on the day quicker and easier and will ensure that we get the tree and shrub densities right whilst ending up with a wood that looks natural rather than a regimented plantation. However on arrival you will find a site that looks as if it is under siege from a plague of killer moles!

Planting in each sector will be overseen by an 'expert', who will be able to guide you on what to plant, where and how. Each sapling will have a mulch mat (to keep the weeds at bay until it is established) and a shelter supported by a cane or stake (to keep voles, rabbits and deer at bay).

Attached are a couple of images of the planting of Reach Wood in December 1994 which shows how the contributions of villagers two decades ago have dramatically improved the environment and amenity of today's village. We now have an opportunity to take another step forward by creating a rather different wood that will complement our previous effort and also the orchard and cricket pitch on the 24Acres site.

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

Sue Loaker, Police Crime Prevention Officer, Kevin Evans from Neighbourhood Watch and Stephen Cook from Briar Security will be presenting at the Wednesday December 4th Reach Parish Council meeting – starting at 7.00pm

PLEASE COME ALONG!

24Acres Compost Toilet

The 24Acres Compost Toilet is now in place with huge thanks going to Ray Bateman, Nathan Bridgeman, Sean Manchett and Dan Mules for their efforts in firstly building the base . . . .



Dan Mules, Sean Manchett, Nathan Bridgeman and Ray Bateman



and then dumping the facility on it . . . .



Bare Branches Still Leave Delicate Traceries

In the dark days of December, much of the animal world is tucked away asleep – newts under logs and plant pots, toads in the mud, hedgehogs in the brush of a spinney, bats crammed into packed roosts between bricks and rafters.

Most plants go into a state of dormancy before the deep winter conditions arrive, brought on in reaction to the decreasing day length and drops in temperature – rather wonderful to think that an organism with no brain, nervous system or memory to draw on can predict and prepare for the onset of winter.



The Chinese red birch (*betula albo-sinensis*)

The most obvious stage is autumn leaf drop and the final flags of red and yellow will be shed this month. Leaf drop is a triumph of plant signalling, the final farewell in a process that began way back in the spring. As leaf buds broke in response to spring's warmth and sun, the leaf stalks stretched out from the leaf petiole. A special layer, called the abscission layer, formed at this junction comprising cells that remain conjoined when the plant is 'making hay while the sun shines' and flows of the plant hormone, auxin, remain steady through the leaf and in the body of the plant. But in autumn, as the plant reduces the production of green-pigmented chlorophyll essential to photosynthesis in response to the drop in sunlight, the auxin flow from the leaf also decreases or stops.

This prompts the cells in the abscission layer to elongate and break, setting the leaf free to float down or indeed the ripe fruit to fall to the ground. It also forms a layer that seals the break so the plant does not lose sap through the broken vascular bundles. Essentially, the plant battens down the hatches.

Which is usually what we feel like doing in the dark days of winter! But if you do venture out, you will be rewarded with the stunning winter traceries of the leafless trees, such as the vaulted domes of the walnuts, or the yellow mops of the weeping willows or the coral and scarlet fans of the acers.

And if you struggle to tell your ash from your alder in winter without the leaves to help you, we are running a one-day course at the Botanic Garden on 31 January 2014 which looks at how to use tree outline, bark structure and twig characteristics to identify trees in winter. Please see the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk for details.

The Botanic Garden is open in December & January 10am-4pm. Please note the Garden is closed for the Christmas holidays from Tuesday 24 December 2013 to 01 January 2014 inclusive. Admission is £4.50, Gift aid 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

St Mary's Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December
10am-12.00 noon
in the Guildhall, Burwell

Cards, crafts, jewellery, gifts, tombola and refreshments

New this year-
Santa's Grotto



Tales from a Reach Garden



Normally at this time of year I would be shivering in the cold and all the deciduous trees in our garden would have dumped their leaves on our lawn and paths.

So I would be wrapped up in thick coat, scarf, gloves and woolly hat to keep warm while raking up the leaves. Not this year.

It may be the middle of November while I am writing this and after all the rain we have had it is very damp; but it's also remarkably warm, the sun is shining and many of our trees are hanging on to their leaves, but I've walked around the garden without a coat. We've had the odd cold day but that's been the exception so far this autumn. It has been an unusual year. After the long and very cold winter of 2012/13, the garden didn't really get going until (a very windy) May. It's almost as if the weather is compensating for the late start. Of course, I may be regretting these words next week. But here I was, on a pleasant November morning wondering what I should write, so I took a stroll around the vegetable patch for inspiration and picked some raspberries.



Autumn Bliss **raspberries growing in the garden this November**

I grow two varieties of raspberry in the garden which grow on several canes: "Malling Promise" which is one of the earliest summer-fruiting raspberries producing fruit from late June through to early August; and "Autumn Bliss" which is an autumn-fruiting raspberry that can produce fruits from late July until stopped by the frosts of autumn. It was the fruits from the latter I picked this November morning. Both varieties were developed at East Malling Research, a plant breeding institute in Kent.

"Autumn Bliss" may be blissfully easy to grow (as well as delicious), but this variety is actually named after the English composer, Arthur Bliss. The institute has also bred "Autumn Britten" (after Benjamin Britten) and "Autumn Byrd" (after William Byrd), which are more recent introductions doing well in the US and Canada.

I don't know if the raspberries were only ever named after English composers, or whether it's a coincidence and actually Autumn Bach, Beethoven and Brahms just didn't make the grade…

In my experience autumn-fruiting raspberries are much easier to grow than their summer cousins. They are less prone to the usual pests and diseases that attack the summer-fruiting varieties, presumably because there are fewer aphids (their predators have had time to catch up) and raspberry beetles are becoming less active in the latter half of the year. Pruning is also easier with autumn raspberries because all the canes are cut down to just above ground level in winter - we usually do this in February - and then the old canes are burnt. This year, thanks to the prolonged cold weather, that job could have been left until April! While pruning we've noticed the buds of the new canes just starting to poke through ready to grow and fruit later in the year.



Pruning canes of ***Autumn Bliss*** **raspberries in winter**

By contrast, the new canes of summer-fruiting raspberries grow up while previous year's canes are fruiting. These new canes are unlikely to fruit until the following summer, so the old canes ought to be pruned away after fruiting. Sometimes while scrabbling on the ground while pruning summer-fruiting raspberries, I have found it too easy to cut a new cane by mistake! The main reason for cutting down the old canes is to remove any stems potentially infected with fungi or viruses. If the old canes were left intact, any infected stems would produce fewer fruit that would also be stunted and misshapen. The diseases would spread rapidly to other canes and the productive life of the raspberry plants would be short. The fungi and viruses would also be present in the top layers of soil, so it would not be a good idea to plant new canes where the old ones had died.

Both types of raspberries benefit from the addition of a little fertilizer, such as blood, bone and fish, which we fork in around the canes in spring (gently, because raspberries are shallow rooted). We also add some fresh mulch around the base of the canes (e.g. compost, manure, leaf mould, bark chippings, old newspaper…) which helps to retain moisture near the roots.

Our previous garden in Watford was much smaller than this one, and we grew "Autumn Bliss" raspberries at the back of the garden border. This was in preference to growing strawberries or summer fruiting raspberries.

We had limited space but wanted to grow high-yielding soft fruit that was also quite easy to grow. For several years we had large yields of raspberries from quite a small space - enough to use in summer puddings, mousses and jam as well as to eat fresh.

Danuta Gibson

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



As the year draws to a close it's time to reflect of what has been a fantastic year for wildlife. After last year's disaster, cuckoos successfully bred on the Fen this year, along with bittern for only the second recorded time. Other breeding success included marsh harriers and bearded-tits in the redbuds, avocets on Tubney Fen and stonechats, the only recorded place in Cambridgeshire where stonechats bred. This year hen harriers returned from the summer breeding grounds relatively earlier in October and it's not uncommon to see up to five harriers coming into roost on Sedge Fen at dusk.



Stonechat

Down at Anglesey Abbey, Head Gardener, Richard Todd, chalked up 40 years of service with the National Trust on 12 November - all of which has been spent at Anglesey Abbey. Not only has Richard been inspirational in maintaining and developing the gardens, but also in recent years developing our wider community engagement, particularly with children and adults with learning or mental health issues. It is perhaps fitting that on the day Richard notched up his 40 years news broke that Cambridge based mental health charity, Squeaky Gate, have been accepted for a show garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2014. Anglesey Abbey will be looking after many of the plants that will be used for the garden making sure they arrive at Chelsea in peak condition – so its fingers crossed for Gold Medal in 2014.

Now the House has closed for the season, builders are now restoring the domestic wing of Anglesey Abbey, in preparation for its opening to visitors in 2014. If all goes to plan, building work should be completed in February, with the rooms then being dressed to re-create life below stairs in the 1960's.

To bring these rooms alive for our visitors we are now looking to recruit a team of **Encounter Volunteers,** who will be at the heart of this new experience. It's an exciting role – answering questions and encouraging visitors to get involved, giving demonstrations, storytelling, preparing rooms for opening, to cleaning the rooms using period methods and products – like Vim or Zebu - to excite the senses and really set the scene for our visitors.

We are also looking to recruit a team of **Craft and Sowing Volunteers**. Initially you will be working with a professional theatre designer, to help create, alter or repair a number of items and props in preparation for the opening of the domestic rooms. There will be an on-going role to repair and help develop new exhibits to keep the experience fresh for our visitors. If your interested please contact Volunteer Manager, David Craig on 01223 810089 or email david.craig@nationaltrust.org.uk.

We are also holding a couple of Volunteer Open Days on Saturday's 18 and 25 January (10am -1pm in the Robinson Room, in the main Visitor Centre), where you can discover more about volunteering not only in the Domestic Wing, but also other areas of the property such as Lode Mill.



Anglesey Abbey

Whilst the House has closed for its deep clean over the winter months, we are running **Conservation Tours**. Discover the tools of the trade and watch our conservators at work cleaning paintings, books and furniture and discover how we deal with woodworm damage to the legs of the 16th century dining table. Conservation Tours run on Tuesday to Friday until 31 December at 12noon & 1.30pm. Tickets (£3.50 - NT Members Free) are available on the day from Visitor Reception.

Our **Winter Lights Festival** runs over three weekends from Friday 29 November to Sunday 15 December. Tickets (£10.50 adults, £7.50 child or £32 family ticket) are available on 0844 249 1895 or online by following the links from the Events page of our website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/angleseyabbey. Tickets for a number of sessions have already sold-out, so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Finally, Father Christmas makes his annual visit to Wicken Fen, on Saturday & Sunday, 7 – 22 December, with timed tickets from 10.30am. Tickets (£6.95 per child including present) are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 – advance booking essential.

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?



Pumpkins are not just for Halloween and Sprouts are not just for Christmas

Snakehall Farm is the home of the seasonal vegetable. Pop along to our farm shop with a pocket of change and you can leave with a bumper crop of organic edibles. We know our orange orbs of organic loveliness glowed at a recent wedding (congratulations) and hopefully treated not tricked lots of children this Halloween, but hopefully you have all embraced the wonderful taste of squash at your tables too? We like to grow some interesting produce, proud that our veggies are as different as the people who grow them and indeed not something you can find shrink wrapped in a supermarket. Take a look at some of our recipe suggestions or just take the plunge, pick up a veg variety you haven't tried before and be adventurous with it.

Our shop isn't just the home to veg of course. You may pop in for some carrots or onions and leave with an amazing willow weaving (orders taken), festively dressed ready to adorn your door or an up-cycled cake stand. In fact Kirsty Alsop has nothing on Snakehall Farm's crafty Co-workers and our arty Support Workers. Take a look in the shop - you may leave with some stocking fillers or unique gifts this Christmas, boot removers, bird feeders, chopping boards, hanging baskets all nestled within our farm shop alongside the vegetables and salads. You can further support the Prospects Trust by purchasing a very unique Prospects Trust 2014 calendar and get your fire roaring (after Christmas Eve of course) with firewood and kindling fresh from the farm.

Big Thanks to the Big Lottery Fund for Four Years of "Reaching for Better Chances"

Our Co-workers (people with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and those with varying health needs) have been challenged, engaged, enthralled and achieved, thanks to an amazing project supported by the Big Lottery Fund, Reaching for Better Chances. Sadly our four years of project funding came to an end this October but we are proud to say all the new opportunities and learning it has provided will live on.
The project has been a great success and injected lots of fun on the farm too, spearheaded by our Co-manager, now turned invaluable volunteer, Jill Frost.

The grand finale of this Big Lottery funding was our Halloween Disco Fundraiser held at the Burwell Community Sports Centre on Friday 25th October. Count Draculas and his vamps, Frankenstein's monster, ghouls, ghosts and even an alien joined in the Spooktacular fun, raising a staggering £2,400 for our charity. Not only a BIG thanks to the Big Lottery but also to our new fundraising champion at Barclays, Kate North, who helped sell tickets and secure match funding for this event from Barclays bank. Raffle donations from Fenland Airsoft, Manchetts Budgens, The Five Bells Burwell, Newmarket Racecourse and Wicken Fen NT boosted our charitable activities tremendously so we thank them for their generous donations. Even ARM lent an amazing helping hand of £500 towards our cause.

Our Co-workers, Support Staff and Volunteers were all recognised for their involvement in the project with the presentation of Tilly Tractor mugs. The event also gave us an opportunity to present our ROB Award (Recognising Outstanding Benefits made to Prospects Trust) commemorating our volunteer Rob who passed away in October 2012. Rob's sister Trish, presented this award to not one but two very worthy individuals, Jill Frost and Liz Sheehan, who have always gone the extra acre on the farm supporting our Co-workers. Who will it be in 2014?



Socially Inspiring Enterprise (That's Us) Recognised by Santander

Hot off the press, we are so excited to announce we are AWARD winners again, 2013 has really become our lucky year on the farm. We have scooped a SEDA grant of £20,000 from Santander to establish a new farm shop on site. The physical development will take place early in 2014, a great 21st birthday present for the Prospects Trust. Watch the site for exciting developments and we will continue to offer the same shop services during our build. We will then be working with Santander for 3 years in helping us "grow" our social enterprise, hopefully offering more in the shop to more customers in the future.

Could You Become Our Snakehall Superhero? Wanted Heroes for our 25th Year

We are still looking for some people to inject the FUN into Fundraising. If you are a dare devil, a real sport, or have a hidden talent that we can turn into gold, we would love to hear from you, give Maz a call on 01638 741 551 or email maz@theprospectstrust.org.uk. Become one of the 25 heroes in our 25th year in 2014 and help us raise £25,000 for our 25th anniversary.

We are working hard to improve our facilities on the farm, from the new farm shop to lovely loos, we want to make our very supportive workplace accessible to all, especially our hard working Co-workers and volunteers. Our plans include developing a new kitchen, a larger Co-worker internal work/rest place and convenient conveniences. £25,000 is our fundraising aim - can you help us reach this target? If doing a sponsored walk, run or jump isn't for you, why not pick up a "Spend a Penny for Prospects" Jar from the shop and help make us flush with your loose change. Or place it in your own toilet and charge all Christmas visitors for the use of your loo this festive season.

Father Christmas can obviously go free!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and promising an exciting 2014. From all the Co-workers, Staff and Volunteers at The Prospects Trust (oh and Tilly the Tractor too).

Marianne (Maz) Baker

01638 741551
Email: enquiries@prospectstrust.org.uk or
maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk

Friends of Burwell Museum

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th December 2013

10am – 12 noon

Burwell Ex-Servicemen's Club
Free Entry

Tombola, Bric-a-Brac,
Cake Stall, Refreshments

Come along and support your local museum

Bottisham Village College
Adult and Community Learning

Are you looking for an unusual Christmas present? Why not book a course, or purchase a gift voucher?

We have new courses for the Spring Term 2014 as well as many of our ongoing courses:

Ceramics
Cookery – Indian, Japanese, Thai (plus Saturday workshops)
Creative Digital Photography
Drawing & Painting – Techniques (daytime)
Felt Making (Saturday workshop)
Fitness Yoga
French Conversation (daytime)
History of Art
Introduction to Counselling
Interior Design
Sewing for Beginners
Silver Clay Jewellery (Saturday workshop)
Spanish for Starters (beginners+ level)
Sugarcraft (evening and Saturday workshops)
Photoshop (Saturday workshop)

To enrol, visit our website:
www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning
or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372
email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org
Facebook - Bottisham Adult & Community Learning

An Evening of Carols

Friday 20th December 2013
At 7pm

Carols, mince pies, mulled wine
and a raffle

Days Gone By



In December 1980 and January 1981 the charts were dominated by John Lennon. Firstly with his single “(Just Like) Starting Over” and then “Imagine” which was released after his death in December 1980 (see below).

The Christmas No. 1 was “There's No-one Quite Like Grandma" by the St Winifred’s School Choir. How awful was that!

A very significant event during this time was the shooting of John Lennon on the 8th December 1980 outside his New York apartment. The killer was Mark Chapman, a 25 year old security guard from Honolulu, Hawaii. Chapman had asked for Lennon’s autograph when the Beatle had left the building with his wife Yoko Ono. Lennon obliged and even agreed to have his photograph taken - with his subsequent killer (see below).



Upon returning to his apartment at 10.50pm Chapman was waiting and took aim directly at the centre of Lennon's back, firing five hollow-point bullets at him in rapid succession. Hollow-point bullets disintegrate when they enter the body and did substantial damage, with Lennon being pronounced dead at 11.15pm.

Chapman later said he was incensed by Lennon's "more popular than Jesus" remark, calling it blasphemy and the songs "God" and "Imagine", because of the incongruity between the lyric "Imagine no possessions" and Lennon's personal wealth.

In January 1981 America was welcoming home the 52 American hostages held at the US embassy in Tehran for more than 14 months. President Carter had ordered sanctions and the freezing of Iranian assets in the US in an attempt to force Tehran to release the hostages. The Iranian Government did not give in so he ordered a rescue attempt. But the effort, in April 1980, had to be aborted after a sandstorm damaged some of the helicopters and a troop carrier to be used in the evacuation. Eight American servicemen lost their lives. In the end, the Iranian captors were forced to give way when the Shah died in exile in Egypt - and Iraq invaded Iran.

With Ronald Reagan now in charge at the White House, the US agreed to unfreeze Iranian assets in return for the release of the hostages. The release of the prisoners was delayed until the day of Ronald Reagan's inauguration as president - in a final snub to President Carter.



In Reach, editor of “Out of Reach” Kay Pote welcomed the arrival of “Mr and Mrs Cluttenbrock [Clutton-Brock] who have recently moved into “White Roses”.

The magazine also published a letter from Geoffrey Woollard in which he explained why he was resigning as County Councillor.

David Parr
davidmparr@btinternet.com or 744081

Some Good Advice from the Police

Police across the county are reminding residents to take security precautions as the clocks go back and the evenings draw in. A few simple steps can help keep homes and the possessions they contain more secure. This advice is part of the force's award-winning 'Get Closer' campaign which aims to reduce victims of crime. Crime prevention officer Sue Loaker (see below) said: "With the clocks going back this weekend, burglary is a crime which tends to increase.

Burglary is mostly an opportunist offence so people can remove temptation by keeping possessions out of sight and making their home look like someone's in. Security alarms and lights can be a worthwhile investment to deter offenders and could save you a lot of time and inconvenience in the long run.

Police are offering the following advice:

- Invest in a security light and alarm to deter burglars – they are the number one deterrent.
- Use a timer switch for lights when you are not in.
- Make sure you lock your doors and secure all windows, including upstairs, before leaving.
- Beware of bogus callers. Ask to see photo ID and call the company for confirmation.

For more information about security contact your local community safety team on 101 or visit the force website at http://www.cambs.police.uk.

Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund has **£2,616.09** available. If you feel you have a worthwhile project that could be funded via the Amenity Fund – please get in touch with Chairman Ross Clark on 01638 743725 or rossjclark@aol.com.

To learn more about the fund please visit the village website at: www.reach-village.co.uk/amenity_fund.html.

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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

Your Clerk is **David Parr**:

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

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

Reach Village Centre Committee

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Village Centre committee there were some changes to the Officers and members.

Jan Tabecki has decided to relinquish his position as Chair which has been taken by Grahame Radford who has decided that after eight years as Treasurer it would be good to give someone else the opportunity. Hugh de Lacy has gratefully risen to the challenge and takes over as Treasurer. Andrew Towers remains as Vice Chairman and Rita Dunnett continues as Secretary.

At the meeting three new members joined the Committee, which is very encouraging. They are Robert Keutgen, Thomasina Oldfield and Mike Napier and we wish them well in their endeavours. Please remember that the Committee are there to run the Village Centre for the benefit of the whole village so feel free to let them know any concerns you may have or any ideas for the future.

Grahame Radford
Chair

BURWELL MUSEUM TRIPS

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

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

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB 2013

100 CLUB WINNER

June £20 Charles Moseley
July £50 Janet Hall
August £20 David Harrison
September £20 Anita Folkes
October £20 Allen Alderson

Please contact Joyce Harrison (742405)
to be part of the draw

CROSSWORD WINNERS!

The clever clogs of the village evidently live in Great Lane because congratulations go to Joyce Harrison, Freda Lloyd and Joan Tompkins all of Great Lane for their correct crossword entries. And holding up Burwell Road we also had a correct entry from Susan Bluck. Well done everyone award yourselves an extra mince pie on Christmas Day.

Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No. 21

ACROSS: 2. BRIDES. 6. TEA. 7. EDAM. 8. SERGEANT. 9. WEST. 14. DARE. 15. RECENT. 16. ORANGE. 18. ETHER. 20. DOING. 25. PAINT. 26. ACME. 28. BLOATER.

DOWN: 1. ORGAN. 3. SLAVE. 4. WENT. 5. CAIN. 9. WORSE. 10. MEAN. 11. INCH. 12. ONCE. 13. WASH. 14. DOOR. 17. GLISTEN. 19. TAP. 21. GRAPE. 22. CLEAN. 23. VANES. 24. TABLE. 27. GOLF.

Advertisers List

CATEGORY	Page
Accommodation	
Black Horse Inn, Swaffham Bulbeck	13
Deer View Guest House	16
Hilary's Cottage, Swaffham Prior	3
The Meadow House, Burwell	3
Barbers	
The Barber's Shop in Burwell	5
Building Services	
A.M.S. Building and Landscaping Ltd	21
Barrett Property Services	23
R A Skilton Building Contractors	20
Car Leasing	
Lease Our Cars	2
Cars	
Manchetts Rescue and Recovery	7
Manchetts Car Sales, Service and MOTs	10
Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning	
Rothwell's Carpet Cleaning	8
Chimney Sweep	
Brush Electric Sweep	7
NCS	5
J. L. Wight	12
Cleaning	
Hazel's Cleaning Services	13
Ovenpad	12
Computing	
Burwell Computers	13
Concrete	
Madmix Ready Mixed Concrete	19
Curtains, Blinds and Soft Furnishings	
STAR Curtains	21
Dentists	
Burwell Dental Surgery	6
Dry Cleaners	
Tina's, Burwell	2
Electricians	
Anglia Gas and Electrical Services	23
K Domestic Electrical SOLUTIONS	24
P. Marsh Electricals and Household Maintenance	15
Derek A. Reader	23
Engineering Services	
N & G Marsh of Burwell	3
Financial Services	
Independent Financial Solutions	19
Food and Drink	
The Anchor, Burwell	16
Black Horse Inn, Swaffham Bulbeck	13
The Carpenters Arms, Great Wilbraham	24
The Dyke's End, Reach	18
Five Miles No Hurry Inn, Upware	2
Thymeless Creations	13
White Swan, Quy	24

CATEGORY	Page
Funeral Directors	
Southgate of Newmarket	14
Gardens and Gardening	
Bannold	22
D-Branch	4
John Reed Landscape Gardener	8
Madingley Mulch Barks, Soils, Composts and Mulches	19
Gifts	
Finishing Touch, Burwell	17
Tina's, Burwell	2
Haberdashery	
Tina's, Burwell	2
Liquid Propane Gas (LPG)	
Anglia Gas and Electrical Services	23
Logs/Firewood	
Newman Farms, Bottisham	11
Lottery	
Budgens, Burwell	6
Oil	
Browns of Burwell	10
Painting and Decorating	
Andy Pumfrey Painter and Decorator	11
Pest Control	
A.P.C. Pest Control	20
Mole Catcher	4
Petrol/Diesel	
Budgens, Burwell	6
Petsitters	
Burwell Petsitters	24
Plumbing and Heating	
AMH	12
Drain-Plumb Plumbing, Heating and Drain Services	9
Harrison Plumbing and Heating	9
Saniclean Drain and Plumbing Service	7
Pre-School	
Little Windmills Pre-School, Reach	17
Montessori School, Burwell	15
Red House Day Nursery, Burwell	20
Roofing	
The Rubber Roofing Company	10
Kennedy Roofing	20
Sport and Recreation	
Bottisham Sports Centre	4
Jane Newbury School of Dancing	5
Supermarkets	
Budgens, Burwell	6
Taxis	
MC Cars	18
Window Cleaners	
K. Wells and Son	23

Our advertising rates are £27.50 for a quarter of a page or £50 for half a page per year (6 issues). Please contact David Parr on 01638 744081 or davidmparr@btinternet.com.



The Five Miles No Hurry Inn at Upware

Lorraine and Dave look forward to welcoming you to their delightful riverside restaurant and pub

- **Monday Night Special** – Main and Sweet only £7.95
- **Tuesday Night Special** – Bangers and Mash only £4.50
- **Thursday Night Special** – Beer Battered Cod and Chips only £5.95
- **Main Menu and Specials Board**
- **Music Nights every Friday**
- **Pool Bar – Main Bar – Beer Garden – Children's Play Area**
- **Function Room Available**

We are open every day from 11.00am until midnight
We serve food from midday to 9.00pm Mon-Sat, midday to 8.00pm on Sunday

The Five Miles No Hurry Inn, Old School Lane, Upware, Ely CB7 5ZR
Tel: 01353 721654 **Web:** www.fivemilesinn.com **Email:** enquiries@fivemilesinn.com

Lease Our Cars

The future of modern motoring

Thinking of buying a new car?

Don't buy - Lease our cars!

No loans, no finance - just your monthly payments and you're off and driving!

A new car each year and none of the worries

Our brand new cars start from £195 + vat per month complete with road tax and warranty -

- why would you want to buy?

- and if you're self employed or a business it gets better - all payments are tax deductible!

Smaller cars from £195 + vat per month





Or something larger from £270 + vat per month

Call us today: 07917 063634
carlease@lease-our-cars.co.uk
or click the QR code to go to www.lease-our-cars.co.uk

TINA'S



01638 742785

Email: tinasburwell@hotmail.co.uk

Helium Balloons, Crafts and Gifts.

Knitting yarns,
Haberdashery,
Agent for: Dry Cleaning,
Clothing Alterations,
And MORE!



Mon - Fri. 08:30-17:00
Sat. 09:00-16:00
Sun. Closed

1, North Street
Burwell
Cambridge CB25 OBA



The Meadow House

Superior Bed & Breakfast Accommodation

- En-suite rooms available with colour TV and tea-making facilities
- Large car park and grounds
- Family rooms, children welcomed
- Open all year
- Fire certificate/no smoking
- English Tourist Board 4 Diamonds

Brian and Hilary Marsh
Tel: 01638 741926 **Web:** www.themeadowhouse.co.uk **Email:** hilary@themeadowhouse.co.uk

Hilary's Cottage

Swaffham Prior, near Cambridge



- Detached holiday cottage
- Located in the lovely village of Swaffham Prior
- Sleeps up to six people in three bedrooms
- Two bathrooms, one en-suite
- Small secluded garden
- Car parking
- Available for short breaks or longer lets

Brian and Hilary Marsh
Tel: 01638 741926 **Web:** www.themeadowhouse.co.uk (and follow the link) **Email:** hilary@themeadowhouse.co.uk

N and G Marsh

For all your metalwork requirements

- Welding Services
- Mower Repairs
- Handrails
- Tow Bars
- Security Bars
- Metal Railings
- Gates
- RSJs Supplied

Services to the Building Industry
Tractors and Agricultural Machinery Repaired

N and G Marsh of Burwell **Tel:** 01638 741354 or 741926

Bottisham Sports Centre

Lode Road, Bottisham, Cambridgeshire, CB25 9DJ
Tel: 01223 811121 - sportscentre@bottishamvc.org - www.bottishamvc.org/sportscentre

Activities running from May 2013...

Adult Fitness Classes

Monday:	Zumba; Pilates; Spinning
Tuesday:	Aqua Aerobics; Pilates; Circuits
Wednesday:	Box Fit
Thursday:	Kettlebells; Spinning; Pilates; Aqua Aerobics; Yoga (tbc)
Boot Camp:	Morning, Evening & Saturday sessions available

Junior Sports Clubs

Ballet Tots - Tuesdays @ 16:15
Kids Dance - Tuesdays @ 17:00
Judo - Wednesdays @ 17:00
Tennis Coaching 6-10 years old - Wednesday @ 16:00
Tennis Coaching 11-15 years old - Wednesday @ 17:00
Under 16's £1 swim - Monday and Friday @ 15:00

The range of classes and clubs we offer at Bottisham sports centre is constantly expanding so please call in at the centre to check the latest sporting activities on offer.

Please contact sports centre reception for specific details, times & for booking on to all adult and junior classes.







MOLE CATCHER FOR HIRE



30 years experience in mole and rabbit catching
Using only traditional methods (no gases or poisons)
From small gardens to fields and paddocks
Member of the British Traditional Mole Catchers Association
covering - Cambridgeshire and Suffolk

Call 01638 741616 or 07756 495649

D-Branch

Garden & Home Maintenance Service

Professional care and maintenance of your garden and home.

For your garden our service includes:

- Weeding, digging and garden clearance
- Lawn & hedge cutting, pruning
- Drives and paths cleared
- Borders & planting
- Furniture, decking and fencing maintained

For your home we take care of:

- Interior and exterior decorating
- Tiling, joinery and plumbing
- Traditional lime repairs
- Kitchen fitting
- Bathroom installations
- Small building works

Honest, trustworthy and reliable service.

All jobs undertaken. Contact us for a quote and to discuss your requirements.

Let us take care of your home

telephone: 07879 308822
email: d_branch.services@btinternet.com

JANE NEWBURY A.I.S.T.D. C.B.

Ex Royal Ballet

SCHOOL OF DANCING

Dance classes in Swaffham Bulbeck School Hall

Mondays

Nursery Movement	3.00 to 3.30pm
Junior Ballet	3.45 to 4.15pm
Junior Modern Dance	4.15 to 4.45pm
Intermediate Ballet	4.45 to 5.15pm
Senior Modern Dance	5.15 to 5.45pm
Senior Ballet	5.45 to 6.30pm
Ladies Ballet	6.30 to 7.30pm



Wednesdays

Dance Club A	4.30 to 5.30pm
Dance Club B	5.30 to 6.30pm
Adult Tap Dance	6.30 to 7.30pm

For further details please call me on **01223 812154** or email **jane@newburydance.co.uk**



N.C.S.

BRUSH ELECTRIC SWEEP

ALL CHIMNEYS SWEPT

*10% DISCOUNT FOR ALL WORK!!

-BIRD'S NESTS REMOVED
-OIL & GAS BOILERS
-SOLID FUEL, STOVE FITTED
-SMOKE PRESSURE TEST
-INSECT MESH, POTS, COWLS
-FLUE LINERS SUPPLIED & FITTED
-BIRD GUARDS & TERMINAL FITTED
-GUTTERS CLEANED & REPAIRED

FOR A FREE QUOTE CALL ME ON
07824727277 (01638)662760 E-MAIL
NCS.NEWMARKET@YAHOO.CO.UK

*Send text or e-mail for 10% discount - answers within an hour.
Waiting time approx 1-2 weeks

-VERY CLEAN- -VERY CLEAN-

Public Liability Insurance and Very Competitive Prices



The Barber's Shop in Burwell

We are open . . . .

- **Wednesday**, **Thursday** and **Friday** from 10.00am to 2.30pm
- **Saturday** 9.00am to 4.00pm



No appointment needed

The Barber's Shop in Burwell, 69 The Causeway (opposite the Audi garage), Burwell CB25 0DU

Burwell DENTAL SURGERY



Welcome to **Burwell Dental Surgery**, a modern, independent practice conveniently located between Cambridge and Newmarket and just **2 miles from Reach.**

Our ethos is to deliver high quality dental care in an approachable, friendly environment.

We're proud of our role in the village community, but are ideally placed whether you're looking for a Newmarket dentist, a Cambridge dentist or an Ely dentist.

We offer **free parking** and excellent **disabled access**.

We are open in the morning from 8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday.
In the afternoon we are open from 1.00pm to 5.00pm on Monday Tuesday and Thursday and 1.00pm to 4.30pm on Wednesday and Friday.

BDA goodpractice

Burwell Dental Surgery 25 Ness Road, Burwell CB25 0AA
Tel: 01638 741350 **Web:** www.burwelldental.co.uk

Manchett's Budgens of Burwell

Opening hours 6.30 to 10pm
Monday to Saturday &
8am to 8pm Sundays

Off Licence, Fresh Groceries, Coal Logs
Gas, Lottery & Great Customer Service

Dont go miles go Manchetts







R. Bristley
9 Collings Place Newmarket

SANICLEAN DRAIN AND PLUMBING SERVICE

Drains unblocked fast
Toilets, baths and sinks
Guttering and downpipes
High pressure water jetting
Domestic and industrial
All work guaranteed
Drain repairs and CCTV surveys



Tel: 01638 662439

Mobile: 07970 038404

R. Bristley
9 Collings Place Newmarket

BRUSH ELECTRIC SWEEP

All chimneys swept
Solid fuel, oil and gas
Stoves installed
Carpets cleaned
Competitive prices
Very clean
Family business
Cowls, nets and pots fitted



Tel: 01638 662439

Mobile: 07970 038404





John Reed

Landscape Gardener

- Fencing
- Garden Maintenance
- Lawns
- Patios
- Pruning



Estimates Given

12 Swaffham Road, Reach CB25 0HZ **Tel:** 01638 742140 or 07778 406366

HARRISON PLUMBING AND HEATING

GAS SAFETY REGISTERED

All Plumbing, Heating and Drain Services

7 Ness Road, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0AA

Tel: *01638 742873*
Mobile: *07932 773515*
Email: *nigel.harrison@ntlworld.com*

Nigel Harrison



MANCHETTS MOT-TO-YOU

will collect your vehicle locally and leave you with one of our smart cars. Your vehicle will then be delivered back to you.





RELAX.

MANCHETTS

Burwell MOT Centre, Ness Road, Burwell, Cambridgeshire CB25 0AA

Call now on **01638 744530** or email **workshop@manchetts.co.uk**

Finally, a guaranteed solution for your flat roof problems, proven to last over 40 years!

Does your roof suffer from any of these signs?

Moss growth • Cracks or bumps • Leaks • Expired guarantee •
Or is it more than 5 years old?

Stop! Replace it now, replace it permanently and prevent misery from a leaking roof.

Before



After



Unlike felt, RubberBond EPDM will not split, leak or crack and it's tough enough to walk on. Installed in full compliance with the revised Building Regulations of April 2006!

RUBBERBOND EPDM ROOFING SYSTEMS

APPROVED INSTALLER

THE RUBBER ROOFING COMPANY

Call **NOW** for your **FREE**, no obligation quotation - valid for 12 months.

01223 258049

Lines open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

CPA Consumer Protection Association

therubberroofingcompany.com

BROWNS OF BURWELL

Tel: 01638 741306
Email: sales@brownsofburwell.co.uk
Web: www.brownsofburwell.co.uk

OFTEC Registered Technician

Fuel Oil Suppliers for the Home, Farm and Industry
Lubricants, Bottled Gas and Pre-Packed Coal

Oftec Registered tank suppliers and installers
Compliant with all the new rules and regulations

Better service and better prices
Its what you deserve from your local supplier

Firewood

newmanfarms.co.uk

Carbon Neutral Product

Sustainably grown **Cut & Split** **Seasoned & Delivered**

Sustainably Grown Logs Delivered to Cambridge and surrounding areas.

At Newman Farms of Cambridge we pride ourselves on selling high quality seasoned firewood, all year round with a professional and friendly service.

Our firewood and kindling is of a consistently high standard, sourced from sustainable British woodlands. We only supply hardwood, which is regarded as the best value and quality firewood.

We can deliver your firewood to your home or logs can be collected from our premises near Cambridge, making sourcing your firewood easy and convenient.

Call us on:
01223 967 111

Buy Online:
www.newmanfarms.co.uk

Address: Parsonage Farm, Bottisham, Cambridge, CB25 9BA

Andy Pumfrey

Painter and Decorator

Many property maintenance tasks undertaken

Please get in touch to discuss your requirements

Tel: 01638 741376
Mobile: 07880 625159
Email: andypumfrey@tinyworld.co.uk

10 High Street, Swaffham Prior CB25 0LD

A M H
SERVICES

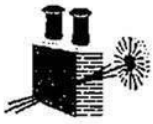
OIL & GAS BOILER REPAIR & SERVICE
PLUMBING & HEATING SPECIALIST
24 hr CALL OUT

01638 741886

CHIMNEY SWEEP

J. L. WIGHT

- Guild of Master Chimney Sweeps
- Problems solved
- Qualified advice
- Certificates issued
- HETAS approved



01954 253315
www.camsweep.co.uk
26 Cow Lane, Rampton

OvenPad

Cleaning Services

I will professionally clean . . . .

Agas, BBQs Ceramic Hobs, Extractors, Microwaves, Ovens and Ranges

It's a dirty job – why not give me a call?

Paddy Kelly
01638 742703 or 07752 631343
info@ovenpad.com
www.ovenpad.com

THE
BLACK HORSE
INN

*The **Black Horse Inn** is located in the delightful village of Swaffham Bulbeck which is just to the north of **Cambridge** and close to the horseracing town of **Newmarket***

***We are Open** from 11.30am to 11.30pm every day other than Sunday when we close at 9.30pm*

***We Serve Food** from midday to 2.00pm and 6.00pm to 9.00pm every day other than Sunday when it is midday to 2.00pm*

***We offer** excellent, yet affordable accommodation*

***We are proud** of our beers with 3 regular ales and 3 guest beers which change monthly*

35 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck
Cambridge CB25 0HP **Tel:** 01223 811366
Email: blackhorseinn-swaffhambulbeck@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.blackhorse-swaffhambulbeck.co.uk

THYMELESS CREATIONS

Personal Chef

Private Fine Dining in Your Own Home

* *Bespoke Tailored Menus*
* *Only Fresh Local Produce*
* *Personal Consultations*

Private Catering

* *Cocktail Parties*
* *Canapes & Savouries*
* *Party Food & Platters*
* *Buffets*
* *Finger Lunches*
* *Dinner Parties*
* *Breakfasts & Brunches*

Paul Dodsworth
***** Executive Chef**
Mobile: 077 8711 2177
E-mail:
innside56@gmail.com

BURWELL COMPUTERS

We provide a full range of computer repairs and information technology support services to businesses and home users.

• VIRUS & SECURITY • EMAIL & INTERNET
• BROADBAND • WIRELESS • ROUTERS
• NETWORKS • SERVERS • UPGRADES
• REPAIRS • NETWORK CABLING

Tel/Fax: 01638 742702
Mobile: 07901 556895

support@burwellcomputers.co.uk
www.burwellcomputers.co.uk

HAZEL'S CLEANING SERVICES

Office and Domestic Cleaning
Prompt and Reliable Service
References Available

Tel: 01353 727772

Mobile: 07786 972475

NATIONAL SAIF INDEPENDENT FUNERAL DIRECTORS

SOUTHGATE OF NEWMARKET

A local family owned business offering personal attention and understanding

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

J.A. Fuller, T.D. Fuller, P.S. Fuller DipFD.

25 Duchess Drive
Newmarket
Suffolk
CB8 8AG
01638 662480 (24Hour Service)

Private Chapels of Rest
Floral Tributes and Memorial Masonry arranged
Golden Charter Pre-Payment Plans available
Traditional Horse Drawn Hearse a dignified alternative





Spring Close Montessori School Burwell

"an Education for Life"

Nursery Education for two and a half to five year olds

"a peaceful, yet vibrant environment with children absorbed in learning"

- Ofsted inspected
- Well-trained experienced staff
- Monday to Friday, 9am to 1pm
- Over three academic terms
- Accepts company vouchers

Come for a visit or book your place now
Enquiries to Mrs Christine Hobbs

Spring Close Montessori School, Spring Close, Burwell CB25 0HF
Tel: 01638 743304 or 07816 082353 **Email:** scms@scms.wanadoo.co.uk **Web:** www.springclosemontessori.co.uk

P. Marsh Electricals & Household Maintenance (Kitchen & Bathroom Refits)

Part-P NICEIC registered Electrician

- Testing and certification of electrical systems
- Periodic inspections
- Fault finding and repairs
- Fuseboard upgrades
- New installations
- Full/partial rewiring
- Sockets and lighting
- Showers
- Power to sheds/garages
- Security and outdoor lighting

General household maintenance from a dripping tap to a full kitchen/bathroom refit

Based in Burwell **www.pmarshelectricals.co.uk** **01638 744281 or 07941 107321**



The Anchor

The Anchor Pub & Pizza

by the river in Burwell

We serve food Monday to Thursday midday to 2.30pm and 6pm to 9pm

Friday and Saturday midday to 2.30pm and 6pm to 9.30pm

Sunday midday to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm

We are open Monday to Thursday midday to 3pm and 6pm to 11.30pm

Friday and Saturday midday to 1am

Sunday midday to 11pm

The Anchor 63 North Street, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0BA
Tel: 01638 741101 **Email:** info@theanchorburwell.com **Website:** www.theanchorburwell.com



Deer View

Bed & Breakfast

A warm and friendly welcome awaits guests to Deer View Bed and Breakfast. For a relaxing and peaceful stay in our picturesque village

Please ring: Jennie and Steve on:

Telephone: 01638 741885

or Mobile: 07554 300501

VisitEngland

133a North Street, Burwell CB25 0BB **Email:** deerview@hotmail.co.uk
www.deerview-burwell.co.uk

Little Windmills PRE-SCHOOL

Play, learn, grow

Pre-School for 2 to 5 year olds at Reach Village Centre

Session times are:
Monday to Friday 09.15 to 12.15
Term time only

Please ring **07803 671200** during sessions for more information and to arrange a visit

Early Years Funding Vouchers accepted

www.littlewindmills.co.uk







- Affordable gifts for all occasions
- Parking
- Wrapping service
- Come and see us first, you'll be glad you did!

We are open
Monday to Friday
10am to 5.00pm,
Saturday 10.00am
to 4.00pm

Finishing Touch 59 High Street Burwell **Tel:** 01638 744377

The Dyke's End at Reach



In an age when pubs have been ruined by chilled-food suppliers and "trendy" alco-pops, we are pleased to offer what we regard as a traditional English pub. A ticking clock, a real fire, candles on scrubbed tables, excellent food and our own brewery. You can download all of our menus from our website at **www.dykesend.co.uk.**

You risk disappointment if you don't book in advance so please give us a call during our Opening Hours on **01638 743816** – new owners Catherine and George Gibson look forward to welcoming you to our lovely pub.

	Opening Hours	Kitchen Open
Monday	6pm to 11pm	We are closed
Tues to Friday	Midday to 2pm, 6pm to 11pm	Midday to 2pm, 7pm to 9pm
Saturday	Midday to 11pm	Midday to 2pm, 7pm to 9pm
Sunday	Midday to 11pm	Midday to 2pm
Bank Holidays	Please telephone us to confirm our opening times	

The Dyke's End, 8 Fair Green, Reach, Cambridge, CB25 0JD.
Tel: 01638 743816 **Email:** george@dykesend.co.uk **Web:** www.dykesend.co.uk

PROMPT COURTEOUS SERVICE

MCCARS

MARTIN CLAYDON
TAXI & COURIER SERVICE

AIRPORT SPECIALIST
AIR-CONDITIONED ESTATE CAR & 6 SEATER
SHORT JOURNEYS, LONG JOURNEYS, ALL CONSIDERED
Tel: 01638 741367 **Mobile:** 07768 744450
Email: mccarsburwell@btinternet.com



Madmix

We are your local supplier of Minimix ready mixed concrete.

- **Any quantity supplied**
- **Small trucks for easy access**
- **Same day delivery**
- **Credit cards, cash, cheques and accounts accepted**

We supply to construction, building trade, DIY – anyone who needs concrete at a competitive at a competitive, fast, reliable service



Madingley Mulch

Your Garden's Friend

Barks, Soils, Composts, Mulches and Conditioners

All delivered in our big 1 metre bag to your door or can be delivered loose in loads of 1-50 metres

Soft/Sharp Sand, 10/20mm Gravels, Ballast, Cobbles and Limestone

Can be collected from our yard over weighbridge or delivered loose on our transport or in half metre bags

Madingley Mulch, Madingley Road, Coton, Cambridge CB23 7PH
Tel: 01954 212144 **Fax:** 01954 210358 **Web:** www.mulch.co.uk **Email:** kay@mulch.co.uk

INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

You know that the State Pension is not enough, but you don't know what it will provide!

You want to save for your retirement, but you don't know what you will need!

You wish to protect your family against financial disaster, but don't know what cover you require!

You need to make your money work hard, but don't know which option is best for you!

You would like to reduce your tax bill, but you don't know how!

Whether you own a company, are self employed, employed or retired, we can help!

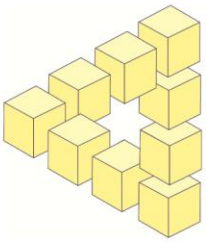
We don't believe in adding to your problems.

We believe in clear and simple solutions.

Let us provide you with an **INDEPENDENT** review of your financial situation.

Tel: 01638 615343 or Fax: 01638 615342
E-Mail: qc@independent-financialsolutions.co.uk
Website: www.independent-financialsolutions.co.uk

Newnham Farmhouse, 16 Low Road, Burwell, Cambs. CB25 0EJ
Partners: Quentin Cooke (authorised Independent Financial Adviser) & Alison Cooke



R A SKILTON

BUILDING CONTRACTOR

For all your building requirements

Tel: 01638 742107
or 07788 846551
For advice and free estimates

25B The Causeway
Burwell
CB25 0DU

THE GUILD OF MASTER CRAFTSMEN

THE RED HOUSE DAY NURSERY

The Red House Day Nursery

Quality day care for pre-school children from 3 months to 5 years

Learning through creative play

Open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday

For more information ring **01638 741174**

90 High Street, Burwell CB25 0HD
Tel: 01638 741174
Email: redhousenursery@aol.com
Web: redhousedaynursery.co.uk

KENNEDY

ROOFING



- Chimney Pointing
- Guttering
- Leadwork
- New Roofs
- Renovations
- Repairs
- Slating
- Soffits and Facias
- Tiling

Free Estimates and Advice
Tel: 01638 745464 or 741921
Mobile: 07737 368991

A.P.C

PEST CONTROL

Specialists in the home, workplace and the commercial and farming communities

We deal with . . . .

Birds	Deer Managemen
Foxes	Insects
Mice	Moles
Rabbits	Rats
Squirrels	Wasps

We offer a Honey Bee Collection Service

Free Surveys 24/7

Tel: 01638 741616
Email: arksg@live.co.uk
Web: www.apc-pest-control.co.uk

AMS PROFESSIONAL BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING SERVICES

"We can make your dreams come true"

Our areas of expertise include . . . .

- All building work and property maintenance
- Bathrooms and Tiling
- Driveways and paving
- Fencing, Trelliswork and Decking
- Garden Design
- Patios and Paths
- Turfing and Seeding

Based on the Fordham Road in Snailwell, we are **fully insured** and work to the **highest standards**
We members of the **Federation of Master Builders** and are on the **Marshal Register**
For **FREE** estimates and bookings call:
Office: 01638 721893
Site: 07789 261266
Visit our website for examples of our work and references:
www.amsbuildingandlandscaping.co.uk

built on relationships



23 years of British expertise and craftsmanship

Come and buy direct from our factory

Beautiful fabrics ~ superb quality ~ great prices

Friendly efficient fitting service.

Curtains ~ Blinds ~ Poles ~ All soft furnishings

Enjoy free parking outside our showroom, just off the A14

2B Swan Lane Business Park, Exning, Newmarket, CB8 7FN

Tel: 01638 578700 www.starcurtains.co.uk

Showroom opening hours:

Mon to Thurs; 9am—4pm

Fri and Sat; 10am—2pm



STAR Curtains
interior craftsmanship

Visit our truly stunning display gardens…



Probably the largest display centre in the UK, selling directly to trade and the general public

Bannold are one of the UK's largest independent suppliers of natural hard landscaping materials. We stock natural products sourced directly from the UK and around the world enabling Bannold to offer premium products at the most competitive rates to trade and the general public.

- Paving • Setts & Paviours • Walling
- Sands, Hardcore & Cements • Multiflex & Pointing
- Rockery • Water Features • Gravels

Bannold®
always more choice

Capability Barns
Huntingdon Road
Fen Drayton
Cambridge
CB24 4SD

Opening Times:
Mon– Fri 07.30 till 5.00
Saturdays 09.00 till 1.00

Freephone: 0500 012231 or 01954 231666

www.bannold.co.uk



B.P.S.

Barrett Property Services

We specialise in . . . .

- Plastering and Dry Lining
- Floor Screeds
- Rendering and Coving
- Clunch Restoration
- Small Building Works Undertaken

Please call **Tony** on **07748 627983**
or **01638 742349**

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND REPAIRS

Derek A. Reader

ESTIMATES FREE

ALL WORK GUARANTEED

Coquet House, Heath Road, Burwell

Tel: 01638 742588
Mobile: 07860 578138

ANGLIA GAS AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES

- Sales - Service - Repairs - Installation
- LPG Gas/Boiler/Central Heating Repairs and Servicing
- LPG Gas Appliances/Dual Fuel Appliances
- LPG Landlord Safety Checks
- LPG Residential Park Homes/Caravans
- Electrical Appliances Installation Repairs/PAT Testing
- Essential Electrical and Plumbing Repairs/Maintenance

GAS safe REGISTER
No. 150846

Contact: Jim Perry
Phone/Fax: 01638 741432
Mobiles: 07768 856456
or 07740 088808
Email: jimperryages@ntlworld.com

WINDOW CLEANERS



K. Wells & Son

Give us a call for beautifully clean windows at affordable prices

Tel: 01353 723535 **Mobile:** 07771 908461
Email: kevwells6@aol.com

Fully qualified Part P and 17th Edition

- *Complete installations and rewires*
- *Full inspection, testing, verification and certification*
- *Lighting*
- *PAT testing*
- *Periodic inspection and reports*
- *Repairs and 24 hour emergency call-outs*
- *Small and large alterations*
- *Smoke and security alarms*

k domestic electrical SOLUTIONS

Tel: 01638 610438
Mobile: 07541 008613
Email: enquire@k-solutions.com
Web: www.k-elecsolutions.com
Web: www.cambridgeshireelectrician.co.uk

The White Swan
at Quy

"Modern British food is back on the menu"

Restaurant and Freehouse
Open daily from 12:00

- New Restaurant Menu
- Seasonal Bar Menu
- Light Bite Menu
- Sunday Roast Menu
- Cask Conditioned Ales
- Selection of Guest beers
- Private dining and functions

Booking now Recommended



Main Street. Stow-cum-Quy.
CB25 9AB
Tel : 01223 811821
www.whiteswanquy.co.uk
info@whiteswanquy.co.uk



The Carpenters Arms
Great Wilbraham

Free House Pub Restaurant

GREAT WILBRAHAM Cambridgeshire
Carpenters Arms

THE GOOD PUB GUIDE

An East of England *Top Pub* - 4 awards:
Food, Wine, Beer, and Value

Pub Classics and French Gourmet Specialities

All food freshly cooked on the premises from fresh local ingredients

Regular Monthly Events
See Website for details or tel 01223 882093

Wine and Supper
Presented by Neil Courtier, Grapesense

Pudding Night

Pub Quiz

More information, menus, prices & opening times at:
www.carpentersarmsgastropub.co.uk
Or Phone 01223 882093

The Carpenters Arms,10 High Street, Great Wilbraham,CB21 5JD

Burwell Petsitters



Dog Boarding
Doggy Day Care
Dog Walking



Visiting and Feeding
of
Cats, Bunnies
&
Any Other Pets

Fully Insured & Registered

Martine Mockford
mmockford@yahoo.co.uk

01638 614615
07869 105464

www.burwellpetsitters.co.uk

Ross's Reflections



With one and three quarter days to spend in New York last month I didn't have to spend too much time prioritising what I wanted to see: I had to do the entire city. But one thing caught my imagination more than any other: the exhibition on the 80th floor of the Empire State Building.

Contained within it was a little nugget that I had never been aware of before: that the tower – all 1,250 feet of it – was constructed in 15 months flat. That doesn't just include the steel superstructure, which took six months; it includes everything, from digging the foundations to installing the last revolving door and marble panel in the ornate lobby. The ground was broken on 22 January 1930; building began in March; the structure was finished externally on 13 November. The tower was officially opened by President Hoover on 1 May 1931.



We are used to things to getting faster, but the construction industry seems to buck the trend. The latest addition to the New York skyline, One World Trade Centre, built just to the north of the twin towers destroyed on 9/11, was started in 2006. It was 'topped out' in 2012 and is due to be completed in spring 2014. The 998 foot Shard at London Bridge was a little quicker, but still it took three and a half years from work beginning in March 2009 until completion in November 2012.

Why does it take so long to build things nowadays? It is hardly as if the Empire State Building was rushed - it is finished to a standard way beyond modern blocks. The exterior is clad in hefty limestone, the panels of which had to be pointed by hand. The electrics were deliberately over-designed in order to cope with future use. The Empire State also survived an impact from a B-25 bomber: a pygmy of a plane compared with the Boeing 767s which struck the World Trade Centre but a pretty hefty 10 tonne missile nonetheless.

The secret behind the Empire State Building's rapid construction was manpower: over 3,000 men were employed at the peak. To judge by the famous photographs of workers taking lunch on the girders, with not a safety harness in sight, it was a little risky for those involved.

Rapid construction, though, cut the financial risk. The building spanned the very depths of the Great Depression, in which 5,000 US banks collapsed.

The government blames low rates of house-building on the planning system, which has relaxed in order, so it hopes, to boost rates of construction. But if we want houses built quickly we could do with re-learning the art of rapid construction. It is bizarre, 200 years after the manufacture of most other products moved into factories, that we still stick our houses together brick by brick. There is no reason why the essential elements of a house should not be built in a single day. They were doing that on Dartmoor centuries ago when a house was considered legal if it was started in the morning and had smoke coming out of the chimney by dusk.



But I am not sure that I am the best one to advise on rapid construction techniques. The 15 months it took to build the Empire State Building is almost exactly what it has just taken me to paint our two bathrooms.

Ross Clark
01638 743725
rossjclark@aol.com



Meeting Rita Dunnett



What is your full name?
Rita Dunnett

Where were you born and brought up?

I was born in the north east of England, in the then shipbuilding town of Sunderland, County Durham.

We moved from Sunderland in 1967 to Berkshire and then in 1984 to Reach. So we have been in Reach for almost 30 years and lived in the same house which has been much extended during that time. When we arrived in Reach, I was told it would take 25 years for us to be accepted as true villagers so I guess we have passed that test!

I was born during the war on April 1 in the middle of an air raid so it was all high drama. My father was in the RAF and when his Commanding Officer told him that his wife had given birth to a daughter he thought the guy was joking as it was April 1. As was very common at the time, I was born at home and I had one older brother.



What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
I don't remember a lot about school. I went to an 'all girls' school in Sunderland and couldn't wait to leave. I was clever enough to have stayed longer at school and liked it well enough, but I wanted to go to work and get on with my life. Later in life I regretted this decision and returned to college to obtain my teaching qualification.

What is your employment history?
I started work with a wholesale company in Sunderland as a trainee accountant and stayed until I had children, so I was there for 8 – 9 years.

When my children were at school I returned to work and went into teaching, working with Special Needs pupils in several Berkshire schools covering ages of children from nursery to 16 year olds. After moving to Reach I worked at Cambridgeshire Regional College for 20 years. I was Head of Disabilities and also a Lecturer. In the late 1970s and early 1980s a lot of special needs schools were closing and the children integrated into normal schools. With a colleague I worked on creating the provisions which enabled disabled children to undergo this integration into a large comprehensive school in Berkshire. I regularly met people whose families included disabled children and could fully appreciate the difficulties faced by all in the family and I considered myself to be very fortunate having three healthy boys. This reinforced my sense of compassion and made me even more determined to help those in need.



Celebrating our 40th Wedding Anniversary in Dubai

How did you meet Neville and where did you marry?
I met Neville at a party which was organised for his return from Cyprus. He was a national serviceman in the RAF at the time and had been posted there because of the Suez Canal crisis. Following a typical courtship we had a church wedding in Sunderland and honeymooned in the Channel Islands.

You have quite a large family?'
I have three sons: Mark, Jon and Craig and my brother's son, Paul, lived with us for a while. I have five grandchildren: one girl and four boys; they mostly live locally although my two eldest live in Surrey, visiting us very regularly.

How did you come to live in Reach?
Our move from Sunderland to Newbury was due to Neville's work and again our move to Reach was triggered by Neville undertaking a new job working in Newmarket. We looked around the area and at many properties and just liked the look of Reach and the house. We had not lived in such a small village before!

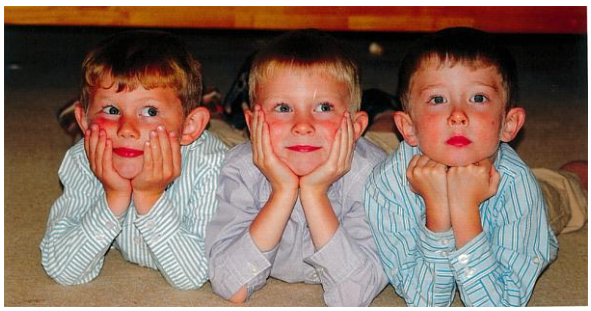
You contribute a lot to the community – Secretary to the Village Centre Committee, a Parish Councillor, work at Snakehall Farm and write a regular article in the magazine.
I've been secretary of the Village Centre Committee for `quite a while' shall we say and likewise a Parish Councillor for several years. I like to be part of the community and help others. I've been connected to Snakehall Farm for many years and seen it develop from it's early beginnings to the present successful organisation that it is today. And of course I write a regular article for the magazine.



My sons

What have you done in the past?
Neville's work entailed an element of international meetings and when he became Secretary to an International Association he enlisted me as his supporting team which although very hard work and involving subjects of which I knew relatively little, it had some enormous benefits. We travelled around the world, meeting many people who became good friends and visiting places we were unlikely to see during our normal holidays. This role lasted for about 27 years which included the production and delivery of 4 Scientific Bulletins in each of those years. This was all voluntary work, done during the hours after our normal work was finished, but the pleasure of visiting and meeting such a diverse collection of people and places made it delightful.

What are your thoughts of Reach?
One of the pleasing aspects is that the whole village is prepared to support one another when needed. There is always someone to assist. My children were quite grown up by the time we moved to the village so they were not exposed to village life as youngsters, but nevertheless they appeared to have absorbed the good lifestyle and now also live in small villages themselves.



Grandsons Jacob, Nathaniel and Samuel

What are you interests?
I like gardening, cooking, sewing, reading, knitting and spending time with my grandchildren

Where do you like to holiday?
Anywhere and everywhere! I love travelling and have been to many places over the years, for example, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Zimbabwe, Canada, Dubai and Florida to name but a few. I love hot places. In this country I like the Lake District.

Favourite read?
Dick Francis. Neville was associated with the horse industry so these books are of interest and I also like biographies

Favourite music?
The 1960s. Bill Hayley, The Beatles, Cliff Richard and the Shadows. Moving on slightly, I also like Queen.

We know you cook because of your regular recipes in the magazine. Who is your favourite TV chef? Do you enjoy any of the cooking programmes on the TV? Are you very critical in restaurants?
I like Paul Hollywood with his Puddings and Pies and love all TV cooking programmes, but I have developed a good selection of recipes of my own over the years. I am critical if I am eating out and food must be well cooked for me to enjoy the experience.

Are you handy around the house or do you leave it to Neville?
I am quite handy with the painting and decorating and certainly help wherever I can, or am allowed. Neville does the major work.



Grandchildren Alexandra and Elliott

What do you think the secret is to a good marriage?
Love, trust, support for one another in the good and not so good times. My husband is my 'best friend'.

What is your philosophy on life?
'Live for today'! Enjoy every minute.! Remember you get out of life what you are prepared to put in!

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Swaffham Prior Primary School

We had our Harvest Celebration in St Mary's in the first week of October and Reverend Sue led the service for us. The theme this year was 'Water' and each class presented an item, including facts and poems about the importance of water from Saturn Class and a variety of songs and some prayers from the other classes. Reverend Sue told us about a recent trip she had taken to Karukekere Village in Tanzania. We found out about the well digging process and she showed us, using a piece of rope, the depth the well went to. There was a sale of the produce following the service and just over £100 was raised. The money has been sent to help fund another well in Karukekere.



Our Harvest Celebration

Cathedral Day took place on Tuesday 15th October and the Year 5s and 6s participated in a day of activities at Ely Cathedral. The focus was 'The World's Church' and the children attended workshops such as 'Sing Swahili' where they learnt some new songs and played drums, found out about the role of the Mother's Union in Uganda and learnt about support work in Nicaragua. In the afternoon they joined with children from schools all over the Diocese in collective worship.

On the same day, the Year 4 children went to Bottisham Village College for a morning of football. They played a series of games against children from other local schools and worked well together in their teams.

Mr Ron Dubbins, who is the President of Newmarket Rotary Club, came to one of our Celebration Assemblies. He presented three dictionaries to the children which are now being used in the KS2 classes. Many thanks to the Newmarket Rotary Club for their generous gift.

The resurfacing of the area under the Trim Trail in the front playground has finally been completed, along with the refurbishment of the trail itself.

The new surface is composed of recycled rubber and will now allow the children to go on the Trim Trail in all weathers which is fantastic! Congratulations and thanks to FoSPS who organised the fundraising and Marshalls who donated a large sum towards the project. Thanks also to Mr Martin Mead, who provided machinery and the volunteers who helped to dig out the old bark chips. We are going to be holding a small ceremony to celebrate the work completed.



Freddie's prize winning pumpkin



Sam's birthday cake pumpkin
(It was his birthday that day)

The Pumpkin Parade took place on Thursday 24th October and yet again illustrated enormous creativity and clever designs! The standard of presentation was very high and we were treated to pumpkins disguised as witches, a fish tank, a birthday cake, a collection of scary faces and spooky cats, houses, a ballet dancer, an octopus, a baby, Pudsey Bear and John Lennon. Many were carefully painted and a couple were covered in bandages! FoSPS awarded prizes to all and made special mention of pumpkins created by Elizabeth, Gabriel, Freddie, Lucy, Jack and Olivia. Well done to all who brought pumpkins in. We very much enjoyed looking at them!



Grounds Day

Grounds Day took place on the last Friday of half term and we managed to avoid the rain which was forecast. We were joined by parents, carers, members of staff and their partners and set to with rakes, spades, trowels and brooms. Throughout the day, children and adults worked alongside each other to replant tubs and planters, cut back shrubs, clear leaves and generally tidy the school grounds which now look wonderful!



Grounds Day

The Reading River challenge over half term proved to be very popular and successful. Children and adults in school recorded in many creative forms, the reading they have been doing.

Reading texts range from books and magazines to cereal packets, information leaflets, train tickets and recipes. All are valuable forms of reading and we have enjoyed looking at the variety. The Reading Rivers are up in school. Please come and have a look if you have the opportunity.

Bikeability has taken place and 15 children from Years 5 and 6 completed their Level 2 in cycling competency. They had to learn a variety of skills, including riding with one hand, so that they could signal with the other. The instructors commented on how well they behaved and how sensible they were when cycling out on the road. Well done to the group for their successful cycling!

We collected 59 boxes in total for Operation Christmas Child which is a wonderful amount considering the size of our school. The man collecting the boxes explained that they would be going to Liberia this year.



Children in Need Day: Hazel helped draw Pudsey

Children and staff arrived at school on 15th November in an array of 'onesies' and pyjamas to celebrate and raise money for 'Children in Need'. School Council are to be congratulated for successfully organising the events for the day which included the dressing-up, covering a Pudsey face in coins and selling wristbands. The total raised from dressing-up alone, was an incredible £98.10.

We are now moving towards December and all thoughts are moving towards the Christmas celebrations. We have Anti-Bullying week first and then Decoration Day, the Christmas Fair, KS1 performances, the Happy Puzzle Company, Christmas lunch, Christmas parties, Father Christmas and our Christmas celebration at St Mary's...Phew!

We hope you all enjoy a very happy Christmas!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

Little Windmills Pre-school

We have welcomed a number of new children to Little Windmills lately and they are enjoying exploring all the resources and experiences on offer and settling into their new environment.

A new committee has been formed at our recent AGM to steer the Pre-School over the coming year and we extend a warm welcome to our new members as well as a thank you to those who 'retired' this year.

As well as autumn crafts such as making leaf crowns, potato and apple printing we have been cooking apple dishes and flapjacks amongst other things. We also enjoyed listening to the story of 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and then made and ate porridge!

Once again we held a session at Bottisham Children's Centre. The children enjoyed exploring different toys and parents had a chance to find out about what the Children's Centre could offer and had a chance to socialise with each other.

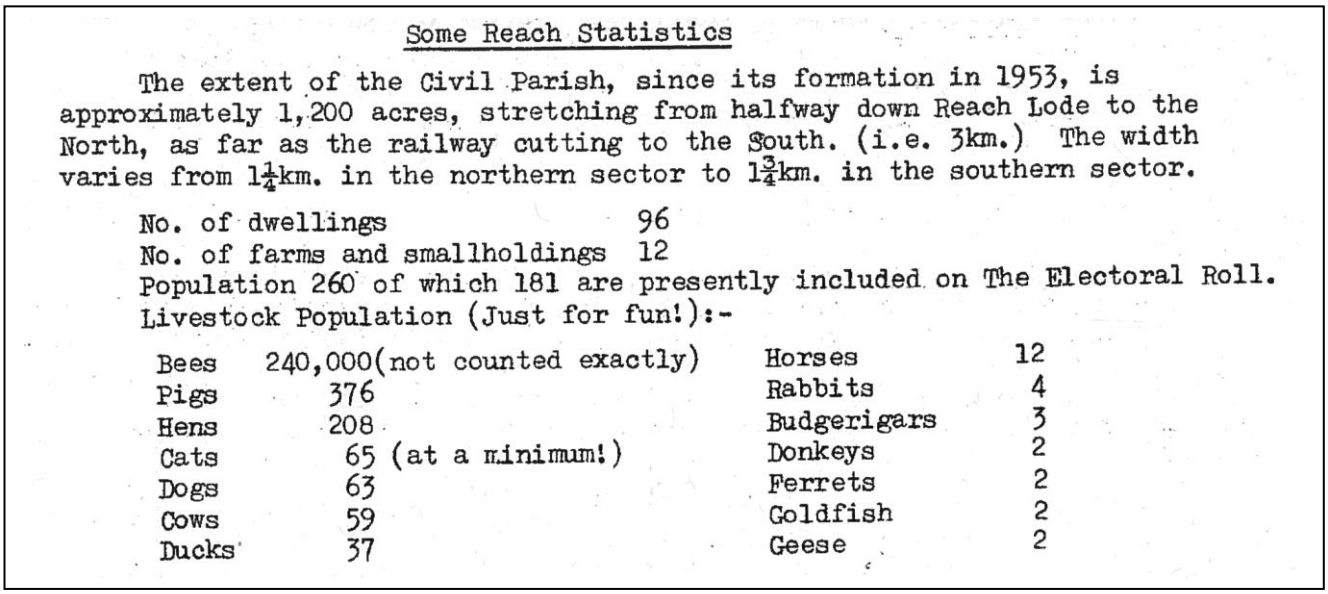
We will shortly be starting to think about Christmas and dressing our Christmas tree as well as trying out some Christmas crafts. During the last week of term we will be listening to the Christmas story at our Church service and we are hoping for a visit from a certain gentleman, if he can spare the time from his preparations for the big day!

If you would like to know more about our work at Little Windmills please take a look at our website www.littlewindmills.co.uk or ring 07803 67200 between 9 and 12.30 to check availability and arrange a visit.

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Team

Fascinating Facts about Reach!

Extract from Volume 1 of Out of Reach dated September 1976



Some Reach Statistics

The extent of the Civil Parish, since its formation in 1953, is approximately 1,200 acres, stretching from halfway down Reach Lode to the North, as far as the railway cutting to the South. (i.e. 3km.) The width varies from 1¼km. in the northern sector to 1¾km. in the southern sector.

No. of dwellings 96
No. of farms and smallholdings 12
Population 260 of which 181 are presently included on The Electoral Roll.
Livestock Population (Just for fun!):-

Bees	240,000(not counted exactly)	Horses	12
Pigs	376	Rabbits	4
Hens	208	Budgerigars	3
Cats	65 (at a minimum!)	Donkeys	2
Dogs	63	Ferrets	2
Cows	59	Goldfish	2
Ducks	37	Geese	2

Pets Corner



Jetty Boyle doesn't admit to being over 21 years – he's retired now. He loves his new winter coat – with hood. Thanks Mum!



Sue and Flynn Clifton. Flynn's proving to be a good boy and settling in nicely



Tom Greenhill who got very lost after being frightened by fireworks



Good sharing! Pyx, Teddi and Minnie Halpin-McDonald



KIDS' PAGE
Christmas edition!!



C	A	R	O	L	S	Q	A	Z	S
M	H	W	S	X	E	D	C	R	T
I	P	R	E	S	E	N	T	Y	O
N	A	F	I	V	T	G	B	H	C
C	D	N	U	S	N	O	W	J	K
E	V	M	I	A	T	R	E	E	I
P	E	K	O	N	L	M	P	Q	N
I	N	A	X	T	C	D	A	F	G
E	T	G	T	A	E	H	P	S	L
N	A	T	I	V	I	T	Y	O	J



Christmas	Present
Tree	Stocking
Mince Pie	Santa
Advent	Carols
Snow	Nativity

Unscramble the Christmas Carols!

Nigent Sliht =

.....

Krah hte Regald Nahels Igns =

.....

Yawam ni n Aagern =

.....

Ew Ethre Ngiks =

.....

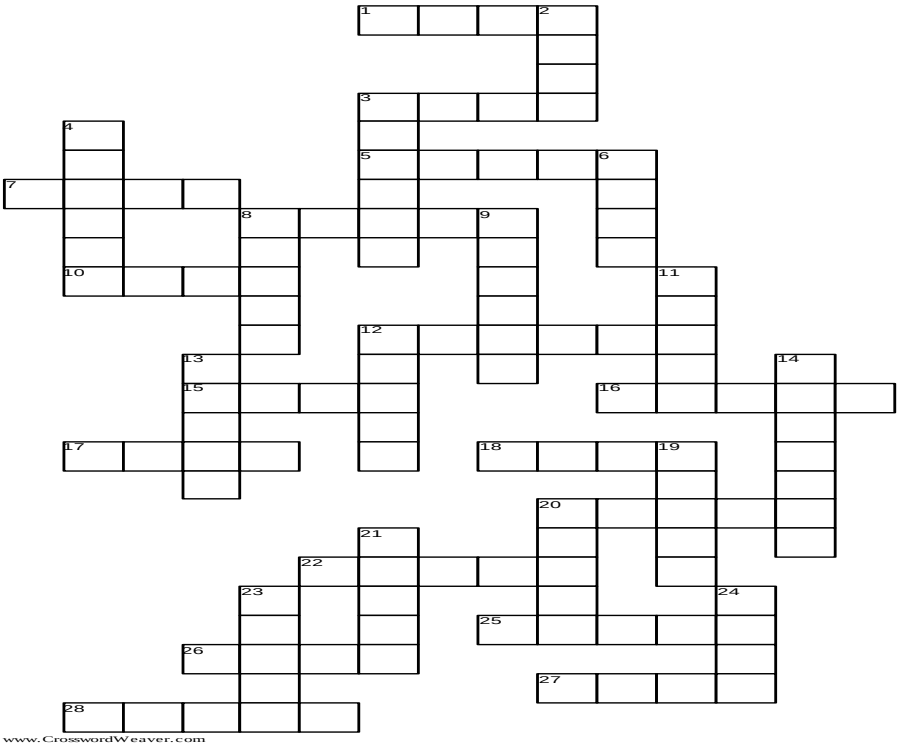
The answers to the anagram are on Page 42

You could decorate some Christmas biscuits!

- Get a packet or two of digestive or rich tea biscuits
- Make up some glacé icing (15ml of water for every 125g of icing sugar). If you have some food colouring, you could make up some different colours (red or green for a christmas theme!)!
- Use the icing, and whatever sweeties you might have at home, to decorate the biscuits!

Crossword No. 22

WHATS THE ALTERNATIVE



1 There was one about two places (4)
3 It was that man over there (4)
5 Somewhere for the ashes to rest (5)
7 Did Fred say this in a song(4)
8 I put it into the post for delivery (5)
10 Lose energy when worked hard (4)
12 Wound up very tightly (6)
15 My audible senses are fine (4)
16 Put on layers of clothing (5)
17 Frighten away the herd (4)
18 Decant contents of bottle (4)
20 Do this before the altar, or throne (5)
22 Cream ones are best in Devon (5)
25 The judge may give you this (5)
26 Very many varieties are available (4)
27 The long winding track (4)
28 Collection of large leafy objects (5)

2 Tonto was with this ranger (4)
3 Rent a car whilst on holiday (6)
4 Be patient it will come soon (6)
6 Rip into pieces (4)
8 It was witnessed by others (5)
9 Give verbalisation to your words (6)
11 Consumer magazine asks this (5)
12 It belongs to them (5)
13 Would they use one in Hawaii (5)
14 A first attempt at a writing project (7)
19 Dentist might get into this canal (5)
20 Sandy strip for whales to rest on (5)
21 Falling down precipitation (5)
23 Mr Armstrongs appelation (5)
24 Let others decide yours (4)



With this crossword you have to solve the clues, but then having done that you need to find another word which sounds the same but is spelt differently, that then becomes the answer. For instance, if the clue led to the answer ALOUD the alternative would be ALLOWED which would be the answer.
Completed crosswords are to be sent, as usual, to CROSSWORD, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach with your Name and Address, and this time by Friday 10th January 2014. Good luck!

All Things Crafty

Some Crafty Folk, Knatty Knitters and Potty Folk



Joan Tompkins

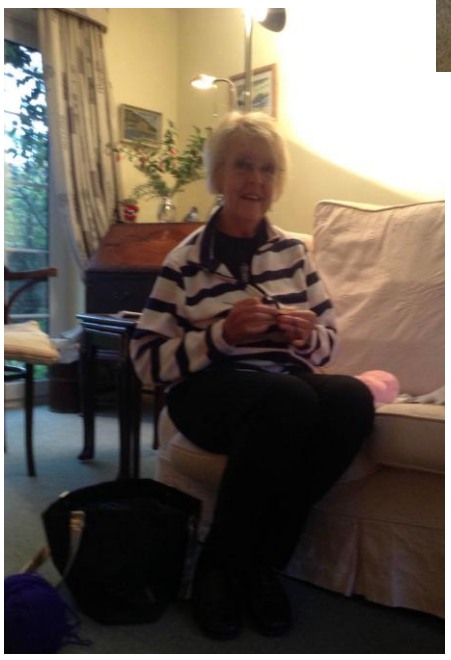


Joyce Harrison



Right: Baby clothes for Africa and Far Right: Yvonne's crocheted squares





Yvonne crocheting squares

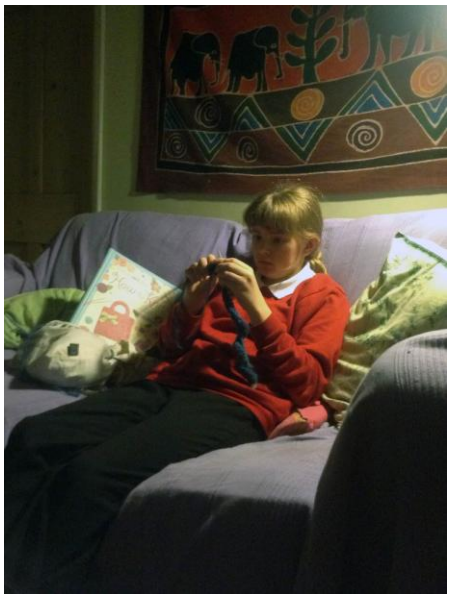


Jane knitting baby clothes for Africa with Pam King the Tea Maker

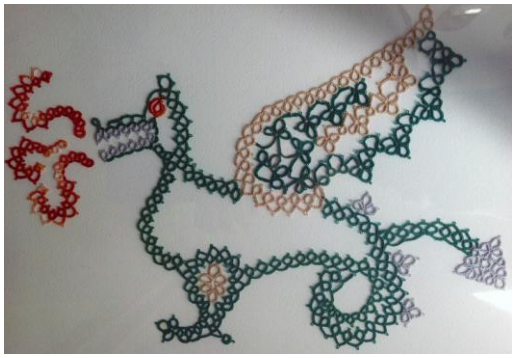
All Things Crafty



Alice Lingley sewing for a pen friend



Hazel Lingley knitting for her sister



Tatted lace dragon



Kathryn Cane models beautifully a tatted lace collar



Jon Cane throwing replica Roman pottery



Jon, this is what Charlotte has in mind!

Rita's Recipes

This is the ultimate 'Christmas Cake' for the 'Chocoholics' amongst you.



You will need:

20cm round tin, lined
175g dark soft brown sugar
4 level tbsp cocoa
500g raisins
100g hazelnuts, toasted and chopped
200g plain chocolate, chopped
175g butter
175g plain flour
3 large eggs
125g glace cherries
1 tsp vanilla essence
4 tbsp rum



Method

Set the oven to warm, Gas mark 3 or 160 C.
Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Sift flour and cocoa together. Lightly beat the eggs and gradually beat them into the creamed mixture, adding a little of the sifted flour mixture along with each addition of egg. Fold in the dried fruits, nuts, chocolate and remaining flour and vanilla essence.
Spoon the mixture into the tin, levelling the surface and hollowing it slightly in the centre, keeping the top smooth.
Bake the cake in the centre of the oven for $2\frac{1}{2}$-$2\frac{3}{4}$ hours or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean.
Remove from the oven, place on a wire rack, leaving in the tin to cool.
Spoon the rum over the top of the cooled cake. If possible allow three weeks for cake to mature. Wrap in foil and keep in an airtight tin. More rum can be added at intervals if you so wish.

To decorate the cake you will need:

10inch cake board
500gm packet white marzipan
100g plain chocolate
4 tblesp sieved apricot jam
2 level tblesp golden syrup

Melt the chocolate in a bowl over a pan of hot water, stir in the syrup and mix until it thickens. Transfer the mixture into a plastic bag and place in the fridge until set. Set aside one quarter of the marzipan to make decorations of your choice. Knead the chocolate mixture into the remainder.
Place the cake centrally on the board, spread the sieved apricot jam over the cake. Roll out the marzipan into a circle that is large enough to cover the top and sides of the cake. Using a rolling pin to support the weight of the marzipan lift it over the cake.
Smooth top and sides. Make decorations allowing the marzipan shapes to dry overnight before placing on the cake, using a little of the remaining apricot jam to fix them onto the cake.
Tie a ribbon around the cake.

Get baking and a
'Happy Christmas' to you one and all. ***Rita***

Equestrian News

As I write this I have just got back from a successful show at Houghton Hall with one of my horses, Aimee. We got off to a great start when we won our first class and then we got a double clear and third in our other class and we came home in profit! Aimee is quite new to me as she has only been with me two months, but in that time we have formed a great partnership.

This year has been hectic with shows and numerous other outings with my horses. At the beginning of the year the horse I won a show jumping national 4 year old final on was sold, so I had to go back to just bringing on my less experienced horses, which can be challenging, but is also great fun and very rewarding, as we are already having great results. Recently I've been having some dressage lessons at Rosewood Stud in Chippenham. Although I only do show jumping normally, these lessons have been great at helping me improve my young horses and it is really showing in their jumping too. I can't recommend Jo Marshall at Rosewood enough for any level rider.

On the 20th of October most of the riders in the village went to Little Downham Event Centre for one of the last hunter trials of the Season. It proved to be a very successful day for these riders too. For me it was my first ever hunter trial as Cross Country is not an area I have focused on competing in, but I decided to give it a go with Aimee. I decided to do the pairs with a friend and we ended up coming 3rd which was a great result, especially as both of our horses were relatively inexperienced, but I think I will definitely stick to show jumping.

In the same class Ellie Melville riding Bob and her pair Cassie Robinson were 2nd and Cleo McGregor riding Sorrell and Megan Greenhill riding Charlie came 10th. Cleo also competed in another class individually where she came 2nd.

The end of summer, for many people, means the start of the hunting season. As there are many great hunts in the area, Ellie Melville and I decided to go out for a day's hunting with the blood hounds. As the blood hounds are just following an artificial scent, opposed to fox hunting, we thought this would be a great way to introduce my 4 year old horse, Oliver, to hunting and for Ellie to get Bob prepared for the hunting season. The hunt was about 12 miles long, but with breaks every so often where we were given drinks and chocolate, which we thought was great. It was a great afternoon and we will certainly be looking to go hunting with them again soon.

The 24Acres project in Reach has seen many great projects taking place. One of these is the village arena which will be used by riders in and around the village who can hack there. This is a great project that will really benefit riders in the local area as it will provide a safe place for riders of all ages and levels of experience to exercise their horses, as well as being a great way to encourage people, young and old, into taking up horse riding. To find out more contact Liz Tabecki or come along to the meeting on the 2nd of December at the village pub and get involved with this great project.

Lorna Steven



Sports News



On many a weekend in August and early September some of you might have spotted two cyclists doing loop after loop of the short circuit from Reach to Swaffham Prior, Burwell and back to Reach. It became a regular 'sprint' session circuit for Daniel Blocksage and I in the final weeks before the triathlon world age group championships in London.

The usual format was for me to insist Daniel used his old heavy 'paper-round bike' while I used my carbon fibre race bike. That way I could just about cling to his wheel for the entire lap. Our other favourite and far less painful, occupation was to spend Sunday afternoons riding endless loops around police cones in car parks at Newmarket Tesco or Milton park and ride. Vital training to race on a course with six 'dead' turns (360 degrees).

On Friday 13th we both lined up against athletes from all over the world – time to discover if all the training had paid off! I have raced three world triathlons before and this was by far the toughest competition. The reason was simple – the chance to race over the Olympic course in Hyde Park had attracted an unusually big field of over 5,000 athletes across all age groups and countries. Daniel tells you about his first race as part of 'Team GB' – Newmarket Journal says quite enough about mine!

That was the year that was:

For the first issue of Within Reach for 2014 I would really like to feature a roundup of who did what this year. PLEASE send me your 'top' experiences and achievements (doesn't need to be just one you can email me a few). I know there has been success on the athletics rack, on horse back, on water skis, on the tennis court and football pitch. Email me before mid January so I can feature you in what I know is an impressive cast of Reach Sports Stars - juliet.vickery@yahoo.co.uk.

Juliet Vickery





My Triathlon Experience by Daniel Blocksage

On Friday the 13th of September I was representing my age group for Great Britain in the World Triathlon Grand Final, held in London's Hyde Park.

The race started at 8am; I began by entering the cold Serpentine and had to swim 750 metres. It was a mass start with around 95 other competitors in my age group (16-20) from around the Globe. After fighting my way around the crowded waters I then had to climb out and run a short distance to transition, whilst taking my wet suit off. Unfortunately, in the rush I ripped my number off by mistake and had to pin it back on or else I would have been disqualified. I grabbed my bike and set off on the 20 km bike ride around the wet park hoping to make up lost time. I took the sharp turns very slowly due to many others falling off their bikes even along the straights. The final part was to run 5 km also around the park, I managed to keep pace with a fast Australian boy. As I entered the final straight everyone was cheering me on and for a moment I felt famous. I managed to pick up the pace and cross the line in a time of 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Overall I came 68th in my age group and I was one of the youngest competitors. It was a really enjoyable race and I felt honoured to represent Great Britain. I can't wait until next season arrives.

Daniel Blocksage

World Championship medal glory for triathlete Vickery

BY GRAHAM CLARK
graham.clark@newmarketjournal.co.uk
@GrahamClarkNJ

It was a case of job well done for Juliet Vickery in this year's ITU Sprint Distance World Triathlon Championships in London on Friday.

The Reach-based athlete showed she is still a force to be reckoned with after picking up a silver medal in the 50-54-year-old age category at the event, staged in and around Hyde Park.

Vickery, who is a member of both Cambridge Triathlon Club and Newmarket Cycling and Triathlon Club (NCTC), completed the course — which consisted of a 750-metre swim, 20k bicycle ride, and 5k run — in one hour 17 minutes 55 seconds, a minute and 40 seconds behind race winner Clare Elms.

"I really hoped that I would medal, but I had convinced myself the night before that I would be lucky if I finished in the top 10," said Vickery.

"It was definitely the toughest race I have ever had so to win the silver medal was very pleasing especially as it was on home soil against one of the biggest fields I have ever taken on."

Vickery's medal-winning performance has come at a cost, however, with the 50 year old sustaining a tear to her right calf muscle midway through the run, an injury which saw her require treatment at the Chelsea and Westminster Hopsital after the race.

"I had tweeked the muscle a few weeks before in the National Club Relay Triathlon Championships and I was thankful of my physio Gary Houghton for his help as without him I wouldn't have made it to the start line," she said.

"I felt the muscle go at around the two kilometre stage, and although the eventual winner went past me on the run, I was determined not to lose second position despite being in a lot of pain.

"I was so relieved when I crossed the line."

With Friday's race being Vickery's last major competition of the season, she has already turned her attention to the 2014 campaign.

"I was planning to take a break after Friday's race, but now I am on crutches I have no choice but to have a good few weeks off," said Vickery.

"I won't be going to next year's triathlon world championships as it is being held in Canada so the big aim next year will be to get back among the top three nationally in my age group and step back up to racing in Olympic-distance events."

Friday's action also saw fellow NCTC member Daniel Blocksage made his first international appearance when competing in the 16-19-year-old age category.

Blocksage, who also comes from Reach, finished in 1.15.42, a time good enough to see him finish 68th in his category.

Newmarket-based Anna Blackwell, who was fifth in her age category at the ITU World Duathlon Championships in Canada last month, finished 1.20.09, crossing the line 25th in the 40-44-year-old age category.

Twenty four hours later, NCTC member Michael Lowther competed in the Open Sprint event.

Racing only his second triathlon of the season, Lowther finished in a time of 1.22.34.

On Sunday, Maxine Lane enjoyed a successful venture to Alton Water for the Ipswich Duathlon, after winning the women's race – which consisted of a 5k run, 23k cycle ride and further 5k run – in 1.27.45, an event which also saw fellow NCTC member Francesca Rust in 1.48.05.

MNJP-18-09-13 MW054. PICTURE MARK WESTLEY



MEDAL JOY: Juliet Vickery with her silver medal she won in London on Friday





DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 6th November 2013

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public
Three members of the public attended with one speaking on item 3 and another on item 7.

2. Declarations of Interest
There were none.

3. Village Centre Annual Accounts Review
The ex- Finance Officer of the Village Centre, now Chairman, Grahame Radford, presented the accounts. The Parish Council reviewed and approved them.

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

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
During the previous month the Amenity Fund paid £1,250 to the Parish Council for the 24Acres project and received £1,571.30 income from the Reach Fair 2013. The Amenity Fund currently stands at £2,616.09.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report
Full Council in October agreed to undertake an assessment of a European Social Fund project aimed at helping the long-term unemployed back into work by helping with interview techniques, CV writing etc. Other motions included one regarding the development of an extra care housing facility in St Ives and one regarding tolling on new roads. Building of the new Fire Station in Burwell is expected to commence in January 2014 with a completion date of August 2014.

Other items considered by Cabinet included proposals to introduce a 20mph speed limit in North Cambridge, the County Council response to the A14 route option consultation and the terms of reference for an independent review into lessons learned from the Guided Busway contract.

The Constitution and Ethics Committee met to further consider moves to a Committee system of governance. A further meeting will be held in early November with a view to making detailed recommendations to Council in December.

Two business planning meetings were held with senior officers and group leaders as work progresses on the next 5-year plan.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report
Councillor Alderson asked the leader of the County Council whether it might be possible to re-examine measures to improve early warnings to over-sized vehicles which continue to strike the railway bridge on the A142.

ECDC have asked the government "to help protect community pubs in England by ensuring that planning permission and community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted into betting shops, supermarkets and pay day loan stores or other uses or allowed to be demolished."

ECDC owns and manages business startup units and 26 companies have spun out from the two centres since 2001 - creating over 100 jobs.

5 (4) Financial Report
The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a surplus during the financial year.

5 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report
No members attended any such meetings during the last month.

5 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings
Councillor Fielding attended a 24Acres Manege meeting with 6 people attending in total. A further meeting is scheduled when one aspect to be discussed will be the accessibility of the facility.

Councillor Fielding also alerted the Parish Council to the potential implications of legal action being taken by the National Trust to move on 30/40 horses from local National Trust land. **The Clerk** will put temporary notices in place stating that the 24Acres is owned by the National Trust and leased to Reach Parish Council".

Councillor Ward reported on a recent exhibition she attended regarding proposals to build 70 dwellings on the former D S Smith site in Burwell.

5 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report
Some spikes are missing from the top of the swings on the Green. The Parish Council approved spending of approximately £30 on 5 metres of spikes. **Councillor Dunnett**, Play Spaces Officer, will purchase these and arrange for them to be put in place.

5 (8) Rights of Way Report
The village's new Rights of Way officer is Karen Champion. **The Clerk** will invite her to visit and meet with the Parish Council to discuss issues that exist in Reach.

The remedial action already suggested by Karen Champion was discussed and approved. **The Clerk** will provide to her the names of any local farmers who might be persuaded to assist in the work.

5 (9) Village Centre Report
The Village Centre AGM took place in October and Grahame Radford is the new Chairman, with Andrew Towers Vice Chairman, Hugh de Lacy Treasurer and Rita Dunnett Secretary.

5 (10) 24Acres Committee Report
All proceeds well - with the planting of the woodland being the next major event to take place on the 7th December.

The compost toilet will be delivered next week. Thanks go to John Covill for allowing the Parish Council to store items in his barn prior to moving them onto the 24Acres itself.

Claims will be made to AmeyCespa, the Big Tree Plant and ECDC during November which will improve our cash flow with the final claim to AmeyCespa for the cricket pitch taking place in April 2014.

6. Clerk Recruitment
The Clerk provided an advert/job specification for the new Clerk which Parish Councillors will review. **The Clerk** will also look at any legal requirements with regard to advertising the vacancy and come up with a proposed timetable for consideration by the Parish Council.

7. Reach Road Development
This was discussed and the decision made to review it further when formal planning permission is applied for.

8. Local Highways Improvement Programme Review YE 2014
The process followed by the Parish Council and the Clerk was reviewed and lessons to be learned identified. Overall the outcome was deemed to be satisfactory although **the Clerk** was asked to discuss with Highways the possible need to amend the water flow arrangements to one of the grids.

9. Local Highways Improvement Programme YE 2015
It was decided to focus our application on trying to reduce down the speed of vehicles approaching Reach from Swaffham Prior. **The Clerk** will outline the problem to Highways to see what their favoured solution might be.

10. Precept YE 2015
The Clerk proposed a budget for the next financial year and this was approved by the Parish Council. Within this budget it was agreed that the precept would remain at £7,150 for the fourth financial year in a row.

11. Planning Applications
Planning application 13/00710/FUL (retention of broadband aerial at 6 Fair Green) was approved by the Parish Council subject to it being for a four year period only.

12. Information Items
It was agreed that Sue Loaker, Crime Prevention Officer will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting, along with a representative of the local Neighbourhood Watch and an expert on CCTV usage. The meeting will start at 7.00am and villagers will be encouraged to come along.

13. Payments

BHT	Woodland Trees and Planting Items	£3,376.52
C R Contracting	Mowing October	£103.50
Andrew Trump	24Acres Mower	£700.00
Nick Acklam	Book	£11.00
Mr Cricket	24Acres Cricket Stumps	£39.98
David Thomas	Yellow Rattle Seed	£46.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th December 2013 at 7.00pm. 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).

What is Christmas really about then?



I spent many years being on call over Christmas, in hospitals and later in general practice, waiting for the bleep to go off. I learned that the image of 'The Perfect Christmas', which we get presented to us so often in the media, is actually a bit of an impossible illusion.

Because life is messy. And people are complicated. And sometimes sad things happen and the people we want to be with us at Christmas aren't here anymore. What is Christmas really about then? I was in a shop the other day with a huge display of Christmas decorations and I searched for what seemed like ages, until I turned around and there was the traditional crib scene. And it made me think that sometimes you may have to search a bit and clear some space and take a bit of time out of the busyness, but then you find again what Christmas is really about. That we are not alone. God has come among us, as a tiny, helpless baby, into the middle of all our human messiness. To show us just how much we are loved. So this Christmas, why don't you take some time out of your busyness, for a little while and find for yourself what Christmas is really all about. You're welcome at any of our services and events – see the Church calendar. There are more details on our website and Facebook page and see the special adverts.

Best wishes for a peaceful and joyful Christmas and the New Year from all of us at St Mary's and St Etheldreda's!

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
http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell

KID'S PAGE
The answers to Susie's anagrams are:
Silent Night, Hark the Herald Angels Sing,
Away in the Manger and We Three Kings.



PS. I was thinking that it would be nice if I could get a Christmas photo of the dogs. But I have no idea how anyone gets their dogs to pose with various Christmas hats and other bits of seasonal attire. Echo just wanted to play with them and Boomer wanted to eat them. And neither would sit still for more than a few seconds. So this is the best I could do.



CentrePeace@Reach



For several years now CentrePeace has been coming to Reach on the second Wednesday of every month, from 2pm till 4pm. The church is turned into a book shop/drop-in to match CentrePeace's main shop in Burwell. We have a range of good quality 'previously-loved' books of all kinds, books for children of all ages, novels by your favourite authors and non-fiction books on cooking, gardening, history, travel - and anything else that comes our way!

Prices start at just 20p for children's books and £1 for books for adults and stocks are changed frequently. We also have greetings cards, Tradecraft items and a small selection of crafts.

As in Burwell, our most important reason for being there is to provide free tea, coffee and home-made cake and a place for you to have a pleasant chat to friends. If the sun shines, we sit outside in the garden and in winter it's surprising how cosy the church can become! We'll have a special selection of Christmas items for our next visit on December 11th 2pm-4pm, so do come along and see us.

If you find the time or day of the CentrePeace visits inconvenient, please do let me know as we could consider coming at a different time, or making occasional extra visits if there was enough demand.





Maisie Whitehead

Maisie Whitehead died peacefully in Hilton Park Nursing Home. Her funeral service will be held at Reach Church on Monday 2nd December at 2pm followed by burial in the Churchyard.

Maisie was born at Waterhall, Great Lane, in September 1914 and contributed to village events and ran the Sunday School for many years. She played the organ for church services. She was also well known as the "Post Lady" and also worked at Marshalls during the War.



Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
December 2013		
Sunday 1 December	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service 4.00am Christingle Service	
Monday 2 December		2.00pm Funeral Maisie Whitehead
Wednesday 4 December	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 5 December	10.00am Little Bears Toddlers service	
Saturday 7 December		4.00pm-5.30pm Messy Christingle
Sunday 8 December	10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 11December	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Saturday 14 – Sunday 15	Bible Society Display of Nativity sets and Messy Nativity Sheep Trail	
Sunday 15 December	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00am Parish Communion (Contemporary)	
Wednesday 18 December	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 22 December	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Nativity Service 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	3.00pm Nativity Service (come dressed as your favourite nativity character!)
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	3.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Communion	
Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day	10.00am All Age Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 29 December		10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)
January 2014		
Sunday 5th January	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 8 January	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday12 January	10.00 Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 15 January	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 19 January	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (contemporary)	
Wednesday 22 January	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 26 January	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (traditional) 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 29 January	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: December 2013

December 2013	Event	Location	Time
Thurs 28 Nov – Thurs 5 December	Christmas Tree Festival	Fakenham Parish Church	10am – 8pm daily
Sun 16 Nov – Sun 15 Dec	Anglian Potters	All Saints Church, Jesus Lane, Cambridge	Mon – Fri 10am-4pm Sun 12-30-4.00pm
Mon 2	Maisie Whitehead's funeral	St Etheldreda's	2pm
Tues 3	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Wed 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Author: Jill Paton Walsh	Ely Library, Ely CB7 4ZH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 5	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 7	Friends of Burwell Museum Christmas Coffee Morning	Burwell Ex-Servicemen's Club, Burwell	101m – 12 noon
Sat 7	St Mary's Christmas Fair	Guildhall, Burwell	10am – 12 noon
Sat 7	Planting the Woodland on the 24Acres	The 24Acres	9.00am to 4.00pm
Sat 7	Messy Christingle	Reach Village Centre	4pm – 5.30pm
Sun 8	Engine Runs	Prickwillow Engine Museum CB7 4UN	11-4pm; 01353 688360
Mon 9	Reading Group: The Red House by Mark Haddon	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon 9	Reading Group: The Winter King by Thomas Penn	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed 11	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wed 11	Author: Sandy Toksvig	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 12	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 14	Messy Nativity Sheep Trail	St Mary's Burwell and The Guildhall	2.00pm -4.00pm
Sun 15	Messy Nativity Sheep Trail	St Mary's Burwell and The Guildhall	11.30 – 4.00pm
Mon 16	Author: Simon Schama	St Mary's Church, Ely CB7 4HF	7.10 for 7.30pm
Tues 17	Brick Lane Xmas Show	Burwell Museum Trips	Tina's or ring Barbara on 741581
Tues 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 17	Talk Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Wed 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 19	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 20	Carols and Mulled Wine	Reach Village Centre	7.00pm
Saturday 28	Recycling Day (Blue)		

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: January 2014 and Club Contact Information

January 2014			
Wed 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Tues 7	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 8	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Saturday 4	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 10	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Wed 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thursday 16	Recycling Day (Green)		
Tues 21	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 21	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Thurs 23	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 25	Burns Night	Reach Village Centre	7.00pm
Tues 28	Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club	Lode Chapel, Lode CB25 9EW	7.30 – 9.30pm
Fri 30	Recycling Day (Green)		

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	Grahame Radford	742814
	Finance	Hugh de Lacy	
	Bookings	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Amenity Fund Committee			
	Chairman	Ross Clark	743725
	Committee Member	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Committee Member	Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
	Committee Member	John Holmwood	742969
	Committee Member	Andrew Towers	742484
Burwell and Reach Car Scheme			01638 742543
Church			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
	Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Stephen Walton	744214
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency)		999
	Police (Non-emergency)		101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		741234
	Community Nurses		742382
	Doctors	Dr Andrew Wills, Dr Alex Manning, Dr Anthony Parry, Dr Maureen Birch	
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 8.00pm, Tues to Fri 8.30am to 6.00pm	



Jack Jarvis was born on 26th October at home at the Gallions almost 2 years to the day since his sister Daisy, also pictured, was born at home



Juliet Vickery serving the grub



Sarah Keutgen, Thomasina Oldfield, Hannah and Rhys Baldwin and Robert Keutgen



Jon Cane with a sleepy David



Ross Clark, eminent journalist (he doesn't get out much . . . .)



Foreground: Minnie Fordham with mum, Rebecca



John Robinson, Charles Moseley, Marie Bambrick and Neville Dunnett



Reg and Suzanne Warrington

Harvest Supper 2013



Raffle Mania!



Hugh and Marie delighted to have won the star prize



Juliet Vickery truly Olympic!



It was a real fun evening. Thank you to Juliet and her team