Within Reach



February/March 2014



Swaffham Prior schoolchildren: Molly dancing, traditional for Plough Monday



Swaffham Prior schoolchildren really enjoyed the tree planting

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Churches Together in Burwell are pleased to welcome

Dr Rowan Williams

Former Archbishop of Canterbury, now Master of Magdalene College, Cambridge and Patron of Cambridge Foodbank to speak on:

Foodbanks in Today's Society

Tuesday 11th March 2014
7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Burwell

Followed by refreshments and opportunity for questions

From the Editor



Two villagers are represented on the national and international stage – Joss Goodchild for her art and Ross Clark for his journalism. Truly well done! In this issue Ross reflects on the recent floods which caused such misery over Christmas and the New Year in parts of England and Wales.

Closer to home we've been pretty amazed by the mild almost spring-like weather and our orchard management and woodland planting took place on dry and sunny days. The organisation of the woodland planting was more than impressive – from the pre-cut holes to the hot snacks – a big thank you to Nick Acklam and Team for their meticulous planning and hard work.

An odd swan turned up in the village and happily Alison Lewis contacted the right people; read all about it in her cartoon-style article.

Joss Goodchild sets out some interesting facts about badgers. With much sadness we say goodbye to Jetty the Welsh pony but Lesley Boyle reflects on the happiness he gave and his big character.

Rita has seasonal recipes and Susie's Kids Page is dedicated to Shrove Tuesday. Avoid drinking alcohol to excess when cooking – so says Cambs Fire and Rescue – but feel free to relax and enjoy yourself in our local pub with George Gibson. Marie Bambrick interviews George in this issue – what's his favourite tipple?

Juliet sums up the sporty success achieved by Reach residents in 2013 and it makes for an impressive read – not forgetting her own silver medal. We learn, for example, that Katie Cameron is also good at football and Ewen might yet make the England cricket team. It's great that our most recent contributor, Lorna Stevens, has again submitted an article and she lists some of the local winter equestrian venues which are useful to know about as the lanes are very muddy this winter.

Maisie Whitehead lived in Reach for very many years and we have some memories by Jenny Bowen and a heartfelt poem by Bill Estall. If you want to renew your marriage vows Eleanor Williams is the person to contact.

Read this magazine carefully and find out whose fascinating fact suggests that he needs to get out more.

Valentine's Day is coming up. Why not use the occasion to whisper sweet nothings into somebody's ear – the magazine could do with some scandalous gossip.

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Editor's Notes

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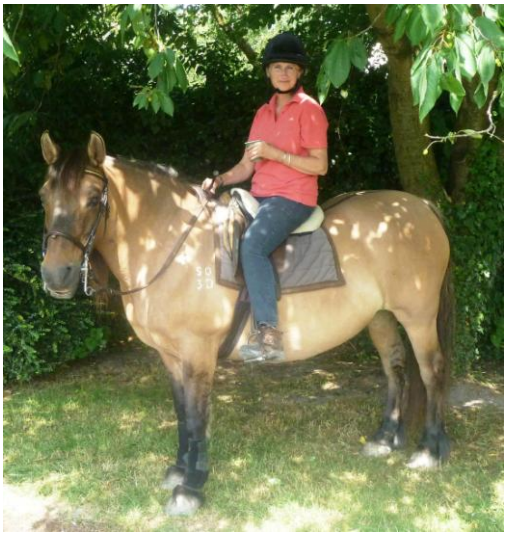
Artist Joss Goodchild



Artist Joss Goodchild has been documenting a fenland year on a Cambridgeshire farm.

She approached Lords Ground Farm for a year's "residency" and the response was immediately positive from this commercial arable farm that forms part of the Greens of Soham enterprise. Joss is now in the final stages of the project, with the 485ha unit having offered total access to her by foot, vehicle and even her horse. They also helped out with the provision of tours, maps, meetings and frequent Q&A emails.

Joss has always painted the countryside. A career within the horseracing industry was interrupted by a five-year spell on a remote sporting estate in the West Highlands.

She returned to East Anglia and undertook formal art training. Her degree "Final Piece" depicted a bird's-eye study of 20 symmetrical fen fields and their crops. This abstract interpretation reflected a growing awareness of land geometrics and farming rhythms. These elements continue to influence her work today. She finds the man-made lines and patterns that are so obvious in the fens particularly fascinating – rows of poplar trees, grids of rivers, ditches, dykes and lodes, the bisections of roads and boundaries, the regular repeating patterns of young crops, the marks a farmer and his machinery make upon the land.

Travelling from home, she has focused mainly on crop rotation, machinery and wildlife.

"I find turning from the fen into the farm itself hugely enjoyable, the avenue approach through oaks and evergreens leads you into a 'world within a world'. The farm has energy, there's always a tractor in the distance but one still gets a sense of peace and privacy."

Watercolour paintings are created from observational drawings supported by photographs, notes and sketches. The scale of these is perhaps influenced by her tiny studio, an outside washhouse that husband Martin converted into a working space.

"I have a desire for accuracy in my paintings, the beet or turf harvester need to be recognisable; I often return to the farm for further observation. I realise I am becoming an illustrator and recorder rather than a fine artist."

The seasons and dramatic fen weather also influence Joss's work. "A fen blow is a pretty exciting phenomenon whereby strong winds whip a layer of peat from the fields into blackout."

Further subject matter is provided by an abundance of wildlife. Farm cover belts give shelter to game birds, the reservoir holds a variety of fish, plus harriers, buzzards and kestrels are commonplace. Corvids, woodpeckers, goldfinch and pied wagtails abound; barn owls, lapwing, and mute swans are also evident.

During 2014, Joss aims to produce a book of paintings detailing her fenland year and an exhibition will follow in July.

Article from Farmers Weekly (27 November 2013)



Glory for Ross Clark

Ross Clark won a media award for his journalism and attended an award ceremony in New York. He was a co-winner with Lane Fuller of this global award and as well as prize money, he received engraved crystal candlesticks at the Reason Media Awards ceremony on November 6th in New York City!

The Bastiat Prize honors the writers who best explain the importance of freedom with originality, wit, and eloquence. The six Bastiat Prize finalists competing for $16,000 in prizes were:

- Tamzin Booth, *The Economist* (UK)
- Ross Clark, *The Spectator* (UK) and *The Times* (UK)
- Lane Filler, *Newsday*
- Dhiraj Nayyar, *India Today*
- Stephanie Slade, *US News and World Report*
- Kyle Wingfield, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*

"These Bastiat Prize finalists represent the best of a very strong field of international journalists and it is an honour to recognize their work," said Julian Morris, vice president of Reason Foundation. "The quality and volume of this year's entries are proof that more and more journalists around the world are effectively challenging the statist assumptions of their peers and advancing freedom."

Previous Bastiat Prize winners include Virginia Postrel, Tim Harford, Mary Anastasia O'Grady, Robert Guest, Sauvik Chakraverti, Amity Shlaes and Anne Jolis.

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Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

The club has begun its final term of the photographic year which ends on May 16 2014, with a social evening dinner for members. Since the New Year we have had several new people join and we welcome new members at any time.

A highlight of the East Anglian photographic world took place on Saturday 18 January 2014. Cambridge Camera Club held their Interclub Digital Competition, which was first held in 2002 by the late Roy Pitman and is now held on an annual basis, supported by John Lewis.

This year 36 clubs entered from across the region. Each club entered four images in the competition, which made a total of 144 to be viewed in four categories. The standard as always was extremely high but regrettably Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club were not placed this year. The winners were Halstead and District Photographic Society, judged by Anne Sutcliffe FRPS EFIAP of Solihull. The event was held at Whittlesford and was attended by a large audience.



On a local matter it is good to see the restored Burwell Windmill on the skyline, the picture shown here was taken on January 3 2014 by Publicity Officer Barry Coles.

Looking forward to our forthcoming events:

18 February 2014

'**Developing Ideas for Audio Visual**' by Diana Burns ARPS & Mike Burns from Wisbech Camera club. An illustrative talk giving guidance and tips on producing this type of media.

25 February 2014

'An Evening with Sue Brock-Hollinshead'. Sue who is a member of Cambridge Camera Club will be showing her excellent prints and images.

25 March 2014

'**An Evening with Liz and Barrie Hatten'**, Liz and Barrie return to give another digital presentation of their travels far and wide.

29 April 2014

'**It's a Small World'** by Martin Johns from Harlton. A talk introducing the intriguing world of macro photography.

Annual Subscriptions:

Adult £30.00, Joint Membership £50.00, Student £15, plus a weekly fee of 50p.

Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting, fee £2 (including refreshments), refunded on joining. Venue: Lode Chapel CB25 9EW from 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

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Ross's Reflections



David Cameron says that he has strong suspicions that the recent floods have been caused by man-made climate change. Maybe - and maybe not. Even the Met Office, hardly known for its climate change scepticism – is careful to say that severe weather events cannot be individually blamed on climate change.

But I am pretty sure that the floods can be blamed on something else: poor flood defences and the continued practice of building on floodplains.



Governments of both colours have spent the past 15 years preaching flood and tempest as a result of global warming – and simultaneously running a miserly flood defence budget. Every time we have severe floods there is a promise of more money, only then to be withdrawn as ministers find something more interesting to spend it on. When the budget was cut in the first year of this parliament it put paid to 294 proposed schemes.



But even when we do build flood defences they are too modest in ambition. Why has the Netherlands not suffered from floods and tidal surges over the past two months when they have been affected by the same weather systems? Because over there river defences are built to a standard required to protect against a one in 1,250 year event and sea defences to a one in 10,000 year event. The corresponding figures for Britain are one in 100 years and one in 200 years. If they took the same attitude to defences as we do they would have to abandon a quarter of their country.

You don't have to go to the Netherlands, though, to witness an effective Dutch flood defence scheme; we are living in the middle of one. You have seen the pictures of the Somerset Levels, with villages cut off and farmland flooded to a depth of six feet. That would be Reach fen were we not protected by Cornelius Vermuyden's 17th century drainage scheme. Central to the functioning of the drainage of the Cambridgeshire fens are the Bedford rivers and the washes which run between them. They divert flow from the sinuous Ouse on a shorter and straighter course towards the Wash. When the floodwaters are too strong for the rivers to cope, water is stored on the washes – that is the vast seasonal lake which you cross on the train to Peterborough.



If we could do it in the 17th century, when every dyke had to be dug by hand, some of them by my Dutch Hugenot ancestors, why not now when we are an infinitely richer country? If some of the lowest-lying areas of England can be successfully kept dry, so too can the Thames and Medway valleys. Engineered landscapes, though, have gone out of fashion. Instead, rivers are being returned to something closer their natural state, to create wildlife habitats rather than to defend human ones. Far easier to blame floods on global warming than to address the failures of flood defence policy.

On the subject of channels, or rather trenches, I now have the dates for Shot at Dawn – which will be performed upstairs at the Gatehouse on Tue 1, Wed 2 and Thurs 3 July and then at the Mumford Theatre, Cambridge (the Anglia Ruskin theatre) on Fri 4 and Sat 5 July – with performances at 3.30pm and 7.30pm on both the Cambridge dates.

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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.

Memories: Newmarket General Hospital (White Lodge)



Newmarket Hospital started off as a workhouse in 1837 after the guardians of the Newmarket Union of the parish houses decided there was a need for a new central workhouse in Newmarket. They had their first meeting on 31st December 1835.

At the following meeting on 27th May 1836 they decided to purchase four acres of land in Exning Road at a cost of no more than £400 and commission a workhouse to be built on the land at a cost of no more than £7,500. The building was completed and the first meeting of the board of guardians was held on Saturday 25th March 1837 in the new Newmarket Workhouse Boardroom. In 1890 extensions were constructed and two blocks of infirmary wards were introduced. All this was situated in what was later known as `A Block'. In the 1930's the workhouse and other buildings were changed to the Public Assistance Institution working with the Voluntary Hospital.

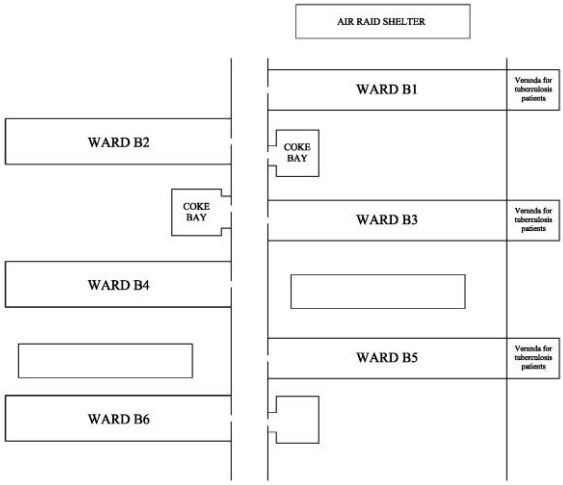


The workhouse in 1927

In 1938 there was talk of war and the Newmarket Public Institution had a long and thorough inspection of the buildings and adjoining paddocks. They did not know then that the Institution had been selected as one of the large Emergency Medical Service Hospitals to be built in East Anglia for casualties in the event of war. In September 1940 all the accommodation was available for Emergency Medical Services and had 103 service patients and four civilians. This was when the name was change to 'White Lodge Emergency Hospital'. We always knew it as White Lodge Hospital.

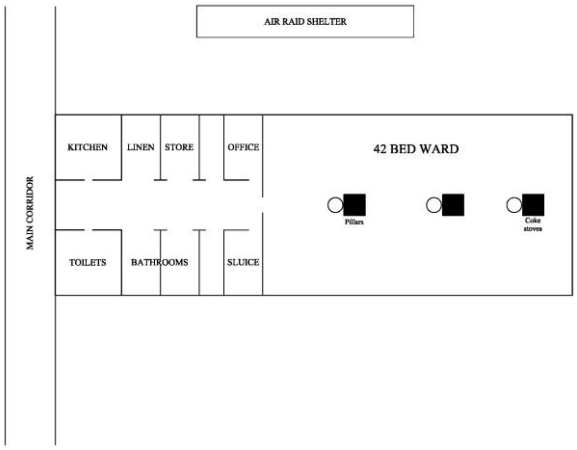
The Institution buildings were named A Block and at the end of 1939 six more wards were built and these were called B Block. During the year some of A Block was divided to form an Outpatients Department with a through corridor to the main hospital.

Also that year another 1 1/2 acres of paddock was brought for nine more wards, an X-ray department, theatres, kitchens etc. This was going to be called C Block. In 1942 the new buildings were opened bringing the total number of beds to 700. Surgical patients from A and B Blocks were moved to C Block to be nearer to the operating theatres.



After the air raids in Norwich, 175 patients were transferred from the Norwich Hospitals to Newmarket. Much later I can remember A Block was for maternity, B Block was for medical patients and those with TB, the latter having to lay outside on a open veranda as they had to be in the open air. C Block, which had seven wards, was mostly surgical.

C3 was the children's ward which had an aviary at one end, with budgies and canaries and these helped to cheer the children up when mum could not be there. At the top of C Corridor an Accident and Emergency was at one end and an Outpatients Department at the other. Both Departments were always busy.



Each ward had three huge tortoise stoves down the centre which the ward maids had to keep topped up and all the more so in the winter. The floors were painted concrete and the screens were on wheels and stored down the central pillars of the wards when not in use.

I first went to White Lodge Hospital in 1948 when a Mr Butler, an orthopaedic surgeon at Addenbrookes hospital, was so baffled by me that he handed me over to Mr. E. Jamieson who had arrived at Newmarket in 1943 and was a brilliant surgeon.

In 1942 Miss M. Welply was appointed orthopaedic house surgeon and did excellent work alongside Mr. Jamieson. A Sister M. Hayward was posted to Ward C9 a year or so before me. So when I was admitted to Ward C9 Mr Jamieson, Sister Hayward and myself formed a bond which was never broken even after they retired - Mr. Jamieson to his homeland New Zealand and Sister Hayward wherever she was living. Actually Sister Hayward came to my wedding.

Mr Jamieson did such a wonderful job on my hip; I owe him so much that I lived an almost normal life and was also able to have children. I can never thank him enough and treasure his memory.

There is so much more to tell you about White Lodge Hospital and I will continue in the next magazine and tell you how we use to amuse ourselves.

Anita Folkes ☺



CHRIS ELLIOTT
Chief reporter

READERS have been quick to supply information about a hospital photo in *Our Time*.

Murray Matthewson got in touch to report it featured Edward S "Jamie" Jamieson, consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Newmarket and Addenbrooke's Hospitals.

"Mr Jamieson is wearing his traditional immaculate white coat, his anaesthetic colleague Dr Brian Stead is on the right of the picture and behind are the immaculately turned out nurses (as was normal in those days), led by their matron all of whom, like his colleagues in Cambridge, held him in the highest respect and esteem," Mr Matthewson said.

"Mr Jamieson was the sole orthopaedic trauma surgeon at Newmarket and also ran the casualty department throughout his consultant career. A graduate of Otago University Medical School in Dunedin, New Zealand, he came to the UK for postgraduate training, as was the tradition until relatively recent times, and stayed after being appointed a consultant.

"Although orthopaedic colleagues from Addenbrooke's undertook sessions at Newmarket, it was only with the setting up of structured training in orthopaedic surgery throughout the UK in 1972 that Jamie came to Addenbrooke's for weekly clinics and operating lists and had regular contact with trainee surgeons, of whom I was fortunate to be one.

"With the experience of a lifetime of single-handed practice at Newmarket – including the Second World War – to pass on he was a fount of clinical knowledge, prudent action and meticulous surgical technique. Reserved and modest to a fault, he was no reactionary and delighted in being introduced by his young apprentices to new ideas (they weren't of course) or take up new techniques if, after his careful scrutiny, they enhanced his patients' welfare.

"A superb gardener, with a special interest in clematis, after I was appointed to Addenbrooke's with a special interest in spinal deformity, he wrote to me from retirement showing how (with immaculate illustrations of course) wind damage had temporarily arrested growth on one side of one of his delphiniums causing a scoliosis resistant to correction by stakes and struts."

In fact the picture shows Mr Jamieson receiving a set of 12 new chairs for Newmarket Hospital, presented by S W Neville, managing director of a local boiler works company.

Mrs D Rowlinson from Little Thurlow, near Haverhill, said: "The chairs were meant for use in the casualty department's waiting room."



HIGH REGARD: Edward S "Jamie" Jamieson, right, receives the chairs from S W Neville.

RaSP News

Broadband from the Belfry

Since its creation RaSP has always had a strong following in Swaffham Prior, partly because several of the founding members of the group live there. However linking Reach and Swaffham Prior by wireless has always been something of a problem because of the ridge that runs in a northeast/southwest direction between the two villages. This has in the past made it impractical to establish a direct link to Swaffham Prior without the use of an unrealistically high mast in Reach.

Hitherto the problem has been solved by the use of a two stage 'dog-leg' link via the Canes' house on Swaffham Road and then on to Swaffham Prior around the end of the ridge; it is worth mentioning that (like other RaSP members who host RaSP infrastructure equipment on their houses), the Canes' have been very generous in putting up with sporadic invasions of their domestic space by RaSP 'techies' on occasions when equipment problems have demanded urgent attention to keep RaSP subscribers online.

RaSP had for some years cast an envious eye on some of the high points on top of the ridge at Swaffham Prior (notably the water tower and windmill) but had always felt that permission for a bunch of engineers to fix outlandish radio installations on these structures would be unlikely to be forthcoming. Then the author, having read about the use of church towers to provide high points for community broadband systems in various parts of the country (notably Norfolk and Herefordshire), decided to make a tentative approach to the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), owners of St Cyriac's, the higher (and disused) of the two churches in the churchyard at Swaffham Prior. An unofficial survey of the view towards Reach from the top of the St Cyriac's tower revealed that the tops of the RaSP masts in Reach were just visible, allowing the line of sight radio link that would be required.

The CCT had never heard of such a use for a church tower and requested more information, but on learning of the small size and low radio power output of RaSP equipment they became cautiously positive. Fifteen months later, after the drafting of a detailed proposal, lengthy discussions with the CCT Conservation Officer about the possible impacts on a Grade II*listed building and the application for, and granting of planning permission and listed building consent, the new RaSP radio station went live just before Christmas.

With the use of the latest wireless equipment, the new installation provides a reliable 100Mb/s link between the two villages (five times faster than the existing link); RaSP subscribers at the southeast end of Swaffham Prior are now being moved onto the new link, relieving the severe congestion on the original radio link that was beginning to degrade the internet connection performance for all RaSP subscribers in Swaffham Prior.

On the 15th January the CCT Publicity Officer organised a 'switch-on' ceremony on top of the tower of St Cyriac's with the attendance of the local press.

Connecting Cambridgeshire

I wrote in the last issue about the joint project between Cambridgeshire and BT to bring fast fibre-based broadband to rural areas of Cambridgeshire that is likely to come to Reach in late 2015.

Last November I and a RaSP colleague met with the respective Cambridgeshire and BT project managers for Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC) at Shire Hall in Cambridge. The main purpose of the meeting was to alert CC to the fact that RaSP is currently providing a service in their area which is significantly better that the 2Mb/s which is the stated minimum speed that some hard-to-reach rural subscribers might be left with at the end of the CC project. This is of particular concern because it is probable that RaSP will wind down operations once the new high-speed broadband service is available in the RaSP area. The CC people appeared to take our concerns seriously and have undertaken to perform a detailed survey of the RaSP service area to try to identify areas where subscribers might receive a worse service (and then look into ways to avoid this).



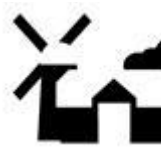
David Greenfield (RaSP), Sally Porter (CCT) and Hugh de Lacy (RaSP)

RaSP subscribers will have the opportunity to learn more about RaSP's thinking with regard to Connecting Cambridgeshire at the RaSP AGM which is scheduled to take place in the Dyke's End on Wednesday Feb 12 – see the RaSP website for details.

Hugh de Lacy



Burwell Museum



Many of you will have noticed that the windmill now has its full set of four sails. After the sails were fitted in December, the mill was given a test run and all the machinery worked perfectly.

We are extremely grateful to the residents of Mill Close for putting up with the disruption of a large crane sitting in the street for most of the day. The majority of the restoration work on the mill has now been completed but there is still a lot of other work to do including installing information displays inside the mill and putting a fence around the mill (retaining the unofficial pedestrian short-cut from Mill Close to Mill Lane via the mill's access track). Photographs and videos of the windmill restoration can be found on the Burwell Windmill Project Blog - just click the link on the museum's website or just Google "*Burwell Windmill Project*".

We are hoping to open the mill to the public a week before Easter and have it running if there is enough wind. Details of this will be published nearer the time.

The museum will reopen on Easter Sunday with various activities taking place, including the very popular Easter Egg Hunt.

As there will be a lot more to see with the mill being open to visitors, the opening hours of the museum are going to be permanently extended. This is likely to mean opening 11.00am to 5.00pm (instead of 2.00pm to 5.00pm) on Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter Sunday to end of October. The new opening time will be confirmed soon.

A list of events planned for 2014 will be published on our website. The events will also be listed on the 2014 Factsheet - the black and white insert inside our colour leaflet.

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

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www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

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Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell,
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Simon Heath
Museum Trustee

Make a Mother's Day
This Mothering Sunday help change a life

Make a Mother's Day

Give an ethical gift this Mothering Sunday and support the work of the Mothers' Union around the world. Each gift represents part of the work that Mothers' Union is funding this year.

Mothers' Union's four million members around the world volunteer their time and resources to support families where they live; enabling them to develop the skills they need to create a better life for themselves and their families.

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Speak our Language: £13 will give life-changing skills to impoverished communities in DR Congo.

Find more gifts by picking up a leaflet in Reach Church or visit the Mothers' Union website at www.mothersunion.org.

Susan Baker
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Exclusive Interview with George Gibson



Where are you from?
I've had a nomadic existence. I was born in London and it's a bit of a joke but I'm actually the only true cockney in Reach!

We then moved to Winchester and from there to Scotland to Aberfeldy and then on to Hereford.

Where did you go to school?
I went to a sporty boarding school in Glenarmond, Scotland. I hated the whole bloody thing. If I ever appear before a judge to be sentenced I'll ask him to take into account the five years I spent there!

After school I went on to agricultural college in Shuttleworth, Bedfordshire.

Why agricultural college?
I love the outdoors and had the romantic idea it would be easy.

So how come you polled up in Exning?
It's the seat of Gibson family farm. I went to work for my uncle, Simon Gibson. The Gibsons have been farming there since the 1920's. I've been in this area since 1990, on and off.

How old are you?
I'm 50.

Goodness, you don't look it. I remember when I first saw you in the pub I asked if you were you old enough to be serving, never mind owning a pub!

So…what has been your career trajectory since 1990?
It's been very varied and interesting. Some might say chequered! I was a tenant farmer for three years, when I left my uncle's farm. I did a stint as an estate agent. Then had my own truck and did grain haulage for seven years. I then did commercial flying.

How did you meet your wife, Catherine?
We met through mutual friends when I was in Cornwall. I decided I wanted to live there. I was a commercial pilot for three years by then and was mainly working in the Middle East. We married in 2007(?) and we have two kids, Eleanor (four years) and Hannah (two years). We moved from Cornwall to Exning and bought the Manor House in Reach in 2011.

How have you ended up owning the pub - there was no hint of that looking back at your career?
I used to drink in the pub and liked it. I have always been passionate about good beer. I got to know Simon and Frank and when I learned they were selling it I decided to buy it. I felt that the village needed to retain the pub. I didn't want to live in a village without a pub, or a closing pub or one not run properly. I have always been passionate about quality beer, though a pub does not live on beer alone! I know it is designated that it should always be a pub, but that does not necessarily mean it stays open. I felt very strongly that it should be a place that people continued to want to go to and that it be run in such a way that it retains its place as a focal point in the village. Catherine is in the hotel business and between us we manage it. I think the idea of a community is important and I like to think that the pub plays its part in facilitating social life in the village and a sense of community. It was a calculated risk buying the pub. It was never my life plan. I might have ended up driving a train!

We try to maintain the highest standards, whilst remaining a basic pub. There is no piped music and no slot machines.



Dyke's End at New Year's Eve

What changes have you made to it?
When Simon and Frank owned it they concentrated on getting the kitchen going. I completely revamped the cellar, to ensure that the beer is delivered in the right condition and quality and at the right temperature.

Being a "Beerbuff" what beers do you keep?
Adnams (my favourite), Wainwrights, JHB and various guest beers. We are now listed in the Alastair Sawday guide, on merit. It does not accept advertising and I'm pleased with that recognition.

Is your brewery at the back still going?
It's on hold at the moment, but I hope to get it going again.

So what's it like running the pub?
I'm very happy running it. It needs people to support it, though. It's a question of using it or losing it. If it does not survive, Reach will become just another dormitory town.

You seem to have revamped it in a number of ways including a changed menu?
We try to be innovative. We started the Sunday brunch recently and that's been a great success. The pub trade is dying in this country. We are always open to suggestions from people in the village on what else we might do to promote social life in the village, like having coffee mornings, take-aways and such things. All suggestions welcome, folks. We let people use the top floor free for meetings and have sponsored a number of events in the village.

I know – Hugh and I recently won a voucher at Harvest Supper for a Sunday lunch and very good it was too.

You seem to have a strong sense of the importance of community and belonging?
I do. Recently it was brought home to me when that helicopter crashed locally. I knew Sean who was one of the pilots. He used to drink here even though it was way out of his way. People got to know him in the pub and I and others were greatly affected by his death. It brought into focus my philosophy of enjoying life, making the most of it – it can be taken away in the blink of an eye.

So how would you sum up your philosophy in life?
I don't take myself too seriously. If you can't say something good about somebody, say nothing. I hate hypocrisy. I think it's important to be involved and be a doer rather than a moaner!

I believe you are something of a Luddite?
You mean because we don't have a TV, are not on the internet at home and I never Tweet or Facebook? I can't tell you how much freedom that gives me.

So what do you do?
I like reading biographies and anything about flying, aviation and the war. Catherine is a great Archer's fan and I listen to Radio1, 3 and 4. I'd better not say I also listen to Radio 2 – it's so naff! We love our Staffordshire dog, Ruff, who is a well–known wanderer in the village.

The pub is not just frequented by locals for a drink, I notice.
Yes, we have people from Burwell, the Swaffhams and other surrounding villages. I think they like the good beers and as the Irish would say, "the crack" in the pub and I'm not talking drugs here. It's really "the craic" – meaning a bit of fun. All sorts of friendships get formed here.

Marie Bambrick



Fascinating Facts about Reach!

Monster Truck Gets Stuck in Reach



Just before Christmas I walked out of my house on Great Lane and experienced a 'double take': somebody during the night appeared to have built a wall across the lane, completely blocking off the lane in the Upware direction.

It quickly became obvious that the 'wall' was a very large, Spanish-owned, articulated lorry that had driven in from the Upware direction, ignored (or not understood) the warning notice and come into the village. Fortunately the driver thought better of his route before he reached the impossible corner and decided to turn round by reversing into the lane towards Delver Bridge. With Ross Clark directing and some skilled manoeuvring on the part of the driver he managed to turn his vehicle round without hitting anything and disappeared along Barston Drove . . .

Hugh de Lacy

CROSSWORD WINNER

Evidently everyone's brains went to mush
over Christmas and New Year as we had no entries
for the crossword!

Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No. 22

ACROSS: 1. TAIL. 3. HYMN. 5. GREAT. 7. RITE. 8. SCENT. 10. TYRE. 12. TAUGHT. 15. HERE. 16. WHERE. 17. SHOE. 18. POOR. 20. BOUGH. 22. TEASE. 25. THYME. 26. BEEN. 27. RODE. 28. WOULD

DOWN: 2. LOAN. 3. HIGHER. 4. WEIGHT. 6. TARE. 8. SCENE. 9. TORQUE. 11. WITCH. 12. THERE. 13. WHOOP. 14. DRAUGHT. 19. ROUTE. 21. REIGN. 23. KNEEL. 24. FETE.

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Every month, Within Reach is delivered, free of charge to around 175 dwellings. This is possible because we have loyal advertisers whose contributions allow the magazine to breakeven every year.

So please, whenever you need a tradesperson or suchlike, have a look at the coloured centre pages of the magazine and include our advertisers in your selection process. This year we have some new advertisers . . . .

Burwell Tyres (adverts page 21)

This is a Manchetts business - they look after all of your tyre needs which you can book online. Manchetts do a great deal for this village, they thoroughly deserve our support.

Camsmart Mobile Car Body Repairs (adverts page 23)

If your car has got dents or scratches then Mark will come to you and carry out the repair.

Gardenworks (adverts page 2)

These are the guys that have done such a great job for the village in making safe the willow tree on the Hythe.



Nick from Gardenworks doing his Tarzan impression - picture courtesy of Jodie Halpin-McDonald

Self-catering Gite in France (adverts page 24)

Well worth a look at! Sunshine amongst the Cote de Rhone vineyards of the south of France.



What's not to like!

The Golf Lounge (adverts page 13)

Ever wanted to play golf courses like Wentworth, St Andrews or Pebble beach? Well now you can - just by driving to Lode - looks like fun.

Please have a look at what our advertisers can offer.

Burwell Surgery



The Burwell Surgery needs your help to reduce the number of missed appointments!

DNA (Did Not Attend) appointments have an enormous impact on the healthcare system in terms of cost and appointment availability for other patients. At the Burwell Surgery this year we have had an alarming average of 150 DNA's every single month. This equates to approximately 33 hours of the doctor and nurses time that could have used to see other patients. We would really like to try and improve these results and request your assistance to make it possible.

There are often genuine reasons for non attendance and we do appreciate that it is not always possible to keep your appointment. Common reasons include:

- Forgetting appointment date and time
- No longer need to attend
- Too unwell to attend
- Work commitments
- Childcare
- Travel difficult to organise
- Public transport difficult to access

What can The Burwell Surgery do to help?

- Be clear when booking appointments and re-confirm details
- Issue appointment cards where possible
- Ensure letters are easy to read and understand
- Send a reminder text message two days prior to your appointment

What can patients do to help?

- Complete our text message consent form, so we can help you to remember the appointment made.
- Notify us as soon as possible if you are unable to make your appointment. Even same day appointment cancellations are gratefully received by the Reception Team as they are taking many calls each day for patients who require a same day appointment and availability is limited.

If we could achieve a 50% reduction in DNAs this would allow us to see 75 more patients each month.

Debbie Everitt
Practice Manager

Sign up to Twitter Alerts

Cambridgeshire Constabulary is urging people to sign up to a new social media scheme that allows it to release important information quickly in times of emergency.

Creating a safer Cambridgeshire

Twitter Alerts make it easier for organisations to get critical information to the right people at the right time.

The force is joined by more than 50 organisations that have signed up to the scheme, including all the UK's other police forces, the London Fire Brigade and the Environment Agency.

It will allow the force to highlight critical information to its followers by marking Tweets as alerts with an orange bell for extra visibility.

Twitter users can also sign up for the alerts and receive a notification directly to their phone via SMS. Users of Twitter for iPhone or Android will receive a push notification direct to their mobile.

The alerts are intended for crisis, disaster and emergency communications. Events that could require an alert include:

- Natural disasters or severe weather
- Chemical or biological incidents
- Terrorist incident or threat
- Criminal activity that places the pubic in life-threatening harm

Alerts could warn of imminent danger, give directions, issue preventative instructions or give urgent safety alerts.

To subscribe, Twitter users simply need to visit the force's account homepage and click on the link beside the orange bell symbol. Alternatively, visit http://twitter.com/cambscops/alerts

Peter Rham, head of force resilience, said: "In a major incident where people are at risk, one of our key objectives is to get fast and accurate information to the public, as it could save lives."

"Twitter alerts provide us with another way of communicating directly with people in an emergency. The alerts will stand out as being of exceptional importance and the notifications to people's mobile devices mean we can get messages to people as they go out and about their daily business."

"I would urge people to follow our Twitter account and sign up to the alerts as one day they could prove extremely valuable."

To receive Twitter alerts as push notifications you must be using Twitter for iPhone version 5.10 or higher and Twitter for Android 4.1.6 or higher.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDI

FIREFIGHTERS are asking residents to take care while cooking during February.

Valentine's Day means more people may turn to the kitchen to cook their way to a loved one's heart and combined with Shrove Tuesday and National Chip Week, which runs February 17-23, there are many more chances people may end distracted while cooking this month.

Here are some handy tips for staying safe in the kitchen:

- Never leave cooking unattended and avoid leaving children alone in the kitchen when cooking on a hob
- Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob
- Avoid drinking alcohol to excess when cooking
- Take care when cooking with oil, especially in deep fat fryers – it sets alight easily
- Don't tackle a fire yourself – get out, stay out and dial 999

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.

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.

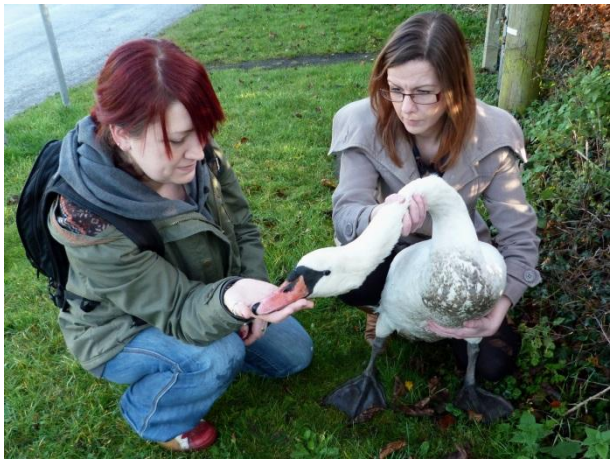
The Story of Simon the Rather Tame Swan



1. On 10th Dec I came home for lunch and found a swan near the Green. He wasn't scared of people and some builders were trying to feed him biscuits! We encouraged him down to the river but he was more interested in following me home than the water.



2. A few days later he was walking down Great Lane and he hung around just over the road when he saw Anita at her window. I suspect he was begging for food as it turns out he had been chased away from the river by our resident pair and must have known that people equals food!



3. I was worried about him so I contacted Cambridgeshire Wildlife Care (CWC). Dinah and Tara came the next day and we found him near Burwell Road, I think he was following people going to the 24Acres tree planting. He went quite floppy when picked up which was very strange.



On 19th Jan he was moved to The Swan Sanctuary in Shepperton, Middlesex. They think he was hand reared and had escaped or was released too soon. They've named him Simon and put him in with some cygnets in the hope he will learn enough 'wild' behaviour to eventually be released, if not he will stay at their protected lakes.



4. After a vet checked him over and gave him a clean bill (!) of health he went to stay at CWC. He was the tamest swan they've encountered and didn't resist being handled. I visited them three weeks later and he certainly looked happier and a little plumper!

Alison Lewis

Cambs Wildlife Care
Rescue ◆ Rehabilitate ◆ Release

Cambridgeshire Wildlife Care (Haddenham) is a charity dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of wildlife. We care for locally orphaned, injured, ill and abandoned animals and birds with the aim of returning them to the wild. The centre is currently full, mostly with hedgehogs, and so we are in need of volunteers, supplies (inc. newspaper, shredded paper, bird seed, tinned cat and dog food, towels, blankets) and donations. If you're able to help in any way please contact Alison Lewis (ali.lewis@hotmail.com 07792026971) or leave donations at 9 Great Lane.

Out and About



Happily, the kestrel returned to the tree bordering our field and another can be seen near the buildings at Swan Lake barn. There's frequently a buzzard or harrier on the fen road to Upware and a barn owl quartering Tubney. Gareth saw two greater spotted woodpeckers in that area recently and I was thrilled when a water rail crossed the road at Lord's Ground farm. A silent sighting this time, it didn't emit its eerie pig-like squeal.

Another lovely (if wintery) sight are the flocks of redwing and fieldfare in fields around the village. I say wintery but, at the time of writing, the strangely mild weather (11°C today, 6 January) means that geraniums continue to flower on our front garden wall.



Water rail bird

I read that January is considered to be Midwinter, a far cry from the bleak one described in Rossetti's popular Christmas carol. Which reminds me, a big thank you to the organisers of the Reach Village Centre carol concert. The mulled wine, mince pies and pastries were delicious, the tables festively decorated and quiz entertaining. Much work had gone into the evening's preparations and we tried to sing out to Hilary's piano though it was rather hard with such a small crowd. I fear we may lose this festive gathering.



Late last year a third badger was found dead in the village, this time on the quiet section of road running from Great Lane to Swan Lake Barns. Debate continues as to whether these animals are road traffic casualties or have been despatched elsewhere and dumped in our rural area. Regardless, their demise is a sad sight.

In this section I'm purposefully avoiding the current contentious issue of badgers and stock farming, whilst I like badgers I've never suffered the heartbreak of having generations of beautifully line bred cattle destroyed through bovine TB. So, I'm writing this small feature from the comfort of 'the fence'.

As we obviously have a badger presence in Reach, here are a few interesting facts. Since the extinction of wolves and bears the elusive, nocturnal badger is Britain's largest carnivore. Earthworms form their main source of food and they devour approximately 175 a night. Their thick skin and long claws enable them to be one of only a few species able to kill and eat a hedgehog.



When faced with adversity the badger, who lacks speed or camouflage, will adopt a head-down stance in order to display its stripes as a warning. Disappearance into a sett (the badger's labyrinthine subterranean residence) is another form of defence. A sett typically has 16 entrances, 50 chambers with nests of dry grass, straw, dead leaves and a maze of tunnels.

Badgers live in social groups and move rooms every few days. They clean these out carefully, thereby controlling the parasites in such fetid lairs. Their refusal to foul setts is further demonstrated by specially dug latrines, these are usually found beside their regular footpaths and near living quarters. This system also demarcates territory.

The badger is indigenous, bones found in Sussex date them at over 500,000 years old. Their name is said to derive from the French 'becheur' which means 'digger' and a strong musculature, short legs and extended claws reflect badgers' burrowing habits.

Joss Goodchild



News from your Community Orchard



Although its winter, it hasn't been a period of inactivity for the management and development of the orchard. Here is some of what's been happening.

Information Board

A splendid information board has been installed in the orchard. Designed by Jon Cane it includes an innovative map showing the locations of the different varieties. Why not walk down to the orchard and have a look?



Information board designed by Jon Cane

Training day and pruning

On 30th November, 17 people from the village were trained in orchard management, including pruning of fruit trees. Instruction was provided by Bob Lever, an expert in the development, care and management of traditional orchards, who works closely with the East of England Apples and Orchards Project (EEAOP). We now know all about canker, silver leaf, pink plum moth, 'winter moth' and sward management.



Bob Lever advises Diana Ward

Following a morning 'in the classroom' the afternoon was spent carrying out some formative pruning of trees in our new orchard. We're aiming to create 'half-standard' trees, which branch at about 1.2 metres (just above the existing deer guards) allowing easy management (mowing) and fruit picking (eventually!).

Nuisance Wildlife: Voles and Deer

During the pruning, we found evidence that several trees had been attached by voles – the bark had been neatly gnawed away at ground level. Apparently more new fruit trees are lost to voles than to deer! We've acted quickly, and vole guards (plastic tubes, placed around the bottom of the tree and pressed into the ground) have been put in place right across the orchard.



Vole damage

We are hoping that deer won't be a serious problem in the orchard. However, whilst the trees are well protected from muntjac by the deer guards, taller roe deer have been browsing some trees above this protection. Among the various repellents that have been proposed, unwashed human hair stored in tights or muslin and hung at deer head-height have been used in an attempt to protect gardens from deer. Success is reported to be highly variable but we're giving it a shot anyway! So if you visit the orchard and see some small cotton packages hanging from trees, it's not witchcraft!



Graham Lingley, Bob Lever and David Thomas



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

Blenheim Orange

Introduced in 1740, Blenheim Orange is a popular old English apple variety, primarily a cooker (but can also be eaten fresh). Good for making 'Apple Charlotte' as it cooks to a stiff puree. Lovely eaten with cheese, having a nutty, quite sweet taste and a crumbly texture.

Blenheim Orange is an exceptionally vigorous tree, growing to a similar size to Bramley's Seedling. It is harvested late in the season and fruits will store for one - two months. It has a tendency to bear fruit biennially. The variety Annie Elizabeth is believed to be a seedling of Blenheim Orange.

The Blenheim Orange trees in our orchard have been sponsored by Julie Boreham, Grahame Radford and Karen Carpenter.

David Thomas

Underground Overground

It seems this month as though the Garden is waking from its winter sleep, as bulbs push through the soggy ground to paint it white, gold and blue, with a smattering of mauves, as the snowdrops, early narcissus, scilla and crocus of our spring bulb belt come into rapid flower, to be followed by the rich Venetian colourings of the tulips.

But while above ground the branches have been bare, there has been much underground, unseen activity taking place over the winter months. The great majority of spring-flowering bulb species require a warm-cold-warm sequence to complete their lifecycle and in fact, the flowers we see emerging this month had their genesis last summer, when flower meristem tissue began to differentiate in response to the higher temperatures. The bulbs then lose all above ground photosynthesising parts, then cease root growth to go into a dormant state for late summer, just right for retailing at the garden centres!

Breaking dormancy in spring-flowering bulbs is influenced by, among other factors, the drop in temperature over the winter which induces the underground shoot and flower stems to grow and elongate through the soil, powered by the starchy reserves in the bulb. This is why when you find a net bag of forgotten fritillary or iris bulbs in the shed in January, you will find they have nevertheless produced green shoots in response to the cold, despite being out of the ground. This does make late planting a ginger salvage operation - damaged young bulb shoots will be a great deal more vulnerable to disease and damaged flowers.



As the shoot emerges from the dark soil into the spring light, the plant is able to detect the increased light levels and corresponding changes in growth and metabolism occur. (We also can respond to light without using our eyes: think of how we tan in the summer sun – the result of skin cells producing more melanin in response to increased ultraviolet light intensity). The leaves unfurl, position themselves for maximum light capture and begin to photosynthesise. As overhead, the trees begin to leaf up and the colour and density of light changes on the woodland floor, spring bulbs respond with rapid growth and the spectacular floral displays of spring, which really are the plant equivalent of the 100m sprint, as they compete for available sunshine and resources before the canopy knits over for a summer time out. Flowering and seed set is the equivalent of crossing the finishing line!

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-5pm through February and March and 10am – 6pm April - September. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

Juliet Day
Development Officer
Cambridge University Botanic Gardens

Let me have your old crockery!

For Reach Fair
Smash the Crockery Stall.
I'll collect it now and keep it until May.

Claire 743330

24Acres Woodland



After 18 months of planning we have finally planted 3,400 trees and shrubs and created Reach 24Acres Wood. Most of the planting took place on 7 and 8 December. It was marvelous to watch the shape of the wood emerge over the course of the weekend - aided by the highly visible tree guards.

Our suppliers set us a positive challenge by throwing in several bonus bundles of saplings which meant that the last bits of planting weren't completed until early January.

In applications for a Forestry Commission grant and for Woodland Trust Jubilee Wood status we have always referred to the woodland creation as a community project and so it has proved to be. Over 90 members of the village (including those attending Swaffham Prior School) played an active role in the planting. As David Parr has observed on the village website, that is about a third of our community - another impressive indication of Reach's commitment and ability to make things happen. Thank you to everybody who gave some of their time, equipment or facilities to help. In particular I would like to thank Steve Boreham for his ecological and hydrological advice and design skills and David Parr for dealing with the finances and for always finding a solution - usually involving Dan Mules, Sean Manchett and Ray Bateman - to the challenges that a project of this kind inevitably presented. Without their contributions the project wouldn't have succeeded.

The weather made a positive contribution too. We had four excellent late autumn weekends in a row - dry and not too cold - which allowed us to mark out, augur the tree holes and complete most of the planting in pleasant conditions. Those staying late on the two earlier weekends witnessed glorious sunsets which suggest that a stroll through the woodland on a crisp autumn or winter afternoon will be a pleasure in years to come.

The project is not quite complete. As I write, there about 1,000 saplings without mulch mats and I am keen to get this task completed over the next month or so. There are mats and pegs in the Eco Loo on site so anybody can turn up (with a hammer) and help us towards the target. In conjunction with the National Trust, we are considering installation of a culvert bridge over the middle ditch of the site which will finally bring the two areas of woodland together and will make it much easier to enjoy what we have planted. We are also awaiting delivery of two Jubilee Oaks from the Woodland Trust - its contribution to the project.

As always in nature, it is hard to predict precisely how the wood will establish and develop. The saplings were generally of high quality and we have increased their chances of survival by using mulch mats and herbivore guards. But we won't be watering and initially there will be fierce competition from weeds and remnants of former arable crops. However if things go to plan, expect to see the shrubs making an initial impact, with the trees asserting themselves in about five years time. Although we have made careful choices in our planting scheme, it will be fascinating to see which species prosper and (despite our use of guards) the extent to which deer, other herbivores and the elements shape the evolving wood. It follows that the nature and extent of our management commitment to the woodland is not yet entirely clear. We are, though, already considering how best to manage the adjacent glades and areas of meadow for conservation and amenity value. Cutting and removing the vegetation in the growing season will be a first step and we will be watching the use of yellow rattle to control grass growth in the orchard with interest. We may want to do the same. Our long term aim is to create species-rich chalk grassland areas. No easy task. In the woodland areas we are considering introducing, in due course, a field layer of plants such as primrose and bluebell.

Finally we are in discussion with the National Trust about plans for the land it has retained beyond our woodland edge. We hope that further woodland will be added on some of their holding along with a pond fed by the spring that currently runs in the ditch on the left hand side of the site.

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



Tales from a Reach Garden



One of the "joys" of the weather in the British Isles is its variability. In addition to providing an endless source of conversation, it also provides much anxiety and frustration for famers and gardeners alike. No two years are identical are they? At this time of year Richard and I look back on the previous year's efforts and try to plan the year ahead.

We consider what did well and what didn't, but deciding what to grow (or which varieties) can be something of a gamble. So much depends on the weather. In previous years, we have tried to grow some winter salads in our polytunnel (which is unheated) but thanks to the bitterly cold winters we've experienced over the previous few years, these did not grow well; so this was one experiment we abandoned this winter, fully expecting another arctic blast of ice and snow, but the weather so far would have been ideal for growing them!



A healthy bunch of leeks, Neptune

However, the vegetable garden isn't empty. At the moment we have a bed of overwintering garlic and onions, which will be lifted later this year. In another bed there are some leeks, a variety called "Neptune" that is resistant to fungal rust. In the very wet Summer of 2012 we grew two varieties of leeks: "Neptune" which I sowed in April and was watered by the Summer rains and some leeks of a variety called "Musselburgh" which were given to us. They are quite different, Neptune has longer shanks and blue-green strap leaves, Musselburgh is an old favourite among vegetable growers, when healthy, it has short, stout shanks which help to resist rocking in the wind and it has quite a long cropping season. Unfortunately, thanks to the damp weather of 2012, the Musselburgh leeks were more badly affected by the rust, which weakened the plants, so they were small and feeble; however, apart from the odd spot of rust, the Neptune leeks grew well. It's possible that the Musselburgh variety would also have been affected by fungal rust thanks to the mild and very wet weather we have had this winter, but in a drier year they may well crop better.





Leeks affected by rust and close up of the rust fungus

We also have a couple of beds of brassicas: red cabbage and curly kale which are coming to an end of their cropping season, some spring cabbage are ready for picking and purple early sprouting broccoli, which are just starting to show their purple flowering buds, so they'll be ready to start picking very soon too. Last year we had to wait until the end of April before the broccoli started cropping. I choose the brassicas on the basis of flavour, largely through trial and error and I'm still experimenting with different varieties.

2013 was the first time we planted red cabbage, a variety called "Red rookie" which has been a success. The "compact" heads (or so the Marshalls seed catalogue claimed at the time, I think they meant, "dense") proved to be much larger than expected! Maybe the extra rain helped, though thanks also to the rain, all the brassicas have been very popular with the local slugs and snails.



A nice head of Red Rookie cabbage

We ate some of the red cabbage, in a sweet and sour style, on Christmas day with our dinner instead of the more traditional brussels sprouts. Brussels sprouts are one member of the brassica family I probably will not be planting. I remember only too well the overcooked, sulphurous, mushy offerings served with school dinners, which has put me off them. Modern varieties are milder in flavour, but my children - even as young adults - don't like them either. Maybe it's genetic, to some people brussels sprouts (and other brassicas) taste very bitter and plant breeders have been trying to breed sweeter varieties… http://www.theguardian.com/science/blog/2011/nov/01/brussel-sprout-gene



Curly kale growing well before the rain and slugs

This very mild winter has led to many plants sprouting early and that includes the weeds. It's not often I start weeding in January, but I've been pulling up chickweed around the vegetable garden.



Common chickweed in flower

Common chickweed (*stellaria media*) is one of the earliest to make an appearance, remaining green over winter - even last winter, while other weeds withered. It can grow, flower and set seed throughout the year, although it prefers cool damp conditions. This low growing, spreading plant can easily smother a vegetable bed if ignored. It is edible, so either its young shoots or leaves would make an unusual, if fiddly, addition to salads, although it is rather more popular with birds (hence its name) which enjoy munching both leaves and seeds, thus helping to spread the little blighter around.

So you would assume that an edible, rapidly-growing, wild plant would be worth having in the vegetable garden, yes? Alas, no – this little wretch harbours many viruses and pests over winter that will affect any vegetables or fruit crops nearby, damaging plants and reducing yields. I pull it up when I see it and bin it, or use a hoe around a vegetable bed to remove its seedlings. I never put it on the compost heap – it will re-root given half a chance and it's not a good idea to spread the seeds, pests and viruses around the garden via home-made compost.



Common chickweed seedling ready for hoeing....

So life in the vegetable garden continues, if earlier than expected; but what lies ahead in 2014? Will we have a cold snap, or more mild weather?

Danuta Gibson

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



If you've visited Wicken Fen in the last few weeks you will have noticed our iconic windpump is looking slightly different. The gales of Boxing Day evening night ripped the sails off, leaving them firmly wedged into the peat below. Thankfully the incident happened at night when there wasn't any visitors around and damage to the main structure appears fairly superficial.

The unseasonably mild winter meant that the start of Anglesey Abbey's **Snowdrop Festival** was brought forward to late January as many species were flowering early (some even before Christmas). There's over 240 varieties in the snowdrop collection and this year there is a new swath of snowdrops to enjoy along the Jubilee Walk, which was planted by an army of staff and volunteers last spring.

the festival the gardens open an hour earlier at 9.30am – the property can get very busy during the peak periods (Thursday - Sunday) so it may be better to come on one of the quieter days if you can. You can join our Gardeners for a tour of the collection at 2pm on weekdays - a number of tickets can be pre-booked by calling Visitor Reception on 01223 810086, with the remainder of the tickets available on the day.

Work on the renovation of the domestic wing is progressing and we are now on the lookout for artefacts to dress the rooms and form part of our handling collection. We've a pretty extensive list of artefacts from the 1920's-1960's when the house was owned by Lord Fairhaven, including everything from brush and comb sets, old cinema tickets, recipe books, cakes tins to old coal scuttles.

The full list can be found on our website at http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey/join-in. If you have items that you would like to donate please contact Rachel Stock (01223 810090 or email rachel.stock@nationaltrust.org.uk).

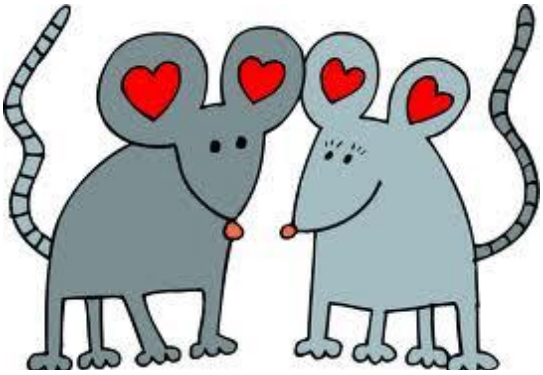


A gale on Boxing Day ripped the sails off the windpump

We are still looking to recruit **Encounter Volunteers** who will be at the heart of this new visitor 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. Other volunteering opportunities include **Room Guides** in the House and **Mill Stewards** to work in Lode Mill. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Volunteer Manager, David Craig (01223 810089 or email: david.craig@nationaltrust.org.uk).

Forthcoming events at Wicken Fen include our pre-school **Mucky Pups** – **All About Sticks** on 12 and 13 February and **Springtime Adventure** on 12 and 13 March £4. For the February half-term we have **Wild Art** on Tuesday 18 and **All About Birds** on Thursday 20 February, £4.75. Learn how to make plant supports for your beans and sweet peas on **Willow Weaving for your Garden** on Saturday 15 March, £30 including all materials. Finally there's a **Family Bird Watching Walk** on Saturday 15 March, 2-4pm £4.75 per child, which covers an accompanying adult and materials to build a bird nesting box at the end of the walk. Tickets for Mucky Pups and Willow Weaving are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274, tickets for other events can be purchased from the National Trust Box Office on 0844 249 1895

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

Wonderful Winter Projects Lead to a Healthy and Busy New Year

After a much needed break for Christmas we are pleased to say all our Co-workers (adults with learning difficulties, physical disabilities and varying health needs) are preparing for another busy year at Snakehall Farm. Our farm shop, still in its original location but WATCH THIS SPACE, is being regularly topped up with the best of our organic produce, we hope you root for the root and eat seasonally this spring? However with an exciting year ahead - we turn 25 in September - the whole team is really making an impact upon the farm site, preparing our polytunnels and fields ready for the new growing season. With new signage, a flag pole and new parking areas all we need now is a new farm shop.....WATCH THIS SPACE.



We are working hard to improve our facilities on the farm, from the new farm shop WATCH THIS SPACE 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, new loos! Toilets do not really tantalise the major donor or large funding scheme but we rise to a challenge at Snakehall Farm. We are starting small with some local fundraising including our Penny Pots. When next in the shop why not pick up a "Spend a Penny for Prospects" jar from the shop and help make us flush with your loose change?

Prospects Trust Working in Partnership – Part 1: Community Notice Us!

Prospects Trust is excited to be working with Burwell Post Office and Burwell Print this coming year on a Post Office Community Enterprise Funded project, called "Notice the Community". Postmaster Neil Rowlingson will be installing a new visual display within the Burwell Post Office alongside a new large Notice Board to advertise local community enterprises, including Burwell Print and Prospects Trust but also offering this space to other charities and local businesses too.

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We will be officially launching this new partnership in March 2014.

Prospects Trust Working in Partnership – Part 2: Preserve the Learning

The Prospects Trust is proud to be an active member organisation of STEnG, an umbrella organisation linking social enterprise training firms in Cambridgeshire. Through STEnG, we will be working on a brand new learning project with neighbouring social enterprises, Darwin Nurseries, Red2Green and Burwell Print. 6 new learners per organisation will be learning what makes the perfect chutney, with the final outcome a brand new socially inspiring chutney to tantalise your tastebuds and hopefully on sale in our new farm shop WATCH THIS SPACE!



We Have Our First Snakehall Superhero – Can You Rise to the Fundraising Challenge too?

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No it's SuperRon. If an 84 year old sky diver can take to the sky for our organic fields surely you can too? Ron, farm volunteer and soon to become our very own SUPER DUPER superhero, is donning the Superman suit and jumping to our call for support. He is our first fundraiser helping us aim for the sky and raise 25,000 for our 25th year.

We are still looking for more 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 741551 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 can provide you with a fundraising pack, information about the Prospects Trust, a sponsor form and acres of thumbs up from our very grateful Co-workers.

Thank you to all our local customers and supporters, especially those who popped into the shop over the Christmas period buying last minute stocking fillers and eating Prospects Produce on Christmas Day, from all the Co-workers, Staff and Volunteers at The Prospects Trust (oh and Tilly the Tractor too).

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Orchard Management Day



Bob Lever was our instructor on the day



Sue Jordan looks busy but is Tony lolling around?



We had a lovely mild and sunny day



Paul and Jo Redfarn with Diana Ward



Richard and Danuta Gibson



Sarah's got the hang of it!

Days Gone By



John Lennon continued to dominate the charts In February and March 1981 following his murder in December 1980. Initially with "Imagine" and then with "Woman".

Going from the sublime to the ridiculous, Joe Dolce then took over with "Shaddap You Face".

Sanity returned when this was replaced by Roxy Music with "Jealous Guy".

In the UK, Mrs Thatcher's Conservative Government withdrew plans to close 23 pits in its first major u-turn since coming to power two years ago, thereby averting (for a while) the threatened national miners' strike.

The government agreed to reduce coal imports from eight million to five-and-a-half million tonnes over the next year and to provide more money for the Coal Board, struggling under the withdrawal of operating subsidies after the 1980 Coal Industry Act. As a result the Coal Board dropped the recently announced programme of pit closures.



NUM President Joe Gormley resigned in April 1982 to be replaced by leftwinger Arthur Scargill who went on to lead the miners in a year-long strike - the longest ever in the UK - from March 1984, when the Coal Board announced the closure of 20 pits.

On a happier not (at the time) the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer ended months of speculation with the announcement they were to be married.

Lord Maclean, the Lord Chancellor, made the following statement at an investiture at the Palace: "It is with greatest pleasure that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh announce the betrothal of their beloved son the Prince of Wales to the Lady Diana Spencer, daughter of the Earl Spencer and the Honourable Mrs Shand Kydd."

Lady Diana, who was just 19, left her job as a kindergarten teacher and moved out of her flat share in Kensington to live in Clarence House until the marriage after which the couple moved to the Prince's house in Highgrove, Gloucestershire.

In a BBC interview, the 32-year-old Prince said he was "delighted and frankly amazed that Diana is prepared to take me on".

Looking shyly up through her long blond fringe and giggling occasionally, Lady Diana said she too was "delighted and thrilled, blissfully happy".



Asked how she would cope with a dramatic change to her life she said: "With Prince Charles beside me I cannot go wrong." [Yeah - Right!]

Their first child, William, was born less than a year later on the 21st June 1982. After Prince Harry's birth on the 15th September 1984 it was clear the fairytale marriage was falling apart.

The couple separated in 1993 and officially divorced in 1996.

Diana's death in a car crash in Paris on 31st August 1997 shocked the world.

Every time I write this column I look at what was happening in Reach (using the Minutes of the Parish Council and the relevant issues of Out of Reach, kindly loaned to me by Bill Estall). Sadly, yet again, there is nothing of note to stir your imaginations or recollections - the only impression I get is that nothing much has changed!

I read that roaming dogs caused problems, that the weather was warm for the time of year and, of course, that the Fair Committee would appreciate some new members!

In addition, at this time, it as noted in the magazine that "several ladies are awaiting the births of their babies in the next few months" - consistent with couples having to organise their own entertainment . . . .

For those that are interested in the detail, the Minutes and the Magazines for this period can be downloaded from the village website.

So finally, if there are any other records that I could use to add a bit of interest to the "what was happening in Reach" bit of this piece, please let me know.

David Parr
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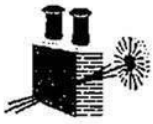

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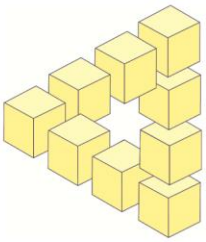

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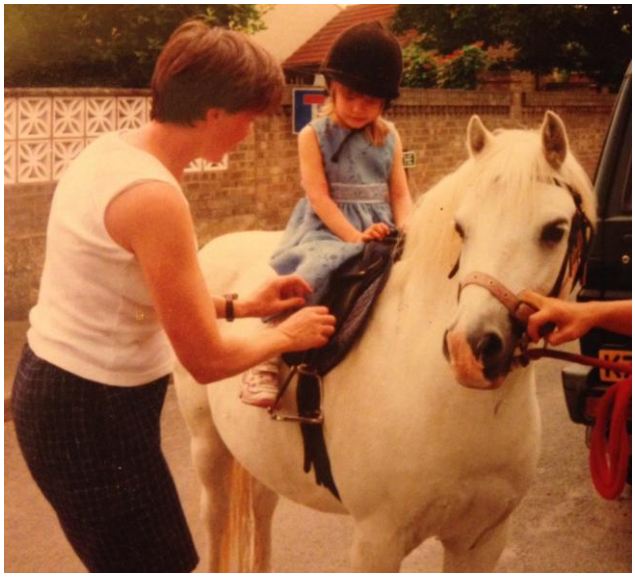

Georgina Robinson, John and Janet's granddaughter



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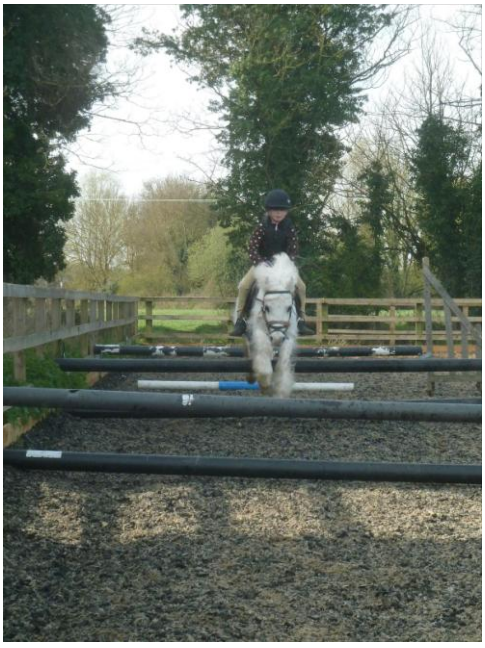
When I look back over the 14 years that Jetty lived in Reach I find it amazing what a lot of pleasure a little Welsh pony can give. Aside from carrying out what you might call his family duties – playing nursemaid to various scatty horses, being ridden by my sons and my nieces – Jetty didn't bat an eyelid at being the subject of pony care sessions at the Swaffham Prior School Summer Activity weeks back in the days when Health and Safety allowed these to take place, giving pony rides at numerous school summer fetes and at birthday parties, including those with bouncy castles and loudspeakers. He's given enjoyment to the kids doing the riding and to the doting parents taking the photographs. He was a typical pretty 'Welshy', but his speciality was rolling in the blackest mud straight after he'd been groomed to perfection. He was very forgiving of inexperienced riders and adult handlers although he occasionally reminded you that ponies didn't get where they are today without having a bit of pony guile.

Thanks to all who have helped to look after him over the years, particularly to Justeen and Emma Lankfer and Jodie and Claire Halpin, who have been long term buddies and given Jetty lots of love and attention and also Pam, Veronica, Joss and Tracey, for their extra care during his last year of retirement.



Jetty, three jumps in a row



Jetty at a Burwell Museum event with Gwilym as a Roman

Meeting Reginald Warrington



Reg and Sue Warrrington

What is your full name and where were you born and brought up?

Reginald Warrington. I was brought up in Fen Ditton.

What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
My primary school was Brunswick School on Newmarket Road, Cambridge. I enjoyed my school days and I was always very happy. I was a good runner and I used to run everywhere. On Saturday mornings I used to run to the gasworks with a pram to buy a bag of coke for the household. I earned a shilling a week pocket money. From buying the coke, I used to run down Newmarket Road to the Minor Cinema. We paid 6d to get in and used to watch cowboy films, Flash Gordon and all sorts. If it was your birthday they played Happy Birthday.

From Brunswick I went to St George's Secondary Modern School which I also enjoyed. Before school I would go to the local farm, Fysons and help milk the cows. The money I earned wasn't pocket money; it went to mum and the household budget. From Fen Ditton we moved to Thorley Road, Cambridge.



With one of our grandsons, Isaac

What is your employment history?
At first I worked at Haywards Garage, Girton Corner. I used to bike there from Thorley Road every morning. I enjoyed it and learnt about life.

I was there three years and then moved to Isons Corn Merchant, where I was a lorry drivers' mate and then a lorry driver. I made deliveries within a 30 mile radius from Histon Road where they were based.

I worked with my brother at Sindells Builders, laying concrete floors. Then Cambridge Asphalt as a lorry driver. Dickenson's operating a mobile crane. Laings the builders operating a tower crane. I was with British Rail for 19 years, employed as a senior railwayman and drove shunters. I worked at Addenbrooke's Hospital on the dialysis unit and I worked at Marshalls.

I like a challenge and variety. I enjoyed my working life and know a lot about many things.

Sue: Reg can put his hand to most things. He can make things and fix things. I rarely have to hire a handy man!



Our Wedding 11 December 2004

How did you meet and where did you marry?
We met at Addenbrooke's and we were married at the Cambridge Registry Office in 2004.

Do you have children and grandchildren?
I have one child and Suzanne has five and we have lots of grandchildren.

How did you come to live in Reach?
I had a good knowledge of Cambridgeshire village from my time with the corn merchants. I had visited 99% of the villages delivering feed to farms and small holdings. The latter were very common, and people had pigs and chickens. So I was familiar with Reach.

I exchanged my council house in Cambridge for one in Reach. I came here with my first wife in 1982.

Next door used to be a garden attached to the house and I parked my lorry there. Years later under the `right to buy scheme' Suzanne and I bought the house in Reach.

Sue: It's nice, peaceful and quiet without the hustle and bustle of town life.

What are you interests?
I like organising shoots. I buy polts – young pheasants – at six weeks old from a game keeper in Soham. I buy as many as 11,000 and keep them in holding pens. I control the foxes by using electric fencing and pens.

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The shoots run from 1st October – 1st February and I organise about nine shoots a season mostly for friends and local farmers. I plant eight acres of cover crops (maize and millets) and this is good for the wildlife. My interest in pheasant shooting has always been there and I now have the facilities. The shoots are a social gathering – a day out. We have local beaters from Burwell

I exchange some of my meat for salmon from a friend who fishes and pork from a friend who keeps pigs in Mildenhall so we rarely go to the butchers



On a shoot with my labrador Tom

I have a labrador and jack russell and they assist with the shoot, especially the lab of course. Charles Moseley's labrador Hector joins the shoot and he loves it. The instinct for game is in the dogs but they must be trained and my dog was trained by a professional.

Sue: My interests are gardening, knitting and reading and being with my grandchildren. I like listening to plays on the radio and the Archers. I regularly go to the theatre in Cambridge and we both like coach trips which you can pick up from Bottisham (Peacocks Travel). I very much like antique fairs. I like curious old items and hearing about what they are and how they were used. I collect silver and copper and Reg likes the craftsmanship of items. I spot what I like on a stall and Reg does the deal.

Where do you like to holiday?
We like Malta, and we own a caravan.

Favourite music?
Reg: a little bit of everything and especially classical.
Sue: I like classical music and some modern.

Who does the cooking?
Reg's hand shoots up. I like experimenting with food and flavours. We share the washing up. Suzanne fills the dishwasher and I empty it.



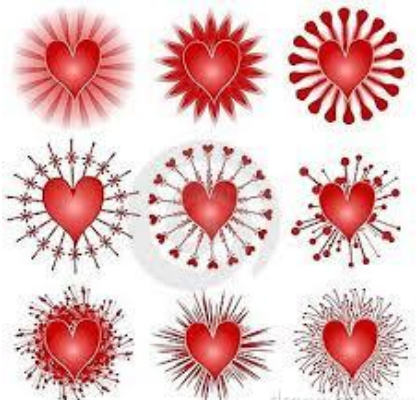
On holiday in Malta

Are you handy around the house?
Sue: Reg will put his hand to almost anything.

What do you think is the secret to a happy marriage?
Be prepared to give and take and be honest with each other. Together Reg and Suzanne said: your partner will be your best friend and buddy.

What is your philosophy on life?
Don't get stressed. Never argue, just walk away. You only get out of life what you put into it.

Claire Halpin-McDonald



Swaffham Prior Primary School

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Christmas has come and gone and we are now at the beginning of another new year! We celebrated the end of last term with Decoration Day, performances of 'The Nativity' by Mercury and Mars Classes, a visit from Reverend Eleanor who led an assembly with the theme of Advent and a Christmas celebration in St Mary's led by Reverend Sue. FoSPS also held their annual Christmas Fair which raised over £500 and was enjoyed by all. As a special Christmas treat Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck Schools shared a Happy Puzzle Company Day together. Throughout the day the children from each year group had to solve practical puzzles in mixed school groupings. They were certainly challenged and had their brains teased!



Emma and Rose Mitchell at the Christmas fair

There were a few events that took place before Christmas...

Anti-bullying week took place in November and followed the theme of 'Stay Safe and Connected'. We started the week with a visit from Swaffham Bulbeck and KS2 children from both schools made posters and badges with Anti-Bullying slogans. Throughout the week the children took various aspects of friendship and staying safe online and participated in activities such as creating cartoon strips with anti-bullying messages, writing poetry, role playing scenarios in which children explored how to deal with incidences of bullying and creating 'Helpful hands' (with five names of people you could talk to written on them).

To finish off our week we came to school dressed in something blue to show awareness of the week. There was also sharing assembly during which each class showed the rest of the school what they had been doing during the previous week.

On Wednesday 20th November, and despite the wet weather, the Trim Trail was officially opened by Sir Michael Marshall with the cutting of a ribbon. Thank you once again to FoSPS for their hard work in raising the money to carry the work out and Marshalls for a generous donation.



Alice Trump played the clarinet at the Christmas performance

A cake sale was held to raise some money in Aid of Disasters Emergency Committee Typhoon Haiyan Appeal on Friday 22nd November. Anis, Lucy, Molly, Molly, Nina and Cleo organised the sale and the grand sum of £105 was raised. Congratulations and thanks to the girls for their hard work in raising the money.

Fourteen Year 6 children took part in a Cross Country attended by approximately 120 children from local schools. They had to run for 1500m and all completed the course. Congratulations to all the participants and a special done to Ruben who came 17th, George who came 18th, Molly P who came 27th and Jodie who came 29th.

We enjoyed seeing children from Little Windmills when they visited Mercury class. They spent the morning playing with the children here and getting to know the school.



Happy Puzzle Company Day

Children from Years 5 and 6 and staff took part in a special tree planting event at Reach. We were joined by Lois Baker from Wicken Fen who showed us what to do. Despite the cold, the children expertly planted, staked and fixed mulch covers in a specially designated area for Swaffham Prior School. We are delighted to have supported the village in the development of the 24Acres wood and it is wonderful to be part of history in the making!

Term has begun again and we have started a whole school project on the local area. We are being supported by The Museum of Cambridge (previously named The Folk Museum) and as part of the topic they are teaching the children about the local heritage and traditions. They are using the diaries of Enid Porter who travelled throughout the Fenlands gathering information about local traditions and folklore. Swaffham Prior features a few times in her diaries and one of the traditions mentioned is 'Plough Monday'. In the past, boys from the village would blacken their faces and take a plough around the village. They collected money from the villagers and the story is that they would plough up front gardens of those who did not give them a penny or two! There is a picture in a published version of her diaries showing a group of boys with a plough standing outside Swaffham Prior Village Hall.

Years 5 and 6 took part in a version of 'Plough Wednesday' during which a plough was taken into the village and then on to St Cyriacs for a display of Molly dancing (which is a traditional for Plough Monday). Whilst in the village, the children recreated a photograph, similar to one in the diaries from 1929 of village children with a plough. The children performed three Molly dances and were fantastic! They truly entered into the spirit of the event, wearing multi-coloured clothing and blackening their faces.

Other events to look forward to include, Hurdle making with Lois Baker, Little Windmills visiting Mercury Class, 'Kick-Ash', Class Assemblies, Year 4 Dance Festival, 'Big Bang' Fair and a Circle Schools Concert at Burwell.

Busy, busy, busy!!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

Little Windmills Pre-school

We start the new year with 23 children from Reach and the surrounding villages.

Our school risers continue to make visits to Swaffham Prior School with Nicola and are enjoying getting to know their new teacher and being introduced to their new environment.

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You're under a-vest!

Why is a fish easy to weigh?
It has its own scales!

What do you get from a pampered cow?
Spoiled milk!

How does a lion greet other animals?
Pleased to eat you!

How can you tell if the ocean is friendly?
It waves!

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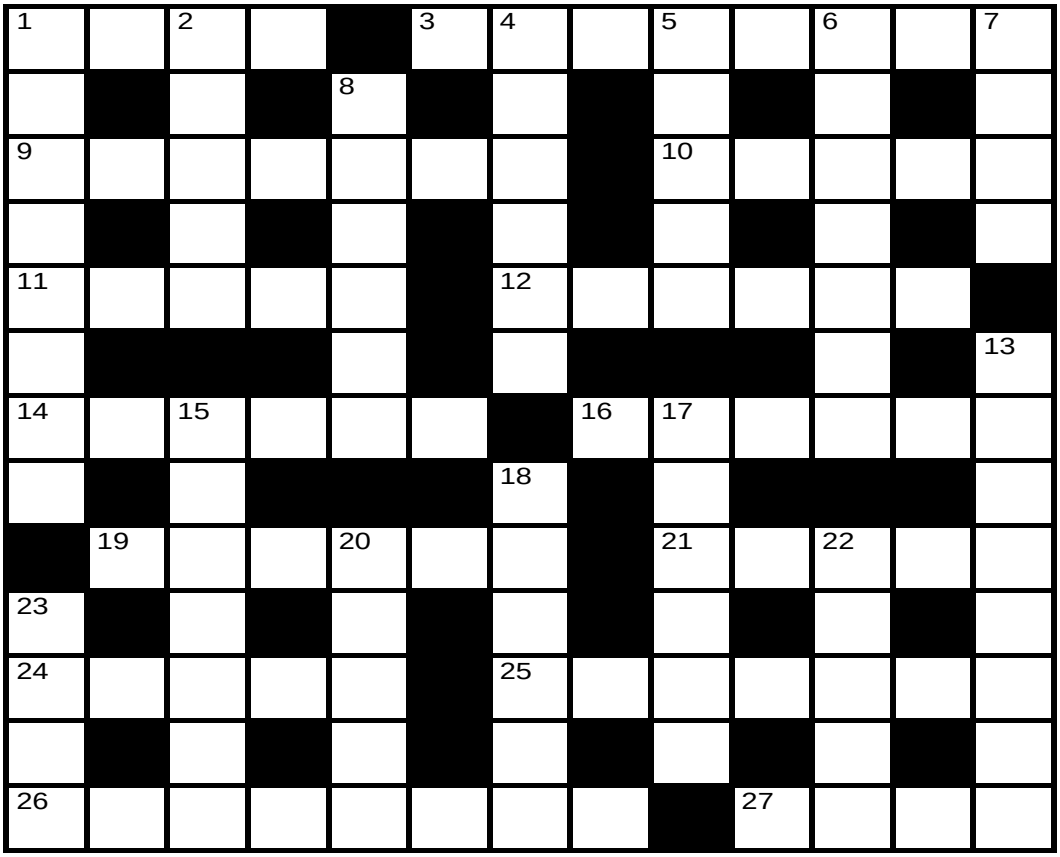



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3 Teams tie for guess (8)
9 Uses auditory function (7)
10 Bird sent S to make home (5)
11 Fills up before journey (5)
12 Given sore R&R for mistake (6)
14 Ask for skimmed milk for this type of drink (6)
16 Let Les add a particular seat (6)
19 Senior person in home (6)
21 Feels pain from injury (5)
24 Where you might hear an aria (5)
25 Shouting very shrilly (7)
26 Postpones a sentence (8)
27 Puts to work (4)

Down

1 Angling for precious metal (8)
2 Send out ones children (5)
4 You need one to operate PC (6)
5 Worth 50 when hit in game (5)
6 Dress gold, initially, to give promise (7)
7 Fifty see there will be someone other (4)
8 One ass at different times of the year (6)
13 uses mobile to send information (8)
15 A period of not being fit (7)
17 Will be some time yet (6)
18 Say Ted hung around for a bit (6)
20 At RA see how to obliterate things (5)
22 Rinse to find method of steering (5)
23 You might find them on an island (4)

The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on page 9. Please send your entry by Friday 28th February 2014 to: CROSSWORD NO.23. North View House, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach CB25 OJJ giving your:

Name …….. and

address……..

Rita's Recipes



'Classic Puds' to keep you warm inside.

Sticky toffee pudding

Ingredients

75g soft butter
175g dark brown demerara sugar
200g dried dates
1tbsp bicarbonate of soda
200g SR Flour
2 eggs
1tsp vanilla extract
2tbsp black treacle
1tbsp golden syrup

Toffee Sauce

100g sugar
100g butter
220ml double cream

Method

Pre heat oven to 200 °C, gas 6, grease a 9" tin with 25g of the butter then dust with flour.

- Using a food mixer blend the remaining butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Slowly add the syrup, treacle, eggs and vanilla, gradually add the flour.
- Place the dates in a pan with 300ml water and bring to the boil, puree the dates and water mixture and add the bicarbonate of soda. Whilst still hot add to the main mixture. Once the mix is combined pour into the prepared tin and bake for 40-45 minutes until the top is just firm to the touch.
- For the sauce - melt the butter and sugar together in a small pan, add the cream and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for a few minutes until the sauce thickens.

Serve warm with the sauce and a scoop of vanilla ice cream

Spotted Dick

Ingredients

25gm soft butter
150g shredded suet
150g currants
150ml milk
350g plain flour
75g caster sugar
zest and juice of 2 lemons
150ml double cream
2tbsp baking powder
25g butter (melted)
1 egg

Method

- Cut out a square of greaseproof paper measuring 60cm x 60cm and grease using the softened butter.
- Place the dry ingredients in a large bowl, add the melted butter, and stir in the lemon juice and zest, egg. Stir slowly whilst adding the milk and cream.
- Spoon the mixture onto the paper and roll loosely into a sausage shape. Do not roll too tight or the mixture will not rise.
- Tie the ends with string, place the pudding in a hot steamer cover and steam for 1¼ hours.

Serve hot with custard

Sports News



It was the year that Andy Murray's singles victory at Wimbledon, a breathtaking dual, made him the first by a British man for 77 years to win the title. Team Sky's yellow machine produced another English Tour de France winner – Chris Froome. Meanwhile seven times 'winner' of Le Tour, Lance Armstrong, was 'done for drugs' and confessed all to Oprah Winfrey on American television.

At the World Championship athletics, Mo Farah claimed gold in the 5,000m and 10,000m while Christine Ohuruogu regained her 400m title. Alex Ferguson said farewell and in his absence Arsenal ended the year top of the table. There was a summer of back to back Ashes cricket and in Formula One Sebastian Vettel became the youngest four-times world champion. All in all quite a year in sport on the national and international stage.

How about for Reach residents? I asked you to let me know your own 2013 sporting highlights. Memorable moments range from swimming pools to tennis courts, and from football and cricket pitches to athletics tracks and gymnastic mats

The Camerons

Katie playing for the school football A team and winning the Isle of Ely championship.

Ewen my first century which I scored in our first cricket match last year - took me 32 years to get one!

Eliza Ross finally learnt to swim in 2012 after trying for ten years or so and in 2013 she worked up to 500m plus, swimming doggy paddle or on her back.



Maisey Snaith

The Snaith Family

Maisey winning the County U13 100m and 200m Championships and breaking Club and School records in both distances.

Ben winning the UK U20 400m Championships (aged 17) and representing GB at the European Junior Athletics Championships in Italy where he won a bronze medal in the 4 x 400m relay.



Ben Snaith

The Three Knights

Dan discovered tennis and has already been selected for a performance group, whilst on the cricket pitch he has been selected for Cambridgeshire under 15's this summer and starts his winter training this month for 10 weeks.

Ben, despite being a member of Ipswich u12 squad, has played five times for the 13's this season and scored goals against Norwich and Spurs. He has also been selected for the u12 Cambridgeshire cricket team and will be the wicket keeper - following in his Dad's footsteps! No doubt Dan and Ben will be semi permanent features of Burwell nets!

Emilia has opted for the more artistic sports of gymnastics and dance and won her first gymnastics certificate in 2013.



Back row second left: Katie Cameron



Front: left Amy Folkes, middle Kelly (nee Folkes) Blunsten. Back: third from left Gary Blunsten, third from right David Folkes and second from right Simon Missing

The Folkes Family

Cambridgeshire came runners up to Suffolk in the Carpet Bowls National Finals held in Norfolk. Successful County Team Players who got through the trials and are connected to Reach are David Folkes, Amy Folkes and Simon, Kelly Blunsten and husband Gary. Anita Folkes adds that the biggest 2013 highlight last year was adding to the next generation of the Folkes family Carpet Bowls players. Amy Folkes and Simon Missing now have a baby boy, Callum, who she hopes will keep the bowls going her other daughter's other three children Matthew, Emily and Isabelle.



Chloe-Jeane Parsley

Chloe-Jeane Parsley awarded 'Top Girl Trophy' by the West Suffolk Swimming Club and at the Newmarket Open Meet (at 11 years - the youngest girl ever to win this award) and came 4th nationally in the 50m backstroke at The Independent Association of Prep Schools Championships and as a Suffolk County team member, helped them win the Three Counties Gala in December/

Juliet Vickery

Equestrian News

December has been a much quieter time for most of the riders in Reach. For me, my main competition horse, Aimee, was sold to a lovely new home in Wales at the end of November, so that meant I had a quiet few weeks to get Oliver and my new horse Ella ready to go out. Oliver had his first show just before Christmas and he jumped a super double clear in the British Novice. Oliver has now gone to a great new home and I have a new horse called Brooke. Both new horses are coming on really well and looking good for the year ahead and hopefully qualifying for some big shows again.



Cleo McGregor recently tried out hunting with the East Anglian Blood Hound with her horse Paris and her friend Amy. They had a fun day out with the super friendly hunt, which meets in some lovely locations. I really recommend a day hunting with them.

We are lucky in this area to have some lovely local centres and it's great that so many of them can keep running shows through winter with fantastic indoor arenas. Houghton Hall, in St. Ives, has to be one of the best centres in the area. They have big indoor and outdoor arenas with lovely surfaces and a variety of shows are on all year round. We are also surrounded by other great centres such as The Jays, Fenning Farm, Topthorn and Keysoe. All of these offer a range of different events, from grass roots level up. Check out their websites for more details on events coming up.

With all the rain there has been lately, the village arena really can't be put in soon enough. The rain has left most of the tracks unrideable due to the mud, so it would be really nice to have a safe place for all of us to exercise our horses. It would also be a great help to keep the horses fit and at their best for competitions.

Lorna Steven

Cycle Legacy. Small Grant Fund

One of the greatest sporting events on the planet will be racing along the roads of Cambridgeshire this summer.

On Monday 7th July, Cambridge will host the start of the third stage of 'Le Tour De France' 2014. The riders will set off by Parkers Piece, cycling through the historic city streets and then into the beautiful south Cambridgeshire countryside before heading down to London for the conclusion of the stage on The Mall.



In celebration of this exciting event, Cambridgeshire County Council announces the Cycle Legacy Small Grant Fund.

Small grants are now available and will be awarded to local groups and organisations to support activities or events linked to or inspired by cycling or the race. We would like you to design and deliver activities within your community that involve and motivate people to create a lasting and positive legacy to mark this historic occasion for Cambridgeshire.

Each grant will be up to a maximum of £500 and additional funding or support in kind will be expected. The grants are being awarded in three rounds. The deadlines for applications for each round are 17th January, 7th March and 11th April.

For general information on Stage 3 of the Tour see www.letour.2014stage3.com<http://www.letour.2014stage3.com/.

For local information see:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/letourstage3
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/cycling/letourstage3.htm, and
www.cambridge.gov.uk/le-tour-cambridge

Gary Hughes Lead Officer Growth, Tel: 01223 715479
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Cricket News



No cricket this month, but just the usual seasonal appeal for new players. This year, of course, is doubly exciting because we will be playing at Reach for the first time. Reach is a gentleman's, or rather gentleperson's team. We are a mixed-ability, multi-racial, gender-neutral, cross-species side.

So no-one need be frightened about turning out, even if they have never picked up a bat before in their life. As I repeat every year there are always one or two places reserved in the team for people who make the captain look good, although finding such people grows more and more difficult with age. A couple of seasons ago we had a German lad turn out for us who had never played before, and even he outscored me.

I have heard rumblings that maybe some village ladies would like to have their own team. If so, do please organise yourselves, or contact me to be put in touch with others. The ground will be waiting eagerly to host your exploits. I am at rossjclark@aol.com

Ross Clark

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 **Susan Bailey**

29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF
Tel: 01638 743794
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.

New Year's Day Football



The Bridgemans



Gwilym Davies under pressure



It was a cold and wet day. Was it 3 all or 6 all?



Fearless Lily Stead



The Steeds in motion



It's Gwilym Davies who's down

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 8th January 2014.

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

There was no activity during the previous month.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

December saw the publication of the draft business plan for the next 5 years. It also saw the first opportunity for formal scrutiny of the draft plan. The Council is faced with saving a further £37 million in the coming year so a wide range of current activities and spending areas are being considered.

Full Council met in December. One of the main items was consideration of the change in governance arrangements recommended by the Constitution and Ethics Committee in order to change to a Committee system. Despite concerns about lack of detail and potential increases in costs the report was approved by a majority.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

No report submitted.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation and expects to provide a surplus during the financial year.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels

None had taken place in the previous month and since they are to be discontinued this agenda item will be removed from future meetings.

4 (6) Parish Council Members Meetings

Councillor Ward attended a Parish Paths Partnership meeting. A document was received detailing the rights of the Parish Council to bring proceedings against members of the public blocking rights of ways.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

Netting for an item of playground apparatus has been ordered and new spikes for the swings on the Green purchased. Councillor Dunnett will arrange for these items to be put in place in due course.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

Councillors Fielding and Clark reported on various problems with regard to 4x4 vehicles using the village byways, these are causing significant damage - in particular to the lode bank. It was agreed that **Councillor Clark** would draft a letter for distribution to the Environment Agency by **the Clerk**.

It was agreed that a meeting of interested parties would be arranged by **the Clerk**, to potentially include all Councillors with Karen Champion (the County Council Rights of Way Officer) and George Gibson. The aim would be to create a plan of action for all the byways in the village.

It was noted that the hedge of the byway at the back of Ditchfields had been cut back.

A resident had reported that the pathway on the Swaffham Road between Ditchfield and the village was difficult to use. Councillors who had recently walked the pathway reported it to now be clear. No further action will be taken.

A resident had reported that an alleyway between The Hythe and Chapel Lane was blocked. This will be discussed with Karen Champion at the meeting.

The Clerk had also been contacted by a resident about roadway issues on the Burwell Road. This was reported to the County Council Highways Department and is being dealt with by them.

4 (9) Village Centre Report

There had not been a meeting in the previous month.

4 (10) 24Acres Committee Report

Grant claims have been made to AmeyCespa, the Big Tree Plant, ECDC and the Forestry Commission. One final grant claim to AmeyCespa remains and will be made in April 2014.

Councillor Clark will let the Clerk know when the cricket match with the National Trust will be played with a view to this event being the centrepiece of the formal opening of the 24Acres. **The Clerk** will ensure that this date will be advertised on the village website.

5. Clerk Recruitment and Handover

A new Parish Clerk has been appointed. The outgoing Clerk and the incoming Clerk will work together until the end of January to ensure a smooth handover. A training day for the new Clerk was approved and will be organised by **the Clerk**.

6. Dyke's End Lease Review

A resident wishes to attach an exhaust flue from a woodburner to the Dyke's End pub. This was approved subject to suitable legal documentation and any necessary planning approval. **The Clerk** will inform the resident involved and the landlord of the Dyke's End.

7. Local Highways Improvement Programme YE 2015

The outgoing Clerk will attend a meeting on Monday 13th January 2013 to outline the Parish Council's request for funding for traffic calming measures on the Swaffham Road.

8. Neighbourhood Watch

There are presently two old signs in the village. Three new signs will be purchased by **the Clerk** who will purchase these and complete the necessary documentation. Household window stickers will be procured by **the Clerk** and distributed to each household within the village via Within Reach.

9. Planning Applications

A request to erect a wooden cross in the cemetery was approved and **the Clerk** will inform the resident involved.
Planning application 13/0938/FUL (14 Fair Green) was discussed. The Council had no comment to make.

10. Information Items

A willow tree on the Hythe had become unsafe over the Christmas period. This has been made safe and more work would take place in the coming week. **The outgoing Clerk** will arrange the tidying up of the site.

An invitation to attend a Royal Garden party has been received. Councillor Clarks name will be put forward by **the Clerk** to attend.

Councillor Ward had been contacted with regard to a Freecycle scheme run by Bottisham, Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck. It was agreed this was not a Parish Council matter and details should be added to the village website.

11. Payments

David Thomas	24Acres Orchard expenses	£171.72
David Thomas	24Acres Orchard expenses	£69.95
AmeyCespa	24Acres Cricket costs	£1,009.06
Steve Boreham	24Acres Woodland	£284.76
R A Bramley	24Acres Cricket costs	£1,064.75
BHT	24Acres Woodland costs	£196.56
D M Parr	Pay October 2013 to January 2014	£793.15
D M Parr	Various expenses	£173.38

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th February 2014 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme set up in a street - or even an entire village - that aims to reduce crime and address other community problems. Each member of a scheme is asked to take care of their property, keep an eye on their area, looking out for anyone or anything that is out of place and report this to neighbours and where necessary, the Police using either the 101 number or 999.

In Reach, we essentially have a village scheme and it works reasonably well. The Parish Council has decided to re-enforce the message by improving the signage over the coming weeks.

So please, if you see anything out of the ordinary, or which worries you, please contact the Police using the 101 number or 999.

Do not think that you "might be wasting their time" - they would far sooner hear from you and it be a false alarm than you deciding not to ring and it turn out to be something serious that they could have dealt with!

And as many of you do now, you can always give me a call and I will alert the village via the email list.

You will also hopefully have seen that within this issue you have a window/door sticker which the Parish Council would like you to put on display. It really does act as a deterrent.

David Parr
744081 davidmparr@btinternet.com

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB for 2014 begins in March

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

Tickets are just £10 for a full year.

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

100 CLUB WINNERS

November: £20, December: £50

Please contact Thomasina Oldfield
to be part of this year's draw
07787 520589 or thomasina@reach-village.co.uk

Letter from the Vicarage



Foodbanks have been much in the news in the last few weeks. I don't pretend to understand all the political issues involved, but reading the stories of those who seek the help of the foodbanks, there is genuine, significant need. And I do find myself asking why in a developed nation foodbanks should be necessary and why more and more people are needing to use them.

At St Mary's and St Etheldreda's we have committed ourselves to acting as a collection point for the Ely and Soham Foodbank and will continue to do so, while the need remains. It's a practical way of responding to an immediate need and living out what we believe to be our calling 'Loving God, Loving People'. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke in his New Year Message about the church getting involved in social issues: "The church is involved in those things because we want to demonstrate that we have freely received the love of God and we want to share that with others. It's not about politics, it's about love."

As part of Churches Together in Burwell we are very pleased that the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has accepted an invitation to come to Burwell to speak about his role as patron of Cambridge Foodbank, and all are welcome on Tuesday March 11th at 7.30pm at St Mary's as he speaks about Foodbanks in Today's Society, and the response of Christians to the needs of the poor.

Please do consider supporting the work of the Ely and Soham Foodbank. Food lists are available in Reach church, St Mary's, Burwell, and CentrePeace, along with updates of the most urgently needed supplies. And a big thank you to all who pop in, perhaps when nobody is around, and leave a contribution. Oh and I'm sure the foodbank users with dogs are very grateful for the dog food that is left from time to time!
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

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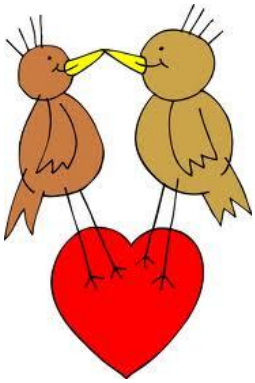
https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell

Let me have your old crockery!

For Reach Fair
Smash the Crockery Stall.
I'll collect it now and keep it until May.

Claire 743330







Church Repairs

Update on Reach Church Repairs



As you know, last year we were drawing up plans to carry out some essential repairs to the external stonework of Reach church and to install a hand rail at the entrance, as requested by several less able people who use the church building. Before we can proceed to do the work, we need to obtain a Faculty, which is the Church of England's equivalent to planning permission.

We also had to consult English Heritage, because the building is Grade II listed and we're pleased to report that in December, both English Heritage and the Diocese of Ely gave their approval to the plans.

The next stage in the process is a 28 day 'consultation' period in which we have to make the plans available to the local community for comment. There is a small display inside the church, showing the plans of what we are going to do, so please do pop in and have a look if you are interested. The church is usually open during daylight hours. The 28 day period ends in early February, and we would hope to get the final Faculty permission confirmed a couple of weeks after that.

The next stage will be to apply for a grant to cover the costs and if that is successful, then we should be able to start the work later in the year.

CentrePeace at Reach

The January visit of CentrePeace to Reach was cancelled, partly because attendances are low on the cold dark days after Christmas and partly because the regular helpers had other commitments. We're sorry if any of you missed us, but never fear, we'll be back in February and on the second Wednesday of the month for the rest of the year. We've got plenty of new books in stock and will try to bring a selection of small gifts and cards appropriate for each month, eg Valentine's Day in February, Mothering Sunday in March and Easter in April. We'll also always have the Traidcraft biscuits and plenty of tea and homemade cake, so please do call in and see us if you can – we're there from 2pm – 4pm on the dates listed:

CentrePeace at Reach 2014 2pm – 4pm

Second Wednesday of every month

12 February	13 August
12 March	10 September
9 April	8 October
14 May	12 November
11 June	10 December
9 July	

Hobbies & Interests

WEEKEND

Please join us for a fun weekend exhibition at St Mary's Church Burwell 0n the 8th/9th March

Come along and show everyone what your hobby/interest is

Entry forms are available from either CENTREPEACE on the Causeway or TINAS shop on North Street

More information/details can be obtained by contacting Pauline:- 01638 742953 or Richard:- rlm57a.1@virginmedia.com



Maisie Whitehead

10/09/1914 – 11/11/2013



Reach Church was packed on 2nd December, for Maisie's funeral, as we gathered to give thanks to God for her very long life. There was sadness at her passing, but also a great sense of a life well lived, of long and faithful service. It was a time for honouring her memory, being grateful for what she did, and for the privilege of having known her.

Maisie's family came originally from Lode, where she was born, but she and her brother Dick were brought up in Reach, living with her parents at Water Hall Farm, before moving in later years into her own house, next door to the farm, on Great Lane. Dick took on the family farm, working next to the Robinsons at Spring Hall Farm.

Maisie made an enormous contribution to the Church, teaching children in the Sunday school at Reach church for many years (some of whom were at her funeral service), and played the organ for well over 50 years.

Some Memories by Jenny Bowen

I first met Maisie when I was about six years old, when she arrived at my home in Swaffham Prior. She had come to teach my brother and myself to play the piano. Always arriving on her bicycle, Maisie came every week till my family moved to Reach. I was later to realise that Maisie travelled everywhere on her bike, she never learned to drive. At Reach I grew to know Maisie even better through attending the Sunday School which she ran with her Aunt Lilian.

Maisie was always willing to help out in the shop/post office which my parents owned. All this on top of her postal deliveries, twice a day, from Reach to Swaffham Prior and back, then her various visits to her music pupils in the area. Our two families were quite close, and we all spent many happy evenings at the Whitehead farmhouse, playing the piano, singing and also playing the odd game of cards.

The meals we shared were really marvellous, especially at Christmas. Maisie, like her mother, was a really good cook and even up to about four years ago Maisie was making her own bread. The Church was Maisie's life, especially playing the organ, which she did for many years. In the year before she moved to Bottisham she was very pleased and proud to be presented at her home with a certificate and medal from the Diocese of Ely in recognition of over 50 years' service.

It seemed to me that Maisie's proudest moment came when she was interviewed by Radio Cambridgeshire when they came to do a programme about the village. She often said how charming the interviewer had been.

A Poem by Bill Estall. Maisie

Goodbye old friend, farewell and God Bless
The good Lord has called you home to rest
So sleep on now, your earthly work is done
You were well known and a friend to everyone
Walk together hand in hand over pastures new
With the ones you loved most and we all knew
You are together now after the long and lonely years
Secure in the arms of Jesus, free from all earthly fears
You will be missed by those who knew you well
We, left behind, will have many a tale to tell
You are free now from all sorrow and all earthly pains
And in God's own time, we will all meet again.

Fostering

Cambridgeshire County Council

Do something special…Become a Foster Carer in 2014

Cambridgeshire County Council needs more foster families to help transform lives and meet the needs of local children and young people.

People become Foster Carers because they want to give children and young people a home for as long as they need it. There are so many positive changes that a family's love and commitment can make and anyone who has a caring nature should consider fostering.

Every child is different so we need different Foster Carers. If you have a spare room and 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 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. In return we offer generous allowances including a start up package, 24 hour support and full training.

Call our freephone number on **0800 052 0078** or email **fanda@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
February 2014		
Sunday 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 5	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Sunday 9	10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 12	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Thursday 6	10.00am Little Bears	
Sunday 16	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 3.00pm Renewal of Wedding Vows	
Wednesday 19	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 23	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 26	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
March 2014		
Sunday 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 5 Ash Wednesday	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion with Ashing 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 6	10.00 Little Bears	
Friday 7	10.00am Women's World Day of Prayer service	
Sunday 9	10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Tuesday 11	7.30pm Churches Together Lent meeting with Dr Rowan Williams - Foodbanks in Today's Society	
Wednesday 12	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 16th March	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 19	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Sunday 23	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 26	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 30	10.00am All Age Service for Mothering Sunday	8.00am 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
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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

Mothers' Union Programme for 2014
Theme - Sowing the Future Together

Month	Evening 7.30pm	Afternoon 2.30pm
January	8 Jan Meal	22 Jan New Year Communion
February	Sat 8 Feb Rwanda Breakfast	
	5 Feb How to Grow a £5 note!	26 Feb MU in Rwanda
	12 Feb 10.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's	
March	5 March Ash Wed Service	See Lady Day Service
	25 March Archdeaconry Lady Day Service 2.30pm at Soham	
April	2 April Wave of Prayer Service	No meeting in April
	5 April Diocesan Day	
	15 April Lent Lunch	
May	7 May Women Pilgrims	*21 May AFIA Beetle Drive
	7 May 10.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's	
	20 May Deanery Coffee Morning at Lode Chapel	
June	4 June Prayers around St Mary's	25 June Home DVD
July	2 July Church Mobilisation Project	23 July Lunch
	23 July Lunch	
	9 July 10.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's	
September	3 September Good Soil Bible Study	24 September Work in prison
October	1 October Link Diocese Quiz	22 October Bible Verses Raffle
	8 October 10.00 Holy Communion at St Mary's	
	13 October Diocesan Day at St Peter's March	
November	5 November The Big Questions	26 November Christmas is Coming
December	3 December Carols and Mince Pies	Christmas Poems and Tea Party

Mothers' Union meets in the Guildhall St Mary's Burwell afternoons at 2.30pm.
Please phone Susan 741791 for evening venues

Treasurer needed for this Diocesan Charity
(Registered Charity No.251394)

Can you help?

The Mothers' Union in Ely Diocese is looking for a new Treasurer.
The Mothers' Union is a voluntary organisation which operates solely to work to support families. There is far more to Mothers' Union than you might imagine. We aim to fight poverty and injustice - encouraging family life, promoting marriage and helping those in need. Here in Ely Diocese for example we work in prison, send families under stress on holiday and support local and worldwide projects.

We are looking for someone able to carry out basic book keeping, budgeting and reporting to trustees.
For more information please contact Susan on 01638741791 or email: mu@office.ely.anglican.org.

VILLAGE GARDENERS' PROGRAMME 2014. 8PM SWAFFHAM PRIOR VILLAGE HALL

Date	Speaker	Title
Tuesday 21st January	Andrew Sankey	'Six of the Best'
Tuesday 18th February	Yvonne Leonard	'The Story of a Garden'
Tuesday 18th March	Peter Jackson	'Houseplants'
Tuesday 15th April	Jeff Harrison	`Through the Year in a Nature Photographer's Garden'
Tuesday 20th May	Barry Gayton	'Climbing Plants and Wall Shrubs'
Tuesday 10th June		Evening visit to Pavilion House, Dullingham
Saturday 21st June		Coach outing to Capel Manor Gardens
Tuesday 15th July		Evening visit to Fullers Mill Garden, West Stow
Tuesday 21st October		AGM
Tuesday 18th November	Lucy Redman	`Bulbs Through the Seasons'

Diary Dates: February 2014

February 2014	Event	Location	Time
Until 9th March	Swan Feed	Welney	www.wwt.org.uk
Sat 1 until 30/04/14	Chiefs and Governors, Art and Power in Fiji	University Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Downing St., Cambridge	10.30am – 4.30pm Not Sundays
Sat 1	Family First Saturdays. Drawing materials, activities and trails	Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sat 1	Newmarket Winterfest Winter games and family fun	Newmarket Riverwalk Common, Newmarket Community Centre, Lions Hall etc	905 953 5300 www.newmarket.ca
Tues 4	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm - 3pm
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 6	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Fri 7 – Sat 8	Elysian Winter Beer Festval	The Malitings, Ely	www.ely-camra.org.uk
Sat 8	Point to Point	Cottenham CB24 8RB	
Sat 8	Perry Dennis and the Twylight Shadows. Cliff Richard and the Shadows tribute band	The Brook, 49 Brook Street, Soham CB7 5AD	01353 721748
Sun 9	The Long (10K) Walk	RSPB Lakenheath Fen IP27 9AD www.rspb.org.uk/lakenheathfen	9.30am – 3pm
Mon 10	Reading Group: The Foundling Boy by Michel Deon	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.00 for 7.30pm
Mon 10	Reading Group: Storm of Steel by Ernst Junger	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.00 for 7.30pm
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thurs 13	Recycling Day (Green)		
Fri 14	Valentine's Day		
Sun 16	Renewal of Marriage Vows	St Mary's, Burwell	3pm
Mon 17 – Sun 23	National Chip Week	chipweek@potato.ahdb.org.uk	
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 18	Talk Village Gardeners Yvonne Leonard: The Story of a Garden	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Tues 18	Developing Ideas for Audio Visual	Lode Chapel CB25 9EW	7.30 – 9.30pm
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 20	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Tues 25	An Evening with Sue Brock-Hollinshead of Cambridge Camera Club	Lode Chapel CB25 9EW	7.30 – 9.30pm
Thurs 27	Recycling Day (Green)		

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: March 2014 and Club Contact Information

March 2014			
Tues 4	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Tues 4	Shrove Tuesday		
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 6	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 8 & Sun 9	Hobbies and Interests Weekend	St Mary's Church, Burwell	
Sat 8	Banger and stock car racing	Mildenhall Stadium	6.30pm
Mon 10	Reading Group: The Death of the Heart by Elizabeth Bowen	Topping Bookshop, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.00 for 7.30pm
Tues 11	Dr Rowan Williams Foodbanks in Today's Society	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7.30pm
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 13	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 15	St Patrick's Day		
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 18	Talk: Village Gardeners Peter Jackson: Houseplants	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 20	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Tues 25	An Evening with Liz and Barrie Hatten – Digital Presentation of Their Travels	Lode Chapel CB25 9EW	7.30 – 9.30pm
Thurs 27	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sun 30	Mothering Sunday Service	St Mary's Church, Burwell	10.00am

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	Susan Bailey	743794
	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	



Lily Stead, can she make it a hat trick?



Pete v Gwilym



Have you heard about walking football?



Pete Bridgeman



Chris Bridgeman makes the running



Left Rita Dunnett and middle Andrew Trump



Foreground: Graham Lingley (left) and David Thomas



It was a very instructive day!



Marcus and Sarah



Watch carefully Hugh de Lacy



Just a snip, not the whole tree!



Here we see the "Team Leaders" who instructed villagers on what was needed to be done. David Thomas, Danuta Gibson, Graham Lingley, David Elliott, Jenny and John Reed, Andrew Trump, Nick Acklam (Project Leader), Steve Boreham and Lois Baker (from the National Trust)



Claire Acklam in charge of sustenance

24Acres

Woodland Planting Day

Saturday

7th December 2013



The virtually blank canvas . . . 1,800 holes having been augured previously



Off we go!



Hugh de Lacy



David Elliott



Steve Boreham - who helped Nick Acklam to manage the project



Pam King working with Alison Lewis



Hazel Lingley



Ron and Penny with Andrew Trump



Danuta Gibson



Hannah Baldwin with Muzzle



Alice Trump having her baked potato with Lily Steed . . . .



Charles Moseley well prepared if big wine bottles appear . . . .



Gwylim Davies and Graham Lingley



Then, just when we thought we'd never get it completed - the cavalry arrived from Swaffham Prior school!





So impressive that these kids took time out of the planting to study the laws of gravity . . . .



Lois from the NT (a HUGE positive influence on this project) and some of the kids