# Within Reach



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**Garden Gathering**



**Rosehip Reward**



**Spring Skies.  Photographs: Ali Lewis**

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**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
Both to be drawn in March

Please contact Thomasina on 07787 520589 to be part of this year's draw

## From the Editor



Not since the introduction of Pets Corner have I been so excited: we have an external contributor! Colin Bowyer used to visit his grandparents who lived in Reach during the summer holidays. He writes about his visits and includes some wonderful old photographs.

If anyone remembers the Bowyer family do contact Colin; he would loved to hear from you. Also he is researching his family's history and would appreciate any advice you can give.

Anita Folkes continues her recollections of Newmarket Hospital and it's lovely to read about how the patients passed their time and celebrated Christmas. This issue's personalities are John and Jen Holmwood and I especially like their honeymoon photograph – and the picture of John aged three.

We had a scare recently with the threat of the construction of the second largest solar farm in the country being built on the borders of the village. Our thanks to Andrew Trump in particular who countered this planning venture. Graham Lingley reports on Reach's – modestly scaled – Community Solar Farm.

On Sunday 13 April Burwell Museum re-opens its windmill following a year-long restoration. The day of celebration includes bread making demonstrations, a working forge, tours of the windmill *et al*. Worth a look I'd say.

The Swaffham Prior Scouts did amazingly well in the Forward Incident Hike – a 7 – 10 mile hike including puzzles and other challenges. The A Team won and the B Team came fourth. Very well done.

We've had a particularly mild winter with some days in December and January feeling like Spring. Spring is now sprung and we enjoy seasonal games, tips and cooking from Susie Tucker, Danuta Gibson and Rita Dunnett.

Grahame Radford (742814) and Jacqui Lewis (742518) are looking for help with Reach Fair. Do contact them, especially Grahame who is co-ordinating assistance on the day.

Hannah Baldwin has an important announcement – I'd better say quickly that it is news about the celebration of the Reach 24Acres project which will take place on Sunday 1 June 1.30pm – 6pm.

Read this magazine carefully and find out what Dan Mules did which was so spectacular.

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**Cover photos:** Claire Halpin-McDonald and Ali Lewis

See you at Reach Fair on Monday 5th May!

## Editor's Notes

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

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

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## Reach Fair 2014

Just a quick reminder to everyone that this year's Fair will take place on Monday 5th May from 12.00 noon.

The Committee have been working hard on preparations since last year and we hope to provide an entertaining and enjoyable day. We have displays, interactive activities, a variety of stalls and plenty of eating choices. We look forward to seeing you there!

We will, as usual, be looking for additional help with setting up beforehand, manning stalls and road closure points and generally assisting on the day. Please contact any Committee member if you have any particular preferences, otherwise we look forward to seeing you on the Sunday morning at 9.30 when we start setting up.




We are again closing Burwell Road, Swaffham Road and Great Lane. This is an official road closure system and we would ask everyone to assist in keeping traffic on the day to a minimum between 10.00am and 5.00 pm, particularly Burwell Road, which is the main route to and from the car park and a one-way system will be operating. If you are using this route please observe the instructions of the traffic marshals. There will be no vehicular access through Fair Green during the Fair.

In addition, we would ask residents who normally park their vehicles on Swaffham Road to kindly move them, perhaps to the main car park, as this is the main route in and out for emergency services.

Please don't forget the annual Reach Fair Quiz taking place as usual in the bar marquee on the green. The start time is 7.30pm and entry is £1 per person. Teams should be a maximum of six. The winners will be able to select a charity of their choice to which all the proceeds will be donated.

The profit from Reach Fair maintains the Village Centre, which is there for the benefit and use of the whole village - so please support it.

**Grahame Radford**
Chairman, Reach Village Centre Committee
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## Reach 24Acres Launch Event Save the Date – Sunday 1 June



**Hannah Baldwin has an important announcement**

To celebrate the Reach 24Acres project, we are hosting a free launch event for the village on Sunday 1 June from 1.30pm to 6pm.

The event will be held at the 24Acres, so there will be plenty of opportunity to explore!

We are planning lots of exciting and interesting activities for all the family throughout the day, including an inaugural cricket match, treasure hunts, sports and games, a dog scurry, food, dancing, the Great Reach Bake Off and much more, all under the guise of an old fashioned English village fete.

It should be a fabulous day, so please put the date in your diary – more news soon!

Please contact Hannah Baldwin (16 Great Lane) with any questions or for more information:

Hannah.baldwin@reach-village.co.uk or 07702 813845



# The Bowyers at Reach and My Memories of Childhood Summers



Discovering a copy of Within Reach Magazine on line has prompted me to write a small article about the Bowyer family and the times stayed with my grandparents during the school summer holidays.

My Great Grandfather Henry William Bowyer (b. 1850) moved to Reach from Stetchworth sometime around 1875 and lived at the farm in Blackberry Drove, working as a farm labourer. He married Elizabeth Whitehead (b. 1854) in 1876 and rose to become 'Forman Labour' (as stated in the 1911 Census). They had 13 children; large families were unusual those days.

My grandfather, George Bowyer (b.1887), followed in his father's footsteps, a farm labourer who married Matilda Nicholls (b. 1893) in 1911 and lived at Prospect House in Barston Drove. They had three children Hilda (b.1914) Doris (b. 1916) and my father Ernest Edward (b. 1917) locally known as Ted.

George worked as a farm labourer, eventually hiring himself and his team of workers to local farms throughout the year especially during busy periods, such as harvesting. He also worked as a foreman for the fen drainage companies maintaining the fen dykes. After retiring from labouring George would hire himself out as a mole catcher (he was very successful and much sought after I have been told). Unfortunately, with a sack of moles on his bike, on his return home he had fallen into the dyke to be found dead the following morning; he would have wanted to go like that!

Matilda my grandmother used to help prepare villagers for burial and one amusing tale I overheard at the supper table was about a villager that no one seemed to get on with. Even his own relations said “Well at least the grumpy old man died with a smile on his face”, to which my grandmother said to us “not without the great wad of cotton wool that I arranged in his mouth!”

My dad used to work with his father until he enlisted in 1939 as a soldier and saw service as far as France, Africa and Italy. Near completion of his service, he met my mother in London and after the war he took up a new life there as a motor mechanic, never returning to live in Reach.

My fondest memories of Reach were during the school holidays when my father used to take us all to stay with our grandparents. He would help my father with the harvest of several fields of wheat and this would mean that I would be put on a combine harvester, with the driver; something I doubt would be allowed these days! So there I was at about 11 years old riding on the harvester, which they always started from the outside of the field working in decreasing circles towards the centre; this was so that they could shoot the rabbits and pheasants as they reduced the wheat field. On one stretch the driver jumped off of the harvester to catch a rabbit, leaving me still travelling along on the driverless harvester, he climbed back into his seat, with the rabbit in his hands, just in time to turn around for the next strip of wheat!

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*We thank Colin for his recollections and super photographs. If anyone remembers the Bowyer family or can give Colin advice about undertaking research into his family history he would be very pleased to hear from you. Ed.*



**My grandparents George and Matilda with Doris, Ted and Hilda at Prospects House**




**My father (Ted) driving the tractor during harvest**



**My grandparents' wedding 1 April 1911**



**My grandfather (George) at the harvest**



## Memories: Newmarket General Hospital (White Lodge) Continued



I hope you enjoyed learning more about your local hospital - I did and it brought loads of memories flooding back. So here we go again.

Several of the workhouse inmates were excellent tradesmen and were made to work to make the institution as self-supporting as possible.

Two excellent carpenters were a Mr Allard and a Mr Coston. They built a large wooden nursery which was later to become the Physiotherapy Department. This was a lovely bright airy department with excellent physio staff to treat you.

In 1955 interest was shown in installing a hydrotherapy pool mainly to treat those people with polio and orthopaedic patients. The pool was installed in 1960 and proved to be a godsend to lots of patients helping them improve their strength faster than usual.



**Tortoise stove like those used to heat the wards**

The hospital had lots of support from local people both financially and voluntary and this made an important contribution to the work at the hospital and the staff were always grateful for it. The Newmarket Journal started a Christmas fund, the Hospital's League of Friends and the local Lions Club all helped to raise monies. Mr George Gibson helped consistently (a relative of our George Gibson at the pub!). Reach played its part in raising money at Christmas with Joyce Harrison's mother running a whist drive and a big draw and later Joyce Harrison taking over from her mother. The village hall was always packed for these events and lots of money was raised each year.

At the hospital every ward had a Christmas tree and every patient was given a present. The doctor or specialist for each ward came to carve the turkey and give out the presents. Leading up to Christmas the nurses used to come round during the evening and sing carols. They turned their uniform capes inside out so they were red and with their crisp white aprons and caps they looked really nice and the patients really enjoyed this; they didn't feel so isolated from the excitement of Christmas.

Another link Reach had with the hospital was that farmer Mr and Mrs Fred Bowyer's daughter was the Director of Nursing and Dr. John Schneeson (husband of Dr Anne Schneerson late of Burwell Surgery) was the Thoracic Consultant in the Maternity Department (A1) and the first one to introduce taking a video of the mother giving birth so that her husband could be part of it.

In 1951 the hospital again changed its name, to Newmarket General Hospital.

The gardening staff were always busy - in winter in the greenhouses and in the spring time planting out flowers and cutting the vast lawns. The gardens always looked a picture. In 1965 the New Chesterton Window Cleaners & Co Ltd. were hired and their work included the job of cleaning the walls of each department annually.

In November 1965 the local Jockey Club offered to raise funds for a minibus for the hospital.

The final upgrading of the Theatre Suite was complete and the theatres opened on 29th January 1969. The first transplant was carried out in the new theatres. A young boy was admitted following a road accident and was in a hopeless state; he was being kept alive on a life support machine. Mr E.S. Jamieson informed Professor Sir Roy Calne and the boy's relatives agreed to his organs being used for transplant purposes. Professor Calne decided to do a liver transplant operation and requested that he could use the new theatres. It went very well and although the operation took place late at night the patient who had a new liver was sitting up next morning drinking a cup of tea.

In 1942 an Occupational Therapy Department was opened. One of the staff used to come round the wards and the patients who were in long term would be able to buy kits for making wallets, purses, lampshades etc. and we used to take great pride in making a good job of these. Other times we would do knitting and embroidery.



The hospital church was built in 1895 by voluntary contributions from local churches. When I was in hospital I was once taken in my bed to the church for a special service for something. On Sunday mornings a reduced church service was held in different wards with a mobile organ wheeled from place to place. Any mobile patients who wanted could go to the wards; we often used to go for a change of scenery. Some mornings you could take communion when the vicar came to your bedside for a short service. The church is still where it was built after all these years and was changed from being the workhouse church to the hospital chapel. It stands near the main entrance to the hospital.

**Anita Folkes** ☺

# At the Beauty Room with Sophie Moss

I needed to have my hairy pins waxed recently and discovered Sophie's Beauty Room in Burwell. It was a most painless procedure for once! I decided to interview her.

**Tell me a bit about yourself, Sophie**
I was born and brought up in Burwell and I live here with my parents and my younger brother Adam. I went to Burwell Village primary school and then to Soham Village College aged 11. I took 12 GCSEs and did quite well in them.



**Sophie Moss of the Beauty Room based in Katherine Paul's**

**So what decided you to embark on beauty therapy?**
I used to love going with my mum to the beauticians and hairdressers. My mum has had her hair done here at Katherine Paul's for years, as have I. (*Sophie's salon is situated within Katherine Paul's)*

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**Where did you train?**
I went to Cambridge Regional College (CRC) in Cambridge and did a two-year course - starting with hair and beauty combined, but opted for the beauty course only, in the second year as the funding for the combined course ended.

**Did you enjoy the course?**
Very much. The anatomy and physiology modules were so interesting and there was a combination of theory and practice. I was privileged to be chosen to represent CRC at an inter-college competition. It was great that CRC provided a bus service for students, picking up from Soham, Fordham, Exning, Burwell and Newmarket in the morning and taking us back in the evening.

**So who were your guinea pigs for the practice?**
Members of the public came to have treatments at much reduced rates and it was very popular. It was a bit different to the usual salon experience, as they were lined up in beds separated by screens. We were supervised and assessed by the tutors, when carrying out treatments.

**What did you do when you qualified?**
I had done work experience in a salon in Newmarket during my training and I stayed on there after qualifying. I was very grateful for that experience. My skills and confidence increased there. I also continued to do more courses at a training academy in Cambridge.

**I'm impressed that you then set up your own business – that's a bold step for an 18 year old. Are you a risk – taker?**
I'm not sure about that, but I believe you should try things, rather than regret having been afraid to take chances.

**So how did you get started…did you have to go to the bank with a business plan and all that sort of stuff and biting your manicured nails?**
No! I wanted to stay in Burwell and had already established a client base of friends and family. They had all been very supportive and encouraging. I approached Katherine Paul's and arranged to set up my business there. I advertised in local newspapers, in local venues, set up my own website (www.sophieatthebeautyroom.com) did mail drops and started with special offers. It then began to take off and now word of mouth plays a large part. That was a year ago and it will be The Beauty Room's first birthday in March.

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**So will we see you drunk and disorderly on The Causeway celebrating your first birthday?**
I don't think so! I have tentative plans on how to mark it. Watch this space…… Without my clients I would not be here and I do not take that for granted. At Christmas I gave them vouchers in appreciation of their custom. Some have been surprised that I've been in my business for only a year. It has given me such a sense of satisfaction seeing the business grow.

**Are you subjected to the usual chat about where you are going on holidays etc?**
Sometimes, but some clients, in the relaxed atmosphere here will confide in me and we establish a bond. I like that. I'm also happy when clients relax and don't feel the need to talk.

**So you are a therapist in every sense of the word?**
That would be a claim too far!

**What do you do outside of work?**
I go to the gym sometimes. I catch up with my friends and I've also started baking. As a family we like eating out. On my days off I like to relax and sometimes allow myself to do nothing. I help out at home for my parents, to give back a little for all their help in the last year.

**Is there a man in your life?**
I'm "walking out" with a young man, but that's all you need to know!

*Sophie works Tuesday - Saturday with late opening until 8pm on Thursdays. She provides a wide range of services. Her website is sophieatthbeautyroom.com*

**Marie Bambrick**

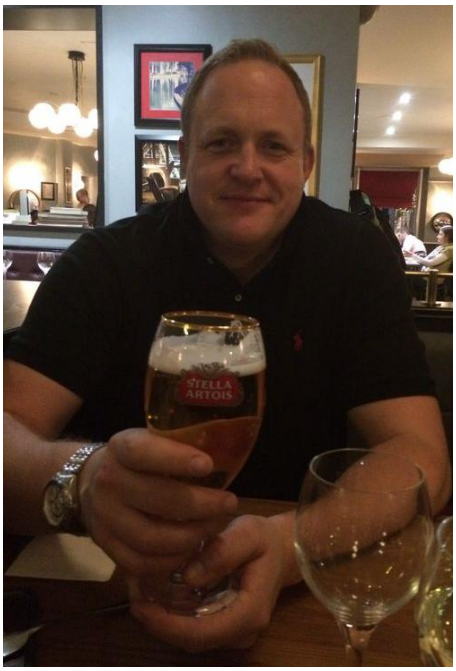
## An Unlikely Wager



At the beginning of January, in the salubrious Dyke's End pub, without doubt the best pub in the world, an important event took place. Mr Daniel Mules of Great Lane, Reach decided that no alcohol would pass his lips until February 1st earliest. Since Mr Mules is world renowned for his ability to consume copious amounts of Stella, Mr Sean Manchett of Burwell Road Reach suggested that Mr Mules would not be able to achieve this objective. A wager of £100 was agreed with, most importantly, the proceeds being donated to the Church Renovation Fund.

A picture of the two gentlemen making the wager is recorded above - with Mr Mules being on the left.

Mr Mules won the wager, the picture below is of the first pint consumed by him on February 1st - and Mr Manchett has passed over to £100 to the Church Fund.




## Reach Fair - Help Wanted

Each year we publicise the Fair across a fairly wide area with posters which mention the range of activities taking place during the afternoon in the hope of attracting a wider variety of visitors to balance those who come just for the fairground.

We are currently very short of people to help with poster distribution in central Cambridge and the suburbs and the Science Park. It involves going into premises which are likely to have public or staff notice boards, such as businesses and sports facilities and asking if a poster can be displayed or some small fliers left. Most places are quite happy to do it as it is not a commercial event.



If anyone can spare an hour or two some time in April to help with this, please contact Jacquie Lewis for more details.

Thank you.

**Jacqui Lewis**
01638 742518

Friends of Burwell Museum

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**At Burwell Museum**

**April 20th & 21st**
**11am – 5pm**

Refreshments available
Tombola

Adults £4 Children £1.50

**Look for the Bunnies**

## Reach Solar Farm News



Now that the 'excitement' over the Solar Associates mega-solar farm project have died down, plans are progressing slowly but surely on the much smaller Reach Community Solar Farm.

An 'Industrial and Provident Society for the Benefit of the Community' was formally created at the end of January, to take on the business of running and managing the project. Our official title is 'Reach Community Solar Farm Ltd' and our company number is 32300R.

The application for planning permission was submitted at the beginning of February. East Cambridgeshire District Council have since requested a biodiversity report, which will hopefully be done within the next few weeks. Shortly after that, the application should be open for public comment. At this point we will let every one know that public comment period has started and how they can comment. In the meantime, our committee has expanded and has formally become the board of the company, work is progressing on the land lease and maintenance contracts and a formal offer letter.

Further information can be found on the project website (http://www.reachsolarfarm.co.uk) and we can be contacted by email (info@reachsolarfarm.co.uk).

**Graham Lingley**

## Photography: Playing Around with Post-Processing

I thought I would have a go at editing some of my photos. To get the effects on these photos (inside front cover) I used Paint Shop Pro. You make a duplicate layer of your image, turn the top layer to black & white, then use an eraser tool to remove the black & white layer wherever you want the colour to show through. It was quite simple in the end and I think it looks quite effective. It's a good way to bring out the subject in a busy image (like in Garden Gathering) or emphasise a particular colour (like in Spring Skies).

**Ali Lewis**

## Burwell Museum

**Dates for Your Diary**



13 April. Mill Unveiling, 12-4pm

20 and 21 April. Easter Egg Hunt, Museum 11am-5pm

**Grand Unveiling of the Windmill**

On Sunday 13 April Burwell Museum Trust reopens its windmill, Stevens' Mill, to the public following a year-long restoration. The museum site will be open to the public from 12 noon - 4pm. Free Admission! The reopening ceremony of the windmill starts at 12.30pm - Sir James Paice MP will officially open the windmill at 12.45pm.

This will be a great day out for all ages - bread making demonstrations, a cake decorating competition, a working forge, tours of the windmill, make your own windmill out of junk and much more including a Time Capsule put together by local school children being hidden in the windmill.

Go to the *Burwell Windmill Project Blog* to see photos and information of the restoration. Click the link on our website (or Google it).

The Museum opens fully for the 2014 season at the new earlier opening time of 11am on Easter Sunday with an Easter Egg Hunt for children of all ages (including those who are still children at heart!). The fun continues on Easter Monday from 11am.

There are lots more events at the museum during the year. Details of these are on the Special Events page of our website www.burwellmuseum.org.uk. Posters advertising the events will be displayed on noticeboards and shop windows around the village and on the museum's front fence.

The museum is now open 11am - 5pm on Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays from Easter to End of October.

Happy Easter from everyone at Burwell Museum.

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

01638 605544 (please leave a message)
Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell,
Cambridge CB25 0HL

**Simon Heath**
**Museum Trustee**

## Calling All Carers

Cambridgeshire County Council

Do you give unpaid care to a friend or family member? How can we support you to stay healthy and well?

Carers make a huge contribution to the health and wellbeing of the thousands of people they support. But it is equally important for carers to stay healthy and have a good quality of life themselves. Health, social care and voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire are working together to look at what support carers need to stay healthy and well. We would like to hear from anyone who looks after family, partners or friends because they are ill, frail or have a disability (or have done this in the past). If you can help and are happy to give your views please complete our survey in one of the following ways:

On-line at: www.cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/JSNA/Carers

or call Sue Hall, Public Health at Cambridgeshire County Council on 07508 916976

## Burwell Surgery Internet Service

At busy times patients can experience difficulty in contacting the practice by telephone and for those who work during the day it may not be possible to contact the surgery during opening hours.

Burwell Surgery offers a secure internet service called SystmOnline so that patients can manage their prescriptions and appointments quickly and easily 24 hours a day, 365 days a year wherever they are. The internet service can be used to view a range of available appointments, book routine appointments with a GP up to four weeks ahead, view appointments you have already made and cancel them if necessary. You can also send messages to the practice.

SystmOnline is now available via the SystmOnline app. The app can be used on Apple devices running the iOS operating system (iPhones and iPads). It is listed on Apple's App Store and is available to download for free.

It is not possible to book more than two appointments at a time, book appointments with nurses or book cervical smear appointments (as these are booked with nurses only).

If you would like to make use of this service, you must first register. Please ask a receptionist for a registration form. You will be asked to provide proof of your ID e.g. driving licence, recent utility bill or council tax bill.

## Ely Choral Society Mozart Requiem

Our next concert will be held in Ely Cathedral at 7.30pm on **Saturday 12th April 2014** and will feature two works by Mozart: the Vesperae solennes de confessore and the Requiem Mass in D minor. The vespers were composed in 1780 for liturgical use in Salzburg Cathedral. The ever popular Requiem was composed in Vienna in 1791 and left unfinished at the composer's death.

This will be our major concert in the Cathedral for 2014 and with an outstanding group of young soloists comprising **Daisy Brown** soprano, **Katie Schofield** mezzo-soprano, **Oliver Johnston** tenor and **Henry Neill** bass, we look forward to a thrilling evening.

Ely Choral Society will be supported by **Edmund Aldhouse,** organ continuo and the Ely Festival Orchestra, Leader **Helen Medlock.**

The concert will be conducted by **Andrew Parnell.**

Tickets will be on sale from 10th February 2014 from the Cathedral Box office https://tickets.elycathedral.org/ 01353 660349 (Mon-Sat 9.30am – 4pm) or contact Ely Choral Society directly on tickets@elychoralsociety.org.

Tickets priced from £8 to £25 – Under 18s only £5.

# Burwell Surgery `Out of Hours' Medical Care Options

## Newmarket Road, Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0AE - 01638 741234

Becoming unwell at night or the weekend when the surgery is closed (outside the times of 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday), can be a stressful and worrying experience. The services that provide 'out of hours' medical care have now changed slightly, so here are the current options:

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| **Go to A&E or call 999**<br>• Medical emergencies<br>• Critical or life threatening situations | **Call '111'**<br>• For any medical problem that is not an immediate critical or life threatening emergency<br>• If you call the surgery phone number, this will go straight through to the '111' service if the surgery is closed.<br>• The '111' call handler can give advice, book an appointment with a GP or nurse directly, or arrange a home visit when necessary.<br>• The nearest clinicians are based in Cambridge (Chesterton hospital) or Ely (Princess of Wales hospital). |
| **Minor Injuries Unit**<br>• The Minor Injuries Unit at the Princess of Wales hospital in Ely is open 8.30am to 6pm Monday - Sunday.<br>• Experienced and highly trained nurses can treat a wide range of problems including wounds, minor burns, sprains and strains, limb fractures emergency contraception, eye problems, earache (if over two years of age), cystitis (for ladies over 14 years old) and minor head injuries.<br>• It is an excellent service which usually has a waiting time considerably shorter than local A&E departments. | **Self Care**<br>• A range of common illnesses such as coughs and colds, sore throats, upset stomachs and aches and pains can be treated with a well stocked medicine cabinet and plenty of rest.<br>• Did you know that a cough caused by a cold normally takes 2-4 weeks to settle?<br>• Some self care essentials: paracetamol, re-hydration sachets, indigestion remedies and a thermometer.<br>• Try the website www.patient.co.uk which has a large number of useful information sheets on many common medical conditions. |
| **Dental Problems**<br>• Out of hours dental care can be assessed by telephoning '111'.<br>• To find an NHS dentist either visit NHS choices on www.nhs.uk or call 0800 2792535. | **Your local Pharmacy** (for example Lloyds in Burwell)<br>• They can provide confidential expert advice for a range of common illnesses and complaints |



## Advice from Trading Standards: Spotlight on Scams and Mis-Selling

At Trading Standards we sadly come across residents in Cambridgeshire who have lost significant amounts of money, or some of their life savings, to a scam. Scams are operated by career criminals who use sophisticated tactics to persuade you to part with your money. We hope the advice below will help you to avoid many of the most common types of scam.

**Scam Letters**

Commonly these claim you have won a prize and ask for a small payment in advance... and then another, each time requesting a larger sum. No prize is ever forthcoming. We also frequently uncover letters from supposed 'clairvoyants' who claim they can bring you luck or protect you from harm in exchange for payments. These are all scams and once you send money to one, you will be inundated with more.

**Telephone scams**

Beware of callers who claim to be calling about the non payment of telephone bills and threatening to disconnect you unless immediate payment is made. Check the facts and contact your provider on the number provided in your paperwork. Ensure there is a dialling tone before calling them in case the fraudsters have remained on the line ready to pose as your service provider. If there is not a dialling tone, try again in five minutes.

You may experience a series of silent calls, followed by a call from a company offering to help you prevent silent calls, for a fee. This call is made by the same fraudsters who were making the silent calls.

**Door-to-door callers**

With regards to house alarms, beware of telesales calls (often followed up by a house call) offering an alarm system at virtually no cost. The catch is the annual service charge which amounts to thousands of pounds.

Beware of any trader who knocks at the door offering to do home improvement or gardening work for you, no matter how friendly they seem or how cheap the job appears. This is the prime way rogue traders find customers.

Be cautious of door-to-door caller who claim to be ex-convicts who are trying to turn their lives around by selling domestic products such as dusters. Their story is untrue and once you buy from them they will call on you again and again.

For further information or to report a scam, visit Action Fraud's website www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

## Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

Business owners can take advantage of free workshops to help their company get to grips with fire safety and legislation.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service's Fire Protection team is running free sessions in Cambridge and Peterborough.

The workshops take place on the second Tuesday of every month at Parkside Place Community Fire and Rescue Station, in Cambridge and on the third Tuesday of the month at Dogsthorpe Fire Station, in Peterborough.

The general workshop aims to give a brief explanation of the Fire Safety Order and the requirements of a fire risk assessment. It lasts about four hours and is free of charge.

To attend a workshop, or for more information, call CFRS Fire Protection team on (01733) 353206 to reserve a place.

Make sure fire safety still stays at the forefront of your mind – and don't forget to test your smoke alarm.

Like our fan page on Facebook: www.facebook.com/cambsfrs, and 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.

## Out and About



Only a small contribution to this issue, I'm afraid. I met with an accident a month or so ago, attempting to move the henhouse and run single-handedly, which resulted in a dislocated elbow/4 weeks incarceration in a sling. Naturally this happened to my writing/painting arm.

Ron saw a pair of bullfinch near Reach Wood on 11th February and the hen bird again a few days later. He also spotted three little egrets along Weirs Road.

My mother came across this handwritten poem in papers left to her by a recently deceased friend. I thought it an interesting country addition to an otherwise sparse column.



**Logs To Burn**

Beech-wood fires burn bright and clear
If the logs are kept a year;
Store your Beech for Christmastide,
With new-cut Holly laid beside.
Chestnut's only good, they say,
If for years 'tis stored away;
Birch and Fir-wood burn to dust,
Blaze too bright and do not last;
Flame from Larch will shoot up high,
Dangerously the sparks will fly.

But Ash-wood green and Ash-wood brown
Are fit for a Queen with a golden crown.

Oaken logs, if dry and old,
Keep away the winter's cold;
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,
Fills your eyes and makes you choke;
Elm burns like Churchyard mould,
E'en the very flames are cold.
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread –
So it is in Ireland said;
Apple-wood will scent the room,
Pear-wood smells like flowers in bloom.

But Ash-wood wet and Ash-wood dry
A King may warm his slippers by.

**Joss Goodchild**

## Menage News



The 24Acres project is certainly starting to take shape; the level of community assistance in planting the woodland was fantastic. After the initial bout of enthusiasm from every man and literally his dog, I enjoyed a couple of quiet weekday afternoons pottering around the woodland doing a few left over jobs, I think that is what they call 'me time'.

It is great to see the landscape developing and one project that is still in the making is the manege. Members of our steer group recently visited the area to decide on how best to start to use the space whilst we raise the funds required to build such a facility. We looked at ideas of rolling the ground to create the best possible conditions underfoot for the horse and possibly fencing around the acre to enable people to ride in an enclosed space. Additional landscaping will be key, as it is important that the area sits nicely into the 24Acres vision but is practical for the users. A number of trees from the woodland were planted around the site set aside for the arena, which will in time provide a wind break whilst also ensuring that the manege nestles nicely into this area.

We are currently waiting on news from Sport England about gaining a grant that would allow us to build the manege before the summer. We were unsuccessful when applying for the same grant last year, however we were encouraged to re-apply for funding in the following round. Anyone who has applied for this grant in the past will know the number of applications is huge, last year groups applied for £53million pounds worth of project funding against the £11million pounds of grants available. This clearly illustrates the level of competition we are up against.

The project is an unusual one, there are less than a handful of public maneges in the UK although community maneges are common place in the USA. We have had very positive level of support from the Local Authority and Hoof, as well as local riders and the general public. If the Sport England application is rejected a second time we will be looking to apply for private funding, with Newmarket being our primary hunting ground. We will also organise some fundraising events to help the project along the way. Any ideas will be gratefully received.

**Liz Tabecki**

**STOP PRESS** The Sport England application was rejected but they suggested improvement measures which we will pursue.

Fingers crossed for next time!

## Featured Fruits from our Orchard: Bramley's Seedling



Bramley's Seedling is without doubt the definitive English cooking apple and in terms of flavour ranks as one of the world's great culinary apples. Although England has produced a large number of excellent "cookers", Bramley is so dominant that the others are largely forgotten. Most cooks reach automatically for the trusty Bramley and it is equally prevalent in commercial apple bakery products in the UK. Its key feature is the very high level of acidity and the excellent strong apple flavour it lends to any apple dish.

In the UK a clear distinction is made between "eaters" and "cookers". English apple cookery usually calls for apples which cook to a puree - and the intense acidity of Bramley's Seedling guarantees the lightest and fluffiest of purees. This contrasts with the traditions of other countries, notably France and the USA, where cooks often prefer apples which keep their shape in cooking. For this reason Bramley's Seedling is not as well-known outside England as some of the other popular English apple varieties. It is quite widely planted in gardens in Denmark and is now becoming popular in the USA as a result of increasing interest in English apple varieties.

Bramley's Seedling trees are extremely vigorous - at least a size larger than most other apple varieties on any given rootstock. They are quite easy to grow and have attractive pink blossom. The only complication for gardeners is that Bramley's Seedling is a triploid variety, with three sets of genes instead of the more usual two. As a result it needs two different pollinating apple trees nearby to ensure successful pollination.

They are also notably long-lived. 2009 was the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Bramley's Seedling and - remarkably - the original tree was still alive in the same garden in Nottinghamshire where it was planted as a pip by a young girl, Mary Ann Brailsford, 200 years before. It takes its name from a subsequent owner of the house, a Mr Bramley who allowed a local nurseryman, Henry Merryweather, to propagate it in the 1850s on condition that it was given his name.

On 31 October 1862, the first recorded sale of a Bramley was noted in Merryweather's accounts. He sold "three Bramley apples for 2/- to Mr. Geo Cooper of Upton Hall". On 6 December 1876, the Bramley was highly commended at the Royal Horticultural Society's Fruit Committee exhibition. It is now the most important cooking apple in England and Wales and in 2007 was grown in 95% (21.68 km²), of total cooking apple orchards.



We have four Bramley's Seedlings planted in our orchard – only one of which has so far been adopted, by Glynis Whayman. So let us know if you would like to be the sponsor of this historic tree!

(Courtesy of Orange Pippin: http://www.orangepippin.com/).

**David Thomas**



THE SOUTHWELL APPLE—

"BRAMLEY'S SEEDLING."

AWARDED

FIRST-CLASS CERTIFICATE by the Royal Horticultural Society at the Apple Congress held at Chiswick, October 11th, 1883.

FIRST-CLASS CERTIFICATE by the Committee of the Royal Jubilee Exhibition of Apples held at Manchester, October 14th, 15th, and 17th, 1887.

- The Apple of the Present and the Future.
- Why not plant the variety that grows, fruits, and sells best?
- When once tried the market buyers all enquire for more Bramleys.
- It also obtains the highest prices in the market.
- Most robust growth and healthy habit in any situation.
- Travels without bruising, and keeps readily until late in May, and with care until July.
- It is not uncommon to gather twenty Apples weighing a peck of 16 lbs.

MAIDENS, 1s. each. | PYRAMID TREES, 1s. 6d. each. | STANDARDS, 1s. 6d. each.
BUSH TREES, fine spreading plants, 12s. per doz.; £5 per 100.

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## Petal Power

This month our gardens begin to take on the kaleidoscope of spring and summer flowers throughout the colour spectrum. It is quite extraordinary to think that before the angiosperms – the flowering plants – developed around 200 million years ago, the world was largely green.

Petal power brought colour to the earth. The improved adaptability of flowering plants to a wider range of ecological niches fuelled their rapid diversification during the Lower Cretaceous and marked the beginning of a huge range of complex animal pollinator interactions.



Many pollinator-plant relationships have been well observed. Think of the bee orchid - its flower not only mimics the appearance of a bee but also emits a fake pheromone to lure a male bee into thinking he has found an appropriate mate, only to find he has been tricked into pollinating the orchid! Or the Madagascan orchid with a hugely long nectar spur which Darwin famously predicted, correctly, would be pollinated by a moth with a foot-long proboscis, which at the time was still undiscovered. Even the colour of the petals gives good clues – bees can see the blue end of the light spectrum easily, including bee ultra-violet which humans cannot see, but they cannot see red light which is why there are so few red flowers in a border designed for bees, but lots of blues from cottage garden favourites such as borage, delphinium and phacelia. Conversely, birds are better at seeing the red end of the spectrum, borne out by greater number of bird-pollinated red-flowered plants, particularly in the Americas and South Africa. But actually how these highly specialised floral traits are built up in a plant down the generations is still the subject of much research, particularly in the Evolution and Development lab of Garden Director, Professor Beverley Glover.

Petal characters such as colour, texture and insect-mimicking spots, as well as structural features such as nectar spurs and anther cones, all provide vital clues to understanding the diversification of flowering plants. For example, most petal colour is produced by pigments, but some particularly glistening or iridescent colours are produced by periodic ordering of nanoscale structures in the petal epidermis that change the hue in proportion to the angles of observation and illumination. But how and why do plants produce these structural colours?

Some petals are spotted, such as many in the daisy family, which appear to mimic other insects, but why? Might the different textures of petals provide grip for some desired animal pollinators, but slip for other unwanted visitors?

Professor Glover and colleagues will be trying to answer some of these questions as part of the Garden's Festival of Plants next month, a day dedicated to bringing plants into focus with pop-up plant science, talking plants with the experts, specialist tours of the Garden, a drop-in Plant Lab for families and a Plant Prom of specialist plant nurseries making sure your garden will be full of petal power this summer!

Festival of Plants runs from 10am – 4pm on Saturday 17 May 2014. Admission is £4.50/£4.95 gift aid (£3.95/£4.30 concession) and accompanied children 16 and under are admitted free of charge. For further visitor information please call 01223 336265 or visit www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

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

## Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2014

April 15th Ipswich £12.50

May 21st Creake Abbey and Hunstanton £15

Creake Abbey has a cafe, small shops and castle ruins. We will stop for 1-2 hours and then go to see the sea at Hunstanton

June 19th Southwold £15

July 22nd Clacton £15

September 25th Mississippi Paddle Boat and Norwich including boat trip £21

October 24th Canterbury £24

December TBA Wickstead Park Christmas Show with Dinner and Tea £38

**Tickets from Tina's, North Street, Burwell**

## Tales from a Reach Garden



Thanks to the mild and very wet winter weather, the “weeds” have had a strong start this year. We use old carpet to cover the vegetable beds which help to suppress weeds over winter and it keeps the soil friable and easy to work. Even so, throughout the growing season we pull up baby walnut, hazel and cherry saplings which are growing near the edges of the beds, almost certainly planted by some rather determined squirrels and jays, which tend to bury the nuts when they have found an excess.

Which begs the question, what is a weed? In my horticulture class I was informed that it was a plant growing in the wrong place, which is a very useful definition. It’s amazing where the tree seedlings will appear – apart from our vegetable beds - we’ve found them growing at the edges of hedges (very useful in a mixed hedge, we leave those), we have found tree seedlings growing in compost heaps, I’ve even seen the local squirrels bury a walnut or two in the pots of ornamental flowers we keep on the patio.

However, unless you want more trees in the garden, the young saplings are best removed more easily as soon as you see the first leaves show, as they put out a large tap root very quickly. Otherwise, to ensure successful replanting you may have to wait till the plants are dormant in autumn and dig them up gently, ensuring you have a large root-ball and replant elsewhere. However, we’ve also successfully transplanted the seedlings into large pots of compost and water when the compost is just dry. If they survive the move to the pots they can be planted in their final position in the garden.



**Walnut seedling pulled up**



**Hazel seedling**

At this time of year, in addition to tidying up the vegetable beds, we also organise the crop rotation. There are many different ways in which crop rotation can be carried out. We organise our vegetables into three/four groups: Root crops (for example, potatoes, carrots, beetroot); “fruiting” vegetables (i.e., peas, beans, pumpkins, courgettes, tomatoes); brassicas (i.e. cabbage, kale, broccoli, turnip, yes, turnip, it’s a brassica) and the fourth group comprises other leafy vegetables. The main reason for doing this is so that the beds are fertilised and protected appropriately. Most of the beds, except those growing root crops, are manured which is good for soil structure, retaining moisture and providing nitrogen ensuring green, leafy growth. I doubt the root crops will be severely damaged by the application of manure, but there may be a lot of green, leafy growth on top at the expense of root growth below ground. However we also add a general fertilizer for most of the crops.

General fertilizers such as blood, bone and fish, or growmore have blends of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium which are the main nutrients for plant growth. Phosphorus is essential for good root growth, hence the application of general fertilizer, or bonemeal (which is rich in phosphorus) for root vegetables. I also water the fruiting vegetable plants with tomato fertilizer when they are in flower because this has useful amounts of potassium which is necessary for the production of more flowers and the growth of fruit, including those that we call vegetables. In addition, we always plant green leafy vegetables and brassicas where we have just removed the tops of legumes such as peas and beans. This is because legume plants develop nodules on their roots which contain nitrogen fixing bacteria. This soil which has become rich in nitrogen is very useful for growing leafy vegetables such as cabbages, spinach, lettuce…



**Broad bean seedlings**

At this time of year I'm busy sowing seeds of frost tender plants (such as tomatoes, peppers, aubergines, cucumbers) in pots which I keep on various window sills around the house, until the weather is frost-free, when they are ready to be planted out. Some of the smaller seeds, such as carrots, leeks, cabbage, spinach, beetroot and lettuce I sow directly in the soil between now and June. Larger seeds such as broad beans and peas are too much of a tasty temptation for the local wildlife, so I plant them in pots and plant out once they've sprouted and put on a spurt of growth. When in the ground I've learnt to protect them as the leaves are still too tempting a treat for the local rabbits.



**Pea seedlings**

This is also the time of year for chitting potatoes, especially first early potatoes which grow the fastest and provide the earliest crop of new potatoes. To chit the potatoes I place the seed potatoes (which are about the size of a hen's egg) into open egg boxes (cardboard ones are best) and leave them somewhere cool for a couple of weeks. During that time the potatoes start to sprout, which is a good time to plant them out, chitted end upwards, in soil trenches about 12cm (5 inches) deep. Another method which works very well for first earlies is to place them in sacks which are half filled with soil or good compost. Either way the seed potatoes are covered with soil carefully to prevent the chitted sprouts from being damaged. If the potatoes are grown in sacks, when the leaves first appear, more soil is added to cover the stems up to the base of the leaves. This is continued every week or so until the top of the sack is reached. Whether the potatoes are grown in sacks or in the ground, the first early potatoes can be harvested when the plants start flowering and they are the size of hen's eggs.



**Chitted potatoes**

These potatoes should not be left in the ground to grow much larger, they tend to be prone to a variety of pests and diseases. First early potatoes I have grown include, varieties called "Red Duke of York", "Rocket" and "Anya"



**Red Duke of York**



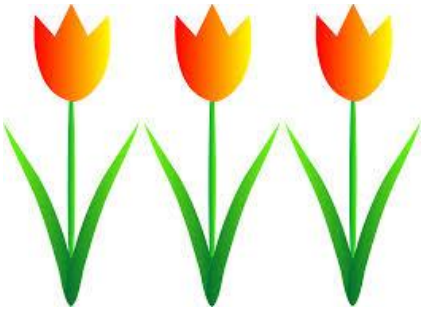
**Rocket**



**Anya**

One thing they all have in common, whichever variety that's planted is that when they are simply steamed (or lightly boiled) immediately after harvesting and washing, the flavour and creamy melt-in-the mouth texture is wonderful.

**Danuta Gibson**



## News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



You're invited to 'step into spring' as colour breaks out across the gardens of Anglesey Abbey. Enjoy a walk through drifts of daffodils, the heady scent of thousands of hyacinths in the Formal Garden and don't miss the beautiful display of tulipa 'little beauty' in the Silver Birch Grove. You can check what's flowering in the garden each week on 'Looking Good' on the Gardens page at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/agleseyabbey

We are starting regular weekly Heart Beat Health Walks at Anglesey Abbey, every Thursday at 1.30pm from 17 April. Walks last around an hour and cover 3 -4 miles. The walks are a great way to get some gentle exercise whilst having a natter with fellow walkers. Don't forget we also hold weekly Health Walks at Wicken Fen on Wednesdays at 10am.



This year we are opening Wicken's historic Fen Cottage seven days a week. To do this we hope to recruit additional volunteers who can show visitors around the cottage and answer their questions. The hours are flexible to fit in with your lifestyle and reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed. Please call the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 and speak to Isabel if you're interested.

We are also on the lookout for volunteer family adventure guides to help other families enjoy their visit to Wicken Fen over the school holidays and weekends in 2014. Family adventure guides can choose to spend time in the visitor centre, hides or fen cottage, welcoming other families and encouraging them to get involved with different activities – there are also similar opportunities at Anglesey Abbey too. If you're interested in finding out more please call Lois Baker on 01353 720274.

Repairs to Wicken's iconic windpump which was damaged in the Christmas gales are underway – however due to the complexity of the work involved they are unlikely to be completed before Easter as originally planned. On a more positive note - the recent dry warm weather means the fen is now drying quickly, so by the time you read this newsletter the Nature Trail around Sedge Fen should be open around its entire length.

Our Talks at Wicken series continues on Wednesday 2 April, with a talk by Peter Green on the history of the National Trust. The talk will be held in the Learning Centre at 11.30am – admission free.

For the Easter Bank holiday weekend both Anglesey and Wicken are hosting **Cadbury Easter Trails** on the 18 – 21 April. Search for clues around the garden or fen to claim a delicious Cadbury chocolate Egghead. Collect your trail (£2 per child) from the Visitor Centres..



At Wicken, Easter school holiday events include, **Springtime arts and crafts** on Monday 7 April, **Pond dipping and minibeast hunt** on Tuesday 8 and 15 April, **Den Building** on Wednesday 9 April, **Bug Hunters** on Friday 11 April, **All About Birds** Monday 14 April, **Painting the Fens** Tuesday 15 April, **Wicken Willow Craft** Wednesday 16 April. Tickets for all events are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895 or by following the links from the Events Page of the Wicken Fen website www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen - advance booking is essential.

Finally the Trust's Cricket team are training hard for the inaugural cricket match on the Reach 24 acres cricket pitch on Sunday June 1st – may the best team win!

**Howard Cooper**
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

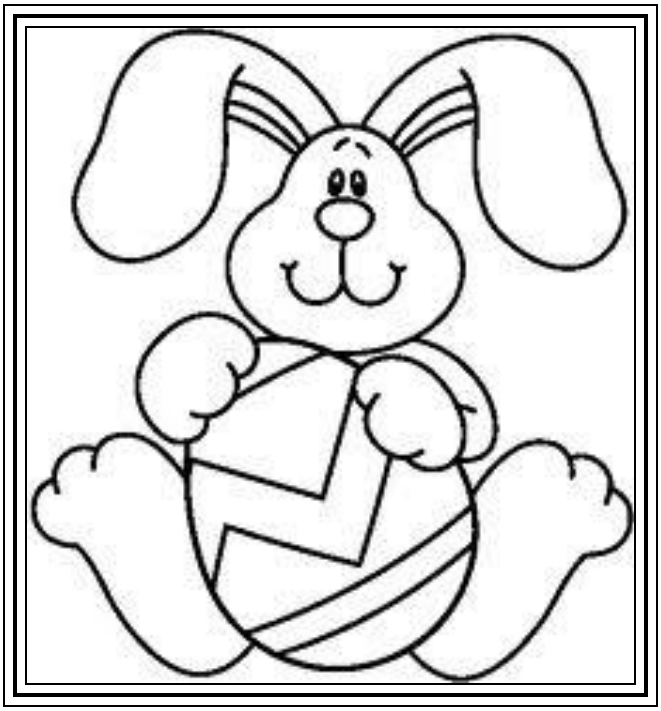
## Easter Lilies

It has been the custom at St Mary's for many years to have a display of lilies at the altar in memory of family and friends who have died. We would like to offer a similar display in Reach. If you would like a name included please add it to the list at the back of the church. £1.50 per name towards the cost of the lilies.



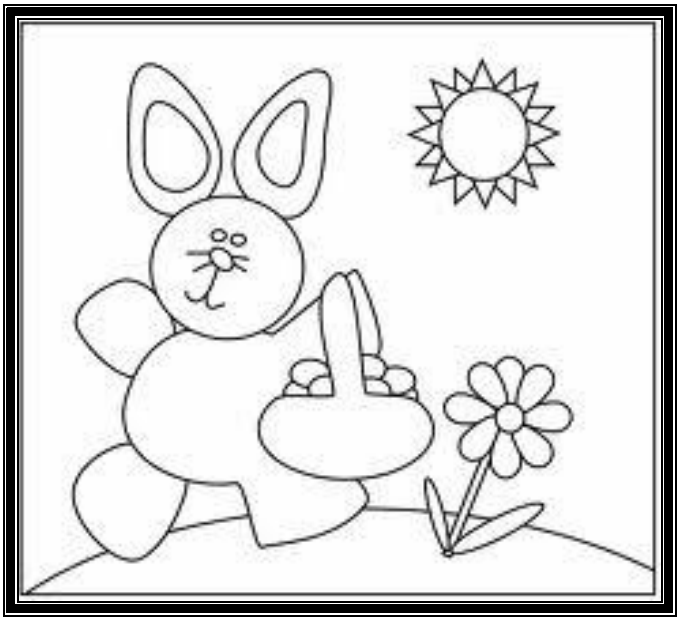
## Easter Fun: Colour in the Pictures, Cut Them Out and Make a Card



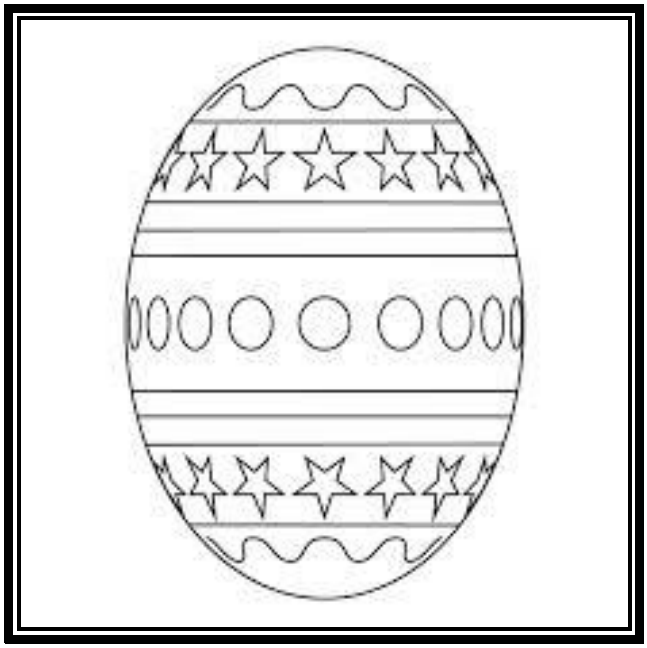


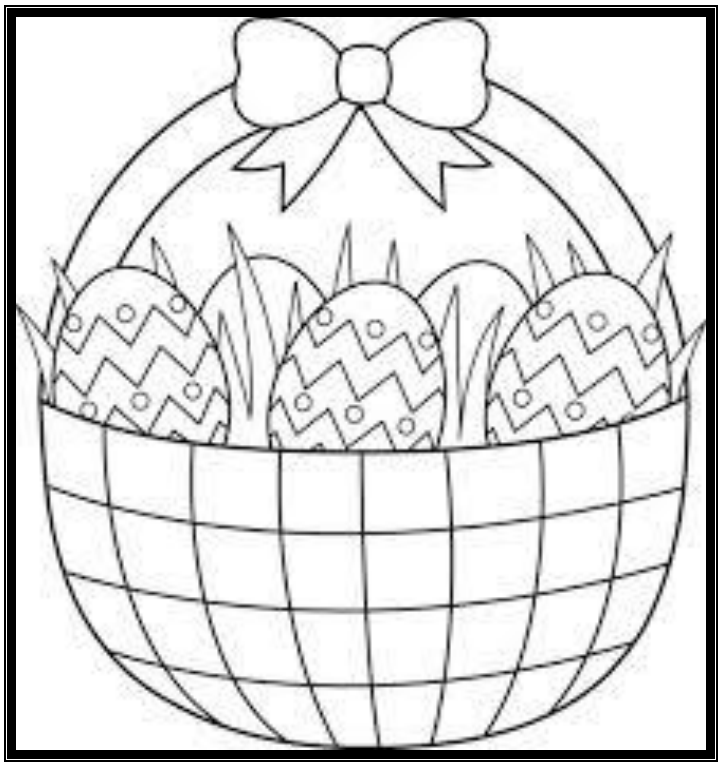












The Wrap Around Club

Andrea (left) and Caroline are two local mums who between them have four children attending the excellent Burwell Village College Primary School.

They have now set up **The Wrap Around Club** which will look after your children both before and after school – and during the holidays via their Holiday Club.



For further information:

**Phone:** 01638 601399 or 07867 548621
**Email:** enquiries@thewraparoundclub.co.uk
**Web:** www.thewraparoundclub.co.uk

## Meeting John and Jen Holmwood



**What are your full names?**
John Leonard Holmwood
Margaret Jennifer Holmwood. My grandmother changed my name when I was one year old and I was living with her in North Wales as an evacuee.



**John aged 3 years**

**Where were you born and brought up? What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?**
John: The south east / Kent, Barnehurst, near Bexleyheath, and I lived there for 18 years. I went to Erith Grammar School in 1952. At first we shared premises with the technical school and then we moved to a brand new school. Although girls were in the school, classes were separate, but after two years we were integrated and the girls always came top. I gained 8 O Levels and 3 A Levels. The latter were pure and applied maths and physics. I played rugby and was hopeless at football, and I played tennis rather than cricket.

I was President of the Photographic Society which was my real interest. It was difficult to get cameras, for this was soon after the war so there were no Japanese cameras made and German cameras were not available. My childhood was in the post war period so ice cream was a rarity and sweets were still on ration. I started just four years after the 1948 education act gave free secondary education to all, so I was privileged to attend. The country was getting back to normal after the war.

Jen: I was born in Salford and came down south when I was 11. I went to Queen Elizabeth Girls Grammar School, Barnet, which was a very good state school. The queen visited in 1957. I did the same A Levels as John. I could have studied the arts or sciences. My mother thought moving south, down the A1, was like moving to the Promised Land with the green fields of the Hertfordshire countryside and I loved cycling down the lanes. Aged 1 – 4 years I was evacuated to Wales to live with my grandmother.



**Jen and brother Mike, Blackpool, *c*.1947**

John: I was evacuated briefly to Fen Ditton where my great grandparents lived. They were elderly and I can remember water being delivered to the house by a chap with a yoke and two buckets. I was only three but I can remember that! My father worked in the London docks and we lived in Bexleyheath for the war, my mother not wanting to be separated. I can remember being bombed.

Jen: I can remember cycling around South Mimms which is now a large junction on the M25 motorway. When I was young I liked making things, reading and the theatre.

**How did you meet and where did you marry?**
Jen: We met at Nottingham University in the early 1960s both reading maths. We were just too early for the 60s fun. We dressed very nicely in suits and pencil skirts and definitely no jeans. We lived in separate halls of residence. If you were caught with a man in your room after 7pm without another woman as chaperone you were sent down and there were no warnings. Men had to leave by 10pm. We were very privileged to be at university with our fees paid plus a living grant. Only 2% of the population went to university then.



**Jen aged 9 years**

John: We enjoyed motor club rallying around Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire in very old cars. My first car was a third share in a £10 car and my second car was a third share in a £5 car. The cars were pre war and MOTs had only just come in. They were lethal compared to today, but slower of course. We enjoyed night rallies through villages and as president of the club I got a ride in the fourth e-type Jag off the production line through a connection with a professional racing driver.

John: we were married in Danbury, near Chelmsford, Essex, near Jen's parents, in1964. It's a very pretty village. After university, we each lived at home for two years meeting at weekends and then married when we had saved up enough.



**John, Broadstairs, 1954**

**What is your employment history?**
John: At university there was a graduate training scheme. Employers let the university know of existing vacancies and students could apply. Employers came to the university and conducted a first interview. I joined Myers Comfortable Beds company which was family-owned and based in London. I joined in 1962 and was there for all of my working life. The company had a factory in London and knew that it was an impossible location in the long term. They built a small factory in Huntingdon and gradually expanded the Huntingdon site and reduced the size of the London site. In 1982 the London factory finally closed and we left London and moved to Cambridgeshire and were with the company, living in Cambridge for 10 years. From Cambridge, once the girls had grown up, we moved to Reach in 1992.

When in London I commuted by steam train from Maidstone daily. Moving to East Anglia is the best thing that we have done. When I first commuted in London the 17 miles took an hour each way and this gradually increased to 1½ hours by the time we left. I dread to think what it would be today!

Jen: My employment started by teaching maths in Brentwood. When I had the two girls I did some junior school teaching part time. I stopped teaching when we came to Cambridge. I worked at Fulbourn hospital as a volunteer and trained us as a counsellor and supervisor so I would have more to offer. I also worked for Cruse Bereavement Care. I was a volunteer at Fulbourn for about 17 years when it was a psychiatric hospital – most of it has now moved to Addenbrookes. The move was unfortunate because Fulbourn had lovely grounds which were therapeutic. I was involved in a service in the hospital chapel for the elderly on Fridays which gave some normality in institutional life to those who were churchgoers at home.




**John and Jen on honeymoon in Scotland, 1954**

**You have children?**
We have two girls, Kati and Elizabeth and four grandchildren.

John: 40 years ago we sponsored a child in Kenya. He was a street child in Nairobi and contact was first made through a church group when we were in Surrey. Jen got involved via the group. We were advised that once he reached a certain stage in his education we should stop sponsoring him but we disagreed and carried on as he was not qualified enough to get a job. We put him through teacher training and he even established his own school. We are now sponsoring his daughter – called Jennifer after Jen – and she is just in her final year of nursing.



**John and Jen with Richard and his father, in Kenya**

We will probably stop once she qualifies and is able to contribute to the family herself. Richard's school has met with some problems due to government changes and now mainly offers pre-school education. In 2006 we went out to visit him and his family. We stay in contact via email now as opposed to the air mail letters of the past.

**How did you come to live in Reach?**
After the children had grown up we wanted to move out of Cambridge into the countryside and our search was based on the location of John's work. We looked at a house in Swaffham Prior but it needed too much work. Jen said, "Let's see what's at the end of the road" and we ended up in Reach and found this house on Chapel Lane where we now live. We love being in the village and enjoy a very good social life, better than when we were in Cambridge.

We had a boat at Walton-on-the-Naze in Essex so being east of Cambridge was very handy.

**You have contributed a lot to the community. Jen organising the stalls for Reach Fair and John leading the grant applications and construction of the large extension to the Village Centre Committee.**
John: Jen has done a lot in the past, contributing to the Harvest Supper and Reach Fair. It's good to let others take over after a time, creating change and bringing new ideas is healthy.

Jen: John has completed a few one-offs. He had insufficient time when he was working.

John: An earlier extension had been constructed to the rear of the Village Centre. To raise the amount of money required for the new extension would require a huge amount of time. Jen was on the Village Centre committee and asked me if I would do it. The sum raised was £67,000. I was seconded onto the committee. Once the money was raised I helped to oversee the build. I agreed to the latter providing Jan Tabecki supported me with his advice.

Jen: John refurbished the church bier. He re-painted the village finger post and has done the practical things in the church that Pam needs. Since his retirement John has been a great maker of things. He's a member of a model engineering club in Cambridge which runs steam locomotives and John has just built his own.

John: I moved the church font with Glen, Rob Wood and Michael Aves. It was right in front of the doors and very awkward to manoeuvre the coffin at funerals.

John: I refurbished the village sign and this is now due again. Ron Morris carved the sign (Hannah Webb's father) and I refurbished it with his advice. John Robinson used his digger as a crane to lift the sign out of the ground. It was taken to my barn to dry out and then repaired. I made predacious notes for future reference. I also made a rocking horse for the grandchildren, very stylised and was unsure about painting it. It turned out that Iris Morris had previous experience and was able to give advice.

**What are you interests?**
Jen: We have been sailors in the past. We had a boat when John worked and indeed had a couple of boats in succession. We visited France, Holland and so on for about 12 years. The excitement went and the girls became less interested and we became too old to sleep on shelves!

John: From the sale of the boat we bought a plot of land in north Norfolk. We visited the Robinsons' place in Heacham and a plot of land came up for sale and we had a house built on it. First of all we had a residential caravan and used that as a holiday place. In 2001, when I retired, we started building the house; the builders put up a shell and I finished the work inside. The house is on the beach and we were just lucky during the recent storms. A couple of roads away from the house flooded. We are not allowed to live in the house other than the summer, from April – October and this is written in the covenant because the house is on the floodplain. Regarding the latter, so far so good……. In 1978, sea defences were constructed and there has been some scares since but no floods.

Jen: I've just become a volunteer at Anglesey Abbey in the Domestic Wing. The National Trust is going to open the servants' quarters as they were in 1966. We won't be in costume but we will be telling people how it was run in Lord Fairhaven's time, from 1937 – 1966. The NT is very thorough with details and training and we attended a butlers' school in Oxford for a whole day. We also visited a coffee shop as Lord Fairhaven liked his coffee and we are going to learn about making cocktails. Cleaning shoes and silver are also part of the training. It's very interesting. The Abbey is breaking new ground with its attractions. It's now very hands on for children and has an area for nature explorations.

**Where do you like to holiday?**
We have more or less given up on long haul. Nowadays we holiday in Europe, nearer to hand. We love travelling by train, TGV in particular. We visit France a lot as learning French is Jen's hobby. We are members of the Burwell Village Twinning Association and are holding a fundraising dinner in a fortnight. We have made some very good friends. People from Lizy-sur-Ourcq came to Reach Fair last year. Twinning is a very good way of getting to know a country and its people. We stay with a host family in their house. We are currently helping Soham with its twining and we are hosting a French couple in May. Last year we really enjoyed being hosts, after the Fair quite a few gathered in our garden. One of the French played his accordion and then we all had fish and chips - quite an exchange of traditions. Sixteen of us had eaten in the pub on the Saturday. The French receive a subsidy for hosting so we are entertained very well there and have to try hard to give them a good time here. We email our French friends regularly and remember birthdays.

**Favourite read?**
Jen: French novels and also the classics which can be read over and over. We like films and subscribe to LoveFilm. Recently we have become addicted to foreign detective films. I like opera and ballet and we both like the theatre. We like to go to the theatre in Norwich. We both like walking but have to make an effort to fit it in now we haven't got a dog.

**Who does the cooking?**
John: Jen does the cooking 100%.
Jen: I enjoy cooking now that I have the time. John does the ironing and did do the cleaning for 10 years but we now have a proper cleaner.

**Who is the handy one around the house?**
John: I can turn my hand to most things. I've done the plumbing and electrics and woodwork and tiling and so on in several of our own houses and now get roped in for my daughters' too.

**What do you think the secret is to a good marriage?**
We've been lucky…….having shared values helps. Also separate hobbies and a sense of humour.

*Having a husband who cleans and does the ironing seems like a good starter. Ed.*

**What is your philosophy on life?**
Jen: Try to look for the positive.

**Claire Halpin-McDonald**

## Fascinating Facts



Jodie Halpin-McDonald found the above skull in a field near Reach Wood. Below is a report by Dr Julia Cussans, an osteoarchaeologist:

The skull belongs to a sheep; it can be distinguished from a goat by the sutures on the back of the head. Based on the tooth eruption and wear on the jaw bone the animal was probably about 2-3 years old at death. The specimen is large compared to most archaeological ones we find. I am also intrigued by the bony protrusions on the top and back of the skull. I have not seen these before. I will post a photo on Zooarch and see if any one knows what caused them. They may just be enlarged muscle attachments, usually caused by old age or excessive muscle strain, but I am not sure what may have caused this in this animal, which is not particularly old and does not have a large pair of horns to carry around.

Report from Zooarch: Just to let you know a little more detail about Jodie's sheep skull. I have had a few suggestions from Zooarch but it seems that the most likely scenario is that this is a polled (hornless) variety of poly-cerate (multi-horned) sheep. This sounds a bit odd but what it essentially means is that it comes from a breed that is genetically multi horned for example Jacobs, but that the expression of this gene is inhibited (possibly through having hornedness bred out of the line) and the horns do not grow. What happens instead is that horn 'scurs' form, which are the spiky lumps behind the eye sockets. Multi-hornedness is also associated with a number of skull deformities of which deformities of the sagital sutre (the fusion line down the centre of the skull) is one. This is what the lumps in the middle of the top of the skull are likely to be.

*Perhaps Michael Aves and Gareth Davies who have kept sheep in the field can enlighten us some more. If you do find any odd items in your fields or gardens – inebriated homo sapiens and deceased canis excluded - let me know and maybe I can get someone to have a look at them. Ed.*

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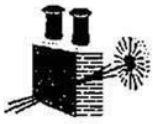

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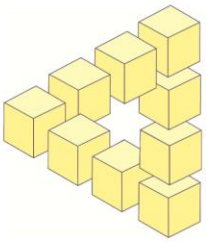

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## Days Gone By



The charts in April and May 1981 were dominated by Adam and the Ants with their single “Stand and Deliver” which topped the charts for over five weeks.

Adam (born Stuart Leslie Goddard) and the Ants was a British rock band which lasted from 1977 to 1982, becoming notable as a cult band during the transition from punk rock to the new wave era.

Around the world, it was a time of shootings . . . .

President Ronald Reagan was shot and wounded after a lone gunman opened fire in Washington. Six shots were fired as he left the Washington Hilton Hotel where he had been addressing a union convention, about one mile from the White House.



A man, firing at close range, also wounded White House Press Secretary James Brady in the head. A Secret Service official and a Washington policeman were also injured before the gunman was pushed to the ground by police.

The president initially appeared to have escaped serious injury, but had been hit by a ricocheting bullet as he was bundled into his limousine by Secret Service Agents.
He was operated on and made a fast recovery.

Mr Brady suffered severe head injuries and policeman Thomas Delahanty and Tim McCarthy of the Secret Service were also injured.

John Hinckley, 25, the son of an affluent oil industry executive, was charged with trying to assassinate the president fuelled by an obsession with actress Jodie Foster and a desire to impress her. The following June he was found not guilty by reason of insanity and was committed to hospital.

Ronald Reagan went on to win a second term in office by a wide margin almost four years later.

He died in June 2004, aged 93, after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for 10 years.
In Rome, he Pope was shot four times as he blessed the crowds in St Peter's Square.



At about 1715 local time, the Pope was being driven in his Popemobile through a crowd of about 20,000 worshippers when he was hit by four bullets fired from a 9mm pistol some fifteen feet away. Two struck him in the stomach, one in his right arm and the fourth hit his little finger.

Surgeons performed a five-hour operation and he made a full recovery.

Police arrested a 23-year-old man who said he was a Turkish citizen and gave his name as Mehmet Ali Hagca.
He kept repeating: "I couldn't care less about life."

The Turkish press reported that Hagca was jailed for the killing of Turkish newspaper editor Abdi Ipecki in February 1979 but he escaped from prison and left behind a letter vowing to kill the pontiff.

Mehmet Ali Hagca was sentenced to life imprisonment in July 1981 for the shooting.

The Pope later publicly forgave Agca and even visited him in prison. In June 2000, with the agreement of the Pope himself, Agca was pardoned by the Italian president after serving 19 years.

On his return to Turkey he was re-arrested and forced to serve the rest of his sentence for the killing of a Turkish journalist in 1979. He was released in January 2006.

No shootings in Reach – but election fever gripped the area! With Geoffrey Woollard having resigned, a new County Council was required and various articles appeared in Out of Reach from prospective candidates. In the end, predictably, it was the Conservative John Brooks who won.

It’s also interesting to read in the magazine that there were doggy poo problems 33 years ago – and they continue to this day!

And of course, everyone was preparing for the Reach Fair – with new activities added, which had to have the approval of the County Council. More on this, doubtless, in our next issue.

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## Ross's Reflections



The film 12 Years a Slave, based on the real life experiences of a free black man captured in New York state and sold into slavery in the South, poses a familiar question: just how could the United States, founded on such a fine constitution seemingly guaranteeing what we would now know as human rights, have tolerated slavery for so long?

The tension between high ideals and the grubby reality of making a living in the New World is encapsulated in the life of one man, William Penn, founder of the state of Pennsylvania.



Penn (1644-1718) had an opportunity to create a utopia which few could imagine: he was granted the proprietorship of Pennsylvania in settlement of a debt owed to his father by the King. Overnight, he became the world's largest private landowner, with 45,000 square miles to his name. It began with Penn's 'framework of government', a forerunner of a human rights charter, promising freedom and democracy.

When tested in America, however, Penn's ideals exposed a tension between the collective and individual rights of man, no more so than over the issue of slavery. How do you reconcile the right to freedom and the right to be governed by a democratic assembly when that assembly decides that the right it is most passionate to uphold is the right to keep slaves?

In Penns' lifetime it was slavery which triumphed. Penn, for all his fine words, himself kept 12 slaves on his estate on the Delaware River – though in common with many quakers he called them 'servants'. The quakers, who like most settlers, were initially convinced that the American economy could only function with slave labour, would not move against slavery until after Penn's death.

The dream of Penn in creating a utopia and how it became compromised in practice, has been put to musical drama in the Perfect City, which I have co-written with Surrey-based composer Martin Coslett. It is coming to Cambridge on Saturday 17 May when it will be performed at the Friends' Meeting House in Jesus Lane, with a matinee and evening performances.

You can either get tickets (£12) from me or by visiting www.theperfectcity.ticketsource.co.uk or by ringing 0333 666 3366.



And if you want a double-helping, Shot at Dawn will be performed at the Mumford Theatre, on the Anglia Ruskin University Campus on East Road, Cambridge, on Friday 4 July and Saturday 5 July (3pm and 7.30pm both days). Tickets available from 0845 196 2320 or www.anglia.ac.uk/mumfordtheatre. Or if you prefer a trip to London it will be on Upstairs at the Gatehouse in Highgate Village on Tuesday 1, Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 July at 7.30 pm. Tickets 0208 340 3488 or www.upstairsatthegatehouse.com

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**Etheldreda Craft and Food Fair – a brief history**

The Etheldreda Fair was started in the mid 1990's. The Director of Music at Ely Cathedral and his wife opened their home and garden for refreshments and light lunches on the Open University Degree Ceremony Day. The OU has for many years held its East Anglian Degree Ceremony at Ely Cathedral in June. They saw it as an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Ely Cathedral Choir Tour Fund.

It was named 'The Etheldreda Fair' as St Etheldreda, the founding Abbess of the first Abbey in Ely, is celebrated annually on June 18th.

By the late 1990's the fair was organised by chorister parents who broadened it to a full scale fete or fair, on Palace Green, in front of Ely Cathedral.

The present format of a fair on Palace Green still coincides with the OU Degree Ceremony Day. Today a variety of over 40 craft and food stalls participate on the day with chorister parents offering various refreshments from bacon rolls and coffee to strawberries and Pimms and running traditional stalls such as a tombola, raffle and coconut shy.
Each era of chorister parents hands on to the next what has been done before and each group develops the fair so that it continues to evolve.

For more information about the Choir, please visit the Cathedral's website www.elycathedral.org

## Swaffham Prior Primary School

There has been a lot happening in school...

Kick-Ash came into school to talk with the Year 6 children about the dangers of smoking:

'One of the activities was based on answering some questions e.g. 'Does smoking affect you immediately?' Year 10s came in and talked with us about what we thought. We thought that the smoking wouldn't affect you immediately and the effects would happen soon after. We were partly right. Some very small things did happen immediately. We also had some pictures of Year 8s and we had to decide if they would smoke or not smoke depending on their personalities.' By Hugh and Ruben.

A team of Year 6 girls took part in a Girls Football tournament. There follows a report of the match by Lucy, Molly, Nina, Anis, Molly and Jodie:

'We all went to Bottisham Primary School and played three football matches against Bottisham A and B and Swaffham Bulbeck. We felt we were really good in the positions we were in. We had a wonderful time playing and were a great example of how to be sporting and work well in a team. In the future we are looking forward to playing more matches against other teams and hopefully we can have a rematch here at our school.'



**Trip to the Drainage Museum, Prickwillow**

On Tuesday 4th February, we were treated to Saturn Class assembly. We were entertained with some more Molly dancing. Venus class retold a traditional story based on how Devil's Dyke was created and we saw examples of animated stories (which can be seen on the e2BN website along with others). They sang a traditional song 'Green Grow the Rushes O'. All in all it was an informative and enjoyable time!

The website addresses for the myths and legends website (with examples of stories submitted by Venus and Year 6 classes) and the Enid Porter website, on which can be seen a video of the Molly dancing and photos of the Plough Wednesday event:

e2BN website 'Myths and Legends' - http://creator.myths.e2bn.org/gallery/school/4531

Enid Porter Project - http://www.enidporterproject.org.uk/

KS2 went on a trip to Prickwillow to visit the Drainage Museum. There follows a report of the visit:

'We arrived and were given a basket of food items and drink e.g. wheat, potatoes and cola and we had to sort them into those grown in the Fens and those grown elsewhere. There were some surprises e.g. biscuits made from local wheat and cola made from sugar beet. Cornelius Vermoyden came to visit us. He was a drainage engineer from Holland who designed a drainage system using windmills. He told us if there was no wind the draining would stop and the dykes would flood. We got split into groups and we went to the cafeteria and we were given small metal rotor blades which we had to bend and shape so that they would produce the most energy in a wind tunnel. We had a competition to see who could make the most energy. Windmills were used in the Fens for energy and we were learning about the wind power to drain the Fens. At the end they turned the steam engine on and it turned a big wheel. It was part of the pump. It was a very enjoyable and knowledgeable experience.' By Ollie and Robert.




**Sam performing at Neptune Class assembly**

On Thursday 13th February, Mercury Class shared their class assembly. They have been working on traditional tales this term and the whole class performed their version of 'The Little Red Hen', complete with actions. As part of the Enid Porter project, the children have been learning about playground games and we were treated to two. Following the demonstration, some of the braver adults in the hall were taught how to play the games by the children themselves!

Little Windmills visited us again. They enjoyed meeting the reception children and had fun buying items from the class shop and ordering and delivering pizza!

Mercury and Mars Classes visited the Foster's windmill.

'We went up a ladder so that we could see things in the mill. We saw two millstones. They go round and make the flour. We saw the 'stitcher' to make the bags. The flour goes in the bags. I think it might be my dad's wheat that goes in. We saw a big, blue thing that the flour goes in and we saw one cog inside it. When we went up another step we saw yellow, black and yellow for safety. We loved it so much – it was fantastic and I hope we can go there again!' By Caitlyn and Rory

Neptune Class assembly took place last week and we were entertained by the retelling of a local folk tale, 'Tom Hickathrift'. Molly dancing featured in the play and Elena showed how to competently dance with a broom. Samuel, who took the leading role in the play, showed us how not to do it! The children finished with their thoughts on the trip to the Drainage Museum at Prickwillow. A highlight was making wind turbines and testing them in a wind tunnel.



**Tag Rugby**

There was a Tag Rugby Tournament on Thursday 3th March. 12 children from Year 6 attended the tournament. They played 7 games as teams of 8 and displayed excellent sportsmanship skills. They just missed out on getting to the semi-finals by coming a commendable 3rd in their group. Interestingly, they scored more tries than some of the other teams in the other groups that did make it to the semi-finals. Well done and congratulations to Anis, Daniel, Dylan, Elizabeth, George, Hugh, Lucy, Nina, Ollie, Ruben, Sam and Sebastian!

KS2 visited the Big Bang Fair on Friday and had a fantastic time!

'We made 'snot'. We had a tiny bag and we put in some glue, a little bit of water and some green food colouring. We had to squidge it together to make it a 'snot' texture. It was like jelly. Some people won a Rubik's cube. They had to go on Scratch and win three challenges. There were some amazing cars, which if you blinked your eyes you would miss because they were so fast. There was a nose tunnel so that you could see what it was like in one and there was a man who had a special chair. You had to sit in it and hold a pole with a wheel in the middle. You used the pole to steer the chair.

We found out that astronauts wear nappies in space. There is a special powder in the nappies that makes the water go like jelly so it stays in the nappy. Then we had lunch. We also blew up a balloon and we had to poke a stick through it without popping it. There was also a special tunnel which showed us how fast Ussain Bolt runs. You could run in the tunnel to see if you could run as fast as him. No one could do it! The day was fabulous and we really enjoyed the trip!' By Emmitt, Leah S and Lily St.



**Big Bang**

The Easter holidays are fast approaching and with that will come the end of the Enid Porter Project. We will be having a celebration of the project in St Cyriac's Church on 30th April. It will include demonstrations of the Molly dancing and an exhibition of work done in the classes. Please join us if you are able to. Details will be posted on the website.

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**Head teacher**



## Little Windmills Pre-school

The children have been enjoying the sunshine and have been spending longer periods outdoors playing. We have bought a tractor to replace our old one thanks to Ely Toy shop who gave us a generous discount and delivered it free!

Shrove Tuesday saw the children taking it in turns to make and toss their own pancake, then choose the topping before eating it. Delicious!

Tony, one of our dads, is a Community Champion for the fire service. He came in to talk to the children about fire safety in the home. He had some DVDs about the importance of smoke alarms and having an escape plan and about the consequences of playing with matches. We talked about how to contact the emergency services and practised remembering where we live.

Our vicar Eleanor Williams once again led our Easter service in the Church and in the Church grounds the children had a lovely time searching for eggs the Easter bunny left behind.

If you are interested in your child joining in the fun please take a look at our website www.littlewindmills.co.uk or ring 07803 67200 between 9 and 12.30 to check availability and arrange a visit.

**Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Team**

## Pets Corner



**Reg Warrington's Labrador and Jack Russell**

**Bottisham Village College**
**Adult and Community Learning**

**You can enrol now for Summer Term courses starting after Easter, including:**

**Introduction to Counselling (evening)**
**Sewing for Beginners (evening)**

**Paediatric First Aid (daytime)**
**Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 June**
**£65 for a 2 day course**

**or try out something new at one of our FREE Taster Sessions on**
**Saturday 21 June 10.00 – 12.00**
**Including:**
**Guitar for Beginners**
**Simple Thai Cookery**
**Bake and Decorate Cupcakes**
**Make a Fascinator**
**(Please book in advance)**

***Do you have a skill you could teach to Adults? If so, please contact the Community Office. In particular we are looking for qualified tutors for Maths GCSE (Adults) and Ballroom Dancing.***

**For further details of our courses visit:**
**www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning**
**or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372**

**email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org**
**Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or**
**Twitter: @CommunityEdBott**

# Easter Special!!

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Easter Egg

Bunny Lent

Chick Chocolate

Spring Daffodils

Flowers Lamb



Anagrams

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Jokes

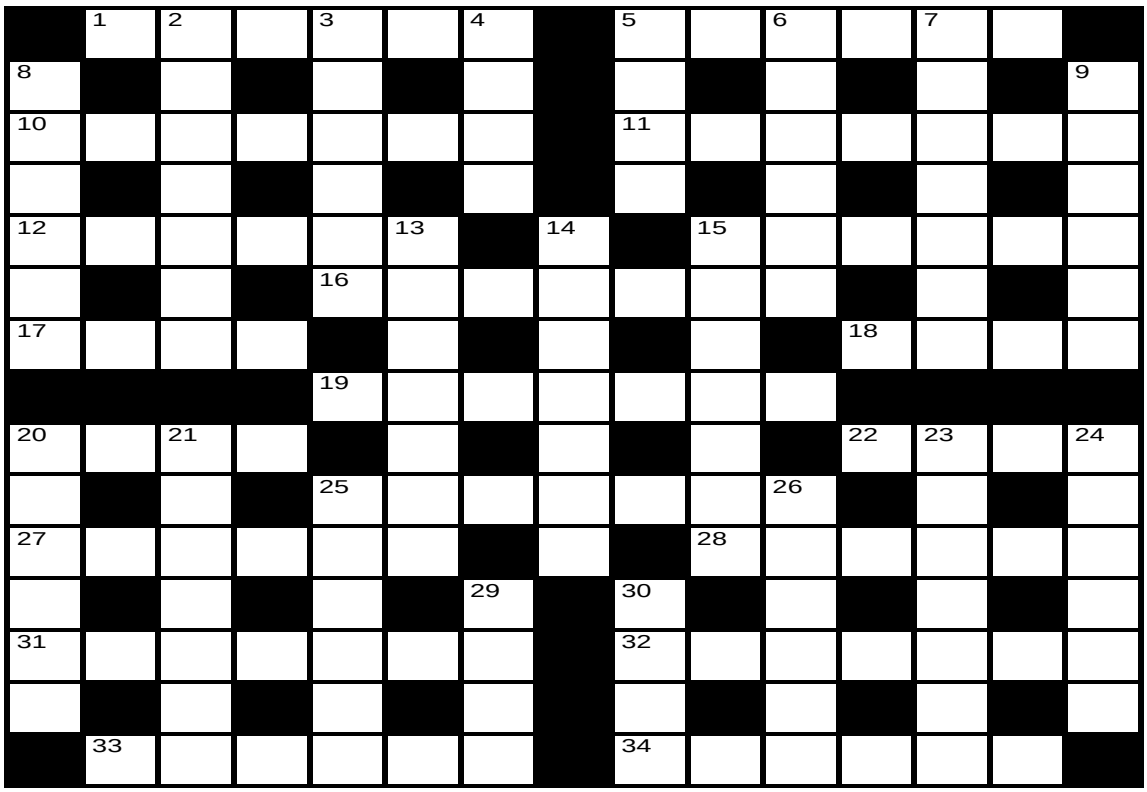
What do you call a tired easter egg?
*Eggs-hausted!*

What do you call an egg from Outer Space?
*An "egg-stra terriestrial"*

What do you get if you pour hot water down a rabbit hole?
*Hot, cross bunnies!*

How does a rabbit have a tantrum?
*He gets hopping mad!*

# Crossword No. 24



**Across**

**1** Call off cheque payment (6)
**5** Leave after dinner (6)
**10** Can you do this in your sleep? (7)
**11** Lace, fur take it easy (7)
**12** Talcum in its ready to use state (6)
**15** Becomes dormant regularly (6)
**16** Having reached your 3 score years and ten (7)
**17** It's not mothers (4)
**18** Agitate and mix things up (4)
**19** Sunb urn and get redder (7)
**20** Two smackers on face (4)
**22** The couple who own it (4)
**25** Black, straw amongst others (7)
**27** What way will you choose for your modus operandi? (6)
**28** Could you be date for discussion? (6)
**31** Bring back from holiday to wear (1-6)
**32** Let hand sub for this man (7)
**33** Lots and lots of people (6)
**34** opened mouth wide (6)

**Down**

**2** Due to everyone let it happen (7)
**3** Illegal deeds that have happened (6)
**4** Chopped up from trees to burn (4)
**5** Hit it after being hit (4)
**6** Let us rely on definitely (6)
**7** Take time to think about image in mirror (7)
**8** It's pud that's not very clever (6)
**9** Was far off but getting nearer (6)
**13** Ed cured and made smaller (7)
**14** One thousand hot ashes for those who belong (7)
**15** Got on with it (7)
**20** Curtails ones activities (6)
**21** Sounds like something to look at is water holder (7)
**23** Not really cogniscent of the fact (7)
**24** Gets rid of the money (6)
**25** Ask for brow or loan of something (6)
**26** It has its ups and downs (6)
**29** A swiss army knife has many (4)
**30** Them over there (4)

The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on page 9. Please send your entry by Friday 9th May 2014 to: CROSSWORD NO.24. North View House, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach CB25 OJJ giving your name and address.

# Rita's Recipes



**Try this at Easter**

***Hot Cross Bun and Butter Pudding***

***Ingredients***

| | |
|---|---|
| 300ml double cream | 600ml milk |
| 4 eggs | 100g golden caster sugar |
| 1 tsp vanilla essence | 8 hot cross buns |
| 40g butter | 100g marzipan |
| 2 bananas | icing sugar for dusting |



***Method***

Heat oven 170C/150C fan/gas 3

Warm the cream and milk in a pan over a gentle heat. Whisk the eggs, sugar and vanilla together in a large bowl and gradually add the warm cream/milk mixture.

Halve the buns and spread with the butter. Arrange in a large shallow ovenproof dish, dot with the marzipan and chopped bananas.

Pour over the cream mixture and set aside to soak for approximately 15 minutes. Press the buns down into the custard mixture as they soften.

Bake for 50 minutes until set, remove from oven and allow to stand for 10 minutes. Dust with the icing sugar and serve whilst still warm with cream, ice cream or custard.

Happy Easter!



## Sports News



Forward is Cambridge University Scout and Guide Club's holder of an annual incident hike for Scouts and Guides (10-14s). It takes the form of a 7-10 mile hike with five checkpoints spaced around the route where challenges allow teams to earn points. The teams of 4-6 members must decide their route based on 6-figure grid references given to them when they arrive at HQ on the day. They must complete the route within a 7 hour time limit, including stopping at the activity bases to earn points completing challenges that require good communication and teamwork. Two years ago Swaffham Prior Scouts entered for the first time and much to their surprise and that of many experienced teams - they won. The team in 2012 had a number of Reach Scouts … this year seven Reach Scouts took up the challenge as members of two teams …. David and Kathryn Cane take up the story….

Two weeks ago two teams from Swaffham Prior Scouts took part in the Forward Incident Hike. There were lots of other teams from all around Cambridgeshire. It was a seven miles hike around Barrington and there were challenges around the route including a first aid incident, puzzles and other challenges. We had to plot our own route and map read to get around the route. It took just under 7 hours to go round. We got points for how well we did the challenges and for teamwork. The weather was nice but it was incredibly muddy and quite cold.

The A team was Hebe Wrench, David Cane, Alice Lingley, Dylan Steed, Harry Oliver Towers and Sam White. The B team was Ben White, Kathryn Cane, Hazel Lingley, Anis Wrench, Josh Gould, and Jodie Halpin-McDonald.

The A team won! The B team came 4th!



**Forward Incident Hike 2014: At the start of the day**

On another note: The world's greatest cycle race is coming to the UK and stage 3 of the Tour de France starts virtually on our doorstep! Cambridge will be the start line for a peloton of world famous riders. Sir Bradley Wiggins made history by winning the coveted yellow jersey in the 2012 Tour and he is expected to join other famous faces in the 2014 race including Britain's Chris Frome – last year's winner - and Mark Cavendish – otherwise known as the Manx missile for his extraordinary sprint speed. It will be the fourth time the race has visited the UK with previous visits in 1974, 1994 and 2007.



The first three stages of the 2,000-mile race will be in Leeds, the so-called Grand Depart, on July 5 and will take the riders to Harrogate. The second hilly stage will be from York to Sheffield (see http://letour.yorkshire.com) and then the race travels south for the third British stage on July 7, finishing in London before travelling to France.

The world-famous 23-day race will start the 159km of stage 3, on Gonville Place by Parker's Piece, the peloton will ride through the city centre via Regent Street and Sidney Street before turning left at the Round Church to travel past St Johns, Trinity and Kings as they cycle along Kings Parade and Trumpington Street. It will leave the city via A1301 via Trumpington, Great Shelford and Hinxton and travel on to Saffron Walden and through Essex towards London to finish on The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace.

Over the next few months, Cambridgeshire County and Cambridge City Councils will be working with a variety of organisations, cycling clubs and communities to ensure anyone coming to Cambridge to savour the Tour de France has the best experience possible.

For information see: http://www.visitcambridge.org/whats-on/tour-de-france-2014

In the build up to the arrival of the Tour information will be available from **www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/letourstage3**

Facebook: **www.facebook.com/LeTourCambridge**

Twitter: **www.twitter.com/LeTourCambridge**

**Juliet Vickery**



**Forward Incident Hike 2014: Can we do it? Yes we can!**



Hi again!



**Team A from left: Alice Lingley, Hebe Wrench, Dylan Steed, Sam White, David Cane and Harry Oliver Towers**



**Team B from left: Kathryn Cane, Josh Gould, Ben White, Jodie Halpin-McDonald, Anis Wrench and Hazel Lingley**

## Equestrian News

The past couple of months have been a lot quieter for me as I have just had my youngsters to work on. Mary is coming along really well and is ready to go out soon and Alan has just been sold to a lovely new home, so we are taking this time to have a little break before the summer season starts and we get busy again.

Katie Cameron has had a successful month, qualifying for the national championships and as one of only three riders to be representing Cambridge schools at the championships held at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre in April. She qualified for the 80cms showjumping at the county qualifier that was held at Milton College.



**Lorna Steven on a hack in the fens**

Katie also recently went on a drag hunt at Burghley House in Lincolnshire, as well as going on a drag hunt at Six Mile Bottom today with her mum, Sue Cameron, also riding.

Cleo McGregor has also been out hunting with the drag hounds, again with Katie Cameron. The drag hounds usually offer a great day out as the hounds are following a scent and there is usually plenty of jumping involved.

Another rider based in reach, Megan Greenhill, has also been busy with her horse, Charlie, getting him ready for shows this summer. She recently spent the day cross country schooling at Ely Event Centre which is a great place to take horses and ponies for both schooling and competitions as it caters for very novice horses or riders up to experienced combinations eventing at intermediate level.

**Lorna Steven**



**Katie Cameron at Burghley House**

## Cricket News



So, we are all ready to go: our first fixture on our new ground is scheduled for Sunday 1 June, when we will be playing a team, appropriately enough, from the National Trust. We have absolutely no idea what will happen, but it might have to be helmets all round.

But before that, on Sunday 11 May we have our annual adventure, our day of hubris, in the National Village Cup, in which we have been drawn away to Longstanton. And before that even, we are having a dry run at preparing a wicket on Sunday 27 April. The idea is that we meet at the cricket ground at 2pm, learn how to use the mowers and erect the 'pavilions' and then if conditions allow we will have a 'net' – a practice, that is. Any new players would be extremely welcome. If you can't make that date but would like to play, please contact me on 743725 or email rossjclark@aol.com

Full fixture list (so far) for 2014:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sun 11 May | Longstanton | Away |
| Sun 1 June | National Trust | Home |
| Sun 15 June | Castle Hedingham | Away |
| Sun 29 June | Dave Silk's XI | Home |
| Sun 20 July | Unemployables | Home |
| Sun 27 July | Swaffhams | Home |
| Sun 10 August | Grantchester | Home |
| Sun 14 Sept | Burwell | Away |
| Sun 28 Sept | Rain Men | Home |

**Ross Clark**




### CROSSWORD WINNER

We had no entries for the crossword. Hey come on!

Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

### SOLUTIONS TO CROSSWORD No. 23

**ACROSS**: 1. GRIN. 3. ESTIMATE. 9. LISTENS. 10. NESTS. 11. FUELS. 12. ERRORS. 14. SKINNY. 16. SADDLE. 19. ELDEST. 21. HURTS. 24. OPERA. 25. YELLING. 26. SUSPENDS. 27. USES.

**DOWN:** 1. GOLDFISH. 2. ISSUE. 4. SYSTEM. 5. INNER. 6. ASSURED. 7. ELSE. 8. SEASON. 13. MESSAGES. 15. ILLNESS. 17. AWHILE. 18. STAYED. 20. ERASE. 22. REINS. 23. DOGS.

## Rowing News



Theo Clark is only in his first year at Pembroke College, Cambridge, but already he is rowing in the college first boat. At the end of February he took part in the Lent Bumps, a race developed specifically for the narrow River Cam. The boats start about 50 yards apart and at the sound of a canon, are let loose with the aim of 'bumping' the boat in front before they are themselves bumped (they don't have to physically touch the boat; just overlap it by a canvas). The Bumps are rowed over four days and the aim is gradually to work your way to the front – to be the 'head of the river'.

It can be a dangerous business, as the cox in the Trinity Hall women's third boat found to his cost in the 1987 May bumps, when the boat behind failed to stop and the stroke's oar nearly threw him in the river. Fortunately for him - and the nation he wasn't hurt, unlike one cox sometime in the 19th century was who killed by an errant boat from St John's College. St John's were banned from the river for eternity, though managed to creep back by the subtle device of renaming their boat club Lady Margaret.

Anyway, back to this year. Pembroke began the Lent Bumps 8th on the river. On the first day they succeeded in bumping Peterhouse quite early on. The second day, their chance of overhauling Lady Margaret was taken away from them when that boat succeeded in bumping First and Third (which is Trinity College's boat club).

On the third day, Pembroke themselves bumped First and Third and on the fourth day they dispatched Queens' College. In other words, they bumped on three days out of four and are now fifth on the river - a thumping good performance. Theo, who rows at number five in the boat, won't be taking part in the University Boat Race this year, but maybe in future.

**Ross Clark**



## Brown Lidded Garden Waste Bins

Following a fine weekend, with cutting the grass possibly back on residents' "to do list", I thought I should give everyone a brief update.

Residents are now able to purchase an annual licence and to receive a brown lidded garden waste only bin. Residents can request more than one extra licensed bin but initially our priority is to provide as many residents as possible with the one extra. Once we have a feel for demand we will issue further bins, stocks permitting.

Adverts were placed last week in the Newmarket News, the Ely News and the Ely Standard. We have recommenced promotional activity and will be promoting the new brown lidded bins as we race towards spring and early summer.

Orders can be placed by simply telephoning Customer Services on 01353 665555

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Patrick Pierrepont
Project Manager (Waste Services)
Environmental Services
East Cambridgeshire District Council

## Please Clean Up After Your Dogs!

The Parish Council has received complaints about the increase in dog fouling around the village.

Owners and dog walkers are urged to carry plastic bags with them and clean up after their dogs. Rubbish bins can be used for this purpose provided plastic bags are used.

There have also been incidents of dogs running loose around the village. This, as well as being a nuisance to other people and sometime frightening, can be dangerous to road users. Please ensure that your dog is kept in a secure enclosed area.

**Susan Bailey**
**Clerk to Reach Parish Council**

Let me have your old crockery!

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

## David Parr Retires as Parish Clerk



On his retirement as Clerk, David Thomas, on behalf of the Parish Council, presented David Parr with a delightful Hannah Webb painting of Fair Green.

## 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.



REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

# Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 5th March 2014.

**Attendance**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Michael Aves | Vice Chairman | Present |
| Ross Clark | Councillor | Present |
| Rita Dunnett | Councillor | Present |
| Hilary Fielding | Councillor | Present |
| Joyce Harrison | Councillor | Present |
| David Thomas | Chairman | Present |
| Diana Ward | Councillor | Present |
| | | |
| Susan Bailey | 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**
Full Council met to debate the business plan for the next 5 years including the budget for 2014-15. The amended plan proposed by Cabinet was agreed. The headline figures, include over £32 million of savings in the coming year (with £149 million to be found over the 5 year period of the plan) and a Council Tax increase of just below 2% for 2014-15. The current financial situation and demographic changes in Cambridgeshire means that we should be able to deliver the services needed by the local population.

I reported last month on the decision by Cabinet for the County Council to undertake a business plan about becoming a property developer and landlord of rented housing on Council land, including Newmarket Road, Burwell. A politically inspired call-in has thrown that earlier decision into doubt.

**4 (3) District Councillor's Report**
Recycling rate update, nationally we have moved from 283 to 72 of local authorities, recycling 54% of our rubbish. Bin roll out is now complete.
A campaign has been launched to protect distinctive and historical buildings in East Cambridgeshire. There is a link on the council's webpage where you can read about the project and make nominations.

**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) Parish Council Members Meetings**
Councillor Fielding attended Swaffham Prior Parish Council meeting to discuss the Solar Farm proposal.

**4 (6) Play Spaces**
The new net is now up and in full working order. **Councillor Dunnett** to follow up on a previously discussed item of the goal posts ground anchors.

**4 (7) Rights of Way**

Councillor Fielding reported that hedge cutting on the byway behind Ditchfield had left a lot of Blackthorn across the byway and path.

The byway 11 repairs near to the 24Acreas entrance were discussed, **Councillor Fielding** to contact Karen Champion, Public Rights of Way Officer to establish a project leader and time scale.

Complaints have been received with regard to the area around the entrance to Reach wood, which has become very rutted due to the weather and heavy vehicle use. It was decided to leave the area to dry out and discuss at a later date if required.

**4 (8) Village Centre**
There has been a renewed attempt to sell 100 club tickets.
There has been increased interest in cycling to Reach Fair and discussions are underway to establish a new cycle route from Cambridge for the Fair and to increase bike parking areas.

**4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report**
Cricket – Parish Council agreed to the moving of the cricket nets from the playing field to the cricket ground.
Burwell CC have asked if they may use the ground for occasional matches. Reach cricket club decided to allow Burwell use of the ground for three matches this year. There is no onward commitment for 3 matches every year; a review will take place after the first season. In return they will assist with maintenance and preparing the ground for the new season. Parish Council agreed with this proposal.

**5. Archives**
Old copies of Parish council minutes were discussed, **Clerk**, to check with past Clerks as to whether some of the older minutes were sent away for official archiving in Cambridge.

**6. DS Smith Planning**
This planning proposal was discussed. Parish Council object to the fact that the proposal doesn't fit with the agreed Burwell local/village plan. That is, that the land was set aside for industrial use only, to bring employment to the area. **Councillor Clark** to draft a letter of objection, to be forwarded by **the Clerk.**

**7. Letter of Complaint**
A letter of complaint had been received regarding the condition of a property in the village. As this is a private property and not dangerous, Council agreed that it was outside their jurisdiction, but that the situation would be kept under observation. **Clerk** to write a letter of reply.

**8. Dog Complaints**
There have been increased incidences of dog fouling around the village and also the occasional loose dog running around. It was agreed that a village email should be sent and a notice put in the village magazine reminding owners of their responsibility to clear up after their dogs and to keep them in a secure & safe area. **Clerk** to arrange.

**9. 24Acres Opening Event**
The opening event will take place on Sunday 1st June, with a cricket match against the National Trust taking centre stage of the celebration. A meeting is being held to discuss additional events for the day.

**10. Mowing contracts**
The Parish council were happy with the new mowing quotes for YE 2015, including the addition of the 24Acres requirements. **The Clerk** will inform the contactors.

**11. Planning Applications**
There were none.

**12. Information Items**
There were none.

**13. Payments**

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| Timberplay Ltd. | Playground expenses | £221.52 |
| Paulredsports. | 24Acres cricket expenses | £119.98 |

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

## The Cantilena Singers

# Songs of Celebration

**Saturday 26th April 7.30 pm**

**The Parish and Priory Church of St. Andrew Swavesey – Station Road, Swavesey CB24 4QJ**

**Director Daniel Spreadbury**

a selection of unaccompanied songs celebrating childhood, nature, love,
and the Queen's accession including:
*The Owl and the Pussycat, Matthew Mark Luke and John, Sing a song of sixpence,*
from *Five Childhood Lyrics* – John Rutter
*El Grillo* (The Cricket), Josquin des Prez, *The Bluebird,* C.V Stanford, *Ca' The Yowes* Vaughan Willaims *I love my love,* Holst, *She moves through the fair,* traditional arr. Finn, *The turtle dove,* Vaughan Williams
*The Hills,* John Ireland, *Spring at This Hour,* Lennox Berkeley,
*Silence and Music,* Vaughan Williams,
*Concord* from Choral Dances from *Gloriana,* Benjamin Britten
And
The Music of China
a selection of Authentic Chinese Instrument Solos played by members of the
Cambridge University Chinese Orchestra Society

Tickets £7 and £5 concession from vicar@honeyhill.org or on the door
Proceeds to the Church
Refreshments available
Website: www.cantilenasingers.org

**Transport note** – Cambridgeshire Guided Busway service B stops at Swavesey until late on Saturdays evenings
http://www.thebusway.info/uploads/camstiveshunjul13.pdf

## Letter from the Vicarage - A Tribute to Sue Evans, Parish Nurse



After 10 years working in Burwell as Parish Nurse, linked to St Mary's, Sue Evans MBE is to retire from this role at the end of March. Some of you will have experienced the dedicated care that Sue has given – supporting, providing information, fixing and supporting and just being there.

When she retired from district nursing, Sue was able to give more time to Parish Nursing and I know that she has valued the opportunity to be able to continue to use her nursing skills in a role where she has been able to offer Whole Person Healthcare, caring for the body, mind and soul. In her time as Parish Nurse, Sue has contributed to many aspects of the life of the villages of Burwell and Reach: with CentrePeace at Reach and particularly in her work with those with dementia and their carers at the Drop In at Ness Court in Burwell and in many other ways.

She has also given a lot of time to spreading the word about Parish Nursing across the region and indeed nationally and has helped support other nurses to take on this kind of role in their own communities. I'm sure Sue will be continuing to offer time in a volunteer capacity, though not as a trained nurse. Many will be thanking her personally, but on behalf of the St Mary's and St Etheldreda's community I would like to offer our very grateful thanks to Sue for all she has done.

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

**Revd Dr Eleanor Williams**
Vicar at St Mary's Burwell and St Etheldreda's Reach

vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk or 01638 741262
http://www.stmarysburwell.org.uk/
https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell

PS All are very welcome at any of our Easter services – more details on the diary page, or just to come into the church at any time, for a moment of quiet or a prayer. And looking ahead, we will have our annual Eve of Reach Songs of Praise service at 6pm on Sunday 4th May.

### CentrePeace at Reach 2014 2pm – 4pm

### Second Wednesday of every month

9 April 14 May



**Sue with her family receiving her MBE at Buckingham Palace for her work in the community and with Parish Nursing**

## Church Building News



I'm pleased to say that the Faculty (i.e. permission) has now been granted to carry out the repair work on the external stonework and to install a hand rail at the main entrance. We are therefore now in a position to apply for a grant from Amey Cespa to meet the costs and are grateful to David Parr who is progressing that. Hopefully we'll get all the work completed well inside the maximum timescale of one year that is a condition of the Faculty.

Meanwhile some minor changes to the interior have already been made, thanks to the efforts of Charles Moseley and Pam King. By simply re-arranging some of the pews at the back of the church, they have opened up a large area just inside the door. We've already benefited from this extra space at CentrePeace @ Reach and it will be a great help when we serve refreshments after services and at Reach Fair. There's no reason at all why this space shouldn't be used for other community purposes like small meetings, so pop into church next time you are passing and see what you think.

**Pat Chalmers**

# Church Services at Burwell and Reach

| | St Mary's Burwell | St Etheldreda's Reach |
|---|---|---|
| **April 2014** | | |
| Mon 31st March - Friday 4th | | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer) |
| Wednesday 2nd | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion<br>11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer) |
| Sunday 6th April | 8.00 am Holy Communion<br>10.00 All Age Service | |
| Monday 7th – Friday 11th | | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer) |
| Wednesday 9th | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer)<br>2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace |
| Sunday 13th April<br>**Palm Sunday** | 10.00am All Age Communion | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| Monday 14th & Tuesday 15th | 7.00pm Compline at CentrePeace | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer) |
| Wednesday 16th | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion<br>7.00pm Compline at CentrePeace | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer) |
| Thursday 17th<br>Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm Holy Communion & The Watch | 8.00 – 8.20am Daily Morning Prayer for Lent (Book of Common Prayer) |
| Friday 18th<br>**Good Friday** | 10.30am Messy Church | 2.00pm Good Friday Meditation |
| Sunday 20th<br>**Easter Day** | 6.00am Easter Sunrise service on Castle Mound<br>10.00am Parish Communion | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27th | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional) | |
| Wednesday 30th | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion<br>**7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting** | |
| **May 2014** | | |
| Sunday 4th | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00am All Age Service | **6.00pm Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise** |
| Wed 7th | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion<br>11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove | |
| Sunday 11th | 10.00 Parish Communion (Traditional) | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>7.00pm Sunday @ 7 |
| Wednesday 14th | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion | 2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace |
| Sunday 18th | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>**10.00 am Parish Communion (contemporary)**<br>**4.00pm Messy Church** | |
| Wednesday 21st | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court | |
| Sunday 25th May | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00 Parish Communion (traditional) | |
| Wednesday 28th | 9.00am Prayer Meeting<br>10.00am Holy Communion | |

# Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

| **Newmarket – Burwell – Reach – Bottisham – Cambridge** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Service No: | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| | **M-F** | **M-F** | **Sat** | **M-F** | **Sat** | | | | | | | **Sat** | **M-F** | | | |
| **Newmarket** (Guineas Station) | | | | 0704 | 0719 | 0814 | 0914 | 1014 | 1114 | 1214 | 1314 | 1414 | 1424 | 1514 | 1614 | 1714 |
| **Burwell** (Manchetts Ness Road) | 0628 | 0658 | 0713 | 0728 | 0743 | 0838 | 0938 | 1038 | 1138 | 1238 | 1338 | 1438 | 1448 | 1538 | 1638 | 1738 |
| **Reach** | 0639 | 0709 | 0724 | | | 0849 | | 1049 | | 1249 | | 1449 | 1459 | 1549 | 1649 | 1749 |
| **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 | 10A | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| | | | | **M-F** | **NMD** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **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** | | | | 0735 | 0835 | | 1005 | | 1205 | | 1405 | | 1605 | | 1815 | 1925 |
| **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 | | |

M-F - these buses run on Monday to Friday only
NMD - this bus calls at Noel Murless Drive at 0905
Sat - these buses run on Saturday only

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**
**Theme - Sowing the Future Together**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **25 March** | **Lady Day Service 2.30pm at St Andrew's Soham** | |
| **April** | **2 April**<br>**Wave of Prayer Service**<br>**7.30pm in Guildhall Burwell** | **No afternoon meeting in April** |
| **5 April** | **Spring Diocesan Day 9.45am - 1pm at All Saints Milton** | |
| **15 April** | **Lent Lunch 12 - 1.30pm in Guildhall Burwell** | |
| **May** | **7 May**<br>**Women Pilgrims 7.30pm in Guildhall Burwell** | ***21 May**<br>**AFIA Beetle Drive 2.00pm**<br>**Guildhall Burwell** |

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)

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

| Date | Speaker | Title |
|---|---|---|
| Tuesday 15th April | Jeff Harrison | Through the Year in a Nature Photographer's Garden' |
| Tuesday 20th May | Barry Gayton | Climbing Plants and Wall Shrubs |

You are invited to a

# Lent Lunch

On **Tuesday 15th April**

from 12.00 in the Guildhall.
Come and enjoy fellowship and a meal together.
Donations will be used to provide holidays for families under stress.

Organised by Burwell Mothers' Union

Registered Charity Number 251394

# Diary Dates: April 2014

| April 2014 | Event | Location | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Until 20 April | In and Out of the Garden | Haddenham Galleries | Tues – Sat 10-5<br>Sun 12-5 |
| Tues 1 | Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle | Call Pam King on 742924 | 1.30pm - 3pm |
| Wed 2 | Parish Council Meeting | Village Centre | 7.30pm |
| Thurs 3 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Thurs 3 | Toppings. Author Richard Mabey | St Peter's Church, Ely CB7 4AH | 7pm for 7.30pm |
| Sat 5 – Sun 6 | Thriplow Daffodils | Thriplow | |
| Sat 5 | Easter Craft Market | Ely Cathedral Centre | 101. – 3pm |
| Sat 5 | Urban Race in the City of Ely | Jubilee Gardens CB7 4BJ<br>Jh99mail@gmail.com | 11am – 12.30pm |
| Sun 6 | Farmers Market | Stables Visitor Centre, Hylands House and Estate, Chelmsford CM2 8WQ | 10am – 4pm |
| Mon 7 | Toppings. Author. Fizz and Canapes with Eleanor Catton | The Old Bishop's Palace, Ely CB7 4EW | 7pm for 7.30pm |
| Wed 9 | CentrePeace | St Etheldreda's | 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Thurs 10 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Sat 12 | Ely Choral Society Mozart Requiem | Ely Cathedral | 7.30pm |
| Sun 13 | Mill Unveiling | Burwell Museum | 12 – 4pm |
| Tues 15 | Ipswich | Burwell Museum Coach Trip | Tickets from Tina's Burwell |
| Thurs 17 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Tues 15 | Mobile Library | Village Green | 12.15pm to 12.50pm |
| Tues 15 | Talk Village | Swaffham Prior Village Hall | 8pm |
| Wed 16 | Village Centre Committee Meeting | Village Centre | 8.00pm |
| Sun 20 – Mon 21 | Easter Egg Hunt | Burwell Museum | 11am – 5pm |
| Thurs 24 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Wed 30 | Topping. Author. Ben Macintyre | St Peter's Church, Ely CB7 4AH | 7pm for 7.30pm |

Wednesdays 7.30pm onwards **Bell ringing at Swaffham Bulbeck** – new recruits are welcome

Events with **Authors and Reading Group** are organised by Topping bookshop, Ely 01353 645005 or www.toppingbooks.co.uk

**Burwell Museum** website is www.burwellmuseum.org.uk **Tel:** 01638 605544

# Diary Dates: May 2014 and Club Contact Information

| May 2014 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thurs 1 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Mon 5 | Reach Fair | Everywhere | 12noon – 5pm |
| Tues 6 | Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle | Call Pam King on 742924 | 1.30pm – 3pm |
| Wed 7 | Parish Council Meeting | Village Centre | 7.30pm |
| Thurs 8 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Wed 14 | CentrePeace | St Etheldreda's | 2.00pm to 4.00pm |
| Thurs 15 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Tues 20 | Mobile Library | Village Green | 2.15pm |
| Tues 20 | Talk: Village Gardeners | Swaffham Prior Village Hall | 8.00pm |
| Wed 21 | Creake Abbey and Hunstanton | Burwell Museum Coach Trip | Tickets from Tina's Burwell |
| Wed 21 | Village Centre Committee Meeting | Village Centre | 8.00pm |
| Thurs 22 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Tues 27 | Topping. Author. Tim Winton | Ely Library CB7 4ZH | 7pm for 7.30pm |
| Thurs 29 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Sat 31 | Etheldreda Craft and Food Fair | Palace Green, Ely | 10am – 5pm |

| 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<br>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

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|---|---|---|---|
| **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 | |

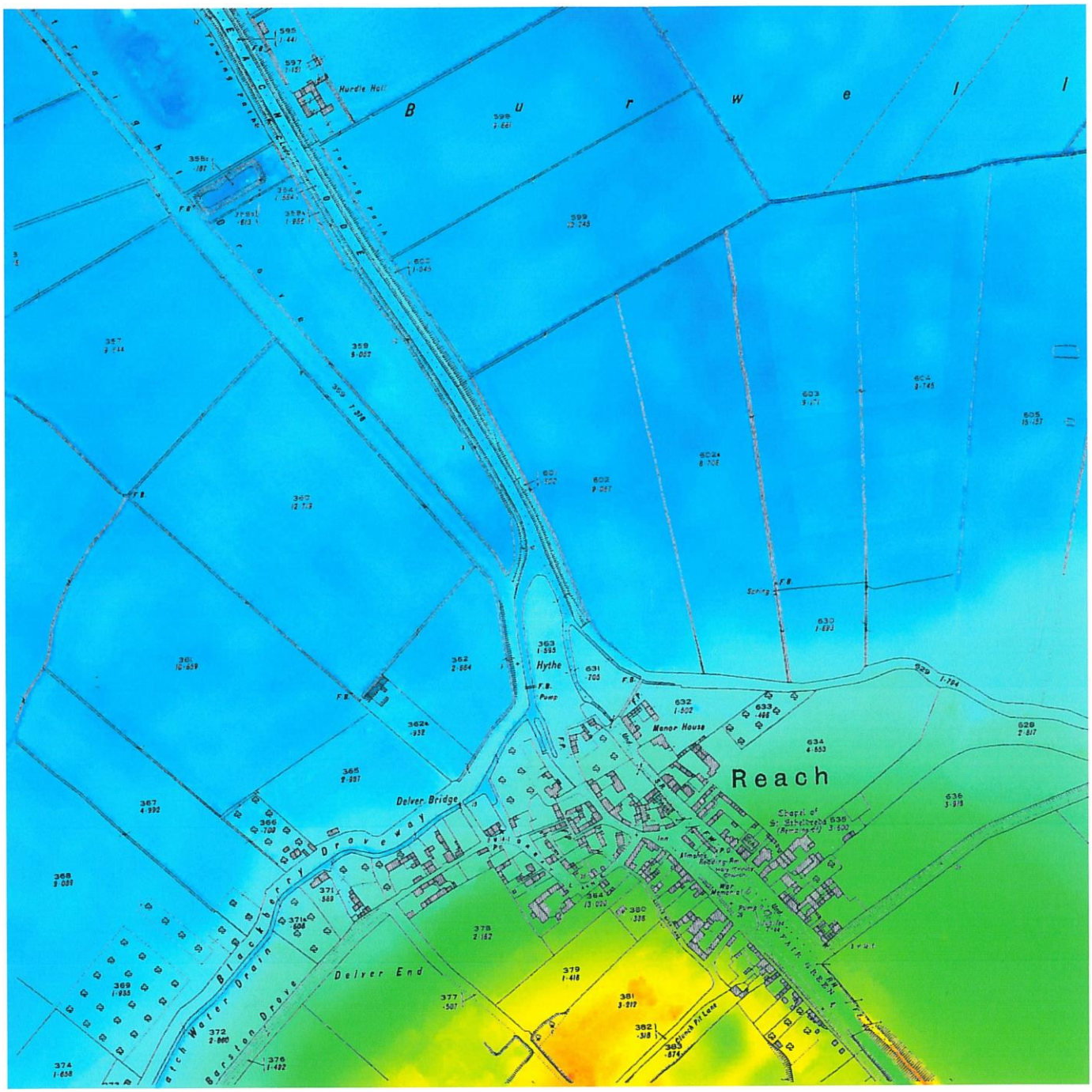
# Shrove Tuesday 2014












The image shows a false colour LIDAR image of digital terrain model data (the elevation of the land surface without any buildings or trees) within a 1 km radius centred on Reach village, overlain by a historic map from 1926. The yellow and orange colours show the highest ground at around 15 metres above sea level, whilst the deep blue and purple colours represent ground at or below sea level. LIDAR is an acronym of LIght Detection And Ranging. In this case an Environment Agency aircraft carrying a LIDAR device has flown over Reach scanning the ground surface with a laser beam. The time between sending a laser pulse and its return to the sensor (the time of flight) has been used to calculate the elevation of the land surface to within a centimetre or so. In this image the spatial resolution is two metres but the Geomatics Group now has coverage down to 25cm resolution for some parts of the country.

**Steve Boreham** Great Lane

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