Within Reach



August/September 2014



A young squirrel discovered our nuts



Young pet pigeons Alison is hand-rearing for Cambridgeshire Wildlife Care



Small Heath (Reach Wood)



Morgans on Fair Green



Bee Orchid (Reach Wood)



Juvenile Robin



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Harvest Supper

7pm Saturday 4th October 2014
Village Centre

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

OLD PHOTOS

Nick Acklam would like to prepare `Reach Now and Then' articles for the magazine and would like to hear from anyone with old photos of the village – they don't have to be ancient!

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From the Editor



Maisie Whitehead's legacy to the Church is of such a high order that not only is the fabric of the building provided for, but there is an opportunity for adapting and increasing the use of the building for meetings, cafes, exhibitions and concerts. It's worth giving this subject serious thought and completing the questionnaire which is included with this issue

`Flop' would be too harsh a word but we certainly didn't win anything at the Cambridge Building Society Community Magazine Awards - again. The bottom line is that the publication is our village magazine and not put together to win competitions, so let us know how you think it might be improved by completing another questionnaire which accompanies this issue. We do like to try and improve the magazine year on year and would be very pleased to receive your comments.

Steve White, Leader of Swaffham Prior Scouts, has an article describing his philosophy and how the group is structured and organised. Learn how Scouts has changed since Baden-Powell's day and yet is still recognisable. We also hear from the Scouts themselves.

The schools have just broken up and some children will be moving on from Swaffham Prior to Bottisham Village College - contained within are some of their reflections.

Sports Day enjoyed some right Royal visitors who arrived in style. Each year Juliet Vickery works hard to ensure that everyone has a fun and memorable day - thank you. Ross Clark describes the excitement of the first ever cricket match on the 24Acres and the deluge of rain that has fallen ever since.

Our "all things outdoors" contributors continue to inform and delight us. Alison Lewis has an article on orchids inspired by the Bee Orchids she found in Reach Wood in late June and a rare tiny flower, the fen violet, has made a re-appearance at Wicken Fen. So watch where you tread!

Snakehall Farm celebrates its 25th anniversary this year and is having an open farm event on Saturday 27th September which promises to be a lot of fun.

The church is open on Sunday and Monday 3rd and 4th August for private prayer and reflection to commemorate the beginning of WW1 and Ross Clark ponders as to whether we are a "thankful village".

See you at the Harvest Supper on Saturday 4th October.

Read this magazine carefully and find out who's good at throwing eggs….. OMG! I can't stand the tension – it's me!

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Editor's Notes

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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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Maisie Whitehead's Legacy to the Church



As mentioned briefly in the last edition of *Within Reach*, Maisie Whitehead has left a substantial legacy to Reach church, to be used for *"repair, renovation and decoration of the fabric of the church and its grounds".* About 25 people gathered in the church on 14th July for a Public Meeting to explore ways in which the legacy could be used for the benefit of the church and the wider community.

Revd Eleanor Williams said that the legacy means we can go ahead with the repairs to the external stonework, which will start in August. She explained the legacy would also cover improvements to the building and that we should think creatively about what we could do that would be a fitting memorial for Maisie - and in keeping with her wishes.

During the discussion that followed, a number of ideas emerged, including improvements to the heating and insulation, overhauling the organ, improving the floor and laying on water and drainage so that there could be a toilet and a small servery.

Ideas for increasing the use of the church included promoting it as a venue for pilgrimage and prayer as well as for exhibitions and concerts. We would not want to compete with the Village Centre, but could offer different things, such as more intimate spaces for small meetings and tea and coffee.

We are keen to hear everyone's views about this, so please do complete the questionnaire included with this magazine and return it to the box in church. We're also taking the opportunity to ask your views about our current pattern of service, which might not suit everyone.

A more detailed report of the meeting is available on request.

Pat Chalmers
Church Administrator



REACH 24ACRES BAGS

We've still got quite a few left to sell to pay for what was an excellent opening event

Pricing is £4.00 each or 2 for £7.00 or 3 for £10.00

If you like to make a purchase please email me, David Parr, at davidmparr@btinternet.com or call me on 744081

Swaffham Prior Scouts

I first learnt about Swaffham Prior Scouts during a Parents Consultation at the School when the fire alarms went off and we had to evacuate the building. Why? The Scouts were having an indoor BBQ and had set the smoke sensors off! Here's Steve White, Scout Leader, describing the Scout Group:



Scouts require six from eight Challenge Awards to gain the Chief Scouts Gold Award before moving on to Explorer Scouts and the opportunity to earn the Queens Scout Award. So we arrange the programme of activities around these Challenge Awards in order that people can work towards becoming a Queen's Scout.

These Challenge Awards include the Community which promotes community activities; Promise, Global, Creative, Outdoor, Adventure, Expedition and Fitness which develops physical benefits. The eight Awards are our core and we develop our programme around them. We helped run the barbeque at Reach Fair this year and that effort contributed towards the Community Award. There are also about 75 Activity Badges and these can be tailored to the individual, for example, music, IT, cookery, crafts and orienteering. Everyone within scouts has an opportunity to achieve.



The programme also takes account of the summer and winter bias. In the winter we focus on the Community, Creative, Global and Faith Awards so we might visit a fire station and/or invite a speaker from the local police or undertake a photographic challenge. In the summer we will camp, hike, canoe and go rafting. That's just logical.

Jamborees are international scout camps. The main one is the World Scout Jamboree which is held every four years. The location rotates, for example, the last one being in Sweden in 2011 and the next one next year is in Japan.

The UK Scout Association will select a number of Scouts of which one may be selected from Swaffham Prior. There are also smaller European and local meets, for example CAMJAM is held in Cambridgeshire each year.



The challenges running scouts are volunteers, time and costs. As Leaders are not all always free on the same evenings and weekends we run the Scout section with four Leaders ensuring we always have 2-4 at all troop nights and events. The costs for trips away will be on top of the family holiday and the total sum may be expensive. Some scout groups fundraise but we don't mostly because we have insufficient time. We use the subs we receive and some donations, for example, the Reach Amenity Fund which allowed us to purchase some new tents (for which we are forever grateful). We have some other financial help.

We hire Swaffham Prior school hall and beavers, cubs and scouts all meet across the same evening so we only pay one rental. We have a scout field and this is very fortunate and not the norm. From Easter to September – weather permitting – all our meetings are out of doors and this shapes what we do. We use everything that is available to enable us to do a lot of outdoor activities like fire lighting, cooking, pioneering, camping, tracking etc. We don't have a scout hut and therefore don't have easy access to our kit (we have to carry everything we want to use).

Boys and girls can join scouts. In small villages there are sometimes not enough children and resources to make for viable scouts and guides groups. Sometimes the boys are strong and there is a good scout group but nothing for the girls and sometimes the opposite is true. A discussion took place from which it was agreed that scouts could take boys and girls. I think the guides may be still girls only. The decision was based around resources in small communities.

I enjoy being a Scout Leader for several reasons: Firstly I like to see the kids have fun, develop and grow up. Secondly I like the outdoors and it gives me an opportunity to follow my passions. It also is a complete break from home and work.

It is our aim to try and do things that kids don't do with their Mum and Dad. Some scout groups go to Alton Towers but we wouldn't do that. We teach the kids to use matches and knives safely and let them chop wood. It's a pleasure to develop their ability, confidence and create opportunities for them.

The kids are encouraged to try things and are not banned from doing something because it might be dangerous - they are taught and supervised. They learn at different rates and we repeat our programme and training to enable everyone to achieve in their own time.

We have two principal camps - a training camp at Easter and a fun camp in the summer. At the training camp we take everyone back to basics - how to site a tent, how to put it up, how to cook on a stove and on an open fire. We learn traditional skills. We work on preparation, cleaning, collecting wood and water and making a meal. At the fun camp we include more hiking, climbing, kayaking, abseiling and shooting etc.



We like stretching the kids, exposing them to competitions and challenging hikes. Recently we put together some 24-hour ration packs. It was a challenge for the kids and the adults, devising what rations would be needed over a period of three days hiking.

We have camps away and summer camps. We build challenges. The more challenging we make a task the more the kids have to do, for example, the 18-mile hike we completed recently. We wouldn't have done such a long hike in the past. The more we set opportunities for the kids to stretch themselves the more they have risen. The children have developed better attitudes, better skills and better physical abilities. We are now looking at other ways that we can stretch them.

Kids nowadays love their screens and their keyboards and we would say enjoy both - the gadgets and the scouting activities. Everything is a balance.

There are special moments. Sometimes things happen by accident and are a combination of right time and right place, but you have put together that time and place and so have contributed to the "accident". For example, we decided to walk a track in the dusk and knew that there was an owl in the proximity. We called it an Owl Hunt and divided into two groups - one group to hide and one group to find. The kids were told to be quiet and they might see an owl. The owl did come out and one child said, "I've never seen an owl before in real life". We didn't set out with the objective of seeing the owl, but it was a gain.

For quite some time the scouts did not enter external events very much. A new leader joined us and they pointed out some opportunities, in particular the Cambridge University (CU) Scouts and Guides Orienteering Weekend. We entered and won it on our first time out! We went seeking to extend ourselves and bench mark ourselves against others. And won! The kids came back on a high. They really enjoyed themselves and rose to the challenge.

No leaders are allowed with the teams - the kids did it. Later, we went to Derbyshire on a weekend competition with two teams and came 1st and 3rd. We defended our CU title this year and came 1st (again) and 4th. For the first time we can compare ourselves with others and we did very well!

We have a relationship with a German scout group through a connection with one of our Leaders, Francis Reeks and the church. In 2010 and 2012 we hosted 25 German scouts and with our own scouts numbering 25 that's 50 scouts. We camped in Thetford Forest and also our own scout field. It was a great experience to meet other scouts.

The Scout Association is encouraging Leaders not to teach but to facilitate and coach the Scouts on topics they have chosen to do. We are facilitators and the Leaders that join us are based on the contribution that they can make to the group. The children should be saying what they want to do and we ensure that they can do it safely.

The basic fundamentals of our scout group are the same as those of Baden-Powell and his Scouting for Boys – the original bible. His book reads like that of an old soldier brought up in Africa. We seek to build good citizens, create people who are part of society in a fair and good way. We don't have shorts and hats as back then and there are more phones and Facebook, but fundamentally we are recognisable as the original scouts.



Bear Grylls is now the Chief Scout (they serve a five-year term) and the face of scouting has changed. We had figureheads in the past. Before Bear the Chief Scout was John Noakes (formerly of Blue Peter) and he broke the mould and Bear broke the mould again. In my time of 10 years I have seen change and the scouts grow year on year. Quite a lot of material is now online, logs and badge tables are all computer based and a lot of paperwork has gone. Outside of the village the scout movement is trying to pull together teenagers to shape the future of teenagers within the scouts over the next 10 years. They are trying to get people to do it for themselves rather than being told. In the early days many of the Leaders were ex-army – now there is genuine change – with scouts having an input. Really the kids should say what they want to do, though when asked they tend to stare blankly. Once, with us, a girl said while out walking, we should make nettle soup – so we did!

The scout movement recently recognised the changing world and introduced a second scout promise. The first has the phrase, to do your duty to God and the Queen and the second promises to do the best you can.



The group is as good as it leaders and we have good leaders in all sections at 1st Swaffham Prior. We tend to leave the military ways and military discipline to the air and army cadets who offer a great alternative but at Scouts we aspire to achieve many of the same skills and behaviours in a more relaxed environment.

Two things are important for me - (a) punctuality, be aware of the value of time and be there on time. And (b) give the Leader your attention, be quiet when he is talking and listen.

Why am I a Scout Leader? I was a scout in Yorkshire from the age of 7 to 17 and had a wonderful time. It was natural for me to want to provide something similar for the kids growing up where I live now. I enjoy every minute of it and truly believe that you get back what you put in.

If you are interested in becoming a Beaver, Cub, Scout or Leader please contact Steve White on 743555

Steve White



Now who's got the map?

What the Swaffham Prior Scouts say about Scouts



Kathryn Cane

You get to do lots of adventurous stuff like camping, going on hikes and things. I've probably learnt quite a lot like how to tie knots and how to put up a tent. I definitely want to be an Explorer.

Mum says: You especially enjoyed canoeing. But Kath's not sure.

I like the activities like camps, they're quite fun. I liked putting together the ration packs and I think I could survive on them if they included something I like. I've learnt how to tie knots and build things like bridges. I enjoy the walks and camps. I've learnt some stuff, like surviving. I want to be an Explorer, yes - and I was a Cub.



Hazel Lingley



Harry Oliver-Towers

I like hikes and camps. Scouts is really fun and really interesting. Like they help you to do stuff you can't do – like knots. We play games, though not so much. You can get involved and it's local. I've learnt to do a lot of cookery, so that's good. I've improved a lot. You need to pace yourself on walks. You can't go too fast at the beginning or you'll get tired. I went to Cubs and I will probably go on to be an Explorer. I've done a three-day hike, the Incident Hike and a 19-mile hike, so a lot of walking and stuff. And we came first on the Incident Hike!





Dylan Steed

I like doing things we don't do at home, things we don't get to do, for example, building a bridge or trying out ration packs. I like going on scout hikes and camps. I've learnt a lot 'cos when I started I only knew about one knot. Now I've learnt to cook properly on a stove and put up a tent the correct way. Stuff like that. And more social skills with my friends and making new friends. I was a Cub and will probably be an Explorer, or at least I hope so, I'll have to see what it's like when I get to that age.

You don't normally do what you do in school. It's a lot of fun and you meet lots of people.

Dad says: Tell the truth. Where else would you get to set things on fire? Kath: At home

I've learnt how to pitch a tent, how to make fire, how to build a raft, how to canoe and loads of other exciting things. Scouts have made me more sensible around fire because they teach you how to use things properly. I'm currently a Scout and an Explorer. I help out at Scouts.



David Cane



Well, urmm, Scouts is a bit of a change from Cubs because you get to do much more fun things like kayaking. We do special hikes sometimes. I remember the night hike and the Incident Hike. You do really learn a lot while with Scouts, like pioneering. At Cubs I learnt some basic knots. At Scouts we do stuff like sheep knots and some sailor knots. I've learnt how to read maps and work out co-ordinations. The main thing is working in a team. Scouts is most fun like taking wood down to build a bridge, and then naming the bridge and being judged.

I'll definitely move up to Explorers where you get to help out a lot more. I've learnt about first aid in Scouts and you do more new badges and try new things.

The best things have been kayaking and rafting. We've done them twice. The walks are fun, we've done some long ones and I like the one along Ely river. I wasn't a Cub because I didn't know about it. I am both a Scout and an Explorer at present.



Alice Lingley (*note the selfie Hugh*)

I assist at Scouts for a mix of selfish reasons. I get to hike, camp and play games not normally acceptable for adults to play. I enjoy the practical hands on stuff. It's embarrassing for Kath and David – so I go! *(Kath: I like Dad being there).* I wasn't a Scout when I was young because I wasn't allowed to join because I wasn't baptised. From that you can see how things have changed. The kids we have are a good lot. The best thing is that they are all fairly brave and they take on anything set by the Leaders. We assume it will be difficult for them but they step up to the mark. I assist at camp and hikes and I'm an extra pair of hands when we are in the scout field. I'm not one for dressing up, salutes etc, but that's not a big part of scouts; interesting and fun things are the main.



Jon Cane

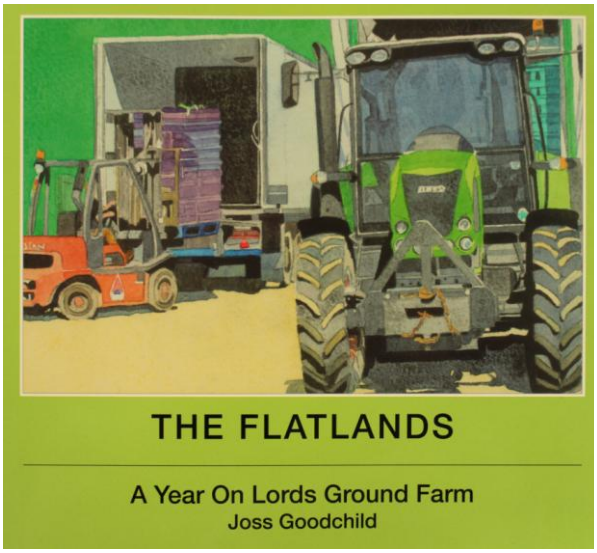


Nope it's not quite hot enough! Where is everyone?

Book Review: The Flatlands by Joss Goodchild



The fens may not be renowned in this country for their beauty, but over the last four years within this magazine Joss Goodchild has reported on the history of the fens, and its flora and fauna and inspired in us a greater appreciation of our surrounding countryside.



At the same time we have been aware of Joss's artistic talents through her exhibitions - particularly as part of the East Anglian Art Group, Outside Edge. We have observed changes in her style as she has moved from realism - capturing the essence of the fen - to the abstract - playing on repetition and patterns.



The publication of her recent book, *The Flatlands A Year on Lords Ground Farm*, is just a sheer delight. Over 80 of her paintings and sketches, beautifully laid out and reproduced, take us through the seasons of local bird and animal life and a Fenland farming regime. The excellent reproduction of her photographs and paintings is remarkable.

I particularly liked the light touch of text - in Note form - which guides us through the tasks of farming, its workers, and the visiting birds - whilst not detracting from the paintings. With the inclusion of some commentary, photographs and sketches we gain an insight into what inspires Joss. What is remarkable is the diversity of her talent, the precision of painting the farm machinery and farm produce, her observation of wildlife, her capturing the movements of hares and her abstract interpretation of the landscape.



Flatlands is a joy and pleasure to own. Mega congratulations to Joss, so lovely to capture your work to treasure and thank you for awakening us to what is on our "doorstep".

Claire Halpin-McDonald

There are just a few copies of The Flatlands available from Joss at £20.

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB for 2014 began in March

Please renew 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

June: Grahame Radford (£20)

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

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

Looking forward to September 2014, Bottisham & Burwell Photographic Club will be staging their Welcome Back evening on 9 September 2014 7:30 - 9:30 pm at their normal venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW. The club was founded in 1973 and still has founder members participating.

There is now a diverse selection of digital cameras available and some of you may be interested in developing your knowledge further. You are welcome to join the club, or attend any meeting as a guest – see below.



The club has a friendly welcoming atmosphere and during the evening there is a break when members are able to exchange knowledge and experiences. The members are a wide group of photographers and invited guest speakers give presentations on a range of topics. In addition there are member's practical evenings and internal competitions, leading on to Inter-club and national events.

At the Welcome Back evening, members/visitors are invited to bring three prints (visitors any size) or three digital images on a USB stick (ideally sized as 1400 X 1050 sRGB) of photographs taken during the summer. Members who were competition winners last season are also invited to display some of their prints/images

We congratulate Daphne Hanson, Hon. Secretary to the club for many years, who has been awarded the prestigious 'Distinction in Awards for Photographic Merit' - DPAGB by The Photographic Alliance of Great Britain. In addition, in February 2014 at the AGM of the East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies (EAF) Daphne was elected President Elect of the Society and will take up her post as President in 2016. Daphne previously served as President from 1998 – 2000**.**



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9 September 2014
Welcome Back: See above

Tuesday 16 September 2014
'An Eye in the Wind: Kite Aerial Photography of Cambridge and environs' by Bill Blake, Heritage Surveyor & Kite Photographer.

Guests are welcome to attend any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW from 7:30 to 9:30pm. There is a fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00, Refreshments 50p.

For further details contact:
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Barry Coles

Harvest Supper

7pm Saturday 4th October 2014
Village Centre

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

Looking Forward to Bottisham Village College

In September some children will be starting at Bottisham Village College and here are their thoughts as they leave Swaffham Prior and anticipate Bottisham.

But first some thoughts and advice from those already at Bottisham:

Kathryn Cane: I like the school dinners - there's a lot of choice. I like a lot of the teachers. My favourite subject is maths and David and I have the same maths teacher who we both really like.

My advice for anyone joining Bottisham is be active and make sure you make new friends and don't just stick with your old ones.

David Cane: Most teachers are really nice and most students are nice, but not all. Lessons are normally quite fun but not all. Year 11 have a different colour jumper so you can recognise them and they are helpful people. My favourite subjects are music and science and I play the guitar and piano.

Kath: I play the piano and flute.

We both started playing instruments at Swaffham Prior and have carried on.

My advice to anyone joining Bottisham is, don't be too scared because if you are too scared you won't meet people and won't speak up in class. If you don't speak up in class your parents will get to hear about it.

Alice Lingley: What's good about Bottisham is the range of things that we do. Not just lessons but the things we do outside of lessons like leadership stuff. They have good ideas for things to do. Good clubs with something for everyone.

Elizabeth Parr: Yeah I'm looking forward to Bottisham. New lessons and the teachers. Mostly I like maths and art. I've got no worries, perhaps only the thought of getting lost and not handing in my homework. I'll miss Swaffham Prior a bit, the school and the teachers. I thank Mr Godfrey for teaching me. He's been one of the best teachers we have had. He's fun and jolly.



Elizabeth Parr

Hazel Lingley: I'm looking forward to the lessons and meeting new friends. It will be different with lots more teachers not just the same one, not that Mr Godfrey is bad. I will miss Swaffham Prior but I won't cry about it except maybe on Leavers Day. Maths is my favourite subject.

Dylan Steed: I'm looking forward to Bottisham because I'm finding Swaffham Prior a bit small at present. It's not as exciting as it was. I still like it but not as much. I'm looking forward to new friends at a different school. Some people worry about missing the bus but I'm not worried. I've already made new friends on the Induction Day. I'm a bit worried about getting lost but I'll soon get used to it.



Hugh Shackleton

Hugh Shackleton: I'm looking forward to Bottisham, yes. I'm looking forward to doing science which we don't do at Swaffham Prior. Overall things will be the same, we'll still do maths and English. I've no worries at all. I won't miss Swaffham Prior, nope! On my last day I'll probably say to Mr Godfrey, "Bye".

Robert Tucker: I'm looking forward to making new friends. I'm not nervous though I'm a bit worried about doing my homework in time. I'll miss Swaffham Prior, just the place in general, being in one class with all of your friends. My favourite subjects are maths and English.



Robert Tucker

Jodie Halpin-McDonald: Yes I'm looking forward to Bottisham. There's a lot more things to do and I'm looking forward to the clubs. I did wonder what it was like to be a Year 6 and leave school and now I know and can tell others. I'll miss the teachers, they've always been really helpful, really smiley and happy and make you feel better if you're feeling down and smile if you are hurt. My only worry about going to Bottisham is getting lost because it's such an enormous school. Otherwise there is nothing to worry about because the Year 11 buddies are always there to help.



The Barber's Shop in Burwell

We have successfully renewed our lease and are open . . . .

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



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



Mr Godfrey will remember Dylan Steed for his wealth of ideas, enthusiasm and contributions to discussions



Mr Godfrey advises that if you have any IT issues speak to Robert Tucker



Hugh Shackleton will be remembered for his performance of the bad knight and his excellent comedy timing



End of year performance: Hazel Lingley (far right)



Mr Godfrey will miss Jodie's infectious laugh



Elizabeth Parr: a hardworking class member who can be relied upon and secretly a little bit cheaky



George Tucker (centre) won a certificate for PE



Hector Keutgen (right) received a pen for his excellent handwriting

Burwell Museum

A fun-packed summer at Burwell Museum!

This August and September there's something for everyone at Burwell Museum. Visit one of our fabulous family Thursdays in August to meet the Victorian miller and climb to the top of our newly restored, 4-storey tower mill or hunt for fairies and boggarts in a Fenland magic scene!

Grown-ups won't be left out as the museum is launching a brand new adult learning programme including silver clay jewellery inspired by its collection of metal detector treasure, a day of top tips and tuition from a professional photographer and a specialist Mill Maintenance day course.

Our 'Autumn Tea and Talk' series is back with four wonderful speakers and some rather special cakes lined up for Thursdays in September and October. Please check the website or contact the museum for details.

Here's a reminder of our forthcoming events:

Burwell Remembers Sunday 3 August, 11.00-17.00
Our remembrance service commemorating World War One. Come help us create a giant poppy field and WWI allotment and experience our replica trench. Museum admission applies (free entry to the commemorative service at 3pm only).

Heritage Open Day Sunday 14 September, 11.00-17.00
Discover more about Burwell's past with living history, craft activities and local history talks. Part of the National Heritage Open Weekend. **Free event.**

Harvest Fair Sunday 28 September, 11.00-17.00
Browse stalls showcasing the best locally-produced foodstuffs, discover unusual harvest customs and traditional fenland crafts. This is great chance to stock up for Christmas! Museum admission applies.



Blacksmith at work with helper

Especially for Under 5s!

Burwell Babble sessions - hands-on, themed workshops for 3-5yr olds.
Places limited - please book on:
education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or 01638 605544.

Thursday 14 August, 10.00-12.00
Mrs Mopple's Wash Day
It's a very windy day and Mrs Mopple has so much washing to do! Can you help her get the job done before everything blows away? Wash day activity with crafts. £2 per child.

Thursday 18 September, 10.00-12.00
The Very Hungry Caterpillar
We're going on a bug hunt around the Museum but will we find the very hungry caterpillar? We'll enjoy a story, craft and museum visit on the way. £2 per child.



Burwell Museum Under 5s event: children making bread

Family Thursdays in August (£2 per child, 1 adult free per 2 children)

Museum Make Day Thursday 7 August, 14.00 – 17.00
A day of making, creating and inventing inspired by the Museum and Mill. Try den building, make a traditional toy, rag rugging, corn dolly making and more!
IDEA! Bring along a 'Burwell-themed make' and enter our competition to win a special prize.

Mill Magic! Thursday 14 August, 14.00 – 17.00
Meet the 'Man in the Mill', a Fenland farmhand or the busy washerwoman to discover what life in Victorian Burwell was really like. Make your own wacky windmill toy and dress up for a special family photo!

Beastly Burwell Thursday 21 August, 14.00-17.00
Come along to our beastly bug hunt and join the fabulous Lion Learners who'll introduce you to some Fenland creepy crawlies. Grab a net, go on our animal trail and make your own bug house.

Fenland Fairies and Brilliant Boggarts Thursday 28 August, 14.00-17.00
Join us for an afternoon of colourful crafts, storytelling, music and games with folk musician Mary Humphries. Be inspired by the magical myths and superstitions of the Fens and help us create our very own Fenland magic scene complete with boggarts.
IDEA! Why not come dressed as a Fenland Fairy, Brilliant Boggart or Museum Monster?



Just for Adults: silver clay jewellery

Craft Skills for Families

Blacksmith and Brick Making Basics Sunday 14 September, 11.00-16.00
Ever wondered how bricks and tiles are made? Here's your chance to find out. Learn a few tricks of the trade before making some bricks and tiles the traditional way, play with clay and discover all about the Burwell Brick and Tile Works. For adults and children aged 5-15yrs. Bring a packed lunch. Refreshments provided.
Museum admission applies (£4 per adult, £1.50 per child).
Booking essential - please contact:
education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or call 01638 605544

Just for Adults

'Museum Treasure' Silver Clay Jewellery Sunday 24 August, 11.00-16.00

Practical Mill Maintenance Friday 29 August, 10.00-16.00
'Discovering Burwell' Photography Day Sunday 19 October, 11.00-16.00

Autumn Tea and Talks – Thursdays throughout September/October. Please check website or call for details

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

01638 605544

education@burwellmuseum.org.uk

Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell CB25 0HL

Bottisham Players

Bottisham Players are well into rehearsals for “Ding Dong”, a confusing and hilarious story where Bernard discovers his wife is having an affair. He decides to confront Robert and give him two options to compensate for the affair - either Bernard sleeps with Robert’s wife or Bernard will have him killed! You can see what happens at one of three evening performances starting Thursday 16th October - Saturday 18th October. Tickets will be available from our usual places, Tina’s of Burwell, Chris Clarke hairdressing and Bottisham Post office.

At the end of October we will also be auditioning for next year's pantomime, watch out for more details.

April Cook
april.cook@btinternet.com

Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2014

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

Book Your Place at this Year's Carers Away Day

Do you care for someone?

A carer is a person of any age – adult or child – who provides unpaid support to a partner, child, relative or friend who could not manage to live independently, or whose health and wellbeing would deteriorate without this help. Those receiving this care may need help due to frailty, disability or a serious health condition, mental ill health or substance misuse.

Cambridgeshire's Carers Away Day 2014 is being held on Friday 3rd October from 10am to 4pm at the Marriott Hotel in Huntingdon. This free annual event provides carers with the opportunity to take part in informal discussion groups with expert speakers, relax, get creative and have fun by taking part in a range of afternoon activities and to visit the marketplace of information and advice stands. Lunch and refreshments are provided.

This is an opportunity to meet other carers and share your stories and experiences. Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. To book your place at the Carers Away Day 2014 contact the Carers Support Team: 01480 377616 or CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

***There may be support for carers to attend the event so please ask for any assistance you might need to enable you to come.*

For more information about the day please go to: www.cambridgeshire.net



No entries were received for the crossword! Tut tut
Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 25

ACROSS: 1. RURAL. 4. ELABORATE. 9. INSPECT. 10. THICKLY. 11. DROWN. 13. AGAIN. 15. ACT. 16. ODD. 17. COMMA. 19. FADED. 21. STAIR. 23. RADIO. 24. RIM 25. PAT. 26. OTHER. 28. TOPIC. 29. IMMENSE. 31. AUSTRIA. 33. MATERIALS. 34. NOSEY.

DOWN: 1. RAINDROPS. 2. RESPOND. 3. LIE. 4. EXTRA. 5. APT. 6. ONION. 7. AWKWARD. 8. EGYPT. 12. NICER. 14. AWARD. 18. MARSH. 19. FLOAT. 20. DEMOCRACY 22. ATTEMPT. 24. REPORTS. 25. PRISM. 26. OWNER. 27. READS. 30. ERA. 32. SUN.

Advice from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service: Outdoor Activities

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
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www.cambsfire.gov.uk
PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDI

WHAT lovely weather we have seen across Cambridgeshire – and long may it continue!

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our fire-fighters' top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.
- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- If you are having an open fire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.

To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994.

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

Amenity Fund

If you feel you have a worthwhile project that could be funded via the Amenity Fund – please get in touch with Chairman Ross Clark on 01638 743725 or rossjclark@aol.com. To learn more about the fund please visit the village website at: www.reach-village.co.uk/amenity_fund.html.

All About Orchids

There are somewhere between 22,000 and 26,000 currently accepted species of orchid in the world – which is more than twice the number of bird species, four times the number of mammal species and about 6-11% of all seed plants. And since cultivation began in the 19th century there are now over 100,000 hybrids and cultivars. They are found on every continent except Antarctica, in almost every country and in almost every habitat, with their greatest diversity being in the tropics.



The world's smallest known orchid was discovered in Ecuador in 2009. Their stems are just 0.5mm (0.02in) wide and flower heads just over 2mm (0.08in) wide and the petals are nearly see-through. In contrast, the world's largest known orchid can grow to 3m (9ft 10in) tall and produces up to 80 flowers which are 10cm (4in) wide.

Orchid seeds lack endosperm (a nutritional tissue) and so in order to develop they must form symbiotic relationships with various kinds of fungi that provide them with the necessary nutrients. Their seeds are microscopic and although thousands or millions may be released per head, the chance of meeting a suitable fungus is very small and so only a tiny fraction of all seeds will grow. Their flowers are identifiable by what appear to be five petals, that are usually similar but two can be different and a sixth petal that hangs down in the middle which is always different, usually enlarged and more elaborate.

Bee Orchids (*Ophrys apifera*) are self-pollinating in the northern ranges of their distribution. They begin to grow slowly in the autumn and bloom in April-July with a single stem of 1-12 flowers. The extravagant "sixth petal" is somewhat hairy and thought to mimic a bee's body. In Mediterranean areas it is actually pollinated by a species of solitary bee – the males are attracted to it by a scent that mimics that of a female bee. I found a cluster of around eight Bee Orchids growing in Reach Wood in late June (see photo inside front cover).

Additionally, I've heard that there are Lizard Orchids somewhere along the Dyke which supposedly look a bit like lizards but smell like goats!

Alison Lewis

Bottisham Village College
Adult and Community Learning

Enrol now for courses starting in September!

Although the Community Office is closed during the school holiday, you can visit our website for enrolment details, leave a telephone message or email us. Alternatively, come along to the Community Office to enrol on

Tuesday, 9 September, 7 – 9 pm

New Courses include:

Ballroom Dancing for Beginners
Guitar for Beginners
Bollywood *or* Oriental Belly Dancing
Makeover your Home
Cook Simple Meals with Gill
(for those who are 60+) (Free*)
Great British Baking (January)
Maths GCSE in one year (Adults) (Free*)
Maths in the Workplace (Free*)
Stained Glass Making
Learn to Draw
Painting in Acrylics

Saturday Workshops include:

Computing – Learn the Basics (Free*)
MS Word and Excel
Get that Job! (Free*)

Free* - subject to meeting eligibility criteria; otherwise a fee applies

For further details visit:
www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning
or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372
email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org
Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or
Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

Featured Fruits of our Orchard: 'Brown Turkey' Fig and Brownlees' Russet



Native to the Middle East and western Asia, figs are now widely grown throughout the temperate world, both for their fruit and as an ornamental plant. The variety we are growing in the orchard is one called 'Brown Turkey' that has been specially selected for the UK climate. It has deeply lobed leaves and produces edible fruits that can be up to 10cm in length. At first the fruits are green, but become purplish when ripe and under the right conditions it will crop within a year or two of being planted.



To produce seeds fig trees require pollination by a particular species of fig wasp (*Blastophaga psenes*). It is a fascinating relationship that benefits both the wasp and the fig tree. The female enters the fig through a tiny hole called the scion and crawls about inside pollinating some of the female flowers. She then lays her eggs – and dies inside the fig. Several weeks later, males hatch, fertilize the females and chew their way out. They later return and enlarge the holes allowing the females to emerge. The females, meanwhile, have been picking up pollen from the male flowers inside the fig. After they have emerged, they have to find another fig tree where they crawl inside the young figs, spread the pollen, assist the fig tree in reproduction and lay their own eggs to start a new cycle. For those who find this a bit off-putting and are thinking never to eat another fig, Brown Turkey (and other 'common' figs) have all female flowers that do not need pollination for fruiting; they are able to produce (seed-free) fruit through parthenocarpy (literally meaning 'virgin fruit'). This is fortunate because the fig wasp doesn't occur in the UK.

The edible fig is one of the first plants that was cultivated by humans. Fossil figs dating to about 9400–9200 BC have been found in an early Neolithic village in the Jordan Valley predating the domestication of wheat, barley, and beans and may therefore be the first known instance of agriculture.

Figs were first grown in the UK in the 16th century, when Cardinal Reginald Pole (the last Roman Catholic Archbishop of Canterbury) introduced fig trees to Lambeth Palace.

One of our orchard's fig trees has been sponsored by Hannah Perrett and the other by Tony, Rebecca, Archie and Miranda Fordham.

Brownlees' Russet - largely courtesy of:
http://www.orangepippin.com

This dessert apple was raised in Hemel Hempstead in 1848 by Mr William Brownlees. Victorians prized it for the late dessert fruits and Edwardians also valued its blossom - deep carmine buds opening to pink. However, although it was a popular russet apple in the Victorian era, unlike some of its contemporaries (notably Egremont Russet) it has now largely faded from view.



Brownlees' Russet is noticeably different from the mainstream russet varieties characterised by Egremont Russet. The flavour is more robust with pear-drop overtones and it is a far better keeper than many other russets, indeed it is probably at its best when stored for 2-3 months. However it shares some of the other typical characteristics of russet apples - it is easy to grow and has good disease resistance and attractive blossom.

We have two Brownless Russet trees in the orchard, one of which has been sponsored by Sarah Mollart & Marcus Waithe.

David Thomas

Correction

Ron told me that he had first spotted swallows and swifts in the village in early April, not May as I mistakenly wrote.

Joss Goodchild

I thought that sounded odd. Ed.

Tales from a Reach Garden



At this time of the year there is a great deal of work to do in the garden. I have been picking something to eat almost every day since the start of June. The strawberries, summer raspberries, redcurrants and blackcurrants have fruited and finished. The asparagus and rhubarb are enjoying a well-earned rest until next spring. This week alone I have picked courgettes, broad beans, runner beans, mangetout, peas, spinach, lettuce and beetroot leaves.



Grey mould on strawberry

There is a lot of watering to do when it hasn't rained for a while; however, when it has rained, the showers have been heavy. Subsequent days, even in June, have been cool and humid, which are ideal conditions for botrytis cinerea (grey mould fungus) and downy mildew. These pathogens affect many plants from fruits, such as strawberries, to leafy vegetables like lettuce and spinach. In theory, the best way to cope with these pathogens is to avoid planting the fruit or vegetables too close together. In practice, the fruit and vegetables grow very fast during the downpours we have had recently, thus undoing all efforts to space them well apart!



Downy mildew on lettuce leaf

There are no fungicides available to UK gardeners that will deal with botrytis. The best solution is to be vigilant, remove and destroy any dead or damaged leaves, stems or fruits as soon as they are seen to limit the damage done to the plants. Then thin out the rows of plants to allow good air circulation around them; the thinnings can be eaten unless very badly damaged by mould themselves.

Very often lettuces affected by grey mould fungus will show signs of rotting at the base of the plants which softens all the stems. In this case dig up and destroy the whole plant. If the lettuce crop has been very badly damaged another crop of lettuce can be sown and grown on, preferably elsewhere.



Little Gem

Lettuce is a crop which matures quickly during the warmer months, so it is best sown in small, well-spaced groups little and often throughout the summer. There are two types of lettuce: those which form solid, compact heads, such as "Little Gem" and those with a loose, more open structure, such as "Salad bowl".



Salad Bowl



Lollo Rosso

Lettuce seeds should be sown thinly about 20-30cm (8-12inches) apart about 1cm deep on moist soil. In the heat of summer, it may be best to sow them in the late afternoon or evening to allow germination overnight while the soil is still moist. Once they have germinated, lettuces will grow well as long as they are watered frequently at the base of the plants; soil and splashes on the leaves encourage fungal rots. At this time of year they ought to be watered regularly at the cooler times of the day, i.e. early morning or evening, which will help to maintain their crispness.

They will need to be netted to prevent destruction by birds and rabbits. Slugs and snails also enjoy crisp, little lettuce leaves, especially when they first show above ground. Thus, the plants will need protection from being munched at all times – in fact it's often thanks to damage due to nibbled leaves that downy mildew finds a way into these plants.



"Little Gem" lettuce bolted

I prefer growing the loose leaf variety of lettuce, like "Salad Bowl" or "Lollo Rosso" because it's possible to cut off the leaves that are required and leave the rest to continue growing, these types of lettuce are also a little slower to "bolt" – i.e. where the flower spike is formed. The heart-forming lettuces are more prone to doing this, especially if they have not been well watered during spells of hot weather. Once the hearts are formed on lettuces such as "Little Gem", they ought to be picked whole. If they are left just another week, the lettuce will have bolted – at this stage the leaves will taste bitter and ought to be uprooted and composted, unless you want to admire the pretty blue flowers. Maybe another crop of lettuce should be sown when this happens!



Lettuce flowers

Lettuce can be grown virtually all year round, including over winter, obviously they grow more slowly. Varieties such as "Winter Density" are perfect for growing during the colder months of the year. To ensure a crop of tasty leaves the lettuces will require adequate protection, especially from the cold and wet weather - and hungry mouths.

Danuta Gibson

Lavender Love and Purple Haze

Many of the plantings in the Botanic Garden highlight the importance of flowers and their pollinators. Chief amongst these are the Bee Borders, a demonstration of plants that are particularly good nectar sources for insects. Alternatively, take a walk around the Systematic Beds and watch the bees picking out the flowers that are at their best and producing plenty of nectar - at this time of year the *Compositae* or daisy family beds are particularly good. When planting to attract insects, providing a diversity of flower structures and flowering times is key and a visit to the Garden can help inform your choices.



Comma on Verbena bonariensis by Ed Lloyd Jenkins

Lavenders are well known and recommended for attracting insects but one particular cultivar stands apart and is often commented on by visitors to the Garden. This special plant is a type of Lavandin, *Lavandula* x *intermedia* 'Sussex', one of the larger-growing hybrids reaching about 1-1.2 m high and blooming from July through to the end of August. Walk around the lavender hedge that encircles the Rose Garden and 'Sussex' is the one literally buzzing with honeybees, bumblebees, butterflies, hoverflies and even day-flying moths. When in full flower, it's the favourite of favourites in the Bee Border for nectar-feeding insects.

So why is it so much better than others? The large flower spikes bear fresh flowers over many weeks giving longevity of flowering and hence nectar supply. The flower colour is attractive but not spectacular and is unlikely to be a significant factor in why 'Sussex' is the top destination. We suspect it simply produces more nectar than other cultivars and it is this that attracts so many insects.

Another plant in this colour spectrum and indeed the same plant family (Lamiaceae), is the tall and transparent *Verbena bonariensis*, which can self-seed freely in our county's generally free draining soils to create a purple haze that is the perfect foil for the late summer flowering reds and oranges of dahlias and montbretias. Throughout August, the pompoms of tiny tubular, intensely violet flowers wave in the slightest breeze and are the perfect landing platforms for all sorts of insects – comma butterflies are often attracted, but it is the small tortoiseshells that seem to love this plant.

As *Verbena bonariensis* has become a more and more popular garden plant in recent years, so the populations of small tortoiseshells have increased - could there perhaps be a virtuous circle developing? Certainly, judicious choice of plants for our own gardens can do much to improve the situation for our insect pollinators.

The Botanic Garden is open 10am-6pm through July–September (Wednesdays in July until 8pm). Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

Juliet Day
Development Officer
Cambridge University Botanic Garden

News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



I hear that the opening of the Reach 24Acres was a great success, rounded off with an impressive victory for the Trust in the cricket. I shall gloat no more!

We were delighted to welcome veteran naturalist and presenter, Sir David Attenborough to the fen recently. Sir David was filming dragonflies for his forthcoming series 'Conquest of the Skies'. Filming has taken him across the globe, filming flying frogs in the jungle of Borneo, vultures in Spain, to the Cambridgeshire Fens. The series, which is being filmed in 3D is due to be screened on the Sky 3D channel over Christmas and New Year.



The re-appearance of a tiny flower no more than 25-30mm tall led to Wicken making national news headlines in May. The extremely rare fen violet, known to exist at only three sites in the country, made a welcome re-appearance after an absence of more than a decade.

The violet was widely recorded at Wicken until 1916, only to disappear until 1982. That time it stayed to the turn of the century before disappearing again – hopefully it will stay a little longer this time around.



The introduction of our extensive grazing programme to Burwell Fen is now underway. At the time of writing we are preparing to relocate a herd of konik ponies to Burwell Fen at the end of July, to join the highland cattle which were moved onto the fen last year. A second batch of koniks are due to be relocated to the fen on or around 20 August.

Our Ranger Team will be leading three-mile guided walks around Burwell Fen on Friday 19 Sept and Tubney Fen on Friday 26 September, from 1-2.30pm. The walks will look and the conservation work being undertaken on the fen and hopefully an opportunity for some wildlife spotting. Please call the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 if you would like to book a place on either or both walks.

With the summer holidays now in full swing we have a series of events for kids during August including; **Den Building** on 1,11 & 27 August; **Mud Glorious Mud** on 4,13 & 22 August; **Pond Dipping & Minibeast Hunt** on 5,12,19 & 26 August, **Painting the Fens** on 5 & 19 Aug; **All About Birds** 6 & 29 August; **Bug Hunters** 8 & 18 August; **Fairies & Pixies** 15 August; **Summertime Arts & Crafts** on 20 August. Tickets for the above events are available via the National Trust Box Office on 0844 249 1895 or online via the Events page of our website at:
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wickenfen

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey

What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm this Summer 2014

SUPER RON AND THE SNAKEHALL SUPERHEROES SKYDIVE

We are pleased to announce that not only did Super Ron sore over the skies of Beccles, so did our other brave Snakehall Superheroes on the 8th June. An exceptionally early and very apprehensive start soon broke into sunny skies full of parachute silks and smiles. Our super cool Ron, at 85, taught the rest of the team to do the jump in style. His sheer guts, determination and delight were met with back slapping and respectful sombre handshakes from the pros on the day. When asked did he enjoy it, he simply asked to go again. We want to thank all those who jumped for Prospects and all those who sponsored their challenge. We are still counting the growing sponsorship but are very pleased to announce we have secured over £9,000 towards our 25K for 25 years appeal. Take a look at our Skydiving team at www.prospectstrust.org.uk.

WE ARE FLUSH WITH SUCCESS

Planning permission in place, funding in place and our new toilet block soon to be in place. From the pennies collected in the jars by all our local supporters, to the large sponsored sums and successful grants we are pleased to announce our pressing need for more toilets will soon be relieved. We will be adding an ex-Olympic park toilet & welfare block to our farm facilities, enabling us to better meet the demands placed upon our existing 2 loos.

25th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS THIS SEPTEMBER: OUR SILVER JUBILEE FARM OPEN DAY

We will be hosting an open farm event to mark our 25th anniversary later this year, on Saturday 27th September. We aim to offer all the fun on the farm, from Tilly Tractor rides, the first WORLD Snakehall Farm Welly Wanging Tournament, a fun farm quiz, bouncy castles and lots of stalls, activities and tours being offered. We will have a small amount of pitches for external hire at £5 per pitch (and a small donation towards our raffle), please contact the farm on 01638 741551 for more details. The Farm will open from 11am with the grand Raffle being drawn just before the close at 4pm.

We are seeking the professional services of musicians, entertainers, face painter - so if you can offer your help and talents we would love to hear from you, if your talent is very hidden, we have many other volunteer roles on the day.



Sky divers



Super Ron in T-shirt

We will also be hosting a Snakehall Superhero Scarecrow Competition, so get designing your costume, creating your very own Superhero Scarecrow and enter to see if your Scarecrow wins the star prize.

Full event details, entrance forms and rules can be found online: www.prospectstrust.org.uk.



Super Sam at N&P - July 2014

FARM TOURS AND GROUP VISITS

We are proud of all that we achieve at the Prospects Trust and by prior arrangement, are happy to offer group talks and twilight walks around the farm. For a small donation to the charity, we can offer guided walks to local groups, making the most of a light summer's evening to take in the tranquil nature of Snakehall Farm. Contact Mark Cornell on 01638 741551 for more details.

SEASONAL STOCK IN THE SHOP

Aubergines! Yes we have successfully grown and harvested aubergines on the farm this summer.



Marianne (Maz) Baker

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



Harvest Supper

7pm Saturday 4th October 2014
Village Centre

The Harvest Supper will take the usual format of excellent food and 'light' entertainment.

We will be serving sausages and baked potatoes, followed by crumble. Soft drinks will be provided. You may wish to bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses. Also please bring plates and cutlery.

The Supper will be preceded by the Harvest Songs of Praise at 6pm in St Ethelreda's

Admittance strictly tickets only
Adults £7.50, Children under 6 £4.00.
Family of 4 £20

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

Can you donate a raffle prize, help set up and/or clear away on the day?
Offers of help gratefully received! Please call
Juliet Vickery (742676) or
Helen Oliver (742484)

OLD PHOTOS

Nick Acklam would like to prepare `Reach Now and Then' articles for the magazine and would like to hear from anyone with old photos of the village – they don't have to be ancient!

acklam@reach-village.co.uk
15 Fair Green

Days Gone By



The song that topped the charts at this time in 1981 was "Green Door" by Shakin' Stevens. "Shaky", as he is often called, was born Michael Barratt in Cardiff in 1948 and was the best selling singles artist of the 1980s.

One joke heard at the time was - "I haven't been this nervous since I was stood in the gents next to Shakin' Stevens".

In the UK the news was all about the escaping of first Child killer James Kay and then double murderer Alan Reeve from Broadmoor, the hospital for the criminally insane.

Kay gave himself up shortly after escaping but it would be 16 years before Reeve was returned to Broadmoor, to which he was sent aged 15 for stabbing and clubbing to death a friend. Four years later he strangled a fellow Broadmoor patient.



After his escape he fled to the Netherlands but a year later was captured after shooting dead a police officer and sentenced to 15 years in jail. Upon his parole in 1992 a Dutch court refused to extradite him to the UK and he returned to his native Ireland.

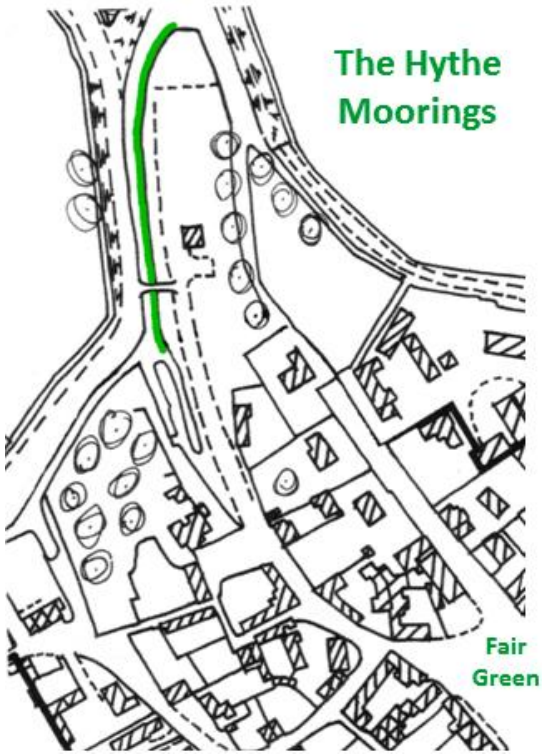
However in 1997 he was arrested in Cork and extradited to the UK. He was returned to Broadmoor but spent only 5 months there before he was released after psychiatrists decided he no longer posed a threat to society.

In Reach, the Parish Council was discussing the Hythe and this was summarised in Out of Reach thus . . . .

Improvement of the Hythe

The Solicitor to the Anglian Water Authority has been able to provide exact information of the extent of the Authority's land at the Hythe and so it is hoped that detailed proposals for improving the facilities for boating and other activities can now be drawn up.

And now, 33 years later, we see in the Draft Minutes of the July 2014 Parish council meeting . . . .



6. Overgrown trees/shrubs on The Hythe

The Clerk to confirm ownership of the Hythe and to ask for the unnecessary sewage works equipment to be removed and to establish what the future plans are for the area. It was proposed that a village group be set up to explore the possibilities of restoring and improving the whole area. Clearing brambles and cutting back trees, improving the drainage and an archaeological dig could be included. Residents have already expressed an interest in this project.

And indeed such a Village Group will be set up - which you will hear more about in due course. The possibility of restoring the Hythe to its former glory is an exciting one but a lot of careful planning and effort will be needed to make it happen.

David Parr
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Oh - and somebody sent me this - I thought it was quite funny . . . .



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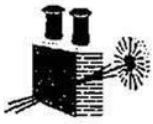

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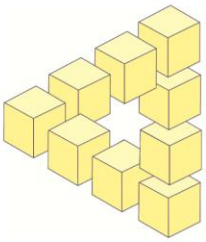

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Ross's Reflections



In the last issue I appealed for any information relating to the seven men named on the war memorial as having fallen in the Great War. No-one has contacted me, and I have not had chance to do any research further afield, but will try for the next issue.

In the meantime it does strike me that there is not a single name from the second world war. Either we need a stone mason to record the names of those who fell in the second war – or nobody died. If the latter – and I appeal for any information on villagers who may have failed to return from the 1939-45 war – it would make Reach a rarity, partially at least, in being a 'thankful village'. The term was coined by the historian Arthur Mee who, while peddling through England in the 1930s came across a village with no war memorial. He enquired as to why no-one had erected one – was it a lack of money, or just no-one had thought to erect one – only to be told that all men had returned safely from the Great War. He went on to identify 32 such parishes in England and Wales (but none in Scotland or Ireland).



Since then a further 21 have been found. Of these, 13 villages managed to get through the Second World War, too, without losing a single parishioner. Among them was the inappropriately-named Gloucestershire village of Upper Slaughter.

Maybe Reach was spared in the second world war because rural depopulation in the 1920s and 1930s had reduced the population so that few were called upon to serve. But it would be good to know who went and who returned.

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Meeting Charlotte Cane



What is your full name?
Charlotte Kathryn Bourne Cane

The name Charlotte is from my grandfather, Charles. Bourne is my mother's maiden name, and Kathryn I am unsure.

Where were you born and brought up?
I was born in Dartford, Kent. My dad was in the army so when I was six months old we moved to Ghana and lived in Teshie near Accra. My mother taught maths in the local school and both my parents ran scouts and cubs. There was a coup so we came back to England, to Colchester, where my brother was born. We then moved to Celle in Germany, returning to the UK to Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. After a few years my parents settled in Great Missenden where they are today. So I travelled a lot until I was about eight years old, when we settled in Buckinghamshire.

Ghana was a great place to be brought up but I think it's the reason I don't like the cold - we moved back to England in the winter just as I was learning to speak and I kept saying "cold, cold". I just wasn't used to the temperatures after Ghana.

In Germany we had American and English friends. At that time it was not thought appropriate to teach kids a second language while they were learning their own, so the opportunity to learn a second language was lost. I remember walks and play areas, a big castle and events like the Pied Piper of Hamelin.



Riding my rocking horse on my third birthday in Ghana

What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
Initially my schooling was intermittent - I was not long at one school. I left a school just as they were learning handwriting and when I got to the next school they had just done handwriting. My early schooling was poor and I was disruptive in the classroom; I would be sent out of lessons to the library and would read. My parent's solution was to send me to a boarding school and I went to St Helen's in Northwood. It was a good school and I gained a good education but I hated the restrictions of boarding school. Yes, we had some fun times like midnight feasts and playing in the grounds on summer weekends.

One incident stands out: we had an incompetent house mistress who was constantly ringing the bell: to clear the table, for us to be quiet etc. So we nicked the bell at dinner time and passed it round under the table. We'd ring the bell and pass it on. The house mistress got frantic as she could not get the bell back, so she locked us in the dining room and left us in there. We didn't mind being locked in and played games and told stories. In the end another teacher arrived and threatened us with expulsion if we did not apologise.



With our first pet - Stolypin

What is your career history and employment?
I went to Birmingham University and read Ancient History and Archaeology and that's where I met Jon who was also reading Ancient History and Archaeology. It was a four-year degree; two years of study, one year in the field working and a final year of study. It was a great time, meeting people and getting involved in things. At university you don't have all the responsibilities of adulthood but you have the freedom of adulthood and grow as a person.

After university I had a teacher training place at Durham but I went on a summer vacation excavation and was offered a job as an archaeologist and took it. I was an archaeologist with Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit with Jon for nearly 10 years. We mainly worked in Stafford where there was a lot of development. There was an historical record of a late Saxon burh, the Anglo Saxon Chronicle records that "Ethelfleda, the Lady of the Mercians, went with all the Mercians to Tamworth and there built the burh early in the summer and after this, before Lammas, the one at Stafford". We did not find evidence of the burh but Stafford was a major pottery producing town. A type of pottery had been found previously elsewhere and was called Chester Type Ware but in fact its origin was Stafford. The developer was annoyed because below the Saxon horizon were the remains of a Roman market town of long standing with evidence of grain drying and grain processing and below that were Iron Age remains of the same processes. We worked on three main sites and excavated trenches elsewhere to gain the overall context. Once the excavations in Stafford were complete, we spent several years writing up our findings, which were finally published by Prof Martin Carver after we moved to Reach.



Jon and my wedding day

I also got involved in the World Archaeological Congress which was formed after a conference originally held under the auspices of the United Nations. Students and Southampton City Council objected to the Conference because South African academics were invited at the time of the academic boycott. Professor Peter Ucko of Southampton University listened to the students and decided to dis-invite the South African academics. The Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA) was funding the conference and I was a member. There was a debate as to whether the IFA should withdraw its funding. I argued that the funding should not be withdrawn; it was the right decision not to invite the South African academics. The argument was narrowly won, funding was given and I was invited to attend the conference. Much debate centred on indigenous peoples and how archaeologists should respect their beliefs, particularly when dealing with burial sites; how archaeological findings can be used politically and the importance of archaeological evidence in assessing land rights.

The representation of women in historical reconstructions was also considered; they were usually shown as cooking and child-minding and little else. If the gender of people undertaking an activity was unknown they were usually presented as male. At the end of the conference we agreed to establish a new body- the World Archaeological Congress (WAC) - to keep the debates going. A steering committee was established, but all the members were male. After several female delegates complained, I was invited on to the committee. I represented WAC in Germany where again the debate centred on the South African academics. I went to Venezuela with the WAC steering committee to identify a venue for the first World Archaeological Congress conference. When apartheid ended the fourth conference was held in South Africa with Nelson Mandela as the official patron.

I moved from archaeology as a result of Thatcher's recession. Interest rates were 15% and the poll tax was being introduced. I looked at our outgoings and income and there was a large shortfall so I looked for better paid employment. I got a job as an office junior with a political colleague who had his own computing business. The accountant there encouraged me to qualify as a chartered accountant. I got a training place at KPMG in Birmingham and qualified as an accountant. I learnt a huge amount at KPMG and received lots of training; they were an excellent employer. But they were very cut and thrust. It was all about making money and about minimising the payment of tax and I was not a 100% comfortable in that environment. I got a job with the Eastern Arts Board, the eastern region of the Arts Council as an accountant and was there for about three years.

I then went to work with English Heritage as an accountant, and achieved the combination of archaeology and accounting which was great. I was based at Savile Row, London, and then Cambridge. While I was at the Cambridge office I had David and Kathryn.

While I was with English Heritage I was elected on to the East Cambridgeshire District Council. For several years the Liberal Democrats had control of the Council and I was elected Council Leader. I was pregnant with David, working and leader of the Council so I went part-time. After a couple of years I was pregnant with Kathryn and realised something had to give. So I stood down as Leader of the Council but stayed on as a Councillor.

Promotion with English Heritage (EH) took me back to London. EH planned to move to Swindon so I stood down from the Council, put the house on the market and prepared to move. But when we got an offer on the house Jon and I realised that neither of us wanted to move and we wanted to stay in Reach. So I job hunted and got a job with the Forestry Commission, back in Cambridge. Unfortunately, after a couple of years they decided to move (to Bristol) so I looked again and got a job in London with a quango. The latter closed so I got another job in London and most recently I started work with Cambridge University – I reckon they won't move or close. Phew!

I have had a lot of jobs though I was with Birmingham University for almost 10 years and almost 10 years with English Heritage. It was a huge wrench leaving English Heritage because I understood the work I was accounting for. The pull of Reach was greater than the pull of English Heritage, and the other jobs I left as a result of them moving or closing.

How did you come to live in Reach?
We moved to Reach in November 1994. It's a really nice village and we discovered that from day one as the day we moved in was the planting of Reach Wood. We took it in turns from moving in to planting a tree. We were invited to get involved with the Fair and this we did. There's always something to pitch in with and enjoy. I like the Sports Day because it accommodates the `professionals' with the marathon for example, and the not very sporty people with the sack race etc.

We came across Reach by accident. We were renting in Newmarket and looking for a permanent home so we decided to go out for a walk in different places. We were heading for a walk in Burwell but got lost and ended up in Reach. Two houses were for sale and we bought this one as it suited us best.



The Cane Family

What are your interests?
My interests include politics and I have been involved with politics since I was 16. I stood in the general election in 1987 in Birmingham Selly Oak, the European elections Birmingham East, the European elections here, and local elections. It takes up a lot of my time.

I enjoy reading, a range of books and have just completed the Luminaries. I enjoy Toppings Bookshop in Ely and attend many of their events. Some of my reading is led by them. I'll meet an author and buy their book. In addition to national authors they support local authors such as Elly Griffiths who writes detective stories which include an archaeologist. I tend to mix rather heavy and serious reading, such as Lionel Shriver or Margaret Atwood with something light, for example, Christobel Kent or Jasper Fforde.

I enjoy knitting and lace making. The latter mainly tatting but also some bobbin lace. I'm collecting bobbins at the moment because I want to make something where a lot of bobbins are required.

Where do you like to holiday?
We like to holiday in France. The weather is slightly better than the UK, the food is nice and travel is easy.

Tell me about your children?
We have two children, David and Kathryn, both at Bottisham Village College. They don't like politics though, that said, they did help me recently with a leaflet drop. Kathryn takes after me in many ways. She's very determined. She's a bit more into clothes, hair style and make up than me. She enjoys art like her father. David likes models and planes, like his dad and likes computer games. Both children play the piano, Kathryn plays the flute and David the guitar. They take after my mother who is a very good musician

Can you cook?
I can cook but because of work and evening politics Jon does most of the cooking

Can you change a plug?
I am handy round the house if I have to be, but again because of the limits on my time Jon does most things.

What is your philosophy on life?
Think of the future and plan but be sure to put most of your time into the present. Consider the impact of your actions on other people; otherwise just enjoy yourself without harming other people.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

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Little Windmills Pre-school

Little Windmills PRE-SCHOOL

What a busy half-term!

We have enjoyed lots of outdoor play in the sunshine, enjoying our sand, dirt and water trays as well as our ride on toys and new balance bike. We have learnt the importance of wearing hats and sunscreen and drinking lots of water to keep us healthy.

The children enjoyed watching our caterpillar eggs develop into beautiful painted lady butterflies and watching them being released on the village green. At the end of this term we say a fond farewell to our leavers going to local schools and to those joining other settings.

We will miss them all and wish them well for the future and look forward to hearing of their progress.

If you are interested in your child joining in the fun please take a look at our website www.littlewindmills.co.uk or ring us during session times (07803 672000 between 9.15 and 12.15 (term time only) to check availability and arrange a visit.

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Team

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Pets Corner



Pebbles Shackleton likes a comfy cushion



Shep Davis pretty quick but not as quick as the labradors



Betty Miller – a cocker poodle or just a bundle of fur

Swaffham Prior Primary School

It has been a very, very busy term...

SATs have come and gone and the Year 6 children are to be commended on their mature approach to them.

The Enid Porter Project has now finished and culminated in a small group of 8 Year 5 and 6 children, who went on a trip to visit sites associated with the Enid Porter diaries, including Tom Hickathrift's grave and two celebrations with the other schools who participated in the project. The children demonstrated their maypole and molly dancing and took part in a range of activities.



The FoSPS Summer Fair
From left: Hazel, Cliff Parr and Elizabeth

The Science Fair, courtesy of the Cambridge Science Centre and sponsored by Marshalls, arrived on Tuesday 3rd June and the children enjoyed trying a range of activities and challenges including making yellow light using different coloured lights, constructing bridges, investigating helicopters and parachutes using a giant wind tunnel and making pinhole cameras. The week ended with a Year 6 challenge for Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck children. The winning height was 2.59m which amazingly was achieved by teams from both schools – a draw! All in all a very educational and enjoyable time was had!

Mercury and Mars classes had workshops on using balance bikes and scooters and we enjoyed a Pro-Kick Challenge. A measure was made of the speed at which each child and member of staff could kick a ball into a giant goal. Prizes and certificates were awarded for the fastest kicks.

Our school featured as School of the week on Radio Cambridgeshire. Jeremy Sallis came into school and interviewed staff and children about their experiences at school.

Years 5 and 6 participated in a Pentathlon and the children took part in a range of activities including Tug 'o' War and running relays. Children from Years 1 and 2 took part in a Multiskills event and practised a range of skills. City of Games for Years 3 and 4 also took place. The children participated in a range of sports.

Report by Sam Tate and Lily: *'We went to the Abbey Sports Centre in Cambridge. There was a range of sports including tennis, football, multisports and rugby. There were also Paralympian sports people there. There was Emma Wiggs who is currently a 100m sprint rower. She used to play sitting volleyball. We had a choice of three sports which were football, tennis and hockey.*



Evie demonstrating her recorder playing with music teacher Amanda Williams

Sam: *I chose tennis. We first of all played sitting volleyball and then played four rounds of boccia. Then we came back to the Astroturf and had lunch. After lunch we did a range of tennis based sports. My favourite was when we had to hit a ball over a tennis net.*

Lily: *'I chose football. To start off with we played six football matches but unfortunately we lost all the games. Harry scored an awesome goal. Then it was finally lunchtime – I was starving! We stopped doing matches in the afternoon and played jump rope and sitting volleyball. It was fantastic!'*

We had a great time at the Abbey Sports Centre and hopefully we will go again next year.'

We had a 'French Day'. The children tried several aspects of the curriculum with a French focus. Mercury and Mars classes learnt how to say the days of the week and several fruits in French through the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. They played English games in French and learnt about Georges Seurat and pointillism. KS2 played games outside in French, found out about French speaking countries, wrote menus in French and learnt how to say body parts in French. Ooh la la! The day finished with a French cafe in each class where the children tried different foods such as croissant, crepes, camembert and brie.



Sports Day: Hugh racing in the Boys Year 6 Sprint Final

Years 5 and 6 visited Darley Stud on Monday and had a fascinating day. Report by Molly M and Michael:
'We found out that Darley Stud is a breeding stud, where they try to breed the fastest racehorses. The young foals grow up and most of them are then sent off to be trained at Godolphin Stables. When the stallions have finished racing they go back to the yard to breed and they get treated really well. The mares are left out in the paddocks in all weathers and the stallions get immaculate stables. Some of the highlights were that we could touch some of the younger foals and their mothers and look at some of the famous male racehorses. We also got to walk through the stallion yard and see the stables. They had brass hinges and locks on the stable doors. They were kept well polished! It was a very exciting day and we really enjoyed it.'

We have been visited by our new reception children and the last session was a picnic during which they were introduced to their Year 6 buddies. We also enjoyed watching the Tour de France on the big screens in school and took the theme for our recent Sports Day.



Sports Day: Jodie racing in the Girls' Year 6 Sprint

Mercury and Mars classes went to Hunstanton for the day and had a fantastic time looking for crabs and sea shells. They even dipped their toes in the sea!

Lois Baker came into school and spent an afternoon pond dipping in our nature area with Mercury Class. They tried out our new pond equipment and used information cards written and illustrated by Years 5 and 6. It was a very successful afternoon and the children enjoyed trying to identify what they found.

Years 3 and 4 went to a Multicultural Day at Bottisham Village College. The theme was 'Africa' and the children participated in drumming workshops, made clay masks and danced to African music, amongst other activities. They had a wonderful day!

The FoSPS summer fair was a very sunny affair and about £600 was raised in total. Many thanks to those members of FoSPS who worked tirelessly to make it a successful day.

We have also had a KS2 production, 'Move it!' which was fantastic. It was a spectacle of singing and street dance and was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all for the costumes and support with painting and to the school staff who organised and rehearsed.

We have said farewell to Mrs Sue Jackson and Mrs Patricia Ide who are retiring. Mrs Jackson has taught at the school for 25 years! We have also said goodbye to Miss Emma Ojelade who has been with us for the past year.

We have not finished the term and there are still things to look forward to...Swaffham Olympics for KS2 against Swaffham Bulbeck and our Leavers Assembly. We wish you a happy summer holiday!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

Kid's Page

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School Books

Maths Autumn

Leaves Learning

Science Harvest

School jokes!

Why is a maths book always sad?
Because it has a lot of problems!

Why did the cross-eyed teacher leave the school?
She couldn't control her pupils!

What does a duck use to do maths?
A quack-ulator!

Why shouldn't you do maths in a jungle?
There are too many cheetahs!

Anagrams!
(Answers on Page 39)

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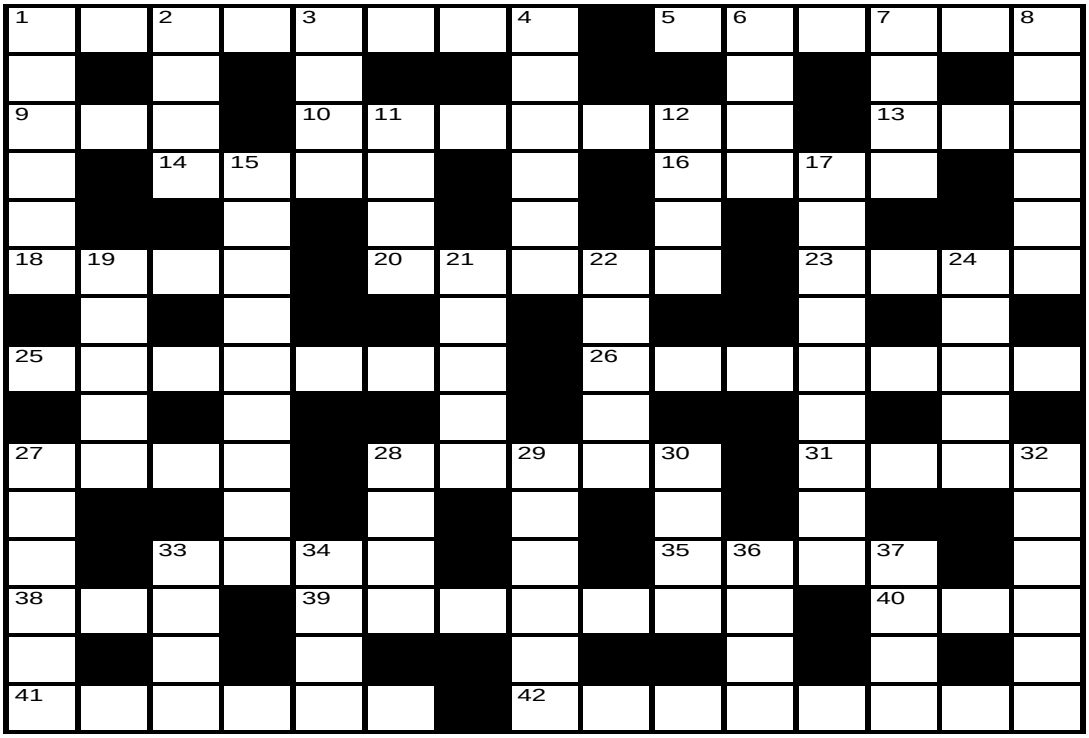
Crossword No. 26



Across

1 Reached the target set (8)
5 I let to you for your convenience (6)
9 It's the legal side of things (3)
10 Has such a long neck (7)
13 Get rid of someone sharp (3)
14 Eager and sharp (4)
16 Metal golf club (4)
18 Little Bo to take a look (4)
20 It used to be mine (5)
23 Seems like German says no when over 22d (4)
25 A stork Ed caressed (7)
26 Got the Beefeaters to do it (7)
27 Cab company has them (4)
28 A likeness on special paper (5)
31 Shoe could become water pipe (4)
33 You must break them for breakfast dish (4)
35 They run hot and cold (4)
38 Small green one for shooter (3)
39 Rub noses with them (7)
40 Valuable mineral to mine (3)
41 Blue cheese from Scandinavia (6)
42 Reset tag to become the very best (8)

Down

1 Please in the night time (6)
2 Watch like one with beady eye (4)
3 On the outer limits of nervousness (4)
4 Symbol found on Welsh flag (6)
6 Six balls and done (4)
7 Lend for a short time (4)
8 Yet her it's contracted to this (6)
11 Put that in here (4)
12 Sounds like a monetary penalty we discover (4)
15 Going off with a bang (9)
17 I claim this for myself (9)
19 More runs in the field (5)
21 Distance from side to side (5)
22 Pirates had pieces of them (5)
24 Basic requirements (5)
27 Used fingers on glass to get attention (6)
28 To go through way over top (4)
29 Having possession of (6)
30 Say no to put in place (4)
32 Giving the appearance of (6)
33 Work for it (4)
34 Comes into possession of (4)
36 60% of the world are here (4)
37 Not quite all of them (4)



Please send your entry by Friday 5th September 2014 to: CROSSWORD No. 26 North View House, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach CB25 OJJ giving your name and address

The solution to our Crossword No. 25 can be found on page 14

Rita's Recipes



Lots of Tomatoes – Make this delicious Summer Soup

Preparation and Cooking Time: 30 minutes
Serves 6



Ingredients

1tblsp single cream
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1 clove garlic, finely chopped
900gms ripe tomatoes coarsely chopped
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 dessertspoon brown sugar, or to taste
25ml milk
25g butter
salt and pepper
pinch of paprika
350ml water

Method

Melt the butter and cook the onion and garlic gently until soft in a heavy duty saucepan until soft, do not brown. Add the tomatoes and paprika and cook for 10 minutes. Add the lemon juice, water and brown sugar (to taste), simmer for a further 5 minutes. Cool – then puree in a liquidiser. Pass through a sieve into a clean saucepan. Stir in the milk and cream and seasoning to taste.

To Serve

Garnish with a swirl of yoghurt and freshly chopped basil leaves.

NOTE:

This recipe can be used to make a sorbet – using 570 ml of the soup add 60ml of Vodka, 2 teaspoons of sugar, salt and pepper to taste. Place all the ingredients in an ice-cream maker and churn until the mixture is a soft-scoop consistency, or place in freezer and beat at half-hourly intervals until the mixture is at the required consistency. Serve on a bed of basil leaves.

Cricket News

To play the first game on a virgin ground is the treat of a lifetime.



And also a little bit frightening as no-one has any idea what will happen: whether the ball will leap up and attack you or skid along the ground without bouncing. In spite of a couple of weeks rolling the wicket obsessively with a heavy road-roller the pitch still failed to resemble the M11.

Our fears of injury were heightened when we heard the rumour, spread by Gareth Davies, that a member of the National Trust team had been a county player. Maybe he had, but it turned out to be about 70 years ago and in any case he had only played for Cambridgeshire, a minor county. After winning the toss the National Trust elected to bat and it fell to our captain to bowl the first-ever ball at the Reach 24 acre cricket ground. A crescendo of excitement rippled around the ground as he ran in. Would it knock the middle stump out of ground; would it be slogged back over the bowler's head for six?



It was so exciting, indeed, that I can't quite remember what happened, except that the scorebook insists it went for two runs. I have a vague recollection that there was a dropped catch somewhere in that first over, although I can't quite remember who it was who deserves to go down as the first person ever to drop a catch at Reach.

Anyway, the pitch performed without too many surprises apart from the odd ball dribbling along like suet pudding – but then we had had about two inches of rain in the preceding week. By the end of their 40 overs the National Trust had piled on 217 runs.

A word might just be said about Ewen Cameron's bowling. After the last issue of Within Reach hit the village, Ewen complained that his contribution to our famous victory in the National Village Cup had been given inadequate coverage. But no match report could possibly miss out his 4 – 19 as he mercilessly plucked off the tail-enders.

It was then our turn. Sensible eyes turned to the Ceilidh. Even a majestic three from Ewen could not stop us lunging to embarrassing top-order collapse. There then, however, followed a wise innings, if perhaps a little unhasty innings from Bryan Pearson.



In fact, looking at the scorebook rarely can so many dots ever have been lined up save for on an air traffic controller's screen showing the approaches to Heathrow. Bryan safely back in the 'pavilion', Tony Fordham put on 55, our new signing John Hodgson 1 and Jake Dods 31. But it was all in vain as our innings petered out at 169-7. The National Trust had rather rudely beaten us on our big day.

I would love to recount our second match at Reach, but it has rained every time since. If there is another ground with such a poor meteorological record that two-thirds of matches have been rained off before a ball has been bowled, it must be somewhere in the monsoon-drenched foothills of Nepal.

Fixture list for the remainder of 2014:

Sun 10 August	Grantchester	Home
Sun 14 Sept	Burwell	Away
Sun 28 Sept	Rain Men	Home

Ross Clark

Sports News: Reach Sports Day 2014



With so many great sporting events going on just now it was quite hard to know how to 'theme' our own Reach Sports Day for 2014... The World Cup (just as well we didn't do that as we might have had to all wear black in mourning), Tour de France (not much better for UK hopes as poor Cavendish and Frome had both 'crashed and burned' by day 5) or Wimbledon (not quite such a one off but a Brit did make the final - James Keothavong as the Umpire!). In the end we opted for a Commonwealth Games flavour to mark the coming of the Games to Glasgow.



The Queen is, of course , closely involved with the Games in Glasgow - launching the Baton Relay on its global journey last October and now preparing to receive it on 23 July for the opening ceremony. So, given her busy schedule, we were delighted that she graciously agreed to open the Reach Games, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridgeshire. Together they were driven onto the sports field in a fabulous vintage Rolls Royce to cut the red ribbon and declare Reach Games open!



Slow bicycle race

All the usual fun, games and sporting challenges followed with some triumph and (thankfully) no tragedy. As the Commonwealth Games often feature some quirky English sports we added our own – egg throwing.

Teams of two compete to see who can throw and catch an unbroken (free range) egg the furthest distance. The result….. much 'scrambled egg' and 'egg on face' for all but the two winners Helen Oliver and Claire Halpin.

Overall winners (all races combined):
Best Junior Athlete – Lily Steed
Best Intermediate Athlete – Scarlett Bailey
Best Senior Athlete – Daisy Bailey
Best Overall Sporting performance – Dylan Steed

Marathon Winners
Junior Boys Marathon - Harry Oliver-Towers
Junior Girls Marathon – Daisy Bailey

Reach Good Sport Cup – Kathryn Cane – who bullied her father into coming with her resulting in her, then, having to put up with his 'encouraging' company all the way round on the Marathon – but still she rarely stopped smiling.



From left: Lily Steed, Kathryn Cane and Daisy and Scarlett Bailey

Worth of mention: Harry and Dylan were the fastest things on three legs for the 6th (!) year running. A new award of 'Best Guest Performance' went to Sam White from Swaffham Prior. Major improvements were made by the long-overdue purchase of new hessian sacks (no longer can certain competitors stick their feet through the holes and run not jump). Notable by their absence were our senior Marathon winners. Ben and Maisey Snaith competing in bigger (really?!) events. The Blocksages all on their way back from collecting Daniel at the end of his apprentice training in Bournemouth. Theo earning his keep making beds in a Cambridge College and Ross, like John Cane, receiving outside help from his daughter and so not eligible for an individual prize.



Sam White (left) and Harry Oliver-Towers

Lots of volunteers made Reach Games happen and I am enormously grateful to all of them. Huge thanks to John Biggs for agreeing to drive out from Cambridge in order to chauffer the Royal Party onto the playing field in the style to which they are accustomed. Special thanks to Helen Oliver for being 'orchestrator extraordinaire' as always! Jo Riches for all BBQ shopping and setting up and Andrew Towers for the subsequent BBQ cooking (Hurrell's burgers and sausages and Lane's buns of course) and opening ceremony rocket launch (!). To Tomasina Oldfield for her undercover role and Graham Lingley for wonderful Commonwealth Games-style certificates (these get better every year). S usan Bailey for scoring and generously agreeing to co-organise the 2015 Sports Day with Helen and the numerous helpers who held the finish line, administered sticker and adjudicated on 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. We are, as always, grateful to the Amenity Fund for their support of this village event.

Juliet Vickery

Helen Oliver Towers: Juliet has clearly failed to mention the glamorous 'royal' couple who accompanied the Queen - David and Juliet filled these high profile, glamorous roles very ably! Thanks as always to Juliet for providing the creativity, enthusiasm and energy which make each Sports Day unique and a true 'spectacle' on the day !!



Hugh Shackleton with dad, Jamie



Kathryn Cane with dad, Jon



Dylan Steed (left) and Harry Oliver-Towers



The start of the marathon – the girls are giving the boys a head start!

Results of Carpet Bowls National Champion of Champions at Durham



Swaffham Prior did well in the Triples with Colin Dalton, Ivan Perry and David Folkes. They played well during the weekend and in the Finals five of the nine counties all had the same points at the top. But having to find a winner they had to go on shot difference and Swaffham Prior achieved fifth place.

As I told them, they didn't disgrace themselves at all as it's quite an achievement to reach the Nationals.

Cambridgeshire won overall with the most points scored by all, so all was not lost.

I'm still a very proud Mum and if you knew David you would know why!

Anita Folkes ☺

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Michael Aves	Councillor	742800
Ross Clark	Vice Chairman	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**

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

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

Equestrian News

Last month we took Mary to her first dressage show at Fenning Farm in Soham; she was great and behaved well all day, even in the wind and rain and came 4th with a good score and positive comments from the judges, which was a great result for her first show. She has now gone to a new home to continue her dressage career.



Over the past couple of months we have spent some time searching for a couple of new young horses for me to compete, so recently we have been doing a lot of work with them to get them ready for shows later this year. Meryl is a 4 year old from Ireland and Stella is a 5 year old just imported from Holland.

Cleo Mcgregor took her horse Paris to a local show, Worlington, held in Fordham and had a very successful day, coming 6th in the 2'9 and winning the 3foot. Worlington is a great local show that offers a great range of classes for everyone from beginners up and runs about once a month.

Lorna Steven



REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 2nd July 2014.

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public
No members present

2. Declarations of Interest
There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were reviewed and signed as correct.

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
No Report given.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report
June saw the first round of meetings for the five new service committees. At this stage there is a clear will across the political groupings to make the new system work for the benefit of the people of Cambridgeshire. With the Chairwoman on holiday I chaired the first meeting of the Children and Young People Committee. As well as discussing how the committee should operate in the future we considered a number of policy papers. These included residential services for disabled children and how the early help offer may look in future. All votes were unanimous.

Ofsted inspectors are currently in the County Council for a 4 week inspection.

With the current interest in cycling I have been pushing for work to be carried out to investigate and cost a safe route linking Burwell with Exning.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report
Tesco have applied for planning permission to re-locate further up Angel Drove, Ely. This will be the start of the Ely Station Gateway area planning.

There is a proposal to build a new Ely Leisure Village at the junction of the A10 and Downham Road. To include a six screen Cineworld, and several restaurants. A planning application will be submitted in September. ECDC are also planning to have a swimming pool and multi-use complex built on the same site, at no cost to the council tax payers.

4 (4) Financial Report
The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
The Clerk had met with the ECDC Tree Officer to discuss the health of the Jubilee tree on The Green. The Tree Officer concluded that the condition of the tree had not significantly changed since the last inspected in 2010.

There has been no further deterioration in the dieback in the tree's canopy. She advised that the visible areas of dead wood should be pruned out, and also that there should be continued monitoring of the tree. ***The Clerk*** to obtain quotes to have the required work done***.***

4 (6) Play Spaces
No report provided. ***The Clerk*** to ask the Play Spaces Officers for a summary report of the inspection and any urgent work requirements***.***

4 (7) Rights of Way
Councillor Fielding is continuing to have discussions with Karen Champion at ECDC with regard to the clearing of The Devils Dyke and the removal of the kissing gate at the bottom of The Hythe. The prospective land owner who has requested that the kissing-gate be moved to his land has been asked to contact Councillor Fielding, but he has not yet done so.
There are two kissing gates along the pathway between the village and the 24Acres, these are overgrown with nettles and are also difficult to manoeuvre around for people with buggies etc. ***Councillor Fielding*** to contact ECDC to discuss whether these could be replaced with something more user friendly.
Motor trial bikes have again been seen using the Lode banks. The banks are controlled by the Environment agency. The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation for increased nuisance and signs of damage; and advises anyone with concerns to contact the Environment Agency directly.

4 (8) Village Centre
No report provided.

4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
The 24Acres opening event earned less income than expected mainly due to less attendance and some unanticipated costs. The event will break even with the sale of all the commemorative bags produced.
It was previously agreed that the PC would contribute £650 towards the event and this will come from the £250 donated by the Amenity Fund for the Orchard and £400 donated by the Amenity Fund for the Woodland.
Councillor Fielding asked about plans to develop amenities for horse riders at the site. It was agreed that ***Councillor Fielding*** would follow up with those who had been leading on plans for the manege.
It was also agreed that the mowing of the woodland paths will be in line with the mowing of the paths in Reach Wood, ***The Clerk*** to inform the contractor.

5. Local Highway Improvement Initiative 2015
The proposal from last year, to provide speed controls at the entrance to the village from Swaffham Prior will be resubmitted. ***The Clerk*** to produce and submit the application.

6. Overgrown trees/shrubs on The Hythe and Reach Wood.
The Clerk to confirm ownership of the Hythe, and to ask for the unnecessary sewage works equipment to be removed, and to establish what the future plans are for the area.
It was proposed that a village group be set up to explore the possibilities of restoring and improving the whole area. Clearing brambles and cutting back trees, improving the drainage and an archaeological dig could be included. Residents have already expressed an interest in this project.

7. Bonfires
It was reported that a resident has been having bonfires on the byway behind Ditchfield, these included a variety of plastic items. The resident had been contacted previously by the Parish Council with regard to this matter. ***Alan Alderson*** to contact the Environmental health officer at ECDC.

8. Planning Applications
There were none.

9. Information Items
The Village Sign - It was reported that the village sign was in a serious state (rotten) and that repair might not be possible. It was stated that a Village Sign Committee existed, formed in 1992, and that funds remain which will be sufficient to replace the sign. This committee has offered to coordinate the village sign refurbishment and will investigate costs. Jon Holmwood has kindly offered to assist with the carving and painting.

Cemetery – It was reported that the cemetery trees and hedges have become overgrown and that the main pathway needs upgrading. ***The Clerk*** to obtain quotes for this work.

10. Payments

CR Contracting	£ 94.00
D. Blocksage	£ 140.00
Susan Bailey - Clerk salary	£ 594.86
Susan Bailey – expenses	£ 124.57

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th August 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).

Letter from the Vicarage

Reach Church – The Future



Thanks to those who came to the public meeting on 14th July, to discuss the recent legacy from Maisie Whitehead. Pat Chalmers has written some notes of the meeting and it would be really good to hear from as many people as possible about how we might maintain the character of the church, continuing to serve as a place of worship and prayer, but also enable the building to be more widely used at other times.

Our mission statement for Burwell and Reach churches includes about 'our buildings being warm and welcoming centres of prayer and community life.' So please do fill in the questionnaire and let us know your views about our church services as well.

Have You Ever Wondered….?

I get asked lots of questions, especially by school children. Where is God? Is Jesus happy? What colour is God? I hope I usually manage to give some sort of sensible answer, though sometimes it's quite challenging! Maybe you have questions about life's deeper issues – most of us do, perhaps especially at times of transition and change in our lives. A team from the church is running a series of discussions called Puzzling Questions, tackling a different question each evening: Who am I? What is God like? What happens after I die? How can I be happy? Why is there suffering in the world? What is the spiritual world, and how does it impact my life? The format will be relaxed, with video clips and discussion, with coffee & cake. Dates: 6 Thursday evenings from September 18th to October 23rd, in the Five Bells Barn 8 – 9.15pm. To find out more and book a place please do get in touch, or come along on the first night.

Other Events in August and September

We are joining with Burwell Museum to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War, with Burwell Remembers on Sunday 3rd August at 3pm at the Museum. Following this, the churches in Reach and Burwell will be open until 8pm for quiet reflection and prayer and to light a candle, and again on Monday 4th August until 8pm in Reach and 7pm in Burwell.

In September we are giving thanks for 550 years since St Mary's in Burwell was built and all are welcome to our Heritage Open Morning on Saturday 13th 10am – 12pm.

Our **HARVEST SERVICE** in Reach will be on Saturday 4th October at 6pm, before the village harvest supper. We'll be taking a collection for Christian Aid and also collecting contributions for the Foodbank. Here is a list of the foods that are needed, with at least 3 months shelf life: milk (UHT or powdered), sugar (500g), fruit juice (carton), pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereals, rice pudding (tinned), tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars.

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

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

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



The dogs would like to say hello

Harvest Supper

7pm Saturday 4th October 2014
Village Centre

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

Kid's Page

The answers to Susie's anagrams are
School, Autumn, Harvest and Learning

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
AUGUST 2014		
Sunday 3	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Service	Church open until 8pm for private prayer and reflection to commemorate the beginning of WW1
Monday 4	All day until 8pm	Church open until 8pm for private prayer and reflection to commemorate the beginning of WW1
Wednesday 6	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 7		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10	10.00am Morning Worship	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 13	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Thursday 14		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 20	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 21		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24	8.00am NO SERVICE 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 28		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 31	4.00pm Messy Church	10.00am Parish Communion
SEPTEMBER 2014		
Wednesday 3	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 4	10.00am Little Bears (coffee from 9.30am)	7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 7	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 10	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Thursday 11		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 14	10.00 Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 17	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 18		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 21	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 24	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 25		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 28	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Parish Communion 4.00 Harvest Service	

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

Diary Dates: August 2014

August 2014	Event	Location	Time
Sunday 3	The Last Day of Peace Family Event	Hinchingbrooke House, Huntingdon PE29 3BN	01223 715613 www.great-war.ccan.co.uk
Tues 5	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 7	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 9	Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop	St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior	2pm – 5pm
Thurs 14	Recycling Day (Green)		
Tues 12	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Wed 13	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 13	Author: Phillippa Gregory	St Mary's Church, St Mary's Street, Ely CB7 4HF	7 for 7.30pm
Thurs 21	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thurs 21	Author: Monique Roffey	Ely Library, The Cloisters, Ely CB7 4ZH	7 for 7.30pm
Saturday 23	Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop	St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior	2pm – 5pm
Thurs 28	Recycling Day (Green)		
Wednesday 27	Author: Elimear Mcbride	The Old Bishop's Palace, Palace Green, Ely CB7 4EW	7.10 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



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Diary Dates: September 2014 and Club Contact Information

September 2014			
Tues 2	Author: Jessie Burton	The Bookshop, 9 High Street, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.10 for 7.30pm
Tues 2	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 4	Author: David Mitchell	St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	11am for 11.30am
Thurs 4	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 6	Pop Up Afternoon Tea Shop	St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior	2pm – 5pm
Tues 9	Enrolment Evening: Adult and Community Learning	Bottisham Village College	7 – 9 pm
Wed 10	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 10	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 11	Author: Sarah Vaughan	The Bookshop, 9 High Street, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 11	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 13	Autumn Show	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	
Saturday 13	Dog Show	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	2pm
Tues 16	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 16	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed 17	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Wed 17	Author: Clare Balding	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL	6.45 for 7.30pm
Thurs 18	Author: Helen Macdonald	The Bookshop, 9 High Street, Ely CB7 4LJ	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 18	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Tues 23	Author: Lunch with Michel Roux	The Poet's House, 40 St Mary's Street, Ely CB7 4EY	12.30 for 1pm
Wedneday 24	Art History Course	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	Deborah.monteiro@btintenet.com
Thurday 25	Mississippi Paddle Boat and Norwich	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Tickets from Tina's Burwell
Saturday 27	Open Farm Event	Snakehall Farm	11am – 4pm
Thurs 25	Recycling Day (Green)		
OCTOBER			
Saturday 4	Harvest Supper	Reach Village Centre	7pm

Club	Contact	Telephone/Email/Web
Brownies (Burwell)	Heather Dean	615521
Carpet Bowls (Swaffham Prior)	David Folkes	745551
Cubs (Swaffham Prior)	Steve White	743555
Cricket (Reach)	Ross Clark	743725
Gardeners (Village, Swaffham Prior)	Margaret Joyce	744390
Mothers Union (Burwell)	Susan Baker	741791
Scouts (Swaffham Prior)	Steve White	743555
Tennis (Reach)	Philip Lewis	742115
Youth Club (Swaffham Prior)	Alan Badcock	742228

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	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	Grahame Radford	742814
	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
	Enquiries		743602
	Community Nurses		742382
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	



Reach Sports Day 2014. A right royal day!



It was like the Olympics all over again!



From left: Sam, Harry and Scarlett



Sam White (left) and Hugh Shackleton



Lily Steed



Daisy Bailey



From left: Kathryn, Jodie, Lily, Juliet and Eliza





New hesian sacks!



Winners!



Juliet Vickery (centre), the organiser of another great day!



It was a photo finish for the apple bobbing

Reach Sports Day 2014



Is that Harry Oliver-Towers out in front?



Lily Steed, drama queen



Dylan Steed





Bryan Pearson (left) and Ewan Cameron



Katie Cameron









Lois Baker



24Acres Opening Event - Sunday 1st June 2014









Hannah Baldwin











Susie Tucker (left), Freya Thomas and Anya Tabecki



Craig (left) and dad, Neville Dunnett



Marcus and Sarah



Thomasina Oldfield



Daisie (left) and Olivia



Nicola and George Tucker bug hunting



Philip Lewis (centre) and Pete Bridgeman (far right)



Trish and Keith



Butterfly Gibson

