Within Reach



October/November 2014



Dewy spider's web



Sexton burying beetle at Anglesey Abbey



Elephant Hawk-moth at Wicken Fen



Grasshopper on the 24Acres



Carriages on the green



Tom Greenhill guarding the crops



Harvest in Reach

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Halloween

5.45pm Friday 31st October 2014
Village Centre

Short spooky stories, green slime drinks and photographs taken of costumes

Free and just turn up

The MacMillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 20th September made £620 for the charity

Well done to the organisers and thank you to everyone who attended

From the Editor



It's true to say that we are all still reeling from the sudden death of Rita Dunnett and remain very saddened. A large part of this issue is taken up by very moving words from her family, friends and colleagues.

We have a new contributor, Hilary Fielding, who writes about carriage driving.

The Broadband News is not such good news and also the Community Solar Farm has taken one step forward and one step backward. Ali Lewis continues to be kind to our feathered friends and Joss Goodchild has an ample article with all sorts of observations starting with Ron Greenhill's new ram.

We've no excuses for not knowing our way around apples as David Thomas continues his tour of the orchard. Nick Acklam has prepared an update about the woodland planting and I love the idea of creating new ponds on the area of the 24Acres beyond the woodland. Community involvement continues with young David Cane conducting a survey of the wood as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

September is one of the busiest months in the garden so says Danuta and if you're not sure what should be occupying your hours read her article. More rare creatures have been spotted at Wicken Fen and indeed they made the national news. As I write this, Snakehall Farm are enjoying a gloriously sunny Open Day and the Farm looked very bright and welcoming this morning.

The Scottish referenda took place this month. Ross was there and he reflects on the event.

In the last issue we included interviews with the kids going up to Bottisham and in this issue Hannah Curtis reports on how our younger children are settling in at Swaffham Prior School. We had three correct crossword entries and thank Puzzeric, alias Richard Maddox, for preparing the crosswords. Thank you also to Susie Tucker for the Kid's Page. Thank you to everyone who returned their magazine questionnaires; it seems you like what we do! Pat Chalmers describes the updates to the church and some planned improvements.

Swaffham Prior Dog Show was well attended by two- and four-legged creatures from Reach and they took away some of the prizes. Pets Corner, being my favourite section, is expanded to allow for a whole page of photographs.

Read this magazine carefully and find out how to order your Reach 2015 Diaries.

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Rita Dunnett

1st April 1941 to 21st August 2014



Rita's Farewell

We, the loving family of Rita Dunnett, wish to say a very large thank you to all who helped with the organisation and conduct of and to all those who, wishing to say their own farewells, attended her funeral held at St Etheldreda and Holy Trinity Church, Reach, on Wednesday 17 September 2014.

It appears as if the whole village is as saddened as we are at the loss of a very special, but modest person. We have been overwhelmed by the magnitude of the response, via sympathy cards, letters, emails and verbal messages, from so many people expressing their own feelings at the sad loss of such a kind, caring and helpful lady. Obviously, as her family, we knew how special she was to us, but had not appreciated the extent to which she had spread her help and kindness to all with whom she came into contact.

We wish to offer our special thanks to those who stepped in to help during the lead up to the funeral and on the day itself thereby ensuring that her farewell was as fitting as possible. So many people wished to do something which means we may have accidently omitted some names and if so please accept our apologies.

Jen and John Holmwood, Liz Tabecki, Jo Kirkpatrick and Jacqui Lewis for organising, running and ensuring the efficient supply of refreshments after the funeral. We believe others were also helping on the day, but do not know their names, but nevertheless our thanks also go to them.

Pam King for both making the church especially clean, bright and glowing for the funeral service as well as her hard work in the supply and running of the refreshment service.

Janet Hall for providing and arranging the beautiful floral tributes and decorations in the church which would have delighted Rita who had a passion for and a love of all white flowers, in particular lilies.

The Reverend Dr. Eleanor Williams for conducting a very professional and caring service and so eloquently reading a rather long and detailed tribute to Rita from her family.

To all those who rose to the challenge of providing a cake and/or other cooked delights for the post service refreshments. Unfortunately, we do not know your names apart from one exceptionally long serving lady of the Reach community, Joyce Harrison, who alone produced an amazing amount of cooked items. She and Rita worked together extremely well for very many years, both on the Parish Council and the Village Centre Committee and were in fact two birds of a feather.

Our thanks also go to Rita's colleagues at the Prospects Trust for their determination to provide a fitting tribute to Rita at the farm in order to remember her great contribution to the students and their training. I understand this will be done at the 25th Anniversary event on 27 September at Snakehall farm.

Also to the Parish Council for their wish to provide an appropriate commemoration for Rita's work on that committee and to the Village Centre committee, in conjunction with the Within Reach magazine, to provide a suitable item within the Centre itself to commemorate her efforts as Secretary over many years.

Her Family: Neville, Mark, Jon, Craig and Paul and not forgetting their wives and children.

Mum – Rita Dunnett

1st April 1941 to 21st August 2014

Mum, we held your warm hands but you were gone.
Unexpectedly you left us before saying goodbye.
May be it was your time, but we don't know why.

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Hair now silvered as time turns the last page but your love never aged.
One life so determined and free, lived with grace and finesse.
Without you now then what are we? We are you but we are less.

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We love as you love, both honest and true.
Everything we hold dear, we hold because of you.

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Loss was with you too soon, but a strong will and compassion came through.
One Norfolk laddie, one canny lass, two hearts beating combined with "I do".
Venatir became home, and through your love a family flourished.
Everything you gave to us, every moment cherished and life encouraged.

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You laughed, you loved, you hoped, you tried, you hurt, you feared, you cried.
One emotion united us though, keeping us safe, keeping us strong.
Under that love coming home was where we belonged.

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So we love you now and say goodbye.
Only it hurts and we don't know why.

Our never ending love and loss, your family.

17th September 2014. Written & read by Craig Dunnett

Rita Dunnett

Rita was born in Sunderland on 1st April 1941 to a delighted mother and father, Eleanor and James Dodsworth, who was serving in the RAF at that time. She was a 'second world war' baby with an elder brother Alan and in keeping with others of their generation faced both the perils and shortages of that era with the benefits of a powerful force of national and local camaraderie together with mutual support between close neighbours.

It is clear that this background helped hone her natural character during her lifetime. Following the last five years of being in the 'A Stream' at her senior school, the template for her development was already apparent at the age of 15 in her Head Teacher's comments in her final school report dated 28 March 1956. It reads:

'All Rita's work has been exemplary in both neatness and accuracy. After her last examination she was placed top of her class, a position she justly deserves to hold. She has been a first class prefect and school librarian and in both jobs she has shown initiative, patience and great industry. A most reliable girl in every way.'

On leaving school at 15, Rita obtained her first job in the wholesale department of W.H. Smiths to help support the family. They were facing a particularly sad period, due to the long term hospitalisation of her father, the death of her brother's wife during the birth of her nephew, Paul and the devastating effect these events generated within the family. A serious drop in family income meant that there was no possibility of Rita even considering going to university and it is more than likely that she never even considered it. The family survival was more important than any possible personal ambitions.

One year later a change to her life arose which had connotations of a pseudo arranged marriage. Neville was due for demobilisation following two years of National Service in the RAF and his parents decided to arrange a homecoming party in March 1957. Neville told his mother he was delighted with the idea, but having been away for so long he was no longer in touch with any local girls to bring to the party. His clearly very astute mother, who at that time owned a newsagent and stationery business in Sunderland, said she knew of a very nice, polite and good looking girl working in W.H. Smiths. She promised to invite her to the party and the rest is history.



Despite the extra challenge of taking along Rita's 3-4 year old nephew, Paul, during their courtship they decided to get married. As Rita was only 19 when they set the date, Neville needed to obtain the permission of her parents before completing the process of arranging the marriage. This required going to the hospital to ask permission from her father who was extremely pleased, although sadly he was unable to attend the event in person. Although Rita never complained, Neville knows she was extremely saddened that he could not be there. However, she was very happy to see her young nephew looking so sweet in his smart wedding suit presenting a bouquet to her. Subsequent to this event and following changes in his own life Paul became a virtual son to Rita and Neville.

Unfortunately, their wedding was the first occasion for Rita to exhibit her forgiving attribute. Neville was a semi-professional photographer at the time and arranged for colleagues to take the photographs so he could process and print them later. This included both black and white and colour photographs, not very common in that era. Proofs of the photographs were duly produced, but due to work commitments, the final prints and album never materialised and even much later, this serious failure could not be remedied because the negatives were lost. This was the most serious of Neville's incompetent events, but Rita forgave him, or so he claims.

Rita's 'support and encouragement' strengths became very apparent early in the marriage when Neville was working as a scientific assistant in the northern forensic laboratory in Gosforth just north of Newcastle. Because he, as a natural rebel, had decided not to complete his 'A' level studies and instead become a photographer, his scientific qualifications were minimal. She persuaded him to begin again through evening studies at the Newcastle technical college. Despite this route, meaning he was away for most of the week from early morning to late at night, she bore the brunt of maintaining their home, whilst also in a full time job, without any complaint. With her support Neville's progress was relatively rapid to the extent that for his final degree level exam he was offered the opportunity to complete the final year on a full time basis. Unfortunately, this meant one year unpaid leave of absence from work with the expense of travelling to and from Newcastle every day. Rita became pregnant with Mark, but could not afford to give up her job until the very last minute. In addition to a serious lack of money and following the birth of Mark she also needed to keep him quiet during Neville's many periods of revision. Still there were no complaints from Rita. Luckily, Neville managed not to 'screw up' on this occasion and they were both delighted to have both a healthy, albeit extremely talkative son and a fully qualified chemist as father.



From left: John, Mark, Paul and Craig

Rita's 'practical and independent' character became crystal clear as a result of her confinement in the Sunderland maternity hospital. It was highly regimented; fathers were actually discouraged from visiting and most certainly, were banned from attending the birth. Her views were very clear, should she become pregnant again it would be a home delivery every time. Needless to say she became pregnant a second time with Jon who was delivered at their first house in Sunderland and for a third time with Craig at their second house, in Newbury. Neville's role at both births was that of anaesthetist; one dose of gas for Rita and two for himself. Both births were relatively painless, at least for Neville, and the babies were healthy although noisy.

Throughout the years of schooling and development of the three children Rita was closely involved with all aspects including their school work, after school activities and leisure pursuits including swimming, rugby, running and many charity events such as the boat race on Kennet and Avon canal from Hungerford to Newbury. Rita did the hard work while Neville and the boys enjoyed free drinks and fantastic honey roast ham sandwiches at the main pub at Hungerford on the claimed basis of preparing the boat for the race. They also had the company of Edward Heath on one occasion. They cannot recall if this was a positive or negative aspect.

Rita had a very strong view that the most important part of a child's formative and school years required a mother's full time involvement and therefore gave up her full time employment. However, when the youngest, Craig, was of an age to cope ably with travel to school and back, at around 11 years old, she returned to work in the role of a nursery teacher/carer for infant children with special educational needs. This was on a part time basis and the synchronised holidays between her job and her own children's schools worked very well. This was the start of her career in education, working with people of all ages having these special needs. Her natural ability to provide care, compassion and an empathetic supporting role worked exceptionally well and was welcomed by the recipients, their families and colleagues.

To ensure Rita had enough challenges to occupy her days Neville took on the role of Secretary for the International Association of Forensic Toxicologists, (TIAFT), in 1972. With the excuse that he was too busy to deal with it on his own, Neville persuaded Rita to also become involved, although in reality little persuasion was needed. Things were always done on a family basis and even the children were involved. An attractive side effect of the Secretary's roll was a requirement to attend the annual meetings around the world and as my assistant, for which TIAFT voted to pay her a small fee towards her hard work; she would need to accompany the nominal Secretary. On occasions she would say that the trip could be attached to a holiday so the children had some holidays during which they had to attend scientific meetings and functions. Needless to say both Rita and the children/young men became better known around the world than Neville.

The number of friends in overseas countries became very large and even today many messages of condolences and expressions of sadness and shock have been received.

An excellent example of Rita's caring, practical and unflappable side was revealed after the joint organisation of a TIAFT meeting with the Poisons Unit in London in 1974. Neville had been wrongly diagnosed by his G.P. as having acute pharyngitis, a particular form of throat infection and while Rita was nursing him at home things deteriorated to the extent that he was passing in and out of consciousness with an extremely high temperature. She was administering doses of aspirin and had to cool him with ice packs and constant changing of wet sheets throughout the day. This lasted for a day or so until eventually the body temperature returned to a lower level and he became more stable. At this stage the doctor returned and said it must be pneumonia, arranging for Neville to be admitted to hospital. It was rather late action, as Rita had successfully nursed him through the critical stages of pneumonia and the danger had now passed. Not only had she saved him from possible death, but because he was now in hospital she took over his role at the TIAFT meeting in London. Once more Neville got the sympathy and Rita did all the hard work.

After the weddings of her sons and subsequent births of grandchildren, Rita had the first longed for human girl born into the family in the form of her granddaughter Alexandra (the only previous female member being Minty the family pet dog.) This was followed by the more common Dunnett trait of producing male offsprings; four to date, (Elliott, Jacob, Nathaniel and Samuel). Although she was delighted to have a granddaughter all of her family receive the same love, care and attention as each other. The only downside, it is claimed by Neville, is that he simply slips further down the list of importance as each one is born.



The last photo of Rita taken on 22 July 2014 at Highgrove House

In 1984, having been persuaded by Rita to apply for the vacancy at the Horseracing Forensic Laboratory in Newmarket, Neville succeeded in being appointed and the family moved to Reach. Rita almost immediately obtained a position at CRC again as Special Needs coordinator and lecturer, but legislation was introduced requiring possession of a teaching degree to perform this task. Needless to say, as the college agreed to finance the course she began studying again and achieved the required qualification after a great deal of hard work on top of her day job. In 1989 the Prospects Trust was set up at Snakehall Farm and Rita was given the additional role of liaison officer between the college and farm as the college was providing funds for the training of the students they sent there. As a consequence she built up a very good relationship with the farm personnel and following retirement from CRC she joined the farm management to provide the in house training of students and also retained a role as liaison officer for the college.

Whilst living in Reach she became very involved with the village community, firstly joining the Village Centre committee as secretary and later being voted on to the Parish Council. Because Reach holds an annual village fair there is a wide ranging input from villagers to ensure that the fair maintains its essential appeal to the public. Rita's first contribution was running the Cake stall very successfully by supplementing the provision of donated cakes by baking at the very least an equal number of her own. This was followed by running the village tea tent at first with the then stalwart villager Joyce Harrison and following Joyce's retirement from the stress of the tea tent, Rita took on its organisation. The role is stressful and demanding, but luckily Rita was able to persuade many people to help by working on a shift basis throughout the day.

These elements are but a few of the many facets of Rita's character and these plus many more have been carried forward into her more public work and community efforts. Testament to this has been the overwhelming number of cards, emails, letters and simple grateful comments received from the villagers of Reach, her colleagues at the Prospects Trust and Cambridge Regional College, people with whom she came into contact either as a result of Neville's work, her children or by her own contact.

Without exception these comments made the same points about her kindness, helpfulness, willingness to do whatever she believed was necessary and openness, coupled with her honest responses to any situation. Invariably she put herself last.

It is with great pride and comfort we remember that even in death Rita has been able to help someone in desperate need to return to a more normal life by donating her liver to an anonymous recipient. As a consequence of this action we received two amazing letters of gratitude from the NHS transplant unit in Cambridge. The following is a direct quote from one of those letters which we feel is particularly moving:

'Following your brave decision to donate Rita's organs I have an update on the outcome. I hope this letter helps you understand what a big impact Rita's donation has made.

A lady in her forties has received a life-saving liver transplant. This lady was on the waiting list for over eighteen months and she is reported to be doing well and is recovering well on a ward.

The complications of people's ill health are difficult to imagine for those of us that lead a normal life, and I cannot express how much of a difference a life-saving transplant can make to a person and their family. Your amazing gift has brought this young lady the chance of health and the hope of a normal life. The benefits of the gift Rita has given should never be underestimated, and will always be remembered. On behalf of this lady, her family, doctors and the teams involved, please accept my thanks once again.

Specialist Nurse- Organ Donation'

She will be sorely missed not just by her family and friends, but it would appear also by such a large number of people with whom she came in contact. She may be gone, but she will certainly not be forgotten.

Rita's Family

Rita Dunnett

Rita worked full time at Cambridge Regional College (CRC) from 1986 until she retired in 2004. She started work as a Physical Disability Officer as part of a team supporting students with additional needs. During this time she also took on a teaching role and taught Horticulture to Skills Matrix students. While a member of staff was on extended leave, she managed the special needs provision. After her retirement she continued to be employed by the college on a part-time basis with one of the college partners Prospect Trust at Snakehall Farm, combining her love of horticulture with adults with special needs. After her retirement she pursued her love of travelling and to spend more time with her family and grandchildren. It was with great sadness that we learnt of Rita's sudden death. We extend our sympathy to her family from all her colleagues still working at CRC.

Cambridge Regional College



REMEMBERING RITA

It is with great sadness we write this piece, we all agree at Prospects that words cannot sum up the impact, driving force and can do attitude that Rita brought to the farm, not to mention those cakes. We were all shocked and saddened by the sudden loss of one of our Co-managers Rita Dunnett. Rita has been involved with The Prospects Trust since the first seeds were sown back in 1989, working at that time for Cambridgeshire Regional College but providing very valuable on site training on the farm.

Rita soon became a much loved face on the farm, eventually becoming one of our Co-managers but more importantly becoming a trusted teacher, friend and Prospects Trust supporter. All of our Co-workers have been supported to grow their learning at The Prospects Trust with Rita's guiding support, skills and knowledge. From those early days to now, Rita has been our Farm Trainer, taking our Co-workers into her classroom at Snakehall Farm but more importantly taking the classroom out onto the farm. Rita had a natural talent to teach, support and foster learning in all of our Co-workers. Her legacy to the Trust can be seen in all of the blooming borders planted with her students and their abilities to take their learning further on the farm. As we walk past the Training Room we will smell the sweet peas and forever remember the very special lady who helped our Co-workers and our charity grow.

It is true to say that Rita Dunnett has left a hole in our hearts and on our 18 acres. We are currently working with Neville and his family, as well as with our Co-workers, to come up with an appropriate memorial at Snakehall Farm to Remember Rita. The Co-management and Trustees wish to acknowledge the generosity of the Dunnett Family for electing The Prospects Trust as their chosen charity; we will ensure that we will work as tirelessly as Rita in ensuring that our Co-workers continue their learning and growing at Snakehall Farm.

Marianne (Maz) Baker



The Cambridge and West Suffolk Driving Club

On Sunday 27th of July this year, around lunch time, you may have noticed a small group of ponies and carriages parked in the shade of the horse chestnut tree on the village green; the ponies enjoying a well-earned rest and the humans, a pint from the pub.

“A blast from the past” I heard someone say, but this could not be further from the truth. In fact the scene was indicative of a growing love and enthusiasm for carriage driving, bringing to life again this once almost obsolete equine pastime.



Hilary Fielding

Look closely and you will see that the carriages are by no means museum pieces. All are created by modern and sophisticated engineering. Some even have disc brakes! And many of the pony’s harnesses are made from synthetic materials, instead of good old English Leather.

As recently as 1957 a small group of dedicated enthusiasts formed the British Driving Society. Membership has increased over the years and so have the number of smaller affiliated clubs, dedicated to providing the opportunity for the growing numbers of carriage drivers to get together and explore different parts of the countryside in the company of like-minded folk and their beloved ponies.





The Cambridge and West Suffolk Driving Club is in its thirty second year. Pleasure drives, fun competitions and other social events are organized to take place approximately twice a month during the year, which runs from February to October, including two holiday weeks and a couple of weekends away.

The Club is relaxed and friendly with an emphasis on enjoying driving your pony and carriage (referred to as a “Turnout”) safely but with as many opportunities as possible to have a picnic, afternoon tea and definitely a stop off at a village pub!

The Swaffham Prior Drive has become a popular annual event. The Turnouts are transported from as far away as Wisbech, Swaffham and Ipswich to convene at a venue in Swaffham Prior and follow a pre-planned route which takes them out into the fens, sometimes even negotiating the Reach Lode Bridge and into the village of Reach, to the important destination of The Dyke’s End, before returning to Swaffham Prior for a picnic lunch. A lovely way to spend a Sunday in July!

If you wish to know more about the Club, contact Hilary Fielding or go the Cambridge and West Suffolk Driving Club website.

Look out for us again next year!

Hilary Fielding
01638 741853

Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2014

October 24th Canterbury £24

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

Tickets from Tina’s,
North Street, Burwell

New Events Team

Following the successful 24Acres Opening Event, the small team of five who carried out the main organisation of it decided to get together and form a new "Events Team".

Team members are most of the following . . . .



Jo Mules, David Parr, Hannah Baldwin, (not Lois), Claire Halpin-McDonald and Karen Carpenter

The team's aims are:

- To put together a list of all the village annual events and offer help to the current organisers in making them happen
- To keep a list of the annual village events on the website, with dates, so that everyone knows what is going to happen and when - and can plan accordingly
- To organise any "special" events – such as any celebration we might have for the forthcoming Royal Birth
- To help villagers who have ideas for other events or activities make them happen
- To fundraise for the above by creating and selling village products, such as the Reach Calendar (see below), maybe a new version of the village tea towel, post cards and such like . . . .

The team does not want to take over any of the current events or activities – it merely wants to offer its help to the current organisers.

We will be keeping you regularly informed of progress.

David Parr
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Reach Calendars for 2015

This will be A4 with the picture at the top and the dates below with a nice cover. To make it a proper "Reach" calendar, as well as the Bank Holidays we plan to add dates like Reach Fair, Reach Pancake Day, Harvest Supper, Sports Day, Carol Service etc etc where we are able to.

We shall source some suitable envelopes for it so posting it will be made easy (at an extra cost of maybe £1?).

Quite a few photos have been received but for those who have not sent theirs yet, the deadline for receiving them is midnight on MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER and they can be emailed to hannah.baldwin@reach-village.co.uk.

Over the following week judging will take place and printing will be completed by the end of October.

We plan to charge £5 for the calendar which will give a small profit that will be used to organise further events (we have another Royal Birth in June sometime).

The Events Team will be keeping accounts which will be signed off annually.

Girl's Night Out
Friday 21st November 2014

Any takers for a cosy Autumn Friday night get together? As you know nine of us were able to meet in June - many of you girls were busy and have said that autumn would be better. Let us hope so. I have booked the upstairs room in the Dyke's End for 21st November 7.30 for 8.00pm. Numbers are limited to just 18.

The idea is to have a Friday night chat and dinner. You can book one course or two or three. I need to have your choice and money - either cash or a cheque payable to the Dykes End by Monday 10th November. It will be on a first come first served basis so I am assuming I will have a full house before then.

Starters

Paella risotto stuffed tomato (v)

Smoked haddock rarebit

Mains

Fillet of hake in a girolle, mushroom, pea and potato broth

Breast of chicken with a bourguignon sauce and braised vegetable rice

Vegetable moussaka with a greek salad

Desert

Tarte tatin with crème fraiche

Chocolate torte

1 course = £14.95
2 courses = £17.95
3 courses = £20.95

Drinks and coffee extra

Please let me know - **Karen Carpenter** at 14 Ditchfield 01638 742814 or thepoppies@reach-village.co.uk

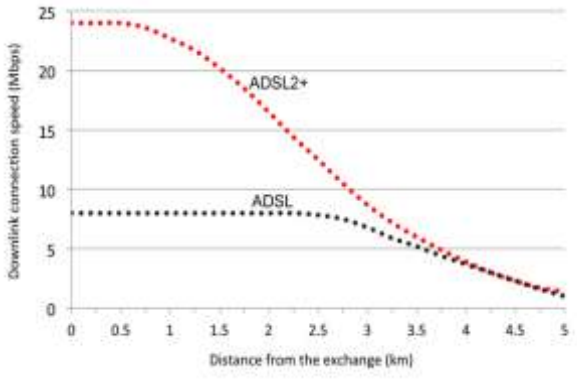
Broadband News

Connecting Cambridgeshire: not reaching Reach!

Last December I wrote about Connecting Cambridgeshire (CC), the central government/local authority funded project to improve broadband speeds in rural communities such as ours. I predicted that sometime next year households in the main part of the village would be able to subscribe to a new service providing download speeds of at least 15Mb/s (megabits per second), about five times faster than current speeds available on phone line based services in Reach. This prediction was based on a similar statement for Reach on the CC website and an assumption on my part that BT would be laying a new fibre optic cable to the centre of the village, since the Burwell exchange is too far from Reach to provide these speeds on the existing copper wires.

However I have recently discovered that Reach will *not* be getting a new fibre: the intention is to supply the new service on the old copper wires from Burwell. This is bad news because of the relatively long distance from Reach to the Burwell exchange. The current broadband service is provided using a system called 'ADSL' which is the method of transmitting high speed data signals over old copper phone wires while still allowing the wires to be simultaneously used for phone calls. Close to the exchange ADSL can provide data speeds of about 10Mb/s but as you go further from the exchange the speed drops away so that in Reach the ADSL speed is only around 3Mb/s.

The new system being installed by BT for the CC project is known as ADSL2+. This system can provide much faster data (up to 80Mb/s close to the exchange), but the speed drops away much faster than for ADSL as the distance increases, so that it is only effective within about 1.5km distance of the exchange - see the graph. The latter shows the theoretical best performance with ideal copper wires; real data published by Ofcom indicates that results are often considerably worse in practice.



The distance of Burwell exchange from Reach as the crow flies is about 2.3km; however because telephone wires are typically laid alongside roads and the roads from Burwell to Reach meander somewhat, my estimate of the length of the wires from Burwell to Reach village centre is over 3km. As you can see from the graph, at distances of 3km and more there is very little benefit provided by ADSL2+, it is barely better than the old system.

In the light of this new information I think that most subscribers in Reach will see little or no improvement in their broadband speeds when the new service arrives (though this is unlikely to prevent a flood of unsolicited phone calls from BT and other providers offering a new 'super-fast' broadband service). It is possible that residents on the eastern edge of the village along the Burwell Road will see some modest improvement.

The only glimmer of hope in this rather gloomy outlook is that CC have recently obtained some further government funding which they predict will enable them to further extend faster broadband to 95% of premises in their area (the current project is aiming at 90%). I recently helped RaSP prepare a response to a request for information from CC to help them target the use of these additional funds and we did emphasise the fact that Reach will not be getting anything like the predicted performance from the current project.

I understand that a decision on the use of these funds will be made early next year - watch this space!

Hugh de Lacy

Community Solar Farm Progress

After many months of deliberation, we were delighted to receive a letter from East Cambs District Council early in September finally granting us planning permission for the community solar farm.



However, that's not the final hurdle! We're now working on obtaining an agreement from UK Power Networks to connect the system into the high voltage electrical line that crosses the property. We did get permission from them a year ago to connect the solar farm - but that has lapsed, and in the meantime several very large solar farms that are proposed in the neighbourhood (including an enormous 27MW scheme just down the road in Burwell) have also applied for connections into the electricity network. If they go ahead, the substation at Burwell will reach its capacity for generation - meaning our much smaller project is in danger of being squeezed out.

We're negotiating with UK Power Networks at the moment, but it could take some time to come up with a solution that works and is within our budget... watch this space and we'll let you know when we do!

Andy Rankin
andy@midsummerenergy.co.uk



Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

The club commenced its 41st year with a Welcome Back evening on Tuesday 9 September 2014. Several new members attended for the first time and we look forward to their continued attendance in the future.

During our summer break the club had an outing to the Greenwich Maritime Museum in London and although the day started off in a dismal way, by the time the group arrived at Greenwich the weather had improved and a good varied day was enjoyed by everyone. There are many great photographic opportunities to be explored at Greenwich.



Cutty Sark, Greenwich by Andy Hanson MPAGB APAGB ARPS FIPF

In the coming weeks we have the following events taking place:

Tuesday 7 October

'Fallen Angels & Lost Souls' Michael O'Sullivan FRPS FIPF, Commercial & Fine Art Photographer from Southern Ireland, will be showing his prints and talking about his work.

Tuesday 11 November

'I think I want a Wider Lens! – One Man's Journey into Panoramic Photography'. Digital presentation by Stephen Bennett from Cambridge.

Tuesday 2 December

'The Art in Photography' a Workshop with audience participation led by Adrian Stone from Peterborough.

In other weeks there is a varied programme of club events that may, if wished, be attended by guests and details are available on our website see below.

Guests are welcome to attend any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW from 7:30 pm to 9:30pm.

Fee: £3.00, including refreshments, refunded on joining.

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

Lastly we would kindly ask guests attending the club not to **double park** in the vicinity of Lode Chapel, as there is local concern regarding access for emergency vehicles.

For further details contact:
Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB
T: 01638 741106
www.bottburpc.org

Barry Coles
Publicity Officer

Bottisham Players

This autumn's production by Bottisham Players has a very local feel. Grahame Radford, from Ditchfield, is both directing and acting in a comedy by French playwright Marc Camoletti called "Ding Dong". It is the story of a jealous man who discovers that his wife is having an affair and tries to affect a scheme to seek "compensation". But not all goes to plan!

The play takes place on Thursday 16th October – Saturday 18th October at Bottisham College Main Hall. If you would like tickets please see flyer on page 32 or call Grahame on 742814 and he will arrange.

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

Grahame Radford
01638 742814



Cambridgeshire Family History Society Fair on 25 October, Girton Glebe School, Girton – 10am-4pm

Have you ever thought about researching your family history? At the Cambridgeshire Family History Society Fair on 25 October, we can help!

With the 11th series of *Who Do You Think You Are?* airing on our screens this summer, family history has never been more popular.

Expert advice will be on hand at the Cambridgeshire Family History Society Fair on 25 October. Speakers will teach you how to find your Cambridgeshire ancestors and then show you how you can turn your research into an interesting story for your family and friends. In this very special 100th anniversary year since the start of the First World War and 70th year since D-Day, you will also hear about the Imperial War Museum Duxford's collection of Second World War images as well as learning how to date old photographs from looking at clues given in pictures.



Exhibitors from family and local history societies will be attending, as well as organisations offering everything that you need to help you with your research. Whether your ancestors are from Cambridgeshire or beyond, experienced Family History Society volunteers will be available for one-to-one sessions to give advice about getting started and what to do if you get stuck. There will also be free access to the main genealogy providers' websites throughout the day. Share ideas and practical tips with your fellow family historians and for a small charge, there will be soup and a roll for lunch while you chat!

The fair is taking place at Girton Glebe School, Cambridge Road, Girton CB3 0PN from 10am to 4pm. Parking and entry is free (£2 to attend each talk). The Citi 6 bus stops outside the school. See www.cfhs.org.uk or http://on.fb.me/UdrbZ8 for further details or contact Lisa Newman, cambsfhs@hotmail.co.uk.

St Mary's Concert 2014

Remember the victims of all wars in this centenary year of the start of The First World War

Come to this concert of orchestral and choral music by Cambridgeshire performers in

St Mary's Church, SwaffhamBulbeck, on Saturday 25th October 2014 at 7.30 pm

The main choral work is Joseph Haydn's mass 'In Time of War'

There will be a retiring collection for the St Mary's Church and Help for Heroes



Burwell Museum: Autumn Treats

Supported by The National Lottery through the Heritage Lottery Fund | heritage lottery fund

Feeling those post-summer blues? Burwell Museum has a wonderful programme of fascinating talks, hands-on workshops and children's' craft activities to keep the smile on your face...



AUTUMN TEA AND TALKS

- **Thursday 9 October, 14.00-15.00** – 'Anglo Saxon Burials at Fen Edge'.
  Zoe UiChoileain, Oxford Archaeology East
- **Thursday 23 October, 14.00-15.00** –
  'Signs and Sign writing – More than just letters!'.
  Tamsin Wimhurst, Historian
- **Thursday 30 October, 14.00-15.00** – 'Fens at War (1914-1918)
  Mike Petty, MBE

** Talks followed by tea, cake and discussion.*
Museum admission applies. Current museum volunteers and Friends of the museum go free.

BIG DRAW 2014

Thursday 30 October 10.00-16.00

Artist and Imagineer Jonny Boatfield is back for a brand new children's art activity for this year's Big Draw at Gardiner Memorial Hall. Help us create a 3D high street inspired by old photographs of Burwell around 1914, complete with traders, transport and a few busy shoppers!

Places limited – please book Session 1 (10.00am-1.00pm) or Session 2 (1.00pm-4.00pm) on:
education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or 01638 605544.
£2 per child. Refreshments available.

FREAKY FRIDAY AT THE MUSEUM
Friday 31 October, 2.00pm-5.00pm
Come along for our annual Halloween event with ghostly games, creepy crafts and fun for all the family. Pick up a trail and scare your friends with spooky know-how!
Drop-in, no need to book. Refreshments available.

ESPECIALLY FOR UNDER 5s!
Burwell Babble sessions - Hands-on, themed workshops for 3-5yr olds. Younger children are very welcome.
Thursday 16 October, 10.00am-12.00noon
Farmer Duck and Friends
Farmer Duck has so much to do and needs your help! Learn where your food comes from, dig our allotment, hear a story and make your own allotment in a pot. Outdoor clothes a must! £2 per child.

Places limited - please book on education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or 01638 605544.

WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS
'Discovering Burwell' Photography Day with Andrew Houston
Sunday 19 October, 11.00am-4.00pm
Places limited - please book or call for more information on the details below. Young adults welcome.



SANTA COMES TO BURWELL

Sunday 7 December, 11.00am-4.00pm
Visit Santa's grotto and join the elves for a special 12 Days of Christmas trail around the museum. Make some Christmas crafts and enjoy festive treats. Booking is essential to see Santa, please ask for your preferred session: 11.00-12.30, 13.00-14.30, 14.30-16.00.

For booking and information please contact education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or call 01638 605544.

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
01638 605544
education@burwellmuseum.org.uk
Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell CB25 0HL

Jumble Sale, Lode

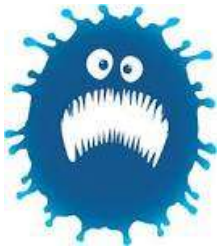
Saturday 11th October 2014
2 - 4pm

New venue:
The Fassage pavilion, Lode, on the Recreation Ground

Parking is in the High Street and walk through Fassage Close, beside the post office

Entrance £1 and children free

Burwell Surgery Flu Immunisation



Flu is not just a bad cold, you are likely to feel much worse and flu can develop into more serious illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, which could lead to a stay in hospital.

Flu is more dangerous for some people than others, causing serious or even life threatening complications. This is why the Department of Health recommends annual flu vaccination for all those who have diabetes, are pregnant or aged 65 and over. You are also recommended to get the vaccine if you have any long term conditions affecting your lungs, heart, kidneys, liver, brain or nervous system, immune system or spleen.

The Burwell Surgery would like to encourage any person fitting any the above criteria to attend one of our flu clinics to receive their free flu vaccine and protect themselves.

The childhood flu vaccination will also available through the Burwell Surgery. This year if your child is aged 2, 3 or 4 years old on the 1st September, they are eligible to the flu vaccine, which is being administered through a nasal spray once again.

We are offering the following flu clinics this year:

Thursday 2nd October 2014
Day Centre 09.00 to 11.30 (Must be booked)

Monday 6th October 2014
Burwell Surgery 18.30 to 19.30 (Must be booked)

Saturday 11th October 2014
Burwell Surgery 09.00 to 11.30 (No need to book)

Thursday 23rd October 2014
Burwell Surgery 14.30 to 17.00 (Must be booked)

If you are unable to attend any of the above clinics and would still like the vaccine, please do contact the surgery to see if further clinics have been added at a later date.

Kind regards

Deborah Everitt
Practice Manager



Independent Living Fund (ILF) Closure, June 2015

Cambridgeshire County Council

The Independent Living Fund (ILF) aims to support long term, independent living for severely disabled people by helping them to live at home instead of in residential care.

In March 2014, the Government announced that it will be closing on 30th June 2015 when the County Council will take over responsibility for meeting the eligible care and support needs of ILF users. The County Council and ILF are working closely together to make sure the transfer of responsibility for funding arrangements takes place as smoothly as possible. The ILF website www.dwp.gov.uk/ilf includes more information about the programme's closure, or you can phone the County Council's Customer Services on 0345 045 5202 with any questions. The ILF is no longer accepting any new applications.

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.

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

If you are unable to use conventional transport the scheme can help you to travel from Burwell or Reach to Doctors, Dentist, Chiropodist, Opticians, village shopping or visits to relatives/friends at home or in hospital. Transport **cannot be provided** for hospital **OutPatient** appointments

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

01638 742543 answer phone.

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

Adult Support Drop-in Events Autumn/Winter 2014

A series of popular drop-in events for anyone who is living with a long-term illness or disability, providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help, or struggling with an age-related condition, are continuing at Ely Library this Autumn/Winter.

The drop-ins will take place on 16th October, 20th November and 18th December from 10am to 1pm.

Drop-in at any time for a cup of tea and a chat about the information, advice and support that may be available, to share your stories and experiences, talk in confidence to a member of the Carers Support Team or Physical Disability Services Team, or to book a carers assessment.

For more information:

Call: Gemma Whitehouse on 01480 377616 or Leigh Hornsby on 01480 373220
Email: CarersSupportTeam@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Visit: www.cambridgeshire.net and search "Adult Support Drop-in"



Trees

Anyone living in a Conservation Area is required to give their local planning authority (LPA) 6 weeks' notice of any planned tree works BEFORE the work is undertaken. The LPA then has that 6 weeks to determine whether to allow the work as specified or to serve a TPO (to then be able to refuse any tree work specification not deemed appropriate or expedient). With TPO trees, all proposed work to TPO trees must be approved first by the LPA and that requires a tree work application and the LPA has eight weeks to determine these applications.

Any emergency tree work to trees in a Conservation Area or subject to a TPO can be undertaken so long as it can be proven to be an immediate danger to people or property and the LPA is notified, without the need to submit the formal tree work application. These cases are few and usually follow a period of stormy weather.

It is always advisable for anyone considering carrying out tree work to contact their LPA to check if they need permission before having any tree work done. This can be for the pruning of one branch or more, or felling. It would also include root pruning. "Tree works" means any form of pruning/cutting to a protected tree.

The information for tree protection (whether by Tree Preservation order or in a Conservation Area) is found on the Council's website and also there is information on the Government's website at:
(http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/tree-preservation-orders)

Bonfires

Garden waste including grass cuttings should be recycled in the green recycling bin provided, however if you feel it absolutely necessary to have a bonfire, please ensure this is carried out on your own premises not on by-ways or public land.

The waste should be clean and dry, plastics and household waste should never be burnt. Bonfires should be burnt later in the day when people are less likely to have washing out or windows open. Please observe weather conditions, and ensure any smoke is blown away from other properties to prevent any nuisance to residents.

Improper disposing of controlled waste is an offence under section 33 of the environmental Protection Act 1990. This may result in a fixed penalty notice of £75 or other formal action.

Please check the village website for further advice:
http://www.reach-village.co.uk/bonfires.html

Preparing for a Power Cut - Advice from UK Power Networks

Below is some advice on how you can prepare for a power cut:

Keep our freephone number handy 0800 783 8838.

See the website for some useful videos offering you advice during a power cut.

Keep spare batteries for radios and torches – local radio stations often broadcast helpful information.

Keep an old-fashioned corded phone which you can plug in, as cordless phones won't work in the event of a power cut.

Dress warmly in several layers of clothing, stay in one room or even get into bed.

Take care if using candles, tea-lights and other naked flames.

Keep fridges and freezers closed, with a blanket over as they will stay cold for many hours.

Switch off all your electrical equipment, except one light which will let you know when the power comes back on.

Remember the street lights may also be off so take care if you go out.

Look out for elderly neighbours: please consider taking them a flask of hot water round or hot food.

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

Once again it is time to remind all who consider themselves eligible for our Christmas grant that they should apply as soon as possible.

As usual, the majority of these applications will come from our pensioners, particularly those who have to manage on the state pension, but if you are in particular need, or know of anybody who may be in difficulty, but is unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Pam Waters, and please note that this assistance is available at all times, not merely at Christmas.

Mrs Pam Waters

Clerk to the Trustees

31 Tothill Road, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge CB25 0JX.

01638 741035

Advice from Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Winter is coming and after seeing a rise in chimney fires last year, Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging all residents to get their chimney professionally swept before the cold sets in.

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

- Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get the brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.
- Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.
- Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.
- Do not place objects on, or over, the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.
- Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 99 94.

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

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB for 2014 began in March

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

July: Lance Miller £50
August: Julie and Roger Aspin £20
September: Bryan Pearson

Please contact Thomasina on 07787 520589 to be part of the draw

A Tale of Two Pigeons

In the previous issue you may have seen the photo of two baby white pigeons – this is the story of how I ended up with them and what has happened to them since.

In July, Cambridgeshire Wildlife Care (CWC) took in 32 baby pigeons that needed hand-rearing. I offered to help and these were the two they gave me. At a couple of weeks old they had most of their feathers but still needed to be hand fed. They had to be fed five times a day, but luckily not at night and fortunately my work allowed me to take them to the office. I had to insert a tube into their crop/gullet and squirt in dissolved baby bird feed from a syringe. I can tell you that this was quite tricky to master!

After a week their very different personalities were evident. The younger and slightly smaller one would get very excited to see me, by calling, flapping and pecking a lot, and it eventually learnt to jump out of the cage and on to my lap for feeding. The older and slightly bigger one was quieter and calmer but a lot more wary of me; it didn't like to be picked up and preferred to stay in the cage.

During the second week I noticed the older one start pecking at things in the cage and so I introduced it to bird seed and after a couple of days it eventually started eating them and a few days later the younger one did too. I still kept hand-feeding but reduced the amount. At this time they were also both starting to exercise their wings by flapping very hard for up to 15 seconds at a time – when they were both doing this at the same time I called it a "Pigenado"! I kept reducing the amount of wet food and by the end of the third week they were happily eating just seed and drinking water. During the last few days I kept them free in our bathroom so they had more space and could practice flying. The moment I knew they could fly was when I found them both on top of the shower curtain rail!



After three weeks they went back to CWC and a month later are soon going with a few other white ones to a wildlife park to become a new free-flying flock for a dovecote.

Alison Lewis

Coming Soon to TINA'S

Beginning on Thursday23rdOctober
Extended Opening from 5pm to 7pm
On Thursdays and Fridays

PLUS
5 till 7 is Stitching Heaven
Sit and Knit at TINA'S during these times

Contact Tina for more details or just pop in

Tina's, 1 North Street, Burwell, Cambridgeshire, CB25 0BA
Tel: 01638 742785.

Out and About



I like the fact that, behind the facades of houses, cottages and garden gates in Reach, there are hidden areas of land and smallholdings which contain an assortment of cows, sheep, horses, chickens, geese, pigs and a donkey. The appeal is two-fold, it satisfies a general interest in livestock and reinforces our rural village identity.

An addition to the fold arrived last month in the form of Ron's new ram 'Sidney'. Born in Spring 2013 and purchased from a farm near Clacton, he's a prize-winning Lleyn, a Welsh breed known for their quiet natures, strength and durability.



Sidney, in the ribbons at a show in Essex

Despite it being a favourite time of year, Autumn arrived suddenly. Dusty, sun baked tracks and fields of yellow corn gave way to grids of plough and berry-filled hedgerows. Storms and high winds interrupted the long run of warm, calm days and destruction followed.

The tall willow tree near New Gant Farm, a local landmark for its size, fractured, the rotten splintered sections jut skywards.



Willow tree near New Gant Farm

A large ash tree on the track up to Reach Wood suffered a similar fate, fallen branches exposed a stock dove's nest in the remains of the trunk which, remarkably, had a chick still in it. Ron noted that its parents continued to feed the youngster and happily, it fledged at the end of August.



The survivor

My most notable wildlife sighting occurred several weeks ago in the sky above Reach Wood. Alerted by loud, raucous cries I saw two enormous birds wheeling overhead. Initially the undersides of their wings were visible, pale, fringed with dark but soon the birds soared noisily higher until lost from sight. I realised I had seen two cranes.

Little wonder they appeared large, cranes stand a metre high and their wingspans can reach 2.2 metres. I read that in 2007 cranes bred successfully in the East Anglian fens for the first time in 400 years and that the fens were the last stronghold of this wetland bird before it became extinct in the UK.

Starlings line our village telegraph wires, although they can be seen all year round, large numbers also arrive in Autumn to winter here. We regularly spy barn owls hunting low over fields and ditches and notice their pellets on our field posts. Goldfinches pass by singing their liquid chattering song, during the winter many UK birds migrate as far south as Spain. The 'maniacal call' of the green woodpecker can be heard almost daily at the edges of Reach Wood but, sadly, skylark and kestrel sightings are down this summer.

However, the mewing cries of buzzards often reveal their positions high overhead, riding the thermals. Populations are increasing, a previous decline in numbers was partly attributed to myxomatosis among rabbits, a chief source of food. Pairs mate for life and birds frequently use the same nest year after year. To attract his mate the male performs a spectacular aerial display before spring; he rises high in the sky then turns to plummet in a downward spiral rising immediately upwards to repeat the exercise again, this is known as the 'roller coaster'.

In the evenings muntjac skulk in hedgerows, there are rabbits the size of cats near Reach Wood and if lucky, the shrill calls of lapwing can be heard. This is a moment to savour, the decline in lapwing populations have committed them to the Red List (the highest conservation priority). I read that 'lapwing' refers to their erratic method of flying and that chicks can run only moments after hatching. The lapwing prefers to feed at night, when there is moonlight and protective females will draw potential predators away from nests by trailing a wing as if broken.



J.G.

Watercolour

We were disturbed by a terrific noise in Great Lane late last week, loud enough to override the television and permeate double glazing! Investigation followed, we found two of the largest hedgehogs we'd ever seen at a nose to nose stand-off beneath the car. This a most welcome sight, not only because they're the gardener's friend (eating snails, slugs and insects) but because these animals are experiencing a worrying population decline. The badgers in Reach have a part to play in dwindling numbers locally.



Watercolour J.G.

There are many simple ways to help hedgehogs, for example - leave wild patches of garden, make piles of logs and leaf litter (attracts the invertebrates they eat), construct an artificial home – this can be as simple as placing a piece of board against a wall. Ensure there is a route out of ponds, build bonfires close to the time of lighting, remove sports or fruit netting when not in use, avoid using slug pellets or place them under a slate which is inaccessible for hedgehogs. Check under hedges before strimming and compost heaps for nesting hogs (hibernate between November and mid March). If you want to feed hedgehogs crushed cat biscuits, tinned dog/cat food and fresh water are recommended. Never fish-based foods or milk because they are lactose intolerant.

I must not bemoan the end of Summer; as I write this (mid September), the land around Reach is a rich mosaic of pasture, plough and stubble fields, the temperatures are balmy, the garden borders still hum with bees.

Joss Goodchild



Three correct entries were received: Susan Bluck, Sue Clifton and Joyce Harrison. Very well done!

Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 26

ACROSS: 1. ARCHIVED. 5. TOILET. 9. LAW. 10. GIRAFFE. 13. AXE. 14. KEEN. 16. IRON. 18. PEEP. 20. OWNED. 23. WINE. 25. STROKED. 26. GUARDED. 27. TAXI. 28. PHOTO. 31. HOSE. 33. EGGS. 35. TAPS. 38. PEA. 39. ESKIMOS. 40. ORE. 41. DANISH. 42. GREATEST.

DOWN: 1. ASLEEP. 2. HAWK. 3. EDGE. 4. DRAGON. 6. OVER. 7. LOAN. 8. THEYRE. 11. INTO. 12. FIND. 15. EXPLODING. 17. OWNERSHIP. 19. EXTRA. 21. WIDTH. 22. EIGHT. 24. NEEDS. 27. TAPPED. 28. PASS. 29. OWNING. 30. ONTO. 32. EFFECT. 33. EARN. 34. GETS. 36. ASIA. 37. SOME.

Featured Fruits from our Orchard: Cambridge Gage



Cambridge Gage is a classic English green gage, with a greenish yellow skin and a high quality gage-like flavour. It dates to the 1800s. It is a close substitute for its parent, the traditional Old Green Gage, but slightly more vigorous and easier to grow. There's not much else to be said about the Cambridge Gage specifically – but its parent has more of a history.

Despite it plain appearance (the plums are quite small and have a dull green colour, turning slightly yellow when ripe) Old Green Gage is often considered the best flavoured of any plum variety. Green Gages have been cultivated in France since the Middle Ages having been introduced from Italy. In France the many different varieties of green-skinned gages are known collectively as "Reine Claude" in honour of Queen Claude, the wife of Francis I who ruled France from 1515 to 1547.



It is generally thought that Old Green Gage was introduced to England from France in the 18th century by Sir William Gage, who lived at Bury St. Edmunds and obtained a tree from his brother who was a priest living in Paris. As a result of his promotion of this new variety all green plums tend to be known as "Gages" in the UK. However, whilst Sir William is undoubtedly responsible for the English name, and the Old Green Gage in particular, there is some evidence that his was in fact a re-introduction of a variety already widely grown in England known as Verdoch, which may have come to England from Italy in the Middle Ages.

We have three Cambridge Gage trees in the orchard, sponsored by Steve Boreham, Tony and Sue Jordan and Tony, Rebecca, Archie and Miranda Fordham.

Charles Ross

Charles Ross is a classic English late-Victorian apple, nearly always described as "handsome". It is a cross between Cox's Orange Pippin and an older English cooking apple called PeasgoodNonsuch (how's that for a name!).

The result is a versatile apple, which looks like a large Cox's Orange Pippin, with the characteristic red-orange streaks, but sometimes with a more yellow background.

The flesh is juicy but quite light, becoming almost powdery as it matures. The flavour is very sweet but not bland - it has some of the aromatic qualities of Cox's Orange Pippin and is reminiscent of pears.

Charles Ross can be used as a dessert variety. The flavour is quite sharp in September but sweetens if you keep it. It is also a useful cooking variety. When fresh from the tree the flesh does not entirely break down into a puree, so it is ideal if you like apple pies with chunky apple pieces. Being quite large and juicy it is also a good variety for making your own fresh apple juice.

We have two Charles Ross trees, one has been sponsored by Bill and Eileen Lingley.



Chivers Delight

Cambridgeshire has a long tradition of fruit-growing, including extensive apple orchards and the Chivers family started a highly successful jam-making factory at Histon in the late 19th century, using fruit from nearby orchards. The Chivers brand is now part of Premier Foods but jam production still continues at Histon.

In the 1920s one of the family, Stephen Chivers, started to develop his own apple varieties of which Chivers' Delight was the most successful. Unfortunately there is little information on the parentage of this lovely apple although the flattened shape and sweet flavour hint at Cox's Orange Pippin.

Chivers' Delight was popular in the first half of the 20th century but has since fallen out of favour. It is a medium-sized apple, crisp, with a sweet but well-balanced flavour - this is an excellent apple. We have three Chivers Delight trees in the orchard, all of them sponsored by Julie Aspin on behalf of Henry, Tobias and Edward.

All descriptions courtesy of Orange Pippin www.orangepippin.com

Apple Day: 21st October

In 1990, dismayed by the loss of so many traditional orchards and amazed at the 3,000 or so varieties of apples that have been grown in the UK, the organisation*Common Ground* (http://commonground.org.uk/) set out to create a new calendar custom to celebrate our most versatile fruit and the beautiful orchards they come from.



The first Apple Day was held on 21st October 1990 in the old Apple Market in Covent Garden, London, bringing fruit back there for the first time in 17 years. Since then, Common Ground have worked to extend, support and promote Apple Day countrywide through nurseries, fruit farms, restaurants, National Trust and RHS gardens, museum, art centres, community groups and schools who celebrate the day in their own place, in their own way.



According to its founders, the creation of Apple Day was impelled by the ideal of living better with nature – with the apple and the orchard symbols of hope, "demonstrating how we can have our trees, bees, bats, butterflies, birds and badgers whilst growing good fruit to eat and drink."

In its first two years we have removed the young fruits from the trees in our orchard in order to help the trees put their energy into root and shoot growth and so get well established. However next year we will allow some of them to set fruit. It is a long way off, but if anyone is interested in helping to organise some village celebrations on Apple Day in October 2015 (the 25th anniversary of this 'new custom'), please let me know!

David Thomas



The Cambridge Community Collection

In January 2014 the artist, Neville Gabie, was given final approval for a new commission, the Cambridge Community Collection, supported and funded by Cambridge City Council. Here, Neville explains his vision for the project.

The commission is to develop and mark footpaths, cycle routes and other means of way-finding between the City centre, the new housing developments on the City's southern fringe and to a number of key nature reserves, stretching into the surrounding countryside.

The vision is to plant the routes using every single variety of UK apple tree to create a community orchard. The apple trees will be planted alphabetically in a series of concentric circles radiating out from the scion of Newton's apple tree grown on the Brookside Lawn at the Cambridge University Botanic Garden towards Trumpington, Grantchester, Harston and beyond.

Designed to be planted over four years, the trees will be incorporated into the new country park, Trumpington village with its new village square, the Glebe Farm and Clay Farm developments, Trumpington Meadows and the existing and new developments at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Given the range of locations, we plan to nurture the apple trees in different ways. In places they may be planted as small pockets or mini orchards. In more formal spaces, espalier training might be appropriate while in wilder locations, the trees will be established in mixed plantings among the natural trees and shrubs.

Why apple trees?

Each cultivated variety requires grafting the specific apple variety onto a rootstock to provide vigour. On many levels this ancient horticultural practice provides a wonderful metaphor for the new developments on Cambridge's southern fringe as a new community of many thousands takes root amongst long-established settlements. Equally, the planting and nurturing of apple orchards is part of this County's heritage, while ultimately the resulting harvest is itself a great way to bring people together. And for a city like Cambridge where academia and research are central, the opportunity to create a living apple archive and maintain biodiversity seems entirely appropriate.

The first 200 varieties will be ready for planting this autumn and a further 400 varieties are due to be 'budded' and 'grafted' ready for planting in autumn 2015. However, for this project to flourish and make a worthwhile impact, community involvement will be essential. Our ambition is for this unique orchard to be planted, maintained, nurtured, adopted and enjoyed by community groups and local volunteers. With the first trees due to be planted this autumn, we are keen to hear from anyone (regardless of experience) who would like to be involved.

To find our more, visit:
www.cambridgecommunitycollection.co.uk
or email neville@nevillegabie.com or talk to the Cambridge Community Collection team at the Garden's Apple Day on 26 October.

24Acres: The Wood



It is nine months since we completed planting the woodland. Aided by a mild winter, above average rainfall early in the growing season and of course, the excellent planting skills of the village, the saplings have established well - as the attached photographs show.

The failure rate appears very low although we intend to confirm this once the surrounding grass and residual arable plants, which have also thrived this year, have died back. However the extent to which the tree guards and mulch mats have protected our plantings is already impressive.



There is a limit, though, to what tree guards can do. In some areas roe deer, which come on to the site after dark, have targeted willow saplings. Shoots emerging from the guards have been cropped off or shredded. The deer have taken a particular pleasure in eating or pulling out the willow rods put in to screen the storage container. It is too soon to say whether this focus on willow will continue and the extent to which it will influence the overall shape of the wood.

Footpaths have been mown from spring onwards and in June a hay crop was taken from the meadow in the centre of the wood and the open area scheduled for the manege. We hope to do this annually and that over time it will increase the diversity of grassland plants.

A culvert bridge was installed across the middle ditch in May, joining the two halves of the woodland and making it considerably easier to walk around. It is great to see an increasing number of villagers taking advantage of this.



Other wildlife is colonising the site too. I enjoyed watching a broad bodied chaser dragonfly patrolling one of the glades earlier this summer and also spotted a red underwing moth. Alison Lewis took an excellent photograph of a grasshopper on a recent visit to the site. Hare and muntjac are of course present. Barn owls are regularly seen crossing the site and Penny Lang recently observed, at close quarters, a peregrine pursuing a pigeon out of the woodland.

I hope to organise a work party later in the year to tidy up and to replace broken stakes and lost guards and mulch mats. To assist this, David Cane will be conducting a preliminary survey as part of his Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Steve Boreham and I are talking with the National Trust about the possibility of creating two ponds on the area of 24 Acres beyond the woodland. Steve has identified areas of slightly lower lying land which may well have been ponds or old stream beds in prehistory and which are likely to be the best place suited for new ponds. We will be doing some soil sampling to confirm this. More details to follow in due course.

Nick Acklam

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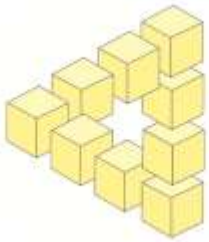

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Tales from a Reach Garden



September is one of the busiest months in the garden - the soil is still warm so it's ideal for planting. It is usually one of the wetter months of the year but we have already had quite a wet summer, in spite of the warm weather in July. The warm weather and the heavy rains have ensured a good crop of soft fruit as well as apples and pears - the fruits are also large and sweet.

However this combination of warm days interspersed with cool wet ones has been perfect for allowing various moulds and mildews to flourish throughout the summer and into the autumn. Our peas were doing well throughout July but hadn't finished cropping in early August before they succumbed to powdery mildew. They had been regularly watered, (when it wasn't raining) - I try to water at the base of the plans to prevent mildews forming on the leaves, but rain isn't so fussy. Normally I expect to pick a second, smaller crop of peas in late summer, but not this year, alas.





Tasty peas growing well in July...not so well in August…

One crop that usually succumbs to mildew every year, but which is still going strong is the courgette. This year, for the first time, I planted two of a variety called "Defender" and the leaves are mildew-free so far. The only problem I have had with these is discovering a couple of marrows on the plants on returning from a week's holiday. Usually the formation of a marrow or two stops courgette production dead, which may be just as well because it takes a while to eat one of those whoppers. However, my "Defender" plants appear to be healthy and remain in full production….I'm still looking for new courgette recipes. The "Defender" courgette was bred to be resistant to mosaic virus but it seems to be shrugging off mildew as well so far.

As the number of fungicides and pesticides available for use by amateur gardeners is reduced, the number of varieties of vegetables being bred for resistance to various pests and diseases is increasing and I'm continually on the lookout for new varieties. Sometimes old varieties have useful properties but were dropped from seed catalogues because they were lower-yielding.





This year's marrows (aka "Defender" courgettes) and last year's yellow marrow, "Jemmer"

An alternative solution is to grow fruit and veg under cover, but spores are easily carried in through any openings. They can be blown in on the wind, or inadvertently carried in on clothing. We have grown our tomatoes in a poly tunnel because of problems with blight which has completely destroyed our tomato crop in a couple of days in the past. We still see some blighted tomatoes under cover, but it's no longer as big a problem as it had been outdoors. However, even under cover some varieties are much more susceptible than others. We've noticed that Italian plum tomato varieties like "San Marzano" struggle with blight in damp years like this one, but "Sungold" and "Tigerella" are more resistant so we plant them closer to the openings of the poly tunnel.

One tomato variety that does well outdoors, even in very wet weather, is "Matts Wild Cherry", it's not the highest yielding tomato under cool UK conditions – it is Mexican in origin - but the small cherry tomatoes of this old heirloom variety are sweet!



"Matts Wild Cherry" tomatoes ripening outdoors

Danuta Gibson

Sharing Autumn's Bounty

The word *harvest in fact* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *haerfest*meaning autumn, but today the word has come to mean the gathering in of the farmer's crops and the final picking and storing of our allotment and orchard fruit, and even, occasionally, the offering of tins of baked beans or tomato soup to the school harvest collection!



Red Admiral on rotting fruit

But the real autumn harvest for the wildlife in our gardens is not restricted to the perfect specimens of the supermarket shelves but includes all shed seed heads, cones, nuts, flower heads, berries, drupes, fruits, rotting wood and deciduous leaves raining down from the tree canopies. It is time for a pre-winter feast to stock up on reserves. Red Admiral butterflies are starting to congregate in the south of the country after summer sojourns up north and love feasting on fallen rotting apples and pears.

In fact gathering a tray of windfalls in a sunny spot is great for watching butterflies such as Red Admirals but also commas and second brood small tortoiseshells close up. Long-tailed tits become more active again in private gardens, picking off soft fruit and hedge berries. 2014 is predicted to be a 'mast year', a complex, little-understood natural phenomenon which sees some tree species produce very large crops of seeds - good news for small mammals and larger birds like jays. Many plant species, like poppies, play a numbers game, producing enormous amounts of seed knowing that the vast majority will not find the perfect growing conditions, but will become protein-rich nuggets for smaller birds and mammals.

The carpet of autumn leaves is not only a pleasure to kick through but provides a permanently damp, dark and cool habitat for invertebrates such as slugs, snails, worms, millipedes, woodlice, spiders and other toad and frog delicacies which, together with fungi, are essential for breaking down this nutrient rich bounty so that it can re-invigorate the life cycle. Gathering up some leaf litter into a large glass jar and allowing it to settle is a great way to observe the invertebrate army at work.

Busy lives have led to many making their gardens as low maintenance as possible with large areas of paving, decking and planting restricted to exotics in pots. Our increasing reliance on cars for transport has increased the amount of land put down to sterile hard landscaping. As we see more intense development, our private gardens will have a more and more important role to play in helping to maintain the richness of wildlife in the ecosystem, so resist the urge to tidy the garden too manically this *haerfest* and let the wildlife share in the harvest.

Celebrate this year's bumper harvest at the region's biggest Apple Day at Cambridge University Botanic Garden, 10am-4pm on Sunday 26 October where the Main Lawn tent will house local apple juice and cider producers, bakers and cheese makers together with the apple tasting stations, which will offer a wide range of apples grown in the East of England to try before you buy.

Experts from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project (EEAOP) will offer a pruning advice service and will be bringing their comprehensive display of Cambridgeshire apple varieties, so bring in your unidentified apples from the garden or community orchard and see if the EEAOP experts can name them for you. Plus find out about the Cambridge Community Collection, an apple orchard installation for the city.

Normal Garden admission applies, plus £3 Apple Day ticket for everyone 17+, available in advance from the Garden ticket offices for fast track entry on the day

The Botanic Garden is open October 10am-5pm, November and December 10am-4pm. Admission is £4.50, Giftaid admission £4.95 or join the Friends, get free admission and help the Garden grow! For news and events, detailed information about the Garden or to discover this week's Plant Picks from the Head of Horticulture, please visit the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk

Juliet Day
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News from Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



The re-introduction of the small but extremely rare Tansy beetle made the headlines at the beginning of September. The beetle with its metallic green appearance was last seen on the Fen over three decades ago. Its last stronghold in this country is a 30km stretch of the Great Ouse, near York. As the beetle had a good breeding year up North, the decision was made to relocate around 200 beetles to Wicken. Hopefully by spreading the beetle geographically it will improve its long term survival prospects. It gets its unusual name because it mainly eats tansy, a perennial herb.



Walking is a great way to get out and enjoy the rich colours of autumn. This October we have a range of walks at Wicken Fen as part of the Trust's Great British Walking Festival. We start with **Walk with a Ranger –** a short introductory walk around the fen every Wednesday from 1 – 22 October, 2.30 - 3.30pm. **Walking in the Footsteps of Wicken's scientists** – (1 - 24 October, 10am - 3pm) is a self-guided trail looking at some of the scientists who have been associated with Wicken's fascinating history. If you fancy a longer walk we have **Walk the Fens** on Saturday 18th - the day starts at 10.30am with a five mile walk returning to Wicken for lunch with a further five mile walk in the afternoon leaving at 1.30pm. You can join for either or both walks. Please note this is a social walk with a leader, rather than a guided walk. Finally you have the opportunity to lose the shoes and try our **Family Barefoot Walk** on Saturday 25 Oct, 10am - 3pm. The trail will take around 30 minutes with activities and challenges en-route - trails (£2 per child) will be available from the Visitor Centre.

Our popular Mucky Pups programme for under 5s continues with **Autumn Animals** on 8 and 9 Oct - sessions run from 10.15 - 11.45am, tickets £4 can be booked from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274. For the half term holidays we have **Autumn Adventure**, a mix of games, craft and outdoor fun on 28 October and **Batty Halloween** on 31 October. Sessions run from 10.30 - 12.30pm or 2 - 4pm, tickets £4.75 per child are available from the NT Box Office on 0844 249 1895 – advance booking essential.

Sorry to mention it, but Christmas is just around the corner. To help you get prepared we have a **Christmas Decorations Workshop** on Friday and Saturday 21 and 22 November, with sessions from 10-12.30pm or 1.30-4pm. Tickets £18 (including materials) from National Trust Box Office. Tickets for our **Christmas Elves Workshop** for under 5s on 10 - 11 and 17 - 18 Dec, 10.30 – 12pm £6.95, and **Father Christmas at the Fen** weekends from Saturday 6 – Sunday 21 December £6.95 are selling fast - so please book ASAP to avoid disappointment. Tickets for the Elves Workshop and Father Christmas at the Fen are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

Down at Anglesey Abbey, we have **Awesome Autumn** throughout October. This is a chance to enjoy the gardens amazing autumnal colours, create some wild art, play conkers and jump around in huge piles of leaves. You can also learn how to climb trees with professional instruction from the Big Tree Climbing Company. Sessions (minimum age 6+) are being held on 28 and 29 October and cost £16.54 for a one-hour session. Tickets can be booked on-line by following the links from the Events page of the Anglesey Abbey website.

Finally, we will be illuminating the gardens for our **Winter Lights Festival** for three weekends starting on Friday 28 November. This year we have an extended route and new lighting and effects to enjoy. Tickets (Adults £11.50 Children £8, Family Ticket £35) are available from the National Trust Box Office on 0844 249 1895.

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If you have visited Snakehall Farm over the summer you will have coped with lots of changes to parking, access and trades-people, we thank you for your co-operation over our very busy build time.

We are now pleased to announce the official opening of our new Farm Shop on site at Snakehall Farm. This has been fully funded by Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards. We have further work to do on the building over the coming months, with visually appealing produce displays, notice boards and hopefully some new winter crafts made by our Co-workers over the winter months.

We would welcome your suggestions and comments - this is as much your shop as ours - either pop a comment in our visitor book or send us an email at enquires@prospectstrust.org.uk

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The farm facilities improvements continue with the first flush of our new toilet block on site. Funded by various donors including the Wolfson Foundation and lots of pennies in jars from our farm shop customers and the lovely Little Windmills pre-schoolers, our toilet block arrived on site this September. It has been plonked down and now it needs some Prospecting up. We will see this block linked to our tea barn with a canopied walkway, cladded, artistically beautified and our Green Team will be landscaping the whole area to make this a great new addition to our farm site.

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Days Gone By

The band that topped the charts on the 26th September 1981 was Adam and the Ants with “Prince Charming”.



Adam Ant was born Stuart Leslie Goddard and he still performs as a solo artist however the band itself broke up in 1982.

Interestingly, Adam Aint recently attended a birthday event in the Reach Village Centre - as you can see from the picture below.



In Egypt President Sadat died after being shot by gunmen who opened fire as he watched an aerial display at a military parade. A number of other dignitaries including foreign diplomats were killed or seriously wounded.

He had taken a salute, laid a wreath and was watching a display from the Egyptian Air Force when two grenades exploded. Gunmen then leapt from a military truck in front of the presidential reviewing stand and ran towards the spectators, raking officials with automatic gunfire.

President Sadat was the first Arab leader to recognise the state of Israel since its creation in 1948. Although popular in the West for his efforts at rapprochement with Israel, his policies dismayed much of the Arab world.

Under President Sadat, Egypt signed the Camp David accords with Israel in 1978 outlining "the framework for peace in the Middle East". This included limited autonomy for Palestinians.

A historic bilateral Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty was signed the following year. Arab states boycotted Egypt for breaking ranks and negotiating a separate treaty with Israel.

Following President Sadat's assassination, more than 700 people were rounded up.

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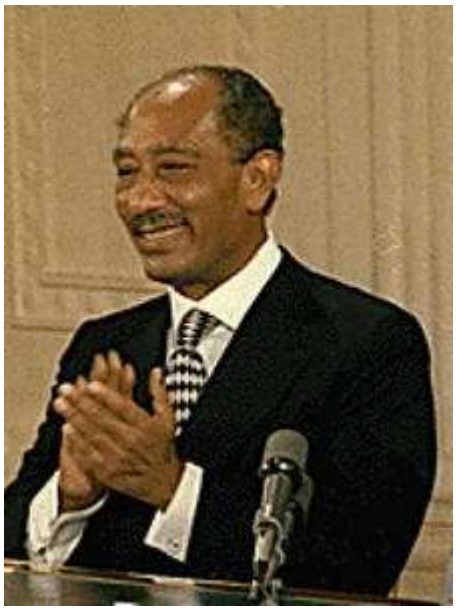

President Sadat of Egypt

Vice-President Hosni Mubarak succeeded President Sadat as head of state.

In Reach, it is noted in the magazine that Michael Allen is welcomed to the village, taking up residence in the Old Chapel – where he has been ever since. Below we see a very early picture of the chapel.



Other than that, people were preparing for bonfire night festivities and the onset of winter.

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Meeting Mike and Emily Napier



What is your full name?
Mike: Mike Kenneth Napier. Kenneth is after my grandfather and Saint Michael is the patron saint of solders (my father is in the forces).

Emily: Emily Jane. My parents just chose names that they liked.

Where were you born and brought up?
Mike: I was born in Greenwich. As I said, my father is in the forces so I've lived in Germany, Northern Ireland, Cambridgeshire (Longstanton) and lots of other places.

Emily: I was brought up in Northern Ireland, the north Antrim coast and the area of the Giants Causeway.

What schools did you go to and what can you remember of them?
Emily: I was a "good" girl at school. The schools followed the traditional system and I went to two local schools. Schools are divided into girls, boys, Catholic and Protestant. There are still a lot of single sex schools. I wasn't very sporty. I very much enjoyed English literature. I went to a grammar school and then to Pembroke College, Cambridge, where I took a medical degree. I was going to study law up to about six months before I went to university, I don't know quite why I made the change – maybe I felt I didn't like lawyers very much! We don't have any medics in the family so the choice was unusual. My A levels were biology, maths, chemistry and English literature so choosing medicine rather than law wasn't a problem. I loved university. I became a doctor working first at Ipswich hospital. My first few years of training were at Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge. My specialism is geriatrics – the care of the elderly – and I love it.

Mike: I attended a lot of schools in Germany and England. I was sporty and was the captain of the hockey team and played rugby. I joined the army when I left school at 18 years of age. I followed in my father's footsteps and I joined the Royal Signals. I served in Germany and was part of telecommunications, mainly attached to the RAF. I was deployed in Bosnia and was part of the helicopter support force. I made a career change and left the army; I didn't think telecommunications was quite me. I took some time out and travelled to Australia and New Zealand. When I came back I worked for Social Services and got into social work – mental health in particular – and working with people with sensory loss (visually impaired or deaf).

Where did you meet?
Emily: We met at Ipswich. Mike was the support worker for a deaf man and I was his doctor. We've been married for three years and known each other for 10 years. We have one child, Elizabeth, and another one on the way in January/February 2015.



How did you come to live in Reach?
Emily: We came to live in Reach by pure chance. We had friends in Burwell and were living in a tiny house. I was expecting Izzie and Mike spotted this house which he liked. We had a meal in the Dyke's End and that convinced me that Reach was a nice place to live. Since being here we are quite sure that we made the right choice. We really like living here; we enjoy the countryside and the quietness of the village.

Where do you like to holiday?
Mike: Holiday destinations can be a choice of what we can afford rather than what we like but we especially like Italy and fairly recently have visited Sardinia and Venice.

Can you cook?
Emily: We both cook and are both movie fans.

Do you like reading and/or music?
Emily: My choice of reading is eclectic and there is very little that I don't read. With limited shelf space I now have a kindle.

Mike: My favourite piece of music is "La musica nocturne delle strade di Madrid" by Boccherini. That's being sentimental as we got married to that piece. We got married in the Mussenden Temple, Northern Ireland on the north Antrim coast - a folly inspired by the Tivoli Temple of Vesta. We were walking along the cliffs and saw the Temple and said that if we could get married there we would. Surprisingly it had the details for applying for a wedding license pinned to the door. The "Game of Thrones" it was filmed in this part of Northern Ireland.

Can you change a plug?
Mike: I'm very practical and was taught by my Dad.

What is your philosophy on life?
Emily: My philosophy is that the glass is half full. Or for a successful marriage, the wife is always right.

Mike: Doing what I am told - most of the time.

Emily: My principal wish is for sleep sleep and more sleep. Izzie still does not reliably sleep through the night.

Claire Halpin-McDonald



Freya Thomas as the Ice Queen, King's Theatre
Newmarket Journal, 18 September 2014

Ross's Reflections



The Cluanie Inn in Western Ross was put on this Earth to make the Five Miles from Anywhere look like J D Wetherspoon at Piccadilly Circus. The nearest building is seven miles away and the only regulars are a pair of deer who come down from the hills in the evening to nibble the grass out the back, blissfully oblivious to the venison on the menu.

Maybe they relieve themselves in the rain gauge, which might go some way to explaining why the place features with remarkable frequency on the Times weather page under the heading 'wettest place in Britain'. Not recently, however: a remarkable dry spell has left the enormous orb-shaped tuffets of moss which protrude from the surrounding bog looking deflated. The only thing which hasn't dried up is the bar, with its hundred or so whiskies.

What better place, then, to spend referendum night? I imagined the Talisker and the Dewars flowing into the wee hours as the results came in from East Renfrewshire and West Dumbartonshire. Except that the Lancastrian hill walkers who made up most of my fellow guests preferred to retire early and I crept back to the television in my room, where I fell asleep, awoken by the occasional declaration and commentary from a puffy BBC Scotland presenter who was spitting sporran pins by the end, so unable to hide his disappointment.

What struck me though about the whole business was firstly how long it took for the political establishment to appreciate that a 'yes' vote would provoke a constitutional crisis and secondly that they managed to engineer a constitutional crisis anyway – in spite of a resounding 'no' vote. So many promises, so many concessions were made in the last panicky days of the campaign that it looks like Alex Salmond will have the last laugh after all: Scotland will have independence by stealth, as powers drain away from Westminster.

The insistence by all main parties that independence was Scotland's decision alone, with no-one else entitled to a say, was understandable: with the SNP barracking all opponents for 'bullying', the last thing any English politician wanted to do was to be seen applying undue pressure. But it does leave the question: does any other part of Britain now have the right to self-determination? What about Wales: can it have a vote? Or Cornwall? Or Yorkshire? Of what about Reach? Once you have established the notion that any part of the country is entitled to secede from the UK if it wishes to you could logically end up with the United Kingdom of London, the South East and East Belfast – those being the only three places which I struggle to imagine raising any kind of independence movement.

We now face months, or years of battle between Labour and the Tories over the 'West Lothian Question' – namely, why should Scottish and Welsh MPs have a say in legislation which affects only English voters when English MPs have no say in matters which have been devolved to the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly. The Conservatives would love to restrict the voting rights of Scottish and Welsh MPs, as a disproportionate number of them are Labour.

Already, proposals have been advanced for a new English Parliament, extra to Westminster: an extra tier of government inhabited by political rejects from Westminster, and all the expenses that go with it. I don't think many English voters will cherish that idea – a plan for a North-Eastern regional assembly was rejected in a referendum a decade ago. There is no harm in being first out of the starting blocks: I think I might start the 'no' campaign for English devolution.

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Swaffham Prior Primary School

We have returned after the long summer break and with the exciting news that following a visit from Ofsted at the end of the summer term, we have been acknowledged as a 'Good' school. We have welcomed some new families and the reception children are settling in well.



Jayden enjoying our school meals

The term has had a positive start and the children have been finding out about their new topics and what learning is in store for them. Saturn and Neptune Classes are finding out about the Ancient Egyptians and have been using the computers to compile information sheets and booklets, beating out Egyptian rhythms and making timelines. They have "History off the Page" to look forward to later in the term when they will have the opportunity to dress like an Egyptian and find out more about their daily lives.

Here is a rap that Alice wrote in one of her maths lessons this term. It might help you with your division!

Dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 Rap

To divide by 10 move right one space,
To divide by 100 move another right space,
Dividing rocks,
Dividing rules,
Even if you don't like dividing at all.
To divide by 1000 you must be ace,
'Coz you have to move right three spaces.

By Maddy Houghton and Alice Trump



Freddie painted a guard

Mercury and Mars Classes are learning about 'Great Britain'. They have been labelling maps, painting landmarks in London and reading all about Paddington Bear and his adventures in London. Mercury Class made marmalade/jam sandwiches just like the ones he used to eat and Mars Class have made models of Big Ben which were quite difficult to assemble!



George enjoying a book

There are many more things to look forward to including, Cathedral Day, the Life Bus and some Massai dancers.

On we go again...

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

Little Windmills Pre-school

Little Windmills has had a very busy start to the new year settling a number of new children including some from Reach.

This half-term as well as our usual activities we will talk about harvest time and we will be going to Reach Church for our harvest celebration lead by the Reverend Eleanor Williams.

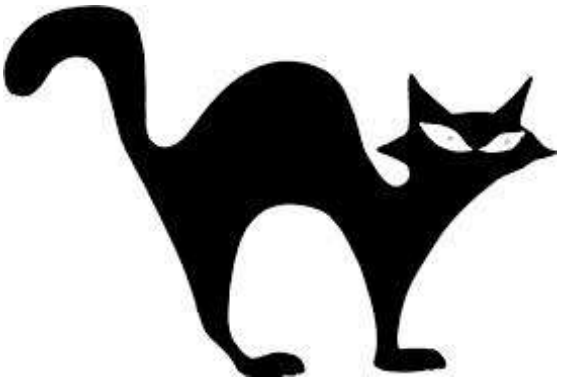
On a personal note I have been involved with the Pre-School here for 8 years 7 as manager and have thoroughly enjoyed nurturing many children from Reach and the surrounding villages and hopefully inspiring them and helping them to develop as young people. It is with regret that I will be leaving in mid-November and would like to wish my successor god luck in the challenges ahead. If anyone would like to take up that challenge or knows someone else who may, please get in touch for a preliminary chat on 07803 671200. The post would require at least an NVQ level 3 in child care qualification and preferably relevant experience.

I would also like to publicly thank my team of staff for their continued support and hard work particularly when I needed extra support earlier in the year.

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







OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

PLAYWORKER VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Playworker to join our small supportive team, based in

Swaffham Prior Village Hall.

Hours - 2.50pm - 5.50pm, Monday - Friday, term-time only.

Salary, negotiable depending on Experience and Qualifications.

A Caring, patient, fun personality is essential. Experience of working with children of all ages and abilities an advantage.

For any further information, or a informal chat, contact Jenny on 07462578139 or email, jennybridgeman76@gmail.com

Swaffham Prior Dog Show



Jo Fitzpatrick





Evie Mitchell





Alice Trump and Jasper



Helen and Harry Oliver Towers with Matilda





Sue Clifton and Flynn



KIDS' PAGE

Halloween edition!!!



H	V	D	D	F	W	A	S	D	W
S	A	Q	G	H	O	S	T	W	E
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Halloween

Ghost

Pumpkin

Witch

Vampire

Scary

Skull

Werewolf

Skeleton

Dark

ANAGRAMS

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HALLOWEEN JOKES!

Q: Why don't skeletons like parties?
A: They have no body to dance with!

Q: What do ghosts eat for pudding?
A: Ice scream!

Q: What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?
A: Frostbite!

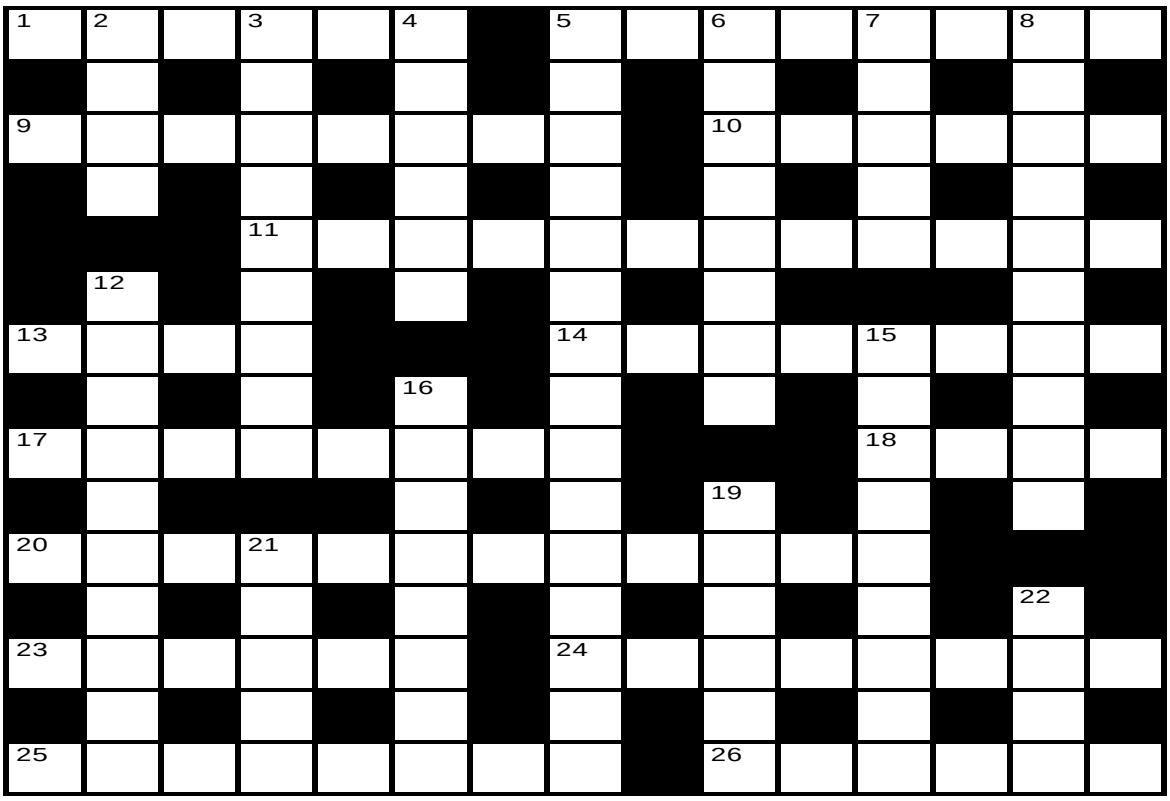
Colouring Corner







Crossword No. 27



Across

1 Phases make for different patterns (6)
5 Sends back an exact image (8)
9 Outpouring form lachrymal gland (8)
10 A snore is why it happens (6)
11 Long word written in short (12)
13 Side of coin or garden e.g. (4)
14 Sing even at the end of days (8)
17 Take away from total (8)
18 Shopping area mainly in USA (4)
20 Made curly hair opposite to what it was (12)
23 Way round the problem road (6)
24 Look to a devil for mistreatment (8)
25 Find four on game board (8)
26 Reads out words one letter at a time (6)

Down

2 Shoe for Dutch type gardening tools (4)
3 Never to be changed or altered (9)
4 Woody small plants (6)
5 An American political house for agents (15)
6 Let off ones mistakes (8)
7 Absolutely correct and specific (5)
8 Completely with no mistake (10)
12 Tandem just used to make amendment (10)
15 Straight away with no hesitation (9)
16 This type of court will have you hopping about (8)
19 Takes great delight in (6)
21 Take on other people's ideas etc (5)
22 Secure against leakage (4)

The answers to the previous crossword can be found on Page 21
Please send your entry to this crossword by Friday 5 December 2014 to CROSSWORD. 16 Chapel Lane, Reach CB25 0JJ giving your name and address.



Cricket News



We played our first game on our new ground on the official first day of summer, 1 June. It took until the very last day of summer for us to win our first game. Our annual fixture against Petersfield – named after a small patch of open ground in Cambridge rather than the Hampshire town – is always one of our more likely victories, not least because several of their team only strap their pads on once a year.

But as it turned out victory was not assured until the last over of the match, Petersfield nearly overhauling what we had thought was a commanding score of 172 or thereabouts (the printing presses of Within Reach are about to go whirring into action and the scorebook is out in the shipping container, so I am guessing a bit here). It has been an oddity this season that while our pitch still needs a bit of ironing out and produces regular weird balls, it hasn't stopped teams (though not usually our own) amassing impressive scores. Gwilym scored 50, in spite of complaining that he had strained his back and then Keith Page of Petersfield reached the 80s before the run chase collapsed.



A week later, we entertained Grantchester. Last year, this proved a hugely entertaining fixture when we lost on the second-to-last ball, requiring only two to win. It was a match we faced with some apprehension, given Grantchester's bowling attack – as Rupert Brooke might have written: 'Is there honey still for tea and stands Reach still ten for three?' This year, though, we scored nearly twice as many runs as we did then, thanks to a long partnership from Gwilym, again and Ewen Cameron, who finally overcame his jinxed new bat. At the beginning of the season he donated his old bat – that with which he had scored his first-ever century – and produced a new implement emblazoned with the slogan 'Help for Heroes'. It didn't seemed to produce much in the way of heroics at the crease – until, that is, the Grantchester fixture, when he managed to dig in and swat 88 not out. The slightly tragic follow-up was that Grantchester scored even more runs and beat us with 10 overs to spare. A moral victory, I think, for our groundsman.

Ross Clark

Equestrian News

Since I got my two new horses, Stella and Meryl, we have been much busier. Meryl has progressed well and has been out to a few different venues to go schooling and have lessons, where she has behaved wonderfully. After all the progress she made we decided it was time for her first show, so we took her to The Jays in Bury St Edmunds. She was a star, jumping a double clear to come 4th. She handled the whole show very well, as this was her first time in a warm up arena with other horses and it was a very spooky course.



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Stella has been making great progress. In such a short time she has gone from being just sat on when she came to ours to now jumping a course in our first lesson. I'm really looking forwards to seeing what happens over the coming month with her. We have also just bought a new young horse to bring on and jump.

Reach rider, Cleo McGregor had a great show this weekend with her horse Paris. They went to the local show Worlington, held in Fordham, and won the 1.05 and got second in the puissance, clearing 1.35, which is a great achievement**!**

Lorna Steven

REACH

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 3rd September 2014.

Attendance

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

The meeting was opened with the Chairman, Councillor Thomas, paying tribute to Councillor Rita Dunnett who sadly passed away on Thursday 21st August 2014. A minute's silence was held.

1. Declarations of Interest
There were none.

2. Forum for Members of the Public
One resident attended to discuss item 3

3. Footpath and kissing gate at The Hythe
CCC wishes to remove the middle kissing gate along the pathway. A resident expressed concern that should the kissing gate be removed it would allow an increase in nuisance users of the pathway, motorbikes, horses etc. The PC would like explore replacing the other two gates with larger, more accessible gates, to allow better access but still preventing access to those not legally allowed. These would however need to be funded by grants or other means.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were signed as correct.

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
Councillor Ward agreed to take the place of Councillor Dunnett on the Amenity Fund Committee.
The Amenity fund had received a suggestion that money should be made available to general charities. The Parish Council's view is that the money should stay in the village or go to local charities (e.g. Snakehall Farm, scouts etc.) but not be made available to other charities.

A resident had suggested that a bench should be purchased in memory of Councillor Dunnett. ***Councillor Thomas*** to discuss with Mr Dunnett, in the first instance. Should this be agreeable the Clerk will obtain quotes and apply to the Amenity Fund.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report
August is traditionally a quiet month for formal meetings at the Council.
As reported previously Ofsted has recently been inspecting the Council's children's services. I am delighted to be able to report that the latest inspection results show that the service has moved from inadequate to good. This is an unprecedented jump of 2

Ofsted grades and is testament to hard work put in by many people.

Government has allocated CCC £34 million less in capital funding than we were expecting and believe we need. A number of meetings have taken place to discuss the capital programme and to lobby for a fairer allocation.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report
Ely Country Park has been awarded 'green flag' status.
Under the new Committee structure I am a member of – The Licencing Committee, The Regulatory and Support Services Committee, and The Commercial Service Committee. I have also been appointed 'Infrastructure Champion' to look at where infrastructure is required to facilitate growth.
Bonfires were again discussed. ***The Clerk*** to forward an article to the village magazine reminding residents about the rules regarding bonfires, particularly on byways and public land.

5 (4) Financial Report
Very little activity this month, the Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

5 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
No meetings were attended.

5 (6) Play Spaces
A new officer is required and was discussed. ***The Clerk*** to obtain the play spaces report and discuss with Councillor Thomas.

5 (7) Rights of Way
The byway at the entrance to Reach Wood, at the top of the track from Great Lane, was discussed. ***Councillor Fielding*** to contact the user of the adjacent field, to discuss the damage that took place last winter, and how it might be avoided in future. Users have a responsibility to keep byways in a good state of repair.
Councillor Fielding is continuing to monitor hedge growth and hedge-cutting along pathways and byways. ***The Clerk*** to contact two residents with regard to cutting back their hedges.

5 (8) Village Centre
No meeting had been held, the next meeting will be on the 10th September. ***Councillor Fielding*** to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

5 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
A committee meeting is being arranged. The idea of a pond is being discussed. A resident would like to arrange some fund raising events to raise money to pay for the fencing off of an area for safe horse riding. The Parish Council had no objection.

6. The Avenue of Limes
Following an inspection it is believed that 14 of the Limes are dead and the rest are dying, there is no visible growth of the trees, despite the excellent conditions this year. It was discussed as to what should be done. ***The Clerk*** to obtain a professional report as to their viability and what is the best cause of action.

7. Village tree works
Various trees and hedges around the village are in need of surgery, pruning and cutting back. ***The Clerk*** to obtain quotes to be agreed at the next meeting.

8. Planning Applications
There were none.

9. Information Items
There were none.

10. Payments

CR Contracting	£ 170.50
D. Blocksage	£ 140.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 1st October 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).



Manchetts Charity Golf Day

Manchetts in Burwell held their annual charity golf day at Kings Lynn Golf Club last Friday 26th September and the day was supported by local people and Business colleagues.

The sun shone and Manchetts provided several competitions with prizes of John Lewis Vouchers for nearest the pin, longest drive and the chance to win a brand new Peugeot up to £15,000 should anyone get a hole in one on the 16th if played within 144 yards! Dave Robertson retired fire chief was within a spit !

The day was a great success with immense support raising £1,525 with Leigh Smart of Yutree Insurance matching the money raised from the raffle of £525.

The total money raised has been given to Scout Declan Sewter who suffers with Cystic Fibrosis and who is raising funds to take himself and another child from a third world country to a 2015 Scouting Jamboree.



Letter from the Vicarage



A big thank you to those who have completed the questionnaire about how we should use the legacy from Maisie Whitehead. It's been really good to read the responses, so if you haven't yet filled in a form, please think about doing so.

We're building up a picture of how we might make some changes which would enable the church building to be better used as a community space, whilst still being the church for the village, open every day and there for all.

Our regular services continue, with a few special events coming up. The weekly Morning Prayer in Reach has moved from Thursday to Friday mornings at 8.15am – all welcome to join us.

Our HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE 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 collect 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.

We will also be having our annual LIGHT A CANDLE TO REMEMBER A LOVED ONE service at St Mary's in Burwell on Sunday 2nd November at 3pm, for those who have lost loved ones in the recent or more distant past.

The following week, November 9th, the REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY services will be especially poignant, in this 100th anniversary year of the beginning of World War 1. At Reach the service will start just after 10.45am at the War Memorial and continue at 11am in church.

Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more about any of our events or services.

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

Kid's Page

The answers to Susie's anagrams are
Halloween, Ghost and Pumpkin

Building Repair Update

The repair work on the church is scheduled to start in the first week in October and will probably last about six weeks. It's all external work to repair damaged stonework and roof tiles and to install a handrail at the main entrance.

The church will remain open but please take extra care as there may be scaffolding near the door. The builders will also be running an extension cable from inside the church to supply power to wherever they are working, so please be careful that you don't trip over it. Because of the scaffolding, stored building materials and a portaloo, it won't be possible to enter the church grounds during the building work.



The builders are being very helpful and will do what they can to minimise disturbance. They will work from about 7.30am- 4.00pm weekdays only. They are also well aware of the important colony of bees in the church roof and will take all necessary steps to avoid disturbing them! Finally, the builders would appreciate it if you could be vigilant while the work is in progress. They say the most risky time for anyone to attempt to climb the scaffolding or get into any kind of mischief is just after they've left for the day in the late afternoon. If you see anything suspicious please report it immediately.

CentrePeace at Reach

It will certainly be 'business as usual' for CentrePeace @ Reach on the second Wednesday of the month during the building work. We may not be able to sit outside (as we have enjoyed doing all summer), but there will still be tea and home-made cake, plenty of good quality second hand books and a selection of crafts and cards for sale. Most importantly, it's a time to meet friends for a chat, so please do come along between 2pm –4pm and relax for a while.

Legacy Survey Update

So far we've had about 14 replies to the survey about how Maisie Whitehead's generous legacy should be spent, which is very encouraging. Almost everyone has been in favour of improving the heating and installing water and drainage so that we could have a toilet and small serving area for hot drinks etc. Many people have mentioned a suitable plaque to commemorate Maisie's generosity, and there are a lot of great ideas for other improvements and additional uses which would benefit the community without spoiling the sacred and spiritual function of the building. These include concerts, retreats and quiet days, coffee mornings, to name but a few.

There's still time for you to have your say and we really would like to know everyone's views, so please put your thinking cap on. Supplies of the forms and the box for completed forms may be found at the back of the church.

Candle Stand

We're now in the final stage of obtaining permission from the church authorities for a candle stand in memory of Ann Fuller. There is no reason to suppose that permission will be refused, so hopefully we will be able to go ahead with the purchase soon. Many people like to light a candle when they come into church, maybe in memory of a loved one or to accompany a prayer. The candle stand will provide a beautiful and practical way to make this possible and we are grateful to the Fuller family for generously donating it in memory of Ann.

Pat Chalmers
Church Administrator

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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

Your Clerk is **Susan Bailey**
29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF
Tel: 01638 743794
Email: reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

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

In addition to her councillor duties **Hilary Fielding** is Rights of Way Officer.

Magazine Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed a questionnaire. We had five returns with all the entries complimentary and just a couple of suggestions for the team to consider. People were keen to thank all those involved – so well done to all our contributors and thank you.





Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
October 2014		
Wednesday 1	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Friday 3		8.15am Morning Prayer
Saturday 4		6.00pm Harvest Service followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Centre
Sunday 5; Trinity 16	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 8	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00–4.00pm CentrePeace at Reach
Friday 10		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 12; Trinity 17	10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 15	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 17		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19;Trinity 18	8.00 am Morning Prayer 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 22	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 24		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26 Last after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
November 2014		
Sunday 2nd November All Saints	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Service of Remembering of loved ones who have died	
Wednesday 5	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Friday 6		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Remembrance Service	11.00am Remembrance Service
Wednesday 12	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 14		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th November 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Parish Communio	7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 19	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 20		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd November Christ the King	8.00 Holy Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 26	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 28		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday	4.00pm Messy Church	10.00 Parish Communion

Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

Newmarket – Burwell – Reach – Bottisham – Cambridge																
Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10
	M-F	**M-F**	**Sat**	**M-F**	**Sat**							**Sat**	**M-F**			
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0704	0719	0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1424	1514	1614	1714
Burwell (Manchetts Ness Road)	0628	0658	0713	0728	0743	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1448	1538	1638	1738
Reach	0639	0709	0724			0849		1049		1249		1449	1459	1549	1649	1749
Swaffham Prior	0644	0714	0729	0741	0756	0854	0951	1054	1151	1254	1351	1454	1504	1554	1654	1754
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0727	0807	0812	0837	0842	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	1547	1637	1737	1837

Cambridge – Bottisham – Reach – Burwell – Newmarket																
Service No:	10	10A	10	10	10A	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10
				M-F	**NMD**											
Cambridge (Drummer Street)				0655	0755	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1635	1735	1845
Swaffham Prior				0729	0829	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1712	1809	1919
Reach				0735	0835		1005		1205		1405		1605		1815	1925
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)				0742	0842	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1722	1822	1932
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0810	0910	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1800		

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

A full timetable can be downloaded from **www.reach-village.co.uk/bus_service.html**

Please note that the bus stops at a number of stops in Burwell – those listed are just timing points

Diary Dates: October 2014

October 2014	Event	Location	Time
Wed 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 2	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 4	Harvest Songs of Praise	St Etheldreda	6pm
Sat 4	Harvest Supper	Village Centre	7pm
Tues 7	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 8	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 8	Author: Charles Spencer	The Hayward Theatre, Kings School, The Gallery, Ely CB7 4DB	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 9	Author: Thomas Cromwell with Tracy Borman	St Mary's Church, St Mary's Street, Ely CB7 4HF	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 9	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 11	Jumble Sale	The Fassage Pavilion, Lode	2 – 4pm
Tues 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm to 12.50pm
Tues 14	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Tues 14	Author: David Nicholls	St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10 for 7.30pm
Wed 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 15	Author: Dan Jones	St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 16	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thurs 16 – Saturday 18	Bottisham Players: Ding Dong	Bottisham College Main Hall	7.30pm
Thurs 16	Author: Peter F Hamilton	St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10 for 7.30pm
Tues 21	Author: Conn Iggulden	Ely Library,6 The Cloisters, Ely CB7 4ZH	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 23	Recycling Day (Green)		
Starting Thurs 23	Extended Openings Stitching Heaven Sit and Knit	Tina's, 1 North Street, Burwell	5pm – 7pm
Fri 24	Author: Rachel Joyce	St Mary's Church, St Mary's Street, Ely	7.10 for 7.30pm
Sat 25	Concert	St Mary's Church, Swaffham Bulbeck	7.30pm
Wed 29	Author: Michael Deon	Cathedral Centre, Palace Green, Ely CB7 4EW	2 for 2.30pm
Thurs 30	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 31	Halloween	Village Centre	5.45pm

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

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Diary Dates: November 2014 and Club Contact Information

November 2014			
Sun 2	Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One	St Mary's Church, Burwell	3pm
Tues 4	Reach Rainbow Crafts Circle	Call Pam King on 742924	1.30pm – 3pm
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 5	Author: Paddy Ashdown	St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10 for 7.30pm
Thurs 6	Recycling Day (Green)		
Fri 7	Author: An Evening of Wine and Food with Jane Parkinson	The Old Bishop's Palace, Palace Green, Ely	7 for 7.30pm
Sat 8	Ely Consort (see page 43)	Ely Cathedral	8pm
Tues 11	Author: Armistice Day with Michael Morpurgo	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL	6.45 for 7.30pm
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 12	Jodi Picoult	The Hayward Theatre, Kings School, The Gallery, Ely CB7 4DB	7 for 7.30pm
Thurs 13	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Mon 17	Author: Paul Merton	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL	6.45 for 7.30pm
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 18	Author: Jenny Uglow	St Peter's Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10 for 7.30pm
Tues 18	Talk: Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8.00pm
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 19	Author: Sheila Hancock	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL	6.45 for 7.30pm
Thurs 20	Recycling Day (Green)		
Fri 21	Girls Night Out	Dykes End	7.30pm
Tues 25	Author: David Mitchel	The Octagon, Ely Cathedral CB7 4DL	6.45 for 7.30pm
Thurs 27	Recycling Day (Blue)		

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Gardeners (Village, Swaffham Prior)	Margaret Joyce	744390
Mothers Union (Burwell)	Susan Baker	741791
Scouts (Swaffham Prior)	Steve White	743555
Tennis (Reach)	Philip Lewis	742115
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Contact Information

Parish Council			
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	Vice Chairman	Ross Clark	743725
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Chairman	David Thomas	742676
	Councillor	Diana Ward	744210
	Clerk	Susan Bailey	743794
	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
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	Committee Member	John Holmwood	742969
	Committee Member	Andrew Towers	742484
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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
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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	



Daisy Miller



Violet Keutgen



Freddie Bridgeman



Jayden Bentley



Evie Mitchell



Rose Mitchell



George Tucker and Mum, Nicky



Looks good Ron



Henry and Tobias



Dylan Steed, Hugh Shackleton, Jodie Halpin-McDonald



Elizabeth Parr and Robert Tucker



Hazel Lingley (left) and Elizabeth Parr



Freya Thomas



Felicity Blocksage





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