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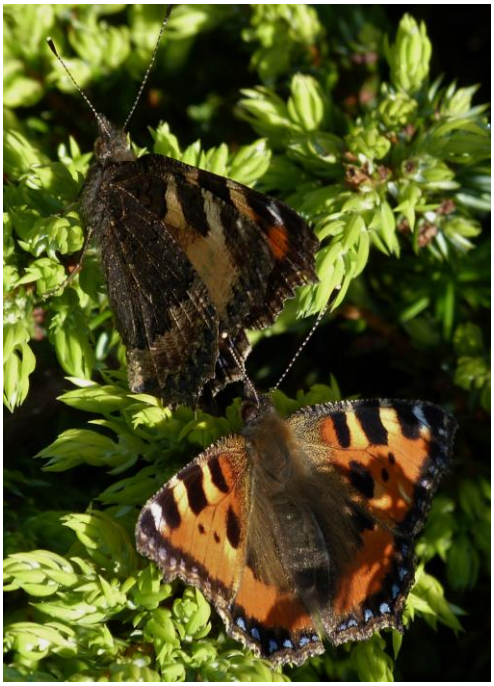


Small Tortoiseshells (f & m)



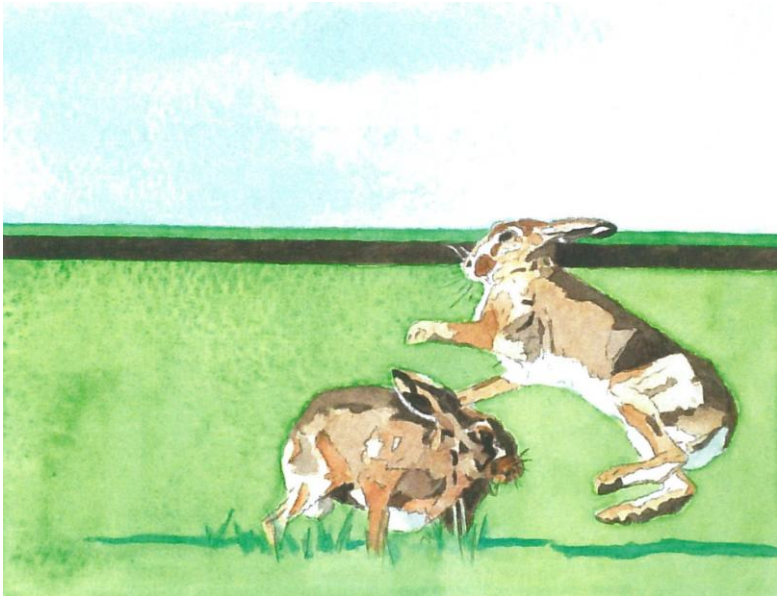
Sparrow feeding its youngster



Four-spotted Chaser Dragonfly at Wicken Fen. Photos Alison Lewis



Heron. Joss Goodchild



Hares. Extract: Fenscape by Joss Goodchild



Pair of Mallards. Joss Goodchild

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Reach Sports Day

Sunday 6th September

2.30pm

Please return your trophies to Juliet Vickery ASAP

From the Editor



We have a new section titled, Dear Ross…… Ross Clark is `happy' to receive questions on possibly any topic – sensitive, complex, intriguing, historical, hysterical etc. In the past he has said that the magazine lacks scandal – so let that be your guide. Sent your questions directly to him or via myself.

This issue of the magazine may be judged a little `thin' and this is, at least, partly due to people being on holiday. That said we would welcome new contributors with one-off submissions or regular contributions. The *Within Reach* AGM identified a number of possible new sections such as aspects of old buildings, farming matters, crafts, book and film reviews, travels home and abroad and where are they now? Do send me your contributions and I look forward to receiving a flood of articles.

In this issue we enjoy reading about Alison Lewis' holiday in Iceland and the accompanying photographs.

Elements of the draft Church Development Plans are included here and a full set of plans are laid out in the church. There is a meeting on Sunday 9th August at 4pm in the church to discuss the plans in detail.

In early – mid July Hannah Webb, Dafila Scott and Joss Goodchild had a very successful art exhibition in St Cyriac's church and Joss has copies of her new book, Fenscape, available. We include some of her new and varied paintings in this issue.

Reach villagers are remarkable for their diverse talents and interests. It's good to see Hugh de Lacy is tracking Reach's inclusion in the programme to receive fibre broadband. A representative of Connecting Cambridgeshire will be attending the Parish Council Meeting on 2nd September so do come along if you wish to voice your concern about the quality of your phone line based broadband.

Ron and Penny have a visiting toad and also a hedgehog, gently greeted by Tommy, their Jack Russell. Joss Goodchild is keen to keep a log book of interesting sightings of wildlife/fauna or flora. So eyes peeled and notepads to the ready.

Hilary Fielding is re-introducing The Burwell Ride so if you have access to four legs do sign up.

Read this magazine carefully and learn that there pies and there are pies.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Cover photographs: Hugh de Lacy**,** Alison Lewis and Grahame Lingley.

About the Magazine

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

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

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Iceland in June: Geysers, Puffins and a Volcano

In mid-June I had a lovely holiday in Iceland. It had been on my to-do list for a few years, so was delighted when a group of friends wanted to go too. Apparently tourism has only recently become the biggest source of income in Iceland after sheep farming - not that we saw a lot of sheep because during the summer most are free to roam up the mountains.



Greylag geese in Iceland

The first day we did a really good Golden Circle tour which included the geysers, waterfalls, a thermal beach and a hot lagoon. One of the best bits was waiting for the big geyser to spurt – and it did, every three to five minutes reaching 20-30m high! The next two days we explored Reykjavik and a nearby natural thermal beach with imported white sand – the rest of the island has black rocks and black sand! We also had a short boat trip to see puffins and other birds on a couple of very small nearby islands. Saw plenty of puffins but water was very choppy.



Puffin in Iceland

On the fourth day a couple of us joined a tour to go inside a volcano! We hiked for two miles across a very windy plateau and up a hill, then by way of a German skyscraper window cleaning lift we went down in to a small extinct volcano!

The inside is hollow because the magma escaped while it was still molten. Sounds like a boring dark cave doesn't it?… however the heat from the magma has caused the rocks to turn different colours depending on their minerals, so there was a lot of yellow/red, some sections of dark blue/purple and also bits of green. There are a few spot lights inside so you can see all the colours and clamber around on the bottom. It was a geologists dream!



Artic tern in Iceland

For the last two nights we stayed in a remote hotel to explore a bit of the south coast. We rode some Icelandic ponies, found a couple more waterfalls and also a glacier. Unfortunately the very low cloud hid the volcanoes we were staying right next to. The drive back to the airport through endless moss-covered lava fields was surreal!

A brilliant week and I highly recommend it.

Alison Lewis



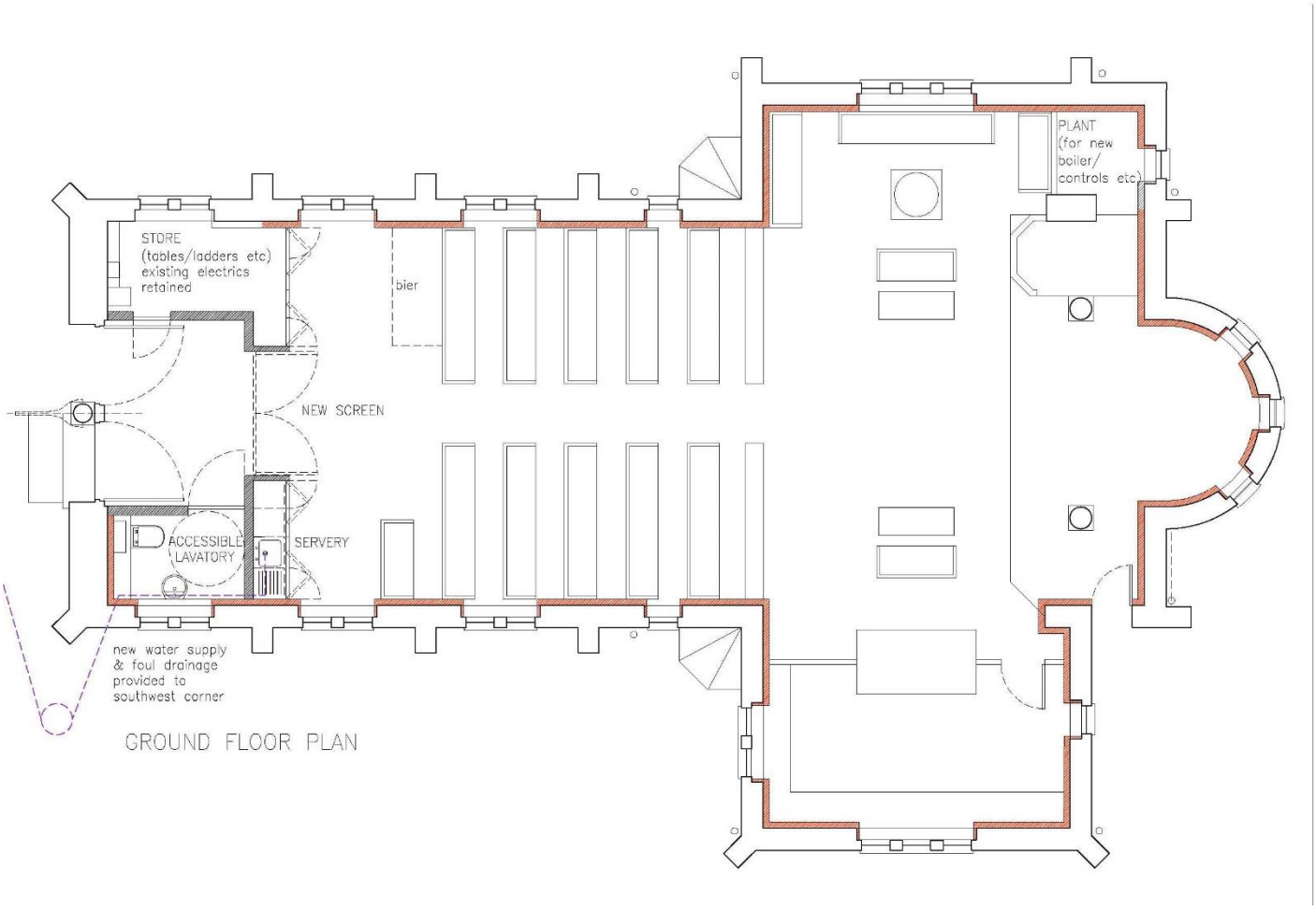
Church Development Plans

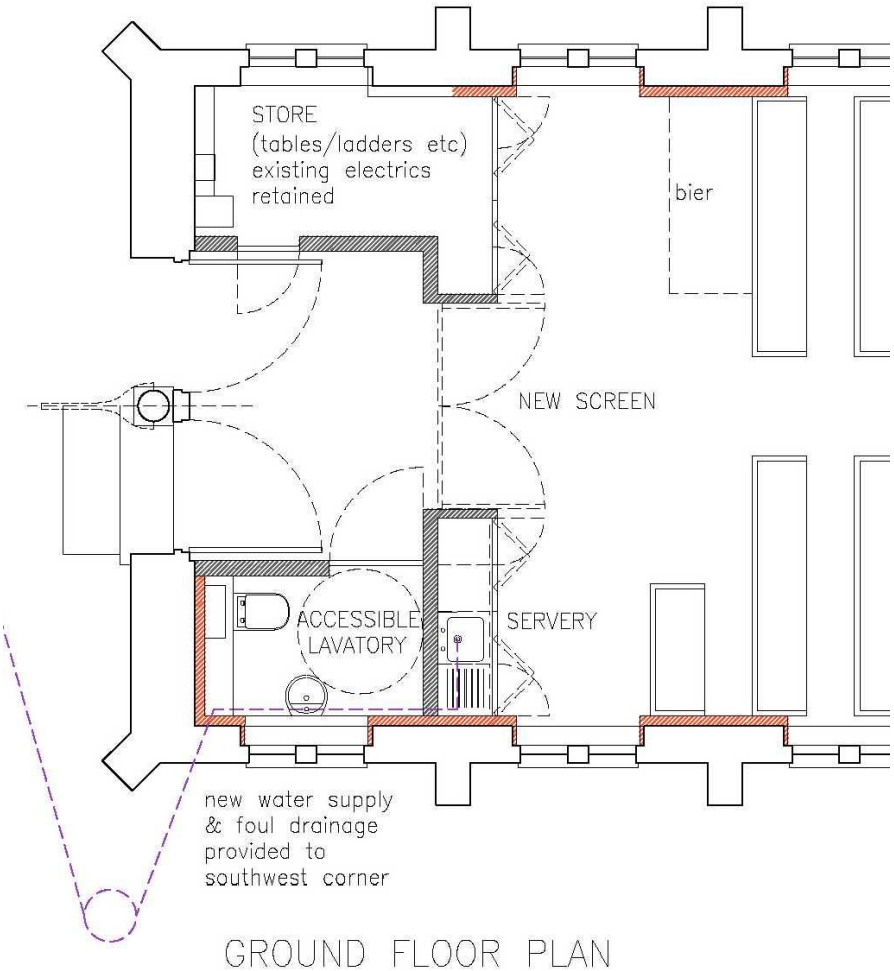
It was good to see so many people at the Evensong and Tea on July 5th and we were grateful that the architects were able to supply some preliminary draft plans for us to display on that day. The aim was to initiate the discussions and to start the consultation process that will, eventually, result in a scheme that brings the building into the 21st century, where in addition to being a church, it can serve the local community. It is also important, of course, that any plan we implement is in keeping with Maisie's wishes.

So what do the plans contain? The brief we gave the architects was to find a way of providing the main items that emerged from the questionnaires that people completed last year. These included better heating and insulation, improving the floor, making some minor adjustments to the inner glass door panel because the door opening is too low and adding toilets plus a small servery. We stressed that the objective was to improve the church building to make it more flexible for community use without detracting from its primary role as a sacred place.

In producing these first draft plans, the architects have made suggestions about ways in which this could be achieved. The full plans are available in church for anyone to look at, but sections are reproduced here to give you a flavour of what they contain. The church plan gives you the overall picture. The proposal is to move and modify the door screen to make the porch a little larger so that you can access a disabled toilet from the porch. A small servery is shown adjacent to this inside the church and there is storage at the other side of the porch. Several people have already commented that they would rather see the servery on the other side, which has been duly noted!

There will be an Open Meeting in the Church at 4pm on Sunday 9th August 2015 to discuss the plans.
Do please come along!





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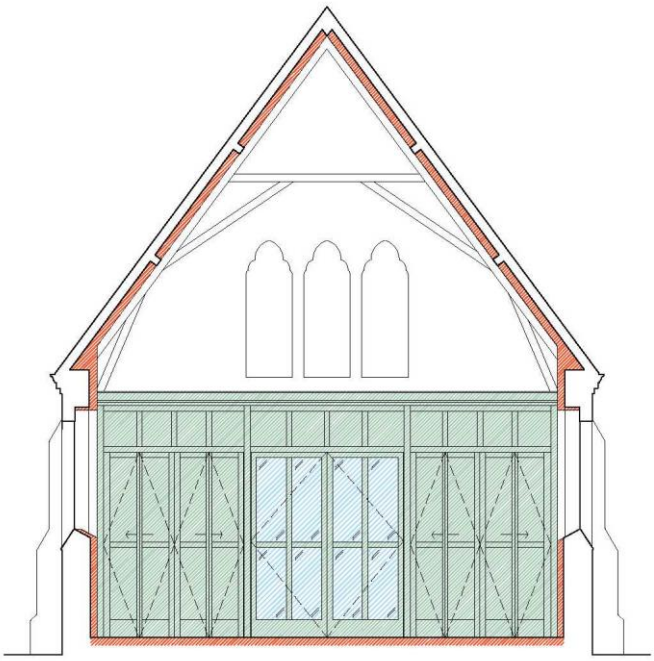


NEW SCREEN
incorporates higher doors
for pallbearers (opening:
2.4m by 1.9m)

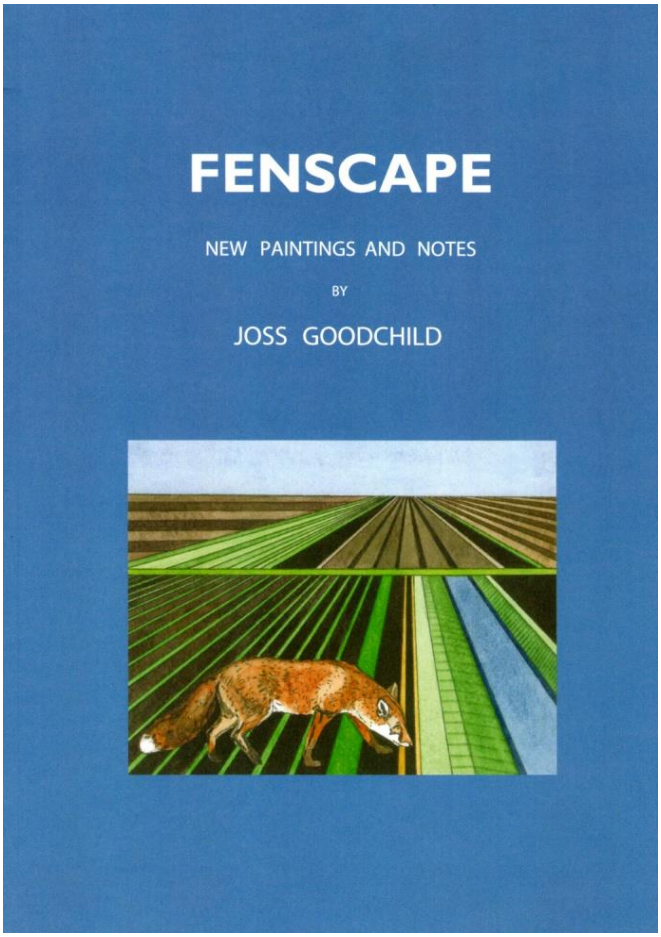
CROSS SECTION looking west

The architects have presented their ideas for improving the insulation of the church and for installing a new heating system and have suggested a gentle ramp to provide easier access for wheelchairs and buggies. They also suggested replacing pews with stackable chairs to improve the flexibility of the space, though we don't have to accept that if that isn't important to us. The plans did not, at this stage, address details like redecoration of the church and non-structural items like a memorial to Maisie or refurbishing the organ, as these would be added in later as the plans were refined and developed.

The full plans are displayed in the church, which is open all the time, so please do go and study them. There will be two opportunities during August to ask questions – CentrePeace at Reach on Wednesday 12th August from 2pm-4pm and a public meeting on Sunday 9th August at 4pm in the church. We'd then like to know your views and suggestions so that we can start the process of refining the plans. There will be a box in church where you can leave a written reply, or you can email Pat Chalmers on pat@patchtcs.co.uk.

The consultation process is likely to be quite lengthy – from experience the consultations for Burwell's recently completed project took more than 3 years! In addition to consulting the community, we will need to consult the Diocese of Ely, English Heritage and The Victorian Society, all of whom are likely to have views about what is and what is not acceptable. Furthermore, we are currently awaiting a report about the structure of the building and before commencing any developments we need to make sure that the existing structure is sound. It is, however, good to take our time and give this plenty of thought to ensure that what emerges is a scheme that is both a fitting tribute to Maisie and a building that will serve the church and the community in Reach for many years to come.

Fenscape



A book of new paintings and notes on our local fen by Joss Goodchild

My commentary on the flatlands continues within the pages of this small book. New paintings and notes reflect another year's observation of the Cambridgeshire fens.

Travelling familiar and little known routes I record, with sketches and words, aspects of their characteristics: the reeds and sedges, wild birds and mammals, thistles and willows, geese and grazing cattle, flowering marsh plants, rivers, ditches, lodes and drains.

This is an area with a strong identity; roads and dykes march side by side, the flat line of horizon and boundaries fade to sky, flood meadows and washes safeguard the land, the peat shrinks and straight fen roads undulate.

A unique place and one which has known both hardship and plenty. A fine and fertile land able to provide a living and food for the marketplace but an area that must also survive habitat loss, species extinction, rises in sea levels and climate change.

Copies available from Joss Tel. 743088, priced at £10.

Dubai Future Champions Festival: Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October 2015



2015 will mark the inaugural running of the newly created two day Dubai Future Champions Festival on Friday 9th and Saturday 10th October 2015, the highlight of the Gold Season at Newmarket Racecourses as well as one of Europe's finest autumn racing Festivals.

In addition to the world-class racing on offer, Friday will be the Autumn Ladies Day featuring the Best Dressed Ladies Competition sponsored by the official Fashion Partner, the Spa at Bedford Lodge Hotel.

The second ever running of the Dubai Varsity Race will take place ahead of the high quality card on the Saturday. The historic sporting rivals Oxford and Cambridge Universities will battle it out once again to see who can claim this year's crown.

There is a range of free on-course entertainment too including a bouncy castle, inflatable slide and a bucking bronco as well as musical entertainment throughout both days including an opera singer and the dulcet tones of a harpist.

Dance the night away at the official Après Racing party with live music, dancing and cocktails after the last race on both days of the Festival.

Dubai Future Champions Festival really is an event not to be missed so why not come along with a group of friends and family and enjoy some of the best British Racing has to offer.

Book your 2 for 1 Grandstand and Paddock tickets now at www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk or contact **0844 579 3010** using code **LAUNCH15**.



Broadband News



Air Broadband

It is now six months or so since Air Broadband became responsible for the running of the RaSP network. During this time Air have embarked on a major upgrade project to improve the performance of the network. This entails replacing much of the radio equipment including the radio units on subscribers' houses in order to provide higher speed capability throughout the network. It is a lengthy project that is likely to continue beyond the end of the year but priority is being given to those parts of the network which have been suffering the worst effects of congestion. The fibre link connecting the radio network to the internet has also recently been upgraded so that it will not create a bottleneck as traffic demand increases.

When the upgrade is completed Air intend to offer enhanced services with higher speeds available (both download and upload). The cost of these will be higher than the standard service but could be attractive to some users (particularly those who are running business activities from their homes).

An upgrade to the main mast earlier this year has caused a problem on the Great Lane access point which particularly affects the reliability of video streaming services but Air assure me that this problem will be eliminated very soon (probably by the time you read this).

Connecting Cambridgeshire

I reported last September that it was unlikely that Reach would gain any benefit from the first phase of the Connecting Cambridgeshire project because of the project's failure to plan for the required fibre feed into the village. This was belatedly acknowledged by the project earlier this year when the Reach village entry was changed to include the statement: '. . . we are aware that a number of premises are unable to order fibre services because they are too far away from the cabinet'. Then in a more recent development Connecting Cambridgeshire has written to the Parish Council stating their intention to find a solution to the problem to be implemented in the first half of next year (see this page).

I have been in contact with Connecting Cambridgeshire recently to try and obtain more details of their plans for Reach but I have not been able to get any more information. However a representative of the Connecting Cambridgeshire project will be attending the Parish Council meeting on 2 September; I strongly encourage any resident who is unhappy about the quality of their phone line based broadband to attend this meeting and express their dissatisfaction with the current situation and the failure of Connecting Cambridgeshire to fulfil their earlier public commitments.

Hugh de Lacy

Broadband Roll Out

The Connecting Cambridgeshire programme is rolling out fibre broadband across the county to areas such as Reach that would not otherwise be able to access it through commercial provision.

We want to reassure you that Reach is included in the programme to receive fibre broadband, however this is a complex engineering project and in some harder to reach areas such as Reach it may take longer to deliver the best solution.

The plans for Reach would not have delivered the desired speed and coverage and so we asked BT to investigate additional infrastructure to provide the best possible connectivity for your area.

Unfortunately, BT's planning process is taking longer than we would like. However we believe that the re-planning is almost complete. We are now awaiting detailed timescales and will let you know as soon as we have more information.

Early indications are that fibre broadband will be delivered in Reach during the first half of 2016. We are pressing BT to deliver this as soon as possible for Reach and will continue to request that this date is brought forward.

We expect to have more information over the next few months and will let you know as soon as we have confirmed timescales. We will also update the 'my area' pages on the Connecting Cambridgeshire website at www.connectingcambridgeshire.gov.uk.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

10.30am Saturday
26th September 2015
Village Centre

The organisers of the Macmillan Coffee Morning report that the total amount raised at last year's Coffee Morning was £25 million

Please drop in for a coffee and a chat
Offers of help to Pam King

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

The club will be commencing its 43rd year on 8 September 2015 7:30pm at Lode Chapel CB25 9EW. This evening, as with all our meetings, new members are welcome to attend and bring some prints taken in the summer (any size). Current members are asked to bring three prints or digital images that they have taken during the summer for viewing. Last year's award winning prints will also be displayed.



If you are new to photography or would like to develop your knowledge further, why not try our club? This may help you to achieve your aims and have an enjoyable evening, at our comfortable venue. Members use a wide range of cameras to take their photographs - DLSR's, Smartphones, Mirrorless and Compacts. They also have a very wide range of experience over a number of years and can offer guidance to newcomers. Early next year the club is supporting a new venture in which club members will be asked to donate photographs to the long running Burwell Community Print Centre (Registered Charity No.1053026). Hopefully this will enable the charity to raise additional funds to support their valuable work for people with learning disabilities. Further details to follow later in the year.

Our programme for the year 2015/16 is wide and varied, which is always our aim. The initial programme will be:

Tuesday 8 September
See above.

Tuesday 15 September
Permajet Colour Management Presentation by Ian Windebank from The Imaging Warehouse, Stratford-upon-Avon. During this evening, monitor and printer profiling will be discussed along with Permajet papers and their uses.

Tuesday 22 September
'Taken on the Club Outing'. A new competition for this year – 'The Metcalfe Trophy' donated by Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB, who has been Chairman for the past ten years.

The competition is to consist of four projected digital images taken on the day of the annual club outing.

Further details of our programme for the year can be viewed on our website, see below.

The club welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW** from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

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

For further details contact:

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Barry Coles
Publicity Officer

Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2015

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Hunstanton and Lavender Farm
Tuesday 18th August £15.00

Sheringham 40s Day
Sunday 20th September £17.00

Boundry Mills, Downtown and Newmarket
Friday 30th October £17.50

Wickstead Park Christmas Show and Dinner and Tea
December 3rd £39.00

Tickets only from Tina's - for information ring 741581



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Summer Guided Walks and Tours

Guided Tours of Oliver Cromwell's House at 11.30 am
Saturday 1st August, 8th August, 15th August, 22nd August and 29th August
Join our costumed guide for a tour of this atmospheric house, detailing life in the 17th Century. Learn about how families would have spent their time, hear about Mrs Cromwell's love of cooking and find out what life was like as a soldier during the civil war.
Admission: Adults £6.00, Children £3.50

Introducing our Summer Programme of Guided Walks around the beautiful City of Ely. All walks depart from Oliver Cromwell's House at 11.30 am. Places may be pre-booked or booked on arrival (subject to availability). All tickets £4.00.

Guided Historical City of Ely Walk: Sunday 9th August

What better way of discovering the history of this magnificent city than being guided around its splendid array of medieval paths and monastic buildings. Discover the origins of the Cathedral and the importance of trade in this former Isle of Eels.

Guided Riverside Walk: Sunday 2nd August and 23rd August

This expanded tour takes in the city centre as well as the picturesque waterside. Learn about the drainage of the Fens, the life of the Fen Folk and how the river has served visitors and residents across the ages.

Guided Monastic Walk: Sunday 16th August and Monday 31st August

Discover and explore the grounds of the largest group of medieval monastic buildings still in private use today. Hear the tales of monks and royalty and learn how they helped shaped Ely's past.

Ely's Heritage Eel Trail: Sunday 30st August

Learn about the importance of eels to Ely in the past and today as you are guided around our Eel Trail. Marvel at the artworks dotted around this circular route which portrays the lifecycle of an eel.

For further details contact Tourist Information Centre

Oliver Cromwell's House – 29 St Mary's Street,
Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HF
Tel: 01353 662062 or www.visitely.org.uk

Community Solar Farm

Great News! The Reach Community Solar Farm has raised the capital required for the project to proceed and so the exciting task of scheduling the works, engaging contractors and most importantly ordering the panels, has started.

This was announced to the assembled shareholders at the recent AGM held on 25th June 2015. The evening was well attended with 25 of our shareholders turning out - many coming out from Cambridge. The business of the evening was concluded reasonably swiftly with the accounts being approved and the Board elected. The Board remains similar although Nick Webb chose not to re-stand and in his place Jonathan Kimmitt stood and was elected. We are conscious that the Board is light on female representation and if any women of Reach wish to get involved please contact the Chair, Paul Robinson by emailing committee@reachsolarfarm.co.uk.

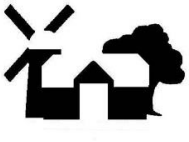


With the business concluded the less formal part of the evening began. Firstly a celebratory solar farm cake was cut and then we walked from the village centre to the site at Spring Farm where the solar farm will be built. Once there the committee took turns to install one the ground screws that will hold the panels in place. Both at the village centre and in the field there was an opportunity for the committee to meet the shareholders and vice versa and it was a very convivial time was had.

The evening felt like the start of something new and special with the community element of the project very much to the fore.

Andrew Trump

Burwell Museum Events 2015



Enjoy visiting our new tea room, family activities and outdoor play area, refreshed displays and a working windmill (subject to suitable weather conditions). Remember to pick up some information about our brilliant birthday parties and ask about hiring spaces for your own activities. We also have a fantastic new programme of events with something for everyone, from Saturday mill tours and fascinating talks to holiday activities for children aged 3+.

Opening Times
Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, Easter to October, 11am-5pm (unless otherwise stated). Last admission 4pm.

Admission Charges
Adults: £4; Children 3-16yrs: £2
Children under 3 years: free (unless otherwise stated)
Season Tickets: Individual £15; Family £25

Website: www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
Tel: 01638 605544
Email: education@burwellmuseum.org.uk
Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridgeshire, CB25 0HL



Help to Stay Independent, Safe and Well

Many of us don't think about care and support until we or someone we know need it, then we find we are unsure where to find information and how to access the support we need. A new online resource is providing people in Cambridgeshire with information about care and support and wellbeing.

Care and support is the help some adults need to live their life as well as possible with any illness or disability they may have. It could include things like washing, dressing, eating, getting out and about and keeping in touch with friends and family. People may need help because of their age, a physical disability, sensory impairment, a learning disability or a mental health issue.

If you are planning ahead for the future – whether for yourself, your family or someone you care for, need information to continue to live independently and safely at home, make life easier, get support after a stay in hospital, or find out about care home and housing options and paying for care and support, you can use the online resource to find the information you need.

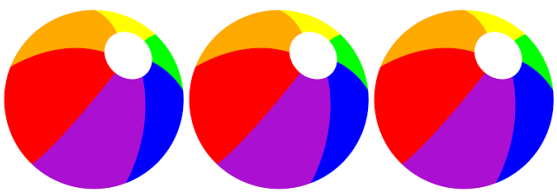
Since it was launched on 1st April 2015, around 18,000 people a month have used the new online resource to find information about care and support. You can find out more by visiting www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careandsupport

If you do not have access to the Internet, haven't found what you need online, or want more information, you can phone 0345 045 5202 or visit any Cambridgeshire Library (also known as community hubs).

The new information and advice resource is part of changes in response to the Care Act and to Transforming Lives, Cambridgeshire's new approach to providing support to individuals, carers, families and communities. For more information see www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/careact

Have you used the new online resource?

Did you find what you were looking for? We rely on information from people who use services, carers, the public, practitioners and volunteers to continue to develop our information in a way that works for people. Please tell us if you have any comments or suggestions, or if you couldn't find the information you were looking for. Get in touch at fis@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Bottisham Village College
Adult and Community Learning
Enrol now for courses starting this Autumn

You can enrol at any time by visiting our website, or come along to the Community Office to enrol on Tuesday, 8 September, 7 – 9 pm

All courses are listed on our website, but NEW courses include:
Art from History of Art
Baking for Christmas
British Sign Language
Cake Decorating
Calligraphy
Feltmaking
Mediterranean Cookery
Singing for Fun
Tai Chi

Saturday Workshops include:
Cook with your Kids (parent plus child)
Flowers for Christmas
Indian Street Food (cookery)
Make a Stained Glass Suncatcher
Make an A-line Skirt in a Day
Website in a Day
Wedding Flowers
Willow Weaving – Willow Baskets or Plant Climbers

For further details visit:
www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning
Tel: 01223 811372 email:
adultlearning@bottishamvc.org

Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or Twitter: @CommunityEdBott

Event to Celebrate Cambridgeshire's Newest Foster Carers



An event to welcome the newest foster carers to Cambridgeshire County Council's fostering service was held last week. The last 12 months have seen a record breaking 32 new families from across Cambridgeshire become foster carers with the local authority and many of these new carers attended to join the celebrations.

Charlotte, from near Ely (pictured centre) has been fostering for six months. She said "I became a foster carer after a friend of mine fostered and I saw the difference a foster carer can make to children. My life-skills and experience made the role appeal to me too and I thought my background working with special needs would also be very useful. Fostering also seemed to fit in well with my children and our family life."

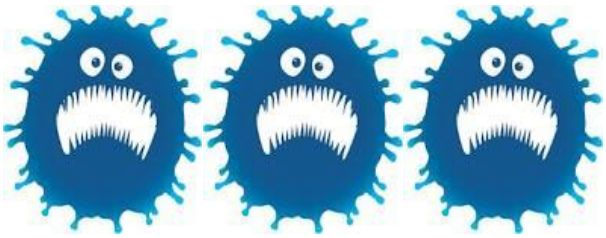
Jill Blose, Service Manager for Fostering, said "We extend a huge thank you to all of our new foster carers, many of whom are already providing safe and loving homes to local children and young people unable to live with their own families. However, we urgently need even more people in Cambridgeshire to follow in their footsteps and consider fostering. We are particularly keen to hear from people who feel they are able to foster older children and young people."

To be a foster carer you need to be over 21. You don't need to own your home, but you do need to have a spare room. Foster carers can be single, married, in a civil partnership or living with a partner. We welcome applications from people of all ethnic backgrounds and from people who have their own children, as well as those who haven't raised children of their own.

Cambridgeshire County Council offers foster carers comprehensive training, 24 hour support and generous allowances. Carers can also earn additional payments as they develop their skills and experience.

For more information on fostering please get in touch today on 0800 052 0078 or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering.

Burwell Surgery: Flu Immunisation



It may seem far too early to be thinking about flu, as the summer sun still shines, but the doctors at the Burwell Surgery would like to let you know about the upcoming flu clinics for this year.

The Department of Health recommends annual flu vaccination for all those who have diabetes, are pregnant or are 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. Carers are also encouraged to have the flu vaccine.

We will be holding flu clinics from the end of September through to November, so please contact the surgery to make an appointment or come along to one of our open sessions below:

Thursday 24th September 2015. Day Centre 09.00 - 11.30 (Adults only, by appointment)

Saturday 3rd October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 09.00 to 11.30 (Adults only, open clinic)

Monday 5th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 18.30 to 19.30 (Adults only, by appointment)

Thursday 15th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 14.30 to 17.00 (Adults only, by appointment)

Saturday 17th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 09.00 to 11.30 (open clinic)

Monday 26th October 2015 – Burwell Surgery 18.30 to 19.30 (by appointment)

Thursday 5th November 2015 – Burwell Surgery 14.30 to 17.00 (by appointment)

The childhood flu vaccination will be available through the surgery again this year if your child is aged two, three or four years old on the 1st September and will be administered through a nasal spray. **Please note, we have been advised that the childhood flu vaccine will not be available until mid-October this year, so our earlier flu clinics are not being offered to children.**

If you are unable to attend any of the above clinics and would still like the vaccine, please do contact the surgery.

Finally, we will still be offering the shingles and pneumococcal vaccines to eligible patients during the above clinics.

Kind regards
Debbie Everitt
Practice Manager

East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). Can You Help?

EACH is a local charity giving care and support to life-threatening Children, Young People and their families. This can take place in the local community or at their nearest Hospice, which for Reach is Milton Hospice. We regularly put on fun events in the community to raise money to provide the valuable care required. These range from popular big events such as the Milton Gala Day and Fun Dog Show, Stretham Charity Bowls Day in August, to collections at your local supermarkets. You can get involved by coming along to our events or volunteering your time to help the charity.

The EACH Ely Friends Group committee have regular meetings at which you would not need to attend, but if you are interested in helping out we can send you details of upcoming volunteer opportunities on a regular basis. You would be very welcome to come along to a meeting to meet me and the committee members and to find out more about EACH.

To find out more about the events in your area or to volunteer your time to help out and make some new friends please contact me – Karen Newton on 01223 205192.

Thank you for your support.

The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB for 2015

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
May: Charles Moseley £20
June: Ian Jennings £20
July: Peter Nelissen £50!

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

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service: Top Tips and Alarms 4 Life for Landlords

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pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk
www.cambsfire.gov.uk
PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

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

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

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



Landlords of privately rented properties in Cambridgeshire can pick up free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms at upcoming distribution events.

New safety laws make it compulsory for all landlords to fit smoke alarms in rented homes are expected to come into effect from October 2015, subject to Parliamentary approval. Under the new laws smoke alarms must be fitted on every floor of the property as well as carbon monoxide alarms in properties which burn solid fuels.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has a limited number of free alarms to give out to relevant landlords and will be doing so at distribution events at its fire stations on the first Monday of July and September.

For the full details, dates and where you can collect alarms, log onto: /www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety/alarms4life.php.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Find us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook. Call 01480 444500 for enquiries.

Safeguarding Adults Newsletter Summer 2015

Safeguarding Adults Newsletter (Summer 2015) Cambridgeshire's Safeguarding Adults Board have published the latest issue of their Safeguarding Adults and Mental Capacity Act Newsletter which can be downloaded from the County Council website. It includes useful information and updates for people who use services, families and carers, the general public, and professionals who work with adults.

To download the newsletter go to: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/safeguardingmca and follow the link to 'Newsletters, fact sheets and resources'.

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

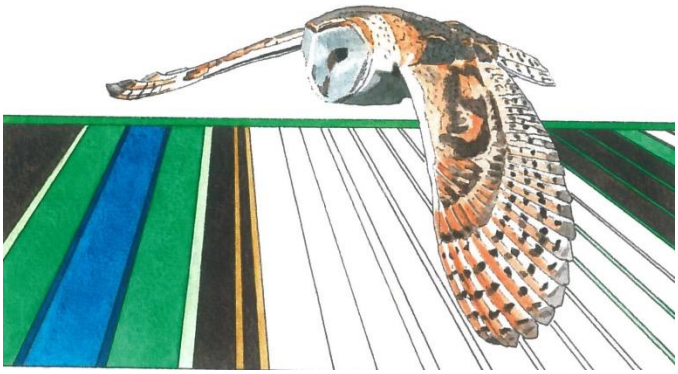
If you are unable to use conventional transport the scheme can help you to travel from Burwell or Reach to Doctors, Dentist, Chiropodist, Opticians, village shopping or visits to relatives/friends at home or in hospital

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



Barn Owl. Extract: Fenscape by Joss Goodchild

Mobile Phone Use at the Wheel Can Devastate Lives



USING a handheld mobile phone while driving could have devastating consequences, that's the message from police running a month-long Think! campaign.

Not only does it cost people their lives but those who cause collisions and survive can receive long jail sentences. This month, the Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Road Policing Unit will be out looking for motorists breaking the law. Driving while using a phone is one of the 'fatal four' driving offences, along with speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and drink or drug driving.

Inspector Mark Rogers said the mobile phones of drivers involved in crashes could be analysed to determine whether they had been used at any point before the collision.

In March 2013, a 31-year-old woman from Peterborough caused a fatal collision on the A47 at Thorney Toll, near Peterborough, after texting and making calls from two phones. She drove her Jaguar X-Type into the back of a Peugeot 206, shunting it into the path of an oncoming articulated lorry, killing the driver, a 27-year-old man from Leicester. Police seized her mobile phone, which she had denied using and a second phone from the car. Examinations showed she had sent and received both texts and calls shortly before the crash.

The woman, who had previously been caught using a mobile phone at the wheel twice, pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving and was jailed for six years at Peterborough Crown Court in July last year. She was also banned from driving for eight years.

Insp Rogers said: "This case demonstrates the potentially horrifying consequences of being distracted from driving by mobile phones.

"And it shows that any use of mobile phones will be picked up by officers investigating the causes behind the collision.

"If you don't end up seriously or fatally injured, you may well end up serving a significant time in prison; either way it will ruin your life."

The penalty for using a mobile phone while driving is three penalty points and a fine of £100.

Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers Doorstop Crime Campaign

Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers Tackling Crime on Your Doorstep

The independent crime-fighting charity Crimestoppers is reminding the residents across Cambridgeshire to be aware of doorstep crime during the long days of summer and autumn and to report any suspicious activity. Doorstep criminals typically employ a number of ruses to gain the confidence of victims before defrauding or stealing from them. They will also target the more vulnerable members of our communities.

Between May 2014 and April 2015 there were over 500 instances of suspected rogue trading reported to Cambridgeshire Police.

The most common types of doorstep criminals are those more commonly known as a 'rogue traders'. These criminals masquerade as genuine businesses and set out to deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory goods or services.

Typical services preferred by rogue traders are driveway maintenance, pressure-washing, gardening, roofing and guttering.

Rogue traders rarely offer the statutory 14 day cooling off period applicable for work costing more than £42, often insist on large amounts of cash up front and can be intimidating. Once they have found a victim they often return in the future under a new guise.

Another group of **doorstep criminals** are those who trick their way into victims' houses with the intention of stealing any valuables they can find within. These 'distraction burglars' often pose as workmen who ask to check something in the house and whilst left alone they, or an accomplice, will look for something easy to steal, such as cash, a handbag or jewellery. Among the most common of the excuses offered are needed to check the water supply and searching for a lost pet or ball.

How to deal with unexpected and unwanted visitors on your doorstep

Remember the following four principles:

LOCK: Ensure you keep exterior doors and windows locked.

STOP: Before you answer the door, stop and think whether you are expecting anyone.

CHAIN: Put the door bar or chain on. Look through the spyhole or the window to see who it is. Always keep the bar or chain on while you are talking to the person on the doorstep.

CHECK: Ask for and carefully check the caller's ID card as genuine callers will always carry one. If they do not have an ID card then **do not let them in.**

Doorstep callers are adept at high pressure sales techniques. They will catch you unawares. They are polite, persistent and persuasive and they will rush you to make a decision. Say "No thank you" and then immediately close the door. **Always get three quotes from recommended traders** before you go ahead with home maintenance work.

There are few better crime prevention measures than having **good neighbours**. If you live close to an elderly or vulnerable person you can volunteer to be a Nominated Neighbour. This is an informal Trading Standards scheme whereby if a vulnerable person receives an unexpected caller they can immediately direct them to a trusted neighbour. Details as to how to set up a scheme can be found at www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/ncwinfo.

Good neighbours can also assist with **reporting any suspicious activity** in the local community and this is where **Crimestoppers** can assist as it allows the public to report crime or suspicious activity completely anonymously any time of the day or night.

Cambridgeshire Crimestoppers are keen to gather information to enable the police and Trading Standards to investigate and prevent doorstep crime.

Local Chairperson Lisa Oddy states: "Doorstep crime victimises the most vulnerable members of the community and we want to put a stop to it in Cambridgeshire. If you know of anyone undertaking such activity or have seen suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighbourhood please let us know, completely anonymously, so together we can tackle this criminality."

If you have any information about crime or criminals, please call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. No one will ever know who you are. Individuals can also pass on information anonymously via the Crimestoppers website at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.



Expansive Skies. Extract: Fenscape by Joss Goodchild

Events Team



The team consists of Jo Mules, Me, Hannah Baldwin, Claire Halpin-McDonald and Karen Carpenter

The Team was happy to help with the Maisie Whitehead Commemoration – which was very successful with over 100 people attending.

In September we have the annual Macmillan Coffee morning taking place on the morning of Saturday the 19th in the Village Centre. Macmillan are a wonderful organisation so hopefully a good sum can be raised for them.

And don't forget Reach Sports Day which will take place on Sunday 6th September, starting at 2.30pm.

October will soon be upon us during which we have Harvest Songs of Praise and Harvest Supper taking place on Saturday 3rd – followed on the 18th with Apple Day on the 24Acres (more details will follow in due course). And, of course, we have Hallow'en to enjoy on the 25th.

Finally - don't forget to keep taking those photos for our **Reach Calendar 2016**.

Your photos should be in landscape format – width 19.2cm and height 12.8cm giving an aspect ratio of 1.5. We'll be asking you to send them to us later on in the year, probably in readiness for our October meeting.

David Parr

744081 or reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Our Tennis Court

A reminder that our court is freely available to Reach residents and their accompanied guests.

However, in addition, we are happy to have up to 10 **Non-Reach Sponsored Visitors.** For anyone to become a Sponsored Visitor, they will need to be nominated by a Reach Villager and initially make contact with:

Philip Lewis 742115 solvenlewis@icloud.com or
David Parr 744081 davidmparr@btinternet.com

There is an annual charge of £20 (which goes to the court maintenance fund – cheques should be made payable to Reach Parish Council).

And over what will be a busy holiday period, to avoid disappointment, villagers are recommended to use the booking sheets available on court.

Burwell Watercolour Group



Burwell Watercolour Group meet on Thursday afternoons during term time in Mandeville Hall. We are a group of artists, led by our tutor, who share a love of art and like to get together to exchange ideas in a friendly environment, encouraging each other with our artistic endeavours.

We paint a wide range of subject matter, from floral to landscape, still life to birds and animals and have included fairground horses, local buildings, Venetian carnival figures and markets, to name but a few subjects.

Out tutor is Petula Stone who has been an illustrator for over thirty five years. Her work has appeared in children's books, magazines, on packaging and greetings cards and on prints, postage stamps and on TV. She is an experienced tutor and also runs workshops at the university of Cambridge Botanic Gardens on a regular basis.

You can see her different styles of work at:
www.petulastone.co.uk

If you would like more details of the class, please give Petula a call on 07807 564628 or 01284 810918. We are hoping to find a few more members, so why not come along and try the first class for free?

Reach Sports Day
Sunday 6th September
2.30pm

Out and About



There was a meeting of Reach Wood enthusiasts in June and it was suggested that any interesting sightings within that area be recorded. Should you see wildlife/fauna or flora of note could you please email me at: mg@reach-village.co.uk and I'll begin a small log book. Coincidentally, later that evening we watched a barn owl hunting the outskirts of the wood so the first entry is already special.

On 25th May Tracy saw two little owls sitting on fence posts down the drove at Robinsons' farm. She also noted four young great crested grebes at the fishing pit on 14th July. Hilary's field at Little Fen drove has a frequent visitor, a buzzard who favours her fence posts and the neighbouring broken willow. She has nesting swallows and pied wagtails in her yard buildings. She recently saw a large grass snake in the green lane behind Ditchfield. It was curled across the track and so quiet that her dogs, unaware, jumped over it. Hilary stopped to check it was a grass snake before stepping over and it remained stationary with only a tongue flicking in and out.

Ron and Penny have a visiting toad which appears every night at about 10 pm. Tommy, their Jack Russell, gently alerts them to its presence plus that of a hedgehog who arrives at the same time. They feel sure it makes its way from the pile of clippings and cuttings in the corner of the field at the back of the church.



Ron and Penny's visiting toad

They are also delighted to have eight pairs of breeding swifts nesting at their home. When Ron converted the barn he intentionally sprocketed the roof trusses to encourage nesting birds. He mentioned that John and Jen Holmwood also have three pairs of nesting swifts at their house in Chapel Lane, as do Dafila and Tim Clutton-Brock on The Hythe.

One could take the sound of overhead screaming parties of swifts in summer as 'everyday' but in fact they are in trouble. There are far fewer visiting Europe each April/May from Africa (a round trip of 14,000 miles) which is a major concern. One of the main problems that returning birds face is the loss of their nesting sites in old buildings, as they are demolished. The majority of today's new builds do not have the requisite roof spaces/nooks and crannies.



Some fascinating swift facts: Swifts live on the wing, they eat, drink, preen and mate whilst flying. They are ancient birds, an ancestor who died 49 million years ago was found in Germany. They fly about 500 miles a day and during their lives, fly about 2 million miles. They are one of the best fliers with super rapid wing-beats of eight per second! At night they sleep as high as 3,000 metres. They eat flying insects, flies, mosquitoes, greenfly as well as airborne spiders and catch feathers, leaves, petals, bits of paper from the air for nests. They approach their nests at more than 40 miles per hour. They can live for at least 21 years and usually stay with the same partner for life. When swift chicks leave the nest they keep flying for two to three years until they find a partner, make a nest and raise a family.

Horse Lovers

Quite a few people got in touch regarding the professional photo I had taken of Thistle recently. If you want to see the standard produced please view the image of her on markharvey.com. Needless to say, I am thrilled.

Joss Goodchild

Amenity Fund

If you feel you have a worthwhile project that could be funded via the Amenity Fund, please get in touch with Committee Member Andrew Towers 01638 742484. To learn more about the fund please visit the village website at: www.reach-village.co.uk/amenity_fund.html.



Tales from a Reach Garden



Those of you with a squeamish disposition may want to skip to the last couple of paragraphs, but if you're interested in wildlife in all its variations, read on..... When I first started gardening I bought a couple of books showing how to grow vegetables and flowers, inevitably these books had large sections on pests and diseases that I found very alarming. Since then I've been pleasantly surprised by how rarely these pests occur and when they do, they are usually in numbers that are easy to control. This year has not been like that. I think I've seen every insect pest mentioned in those books somewhere in the garden. I presume this was due to the relatively mild winter and spring weather leading to the heatwave at the end of June. Conversely in our garden there have been pitifully few insect predators such as ladybirds, lacewings, hoverflies and crickets around until very recently.



Pollen beetles on pumpkin flower

Apart from aphids, which the ladybirds are enjoying eating at the moment, there have been a lot of different types of beetle pests: flea beetles, rosemary beetles, raspberry beetles, seed beetles on some of our strawberries, lily beetles – and other insects such as thrips (on the peas), pea moth and tomato moth. We've also had more than our normal complement of pollen beetles which thankfully, don't do too much damage, and may even do some good as pollinators. They are attracted to yellow flowers and move from oilseed rape flowers into gardens in the summer. I was disconcerted to find last week, that they also like damp, pale coloured clothing which they cling to when washing is first hung out, but then they scarper when the clothes are dry…

Flea beetles are small jumping insects that, alas, are regular visitors to our garden or any garden close to fields of oil seed rape, where they have been nibbling through leaves. These little monsters chew tiny holes in the leaves of brassicas such as cabbages, broccoli and rocket, which is a problem if you want to eat their leaves. Fully grown cabbage leaves are large enough to cope with a few punctures but smaller ones, such as fresh cabbage leaves, or rocket leaves can look like very sad lace doillies in the aftermath of a flea beetle attack.

An excess of these pests will stunt plant growth because the perforations reduce a plant's ability to photosynthesise. Unfortunately, these beetles are very difficult to treat with organic pesticides (or any pesticide) because of their tendency to leap out of harm's way – sticky traps are probably the best bet, although they'll catch more than just flea beetles…



Flea beetle damage on rocket leaf

Our pea pods acquired a silvery appearance virtually overnight during the hot dry weather of late June, early July – this was due to thrips (also known as thunderflies) which thrive in hot dry conditions. They are tiny (1-2mm long) sap sucking insects which live off the sappy pods - usually the peas inside the pods are ok, providing the thrip damage occurred when the pod was almost ready to pick. Some of the younger pods have been so badly damaged they will not swell further and I've had to remove them. So we have had a reduced crop of peas thanks to the thrips, but even the healthy looking pods can have one or two grubby peas in them, courtesy of the larvae of the pea moth.



Thrips damage on pea pod

Almost everything growing in the vegetable garden seems to have succumbed to pests of some description. I've even had to pick caterpillars off the leaves on our tomato and aubergine plants, which is a first for us. Picking raspberries one hot day while beetles plopped out of the berries onto the ground was also a queasy experience I'm unlikely to forget (I wish I could).

Our blueberry bushes have been among the exceptions, as they are most years. I love blueberries and they are quite pricey in the shops, but with the right soil and water conditions they grow very well in the UK. Our soil, like much of east Cambridgeshire, is alkaline thanks to the chalk strata which lie beneath it. However, blueberries, like azaleas and rhododendrons, will only grow happily in lime-free, acidic soil, so I have been growing them in pots of ericaceous compost for several years now.

I water them with soft water from our rainwater butts because hard water contains lime which they do not tolerate. I feed them occasionally with high potash tomato fertiliser to encourage flowers and fruit. They do make lovely garden shrubs with white flowers in the spring, forming berries which turn blue in the summer and beautiful autumn leaf colour, leaving green stems through the winter.



Blueberry flowers in spring



Ripening berries in summer



Autumn leaf colour

I grow three varieties – "Earliblue", which as the name suggests produces the earliest and fairly small berries, "Bluetta" which provides later medium sized berries and "Bluecrop" which has the largest. For the best yields of fruit, more than one bush should be grown as they are not self-fertile. The berries can be kept in a fridge for a week or two, but when there's an excess I pop them in a plastic bag into the freezer to enjoy later in the year.

Danuta Gibson

BOTTISHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB
An RHS Affiliated Society

ANNUAL SHOW 2015

This year's Annual Show will take place in the Royal British Legion
on Saturday 12th September 2015

Categories include Fruit and Vegetables; Flowers; Baking and Preserves; Crafts; Painting and Drawing; Photography; and Children (age groups)

Something for everyone – give it a go!

www.bottishamgardeningclub.co.uk



Pair of Mallard. Extract: Fenscape by Joss Goodchild

What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm?

SNAKEHALL FARM SHOP NOW STOCKED WITH THE VERY BEST OF SUMMER



Have you visited our lovely shop this summertime? We had our new farm shop, custom built on site, supported by a Santander Social Enterprise Development Award in 2014 and it is the perfect setting for our perfect Prospects Produce, just don't forget to bring your change! We have made a few improvements based on customer feedback, including our new super easy scales which work out the costs for you so no more finger maths to challenge our customers.

In stock at the moment: Onions, shallots, garlic, turnips, broad beans, beetroot, Marfona potatoes (2nd early) organic eggs (some from the Snakehall Farm hens), our beautiful Best of British blooms, tomatoes, cucumbers, spinach, marrows, courgettes, radishes, mixed salads, kale, French climbing beans, rhubarb, blackcurrants and artichokes. So all the regulars and a few new additions to our range. How do you eat yours? We would love to add some customer recipes alongside our produce or on our website. So if you have tasty transformation for a humble turnip, a scintillating spinach side dish or any other alternative to "stuff it" for a marrow send us over your suggestions. We love to hear from our customers, so always leave a note, a customer comment or email us on enquiries@prospectstrust.org.uk.

ST JOHNS COLLEGE SCHOOL GIVES OUR FARM VAN FUND AN ACCELERATED BOOST



The Co-workers were delighted to welcome Lucy White, Chair of St John's College School's Parent Association on the farm this summer. Lucy and her team of talented parents have raised over £3,500 for The Prospects Trust's Farm Van Fund through their charity Quiz Night and Summer Fayre. Lucy even had a quick drive in our famous first lady of the farm, Tilly Tractor, perhaps the perfect school run mum vehicle?



PROSPECTS TRUST PRODUCE KITCHEN PROJECT IS ON THE BOIL

We are still in a state of amazement from the local support this project received. Everyone who voted for The Prospects Trust in the ITV Big Lottery People's Million's appeal has helped make this project a reality.

In November 2015 we rallied our farm friends to the call of #happytomatoes asking everyone in East Anglia and beyond to VOTE PROSPECTS in the ITV Big Lottery Peoples Million's Campaign. YOU VOTED = WE WON! Over the last few months we have been very busy at Snakehall Farm building a bespoke, fully accessible training kitchen in our Tea Barn. With the commercial help of Howdens Kitchens, ECL Ductwork, Nisbetts, rh Hall combined with the talents of our amazing Kitchen Fitters Gary "no problem" Martin, Pete "Can I stay here forever" Hedges and the re-named Mr Granite we will be revealing our fabulous new training kitchen very soon.

We have just finished installing our shiny new kitchen with all the mod cons, every surface is sparkly. We have included some very clever kit to ensure our kitchen is accessible to all, with a rise and fall sink, a rise and fall hob and side opening ovens with pull out shelves to support our Co-workers when handling hot foodstuff.

We don't have one sink we have four! We have two ovens, two hobs and a dishwasher that is so rapid it takes longer to load it than it takes to clean our mugs. Our Co-workers have a new tea bar area, separate fridges to store their packed lunches and instant hot water for their instant mid-morning cuppas. We hope to start working on some new Prospects Products in the Autumn, with chutney for sale in the shop and Snakehall Soup for lunch daily.

But now we are like Old Mother Hubbard – our cupboards are bare! We are calling for Kitchen Heroes to help fill our new kitchen with whizzing whisks, magic mixers, time saving gadgets, unique utensils, shiny new cutlery, marvelous mugs, perfect plates, too many teaspoons to lose, perfect pans, brilliant bakeware……need we go on? Hopefully you have the idea. We are seeking the support of commercial cookware stores, manufacturers and suppliers to help turn our eager Co-workers into the new Kitchen Crew here on the farm. #feedthefarmkitchen.



MARATHON MAN RUNS FOR THE FARM FUNDS



Colin Churcher from Soham

Colin Churcher, a runner from Soham, Cambridgeshire, picked the Prospects Trust as his charity of choice when he ran the Bassingbourne Half Marathon on Sunday, 5th July 2015. Colin, will stood out in the crowd of runners in his custom printed bright orange t-shirt proudly stating he is helping people grow at Snakehall Farm. Colin is a carer of adults with special needs and has seen firsthand the very unique way The Prospects Trust helps people with disabilities access supported work and learning on our 18 acre organic farm. Colin will be running full marathon later in the year. The Prospects Trust is asking for friends, families and indeed farmers give Colin an extra show of support by sponsoring his mighty efforts at https://localgiving.com/appeal/marathon

SCHOOLS OUT.... EVEN AT SNAKEHALL FARM

We have been really pleased with our partnership projects at Prospects and the achievements of all of the participating students. This year we have worked with The Albany Centre, Granta School and Huntingdon Regional College, giving their pupils a true work experience at Snakehall Farm. We provide our 18 acres and our Green Team's horticultural knowledge to give our visiting groups a taste of farm life. We look forward to welcoming more farmers of the future in the autumn term.

Marianne (Maz) Baker
01638 741551



Well done to Susan Bluck of Burwell Road.
All correct.

Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 31

ACROSS: 6. OUTDOOR. 7. FLAVOUR. 9. EARTH.
10. GEOMETRIC. 11. AUSTRIA. 13. HEIGHT.
15. ACCOMMODATION. 19. PIECED. 20. REFUSAL.
23. DISTANCE. 24. LEMON. 26. SHOWERS. 27. ECONOMY.

DOWN: 1. STAR. 2. MOTHER. 3. PROGRAMME.
4. PAVEMENT. 5. COURAGEOUS. 8. RECITE.
12. SUCCESSION. 14. ADRESSES. 16. OPERATED.
17. SPADES. 18. PLENTY. 21. FOLLOW. 22. ACTS.
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Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News



It's a busy time on the Fen as we welcome our summer influx of visitors (humans) as the long summer holidays get underway. The Ranger's also have an eye on the weather as they are itching to get on with their summer cutting programme - we need the fen to dry in order that we can get equipment onto it to cut the sedge, which is cut on a three-year rotation.

Talking of summer holidays we have a full programme of events for children throughout the holidays from bird watching and bug hunting, arts and crafts, to traditional favourites such as den building, pond dipping and the very messy Mud Glorious Mud. Details of all events are available on our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen. Pre-booking is essential as the majority of events sell-out in advance.



If you have some spare time on your hands we are always on the lookout for volunteers. We are currently looking for people who could help out in the following areas:

- Help in the shop / visitor centre;
- Weekend help in the fen workshop (expertise in woodworking isn't required, rather skills at talking to visitors about the working life on the fens in the past);
- Administrative support (good IT skills); and
- Archivist support to assist with the cataloguing of the extensive Wicken Fen archive.

We have around 200 volunteers at Wicken Fen and we simply couldn't run the reserve without their vital help and support. Besides using your skills and talents, it's a great way to meet and make new friends and after a certain qualifying period you receive a volunteering card which entitles you to free access to all National Trust properties and discounts in NT shops and catering outlets. If you are interested in volunteering please get in touch Peter Green (peter.green@nationaltrust.org.uk).

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the development of the National Cycle Network by sustainable transport charity, Sustrans. In recent years we received a grant from the charity via their Big Lottery Fund award to help develop the Lodes Way, which now forms part of National Cycle Route No.11.

To mark the anniversary Sustrans are holding a vote to find the nations favourite route, with the Lodes Way entered in the under 35 mile category. You can vote by visiting www.sustrans.org.uk/vote. Voting closes on 31 August.



We are also celebrating two anniversaries of our own in September – firstly it's the 20th anniversary of Wicken's designation as a wetland of international importance. We are also celebrating the 25th anniversary of the opening of Fen Cottage following its restoration. To mark the anniversary we will be holding a fete on Sunday 27 September, 12-4pm, with tours of the cottage, bric-a-brac and book stalls, music and traditional games.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Lois Baker, our Community and Learning Manager, who is leaving us to take-up a similar role at a much larger property, Attingham Park, near Shrewsbury. Many readers will know Lois from her involvement in the Reach 24Acres project and she has also been instrumental in the development of the Lode and Longmeadow community woodland and the Gutterbridge Plantation in Swaffham Bulbeck. Her energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed but we wish her well for the future.

Down at Anglesey Abbey a new 'Play & Stay' area is opening in Hoe Fen - this involves a maze with access via suspended walkways and the best bit, hammocks in the trees so adults can rest while the young ones burn off their energy (or vice versa!).

Finally, I know many people are frantically searching for their passports and busy packing for their summer holidays – but tickets for Winter Lights at Anglesey Abbey go on sale on Monday 3 August, see the Events page www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey for more details.

Have a great summer.

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Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



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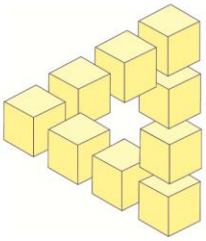

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The song that dominated the charts in August 1982 was "Eye of the Tiger" from the American Rock Band "Survivor". It was, of course, famous for being the theme song for "Rocky III" and topped the British charts for four weeks and the American charts for six. Sadly, in 2014, one of the main driving forces in the band, Jimi Jamison, died from acute methamphetamine intoxication, aged 63.

In the UK, Michael Fagan broke into Buckingham Palace and spent ten minutes talking to the Queen in her bedroom. Barefooted, the unemployed father of four evaded electronic alarms, palace and police guards before disturbing the Queen by opening a curtain.

The Queen was only able to raise the alarm when he asked for a cigarette. She calmly called for a footman who held the intruder until police arrived.

The incident happened as the armed police officer outside the royal bedroom came off duty before his replacement - apparently out walking the dogs - arrived. This was the sixth breach of security at the Queen's London residence during the year and raised serious questions about how well protected she was.

The previous month a man with a knife burst into the forecourt of Buckingham Palace and the previous year three German tourists camped in the grounds, believing it to be Hyde Park.

It was the first time that private royal apartments have been penetrated since Queen Victoria's reign, although the Queen Mother disturbed an army deserter in her bathroom during the Second World War.

In late July 1982, IRA bombs caused carnage in London.

The first blast, in Hyde Park, killed two soldiers and injured 23 others. The second explosion, in Regents Park, less than two hours later, killed six soldiers instantly and injured a further 24 people.

The IRA admitted carrying out the attacks in a statement echoing Margaret Thatcher's declaration of war on Argentina over the disputed Falklands. It repeated her phrase about the right of self-determination and continued: "The Irish people have sovereign and national rights which no task or occupational force can put down."

In the first incident a nail bomb in a blue Austin car was detonated as members of the Household Cavalry made their way to the changing of the guard from their barracks in Knightsbridge.

Another device exploded underneath the bandstand in Regents Park as the Royal Green Jackets played music from Oliver to 120 spectators.

Most of the injured were treated in Westminster Hospital as striking hospital workers called off their action to deal with the casualties. The final death toll was 11 and a total of 50 people were injured. Seven horses were killed or so badly maimed they had to be destroyed.



In October 1987 physics graduate Gilbert McNamee, 27, was sent to jail for conspiracy to cause explosions between 1982 and 1984. The judge at the Old Bailey found him guilty of bombing offences that included the Hyde Park bomb and he was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He was released in 1998 under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement and later that year his conviction was overturned by the Court of Appeal, who ruled it had been unsafe.

The two issues of "Out of Reach" at this time contain a very interesting article on the Devil's Dyke, written by Michael Allen (who still lives at the Old Chapel). If you want to read it, these magazines can be accessed from the Village Website at http://www.reach-village.co.uk/magazine.html.

And in the August issue there is an obituary for "Toby" Sargeant who ran the village shop, taking over from his aunt and uncle in 1949. It is very well written, giving an insight into village life at this time.

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Meeting Karen Carpenter

My name is Karen Esme Carpenter and no, I was not named after Karen Carpenter, the singer, as she was only 10 years old, and living in America when I was born. My parents chose a name which could not be shortened. Karine was my mum's choice but the Registrar said," that's not how you spell Karen" and "corrected" it! My choice of name would have be Esme which was both my mother's and my maternal grandmother's middle name.



I was born in 1959 at home, 111 Valley Way in Newmarket. The reason I don't like whiskey I believe lies behind my birth. I was only 5lbs and my Dad put whiskey on my tongue to make me breathe!

When I was two years old we moved to Exning and I went to Exning Primary School. When I was ten we moved to Burwell so in my last year of primary school I attended Ness Road School and then on to Burwell Village College. I was fortunate in that the comprehensive system was introduced when I was in the second year of secondary school and I transferred to Newmarket Upper School. There were four houses (Green, Blue, Yellow and Red) and the houses were assigned based on surnames, so I was in Green House. I was Head Girl 1977-78 and did my 'O' and 'A' levels there. I liked school very much and I cried when I left in July 1978 just before my 19th birthday.



Head Girl Green House



Receiving the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award at Buckingham Palace

I really enjoyed my 'A' Levels - English, Economics and Politics. We were very fortunate as we went on lots of informative school trips. I saw "Hamlet" at the Old Vic and visited the House of Lords, the House of Commons and the Stock Exchange. At Burwell Village College, Mr Harvey, a very good English teacher, ran a theatre club. We regularly saved money for theatre and drama events. My mother liked the theatre and was happy for me to attend. I used to book every trip available and at the end of the year my mother paid the difference. I saw "Hair", "Jesus Christ Superstar", "Godspell" and "Fiddler on the Roof". We saw local productions of Shakespeare, went to the Cambridge Arts Theatre where I remember seeing "Behind the Fridge" with Peter Cook and Dudley Moore. The teacher believed that every young person should have the opportunity to visit the theatre. After a show we would arrive back at school very late, sometimes at midnight and I would walk home up The Causeway and felt safe even though it was dark.

The law was my passion and I really wanted to join the Police but I was too short! I attended lots of careers events and then the Deputy Head of Green House had an old friend who was a Legal Executive in Leicestershire and she suggested that I write to the Institute. I had had some work experience with Ruston & Lloyds in Newmarket in 1976 and I wrote to every solicitor's office in the Yellow Pages and eventually obtained an interview with Archer & Archer in June 1978.

I was also interviewed by Masters & Co in Cambridge and both firms offered me a position as trainee Legal Executive! I chose Ely because of the pay - £23.50p a week - and the fact that my Dad worked at Tillotson's so I got the bus to work in the mornings and a free ride home with my Dad in the evening. I started driving lessons as I needed to be able to drive as part of my work. I used to drive home as part of my lessons. At that time there was a year-long waiting list for driving tests but my employer intervened and I got a quicker date. I passed my test in 1979.



Archer & Archer agreed to fund all my legal exams to become a Legal Executive and I started with them 4th September 1978 At that time you had to work a year before you could take any holiday so I had the summer off as I knew it was my last holidays for a while. I went on to qualify as a Chartered Legal Executive and was admitted to The Institute of Legal Executives in1986 - still with Archer and Archer. They recently merged with another company and became Ward Gethin Archer Ltd.

On the 1st May this year I was offered and accepted, a Directorship. Although I have been with the same company for nearly 37 years it's been far from boring because the law is forever changing. Being a family lawyer means I help people solve their problems in times of emotional difficulty, be it a divorce or a family situation. In reality, the situations may be similar but each one and each client is different. I very much enjoy what I do and one day, when I don't want to put the key in the office door anymore, I'll give it up. But not yet……!

I divorced my first husband in 1998 and was living in a cottage in Soham at that time. In January 2003 I felt that I had outgrown the cottage and needed to move on. I had always liked Reach and I have fond memories of walking there from Burwell. Grahame and I came to look at the house on a frosty Sunday January morning and despite the prevailing décor and garden layout, I could see that the house had most of the elements I wanted - a kitchen at the front, an open fire, a conservatory and a large south facing garden. I put my house on the market on the Monday and it was sold by the Wednesday! I moved in the April and Grahame joined me in the September following his move from Wales where he had been working.

We were married on 2nd June 2006 at Quy Mill. Unfortunately, during the Easter before the wedding Grahame "raced" an eight year old boy up a hill and ruptured his Achilles tendon so we married with his leg in plaster. The cast was lilac to match his tie! We had a small ceremony on the Friday and then had a party here in our garden on the Saturday with about 150 of our family and friends.



Karen and Grahame married at Quy Mill

Our honeymoon should have been a two-week walking holiday in Greece but because of Grahame's leg he cancelled it and re-arranged a non-walking holiday in the south of France. We also booked a Nile cruise in the November so actually we had two honeymoons.

Unfortunately, I am unable to have any children but I have "inherited" Grahame's wonderful family. We have two daughters, a son and three (soon to be four) grandchildren to make a fuss of.



Karen and Grahame love to travel

We love to travel both in this country and abroad. Our most memorable trip so far was around the world in 21 days over Christmas 2013. We had three days in San Francisco; flew to New Zealand and visited my niece, then on to Western Australia and spent Christmas my sister-in-law and then finished with New Year's Eve in Singapore before returning home. A truly memorable trip! This year we have been to Vienna, Venice and a cruise to Norway.

As far hobbies are concerned, when I am not at work I enjoy knitting, crocheting and sewing. In addition, the garden is my relaxation, and we also go walking and cycling. An avid reader, Ken Follett is one of my favourite authors and I enjoy historical family or romantic stories.

I like cooking when I get the opportunity, which is mainly at weekends as Grahame cooks during the week. I especially love a good traditional Sunday roast. I'm quite good at savoury things but rubbish at pastry and cakes (sorry, Catherine)!

When it comes to films we like a good rom-com to curl up to with a glass of wine on a Saturday night.

With music it depends on the occasion. I like anything from Bach to Bacharach, but not country and western or jazz. Let it be known that in my younger days I was a David Cassidy fan and not Donny Osmond. I also like Neil Diamond, Leo Sayer and Bryan Adams.



I am no good at DIY - but I know a man who is. We have very blue and pink jobs in this house. I do the ironing and look after the plants and he, bless him, does the rest!

I enjoy the community spirit of Reach and its "cosiness". We are only 10 miles from Cambridge but could be anywhere. You can walk around the village in the middle of the night and still feel safe and secure. If you had a problem the neighbours would be willing to help and as you pass through the village any number of people wave and say hello. It's like being part of a large family. I love the Fair and have fond memories of walking from Burwell. It's hard work to organise but really special. I always get great pleasure when driving home from Ely, seeing the tree on the Green, the children playing and hearing the birds sing. Yes, it's a bit of a cliché but true. From here you can walk for hours, see people you know and enjoy the countryside. It's a lovely place to live.

The words of wisdom I recall are laugh together everyday; always see the good in people; dance as if no one is watching; live as if there is no tomorrow; be grateful for your family and rejoice in your friends.

As you get older you need to make an effort with the people who are close to you. Good friends and family are not just something that happen.

Dear Ross . . . .

Ross Clark is agreeable to answering your questions, large or small, quirky or otherwise. This issue's questions were sent in by Ginny Black, aged 21 years.

What do you think might be the benefits and consequences of re-instating the ancient full length of Devils Dyke?

The Devil's Dyke was built as a kind of Berlin wall to keep the marauding Mercians apart from the East Anglians. Given the general decline in anti-social behaviour in the western side of the village over the past 1300 years I can see no point in reinstating it. Besides requiring planning permission from East Cambridgeshire District Council (why they ever granted it in the first place defeats me as it would seem to be against their policy of social inclusion) it would cause considerable hardship to those of us of the western side as we would no longer be able to get to the pub.

Do you think it would be a good idea to keep llamas on the village green as part of a community farm?

Llamas are a non-native species which should play no role in a community farm. My preference is for a herd of aurochs which could provide food for the grey wolves and Eurasian brown bears that we reintroduce to the wood

What is the easiest way of remembering the rules for cricket?

I am not too sure of the rules myself, but these are the ones I can recall:

1. When batting you must on no account move your feet before the ball reaches you
2. You must avoid bowling with a straight arm
3. Fielders must not dive and stop the ball with their hands. The proper way is to stick your boot in the way

I like dogs but my husband likes cats. Does that mean that fundamentally we're incompatible?

I am afraid it is you who are wrong on this. You are risking losing a loving husband on account of your regard for these creepy animals who suck up to their owners and whose sole purpose in life is to defecate on pavements and footpaths. I suggest that you discard your pooch – you will find no end of sad, fawning individuals to take it on – and allow your husband to have a cat instead. As well as clearing your garden of all those irritating birds who would otherwise be chirping outside your window at 4am, you will find your cat rewarding you for his Kit e Kat by bringing tasty treats of half-dead rodents – which are delicious in stews.

Please email or post your questions to Ross or myself. Ed.

Food Focus – Handy Tips for Busy Cooks



The other day I was up until midnight making meringues before we went away. The egg whites had nearly been in the fridge too long and because I can't throw anything away and they would undoubtedly have gone off by the time we got back, I decided to start the process at about 9.30pm. The next day as I yawned my way through lunch I learnt that egg whites freeze really well. Based on this frustratingly timed discovery I enclose a few helpful cooking tips that may save food before it goes off, save time and provide a solution when you haven't quite got the right ingredients.

Emergency problem solvers

Flour: Run out of self-raising flour or don't want to keep both types in the house as the self-raising is no longer self-raising by the time you get to the bottom of the packet? Turn plain flour into self-raising by adding two teaspoons of baking powder for every 150g plain flour. But if your recipe includes cocoa powder, yogurt or buttermilk add an additional ¼ tsp of bicarbonate of soda to give extra boost.

Wine: Need wine in a dish and either don't have any or don't want to open a bottle? Use vermouth instead – I normally prefer to drink the left over wine rather than waste it in cooking, so I always keep a bottle of vermouth to hand to use in risottos, sauces and marinades. If necessary you can water it down as it's a bit stronger than wine. For a red wine substitute use dry marsala or ruby port can be used diluted. If you do on the off chance have any wine left over, freeze it to add to things later.

Alternatives

Buttermilk: Never got the right ingredients? You can turn fresh milk into a buttermilk alternative by adding one tablespoon of lemon juice or vinegar into 250ml jug of milk and let it stand for five minutes before using as directed. Or mix 200ml natural yoghurt with 50ml of milk for the same volume.

A Bechamel-type Sauce for Use on Moussaka: whisk an egg into natural yoghurt and bake on top of a mince based dish to make a set topping for moussaka.

Saving food

Lemons: chop up lemons that are about to go off and freeze them in slices for adding to gin and tonics – no need to add ice.

Stock: freeze it and I don't get too carried away with putting extras in it when I make it. I just shove a couple of bay leaves in and hope for the best, less effort and it means I always have lovely chicken stock in the freezer.

Bread: if you don't get through a whole loaf freeze it in slices or make breadcrumbs and freeze them for later use.

Chillis: I recently learnt from Gordon that these can be frozen and I'm always binning mouldy half packets of chillis after using them in one recipe, so this is good news.

Fruit: if you know you're not going to get through fresh fruit, freeze it and use it in smoothies.



Other random suggestions

Griddling: brush oil on the meat, vegetables or fish rather than the pan otherwise it will smoke you out of the house

Rice: the South American way which I always find works quite successfully is to measure the rice out in a cup and add to a pan on heat with a bit of oil to coat the rice. Once heated through add two more of the same quantities of water, DON'T stir! Wait until holes appear in the rice and once they do its ready.

Pastry brush (on my Christmas list): get one in silicone to brush melted butter/oil on roasting or grilling meats and for greasing tins without leaving hairs behind (as I do with my hairy pastry brush). Another bonus – it can go in the dishwasher.

Forthcoming Farmers Markets & Food Festivals

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Bury St Edmunds Food Festival – 30th & 31st August 10am-5pm

Happy cooking!
C**atherine Gibson**

Swaffham Prior Primary School

The summer term is nearing its end and there has been a flurry of activity at school…

The swimming pool has been in operation and very much enjoyed in the warm, sunny weather and workshops took place earlier in the term on using balance bikes and scooters for Mercury and Mars classes.



Banding Together

In June, we welcomed Marilyn Brocklehurst and her team. They sorted through and catalogued all of the books in the school as part of the library revamp that is being organised by Mrs Walker. Throughout the two days, old and outdated books were removed and new ones purchased to replace them. The library is due to have a Grand Opening in the autumn term. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Riches for the generous gift of the new library sign which is situated on the outside of the mobile classroom.

We celebrated 800 years since the signing of the original Magna Carta. The school welcomed princesses, knights, kings, Robin Hood and some peasants who spent the day marking the event with special activities, including creating their own class and school charters. Much fun was had by all!

The trip to Aylmerton took place for Years 5 and 6. It was a joint venture with Swaffham Bulbeck and was a great success. There were lots of very positive comments from children and their parents/carers from both schools. Mr Godfrey, Mrs Cook, Mrs Dalton, Mrs Hulme accompanied and supported the children as they went for beach walks where they studied rock pools and the local geography. On one of the days, they were taken on a boat to see the seals at Blakeney Point and other activities included, team-building tasks and going on high-ropes.

Whilst Saturn Class was at Aylmerton, Mercury, Mars and Neptune Classes participated in a week of outdoor activities organised by Mrs Holt. The activities ranged from weaving using things found outside, making and testing boats, making dens and map reading skills. One of the favourite activities was the opportunity to make and light a fire (under close supervision). They all enjoyed eating cooked bananas and chocolate! We had an assembly on the Friday to celebrate some of the things that the children had been doing.



K2 Production, War Windows

We have celebrated with a lot of musical events this term. Two of our children participated in a musical concert at Bottisham Village College. The children who learn instruments in school demonstrated their talents and played a selection of solos, duets and group music to the rest of the school. We also took part in 'Banding Together' which was an opportunity for some of our musicians to play as large group made up from children from four schools including Swaffham Bulbeck, Teversham, Burwell and us. They played a range of music in different styles, but the main focus was 'When the Saints', which they then went on to record. Fabulous!



Year 2 Multi-Skills, tennis

We have also had lots of sports. The Year 1 children took part in a tennis festival. They enjoyed throwing beanbags and balancing balls on tennis racquets. The Year 2 children took part in a Multi-Skills event at Bottisham Village College where they practised a range of skills and played mini games organised by the college's Sports Leaders.

The children joined in extremely well and had a good go at everything. Their throwing skills were particularly good.

Years 3 and 4 went to the Youth Games and participated in a variety of games and sports. It was commented that the children were great team players and fantastic ambassadors for the school. Years 5 and 6 entered a Pentathlon at BVC and the children took part in a range of activities including, Tug 'o' War and running relays. Fun was had by all.

We finished the term with Sports Day. The children undertook a range of skills based games planned by our Year 6 Sports Leaders and then went on to take part in some competitive races, including sprinting and a range of relays. The children demonstrated that they were good team players with good sportsmanship! This year Team France won.



K2 Production, War Windows

The year 6 children have been on induction days at their various schools and we have been visited by our new reception children. On their last visit they had a picnic during which they were introduced to their Year 6 buddies.

On Saturday 4th July, FoSPS held the annual School Fair. The sun came out, the stalls were set up and it was a fabulous afternoon. There were stalls selling a range of items including beautiful jewellery, food and drink, tombolas, raffles, games organised by Mr Godfrey and Mrs Cook and much more. Nearly £800 was raised which is a terrific amount. Thank you FoSPS!

On Sunday 5th July the school choirs, under the guidance of Mrs Holt, sang for a special event at Reach Church. It was a special evensong to commemorate and celebrate the life of Maisie Whitehead who was a resident of Reach for most of her 99 years. The children sang a couple of hymns for the service and entertained the guests at the tea that followed. Reverend Eleanor said, '…the choir were wonderful - really appreciated by everyone.'

Years 3 and 4 went to a Multicultural Day at Bottisham Village College. The theme was 'Asian Experience' and the children took part in activities such as origami, Indian dance, Tai Chi, Rangoli art and Indian drumming. They had a wonderful day and Mrs Holt made a special mention about how well they behaved and represented the school!

Our KS2 production, War Windows', was a triumph! The play was written by a group of four writers from Years 5 and 6, Alice, Chris, Emily and Maddie. It came about through research done (as part of a Heritage Lottery Funded project) about those who lost their lives during World War 1 and whose lives are celebrated by the windows in St Mary's at Swaffham Prior which serve as part of the village's war memorial. One of the men, C. Harry Camps, it was discovered has a living relative at our school which is incredible.

The children's performance was sensitive and thought-provoking. There were many comments from the audience on how good the acting and individual performances were.

We still have a few events left including Swaffham Olympics and our Leaver's Assembly and the term is at an end.

We wish you a happy summer holiday!

Hannah Curtis
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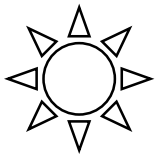
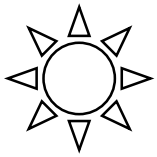
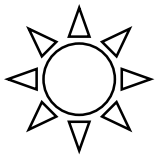
- If you're going outside, make sure you put on suncream.
- If you can, wear a sunhat.
- If it's really hot, try not to go outside between 11am and 3pm, because that's when the sun is hottest.
- Drink plenty of water.







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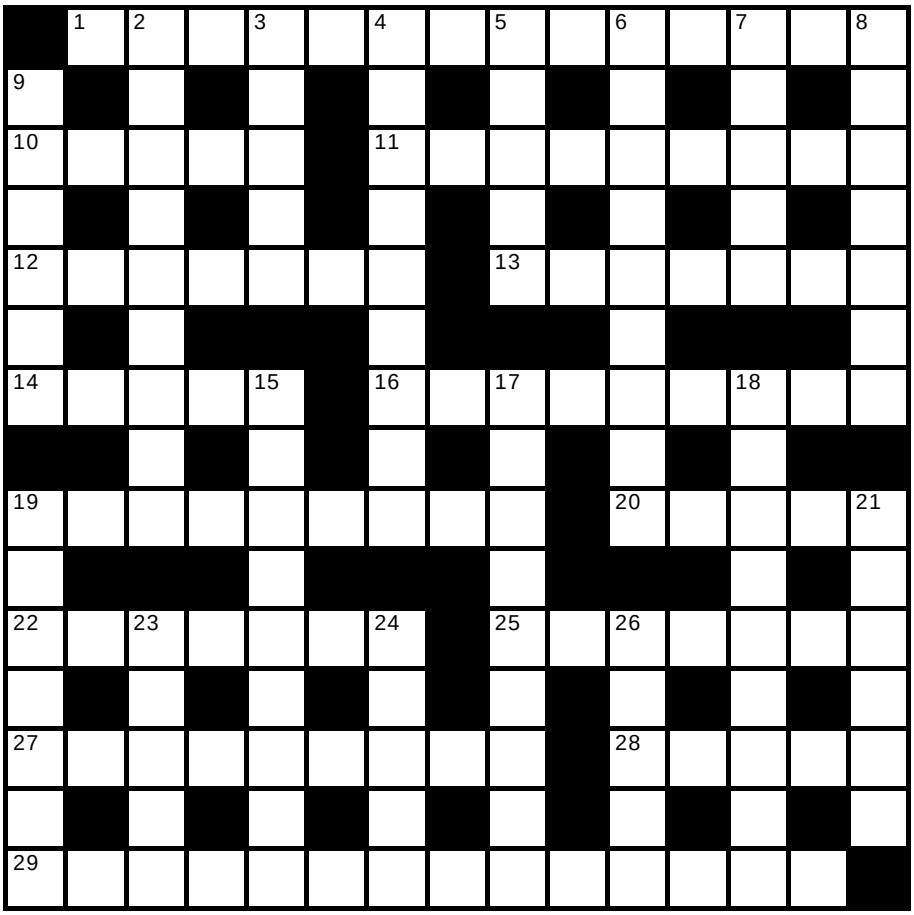

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Please send your entry to this crossword by Friday 4 September to:

CROSSWORD,
16 Chapel Lane,
Reach CB25 0JJ
giving your
name and address.

Across

1 A person sent to a meeting to speak for you (14)
10 All grown up (5)
11 Roast tuna is out of atmosphere (9)
12 Go off with a bang (7)
13 Give ones opinion as to how things might be (7)
14 A rope found in highbrow music (5)
16 Cross out of list of suspects (9)
19 Drawn magnetically towards (9)
20 Added run in cricket (5)
22 Completely to the letter (7)
25 A pretty one contains champagne in a song (7)
27 Act like a goat and but in (9)
28 During noon I find a tear jerker (5)
29 What one has achieved (14)

Down

2 Kit needed to do job (9)
3 How many to how many? (5)
4 Written evidence read out in court (9)
5 Useful to play music or pay for things (5)
6 On left or right keeping up (9)
7 Game I use to show outline (5)
8 Give someone a name (7)
9 You must do as you are told (4,2)
15 Everything but those (5,4)
17 Points to spot (9)
18 Stand upright for inspection (9)
19 That place over the pond (7)
21 Be on show at party (6)
23 Over and above all the house (5)
24 You will be contracted to sound like a Christmas log (5)
26 Witch has a ride and sweeps floor (5)

Equestrian News

Over the past couple of months we have had lots going on, with six horses and plenty of shows to go, we have been pretty busy.



At the beginning of June, I went to Allington International 2* show held at Arena UK in Grantham. I took Frances for the international 5 year old classes and Nina for the national classes. Both horses performed well, with both gaining placings over the three days. Frances really proved herself in the young horse classes against some strong competition, so has been having a small break since that show.

Nina has also had some great results since the show, jumping many double clears, and even winning our first (and my second ever) dressage competition, with a very impressive score, that was way above the rest in our class.

My other horses are coming along really well. Both Vera and Vinny are ready to go out schooling and to some shows in the coming weeks, which is great. They have come along so quickly and are going very well, it will be good to get them some more experience going out and about.

Last week I got a new horse, called Drop. He is a young polo pony that after being given the winter off is just coming back into work now. He is coming along very quickly and really improving every day, so it will be interesting to see how he develops.

Fleur is also coming along well and has improved from the few outings we have done with her.

The arena project is coming along well, with plans for the area to be fenced very soon and even put a few small cross country fences on the area once the grass has been cut. This will be a great and safe area to exercise the horses in a safe environment and to give the horses some variation in their work.

Laura Steven

Star Curtains

Once a Year Fabric Sale
Saturday 19th September from 10.00am to 1.00pm
End of roll remnants etc from just £1.00
Make sure to put this in your diary!

Star Curtains, 2B Swan Lane Business Park, Exning CB8 7FN Tel: 01638 578700

THE BURWELL RIDE



GRAVEL PIT FARM, BURWELL, CAMBRIDGE CB25 0AP

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13th 2015

STARTING TIMES BETWEEN 9AM AND 12 NOON

ROUTE OF APPROX. 12 MILES

ON PRIVATE TRACKS AND FARMLAND

£15.00 PER RIDER (children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult)

NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY (Late entries may be accepted by telephone up to 9PM on Saturday 12th September at the discretion of the organizer)

ROSETTES TO ALL WHO FINISH

REFRESHMENTS

PLEASE OBTAIN AND RETURN THE COMPLETED ENTRY FORM BY WEDNESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER TO:

Hilary Fielding, 9 Ditchfield, Reach, Cambridge CB25 0JA

Tel: 01638 741853 Email: hilary@reach-village.co.uk

Entry forms from the organizer and www.horsedates.co.uk

In aid of Reach Riders Group

Cricket



Comparisons are increasingly being made between Reach Cricket Club and the England team: big names, oodles of spirit but with a tendency to produce results which leave our supporters grumbling in the pub. But then a day before our annual battle against Swaffham Bulbeck, a team which had crushed us two years running, England had defied all expectations by winning the first Ashes test. Could it be an omen for the battle to come?

In spite of losing the toss Bulbeck's captain had some advice: why didn't we let them bat first and make a game of it? We didn't, after all, want to go home at three after being bowled out for five and seeing Bulbeck knock them off in a single ball. So, allowed to make hay while the sun briefly shone, Bulbeck set about building an impregnable score. What they hadn't reckoned with was a band of thunderous rain barrelling our way. A 45 minute interruption for rain livened up the pitch ready for our spinners. Even so, in a shortened format of 30 overs Bulbeck managed to knock up 173 runs.

It was now our turn, with a target of nearly six runs an over. Our innings began solidly enough, but not at a pace which suggested anything other defeat. When the required run rate topped 10 we seemed doomed. But then Gwilym Davies and Tony Fordham started to nibble away at the target. After Tony was dismissed for 20 Rob Steed arrived at the crease. For some reason Swafham Bulbeck brings out the best in Rob; maybe in a previous life he was put in the stocks there for stealing a pig's ear, or something. Last year, he took 49 runs off them. This year he and Gwilym inched towards the target until it seemed that feast-time had arrived. Due to a miscalculation Bulbeck had used all their front-line bowlers, leaving the last over to be bowled by a pie-thrower with Reach requiring only two runs for victory.

But there are pies and there are pies. The first was definitely one of Mr Kipling's, as it caught Gwilym unawares and bowled him, for 56. That brought young Archie Fordham to the crease, requiring two runs off the last five balls. I would love to be able to say that he despatched the next ball into the elephant grass for six runs and I am sure that is what he would have done had it not been for a sharp deterioration on the quality of the pies being thrown: the game ended limply with two wides.

But they all count. Bring on the next challenge.

LODE HALF MARATHON &
3 MILE FAMILY FUN RUN

NEW FOR 2015 HALF MARATHON
ONLINE ENTRY & CHIP TIMING

The 5th Lode Half Marathon is fast approaching and this year out charity is the national Kidney Federation (charity no. 1106735). Over the last 4 years we have raised over £11,000 for charity and local causes.

ENTRY is now open so if you are a runner please get your entry in as soon as possible. If you are not a runner but would like to help with stewarding please get in touch.

It is being held on Sunday 1st November 2015 at 10am – our race HQ is the Fassage Hall in Lode. The Family Fun Run will start at 10.15am.

The course is flat and takes you from Lode village, along the "Lodes Way" to Wicken Fen and back, with water stations along the way. Trophies will be awarded and each runner who completes the course will receive a medal.

See our website for further details – www.loderunners.co.uk or contact Tessa Shrubbs on 01223 811812 or email: lodefarm@aol.com

Many thanks to the following companies who are sponsoring this year's event: Mead Constructions & Plant Hire, Swaffham Prior and Iceni Water from Duxford.

Some games for the rest of the season:

Sun 6 September	Burwell Home 1pm
Sun 13 September	Swaffham Bulbeck Home 1pm
Sun 27 September	Rain Men Home 12.30pm

Ross Clark

REACH

PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 3rd June 2015.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for members of the public
None present.

2. Declarations of Interest
There were none.

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
No report. Councillor Thomas to join the Amenity fund committee as the council's second representative.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report
At the Annual Meeting of Council, Cllr Sebastian Kindersley (LD) was elected as Chairman for the coming year with Cllr Mandy Smith (Con) as vice-Chairman. Cllr Steve Count was re-elected as Leader of the Council. I had the honour of being re-elected as vice-Chairman of the Children and Young People Committee. I was also appointed to the General Purposes Committee, the Constitution and Ethics Committee and the Staffing Appeals Committee.

General Purposes Committee met and considered the usual range of financial reports. It was also agreed to proceed with the financial case to build a solar farm on council owned land near Soham and to make more money available to fund loans for energy investments in publicly owned properties.
The Children and Young People Committee discussed secondary provision in Huntingdonshire and approved the next phase of the Together for Families initiative. The Committee also appointed me to chair the Corporate Parenting Board. I also attended meetings of the Social Care Improvement Board; CYP spokes; a workshop with senior officers to start the business planning process for next year; and a meeting to short list potential contractors to build a new secondary school at Hampton Gardens (jointly with Peterborough City Council.

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published a consultation paper seeking views on reducing the number of County Council Divisions from 69 to 61. The proposals would see the current Soham and Fordham Villages Division split in two and the Burwell Division being merged with part of Soham together with Fordham, Isleham and other villages. The consultation is open to the public to comment and can be found at www.lgbce.gov.uk.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report
In the May election there was a strong swing to the Conservatives, resulting in the Conservatives having a very large majority at ECDC. We certainly do not intend to steamroller our policies through but wherever possible follow a democratic process. I believe that district wise there is a shortage of affordable housing and also houses available at a fair rent. We must attempt to address this issue.

Within the ward I believe the most important issue us the funding that Swaffham Prior School needs. We must continue to pursue this.

There have been three fridge's fly tipped at Little Fen Drove.

There is also a large amount of fly tipping in the stream at Stonebridge bridge at Park End, Swaffham Bulbeck. I am dealing with both issues.
Following my request, the fly tipping at Head Lake Drove has been cleared up. Unfortunately we seem to be getting an increase in fly tipping.

4 (4) Financial Report
The changing of the named signatories on the PC bank account is taking longer than expected due to the need to remove some very old names from the account. The process should be completed within the next week.

4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
There were no meetings this month.

4 (6) Play Spaces
The safety report is expected. Councillor Baldwin has taken on the role of Play Spaces officer.

4 (7) Rights of Way
Nothing to report.

4 (8) Village Centre
No report received.

4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
A meeting is being held later this week.

5. Annual Audit Report
The Parish Council had reviewed our Annual Return and approved it. ***The Clerk*** will send the return to the External Auditor.

6. Local Government County Boundary Review
The boundaries are being moved to make the system fairer, with regard to the number of voters in each area. It is proposed that the area Reach is included in will have 2 Councillors for 12 Parishes, at present there are 3 Councillors for this area. The PC would prefer to have 1 Councillor for 6 Parishes so that we would always know who to refer to and who was our point of contact within CCC. ***Councillor Brown*** to provide information on CCC opinion at the next meeting, prior to the PC making a decision on how we should comment.

7. Bicycle parking in the Cemetery during Reach Fair
A complaint had been received with regard to bikes being parked inside the cemetery during Reach Fair. Following discussion, it was decided that the best solution, in future years, would be for the gate to be locked and a key available at the information point, for anyone who wanted to visit the cemetery whilst the fair is on. ***Councillor Cane*** to write to the resident to apologise, and to explain the discussion & the proposed solution.

8. Planning Applications
There were none.

9. Information Items/AOB
It was noted that the repair to the village sign had not been acknowledge by the PC. The PC is very appreciative of the time and hard work given by John Holmwood, in repairing and restoring the sign. ***The Clerk*** to arrange for a note to be added to the website and a letter to be sent to John.

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities – The PC are very happy for John Robinson to continue to represent the PC on the charities committee.

10. Payments

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£336.50
John Reed – Cemetery fencing	£576.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 1st July 2015 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).

Chairman: Date:

REACH

PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 1st July 2015.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Not Present
Michael Aves	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Not Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for members of the public

The project to provide power on the village green was discussed. It is possible to take power from a supply already running by the edge of the green; this will avoid the need to dig up the road to take power from the village hall. A solar facility would not provide enough power. The cost of the installation would need to come from funds raised specifically for this project. There will then be on going yearly charges. The PC was concerned that these running costs should not be borne by the PC.

The PC are in support of the project in principle, this will be added to the next meeting's agenda and costs will be further discussed.

2. Declarations of Interest
There were none.

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
No report.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report
The Children and Young People's Committee met in June to consider a number of issues. These included: a decision to offer a short-term contract extension to 2 voluntary sector organizations to manage a number of Children's Centres; setting up a new School Improvement Board; establishing a policy for new faith schools; setting up a recruitment strategy for social workers; as well as the usual range of financial reports.

Constitution and Ethics Committee also met in June. Amongst other items it was agreed not to bring in a different petition procedure for parking restrictions.

I also attended a meeting of the Coram Cambridgeshire Adoption Board; a meeting of Eastern Region lead members for children's services, hosted by Norfolk County Council; and visited a number of potential sites for a new secondary school to serve North East Cambridge.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report
No report.

4 (4) Financial Report
The changing of the named signatories on the PC bank account is taking longer than expected due to the need to remove some very old names from the account. The process is still on going.

4 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
There were no meetings this month.

4 (6) Play Spaces
The safety report has been received. There were no points of immediate concern. The report will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

4 (7) Rights of Way
The state of certain byways was discussed in particular byway 11, at the 24Acres and Barston Drove. ***Councillor Fielding*** to contact CCC with regard to getting these repaired. ***Councillor Fielding*** to also contact landowners with regard to hedge cutting along Green Lane.

4 (8) Village Centre
Minutes received with thanks. Nothing to report.

4 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
A meeting had been held. All areas are moving on and growing well. There are no major concerns to report.

4 (10) Friends of Reach Wood
The Friends of Reach Wood group had held their first meeting. Following much discussion on all areas of the wood the following decisions were made. The meadow will be cut at a height of 6in, once a year in late Aug. or early Sept. with a bar cutter. Ragwort and thistle will need to be removed from the meadow by a contractor; a request will be made to the Amenity fund for this. The recording of notable animals, plants and birds is to be encouraged. SB will ask the WT if a place can be made available on the Reach wood section of their website to record this information. The poor access via Clunch Pit Lane was discussed; a request will be submitted to the Amenity fund to address this issue.
The next meeting will be held in November.

5. Local Government County Boundary Review
Councillor Brown stated that CCC would prefer a single representative for our area. PC are in agreement with this and would like the area to be smaller. ***Clerk*** to put the view of the PC forward to the review.

6. Cemetery fencing
It was agreed that the front boundary required fencing in an attempt to stop Muntjac deer. It was noted that the front fence requires painting and that this should be done prior to fencing. ***Clerk*** to enquire about painting and the type of net fencing to be used. A new quote for the fencing based on the appropriate type of wire netting will be obtained and then the fencing will be reconsider based on cost.

7. Weeds – playground, tennis courts and war memorial
It was agreed that the weeds should be sprayed, ***Clerk*** to arrange.

8. Dog Mess
Deferred until August meeting

9. Planning Applications
An application had been received. ***Clerk*** to put forward the PCs concerns to the planning department.

10. Information Items/AOB
Broadband – an email had been received regarding the timings of fibre broadband reaching the village. ***Clerk*** to arrange for the details to be included in the next magazine and for a Connecting Cambridge Representative to attend a PC meeting.
Local Highways Initiative Scheme – details had been received as to what speed reduction measures are available to be used on the Swaffham Road. Unfortunately the road is too narrow for most options. This only leaves improved signage and using additional lining. ***Clerk*** to contact the LHI scheme project manager and request these measure to be put in place at all three entrances to the village.
Flood Risk & Management – Councillor Boreham had completed a questionnaire on behalf of the PC.

11. Payments

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£421.50
ECDC – Election payment	£100.00
FLP – Play area inspection	£ 72.00
CAPALC – Advisory board fees	£173.34
M. Allen – Refund	£ 78.75

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th August 2015 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).

Chairman: Date:

Letter from the Vicarage



Thank you to everyone who supported our special service on July 5th by preparing refreshments, setting up the Village Centre and coming along to the service. We were delighted to have the Swaffham Prior School Choir with us, singing during the service and the tea. A big thank you to Mrs Holt and to the children and their parents. Having got the first draft sketches for possible modifications to the church building, we would like to have feedback from as many people as possible and Pat Chalmers has written an article explaining more, with details of opportunities to contribute your thoughts.

The building work at St Mary's in Burwell has been completed, and we've been enjoying the possibilities opened up by the new facilities, including being able to serving ice-creams at the church fete from the new servery! If you've not had chance to have a look, please do pop in. During the summer holidays we will be holding Messy Cafés at St Mary's, Burwell, on Wednesday afternoons for anyone to drop in between 1.30 and 4.00pm for drinks and snacks, games and stories, crafts for children and adults. We'll post updates each week on Facebook.

And an advance notice for October, that once again we are very pleased that Swaffham Prior School Choir will be joining us for our Harvest Service at 6pm on Saturday 3rd October, before the village Harvest Supper. We'll be taking a collection for Christian Aid and also collecting contributions for the Foodbank. Harvest Supper tickets will be available.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about any of our services, groups or activities, or would like to find out more about the Christian faith and perhaps join an Alpha course in the autumn.

Eleanor Williams

Revd Dr Eleanor Williams, Vicar of Burwell with Reach
01638 741262 or vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Answers to Susie's anagrams:

Relax, tents, beach, swimming and barbeque

Church News

I'm sure you've noticed the work that is underway on Reach Church. You may recall that the builders had started stone repairs last autumn, but had to suspend them over the winter until all risk of frosts had passed. Meanwhile another quinquennial inspection identified some additional areas in need of attention and so these have been added to the schedule of work. They include:

- removing the gutters for painting and replacing as necessary some wall plates
- painting all the external doors
- repairing further areas of stonework.

A structural engineer has also looked at some of the cracks in the stonework and is investigating the possibility of subsidence before advising how they should be repaired. We are very grateful that the legacy from Maisie Whitehead means that we can proceed with this work straight away without the need for fundraising.

CentrePeace @ Reach

Look out for some 'new lines' at CentrePeace in Reach on the second Wednesday of the month. As well as books and greeting cards, we're hoping to stock a wider range of items to tempt our customers. These may include crafts, some plants and maybe some homemade cakes and home grown produce. If you have any other suggestions of things you'd like us to stock or if you could offer things for sale, please talk to Pam King or contact me on pat@patchtcs.co.uk. Please note that we don't have space to store a large quantity of second hand goods like bric-a-brac or clothes, but we are open to considering practical ideas.

Of course, you don't have to buy things when you come, you can just have free tea and cake! Dates for the rest of this year are listed below and we're in the church from 2pm till 4pm:

September 9th	November 11th
October 14th	December 9th

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Michael Aves	Vice Chair	742800
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	07702 813845
Steve Boreham	Councillor	742098
Charlotte Cane	Chair	741064
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	741853
David Thomas	Councillor	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.

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Service	
Wednesday 5th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove 1.30pm – 4.00pm Messy Café	
Friday 7th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10	10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion 1.30pm – 4.00pm Messy Café	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 13th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (Contemporary)	
Wednesday 19th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court 1.30pm – 4.00pm Messy Café	
Friday 21st		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)	
Wednesday 26th	10.00am Holy Communion 1.30pm – 4.00pm Messy Café	
Friday 28th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 30th August Trinity 12		10.00am Parish Communion (Traditional)
SEPTEMBER 2015 Wednesday 2nd	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 3rd	10.00 Little Bears	
Friday 4th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th September Trinity 13	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 11th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th September Trinity 14	10.00 Parish Communion (Traditional)	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 16th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 18th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th September Trinity 15	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion (contemporary)	
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 25th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th September Trinity 16	8.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Harvest Service	10.00 Parish Communion with Baptism

Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diary Dates: August 2015

August 2015	Event	Location	Time
Mon 3 – Sun 16	Annual Summer Art Exhibition	The Old Courthouse, Lynn Road, Ely	10am – 4pm
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 6	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 8	Mill Tours	Stevens Mill, Burwell	11am – 4pm
Sat 8	Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Sun 9	Discussion of Church Plans	St Etheldreda's	4pm
Sundays	Summer Band Concerts	Jubilee Gardens, Ely	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 13	Recycling Day (Green)		
Tues 18	Hunstanton & Lavender Farm	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Tickets from Tina's
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 20	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thurs 27	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 29th, Sun 30th and Mon 31st	Fenland Country Fair	Stow-cum-Quy	
Sun 30th and Mon 31st	Food Festival	Bury St Edmunds	10am – 5pm

Equestrian



PICTURE: CONTRIBUTED

NATIONALS QUALIFIER: Katie Cameron qualified for the National Championships

Cameron qualifies for National Championships

King's Ely's Katie Cameron qualified for the National Championships after finishing second in the 80cms class.

Cameron came second out of 78 riders in a competitive class at the Norton Heath Equestrian Centre, while also narrowly missing out on qualifying in the 80cms team event with Emily Gredley, Rebecca Everitt and Phoebe Plumb.

Gredley was a late substitute in the 90cms class, and rose to the challenge to take fourth place as a team alongside Cameron and Plumb.

Elsewhere, Cameron and Gredley teamed up with Rachael Attwood and Thea Holdaway to come second in the 80cms team event at the Houghton International Horse Trials.

Gredley finished first individually in the primary school section, with Cameron securing sixth place in the secondary school section.

The 90cms team of Attwood, Cameron and Freia Gould came fourth out of 12 teams to cap a successful competition for the King's Ely team.

Diary Dates: September 2015

September 2015	Event	Location	Time
Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 3	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sun 6	Sports Day	Upper Field	2.30pm
Sun 6	Cricket Match	24Acres	
Tues 8	Enrolment for Autumn Courses Adult & Community Learning	Bottisham Village College	7.00 – 9.00pm
Wed 9	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 10	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 12	Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Sat 12	Bottisham & District Gardening Club Annual Show	Royal British Legion	
Sun 13	Cricket Match	24Acres	
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Thurs 17	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 19 and Sun 20	Cambridge Food Garden and Produce Festival	Parkers Piece	10am – 4pm
Sun 20	Sheringham 40s day	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Tickets from Tina's
Thurs 24	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 26	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Village Centre	From 10.30am
Sun 27	Fete	Wicken Fen	12 noon – 4pm
Sun 27	Cricket Match	24Acres	
Thurs 30	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 3 October	Harvest Service	St Etheldreda's	6.00 – 6.45pm
Sat 3 October	Harvest Supper	St Etheldreda's	7.00pm

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

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

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

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Cricket (Reach)	Ross Clark	743725
Gardeners (Village, Swaffham Prior)	Margaret Joyce	744390
Mothers Union (Burwell)	Susan Baker	741791
Scouts (Swaffham Prior)	Steve White	743555
Tennis (Reach)	Philip Lewis	742115
Youth Club (Swaffham Prior)	Alan Badcock	742228

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	District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
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Emergencies			
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	Police (Non-emergency)		101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
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	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	



Dennis Millard



Joyce Harrison



Sports Day 2011

The Events Team are organising a Village Photographic Exhibition. The photos may be from any era including fairly recent - please call David Parr on 744081 if you have photos you would like to share with the village



Jodie Halpin-McDonald and Jetty



Karen Carpenter



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Hilary and Shaun on their way to pick up Toni and David



Freya Thomas







The Solar Farmers . . . .