Within Reach



Oct/Nov 2015



Exam results Freya Thomas (second left)



Exam results Daniel Knight (centre)



Dylan and Lily Steed



Freddie Bridgeman



Alice and Imogen Trump



Maisie Snaith



Evie Mitchell



Rose Mitchell

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Wine Tasting

7.30pm Friday 9th October

Village Centre

Booking Essential
Contact Hugh de Lacy

From the Editor



This issue is a lot about horses and apples which seems a happy combination. Hilary Fielding reports on The Burwell Ride which took place on a sunny Sunday in September and attracted 50 horse and pony riders. The money raised from the Ride will go to the Reach Riders Group and be used to create a safe riding area within the 24Acres.

Hilary is also our featured personality this month and amongst other things it's interesting to learn of her horsey background when Worlington Pony Club `won everything going'. Also Pets Corner has a wonderful photograph of Berri, the Shetland pony, having her teeth done! Totally cute.

Ely is having an Apple Festival but it will be nothing compared to our own Apple Day on Sunday 18th October. From 2pm there will be quizzes and races at the 24Acres Community Orchard and then from 2.45 – 4.30pm all things apple in the Village Centre. Bake a cake and enter the apple cake competition or, if you're not quite up to that, make an Apple Monster.

St Mary's, Burwell, is introducing Lunchbreak Cafes on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Our own plans to enhance St Etheldreda and introduce café facilities is taking shape so if you have any ideas about the community use of the church do let Eleanor know, or indeed myself.

Juliet Vickery reports on the remarkable journey of a turtle dove which was tracked to better understand and preserve this fast declining bird species. Closer to home Joss Goodchild reports on local wildlife sightings and includes some remarkable photographs (do remember David Parr wants your photographs for Reach Calendar 2016). Danuta Gibson has a lot of green tomatoes due to our cool summer but her Borlotti peas did better and look yummy. Snakehall Farm has fantastic new kitchen facilities so be prepared for a range of new pickled produce *et al*. Catherine Gibson continues to guide us around the kitchen.

Sports Day was a wonderful day – sun shining, lots of happy sporty kids and smiling adults. Exceptionally well done to Juliet Vickery and her team. Well done also to Hector Keutgen for penning an article. Susie Tucker has retired from the Kids Page and we thank her for the fun and puzzles that she has created over several years. We have a monster-size crossword puzzle in this issue so thinking caps on!

Ross Clark rises to Nick Webb's challenging questions. Do have a read and see if you can think of the impossible question for our very own agony uncle. Which leads me to prompt, read this magazine carefully and learn why Morris dancing is likely to be a significant contributor to global warning.

It's October, the month of Halloween – stay safe!

Claire Halpin-McDonald

P.S. Christmas is just around the corner

Cover photographs: Hugh de Lacy and Claire Halpin-McDonald

About the Magazine

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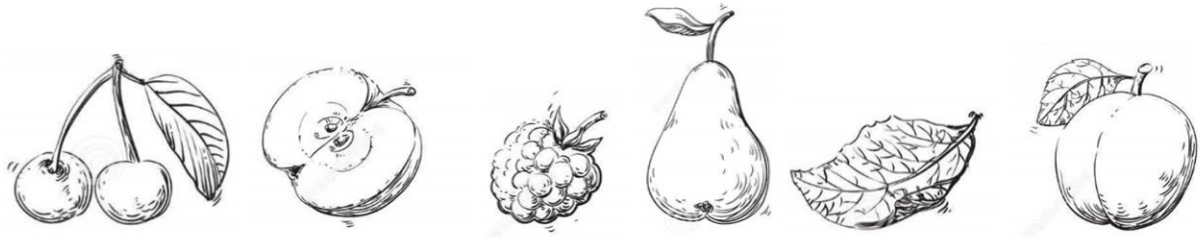
Apple Day!

October 21st is National Apple Day – an opportunity to celebrate the variety and richness of local varieties of apple and other orchard fruits, the diversity of wildlife orchard's harbour, and the breadth of culture they support.

This year we will be celebrating Apple Day in Reach, with a village event, linked to our own 24Acres Community Orchard

Sunday 18th October 2015

♦ Apple bobbing ♦ Toffee apples ♦ Longest apple peel competition ♦
♦ Apple cakes ♦ Juice making (and tasting) ♦ Local ciders ♦
♦ Apple themed competitions, quizzes, races and games for *all* ages♦
♦ Human fruit machine ♦
♦ Tea, homemade cakes and other refreshments ♦



From 2pm in the Reach 24Acres Community Orchard *and then*
From 2.45 until 4.30pm in the Village Centre and on the Village Green.



Bring some of your own apples and pears to be pressed for juice on the village green!



Bring along your Apple Monsters for judging, and also your home-made Apple Cake. There will be prizes for the best!

Any questions please contact Claire Halpin (Monsters) or Karen Carpenter (Cakes)

The Burwell Ride, Sunday 13th September 2015

What a beautiful autumn day, in spite of the weather forecast predicting rain.



A summer's worth of planning and organizing resulted in 50 happy riders and horses/ponies setting off (not altogether, by the way) to enjoy a couple of hours of walking, trotting cantering (and no doubt galloping!) around the picturesque Exning Estate, with the kind permission of George Gibson.

There was quite an array of equines; from short and stocky hairy "gypsy" cobs, to sleek warm bloods, Arabs and even a stunning white Andalusian stallion.

All of these returned to base at Gravel Pit Farm on the Burwell Heath Road, looking relaxed and happy, although many of their riders slithered gingerly off their mounts with moans and groans, to stagger, stiff and bow-legged to collect their rosettes (lovingly hand made by Ferguson's Rosettes from Exning), view and maybe purchase their souvenir photographs (Richard and Isabel Weller-Poley) and re-fuel with a delicious burger or bacon roll and a cuppa (from Jack's Snacks).



In spite of the aches and pains, a wonderful time was had by all with many requests to do it again next year!

A huge thank you goes to the following, without whom the event would not have been possible: Shaun, John and Sadie and her team of helpers, Joss, Rosie and John, Karen and Grahame, Lesley, Ali, Nicola, Andrew, Wendy and of course, George.



The Ride was organized to help to raise funds to erect post and rail fencing around the acre of land on the 24Acres which has been allocated to the Reach Riders Group. This will create a safe area for the local horse riding community to exercise and enjoy their equines and escape the constant hazard of traffic.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the project should contact Hilary Fielding, Sadie Cullum or Liz Tabecki.

Hilary Fielding



The Epic Journey of a Mighty Titan – How Tracking on a Bird May Help to Save an Entire Species

I wonder how many of you have heard or seen a turtle dove this summer? When I moved to this village in 1997 we had turtle doves calling and nesting in the hedge behind our garden – but they have failed to return for several years now. There was also always one or two among the collared doves feeding on spilt grain at swan lake - not any more. Turtle doves are the UK's fastest declining bird species. For every 20 doves we had in 1970, we now only have one.

It is a beautiful dainty dove, smaller and darker than the collared dove (actually only slightly larger than a blackbird), mottled with chestnut and black back and black tail with a white edge. It is, of course, the bird 'my true love sent to me' on the Second day of Christmas (a line in which apparently the two doves refer to the Old and New Testaments) and perhaps because of the biblical references (especially the well-known verse from the Song of Song 2:12 "The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come and the voice of the turtle dove is heard in our lands"), its mournful voice and the fact that it forms strong pair bonds, European turtle doves have become emblems of devoted love.



Titan the turtle dove in a conifer tree near Thorpeness. The antenna of the satellite tag is visible parallel with the tail.

Photo: Dr John Mallord

The European turtle dove is a migratory species breeding across most of Europe and the Middle East and wintering in Sub Saharan Africa – and it is facing increasing challenges across this vast flyway. Loss of seed and grain as food during the breeding season has reduced the number of young a pair can raise and they have the 'run the gauntlet' of recreational hunting in southern Europe where millions are shot every year in autumn and spring. However, where they go, what habitats they use south of the Sahara and indeed whether they also face problems here, remains a mystery.

It's a mystery my team at the RSPB are trying to solve and this year we made a breakthrough. Last July, they fitted a small, lightweight satellite tag to a turtle dove caught in a garden in Suffolk. The tags, which transmit the location of the bird in real time, are powered by tiny batteries charged by an equally tiny solar panel and attached to the bird with a Teflon harness much like a back pack. It's done with huge care and subject to strict regulation; the whole thing cannot weigh more than 3% of the body weight of the bird, has to sit flush with the bird so as not to interfere with the streamlining and the harness must be tight enough to avoid it slipping but still allow the bird to put on fat as fuel before it migrates. We spent all last summer testing designs on racing pigeons in Oxford and captive birds at Penthsthorpe before we were happy to fit it to a wild bird.

Two tagged birds headed south last August. One stopped transmitting in southern Spain – either the tag failed or, more likely, the bird died. For a species like this we would expect almost 50% of birds not to make it through to the next breeding season so, though sad, it's not surprising. However, the second bird, aptly named Titan by the lady in whose garden we had caught him, took us on an epic and quite extraordinary journey. Travelling south through Europe, around the coast of west Africa to Senegal and then inland to Mali, south of Bamako where he 'saw out our winter' and remained for six months. He flew mostly under the cover of darkness, crossing daunting landscapes such as the Atlas Mountains, Sahara Desert, covering around 500-700 km per night flying and reaching maximum speeds of 60 km per hour. Titan's outbound journey to Africa took around a month to complete but his return took only two weeks (see the map).

Titan left Mali in mid May and made swift progress through Mauritania and Algeria, arriving in Morocco only five days later. Having just crossed the 2,000 km of the Sahara, he spent about two weeks resting in Morocco before crossing into Europe through Spain and France. He finally returned to the UK, ending his journey very close to the spot he was first tagged a year earlier. Amazingly he was found by an RSPB team working out there on another project. Perched on a conifer purring away and with the antennae of the tag visible against the sky (see the photo). I was lucky enough to go and see him myself on 'his patch' near Thorpeness golf course. I think we all felt a bit like we wanted to pay homage to this avian 'trail blazer' - the first British breeding turtle dove to be tracked from the UK to its wintering grounds and back. We had sat in our offices at Sandy watching his incredible journey through our cold dark winter – willing him on across land and sea. Now of course we are waiting for him to head south again and wondering if he will he adopt the same route and timing or indeed if he will survive such a challenge a second year running.

He has already given us incredibly valuable leads; in particular the location of key sites where he staged presumably to refuel in Senegal and Morocco and eventually wintered. Mali is too dangerous for UK scientists but two members of my team will be heading to Senegal and Morocco to try to get a better understanding of the sort of habitats turtle doves use there and what, if any, threats they face. For example though degradation of those habitats or hunting - both of which could be in the increase from pressures of ever expanding human populations.

Juliet Vickery

Trees in Reach

24Acres Woodland

The 24Acres woodland planted in December 2013 has continued to establish, aided by a second mild winter and another generally moist summer. We undertook basic maintenance, replacing broken stakes and the like in early 2015. Particular thanks go to Alice Lingley and David Cane who, as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme, turned out in some grim conditions to do most of the work. We also completed a thorough survey of the planting in August. This revealed that we had lost 400 saplings, 11 per cent of what we planted. You will see the losses marked up in white. Our expert contacts in the Forestry Commission and elsewhere have commented that this is an expected level of loss in a community planting of this kind.



There is considerable variation in the losses though. Some areas of the woodland experienced no sapling deaths at all, others had very low success rates. Similarly some species have done well (oak, lime, crab apple, wayfaring tree, hazel) and others (beech, holly) have struggled. I am pleased to report that the black poplar planted in memory of Rita Dunnett and the small leaved lime planted to celebrate the Holmwood's golden wedding are prospering. Steve Boreham and I are continuing to research the reasons for the variability as this will influence our replanting (see below). However it is already clear that apparently small differences in soil type and moisture play an important role - overall the plantings closer to the drainage ditches and in the hollows have done better. So far losses due to deer browsing are lower than I had anticipated and are restricted to path edges.

We undertook limited replanting in the spring using sweet chestnuts germinated by Ron Greenhill and 50 oaks that were surplus to the hedgerow planting. Against expectations, all the latter survived despite very late planting.

I think the success reflects the care and attention that the planting team lavished on them and must say something about the quality of the soil in Danuta Gibson's vegetable garden where the oaks were stored for quite a while.

We have funding to replace, 'beat up' in Forestry Commission parlance, the remainder of lost saplings this coming winter. As noted above, we will be using a slightly different mix of saplings.

Lime Planting

The limes we planted as an avenue on the Swaffham Road and fringing the cricket pitch on the 24Acres to mark the Queen's diamond jubilee have enjoyed mixed fortunes. The avenue struggled initially and we lost about a quarter of the planting in the first year. Thankfully there have been no further losses since and the remainder are settling in. The success rate on the 24Acres has been much higher due, we think, to the limes' proximity to a spring line which has kept them moist.

Many of you have asked about replacing the lost trees in the avenue. We have held off doing so until we were confident that limes would be viable at this location. We are now confident enough to go ahead and will be replanting later this year, taking account of the lessons learned in the first planting. We will be using smaller saplings in bigger holes and incorporating more organic material, all of which should assist their establishment. We have plans to deliver industrial quantities of water to the new trees should we have a dry summer in 2016.



A Greener Reach

As mentioned in a previous article, our village and its surroundings have become substantially greener and richer in trees over the last 60 years or so. One of the biggest changes was the planting of Reach Wood in 1994. The Friends of Reach Wood has been set up recently to look after its longer term health. Steve Boreham will be writing about this in a forthcoming article in this magazine.

Nick Acklam

Reach Village Centre Committee Annual Report



This year has seen a number of highs and lows which has made for a very interesting time.

Firstly, the Christmas tree and carols on the Green proved to be very popular and the Committee worked with the Events Team to accomplish this and hopefully make it an annual event.

This year's Fair was a great success and the weather once again smiled on us (eventually!). We tried a number of new ideas, some of which worked well and some didn't. The new Committee will need to address these issues in time for 2016 Fair.

We at last managed to replace the crockery, cutlery and glasses with new equipment which will help to sell our facilities in the future, together with the provision of Wi-Fi.

The low point of the year was the closing down of Little Windmills in July with the subsequent loss of pre-school opportunities in Reach, the loss of use for the Centre and subsequent revenue. We had worked with them for some time to help them with their financial issues but in the end their committee made a decision to close from 17th July.

The other not so good news is that we have lost five of our Committee members. Joyce Harrison has retired from the Committee after many years of sterling service as has Andrew Towers. In addition we lost Mike Napier, Thomasina Oldfield and Sue Briscoe. We thank them all for their help in the past and wish them well for the future. This leaves a fairly large gap in our management structure and I sincerely hope that we can encourage some more residents to come forward and serve on the Committee, as we need additional members to manage the Centre and its activities.

Finally, a big thank you to all the Committee members, whose effort and enthusiasm ensure that the Village Centre, together with the Fair, continues to provide the facilities for the benefit of the village as a whole. Let's make it an equalling rewarding 2016.

Grahame Radford
Chairman
Reach Village Centre Committee



Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

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:

Hon. Secretary.

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Barry Coles
Publicity Officer



Do you need a break in your busy day?

Why not drop in to

LUNCHBREAK CAFE

At St Mary's Church, Burwell

On the 4th Wednesday of every month

October 28th, November 25th

Open from 12.00noon till 2.00pm

Whether you work in Burwell or Reach, or your days are filled with the type of work that's unpaid, you may feel in need of an oasis of calm in your busy day. We serve light lunches in the beautiful and tranquil setting of St Mary's, so come along for a break, meet some friends and return to your work refreshed. Children's Corner with books and colouring available.

For more information, contact administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk.

Events Team



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

The Events Team have been giving assistance to Davis Thomas and his team in the organisation of Apple Day – which it is intended to make an annual event. It will take place this year on Sunday October 18th starting at 2.00pm on the 24Acres and then recommencing at around 2.45pm on the Green – it will conclude at around 4.30pm.

Further information can be found on the website at: http://www.reach-village.co.uk/news_apple_day.html

The team is also now working on the two new Christmas events – the first being the switch on of the Christmas Tree lights on Sunday the 29th November with a brass band playing from 5.00pm to 6pm.



Then on Christmas Eve we will again sing carols around the tree. Mulled wine and mince pies will again accompany both events.

Finally - don't forget to keep taking those photos for our **Reach Calendar 2016** – and email them to David Parr soonest.

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

Street Lights

Balfour Beatty

Build to Last
Lean. Expert. Trusted. Safe.

Balfour Beatty has been working on behalf of Cambridgeshire County Council to review all street lights in the Cambridgeshire area. 5,000 of these streetlights are due to be removed and the rest will be upgraded. The aim of this is to improve the efficiency and standard of street lighting across the county, as well as to leave in place street lights which should last for the next 25 years.

In most cases, streetlights that are being replaced will be exchanged with a modern standard column and light, unless a third party wishes to fund the replacement as a heritage style unit.

Balfour Beatty has consulted with all Parish Councils on the proposals for street lights including; locations, types of lighting to be installed and those to be removed. During the consultation process Reach Parish Council took the decision to adopt some of the street lights to avoid any removals taking place and pay for some lights to be upgraded to heritage style units, more in keeping with the area.

Balfour Beatty, Cambridgeshire Council and Reach Parish Council are currently working on the content and planning of this request, to allow the Parish Council to have their preferred street lighting choice; this has led to slight delays to the work in the Reach area.

If you have any enquiries regarding the street lighting programme you can visit our website at www.lightingcambridgeshire.com or call our contact centre on 0800 783 8247.

Balfour Beatty

Amenity Fund

If you feel you have a worthwhile project that could be funded via the Amenity Fund, please get in touch with Chair John Holmwood. The committee members of the Fund are listed below. There is one vacancy which is to be filled by a member of the Village Centre Committee.

John Holmwood (Chair)	742969
Claire Halpin	743330
David Thomas	742676
Diana Ward	744210

The Fund has made the following awards:

Reach Riders Group £250
Sport Day £200
Ragwort Clearance £200
Heritage Light for village green £850

To learn more about the fund please visit the village website at: www.reach-village.co.uk/amenity_fund.html.

The Final Meeting – The Big Halloween Bash - Friday 30th and Saturday 31st October



Join us for the last two days of the season at Newmarket Racecourses to celebrate another fantastic year of events at the Home of Horseracing.

As well as 14 races on offer, the Final Meeting coincides with Halloween this year and we have a Trick and Treat in store for families attending over the two days.

Kids Club with Rowley, Newmarket Racecourses mascot, will be open and we will also have a Pumpkin Rodeo, bouncy castle, pop up theatre with a range of characters and a Trick or Treat Trail around the Racecourse. The Final Meeting falls right at the end of Half Term and offers a fun and affordable day out for families. Remember kids of under 18 go FREE!

Tickets are from £14.40. For further information and to book tickets please visit newmarketracecourses.co.uk.

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
August: L Fry (Longmeadow)
September: Neil and Sue Wenborn

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



Thanks to Puzzleric alias Richard Maddox

SOLUTION TO CROSSWORD No. 32

ACROSS: 1. REPRESENTATIVE. 10. ADULT.
11. ASTRONAUT. 12. EXPLODE. 13. SUGGEST. 14. OPERA.
16. ELIMINATE. 19. ATTRACTED. 20. EXTRA. 22. EXACTLY.
25. CABINET. 27. INTERRUPT. 28. ONION.
29. ACCOMPLISHMENT.

DOWN: 2. EQUIPMENT. 3. RATIO. 4. STATEMENT.
5. NOTES. 6. ALONGSIDE. 7. IMAGE. 8. ENTITLE.
9. HAVETO. 15. APARTFROM. 17. INDICATES.
18. ATTENTION. 19. AMERICA. 21. ATTEND. 23. ATTIC.
24. YOULL. 26. BROOM.



Autumn at Burwell Museum



The summer may be over but Burwell Museum still has lots to offer the whole family. We're also recruiting three new trustees and lots more front of house volunteers to help us keep the museum open to visitors in 2016. To find out more email mel@burwellmuseum.org.uk or call 01638 605544.

Autumn Tea and Talks*

- **Thursday 8 October, 2 - 3pm** – 'Twas on a Monday morning' – Cambridge Laundry Stories by Tamsin Wimhurst, a local historian
- **Thursday 22 October, 2 -3 pm** – An Introduction to 'Grunty Fen' by Christopher South

** Talks followed by tea and biscuits in the museum tea room. Museum admission applies. Free entry for current museum volunteers and season ticket holders.*



October Half Term

Winnie the Witch visits the Museum
Thursday 30 October 11am-12.30pm. Under 5s only
Help everyone's favourite witch find her cat Wilbur by solving puzzles all over the museum. Then make your own spooky spell and witch bottle using herbs and Fenland plants to impress Winnie. Workshop aimed at children aged 2-5years.

***Places limited – please book** on education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or 01638 605544.*
***£2 per child over 2 years**. Accompanying adults free.*

Fiendish Fashions and Ghoulish Games, 2 - 4.30pm
Want to create a spook-tacular costume for your Halloween party? Join us for an afternoon of costume-making crafts, face painting and games inspired by the spooky secrets of the museum.

Drop-in session, no need to book. Museum open all day from 11am - 5pm as normal. **£2 children over 3years**. Accompanying adults half price with two paid-for children.



Discover and Draw – Drawing course for adults
Thursday 3 September – Thursday 22 October, 10.30am-1pm including a break
Another chance to brush-up on y our drawing skills with talented local artist Mo Childs. Mo will take you through key techniques, provide lots of support and introduce you to the secret wonders of the Museum. Attend all 8 sessions or book individual classes. All sessions run 10.30-1.00pm with a break. Museum pass provided so you can stay and sketch all day.

£60 full 8 week course or £8 per individual session. Please book on education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or 01638 605544. Museum passes valid only on Thursdays during course.

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 years+.

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

Burwell Museum 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

The Friends of Burwell Museum

Quiz Night

Friday November 13th
Start 7.30pm

Trinity Church, Burwell

£7 per person
Teams of 6
Ploughmans and Cake

Bring your own
drink and glass please

To book ring
Margaret 01638 741705
or Barbara 741581



The Friends of Burwell Museum

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday
November 28th
10am – 12 noon

Burwell Ex Servicemans Club

Draw, Tobola, Bric-a-Brac,
Cake, Cup of Tea

Free Entry



Burwell Museum Coach Trips

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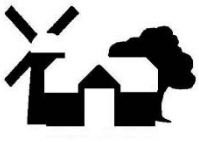


Boundry Mills, Downtown and Newmarket
Friday 30th October £17.50

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

Tickets only from Tina's - for information ring 741581

Ely's Ghost Tours



On the surface Ely looks a very peaceful and tranquil place with quaint teashops, a thriving market and delightful architecture so it would seem the last place to send chills down your spine. But behind doorways and passages throughout the city there are stories of murder, intrigue and mystery, which told, cannot be explained as a mere trick of the light making Ely the most haunted small city in Europe.

To experience more of Ely's haunted past (if you dare) then join us for one of our immensely popular ghost tours or walks around the city.

The tours begin at Oliver Cromwell's House where children's voices to can be heard laughing and there is a blue lady who wanders down the corridors late at night and then of course there is the Lord Protector himself in his bedroom.

As the tour takes you through the dimly lit streets of Ely you may also encounter characters as the body snatcher in the grave yard, the Sergeant Major, the pale nurse from the old militia hospital, ghosts from two famous murders, a medieval lady, a faceless monk and of course Black Shuck – a large one eyed black dog dating from Saxon times.

These are just few of the ghostly sightings on the Ely Ghost Tour along with the poltergeists and sprits that you may also encounter.

Ely Ghost Tours available from 27th October to 30th October. Tickets can be booked by contacting Ely Tourist Information Centre on 01353 662062 or visit www.visitely.org.uk or follow on Twitter @VisitEly

Ghost tours / walks are also available from late October to February for pre-booked groups of 15 persons or more. Further information from Ely Tourist Information Centre

Huge Autumn Jumble Sale
Saturday October 17th
from 2 – 4pm

The Fassage Hall, Lode
CB25 9HB

To get there, park in the High Street, and walk through Fassage Close beside the Post Office

Please bring in Jumble on the morning of the sale from 10.30-12noon

Entrance is £1 for adults and children are free

All the money raised will go to projects to enhance the cycle path between Lode and Quy. The money will be deposited in a ring fenced account with the Parish Council, to be used when required.

Do come and support us, as the more buyers there are, the less goes to waste. Thank you. Fran 01223 813 016



Anglesey Benefice For Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes

Saturday 17th October, 2015
At St Cyriac's Church, Swaffham Prior
11am – 2pm

We will be packing Christmas Shoe Boxes
to send to needy children overseas

Bring along your donations, as many items as you like from the suggested list below, and we will do the rest, from filling boxes to arranging their despatch (completed boxes will also be gratefully received)

Enjoy a cuppa and a piece of cake, the proceeds of which will go towards buying items to make up incomplete boxes and shipping costs.

If you are able to spare an hour on the day then your help would be very much appreciated to sort the gifts and pack boxes

(please contact Janet Willmott, details below, if you are able to assist with these)

Yes please to:
Toys: bear, soft toy, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument, trucks, cars, dolls, clip on earrings, tennis ball etc
Educational supplies: felt pens, pens, pencils, colouring book, notepad, puzzle book, stickers etc
Hygiene items: toothbrush, hairbrush, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel etc
Others: sweets (sell by date to be at least March 2016) gloves, scarf, sunglasses, hat, bangles, etc
Items should be new

No thank you to:
No food: especially chocolate
No medicine or vitamins of any kind
No war related items: toy guns, soldiers or knives of any kind
No clothing other than hats gloves or scarves
No fragile items or liquids
No dangerous items, sharp objects, scissors or razors
No novels or anything of a political nature
No hand-knitted stuffed toys

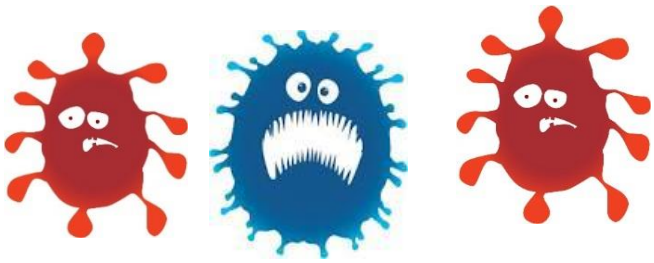
Contributions are required to cover the suggested £3.00 "shipping" donation of each box, which can be gift aided making every £1 worth 25p more.
Envelopes will be available at St Cyriac's Church or in advance by calling one of the numbers below.

Boxes are made up for either a boy or girl with the age categories being 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years.
If you are unable to pop along to St Cyriac's on 17th October but have a contribution, please do contact me, **Janet Willmott, on 01638 743472 or 07833 960678**, and I will arrange for the collection of your donated items

Thank you so much!

Janet Willmott

Burwell Surgery: Burwell Flu Clinics 2015.



Spread the word not the flu this winter… don't hesitate – vaccinate!

Appointments are now open:

DATE	TYPE OF CLINIC	TIMES
Monday 5th October	By Appointment – Adults only	6.30 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 15th October	By Appointment – Adults only	2.30 – 5.00 pm
Monday 26th October	By Appointment *Children & Adults	6.30 – 7.30 pm
Thursday 5th November	By Appointment *Children & Adults	2.30 – 5.00 pm

*We will vaccinate ages 2, 3 and 4 and older children clinically at risk (see below). The Nasal Spray is available for ages 2 and up to 18 years. When booking the appointment if you have experienced asthma or active wheezing within the past 72 hours (3 days) you will need to defer your appointment. Further information is available: http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/flu-influenza-vaccine.aspx

Remember, Remember! Open Clinics will be held on:

DATE	TYPE OF CLINIC	TIMES
Saturday 3rd October	OPEN – Adults only	9.00 – 11.30 am
Saturday 17th October	OPEN - *Children & Adults	9.00 – 11.30 am

Appointments are still available for our Clinic at the Day Centre in Burwell on:
Thursday 24th September 9.00 – 11.30 am for Adults

Those eligible for the vaccination are those who are:

65 years of age or over	Pregnant (at any stage of pregnancy)	BMI over 40 with co-morbidity (see below)	Main carer for an individual whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill

and diagnosed with the following:

Asthma that requires medication
COPD
Diabetes
Heart disease
Immunocompromised
Kidney disease
Neurological conditions

Kind regards

Debbie Everitt
Practice Manager

Cambridgeshire Energy Switch

Cambridgeshire County Council

Save money this autumn on energy bills with the Cambridgeshire Energy Switch!

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme has launched for the fifth time and registration is now open!

Previously the scheme has enabled over 700 households within the county to make average savings of more than £200 per year. Registration is completely free with no obligations.

The scheme is backed by Cambridgeshire County as well as the County's five district and city councils.

The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch scheme uses the collective bargaining power of residents to bid for better gas and electricity prices. The scheme is open to all residents, including those on either credit or pre-payment meters.

Register before midnight on Monday 12 October 2015 to find out whether you could save money on your energy bills.

To register online, or find out more, visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch

Alternatively, contact us for further information or assistance:
Energy.Switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
01223 703874

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service: Open Fires

CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
pressoffice@cambsfire.gov.uk
www.cambsfire.gov.uk
PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

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

Top tips to enjoy an open fire safely:

· Sweep your chimney at least once a year and get brickwork inspected, especially the chimney breast and roof space.

· Do not bank fires too high or overload the grate, and remember to let them burn down well and check the hearth before going to bed.

· Use a fire or spark guard to prevent accidental fires.

· Do not place objects on or over the mantle-piece which may cause you to stand too close to the fire to reach or use them.

· Burn only suitable fuels and avoid burning resinous woods as soot builds up quickly.

Above all, ensure you have a working smoke alarm fitted on each floor or your home.

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.

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

Care Network Cambridgeshire

care NETWORK CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Supporting Volunteers
Encouraging Independence
Developing Good Neighbour Projects

I am here to help!

I am writing to introduce myself, and offer my help. My name is Lynne McAulay and I am the Community Development Officer in East Cambridge. My team is here to help people set up and sustain community groups, like lunch clubs, good neighbour schemes, knitting groups, gardening clubs, dog cafes. In fact, this list is endless because if you want to do anything to help older, isolated or vulnerable people in your community, we will try to help.

We are funded to do this work and so there is no cost to you, and we can come out to chat about any of your ideas with no pressure for you to do them if you change your mind.

We have a long history of helping groups and in the last few months have supported Swaffham Bulbeck re-start their lunch club, including finding them £1,000 of funding to help them get going.

If you don't want to set up your own group but want to be involved in helping people in your community, you could consider one of our other volunteering opportunities:

- Practical Help – our Help at Home volunteers offer free short term practical and emotional support for up to 3 weeks, during an illness at home, crisis or after a hospital stay.
- Information and Advice – our Community Navigator volunteers provide information about services and activities that you may find enjoyable or useful.

If you have any questions , would like more information or would like to arrange for a visit, please just call or email me on 01954 211919 lynne.m@care-network.org.uk

For more information our website is here http://care-network.org.uk/ We are also on twitter @CareNetworkCamb and you can find us on Facebook.

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Cambridgeshire Parish Bulletin

Cambridgeshire County Council

1. **The Home Front: Cambridgeshire Commemorates Cambridgeshire has been commemorating the 70th anniversary of the end of World War II this summer with events and activities taking place across the county giving residents an opportunity to learn and reminisce about war time Britain.**

The Home Front: Cambridgeshire Commemorates the End of World War II, is being coordinated by us alongside Cambridge City Council, East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdonshire and South Cambridgeshire District Council. Find out more at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/ww2

There will be an exhibition touring the county, displaying memories and images collected through projects run by us, the Museum of Cambridge and Age UK Cambridgeshire. The exhibition will be displayed in museums and libraries across Cambridgeshire from September 2015 to February 2016.

2. **Save money this Autumn with the Cambridgeshire energy switch. The Cambridgeshire Energy Switch launches for the fifth time this autumn, giving you the chance to save money on your energy bills.**

It uses the collective bargaining power of residents to bid for better gas and electricity prices. Unlike 'comparison websites', it is totally independent with no vested interests. It is open to all Cambridgeshire residents, including those on either credit or pre-payment meters.

Registration will be open from Tuesday 1 September until midnight on Monday 12 October. Registration is free and without obligation. Following registration, energy suppliers will be given the opportunity to compete for business and provide their best tariffs for electricity and/or gas, for the collective group of residents registered with the scheme.

To register, residents will need to know their current energy supplier, their current tariff found on their bill and their household's annual gas and/or electricity usage. Registering does not commit households to switching supplier; residents can choose not to switch once they have received their offer. Residents who have previously registered, can renew their registration and participate if their contract is now complete.
Visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch for more or contact 01223 703874, energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

3. **Free eNewspapers, eAudio books and eMagazine from Cambridgeshire Libraries**

Did you know you can read thousands of free eNewspapers without leaving your home? Our eNewspaper collection brings many national daily (Daily Express, Daily Mail, The Independent etc) international and local newspapers right to your doorstep. All are available to read using your PC, phone or tablet.

Our free eAudio book collection has grown too with two brand new services available from BorrowBox and Ulverscroft. That means that, along with our OneClick Digital catalogue, there are over 2,500 free eAudio books to download and enjoy!

If that's not enough, you can also download and read free eMagazines. There are over 40 to choose from including BBC Good Food, BBC Gardeners' World, Cycling Weekly, Good Housekeeping, What Car? and many more.

All you need to access these fantastic services is a free library card. To get yours or to start reading, visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

4. **New Covenant Fund means communities can help local armed forces Local organisations can do their bit to help the armed forces community with the launch of a new fund worth £10 million by the Ministry of Defence.**

As part of the national Covenant Fund, small grants worth £20,000 and larger ones up to £500,000 will be available for projects to help service personnel, veterans and anyone with a connection to the armed forces living around Cambridgeshire.

For more details and to apply see www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fundguidance-on-how-to-apply

5. **Scams**

Last month officers from our Supporting Businesses and Communities service took part in the national Scam Awareness Month. The campaign aimed to raise awareness of scams and prevent residents from becoming a victim. You can read more about scams on our website here www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20113/scams or for further advice contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

Officers are also supporting Home Instead, a Cambridge care company, with a scams awareness event they are organising. It's due to take place on 30 September at Queen Edith Chapel on Wulfstan Way, Cambridge and is aimed at anyone who comes into contact or who looks out for elderly and vulnerable people. For more information contact:
mike.francis@homeinstead.co.uk
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

6. **Gas Safety Week – October The 14-20 October is Gas Safety Week**

The aim is to raise awareness of gas safety in the home. It's important that you have your gas appliances safety checked every year and serviced regularly. Unsafe gas appliances put you at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, gas leaks, fires and explosions. Always use a Gas Safe registered engineer (ask for their ID card and check it – you can check that they are registered at www.gassaferegister.co.uk)

7. Cambridgeshire Timebanking – Exchanging Time, Connecting Lives

What is Timebanking? People exchange time and skills (not money) within their community (this could be gardening or IT support for example) and it is part of the increasingly popular 'sharing economy'. There are currently five Timebanks in Cambridgeshire, with over 12,000 hours exchanged and almost 500 individual members.

The Cambridgeshire Timebanking Partnership is holding a free event on Thursday 27 October 7-9pm at Newnham College as part of Cambridge University Festival of Ideas programme for people to find out more. It's sponsored by Mills and ReeveLLP. Book your place today by visiting www.eventbrite.co.uk and search 'Cambridgeshire Timebanking' or email zoe.davidson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk, phone on 01223 699672 or follow us on Twitter @TimebankCambs to keep up to date on our activities.

8. Natural Cambridgeshire Natural Cambridgeshire, the Local Nature Partnership, for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough is developing a pilot project that aims to demonstrate the benefits of being physically active in the natural environment.

As part of this we are carrying out a 'mapping' exercise to see if there are already any naturally active projects happening in the county. This could include health walks, gardening or allotment activities, practical conservation activities, cycling schemes or other activities based on a nature reserve, park or green space. We would be very interested in what's happening in your Parish. For more information or to send in details contact phil.clark@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or nutan.patel@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

Correspondence Address: 31 Tothill Road, Swaffham Prior, Cambridge, CB25 0JX
Tel: 01638 741035

Dear All

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

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

Applications should be sent to me or any Trustee and I stress that this assistance is available at all times and not merely at Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pam Waters
Clerk to the Trustees

Bottisham Village College
Adult and Community Learning

If you are free on Saturday 7th November, why not come along and learn something new at one of our day courses?

Decorate your Christmas Cake (Igloo and Penguins)
Dressmaking (9.30 am – 4.00 pm)
Flowers for Christmas
Indian Street Food
Paediatric First Aid (7th/8th Nov) (9.15 am – 3.15 pm)
Make a Stained Glass Sun Catcher
Upholstery and Chair Caning (9.30 am – 4.00 pm)
Website in a Day

Courses run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm unless specified

In the meantime, don't forget our 5-week evening courses commencing after half term:

Baking for Christmas (from 3 Nov)
Authentic Indian Cookery (from 5 Nov)
Sugarcraft – Miniature Shoes & Handbags (from 5 Nov)

To enrol, see our website, or contact the Community Office
www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning
Tel: 01223 811372
Email: adultlearning@bottishamvc.org
Facebook: BottishamAdultCommunityLearning or
Twitter: @CommunityEdBott



Out and About



The days perceptively diminish as September hovers between Summer and Autumn although, thankfully, there's still warmth in the day and golden evenings to bank against the winter months ahead.

The harvest is almost in, although a few tracts of barley still await combine and trailer as I write; there's a definite early morning nip in the air, noticeably heavy dews and hedges full of berries. The fen lands are a rich mosaic of colour and texture, geese pass overhead in V formations, feathery reed heads have turned purple and temporarily border dark fields of plough.

Although only a few villagers contributed to local wildlife sightings for this article, the wealth and variety of them within our comparatively small area is enlightening.

On 27th July over 300 corvids fed on Gareth's field at 8.30am, a huge dark flock of jackdaws, crows and rooks, the recent rains must have brought a multitude of grubs and worms to the surface.



Sparrowhawk

On 3rd August - Tracy saw a little owl on the lawn at Springhall Farm and a sparrowhawk on the grass verge beside the drove. When riding the Snakehall loop, she also spotted clouds of butterflies: comma, large and small whites, peacock, red admiral, meadow brown, gatekeeper, brimstone and holly blues. Whilst walking the dyke on 8th August she noted - banded demoiselle, ringlets and holly blues and chiffchaffs. At this time her feed station on the farm was a frenzy of fledglings, robins, greenfinch, blue/great/longtailed tits, blackbirds, thrushes and chaffinch. On 22nd August she spied a kingfisher at the lode point. On 3rd September - she watched an adult tawny owl hunting the field opposite Tubney Fen and called it spectacular. During the same walk she saw a sparrowhawk perched on the Tubney sign.

On 21st August Hilary was thrilled to see a red kite soaring over her garden. The young buzzard with the distinct pale plumage still favours her field gatepost. On 24th a large toad surprised both her and the terriers as it hopped across the path in Reach Wood. Returning home from the field mid evening on 11th September she 'came face to face with a beautiful badger near Old Bar Drove, caught a close up of a young muntjac near Swan Lake barns and a hedgehog in the village near Charles Moseley's'.



Green woodpecker

On 3rd September a buzzard circled above our field, I then caught sight of a family of four wheeling over the village, mewing and riding the thermals. On 6th September I spent time watching a green woodpecker on Gareth's field telegraph pole, a frequent haunt. Its predominantly green and yellow upperparts, bright red crown and black moustachial stripes (the male) were plain to see. I would be disappointed not to hear its ringing laugh-like yaffle call daily.

A barn owl regularly hunts the fringes of Reach Wood in early evening daylight. These ghostly birds were often associated with churchyards i.e. relatively undisturbed sites and therefore rich in small mammals.



Common toad

Though supposedly retiring and unobtrusive a toad was spotted recently by Martin in our feedshed, it seemed happy enough despite not being particularly near water, hopefully it found slugs and beetles to feed upon.

A whistling peep often announces the presence of a kingfisher on the lode below the Redfarn's house. These brilliantly coloured small birds have an ungainly body shape with disproportionately large heads and bills, short legs and tail. Ideal, nonetheless, for diving and making short bursts of rapid fight.

We've noticed an increasing number of woodpigeons in the garden and a rather tame pair of collared doves, one boldly sits on the bathroom window latch when we are upstairs. Strange as it may seem, I learn that the collared dove was unknown in Britain until 1955, but is now widespread and invariably associated with people, favouring towns, villages and farms, feeds on the ground and is often seen in pairs.

I walked Tubney Fen recently and enjoyed following the narrow well-trodden cattle paths, two herons rose silently from reed fringed ditches, the air was full of twittering goldfinches, starlings were already gathering in small murmurations (with swallows intersecting the group) and the cries of little grebe and coot were a constant background accompaniment.

The route the pup and I take isn't lengthy but the chance to rest, sit with binoculars and take stock of the fen landscape part-way round would be a welcome respite. With this in mind I contacted the National Trust to sponsor a bench (how to position when the cattle will inevitably rub on sections?) and vaguely thought about ordering one from Wicken's talented craftsman, Jamie Cakebread. Helpfully, however the Trust offered to ask Jason Cooper, our local firewood supplier, to site a large log in a suitable place from which they will chainsaw a seat. Thank you John Hughes.

Also, a big thank you to the many villagers who viewed our annual art exhibition in Swaffham Prior. As always, this support was much appreciated. We had an excellent couple of weekends with over 550 visitors and the lovely, light and airy St. Cyriac Church again proved a splendid and much revered venue.

Joss Goodchild



Swaffham Prior Scouts on the ferry on the way to camp in Denmark - very early in the morning!

ELY'S APPLE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2015

PALACE GREEN (OPPOSITE CATHEDRAL), ELY
10AM – 4PM FREE ENTRY

Ely is holding its annual Apple Festival in celebration of the great British Apple. The original idea of an Apple Celebration in Ely was the brainchild of Watergull Orchards, apple producers and previous traders at Ely's Farmers Market. They attended many other Apple Festivals in the region and thought it would be an excellent idea to do one in Ely. Our event has now developed into one of the best festivals in the area. The event provides interest and intrigue for all sorts of people whether you are interested in the educational, environment or simply the fun angle of the day.

Our experts from East of England Apples and Orchard Project will once again be in attendance to identity any apples that you care to bring along. Apparently, it is easier to identify if you can bring a long part of the stalk and/or leaf as well as the actual apple so if you have been mystified as to what kind of apples were growing in your garden all these years, bring a sample along.

There will be several competitions, woodturning demonstrations, storytelling and activities running throughout the day including the ever-popular longest apple peeling competition, apple and spoon races, and an apple shy.

Apple delights can be tasted at the Watergull Orchards marquee where a whole range of apples and juices are on offer. There will also be a hog roast with applesauce, pork & apple burgers and sausages.

Folk music and Morris dancing will be performed throughout the day to add to the ambience of this wonderful day. We hope to see you there!

Further information please contact
Ely Tourist Information Centre,
29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HF
01353 662062
www.visitely.org.uk or follow us on Twitter
@VisitEly

Hot Plants

Earlier this summer thousands came to witness the dramatic flowering of one of the Garden's rarities, a titan arum from the rainforests of Sumatra. Also known as the corpse flower for the stink of rotting meat it emits in flower, the titan arum produces one of the largest single flowering structures in the world – ours reached 130cm and this was tiny compared to others! The dramatic structure is not actually a flower at all, but an inflorescence, comprising a central, spike-like spadix, surrounded by a frilly, funnel-shaped spathe. At its base, the spathe, really a highly modified leaf, forms a protective chamber enclosing thousands of actual flowers. These are arranged in rings; the lower rings of female flowers open on the first night of full flowering and the upper rings of male flowers open on the second night.



Thermal image of the tip of the spadix

When the female flowers are ready for pollination, the spadix heats up through a series of chemical reactions – a process known as thermogenesis. As night falls, temperatures in the middle of the structure can reach 40°C, which is higher than human body temperature. The heat helps to distribute sulphurous compounds – the atrocious stench for which it is famous – across vast distances to lure its pollinators, thought to be carrion beetles and blow flies. With the help of volcanologist Dr Clive Oppenheimer and his phenomenal thermal imaging camera, we were able to record the titan arum heating up over the course of its two-night flowering and a sequence of remarkable images clearly shows the spadix heating up from the tip downwards, rather like a Star Wars lightsaber but in reverse!

This ability to self-generate heat is not unique to the titan arum but is seen in quite a number of plants. Heating up helps the plant to disperse the smells (chemical compounds) and it may also help cold-blooded insect pollinators get up to operating temperature. Our Santa Cruz waterlily in the Tropical Wetlands house also heats up to release its pineapple scent to lure in pollen beetles.

The Botanic Garden is open in Sept 10–6, Oct 10-5 and Nov –Dec 10-4. Admission charges to the Botanic Garden are as follows: - Adult: £5.00, adult Gift aid £5.50. Concession: £4.50, Gift aid concession £4.95. Please visit the website for details at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk.

Juliet Day
Development Officer
The Botanic Garden

Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One



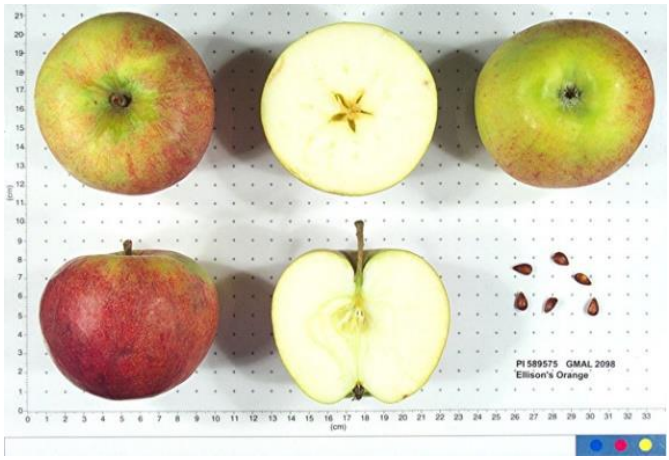
A Service for Thanksgiving & Remembering
Sunday November 1st 2015
3 pm
St Mary's Church
Burwell
Followed by refreshments



Featured Fruits from the 24Acres Community Orchard

Ellison's Orange

Ellison's Orange is an early (*c*.1905) cross of Cox's Orange Pippin, and without doubt one of the most significant Cox-style apples. Its depth and range of flavour are in the same league as its parent.



Its uniqueness comes from the strange aniseed flavour which can arise after picking. In a good year, and soon after picking, the aniseed is subdued or absent and some authorities claim Ellison's Orange can be as intense as Cox. In a bad year though, or grown in the wrong conditions, it can be quite unpleasant. The trick is to remember that Ellison's Orange, unlike most of the more complex apple varieties, is actually a mid-season apple, ripening in the UK in September. Also, like other mid-season varieties, it does not keep especially well.

If you don't like aniseed do not let this put you off because you would be missing a unique taste experience. Straight from the tree the aniseed flavour is barely detectable and Ellison's Orange has such a glorious richness of flavour that it is "essential reading" for anyone with an interest in apples. After a few days the aniseed is slightly more apparent - but merely as a liquorice undertone to a whole array of different fruit flavours.

Visually Ellison's Orange fits the bill as a classic English variety. The flesh is quite soft, somewhat pear-like in texture, and juicier than Cox. Ellison's Orange is certainly a good way in to the Cox-style flavour. Although Cox is readily available in supermarkets from both UK and New Zealand suppliers, it is difficult to get examples which truly reflect its flavour potential - supermarket Cox apples are usually pleasant but do not really live up to the reputation. Ellison's Orange on the other hand - if you can find it - is a more reliable variety.

Ellison's Orange was developed from Cox's Orange Pippin by Rev. Ellison in Lincolnshire, England, at the start of the 20th century. Its other parent is believed to be one of the Calville varieties, originating in France and thought to be very old.

Ellison's Orange has always been moderately popular as a Cox-style apple which is easier to grow than its disease-prone parent. As a result it can sometimes be found at farmers markets or in old traditional orchards.

It is also much easier to grow in the garden than Cox - and picked straight from the tree is the best way to enjoy the incredible intense flavours without over-dosing on the aniseed.

Ellison's Orange is an English classic that can undoubtedly claim a place in the first rank of apple varieties.

We have three Ellison's Orange trees in the 24Acres orchard, only one of which is currently sponsored (by Kathryn Cane). Anyone want to sponsor this amazing-sounding apple?

Green Harvey

There isn't a lot written about this dual-use (dessert or cooking) variety. It is described as 'An old green dual-purpose apple with a sweet-sharp flavour… A long-keeping green-skinned variety… Coarse fleshed so keeps shape quite well when cooked and needs little sugar'.

The variety dates to 1813 and it originates from Cambridgeshire, but its parentage is unknown. It is a very late season variety, which keeps quite well – three months or more. *We have two trees in the orchard – neither of which are currently sponsored!*



Hacon's Incomparable

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Although highly-rated in the east of England in the 19th century, it did not achieve wider success.

We have two trees in the orchard – one is sponsored by Tony, Rebecca, Archie and Miranda Fordham, the other is still available for sponsorship.

All descriptions courtesy of Orange Pippin: http://www.orangepippin.com/

David Thomas

Tales from a Reach Garden



What an odd summer we have had this year: the first part in late June to mid-July was hot and dry, relieved by the occasional thundery shower. Then, as soon as schools closed for the holidays, the weather became cooler and cloudier, then cold and wet over (and since) August bank holiday. Most years I try to grow aubergines and occasionally I'm successful – this year I gave up by mid-August and had to destroy the poor plants which had been attacked by aphids, slugs and pigeons and not a single flower produced in all that time.



Oxheart. Photo taken 15 September

The tomatoes put on a spurt of growth in early summer, with lots of flowers and then fruit. I started to pick some ripening "Sungold" tomatoes at the end of August, but all the others are resolutely, stubbornly, green. Tomatoes need heat to ripen and even the warmth of an average British summer is sufficient to do this, but the bulk of this summer has been decidedly below par.



Red Cherry. Photo taken 15 September

A couple of the tomatoes have rotted because of the damp, cool conditions. Although growing tomatoes under cover (we use a polytunnel) avoids the problem with tomato blight and helps to keep them warm (usually). Most summers, I open the doors during the day to help ventilate the polytunnel and cool down the overheating tomatoes, then close the doors, most nights, to help keep them warm. This summer ventilation has been essential because of condensation in the polytunnel, thanks to the very cool nights, but the cool damp conditions have encouraged moulds and ventilation doesn't work much if there's torrential rainfall outside. However, it does allow pollinating insects inside to do their job and I'm often watering the tomatoes to a background noise of whirring, buzzing and tapping as bees, butterflies and flies move from flower to flower then try to bash their way out of the sides of the polytunnel. One day in late August, a skinny, ragged little robin followed me in to feast on the cornucopia of insects, which it continued to do during the day. When I opened the polytunnel door the following morning, a still-ragged but much plumper robin flew out! Since then I've noticed while watering that the polytunnel has been silent and the robin has been busy elsewhere…



Alicante. Photo taken 15 September

We will have to use a heater to help ripening tomatoes, or at least insulate the polytunnel with bubble-wrap. There are too many tomatoes to bring in to put in a paper bag in a dark drawer and I find the tomatoes ripened this way tend to be dry and tasteless, anyway. Meanwhile I'm looking up recipes for green tomatoes. It'll be the first time I've had to make green tomato chutney...

Apart from our tomatoes (and the poor, wretched aubergines) most of the other vegetables in the garden have done reasonably well. Our peas recovered well after the thrips invasion and some of them (the "Early Onward" variety) even gave us a second, larger crop. Our runner beans and French beans did even better than last year. We grew more Borlotti beans this year than we have previously – we grow these for the beans, rather than the pods, which, unlike our other beans aren't as tender as young pods. For some reason the Borlotti beans have preferred the conditions this year and gave us a large crop from a few plants. I suspect the hot weather at the start of summer helped to produce lots of flowers, then the cool, damp conditions helped to swell the beans. As the beans grow, the pods swell and turn a streaky red colour when ripe, and the beans are remarkably streaky too.



Borlotti peas ripening on the vine

The beans can be dried, or frozen. I usually blanch the beans, boiling for a few minutes to remove any toxins on the skins then pat dry, flash freeze and pack. The beautiful streaky colour disappears on blanching as the beans turn a red-brown. I use the frozen beans direct in stews and soups; they are defrosted and cooked in the stew or soup.



Borlotti beans after shelling and ready for cooking

We also had a good crop of garlic, onions and shallots this year, although the garlic had to be lifted early and brought indoors because the leaves had developed pustules of rust fungus. Providing there is no fungus on the bulbs themselves, the bulbs should keep well after drying.



Garlic growing nicely in spring then attacked by rust in summer

All the onions and shallots have had to be brought indoors to dry because the weather has been too damp for drying outside prior to storing.



In addition to planting daffodils, hyacinths and other spring bulbs, September is a good time to start planting cloves of garlic to develop into large bulbs ready for lifting in summer next year. The plants don't appear to do much until spring, but the bulbs that develop are much larger than those planted in the spring. In common with most bulbs the soil needs to be fairly free draining, but apart from rust, which tends to develop in the summer when the bulbs should be lifted any way, garlic is remarkably trouble-free and worth growing in the garden.

Danuta Gibson

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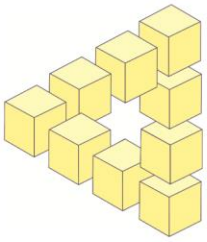

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Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News



Both Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen recently played hosts to delegates from the around the globe who were attending the 16th International National Trust's Conference, which was held in Cambridge at the beginning of September. The theme for the conference was 'the role of the National Trust movement in the 21st Century' - Anglesey Abbey's fantastic community outreach programme and the Wicken Fen Vision certainly inspired the delegates.



This autumn the National Trust is once again holding the Great British Walk in association with our corporate partner, Cotswold Outdoor. It's worth remembering that both Anglesey and Wicken hold regular weekly Heart Beat Health Walks on Wednesday at Wicken and Thursdays at Anglesey. Walks depart at 10am and last about one hour, covering a distance of approximately 3 - 4 miles. At Wicken we are also holding a **'Walk the Fen's** event on Sunday 18 October. There's a 7-mile walk in the morning exploring Burwell Fen and Adventurers' Fen, which leaves at 10am, and a 5-mile walk leaving a 1.30pm to Upware and back. The walks are free and you are welcome to do just one or both – please call the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 to reserve your place.

We will be celebrating '**Awesome Autumn'** at Anglesey from 12 October – 8 November, as rich vibrant colours breakout throughout the gardens. As part of the celebrations we've hidden seven geocaches in the gardens. You can download the co-ordinates from www.geocaching.com or you can borrow a pre-loaded GPS receiver from Visitor Reception. Our staff and volunteers will be delighted to show you how the receivers work to get you started on your adventure. You can also learn how to climb trees with the experts from the Big Tree Climbing Co. on Saturday 10 and Wednesday 28 October. Tickets are £18, and there's a minimum age of 6 years. Details of how to book can be found on the Events page at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey. Our volunteer garden guides will also be leading **Autumn Colour walks** around the gardens on Friday 2, Monday 5, Tuesday 13, Wednesday 21, Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 October, 1.30 - 3.30pm.

Up-coming events at Wicken include, a **Rush Weaving Workshop** (Saturday 10 October, 10am - 4pm) with Nadine Anderson, where you can learn how to make rush mats and baskets using locally grown rush. Tickets are £60 (Including materials) on 01353 720274. For half-term we have **Family Campfire Cooking** (Monday 26 October at 10am). Learn how to prepare and cook a delicious 3-course meal, with the help of our expert chef, using a basic mud oven. Tickets £45 (for 2 adults and up to 3 children) on 01353 720274. There's plenty of outdoor fun, games and crafts on **Autumn Adventure** (Tuesday 27 October) and lots of spooky fun on **Batty Halloween (**Friday 30 October). Full details of the events including ticketing information is available at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

Howard Cooper
Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



Days Gone By



The outstanding single at this time ir 1982 was "Do you really want to hur me" by Culture Club. This was only their third release but it topped the charts in over a dozen countries.

The band, formed in 1982, had Boy George, an Irish transvestite as the lead singer, a black Briton on bass an Anglo-Saxon on guitar and keyboards and a Jewish drummer hence the name Culture Club.

In England, the Mary Rose, flagship of King Henry VIII, was raised to the surface after 437 years at the bottom of the Solent. The long-anticipated £4 million operation, twice postponed, was beset by technical problems with the complicated salvaging apparatus and floating cradle.



But the ship's skeletal remains of mud-caked timber were in the end successfully re-floated and experts began the long process of restoring the Mary Rose in a dry dock in Portsmouth.

Lifting of the wreck from its location at 50 feet below sea level began at 0700 local time and within two hours the first jagged edges of timber had broken the surface. A cannon was fired from the ramparts of Southsea Castle to signal the historic moment.

Margaret Rule, archaeological director of the privately-sponsored project said the raising of the "fascinating and rare Tudor artefact" was the culmination of a "dream that had gripped the imagination of the world".

The Mary Rose was rediscovered in 1966 by Alexander McKee, a historian and amateur diver. Since then over 10,000 well-preserved items have been excavated including weapons, clothes and even a backgammon set.

Launched in 1510, the Mary Rose sank on its way to engage the French enemy fleet off Portsmouth Sound in 1545. Most marine historians believe her sinking was simply the result of a handling error. At the time the French assumed it was their cannons. Between four and five hundred men perished.

She was unique as a transitional ship between mediaeval "floating castles" and Elizabeth I's navy galleons.

In the 19th century Royal Engineers blew up part of the Mary Rose as a "hazard to shipping". In 1980 RE divers began helping to raise the wreck to "atone" for their predecessors' work.

The Mary Rose now forms part of a museum at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.

In Reach – the magazine congratulates Janet Aves and Glenn Newman who were married in September 1982. That's 33 years Janet – you must have the patience of a saint!

The magazine also contains an excellent poem which the vicar reproduced from a collection of verses dating back to the early 1950's by S J Forrest . . . .

Oh vicar thank you terribly for asking about Joey
His progress all the term has been phenomenally showy
His school report was wonderful and even on vacation
He's feverishly busy with unending occupation
He's working on the radio to make it pre-selective
And reading criminology, to be a great detective
And while his scholarship exam is pending a decision
He's mastering the principles of modern television
He understands the mysteries of synchrony and scanning
And here's a little sketch of apparatus that he's planning
He's made a lovely aeroplane with accurate dihedral
And built a perfect replica of Exeter cathedral
He's classified a thousand trains observed on railway stations
And catalogues the foreign stamps of ninety-seven nations
He's joined your Confirmation Class, but his Dad and I have banned it
You see, we feel he's just a bit too young to understand it!

The Vicar then adds that "Despite this, I hope to begin Confirmation classes on the Vicarage on Wednesday 6th October at 8.30pm".

David Parr

Can I also remind you that we need your pictures as soon as possible so that they can be considered for inclusion in our **Reach Village 2016 Calendar**.

And they can have been taken ANY TIME – not just during the last year – there must be plenty of excellent pictures of the seasons in Reach over the years . . . .



Please email them to davidmparr@btinternet.com or get them to me on a memory stick.

Meeting Hilary Fielding

My name is Hilary Anne Fielding. I've no idea why Anne was chosen as my middle name but “Hilary” came about because as a little girl, my mother knew a slightly older girl called Hilary who was smart, neat and pretty and she thought she was lovely.



I was born in Preston, Lancashire. When I was very young we lived in various parts of the country, following my father who was an electrical engineer with British Rail. As he got promoted so we moved house. We lived in Cheshire, around the area of York twice (on two separate occasions), Teesside for a while and down as far as Plymouth. I lived mostly in Yorkshire, near York and think of York as my home. It's a beautiful city.



I attended numerous primary schools, then Yarm-on Tees Grammar School for three years. In 1971 we moved to Easingwold near York where I went to one of the new-fangled “Comprehensive” schools. I liked school but I was not particularly academic. I was not particularly sporty either-rather below average I would say. My strengths were English, music and drama. I took part in concerts especially when at secondary school and I acted in several school plays. I was in the sixth form when I got my first big role of “Nancy” in “Oliver”. I went on to be “Juliet” in Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet” - that was a tough one! I get my musical ability from my mother's side of the family - my mother was a semi-professional soprano and my Great Grandfather played the church organ.



When I left school I decided to go into teaching. As a result of my recent theatrical successes, I fancied teaching drama. I went to The Bishop Grosseteste teacher training college in Lincoln to study drama and English with a view to being a secondary school teacher. It didn't quite work out the way I had originally planned because Lincoln operated a three-tier system of first, middle and upper school. My first teaching practice was in a middle school and I found myself drawn to the younger children, so ended up as a primary school teacher. Drama continued as an aspiration, though and I wrote all the musical plays for my classes to perform every year.

I continued my career as a primary school teacher until I had my first child, Rebecca, who was born in 1983. I was lucky enough to be able to stay at home and enjoy being a mum but after a year I decided that being at home was not enough. I resumed my piano studies and I was awarded the diploma Associate of the London College of Music in 1986. In 1985 I had already begun teaching the piano during the evenings at home.

In 1987 my second daughter, Rosemary, was born. She arrived in the early hours of October 17th - the day after the "hurricane" of Michael Fish fame.



Just before Christmas 1999 the girls and I moved to Reach. My piano teaching increased to become the equivalent to full time and I started working in schools as a peripatetic teacher on a self-employed basis, as well as teaching each evening and Saturday mornings at home. I always offer to help out in the village by playing the piano at the Carol Singing evening, at the Family Service at Christmas in the church and any other occasion when a piano is required!



In 1989, at the age of 32, I did two amazing things: I joined the Bottisham Players and I bought my first horse. I was with the Bottisham Players for seven years. During that time I did lots of acting in pantos, plays and musical reviews, a few of which I also directed. The plays took place in the drama studio of Bottisham College which was nice because it was more contained. The panto and summer shows were in the hall. In the mid 1990s I left the Players because of other commitments; my ever increasing piano teaching and the girls' equestrian activities.

I have loved horses since I was very young. My mother tells the story of one evening, while we were waiting for my father who was late home from work. Out of the blue I said to my mum, "If daddy doesn't come home you could marry a farmer and then I can have a horse". Even as a baby I was fascinated by horses and always have been. I never really got to ride as a child - just the odd pony ride on the beach. I did have riding lessons for a year when I was 12 years old and I enjoyed the odd rides on friends' ponies whenever they were offered.

In the few years before I had the children I started horse riding at a couple of local riding schools. When I got my own pony called Tammy it was a dream come true. As a little girl I was enthralled by the sound of the clip clop of horses' hooves in the streets, so when I first rode out it was a delight to think that it was my own horse making the sound! Tammy and I used to hack around the countryside, having a lovely time.

The carriage driving started when I acquired a pure bred Dartmoor pony for the children called Marty. With the help of a friend I decided to break him in to drive, as he was such a safe pony in traffic. I tell people that it was **he** who broke **me** in to drive, as he took to it so naturally! I used to call him "Smarty Marty and his little Carty".



I have two daughters, Rebecca and Rosemary. When they were children they were both members of the Worlington Riding Club. A year after joining I was given the job of Junior Team Manager and I did this for six years. The teams were brilliant! We won everything going, especially the show jumping and cross country events. We used to train together and there was a brilliant team spirit. At competitions they worked together, cheering each other on and sympathising if someone didn't do so well.

I don't ride horses much at the moment, but I am really enjoying my carriage driving. I've had several carriage driving horses in my time, but my favourite is Rosie who I've owned for 13 years. She's brilliant. She has her "moments" but is an excellent, obedient and safe carriage horse. We were on the front cover of the last issue of the magazine on the occasion of Dave and Toni's wedding so you know that we scrub up nicely. I bought my current four wheeled carriage from a local dealer but it originally came from Poland. I'm a member of the British Driving Society and also a Committee Member of the Cambridge and West Suffolk Driving Club. The club members enjoy their horses and carriages but it's not competitive. Several members have venues where we can park, drive for 10 - 12 miles and enjoy a picnic lunch. The objectives of the clubs are to enjoy the countryside with our equines, enjoy each other's company and promote safe carriage driving.

I've been on Reach Parish Council since 2009. Once my girls grew up and left home I fancied a change. I had avoided joining the Village Centre Committee because being part of organising the Fair would have been too much work with my teaching and the horses. A retiring councillor suggested that I give it a go, so I thought why not? It is a way of making a contribution to the village. It's been very interesting and I have learnt a lot about how villages are run. It's easy to take for granted that Fair Green grass is cut, the street lights are fixed, the weeds around the war memorial cleared etc. but someone has to organise these tasks. I am the Rights of Way Officer - a natural position for me because I know all the footpaths and byways by heart because of my horse riding and dog walking.



For me Reach is home and I love it. It's extraordinarily pretty. I love tiny villages. We are in an enviable position living here. It's historical and picturesque. It has a strong sense of community, possibly because of Reach Fair. The Fair does bring people together and many people assist with the tasks, some large and some small.

I have three dogs at present. The ideal number of dogs is two or indeed one but I have to leave my dogs on their own and therefore they're company for each other. Freddie the youngest was a free gift because he came as a puppy in need of a home. He is very cute now and was even more so as a puppy so how could I say no?





I do have hobbies which I do in between all that I have mentioned. I like cross stitch, knitting (though I've gone off this for the present) and sewing (I'm very handy with the machine). I enjoy home crafts basically. I have also become the very proud Grandma to Rebecca's son, Jake Michael !

I can cook and I used to cook very, very well but have got lazy more recently. I used to cook for dinner parties - starters, mains, desserts, the whole lot! I always cook from fresh and buy very few prepared meals.

I am fairly handy round the house certainly plugs and shelves are not a challenge. I recently constructed my grandson's trike from a flat pack!

At present I like reading Phillipa Gregory's historical novels. I like her as a writer and I'm knowledgeable about the Plantagenet and Tudor periods. I always read her new novels though some are better than others. I also enjoy a good spooky tale - in summary, I like mysteries and histories!

I like most of the music from the 1970s - I was a bit of a rock chick. T Rex, The Who, David Bowie, Queen etc. I also love Classical music especially Vaughan Williams' Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis. I do not like jazz!

My film for a desert island would be anything with Patrick Swazie (especially Ghost) or Johnny Depp (I love Sleepy Hollow!).

My philosophy is Live life to the full, and be true to yourself!

Hilary Fielding

Dear Ross . . . .

Ross Clark is agreeable to answering your questions, large or small, quirky or otherwise. This issue's questions were sent in by Nick Webb.

Can we put dark matter in our recycling bins?

Unfortunately not at present. Dark matter becomes worthless if it is contaminated by grass cuttings or old telephone directories, which means that it would have to be collected on its own. East Cambs District Council has investigated the possibility of introducing a special collection, but has unfortunately decided against it on grounds of cost and the obstruction to the pavement which would be caused by each household having a third wheelie bin. This means that dark matter in East Cambs currently goes to waste. Fortunately, there is no chance of running out of it soon as it makes up 84 per cent of the universe



Is Morris Dancing compounding global warming?

Drinking real ale and prancing around in costumes with bells on is a well-known cause of flatulence. The methane so produce is a powerful greenhouse gas. According to the Department of Applied Guesswork at the University of Cambridge Morris Dancing, at its current rate of growth, will add 0.3 Celsius to global temperatures by the year 2100. Socially-responsible Morris dancers will already be looking for more environmentally-friendly hobbies, such as drag-racing.

Would the appointment of a new king for Reach take us out of the Eurozone?

We're not in the Eurozone, Nick. Where have you been for the past 15 years? I suggest you open your wallet and have a look at what you find inside – unless, as in my case, there is no money in it, just a load of crumpled old train tickets and receipts for sandwiches.

And one question from Mrs Enid Broon

Due to a badly-timed connection I will have to spend two hours kicking my heels at Waterloo Station next week. I don't like modern art, so the Tate Modern is out and I find everything at the National Theatre so dreary. Any ideas of entertainment in the local area?

Yes, I do. There is a brilliant new musical, the White Feather, playing at the Union Theatre, Union Street SE1, until 17 October. You can get you tickets at www.uniontheatre.biz or by ringing 020 7261 9876

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





Food Focus



Each time the deadline for this article approaches I realise that once again I haven't devoted enough time to researching a subject which I really want to write about… sugar and its rapidly emerging alternatives. I am interested largely for my own benefit, as I am an addict, but also because it is widely reported as the new evil and there are not many of us who don't occasionally have a sugar craving. In my dreams I optimistically believe that I will become less dependent on it. In the short term and in the absence of information, time and ingredients which will help me kick this habit I have found some seasonal recipes using autumn's abundant fruit which are made without sugar. A small start.



A breakfast option: Stewed Apples with Cinnamon and Ginger (for 1) from Deliciously Ella

Add peeled and chopped apples (2) to a pan with blueberries or sultanas (handful or tbsp. for sultanas), cinnamon (heaped tsp), maple syrup (a tbsp of the lowest GI sugar) and cover the bottom of the pan with a few cm's of coconut milk, then add ½ an inch of grated ginger. Allow to cook for approximately 20 minutes checking that there is enough liquid and if not adding water or coconut milk. Remove the apples from the pan, heat up the remaining coconut milk (total for recipe should be ½ a can), before pouring over the apples and topping with granola.

Apple Crumble and Ginger Crème Fraiche from Hemsley & Hemsley

Crumble Ingredients: ½ cup/100g of butter or coconut oil, 1½ cups of ground almonds, ½ cup of flaked almonds (or use an extra ¼ cup of ground almonds), 1 tablespoon of cinnamon, 1 teaspoon of nutmeg or ginger, 1½ teaspoons of vanilla extract, 1 pinch of sea salt, 1½ tablespoons of pure maple syrup, 8 medium-sized red and green apples (approx. 1kg) cored and chopped, 1 tablespoon of water, 2 tablespoons of freshly squeezed lemon juice (optional)

Ginger Cream Ingredients: 10 tablespoons of crème fraîche or yoghurt (full fat, probiotic), 1.5 teaspoons of freshly grated ginger, 1-2 teaspoons of raw honey (I haven't really worked this out yet but when I write the article about sugar I'll cover
Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180C
2. Rinse, core and chop the apples into bite-sized pieces.
3. Put the chopped apples and a tablespoon of water into a saucepan, cover with a lid and cook gently on a medium heat for approximately 8 minutes until softened but still retaining colour and bite.
4. Butter the bottom of an 8x8 inch oven proof dish (we use ceramic, enamel or glass) and fill with the cooked apples.
5. Use the saucepan to melt the butter or coconut oil.
6. Mix the rest of the crumble ingredients in a bowl and then add the melted butter. Mix in with a fork until evenly distributed. Chill or freeze the topping if you have time.
7. Distribute the topping mixture over the apples and bake until golden (20-30 minutes).
8. Meanwhile mix the ingredients for the ginger cream, keep cool and serve with the hot crumble

Forthcoming Farmers Markets & Food Festivals

Ely – 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month (September 26th, October 10th & 24th, November 14th & 28th) 8.30am – 2pm

Burwell – 2nd Saturday of each month (October 10th & November 14th) 9.30am -12.30pm

Reach Apple Day – Sunday 18th October

Ely Apple Festival – 17th October, Palace Green, Ely

Cambridge Pumpkin Festival 23rd October – 7th November

Happy cooking!

C**atherine Gibson**

Swaffham Prior Primary School

It is the beginning of the academic year again and we have welcomed our new reception children who are settling in well.

The term has had a positive start and the children have been finding out about their new topics and what learning is in store for them. Saturn and Neptune Classes are finding out about 'Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age'. The topic is called 'Yabber-Dabber-Doo!' and the children will be learning about how life in the Stone Age to Iron Age developed. They will use a timeline to find out about the period from Stone Age to Iron Age and look at the different sources of evidence used by archaeologists. They will also research Ice Age art, how the Stone Age people went from hunter-gatherers to farmers and the development of tools and technology.



Sam trying some cave art in the classroom

Mercury and Mars Classes are starting a topic called 'Superheroes, Super Me'. The children have already enjoyed a big start to the topic, in the form of a superhero training day. They will also spend time learning about the body and the 5 senses and look at the local area in Geography with a particular emphasis on the local park. So far, they have been creative designing and making Super Hero masks and are now in the process of writing to the Swaffham Prior Parish Council about their thoughts on the local park.

There are many more things to look forward to including, Cathedral Day, our Harvest Celebration and a Pumpkin Parade. Off we go again...

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher



Hector composing a leaflet about being in Saturn Class

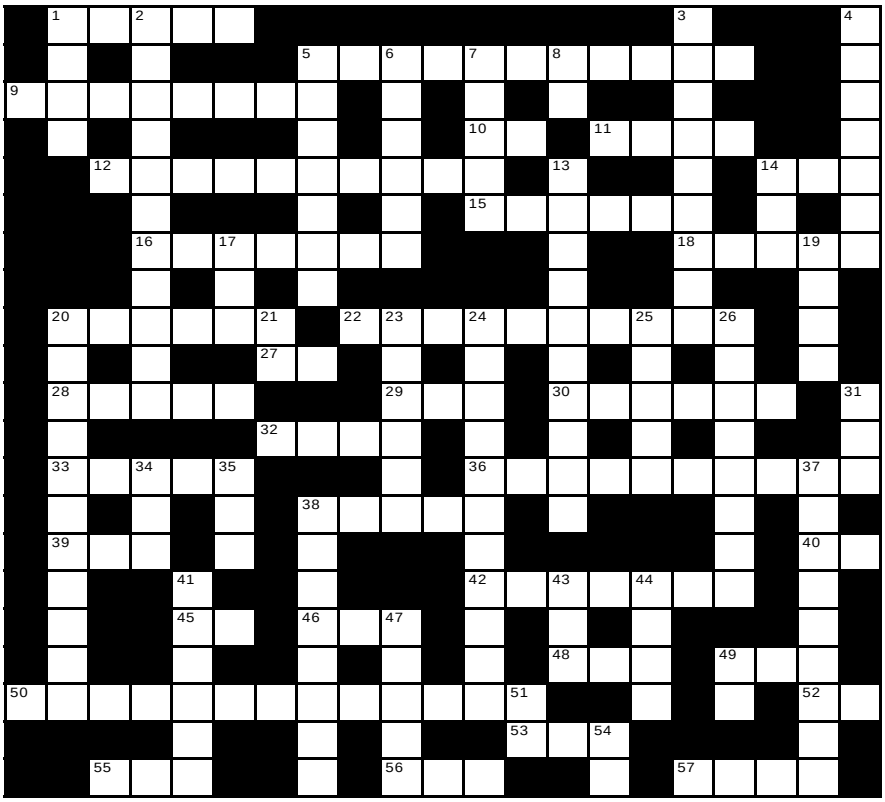


George enjoying some maths



Violet researching on the laptop

Crossword No. 33



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Please send your entry to this crossword by 4 November to:

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

Across

1 Did Midas go to a ladies seminary with others (5)
5 Female upholding the law (11)
9 Much better looking (8)
10 A choice of two letters (2)
11 A little green jumper in pond (4)
12 A ride for witches (10)
14 This instrument has a point (3)
15 The time when living is easy (6)
16 What has been put away for precipitation (7)
18 The boot of Europe (5)
20 Indicates with finger (6)
22 Boxes full of them for present (10)
27 Concerning person from outside (2)
28 Provided by 26d (5)
29 It comes in sticks and makes bubbles (3)
30 Giving an appellation to (6)
32 Shower alternative (4)
33 Once burnt by Royalty (5)
36 The whole nine yards kitchen sink as well (10)
38 This is one for the history books (5)
39 How one does things (3)
40 If it goes this way then it will come down (2)
42 Site of operations maybe (7)
45 The reason why on account of (2)
46 Propel your craft gently (3)
48 A way to score at cricket (3)
49 When all has been deducted (3)
50 Redundant sign gives one better idea of (13)
52 It does exist (2)
53 I told father time he was (3)
55 Put two and two together (3)
56 Give lamp a polish for genie (3)
57 Put two and two together again (4)

Down

1 One of the four tell it like it is (4)
2 Tee in string is very captivating (11)
3 This horse should get home first (9)
4 Use a sweep to brush up one (7)
5 Currently attending for gift (7)
6 Normally next door to Gents (6)
7 Do this to books and break the law (5)
8 Both of us sound small (2)
13 Emergency vehicle when you ail (10)
14 Could you ape this little vegetable (3)
17 Check for accuracy of animal welfare (3)
19 That's a long sentence (4)
20 5 across in numbers (11)
21 A needle pulling thread (2)
23 Above everything else (6)
24 Come into pit during race (11)
25 Main organ of digestion commonly (5)
26 It lights up my life (8)
31 Brown paper one for hand (3)
34 Musical unlocker (3)
35 Noticed it had been cut (3)
37 Much less well behaved (9)
38 Bury fear early in year (8)
41 I repaid when put with another (6)
43 Ring bearer, maybe (3)
44 Use nets for metric basis (4)
47 Your dentist asks you to do so to get a better look (5)
49 Sounds like you are aware of the negative (2)
51 Pass and collect money in game (2)
54 One half of extinct bird (2)

Pets Corner



Berri (short for Blackberry) has newly arrived in Reach. Here she is having some dental treatment curtesy of Mark of Rossdales. Shetlands are known for their bad teeth and the smaller the pony, the worst are their teeth, and this is true for Berri. One of her front teeth is growing sideways! Usually pony's teeth are examined annually but Berri will need to go under the drill again in six months' time.

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 holiday periods, to avoid disappointment, villagers are recommended to use the booking sheets available on court.





Jodie Halpin- McDonald's ambition this season was to jump 2' 6". Here she is with Tom Tom - well clear of her target

Cricket



UK Athletics has a 'head of marginal improvement' whose job it is to shave those vital milliseconds off performances. Our haul of medals in the velodrome apparently, is partly thanks to the observation that Chris Boardman gets off to a slightly better start when he starts on the left pedal than on the right (or maybe it is the other way round).

Next season, funds permitting, the head of marginal improvement will be signed by Reach Cricket Club. And a nutritionist, too. And maybe a sports psychologist. After six months' intensive work with the team, maybe three of us won't run ourselves out in a single innings. Yes, while we are not above spooning the ball to mid-off or prodding around and being bowled, in our annual derby against Burwell we discovered a new way of being out.

You may have seen Ewen Cameron trotting his way over fens of a morning, putting in 20 miles before breakfast as if it were nothing. But strap a pair of pads on him and get him to bat for Reach and 20 yards is all he can manage. Unfortunately, that is two yards short. He is now going to be weaned off Irn Bru in time for next season.

A tight bowling performance at first seemed to have tied down Burwell. But wickets proved elusive, at least until Gwilym Davies came on to bowl. Unfortunately I can't give you his figures for the same reason as always: we can't score and field at the same time – indeed, we struggle to manage either of those on their own – and I forgot to ask someone else to fill in the book. But he must have got five wickets because for the second time this season he was forced, as per our custom, to spend a large slice of his student loan buying the team a celebratory jug of beer.

Set 230ish to win it all looked so promising, thanks to a couple of ringers drafted in by Theo for the occasion. Ewen managed 24 runs, Gwylim 26 and the captain a swashbuckling 1 not out.

It all came down to Andy Knight requiring 24 off the last over for victory – with Dan Knight bowling (yes, he was playing for Burwell). Knight senior blasted one four, but was then bowled on the second ball.

There is a difference, though, between winning the battle and winning the war. While young Dan had an enjoyable celebration with his team mates he is now searching for lodgings in Burwell having been driven out of Reach by the village elders.

Ross Clark

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.

Sports Day



Juliet Vickery talking race rules

Google words like “physical activity, kids and health” and you will get headlines like ***“Children and exercise - the inactivity time bomb”*** **and** ***“Lack of children's exercise policy is child neglect”***. These are followed by paragraphs bemoaning the youngsters of today for spending their lives on computers or ipods and exhibiting ever expanding waistlines that ask for trouble ahead. However, if you had ventured onto the Reach sports field on 6th September you would have seen a fabulous bunch of children from 3 to 13 certainly not conforming to this dismal scenario. In fact they were the perfect illustration of a blog I read recently entitled “Five great reasons why your kids should play more sport’:

1. Playing sport builds confidence and imagination. Harry Oliver-Towers and Hugh Shackleton dreaming up the next inventive way to play by the rules - but only just!

2. Playing sport develops key motor and athletic skills. Co-ordination is vital. In the 3-legged race, failure to co-ordinate with your partner can result in disaster – something illustrated by Hector Keutgen’s impressive grass burn inflicted at the hands (or is it the feet?) of his partner when he fell metres from the line. Balance is vital for the potato and spoon race (unless you slice a bit off the bottom to make a nice flat surface [see 1 above]) and it takes a remarkable amount of strength to be or push a wheelbarrow (unless the gardener is huge and the barrow tiny)



Listening carefully

3. Play with others teaches teamwork and good sportsmanship. Older Reach kids are just brilliant at helping out the little’uns and Dylan Steed set a fabulous example all afternoon ending with him encouraging Freddie Bridgeman around the Marathon. Sportsmanship is all about taking part and there was no stopping Freddie - the smallest competitor, up against a ‘determined’ group bunch of young girls but up to try anything



Dylan Steed guides Freddie Bridgman around the Marathon – with Freddie in front!

4. Play can build strong bonds between parents and children. Tim Quilter escorting Sophia around the marathon course…. Or was it the other way round?



5. Play makes kids happy – just take a look at the pictures.

Overall winners (all races combined):
Best Junior Athlete – Emilia Knight
Best Intermediate Athlete – Scarlett Bailey
Best Senior Athlete – Harry Oliver-Towers

Marathon Winners
Senior Boys marathon – Harry Oliver-Towers
Junior Boys Marathon – Hector Keutgen
Senior Girls marathon – Scarlett Bailey
Junior Girls Marathon – Emilia Knight

Reach Good Sport Cup – Freddie Bridgeman and Dylan Steed (see No.3 above)



Winners!

Lots of volunteers made Reach Olympics happen. Special thanks to the dream team of Helen Oliver and Sue Bailey who did all the organising this year – leaving me to just turn up and do the 'gobby bit' as Helen calls it!

Jo Riches for doing all the BBQ preparation leaving Andrew Towers just to cook it (Hurrell's burgers and sausages and Lane's buns as usual). David and Debbie Blocksage for precision crafted white lines and Graham Lingley for the usual superb certificates. Numerous helpers held the finish line, administering stickers and awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd places – thanks to you all! We are, as always, grateful to the Amenity Fund for their support of this village event.

Juliet Vickery

Sports Day. A Competitor's View

First was the potato race - the aim of the game was to get five potatoes in your bucket by running to the potato, picking it up and running back and putting it in the bucket. You then repeat this five times.

Next was the 3-legged race. In this race you have to find a partner, tie a pair of tights around your legs - and then line up in your lines. After the whistle was blown, the aim of this race was to run with your partner with your legs tied together and cross the finish line. I was dragged across the finish line by Harry (Harry worst sportsmanship ever!!) (*Editor note – great race, Hector and Harry won – but injuries were sustained …)*



Hector Keutgen crossing the line

Up next was the egg and spoon race - but we used potatoes instead. In this race you have to complete the course without dropping the potato any more than three times. Next was the sack race. This race is all about skill and speed. In this race you have to find a sack then take it to the start off the track when the whistle blows jump in your sack and hop to victory. Violet won this one.

After that race it was the sprint which is quite basic - all you have to do is run as fast as you can. I came first and Violet won for the girls. Then came the slow bicycle race this race is hard and lots of people fall of their bikes. One of the rules is that you can't put your foot down or touch the floor. Lily Steed won this for the girls and Harry won for the boys.

Next was the marathon - this race is like the sprint but longer. (But not 26 miles!) I accidentally took the wrong turn but in the end I came second. Harry Towers came first and for the girls Scarlet Bailey came first.



Scarlet Bailey: Happy!

The last event was the apple bobbing in this race you have to put one of your shoes on a line and your other on another line then when the whistle is blown crawl backwards to your first shoe and put it on after that you have to hop to your other shoe and put it on. Then run to the end and apple bob - and then you have a water fight!

BBQ. After the events we had a BBQ cooked by Andrew Towers and Jo Riches - Mr Towers on the meat and Mrs Riches on the vegetation. Also it was good food. Thank you. Also a big thank you to Juliet and all the other people who helped with sports day. THANK YOU.

Hector Keutgen



Speedy Olivia Mules



Mum Debbie Quilter



Daisy Bailey

REACH

PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Not 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	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Broadband Roll-out in Reach

Programme Manager Sarah Marsh, from Connecting Cambridge, attended the meeting to update us on the details of the roll-out of faster broadband to the village. BT will place a cabinet for fibre broadband on the corner of Fair Green and Burwell Road. BT have committed to a date of, by December 2016. Although, Connecting Cambridge are hoping for an earlier date. Residents will require a fibre broadband service to receive the faster speeds.

2. Forum for members of the public

A large number of residents attended to discuss a piece of land for sale on Great Lane. Although not a PC matter, the PC were sympathetic to their concerns.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4. Reach Festival

The Events Committee are proposing a Reach Festival to take place on the last Saturday of September, beginning in 2016. The village Green will be used along with the Village Centre, the Church, and the Pub gardens. They would like to use the playing field for parking. The PC gave its support to this event and asked to be kept up to date with the planning progress.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

6 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

Funding of £150 for the tree replacements on the Avenue of Limes and up to £200 for the Sports day event had been approved. A take up period of 6 months will be instated on any future funding that is approved.

6 (2) County Councillor's Report

August is traditionally a quiet month for meetings at the Council. I attended a meeting of the Staffing and Appeals Committee to consider the way forward following the resignation of the Chief Executive. I also attended a meeting of the Improvement Board for Children's Social Care, this Board monitors and challenges performance data for the Directorate. I had a training workshop for Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Spokesmen and also a meeting of Spokesmen for Children and Young People. I also attended a meeting of the Investment Review Group to consider the planning application for housing and sports facilities etc. off Newmarket Road, Burwell. I also had a meeting with Burwell Sports Centre to discuss fencing associated with the expansion of Burwell Village College.

6 (3) District Councillor's Report

ECDC are presently considering a user charge for the public toilets that it manages. There is a questionnaire on their website should you wish to comment.

After the loss of a planning appeal in Witchford the Council has been found not to have an adequate five year land supply. This means that planning must assess an application in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. In practice this means there are no development boundaries around villages. The developer must still prove that the development is sustainable.

ECDC has put in a submission to the Local Boundary Commission for England which will reduce the number of District Councillors from 39 to 28. The proposal would mean the Swaffham Ward would become the Bottisham Ward with Bottisham, Lode, Brinkley, Westley Waterless, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Reach.
ECDC and CCC have agreed to begin work on the Ely by-pass by October 2016.

The PC were concerned by the removal of the local plan from April and asked that Councillor Alderson keep the PC up to date with ECDC developments. ***Clerk*** *to add to next months agenda.*

6 (4) Financial Report
Nothing to report. The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

6 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
There were no meetings this month. Councillor Boreham pointed out the there was a potential problem of Ash dieback on the trees on the Hythe. Annual tree inspections were discussed along with a need to map exactly which areas and trees were PC owned. ***Clerk*** to investigate.

6 (6) Play Spaces
Nothing to report.

6 (7) Rights of Way
Councillor Fielding continues to contact CCC with regard to their plan to repair, Byway 11 (by the 24Acres), Barston Drove, and Straight Drove, by the end of September.
Councillor Fielding will contact CCC with regard to the fallen Willow tree in Pocket Park and also about the poor state of repair of Clunch Pit Lane.

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

6 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
Nick Acklam has reported a loss of 11% of trees, plans are underway to replace those needed to meet our commitment to the Forestry Commission.
An Apple Day is being organised for 18th October, this will be an Orchard focused event.
Reach Riding Group plan to organise a working party to temporarily fence a one acre area for horse riding.

6 (10) Friends of Reach Wood
Nothing to report.

7. Dog Mess
Deferred to next meeting.

8. Planning Applications
There were none.

9. Information Items/AOB
The street light outside Fitzroy Farm is reported as dangerous; ***Clerk*** to report this to Balfour Beatty.
The speed of tractors through the village was discussed. ***Clerk*** to contact the farmer to ask that the drivers are reminded to drive with care and at slow speeds. A reminder letter will also be sent prior to next year's harvest.

10. Payments

CR Contracting – Mowing contract	£326.50

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th October 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).

Letter from the Vicarage



One of the things we set out to do with our Building to Serve project at St Mary's in Burwell was to develop the church as a welcoming, warm and family-friendly church building, with increased flexibility for community use. During the summer it's been great to be able to use the new facilities for our Messy Cafés, opening up the space for all ages to be able to enjoy spending time together and we're continuing to look at more ways we can offer hospitality, through cafés, concerts and other events.

We're setting up a lunchtime café on the 4th Wednesday of the month, to offer space for a break in the middle of the working day (see separate notice) and we'll be posting updates on Facebook about future Messy Cafés. Our experience in Burwell is really encouraging and helpful for us as we consider how we might develop the church building in Reach. It's a very different space to Burwell, but that will open up different possibilities and we're looking forward to taking the discussions forward. If you have any suggestions, or if you or your organisation, would like to use the church for a group or an event, then please let us know.

Coming up in the next couple of months we have our regular Sunday services, in Burwell and Reach and other activities for families and children – Little Bears and Messy Church and our monthly Friday evening Youth Café in the Guildhall. Our Reach harvest service will be on Saturday 3rd October at 6pm in the church and we are delighted that the choir from Swaffham Prior school will be joining us again. We will be collecting food items for the Foodbank (see the list below) and also for Christian Aid for aid and relief projects.

We will also be having our annual 'Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One' service at St Mary's on Sunday 1st November at 3pm, for those who have lost loved ones in the recent or more distant past. On November 8th, the Remembrance Sunday service in Reach will start just after 10.45am at the War Memorial and continue at 11am in church.

Please do get in touch if you would like to find out more about any of our events or services, or if you find yourself in need of the support of the Foodbank.

Eleanor Williams

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

Items for Foodbank Here is a list of the foods that are needed, with at least three months shelf life: milk (UHT or powdered), sugar (500g), fruit juice (carton), pasta sauces, sponge pudding (tinned), tomatoes (tinned), cereals, rice pudding (tinned), tea bags/instant coffee, instant mashed potato, rice/pasta, tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, jam, biscuits or snack bars.

Church News

Update on Church Development Plans

Thank you to the people who came to the public meeting about the church development plans, or forwarded their comments via CentrePeace at Reach or in the suggestion box. Quite a few comments and ideas emerged, such as the importance of taking this opportunity to make a real difference and suggestions that we investigate renewable energy sources, to name just two. We'll now forward all the comments to the architects for them to consider and where feasible, to incorporate into the next draft.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) will have to approve any changes to the building and so it is a good plan to involve them at an early stage, so that we don't waste time on ideas that they would not accept. With this in mind, we've invited them to come and have some preliminary discussions on October 22nd. Claire Halpin will be taking part in those discussions to represent 'the community view' and also as a representative of the Events Team so if you have any comments you want her to stress, please let her know.

In the meantime, the repair work has all been completed and we've had the report from the structural engineers who were looking at the various cracks in the walls. The news is fairly good – they have not found any evidence of subsidence or other serious problem, though some repairs to existing ceiling braces will be needed.

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:

October 14th	November 11th
December 9th	

Pat Chalmers
Church Administrator
administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk





PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

"The Little Chapel in the Fen"

All welcome to our Harvest Festival Service Sunday 4th October 3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns

Prior Fen Chapel is opened once a year for the annual Harvest Service through the dedication of a small group of Trustees with long family connections to the chapel.

Everybody is welcome.

Find us at CB7 5YJ, between Upware and Swaffham Prior. Be early to guarantee a seat.

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

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
OCTOBER 2015 **Saturday 3rd**		6pm Harvest Songs of Praise in church Followed by Harvest Supper at the Village Centre
Sunday 4th Trinity 18	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Service	
Wednesday 7th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Friday 9th		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th Trinity 19	10.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 14th	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 16th		7.45am Morning Prayer
Saturday 17th		Wedding Rob Moir and Emma Reed
Sunday 18th Trinity 20	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion – All Ages Together	
Wednesday 21st	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 23rd		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th Last after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion, 10.00am Holy Communion, 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 28th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 30th		7.45am Morning Prayer
NOVENBER 2015 **Sunday 1st All Saints**	8.00am Holy Communion, 10.00am All Age Service, 3.00pm Service of Remembering	
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 5th	10.00am Little Bears (coffee from 9.30am)	
Friday 6th	8.00pm Youth Café in Guildhall	7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th **Remembrance Sunday**	8.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Remembrance Service	11.00am Remembrance Service
Wednesday 11th	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 13th		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th **2nd before Advent**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion – All Ages Together	7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 18th	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 20th		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd **Christ The King**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	
Wednesday 25th	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 27th		7.45am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th **Advent Sunday**	4.00pm Messy Church	10.00am Holy Communion – All Ages Together

Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diary Dates: October 2015

October 2015	Event	Location	Time
Thurs 1	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sat 3	Harvest Service	St Etheldreda's Church	6 – 6.45pm
Sat 3	Harvest Supper	Village Centre	7.00 for 7.30pm
Sun 4	Traditional Harvest Service and hymns	Prior Fen Chapel CB7 5YJ	3pm
Wed 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 8	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 10	Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Sat 10	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Sat 10	Ballroom, Latin American, Sequence dancing	Main Hall, Bottisham Village College	7.30 – 10.30pm 01638 741159
Wed 14	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 15	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Fri 16	Knit and Natter	Anchor, Burwell	10am – 12 noon
Sat 17	Packing Christmas Shoe Boxes	St Cyriac's Church	11am – 2pm
Sat 17	Huge Jumble Sale	The Fassage Hall, Lode CB25 9HB	2 – 4pm
Sat 17	Ely Apple Festival	Palace Green, Ely	10am – 4pm
Sat 17	Mixed Blessings	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7.30pm
Sun 18	Reach Apple Day	24Acres (2pm) Village Centre (2.45pm)	2pm – 4.30pm
Tues 20	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wed 21	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Wed 21	Sin, Sex and Salvation: A History of Women's Refuge.	Burwell Village College, Burwell History Society	7.45pm 741713
Thurs 22	Recycling Day (Green)		
Mon 26 – Thurs 29	The Cromwell Terror Tour	Oliver Cromwell House, Ely	7pm
Wed 28	Lunchbreak Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12noon – 2pm
Thurs 29	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thurs 29	WI – Help for Heroes – Mark Linney	Gardiner Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Fri 23 Oct – Sat 7 Nov	Cambridge Pumpkin Festival		
Fri 30	Boundry Mills, Downtown and Newmarket	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Tickets from Tina's
Fri 30	Extra Terrifying Cromwell Terror Tour. Adults only	Oliver Cromwell House, Ely	9.30pm
Fri 30 & Sat 31	The Final Meeting – The Big Halloween Bash	Newmarket Racecourses	

Diary Dates: November 2015

November 2015	Event	Location	Time
Sun 1	Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One	St Mary's Church, Burwell	3pm
Wed 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Recycling Day (Green)		
Fri 6	Knit and Natter	Anchor, Burwell	10am – 12noon
Sat 7	One – Day Courses Adult & Community Learning	Bottisham Village College	See Page 17
Sun 8	Remembrance Sunday		
Wed 11	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 12	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Fri 13	Knit and Natter	Anchor, Burwell	10am – 12 noon
Fri 13	Quiz Night	Trinity Church, Burwell	7.30pm
Sat 14	Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Tues 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wed 18	Talk by Richard Fletcher titled Bill Tutte, One of Bletchley Park's Forgotten Heroes. Burwell History Society	Burwell Village College	7.45pm
Thurs 17	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Wed 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 19	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sat 21 – Sun 22	Fundraising Art and Photographic Exhibition	St Mary's, Burwell	11am – 6pm Sat 11.30am – 5.30pm Sun
Wed 25	Lunchbreak Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thurs 26	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thurs 26	WI – Barbara Redman – Christmas Crafts	Gardiner Memorial Hall	7.30pm
Fri 27	Knit and Natter	Anchor, Burwell	10am – 12noon
Sat 28	Christmas Coffee Morning	Burwell Ex Servicemans Club	10am – 12 noon

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

Contact Information

Parish Council			
	Vice Chair	Michael Aves	742800
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	Chair	Charlotte Cane	741064
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	David Thomas	742676
	Councillor	Diana Ward	744210
	Clerk	Susan Bailey	743794
	Rights of Way Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
	County Councillor	David Brown	743283
	District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
Village Centre			
	Chairman	Grahame Radford	742814
	Finance	Hugh de Lacy	743839
	Bookings	Grahame Radford	742814
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Amenity Fund Committee			
	Committee Member	Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
	Chair	John Holmwood	742969
	Committee Member	Diana Ward	744210
	Committee Member	David Thomas	742676
Burwell and Reach Car Scheme			01638 742543
Church			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
	Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Stephen Walton	744214
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency)		999
	Police (Non-emergency)		101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		741234
	Enquiries		743602
	Community Nurses		742382
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	



Dan and Olivia dancing



A little Gibson



Freddie Bridgeman









Evie Mitchell in the lead with Rose just behind assisted by Helen



Reach Sports Day 2015 Boys Marathon Runners. From Left: Dylan Steed, Freddie Bridgeman, Hugh Shackleton, Hector Keutgen and Harry Oliver-Towers



And the Girls. From Left: Emilia Knight, Olivia Mules, Lily Steed, Violet Keutgen and Scarlet Bailey