Within Reach



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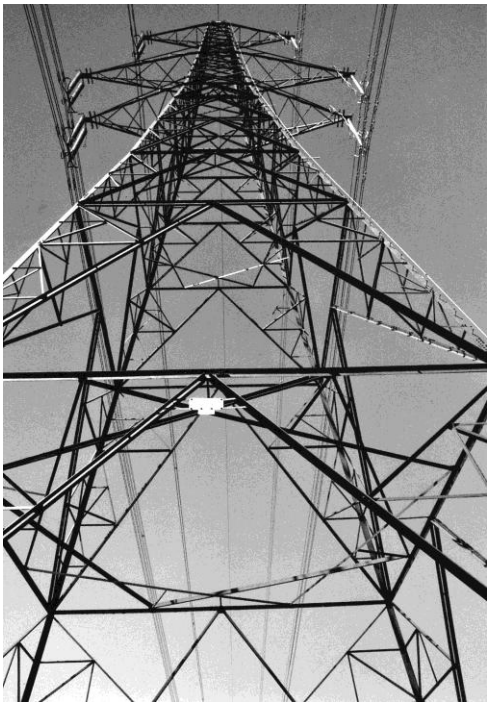

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All the photographs on this cover were submitted for Reach Calendar 2016. We think you will agree that they are excellent. Please snap for 2017!





Left: Hemlock. Above: Phragmites. Photos: David Thomas

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From the Editor



To build or not to build has been occupying our minds these past few months. In this issue, following the Parish Council Minutes, there is a report on the discussion about future developments in Reach and the possible compilation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Look out for further information and if you have an opinion, for or against new building works, I suggest you get involved. But what do I know.

The importance of the history of Reach and its ancient port has been highlighted recently. Do note that within this issue the latest draft plans for alterations to the church are presented. It has already been suggested that the alterations include the provision of a café, but they could also include a `virtual museum'; for example, a video recording which describes the archaeology, history, flora and fauna of this very special village. Maisie Whitehead left a substantial legacy to the church and now is the time to complete the questionnaire (sent out with this issue) and make your suggestions.

The front and rear of the Village Centre are modern additions and in the middle is what used to be Reach school. Original architect plans are included in this issue and it's an interesting piece of `detective work' to appreciate what survives of the school. Can you believe the original fireplaces are there, albeit blocked up? Joyce Harrison has old school photographs and has been able to name many of the children. I've heard that there is an interest in forming a history club. If a `champion' would come forward this is something which could really take off!

I've been patient and conveyed `serious matters' but Bessie Acklam is our main feature in Pets Corner – flick straight there!

Love: Catherine's article re. kale and also what to look out for at the Snakehall Farm Shop; Tobias helping to demonstrate a Roman `tortoise'; Danuta Gibson's snap of an alert stoat, Joss's appreciation of a fen shed; Ross's report re. rowing; the new National Trust bridge and their future events (in particular the Dawn Chorus Bird Walk); David Thomas's description of the apples (biffins) in our orchard; and life generally – what a mild winter we have had!

Ooops! Back to serious matters. Please make sure you collect and deliver to David Parr things for the time capsule; the deadline is Sunday 17th April. I'm not sure we've buried one before, or will do so in the near future, so please get your act together.

Reach Fair is coming up so please offer your assistance to Grahame Radford. Also our new venture, the Reach Festival, is taking stall bookings from crafts people and artisans!

Read this magazine and spot the deliberate mistake(s).

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Front Cover – courtesy of **Scarlett Bailey**

About the Magazine

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

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

The next copy date is 15th May 2016. This magazine is approved and printed by Reach Parish Council.

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Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with the lighting of a Beacon and the burying of a Time Capsule, Thursday 21st April - Lower Green from 7.30pm

Timetable

- 7.30pm Make your way to the Lower Green
- 7.45pm Ross Clark will say a few words
- 8.00pm The Beacon will be lit and we will have a toast – wishing the Queen a Happy Birthday – we encourage you to bring along your own fizz and glasses
- Then our Time Capsule will be buried on the Green
- Finally, at around 8.30pm, all will be concluded and people can head home – or to our lovely pub



It's gonna be a proper beacon!



Our Time Capsule will be buried on the Green by a boy and a girl (aged 16 years or under) whose names will be drawn out of a hat before the event.

The plan is that it will be excavated and opened on **January 1st 2101** - so around 84 years from now - which should mean that a number of our current village children will be around to witness this.

It's quite a large capsule - as you see from the picture - so there is room for plenty of things - and **anyone from Reach can contribute**.

Below, we've listed some some ideas of what might go in it - one thing we'd especially like would be for villagers to produce a single sheet of paper with **10 bullet points saying what they think the world might be like in January 2101.**

Please get all your items to **David Parr** (20 Fair Green) - before the **deadline date of Sunday 17th April 2016**.

Ideas for the Time Capsule

Remember to include some everyday small objects for the finders to discover, for example, objects often carried on your person; such as a comb, a handkerchief, some coins, a wallet, a hairgrip, a pen, a lipstick or a piece of jewellery. You might include common items used for work, associated with a particular activity or in the home/ school/ workplace. These will all be of great interest to the people who open the capsule and will add to their understanding of life today. It is quite common to put in a current year's coin so that any person uncovering the capsule in the future knows what year it was buried.

Suggestions for the Contents

Advertisements – Current; Diary; News of the day; Advertisements - for Antiques; Newspaper Articles; Audio Discs; Essays; Newspapers; Autographs; Family Pictures; Phone Book; Badges; Favourite Hat; Photos; Ballpoint Pen; Genealogical Tree; Predictions about the Future; Bank Statement and Cheques; Internet Information; Recipes; Bible and Prayer Book; Interviews with Local Dignitaries; Scientific Magazines; Biographies; Invitations to Past and Current Events; Slide Rule; Blueprints; IQ Test Stamps and Coins; Building plans; Legal Documents; Supermarket Product List; Business Cards; Letterhead; Ticket Stubs; Calculator; List of Corporate Executives; TV Guide; Calendars; Magazines and Catalogues; Weather Statistics; Car Sales Brochure; Club Members, Parishioners, Students; Cricket Ball; CDs or Memory Sticks; Menus; Football; College Marks; Movie Reviews; Golf Ball and Tee; Credit Card; Music; Sports Statistics and Scores; Current Coins; Team Jerseys.

Reach Fair 2016



When you read this there will be about four weeks to go to this year's Fair on May 2nd.

Again, the Committee are appealing for help with the Fair. The major arrangements are all in hand and we are fairly certain that this year will be another great event. We do however, as always, need your help.

You can make a contribution in several ways. We need help in setting up on the Saturday and Sunday beforehand, erecting the marquees, putting out signage etc. and marking out the car park. But, most importantly we need help with manning the road closure points and taking money at the car park on the day. We also rely on volunteers to man the various stalls that the village organises, thereby ensuring that the profits benefit us rather than outside organisations.

The Committee will be holding an Open Evening on Wednesday 20th April for anyone to come along and find out about this year's Fair and enjoy a glass of wine and some nibbles. The start time is 7.30pm.

Grahame Radford
Chairman
Reach Village Centre Committee

NB. Don't forget the Fair Quiz on Sunday May 1st in the Village Centre 7.30 pm start. All the proceeds go to charity.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ON FAIR DAY SWAFFHAM ROAD, FAIR GREEN AND BURWELL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10.00 AM UNTIL 5.30 PM. THIS APPLIES TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT AUTHORISED TRAFFIC.

ALL CARS SHOULD BE REMOVED TO THE MAIN CAR PARK FROM THOSE ROADS BEFORE 10.00 AM FOR SAFETY REASONS. A CONTROLLED ONE-WAY SYSTEM WILL OPERATE ON BURWELL ROAD BETWEEN THE ABOVE TIMES.

Reach Fair Boys Pork Pie Bake Off



Offers are invited to take part in the Reach Fair Boys Pork Pie Bake off!

All entries need to be submitted to the Village Centre by 11.00am on the day of the Fair.

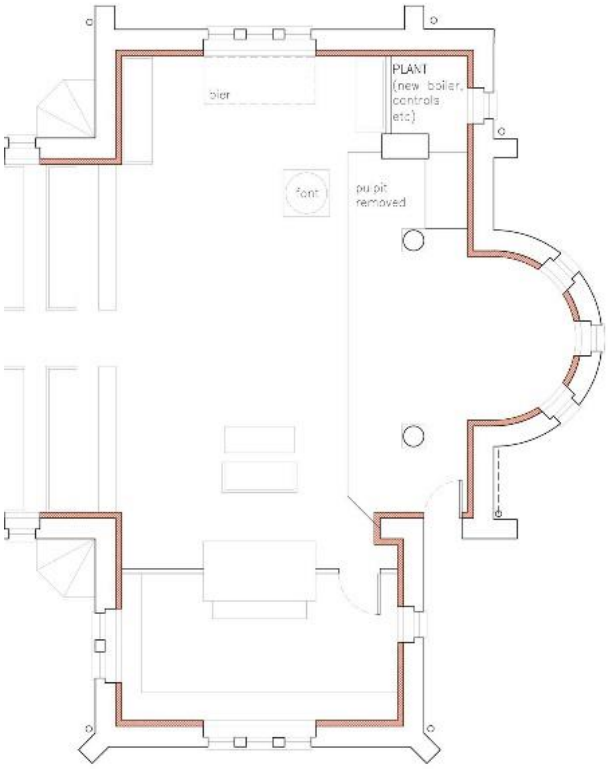
Judging will be carried out by a local butcher and the pies will subsequently be sold by the Tea Tent to hungry Fair goers.



Ray Bateman's winning cake 2015

Catherine Gibson

Update on the Church Building



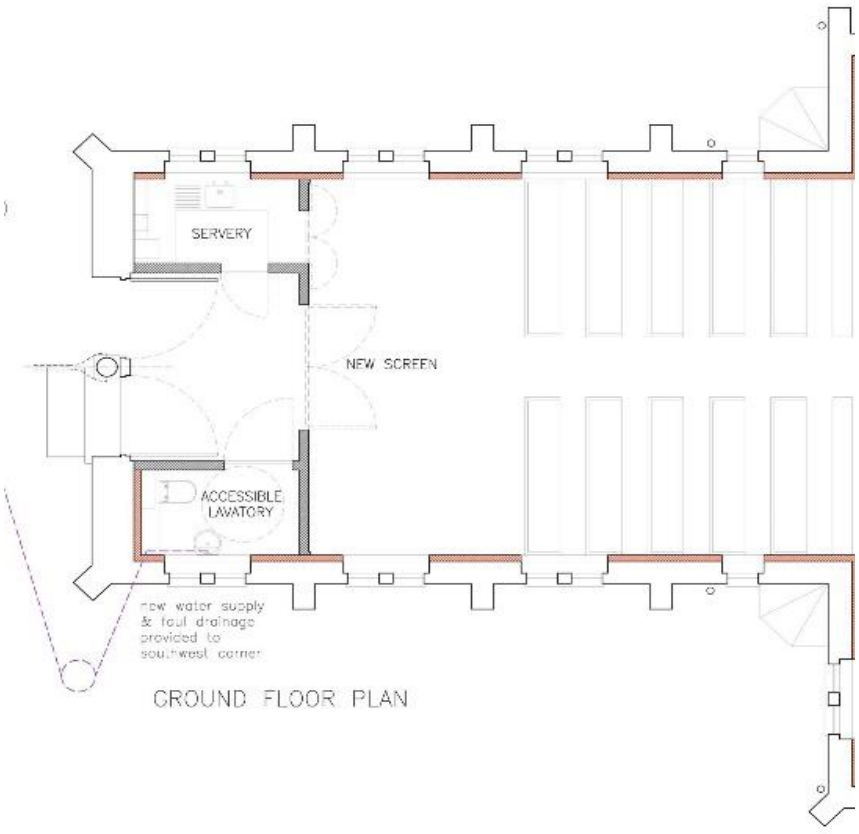
When Reach Church received the generous legacy from Maisie Whitehead, the first priority was to undertake essential repairs to the building, most of which have been completed.

We also carried out a consultation to find out what improvements and additional facilities would enhance the building and enable it to be used more for both community and church events. Suggestions included adding a kitchen and toilets, improving the heating and floor surface, improving access and making the space more flexible by creating a café area with comfortable seating. The preliminary draft plans were displayed and discussed and we've recently received a second draft, which incorporates the feedback. The plans are available to view in church, but main points to note are:

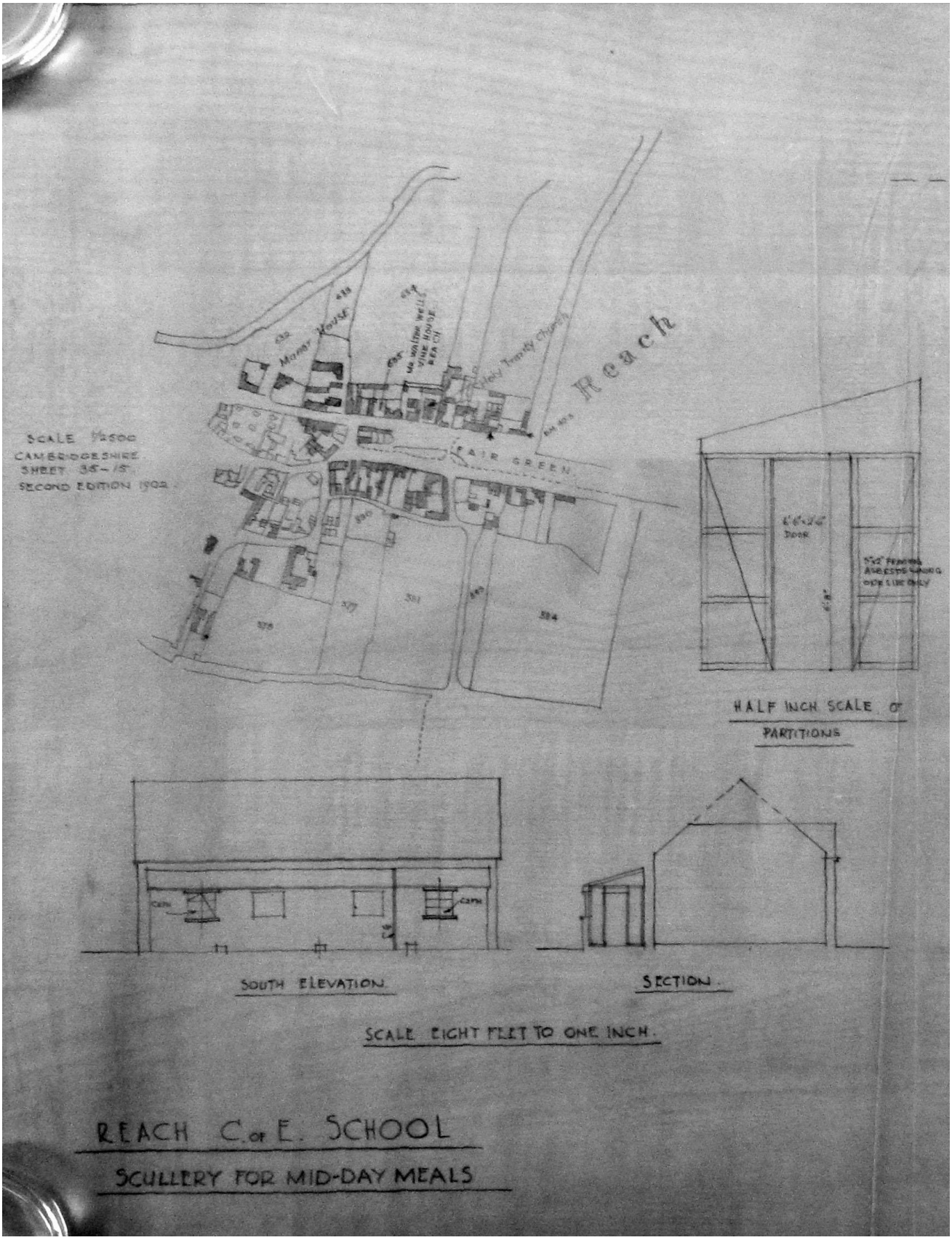
1. A small servery is included to the left of the entrance (north side). It is entered through the lobby and has a hatch into the church.
2. The toilet with disabled access remains on the other side of the entrance.
3. There has been much discussion about the best way to improve the heating and the plans include insulation of the walls and floor.
4. The architect suggests that expert advice should be sought about what type of heating and what type of fuel would be most appropriate for the building and most cost effective to install and run. This advice will be sought as soon as possible.
5. Another major discussion has centred round the need for flexible space, whilst still retaining the character of the church. The architect suggests removing the pulpit, which is never used and moving the font to near the pulpit's current position. This would release space for the bier and also additional seating.
6. The architect suggests replacing the pews with chairs, but no decision has yet been taken on that subject as some people have indicated that they would like the pews to remain.
7. Although the current plans do not specifically show it, we are also seeking advice about installing simple audio visual and sound systems in the church. This would be useful for some church services and would also open the way for community films.

There is still a long way to go before we can start building, but it is appropriate at this stage to establish that there is a real need for these facilities and that members of the community would actually use them. Not only will we be required to provide evidence of this by the various bodies we are obliged to consult, but, more importantly, it would be a tragedy to spend Maisie's generous legacy on a 'white elephant' that is never used and simply falls into decay. Please do complete the enclosed questionnaire as we value your opinions.

Pat Chalmers
Church Administrator
administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk

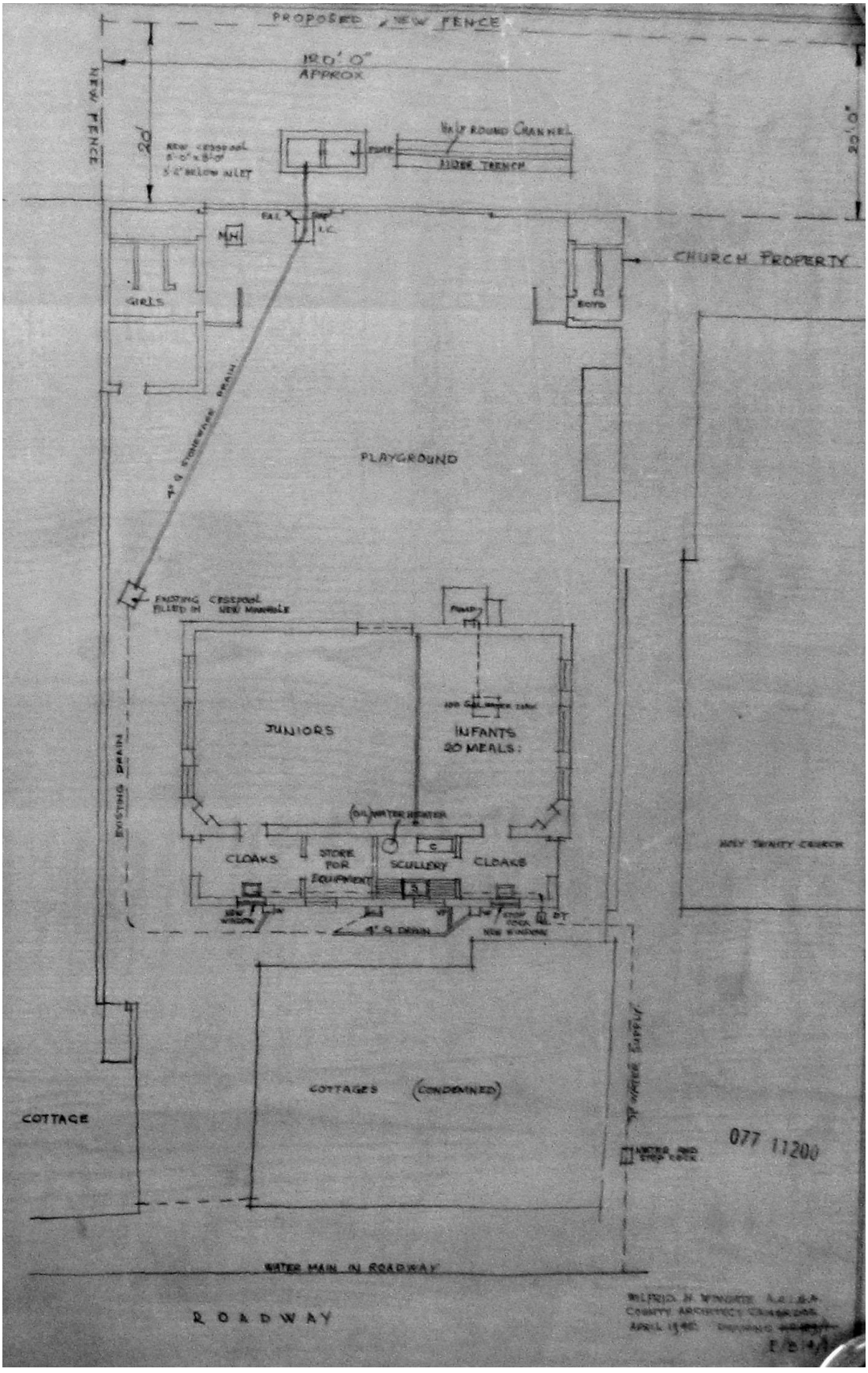


Reach's Old School



Plan dated 1945

Reach's Old School



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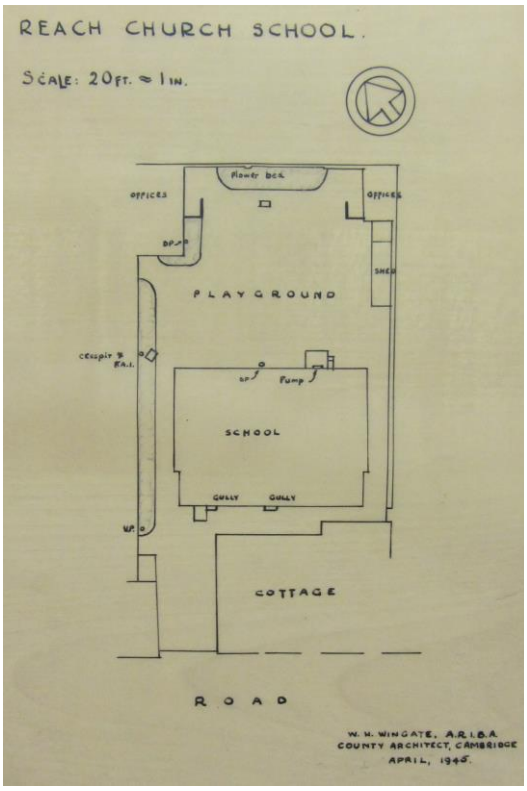


Date of plan: 1945



The large windows are recognisable as those belonging to a school. Note the chimney stack and louvre, part of the old school





A second chimney stack and louvre also intact

From Reach School to Village Hall

The Cambridge Archives (CA) at Shire Hall in Cambridge hold documents relating to education in Reach village throughout the 19th and 20th centuries and our ongoing investigation suggests there will be much of interest to social historians, with children recorded as 'crying with cold' in January 1871!

Until the 1902 Education Act, Reach Church (now the Church of St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity) fulfilled a combined function as church and 'voluntary school'. After this date, correspondence with the Star Brewery Company document negotiations regarding a site for the new school and the foundation stone was laid in 1909.

Plans of the schoolhouse dated 1945 show how close the school building was constructed to the street-front cottages that were condemned by this date and detached toilet blocks for girls and boys are visible to the rear. These plans, drawn up by the county architect, W. H. Wingate, depict a new extension providing cloakrooms, an equipment store and scullery for serving midday meals (CA ref. no. KCC7/ARCH/E30a). This extension is now gone, having been replaced with the existing village hall entrance block, but it may be worth next time you are visiting seeing whether clues to this previous arrangement survive within the existing fabric.

Tansy Collins
Archaeological Solutions

Reach's Old School



c.1935. Back row (from left): ????, Trevor Mitcham, Keith Babcock, ????. Middle row (from left): May Philby, ????, Joyce Smith, Norma Housden, Margaret Aves, Ruby Babcock, Moira Nickson, ????, Gloria Carter. Front row (from left): Dennis Millard, Eunice King, Valarie Rule, ????, Brenda Aves, Jo MacMillan, Keith Babcock. Photograph and names courtesy of Joyce Harrison.



Back row (from left): Georgie ??, Yendi ??, Michael Aves, Brian Harrison, Adrian Estall. Next row (from left): Sally Harland, ????, Hilary Day, Carol Harland, Angela Warren, ????, Anita Lovell. Next row (from left): ????, Elizabeth Webb, Teacher, Dora Pritchett, ?? Webb, Gillian Harrison. Front row (from left): ????, ?? Warren, ????, George Orandy, ?? Estall, David Harrison, Ian Freeman. Photograph and names courtesy of Joyce Harrison

Dyke's End Pub



As many of you will be aware, there was a fire at the pub in the early hours of Tuesday 29th March. It started just outside the kitchen window – the cause is not yet established but it is likely to be an electrical fault. Staff on the premises at the time were unharmed.

The kitchen of the Dyke's End will therefore be closed until repairs to the badly smoke damaged kitchen are repaired – progress will be posted on the pub's website at: http://www.dykesend.co.uk/visit_us.html.

The pub will continue to be open for drinks but opening hours are reduced as follows:

Mon-Fri	6.00pm to 9.00pm
Saturday	6.00pm to 11.00pm
Sunday	6.00pm to 9.00pm

These times are subject to change so you are advised to check the pub's website for the current status or call them on 743816.

David Parr

Girls Night Out
Friday 15th April 2016

Another "Girls Night Out" had been planned for April 15th but due to the fire at the Dyke's End this sadly has had to be cancelled.

Our next one will take place on Friday the 18th of November and details will be posted nearer the event.

Karen Carpenter at 14 Ditchfield. Tel: 742814 or email thepoppies@reach-village.co.uk

Mitchell Lodge Bowls Club
Quarry Lane, Swaffham Bulbeck
Open Day 2.00pm Sunday 24th April



You are invited to attend our Open Day on the 24th April starting at 2.00pm. Everyone is welcome - beginners or experienced bowlers, all you need is a flat pair of shoes (bowls will be provided)

The club was started in 1983 by the late Frank Turner who wanted to provide a local amenity for the village. Frank loved playing bowls and encouraged his friends and neighbours to join in and enjoy a sociable and friendly game.

So if you want some gentle exercise and relaxation why not join us. You will find us a friendly group and made to feel most welcome. We play in three leagues and there are opportunities to play both afternoons and evenings throughout the summer.

Just turn up on the day, or contact Reg Webb on 01223 813401 or Maurice Beeton on 01223 234123



Reach Community Solar Farm



The community solar farm is quietly generating electricity now, feeding power into the overhead line that serves Reach from the main substation at Burwell. Now that the days are getting longer we are generating more and more power. A group of volunteers helped out with the finishing touches to the site on a sunny weekend in February - planting a hedge that will provide cover for birds and small mammals and screen the site from the road. We had lots of fun - and worked up a good appetite and thirst so were grateful for the celebratory cake and bubbly at the end!





Andy Rankin

Burwell Museum Coach Trips



Canterbury	Thursday 7th April	£24
Hunstanton	Tuesday 24th May	£14
Yarmouth Market Day	Wednesday 29th June	£16
Mississippi Boat Trip and Norwich	Tuesday 19th July	£23
Clacton	Tuesday 16th August	£16
National Memorial Arboretum	Thursday 22nd September	£25
Coventry	Tuesday 18th October	£20
Bricklane Xmas Show and Dinner	Wednesday 7th December	£58

Tickets only from Tina's, Burwell and for information ring Barbara 01638 741581

Mothers Union

2016 will see the largest lay–Christian membership charity, Mothers Union, mark 140 years of faithful outreach to families of all faiths or none. There will be a special Celebration Service in Winchester Cathedral on 22nd September; returning full circle to where the Mothers Union was first founded. To learn more look on mu@elydiocese.org website.

Locally the members from Burwell and Reach had an opportunity to contribute money, often in memory of their own mother or a loved one, to the 'Make a Mothers' Day Appeal'. The sum raised was £300 and is still rising! This will go towards supporting women who are wanting to start a business – with advice as well as financially. Educating their children as well as healthcare. In many countries schooling is not free and there is no NHS.

Forthcoming dates:

4th April	Lady Day Service
20th April	Diocesan Day
11th May	7.30pm Dementia Friends (speaker)
25th May	2pm Cake and Cuppa afternoon – Wedding photos through the ages.
8th June	7.30pm Ordinand (speaker)
22nd June	2pm AFIA garden Party

Amenity Fund

An application was received from Marie Bambrick to match fund, up to the sum of £500, the money raised by the Curry Night for the charity UNICEF. This application was approved but thereafter match funding of charity events will cease.

An application was received from David Parr (on behalf of the Events Committee) to contribute £225 towards the purchase of a beacon to celebrate the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday. The application was approved.

If you feel you have a worthwhile project that could be funded via the Amenity Fund, please get in touch with the new Chair Claire Halpin-McDonald. The committee members of the Fund are listed below.

Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
Grahame Radford	742814
David Thomas	742676
Andrew Trump	743335
Diana Ward	744210

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

Curry Night Saturday 6th February

We had a very enjoyable Curry Night, with all proceeds going to UNICEF.

We raised £585 from tickets and the raffle and the village Amenity Fund generously gave £500 in matched funding.

Thank you to everybody who made curries, prepared rice and nobody took us up on the offer to reimburse their expenses!

Thank you to the following businesses who donated generous raffle prizes:

- Anchor Inn, Burwell
- Co-ops (both), Burwell
- Dykes Inn, Reach
- Five Bells, Burwell
- Five Miles, Upware
- Manchetts, Burwell
- Red Lion, Swaffham Prior
- Tennants butchers Newmarket
- Tina's, Burwell
- Toni & Guy Newmarket

Also the following individuals who donates prizes:

- Alan Claydon (Swaffham Prior)
- Claire Halpin-McDonald
- Jane and Geoff Newman
- Helen and Andrew Oliver Towers.

If we have omitted anybody, many apologies.

Thanks also to those who set up the hall and finally a special thanks to Jodie Halpin-McDonald who did a Trojan job selling raffle tickets.

Marie Bambrick and Jo Mules



Cambridgeshire Constabulatory Special Constable Recruitment

CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY

Could you be Special?

Do you want to do something special for yourself, your community and your employer?

Do you want to gain invaluable experience and training to achieve your personal or professional goals?

Why not join the Special Constabulary and find out just how much you are capable of?

Your employer may even give you time off to volunteer under the employer supported policing scheme.



What do Specials do?

As a Special Constable you will work with us to help keep the people within your community safe, ensuring that your community and the wider Cambridgeshire area, is a place that people feel proud to call home. In return we will provide you with invaluable experience and training to achieve your personal or professional goals.

Special Constables provide vital support to a whole range of policing activities and have the same powers and equipment as regular police officers.

Have you got what it takes?

The Special Constabulary welcomes applications from people from all walks of life and backgrounds. The kind of people we need have good life skills and experience, plus strong community awareness.

How to apply

For more information about becoming a Special, or to apply, visit www.cambs.police.uk/recruitment/Specials or email specials@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Special Constable Kayleigh Minor's story

"I work alongside a regular officer on every shift. I go to every incident with them no matter whether it be a domestic, a collision or a call to an animal in the road.



"I love the feeling at the end of a shift knowing that I have made a difference to someone's life or I have helped take someone who isn't so nice off the streets. I also love the adrenaline of the job and having to think on my feet.

"I highly recommend volunteering as a Special. It gives you an insight into the police force and the role of an officer but it also gives you the ability to deal with different situations and to learn new skills.

"If you have some spare time and are wondering what to do with it I would absolutely recommend joining the Specials."

Cruse Bereavement Care

www.crusebereavementcare.org.uk

When someone you love dies, it can feel as though a piece of you has died too. But you don't have to go through it alone.

Cruse Bereavement Care is here to support you through one of the most difficult experiences you will ever have to face.

Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Care is your local branch of the voluntary national bereavement care organisation. Established in 1965 with the active support of the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge, Cambridge Cruse Bereavement Care now has over a hundred specially trained volunteers working in Cambridge, Fenland, South Cambs, East Cambs, Uttlesford, Ely, Newmarket, Saffron Walden and Haverhill. Cambridge Cruse operates in your Parish.

Bereavement is a very personal and unique experience for each individual. Yet the intense feelings and emotions we experience at the time of substantial loss are normal.

Cruse provides well trained, understanding Bereavement Support volunteers to whom you can talk in complete confidence. Our volunteers are able to give support over a period of time appropriate to individual needs. There is no charge.

Donations towards the £70,000 cost of running Cruse services in 2016 are very welcome. We depend on local support almost entirely.

Get in touch: Cambridge Cruse Helpline: 01223 633536. Cambridge Cruse Office (admin only) 01223 302662.

National Stop Snoring Week



National Stop Snoring Week 25th – 29th April is the annual event promoting general awareness that nobody need suffer as a result of snoring: it is a condition that can be treated.

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

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
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.

There is one vacancy on the Parish Council. Please contact Susan Bailey if you are interested in the position.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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

Volunteering for Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Would you like to help your community stay safe and learn more about fire safety?

We're looking for volunteers in your area to join our successful Community Champion scheme.

Community Champions encourage local residents to carry out fire safety checks in their homes, visit community groups and educate about fire safety and escape plans.

We will train you, give you a uniform and provide you with a wide range of activities to choose from, all of which will help to keep our communities safe from the risk of fire.

Local charity Groundwork coordinates the Community Champion Scheme on behalf of CFRS. Anyone interested in becoming a Community Champion should call Katie Dean on 01480 587140 or 07736 132870 or email: katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk.

And don't forget to test your smoke alarm – and that of elderly relatives – by pressing the 'test' button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check, call 0800 917 9994.

Contact: Follow us on social media, visit www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 01480 444500.





Do you need a break in your busy day?

Why not drop in to

LUNCHBREAK CAFE

At St Mary's Church, Burwell

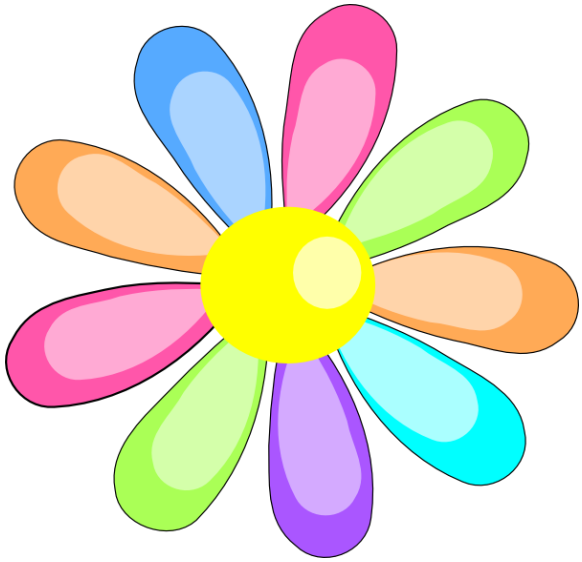
On the 4th Wednesday of every month

April 27th and May 25th 2016

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.



Bags of Help for Community Projects in Cambridgeshire

Do you know of a local community green space project that would benefit from up to £12,000? If so, there are Bags of Help at hand!

The money raised from the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores is being used to pay for a large number of local projects to improve green spaces in communities across the UK. Grants of £8,000, £10,000 and £12,000 are on offer through the scheme.

Community charity Groundwork is administering the funding and you can find all the details on our dedicated website: www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco

In total the Bags of Help programme will support around 2,500 projects each year across the UK – about 40 of those are in Cambridgeshire. There will be two funding rounds per year over the next three years, meaning that around £700,000 will be given out in grants.

The next round of applications opens online on April 18th. Don't miss your chance to benefit! All information about the scheme is on the website (details above) but you can also contact your local Bags of Help Enabler for further information about applying on Katie.dean@groundwork.org.uk or 07736 132870.

St Etheldreda's Church

Eve of Reach Fair

Songs of Praise

Sunday 1st May 2016

6.00 - 6.45pm

A short service

of well known hymns

readings & prayers





What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm

DID YOU HELP US BAG £10,000 THIS SPRING?

We are all springy at Snakehall as we have just found out we have secured £10,000 in the first ever Tesco Bags of Help Scheme. For all of you who forget to take your bags of life on the "big shop" or pop in for a few things without even thinking of grabbing your Reach screenprint jute and have to pay the 5p for a bag which immediately gets a hole in it - WE THANK YOU! Obviously we would much prefer everyone to always remember their environmentally friendly shopping bags but hey nobody is perfect and we all share that guilty feeling when buying some plastic one - now don't fear at least local charities will benefit from the plastic bag levy.

After an application process we started last year, the Prospects Trust's Flora, Fauna and Fruitful Learning Project was selected as one of three local good causes to go head to head appealing for customer's tokens in the Newmarket store. We are delighted to now announce that we scooped a massive £10,000 which has really boosted our morale after some long dark, cold and soggy months.



Our new project will start in April and will see more developments on the farm including a new fruit project. We will be joined by our corporate volunteering team from Black Horse Finance in May and they will be busy helping erect a new fruit cage. Our Co-workers will be benefiting from some new tools and equipment to involve them fully in all aspects of this new project. The Farm Team will have some new mechanisation to help make our 18 organic acres easier to farm too. So the next time you curse yourself for forgetting the eco-bags we promise to offset your carbon footprint down here on Snakehall Farm!

REACHING OUT TO REACH IN 2016

If you step into one of our 9 polytunnels at this time of year it is possible to feel spring and the promise of summer warm on your face. Our tunnels are warming up and encouraging the first sprouts (quite literaly) of the season.

We have tiny buds of basil plants and fresh peas popping through the organic compost so this can only mean one thing...we are getting ready for Reach Fair again. We are pleased to announce we will be hosting a pitch full of Prospects produce at the Fair and we will join you all again at the Reach Festival in September - abley assisted by a volunteering scout pack too. We look forward to seeing the regulars and new supporters of Snakehall Farm at our two stalls this year.

VOLUNTEERING AT THE FARM

As we mentioned already, we will be hosting a few team building with a difference days here on the farm, with the national Give and Gain Day in May, we open up our gates to people wishing to swap their day jobs to give a little back to a good cause. Old friends to the farm, the team from Black Horse Finance will be joining us again, the team have visited us each year and have really made a massive impact to how our farm site looks today. They have rebuilt our Compost area, secured our orchard and revamped our packing room. This year they take on the CAGE, our new fruit cage.



But Corporate Volunteering Days are just one way we welcome volunteers. We are so in awe of our amazing volunteers who come weekly to the farm to help make a difference to our charity and our Co-workers. We have a real mix of talent, skills and enthusiasm from our regular volunteers and would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. A day in the life of a Prospects Trust Volunteer is as varied as our seasons, we recently had one making a chicken swing and another has boosted our appeal with the Cambridge based customers, in store at Arjuna.

Some have a background in machinery and farming, others in retail or social therapy, we are pleased to say with 18 acres we always have room to welcome regular volunteers, one off volunteering days and seasonal volunteers too. If you are interested in finding out more pop along to the farm or call us on 741551.

FUNDRAISING FEATS OR JUST PLANE MADNESS?

We are a small charity so we can't really do a massive fundraising events like a Bake Day or a Nose Day. However each year we are proud to say people go the extra acre for The Prospects Trust. We have seen skydivers, sponsored swims, walks and even wheelbarrow races all raising essential funds for the farm. So far this year we have had Marathons and Half Marathons run in our aid, thanks Colin, Jeannie and Guy for your running totals! Later this year we are going to see some dare devils WING WALK! We always encourage our Friends of the Farm to support our supporters so take a look at our online Local Giving page for all the fundraising feats happening that you can support too:
https://localgiving.org/charity/prospectstrustatsnakehallfarm/



SCORES ON THE DOORS! FIVE STAR FARM

Have you popped into the shop for some of our new yummy Prospects Preserves and new Product ranges yet? Well as you check out our latest seasonal best take a look at our Tea Barn window where we are now proudly displaying our 5 star hygiene rating. Our new kitchen passed the Environmental Health's inspection and we got top marks. This has been a whole team effort with all our farm staff taking a responsibility for the safe and hygienic new kitchen and involving our Co-workers in the development of this exciting new venture. So here is a five star cheer for our fabulous kitchen crew!



Marianne (Maz) Baker
01638 741551

Street Lights



It's been a while since I've commented on the project to extend our Heritage street lights in the village – mainly due to the fact that sadly, very little has happened.

I had a meeting with Balfour Beatty and the CC in early December – at which time they committed to getting back to me early in the New Year. However they needed prompting in March and it is only recently that a reply was forthcoming which said . . . .

"The change request has been drafted and is now with our Customer Liaison Team who are in discussion with the Design Team to source similar lighting columns to those you already have in the Parish".

Once this has been done, we will be able to forward a quote to the county for checking and this will then be sent on to Reach Parish Council for their approval"

I will keep you informed of further progress . . . .

David Parr

REACH FAIR 2016
MONDAY 2nd MAY

A COLLECTION FOR THE
BOTTLE STALL
WILL BE MADE ON THE
EVENINGS OF TUESDAY 12TH AND
WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL

PLEASE MAKE A CAKE FOR THE
CAKE STALL
CATHERINE GIBSON WILL RECEIVE CAKES
BEFORE THE DAY
OR JUST BRING THEM TO THE STALL

OFFERS OF HELP TO GRAHAME RADFORD
(742814)

PRETTY PLEASE

Events Team



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

The team's aims are:

- Each year, to put together a list of village events in a Reach Village calendar containing pictures selected from those provided by villagers – the proceeds of which are ploughed back into events such as those that surround our Christmas Tree
- To help villagers who have ideas for other events make them happen
- To keep a list of all events on the village website so that everyone can see what is going to happen
- To organise any "Special" events – such as the Queen's 90th birthday Beacon

The next event takes place on Thursday 21st April is the **Queen's 90th Birthday Beacons Celebration** which will start with the lighting of the **Reach Village Beacon** on the Lower Green – followed by the burying of a **Time Capsule**.

Ideas for items to be put into the Time Capsule can be found at www.reach-village.co.uk/news_Time_Capsule_2016.html - and you might want to thinking about "What will our World be like in 2101"? For instance:

- Will we still be driving motor cars or will they be driving us – and indeed will there be motor cars at all?
- How will we be communicating at that time – how will the current mobile phone have developed?
- Will there still be a TV in the corner of the room or will we each have our own individual capability to view whatever we want?
- Will we have colonised a planet somewhere in our solar system?

Plenty of more things to think about – please put your top ten predictions on a piece of paper and get it to me by the deadline of Sunday 17th April for inclusion within the Time Capsule.

For further details on this please turn to page 3 of this issue of the magazine or visit the village website at: http://www.reach-village.co.uk/news.html and click on the event title.

You should also have a look at page 19 of this issue of the magazine and put the date in your diaries of **Sunday 12th June** when there will be a **village picnic in celebration of the Queen's birthday.**

We have plenty to look forward to . . . .

David Parr
744081 or reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday

Village Picnic on the Green and a Cake Baking Competition

2.30pm – 5.00pm

Sunday 12th June 2016

What better way to celebrate this momentous occasion than to have a village picnic?

The plan is that villagers get together on the green for a picnic tea. Bring your own savouries - tea, coffee and squash will be provided plus some excellent cakes. Musical entertainment is also planned.

To enable everyone to have some birthday cake we are planning a competition to make Her Majesty a birthday cake. Judging will be based on content and appropriate decoration for the occasion.

The cake can be any flavour but it must be a birthday cake and you must agree for it to be shared by the village. There will be both children's and adult's sections and a certificate will be presented for each winner.

It is hoped to have traditional games for children of all ages - hopscotch, hoola hoops etc. We are looking for ideas and volunteers to take this on, for example, does anyone have a Punch and Judy show or similar?

Marquees, chairs and tables will be available and the village hall may be used in the event of rain.

If you would like to enter a cake please let one of the committee know, so we have an idea of numbers.



CALLING ALL CRAFTS PEOPLE AND ARTISANS

Reach Festival is taking bookings for stalls

Reach Festival, Fair Green, Reach
Saturday 24th Sept 2016
10.30am – 4.30pm

Reach Festival will showcase local genuine handmade crafts and local produce (food and drink).

In addition there will be displays of crafts including potting, coin making, wool spinning and flint knapping.

The charges for pitches are:
£20 for 5m x 3m or £30 for 5m x 5m

For Pitch Enquiries and Booking Forms contact:

Claire Halpin on 07834 740881
David Parr on 07887 563720

claire.halpin@ascontracts.co.uk
reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Newmarket Celebrates 350 Years of Making History

Newmarket Racecourses in conjunction with the rest of the town is very proud to be celebrating a landmark anniversary of 350 years. This fantastic heritage will be celebrated throughout the year at our race meetings, starting with our traditional curtain raiser, the Craven Meeting from Tuesday, 12th to Thursday, 14th April whereby all local residents are invited to the first day of this three day meeting, to enjoy a free day of racing* in celebration of 350 years of making history.

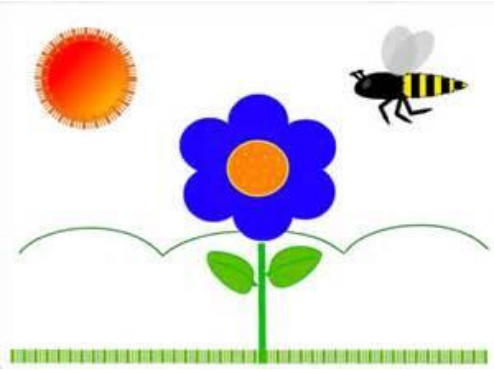


The famous QIPCO Guineas Festival then takes place on Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May, the perfect way to spend May Bank Holiday weekend. This fabulous sporting weekend is always compelling and stylish; a unique sporting occasion featuring the first two Classic races of the British Flat Racing season – the QIPCO 2000 and 1000 Guineas on the Saturday and Sunday respectively. With world-class racing and entertainment for everyone of all ages, it's the perfect event to come along to with friends, family or work colleagues for an unforgettable day out.

Be part of history and join in on these fantastic celebrations at Newmarket Racecourses. To claim your free tickets for the Craven Meeting please send an email to newmarket.boxoffice@thejockeyclub.co.uk with your name and postcode entitled **Community Offer**.

To purchase tickets for all other events please visit www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk or call us on 0344 579 3010. Tickets for the QIPCO Guineas Festival start from £15 if booked in advance or you can purchase a two day ticket for just £35 - simply use **GFEST16** when booking to enjoy this fantastic offer!

* Max two tickets per household



Out and About Winter 2016



The lengthening evenings, constant birdsong and emergence of colour herald the welcome arrival of Spring. Domestically, our hens are laying and a small cloud of midges accompanied last weekend's gardening activities. There have been spectacular red and gold evening sunsets over the fen and skylarks can be heard.

At the carrot wash, the air reverberates with the honking of over a hundred greylag and Canada geese. Flocks of lapwing move along the edges of standing water, the fields flooded in parts. Closer to home, two pairs of Canada geese have taken up residence on the water at Little Tubney. The starling murmuration now occurs at Wicken although large joining groups still pass over the local fen before dusk.

Finding this article short in content I've included a few fen-based art observations, in addition to wildlife. I hope this temporary improvisation will still interest readers.

Local Sightings January – March 2016:

19.1. Tracy: a barn owl flew over Tubney by Jason's wood yard.
20.1. Hilary: Two linnets and a great spotted woodpecker at her stables.
20.1. Tracy: a flock of fieldfare in their orchard at Springhall Farm.
21.1. Tracy: Three jays, long tailed tits, great spotted woodpecker at her feed station this morning.
25.1. Tracy: a bumblebee in her garden (and on 8.3).
26.1. Lords Ground Farm – 24 mute swans, two heron, 26 coot, two little grebe, five pheasant, chaffinch multiples.
28.1. Tracy: reed buntings on her feed station. Yellow wagtail in our field amongst the pieds. Kestrel, roe buck and three does – 24Acres.
3.2. Tracy watched two buzzards fighting in her field.
4.2. I saw a buzzard perfectly balanced on top of a slim electric fence stake in Gareth's field.
6.2. Ron saw a red kite fly over the village. Grey wagtail in our field, also blackbirds, robins, woodpigeon, magpies.
11.2. Tracy: Two boxing hares on Tubney Fen.
19.2. Tracy: Flock of goldfinch along riverbank.
8.3. Claire Acklam saw seven herons and Pam King noticed five earlier in the month in what she calls 'Meadow Field', this is situated after Pocket Park, before Tubney and opposite Reach Lake.



Not Bad for an Hour's Walk: 6th March

6th March. Journeyed down Little Fen road to Lord's Ground Farm. Walked the track bordering their manmade reservoir, saw a big dog fox disappearing into the far hedge, two pairs of mute swans grazed the turf field, blue tits and chaffinch littered the hedgerow, pied wagtails the path. Three pairs mallard rose from the ditch, cries of a distant buzzard. Saw 21 pairs of tufted duck and many more coot on the reservoir plus a pair of great crested grebe. A kestrel crossed the road ahead. Driving back towards Reach, a great spotted woodpecker landed in the stricken willow and a barn owl quartered the set aside field. Another kestrel looked on from the telegraph wire. Saw a pair of amorous little egret beside Tubney mere. Rushed home and exclaimed to (a surprised) Martin – how could we ever live anywhere else?

What's in a Painting?

People often ask how I decide what pictures to paint. Generally a fen view or the wildlife seen during a walk or ride instigates some artistic energy. I also 'see' paintings travelling in the car and frantically jot down notes, sketches, place names. Here's a good example of one such local inspiration: In 2009 I photographed and explored the old fen shed situated near Reach Lake on Straight Drove because it interested me. It was derelict but still standing, albeit at an irregular angle. It was constructed of wriggly tin, board, wooden planks with glazed window and earth floor. It struck me as being typically 'fen' i.e. proficiently made from anything useful found to hand, a good shelter and suitable storage; buildings of this sort can be seen, in varying states of repair/disrepair, all over the region.



29.10.2009 Fen shed, Straight Drove, Reach

I returned a few weeks ago and found it collapsed at almost ground level, rampant vegetation and dark fen soil smothered sections. I poked about and inside, found signs of fire damage, metal mattress springs embedded in the floor, splintered wood and shattered glass. Pieces of wood-wormed timber showed the remnants of domestic red and blue paint, I wondered who had held the brush for these markings and why.

Intrigued, I enquired about its history from friends in the village. Hannah Webb remembers rhubarb growing there and playing inside as a youngster, James Robinson recalled it being a machinery store and thought Don Webb may possibly have owned or used it. Hilary used to ride a track which ran beside it (now gone), the outcrop of waving broad-leafed vegetation spooked her horse.

Joyce Harrison thought there may have been several sheds at one time. John Cole remembered John Meecham keeping a Triumph farm-type vehicle inside. I'm not sure I'm much further on with the research of this small building but will continue asking villagers for their recollections.

It took over a week to draw and paint a small oil on board, using reference sketches, photographs and memory. A realistic study emerged which detailed the shed from a corner view, fields in the background, reeds in the fore. And in this way I spent an enjoyable and fulfilling seven days simply painting a record of a lost agricultural fen shed in Reach. A case of production without commercial aim, as I doubt anybody would want to buy this piece, but immensely satisfying all the same and perhaps even important in its way.



29.10.2009 Fen shed, Straight Drove, Reach

More On Fen Art

I had the good fortune recently to view an exhibition by artist Fred Ingrams at The Strover Gallery, Fen Ditton. The show consisted of large-scale, expressive, colourful acrylics of fen landscapes. Many depicted the farmed aspect, purple flowering potatoes, blue leek fields, large areas of orange pumpkins. I returned for his subsequent talk and discovered he mostly paints outside and in the shelter of ditches! He travels from Norfolk in a Landrover twice weekly with an Ordnance Survey map sectioned off for isolated fen areas (the titles of his paintings almost grid reference the location). He paints remotely and where there is no road noise or risk of disturbance, however he said that, within an hour, somebody would inevitably be standing beside him!

His show was a sell-out almost before the doors opened to the public (i.e. by catalogue), which I think demonstrates a growing interest and enthusiasm for fen-related artworks (Note: Angela Mellor's exquisite porcelain vases with fen reed designs, Christopher Witchall's fen landscape paintings, Kurt Jackson's Wicken Fen collage works, Chris Woods' clever installations which distort lines of regular fen crops with the placement of glass mirror pyramids on the land).

Dogs

Whilst I prefer the open spaces and views of the fens it's a sad fact that I no longer walk in Reach Wood, which is unquestionably a lovely place. I feel disenchanted by the increasing number of 'marauding' dogs which inhabit its grassy paths and wooded areas. Although I love to see dogs off lead, free-running and playing with others the pup has suffered one too many unexpected incidents for comfort – she has been growled at, snarled at, chased, bitten, bowled over and ... even licked to death! The cries of "I've forgotten my lead" or "he just wants to say hello" or "he just wants to play" or "he's in here somewhere" are not the signs of dogs under the control of responsible owners. These Kennel Club guidelines are worth noting:

The Kennel Club: Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (section 3)

It is a criminal offence (for the owner and/or the person in charge of the dog) to allow a dog to be 'dangerously out of control' in a public place, a place where it is not permitted to be and some other areas. A 'dangerously out of control' dog can be defined as a dog that has injured someone or a dog that a person has grounds for reasonable apprehension that it may do so. Something as simple as your dog chasing, barking at or jumping up at a person or child could lead to a complaint, so ensure that your dog is under control at all times.

Joss Goodchild

Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners Programme for 2016

19th April	Lois Baker	Wicken Fen, Past, Present and Future
17th May	David Hack	Make your Garden Count
7th June	Evening Visit	Desert World, Santon Downham
Sunday 3rd July	Coach Outing	Houghton Hall
19th July	Evening Visit	Clare College Gardens
18th October	AGM	
15th November	Rob Brett	28-360 Acres. The Delights and Possibilities of the RHS Garden Hyde Hall

Indoor meetings are on a Tuesday at 8pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall. Details of the summer visits will be confirmed nearer the time.

Membership is £15 per person. New members and visitors are always welcome: £3 per evening.

Chairman/Treasurer: Peter Hart 01638 741681

Joint Secretaries: Margaret Joyce and Mary Hart 01638 744390 / 741681

Spring again…….



Tulipa clusiana var chrysantha

At the mere mention of tulips, many immediately conjure up images of Dutch bulb fields awash with a rash of intense, brilliant colour. This popular and easy bulb brings a splash of spring colour to the spring garden and is equally at home in both a formal garden setting and a cottage garden.

For the tulip enthusiast the genus offers far more than familiar favourites such as 'Apeldoorn' or 'Queen of Night.' Cambridge University Botanic Garden holds the National Collection of species tulips, which have given rise to the hybrids and cultivars popular today. The collection has its origins in the 1920's when William Rickatson Dykes, Secretary of the Royal Horticultural Society, determined to understand more about the origins of the garden tulip and the diversity of the genus. Over subsequent years his collection grew and was gifted to the Botanic Garden in 1948.



Tulipa humilia Albocaerulea Oculata

Today the collection comprises species which naturally occur in a range extending from Western Europe to eastern Asia, and numbers approximately 80 in total. Given their natural distribution, it is no coincidence that their cultivation increased in the Ottoman Empire and this in turn gave rise to the phenomenon of Tulipmania in the 1630's. The collection is diverse in colour, form and flowering time. The season begins with the diminutive, white *Tulipa cretica*, which starts the show in February. Flowering is rounded off in May or June by the tall, elegant scarlet *Tulipa sprengeri*.

Upon flowering, each pot of bulbs is displayed in our Alpine House and the collection provides a succession of interest from February through to May. Though incomparable with the vast acres of tulips in Holland, our small collection is invaluable in demonstrating the natural diversity of this genus and the origin of one of our most familiar garden plants.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 6pm April – September, seven days a week. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

Sally Pettit
The Botanic Garden

St Mary's Church, Burwell is pleased to host two concerts in May

Friday May 6th 2016

ZRI

A gypsy inspired quintet, who will play Schubert's C major quintet, amongst other works

This concert is part of the Cambridge Summer Music Festival's Music in Quiet Places Series

Saturday May 14th 2016
Burwell Community Choir & Newmarket Town Band

A wonderful concert featuring local musicians

Look out for posters with more details!

Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News



Construction of our new bridge over Harrison's Drove, which will link grazing areas on Baker's Fen and Harrison's Farm either side of the drove, was completed at the end of February. We hope to open the bridge for use by our grazing animals and hopefully wildlife early in the autumn, once vegetation is sufficiently established on the approach ramps. The bridge was funded by public donations to our 'Bridge for Nature' appeal and a grant from Viridor Credits Environmental Company, which is a not for profit organisation providing funding for community, heritage and biodiversity projects around the UK through the Landfill Communities Fund. In the longer term it is still our aim to construct a new crossing over Burwell Lode, which will enable the animals (and humans) to roam either side of the Lode.



Harrisons Bridge Lift

We have also used funds from a legacy to construct a new bird hide close to the new bridge, which will provide fantastic views over the southern section of Bakers Fen. We managed to keep that area relatively dry whilst construction of the bridge was taking place, so we've been re-wetting the area close to the hide in the past couple of weeks, so hopefully it should be a good place to spot wildfowl over the spring and summer months.

We've recently relaunched our Konik pony sponsorship scheme by creating two tiers of sponsorship, Gold and Silver. Sponsors are helping to support the valuable work our grazing programme performs in helping to manage the expanded nature reserve. Both schemes will give the sponsors a fact sheet about the Koniks, regular newsletters, a sponsorship certificate and a photograph of the Koniks. Silver sponsorship costs £30 per annum and sponsors will be invited to join a group walk to meet the koniks. With the Gold scheme (£50 per annum) the sponsor and a guest can arrange a personal walk with a grazing ranger or volunteer to meet the Koniks.



You can arrange a konik pony sponsorship (either for yourself or as a gift) by calling into the visitor centre or by emailing wicken.koniks@nationaltrust.org.uk.

Upcoming events at Wicken include; **Story Time Teddy Bears Picnic** - Friday 1 April; **Go Wild: Owl Pellet Dissection** on Monday 4 April; **Springtime Arts and Crafts** on Wednesday 6 April; **Family Campfire Cookout** on Friday 8 April; **Mucky Pups Springtime Adventure** on Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 April. In May we have: **Dawn Chorus Bird Walk** on Saturday 7, **Mucky Pups – Messy Muddy May** on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 and finally a **Basket Making Workshop** on Friday 13 May. Details of all our events and booking arrangements can be found on our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen - please book early to avoid disappointment.

Finally, if you're looking for a good read, I would recommend the recently published, **Rain – Four walks in English weather**, by Melissa Harrison. It does of course feature a walk at Wicken Fen on a wet January day! We have copies of the book in the Visitor Centre, priced £12.95

Howard Cooper

National Trust

NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

11th - 17th April 2016

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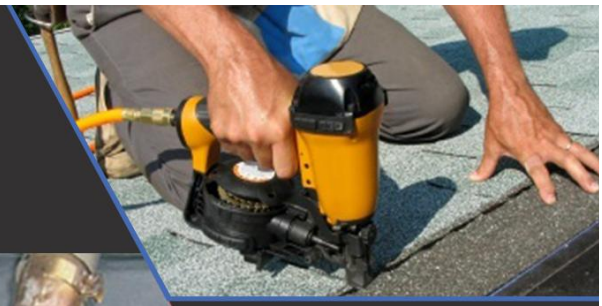



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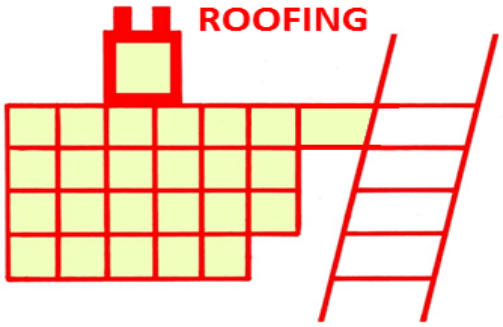

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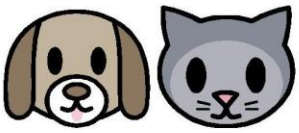

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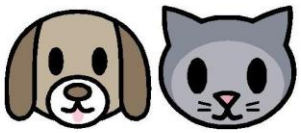

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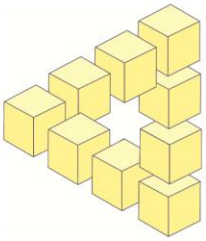

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Days Gone By



The outstanding No. 1 in April/May 1983 was "True" by Spandau Ballet - an English New Wave band formed in London in 1976. The band's classic line-up featured - and still does - brothers Gary and Martin Kemp on guitars, vocalist Tony Hadley, saxophonist Steve Norman and drummer John Keeble.

In England, tens of thousands of peace demonstrators formed a human chain stretching 14 miles across Berkshire - lining a route along which the protesters called "Nuclear Valley".

The chain started at the American airbase at Greenham Common, passed the Aldermaston nuclear research centre and ended at the ordnance factory in Burghfield.

Actress Julie Christie was one of a number of celebrities who joined in the event organised by the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND). CND said a total of 80,000 people took part but a police spokesman put the number at 40,000. The event was the climax of a week of anti-nuclear activities across England in the run-up to Easter.



Part of the "Human Chain" - outside Greenham Common

After completing the "peace chain" a rally was held near Aldermaston.

At one point a plane flew overhead trailing a banner reading "CND - Kremlin's April Fools". It had been sent up by a group opposed to CND - the Coalition for Peace through Security.

A number of extreme left-wing groups, including Trotskyites, were present at the event but the demonstration passed off peacefully. The only trouble was at Greenham Common where nearly 200 members of the women's peace camp based outside the airbase scaled the perimeter fence, however, they were immediately caught by police on the other side and escorted off the premises.

The CND rally was held at about the same time as 15,000 people took part in the first of a series of anti-nuclear marches in West Germany.

CND was at the peak of its popularity and influence during the mid-1980s having been founded in 1958 at the height of the Cold War. It staged annual marches attended by thousands from Trafalgar Square in London to the nuclear research base at Aldermaston in Berkshire.



The organisation went into decline during a thaw in relations between the superpowers in the 1970s but it was revitalised in the 1980s as a result of the decision to site American Cruise and Pershing missiles in Britain and several other Western European countries.

In 1998 CND had approximately 40,000 members, down from a high of 100,000.

In Reach it seemed to be a time when fly-tipping was rife and there was a problem with noise from youths congregating in the bus shelter - together with badly rutted droves. so other than the bus shelter problem, thankfully, it a case of same old, same old.

There was also some issue with the "Horse Dock" on Great Lane where ownership was disputed by the Parish Council. It would appear that ultimately this was sorted to the satisfaction of all, including the eventual decided owner Charles Moseley.

Parish Council minutes at the time show that "The Council had no objection to a building being erected in Burwell Road for private use" . . . .

In April 1983'2 issue of "Out of Reach" there is a very informative article regarding the history of the Hythe. This can be downloaded from the village website - just go to: http://www.reach-village.co.uk/magazine.html and select the relevant issue.

In the same issue you will see a list of activities forming the "Reach Fair Programme 1983" which took place over a fortnight around the Fair and which included:

- Miss Reach Competition
- Fun on the Hythe (tug o' war, greasy pole, dyke jumping etc)
- Sausage and Mash Supper at the Village Centre
- Village games evening
- Morris Men dancing
- Darts Tournament at the Village Centre
- Clay Pigeon shooting at Manor Farm
- Village Social Evening at the Village Centre
- Dog Show

This was also the time when the Boundary Commission "decided" that The Swaffhams, Lode and Reach be joined with Stretham, Little Thetford, Wicken and South Ely in a new division to be called "South Ely and Swaffham". In the end this did not take place, due in part to the intervention of County Councillor John Brooks who commented at the time that *"The plan must have been conceived by someone who had never been south of Norman Cross and someone in Whitehall who had never been north of Charing Cross".*

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Fruits of our Orchard

Norfolk Beefing



Norfolk Beefing is an old cooking apple variety from the East of England, dating back to the 18th Century.

They are slightly flat apples about three inches across and two and a half inches high. The skin is yellow-green, but with brown-purple and dark red streaks. Inside, the flesh has a green tint, is crisp and is said to have a hint of the flavour of cinnamon. The apples store well, getting sweeter with keeping and are good for cooking and drying. By March of the year after harvesting, they are sweet enough to use as dessert apples. With keeping, they turn a deeper brown or maroon colour, with harder, more solid flesh.

These apples were popular with bakers and were sent to London fruiterers as a delicacy. They were also used for cider making. The trees tend to be vigorous, with heavy crops of fruit.



Biffins are a special kind of dried Norfolk Beefing, flat in appearance and soft to the touch, they were prepared in large quantities in Norfolk. They are a form of baked apple, cooked in a very slow oven, which used to be sold by Norwich bakers. Children used to be given them as a treat, as they might receive ice-cream or crisps nowadays, or they could be taken home to eat with cream.

The apples were slowly cooked whole, then cored, then rubbed with sugar. To eat, you would peel off the tough skin, and garnish with more sugar and cream. You would eat them cold or at room temperature. They were very popular in Victorian times but largely died out commercially after World War II.

The Norfolk Biffin's three hundred year history is fairly well documented. The estate records for Mannington, Norfolk, dating from 1698, of Robert Walpole (later the first Prime Minister of Great Britain) mention Norfolk Biffin apples which Walpole had sent up to his house in London. The Norfolk Biffin is also mentioned by Charles Dickens, first in *A Christmas Carol* (1843), later in *Dombey and Son* (1846-1848) and in *Boots at the Holly-tree Inn* (1858). The first of these says: "Norfolk Biffins, squab and swarthy, setting off the yellow of oranges and lemons, and in the great compactness of their juicy persons, urgently entreating and beseeching to be carried home in paper bags and eaten after dinner". The last of these has: "Cobbs, do you think you could bring a biffin, please?... I think a Norfolk biffin would rouse her, Cobbs. She is very fond of them."



The Victorian food writer and poet Eliza Acton recommends the apple in her *Modern cookery, in all its branches* (1845) as the best apple to use when baking 'Black Caps par Excellence' (a sugared baked apple made with wine and lemon peel): "The Norfolk biffin answers for this dish far better than any other kind of apple".

A recipe for biffins of 1882 advises: "... choose Norfolk Biffins with the clearest most blemish free rinds, then lay them on clean straw on baking wire and cover well with more straw. Set them in a very slow oven for four to five hours. Draw them out and press them very gently, otherwise their skins will burst. Return them now to the oven for another hour, then press them again. When cold, rub them over with clarified sugar".

In Victorian London, there was a Christmas trade in biffins, supplied by Norwich bakers, who cooked the apples in their bread-ovens, weighed down with an iron plate to exclude air.

The apple is now only rarely seen in English orchards – but we have two trees in our orchard, neither of which have been sponsored.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Norfolk_Biffin

Orchard Gardening Day. Sunday 3rd April, 2pm

Please come and help manage our orchard on Sunday 3rd April. We have two main jobs – clearing grass and weeds from around the mulch mats at the base of the trees and giving each tree a feed with some blood fish and bone meal.

The work isn't strenuous – suitable for all ages and abilities – but we have lots of trees to weed and feed, so need as many helpers as possible please.

If you have sponsored a tree why not use this opportunity to come and see how it is growing, and to give it some love and attention!?

Gardening gloves and a trowel are the recommended tools – but if you don't have either please don't let that stop you coming along.

REVISED - Save the Date! National Meadows Day on 2nd July (evening) and Sunday 3rd July (early morning to mid-afternoon)

Please note that our celebration of National Meadows Day (see http://www.magnificentmeadows.org.uk/celebrating-meadows/national-meadows-day), to be organised in Partnership with the National Trust, will now take place mainly on **Sunday 3rd July**. However, we hope to kick things off with some bat detection, and setting of traps for small mammals, late on Saturday evening.

David Thomas

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Reach Book Club

Saturday 16th April at 3.00pm in the Dyke's End

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Porterhouse Blue by Tom Sharpe

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Tales from a Reach Garden



I haven't needed to set my alarm clock in the mornings recently because for the last two weeks a song thrush has perched in a crab apple tree opposite my bedroom window and started singing at the break of dawn. It has been impossible to return to sleep because it keeps on singing very loudly. In fact, for about a fortnight it kept on singing from dawn to dusk, with just a couple of short breaks in between, presumably to eat. In spite of the lack of sleep, I find it hard not to admire this small bird, which has a vast repertoire of whistles, trills and warbles plus the stamina and decibel output of a Wagnerian opera singer. It sang again this morning but it has been silent since about 10am, so I'm hoping it has found a mate.



Song thrush singing in our crab apple tree

Song thrushes have been regular visitors to our garden and in previous years we've watched the fledglings being fed by their parents on the lawn and take their first flights in our garden, occasionally flying into windows and knocking themselves out - though they do recover (usually in the presence of a parent) and hopefully learnt a valuable lesson in the process. This is the first time one has chosen to sing in the crab apple tree; last year my son, while at home revising for exams, had the dubious privilege of being woken by a thrush singing loudly outside his bedroom window each morning – he wasn't very happy.

We've had a lot of different woodland birds flying around the garden, especially by the crab apple tree, which they seem to find very attractive. Other garden visitors include Muntjac deer, the inevitable rabbits and a stoat which is helping itself to various small burrowing mammals it finds around the garden. The stoat is constantly moving around during the day (very difficult to take a photograph) and I'm astonished at the small size of burrow it plunges into and rapidly pulls out something brown, furry and wriggling, which it kills swiftly and eats.



An alert stoat by a vole hole

In the veggie patch the broccoli and leeks are still plentiful, and we are gradually working our way through the cabbage and chard too. Weeding is a regular chore now, thanks to the relatively mild weather, dead nettles in particular appear to be growing everywhere. Sometimes they're not spotted until the flowers appear which is quite early this year.

One of the first lot of seeds we sow each year are broad beans. They are no relation to runner beans or French beans which are grown later in the year but are more closely related to vetches which grow wild at the edges of fields and occasionally find in the flower beds in our garden. Broad beans aren't thought to be native to the UK, but unlike runner beans which are more recent arrivals to these shores (from the Americas), broad beans probably arrived here during the Bronze Age.



Broad bean seedlings

As they are nutritious, easy to grow and easy to store (dried), they were a culinary staple up to the last century. Broad beans are one of those vegetables that seem to divide opinion these days, I guess because when you do find them in the shops the beans are usually over-large in wilting pods. If they are allowed to grow too large, the bean skins thicken making the beans taste bitter and the leathery skins are unpalatable; in this case the beans ought to be skinned before eating but who has the time to do that these days? However, they are very easy to grow in the garden and can be picked when the pods are smaller and the beans are tender and sweeter. They are so versatile in the kitchen, either as a vegetable accompaniment to meals, an addition to stews and soups, mashed and turned into "veggie burgers" or pureed in dips. Very young pods don't need to be shelled, but can be steamed and eaten whole.



Broad bean flowers in May

In previous years we planted some broad beans before winter because some varieties, such as "Aquadulce Claudia" and "De Monica" are supposed to be winter hardy; in theory, these should give a crop in spring. However, the results were disappointing and the group of hard winters from 2008 to 2013, were off-putting, to say the least, but a pre winter sowing would have been more successful this year, thanks to the mild weather of December and January. That's the joy of growing vegetables in Britain, isn't it? You never know what the seasons will bring from one year to the next!

I sow the beans in pots of compost, since Richard and I realised that sowing directly in the soil in our garden results in very few plants for us – the beans are so tempting to the mice and voles that the stoat hunts. We leave the seedlings outside to harden off prior to planting, as soon as the leaves poke their way through the compost.

The planting bed will have been fertilized with well-rotted manure or compost and then some general fertilizer added a week or so before planting out. Immediately prior to planting, the bed is watered and covered in weed-suppressing membrane with holes cut into it where the seedlings are to go. Then immediately after planting, the seedlings are watered in. Most varieties of broad bean are quite tall (about 1.5m, 4ft) so the plants need support while growing otherwise they tend to flop over, especially while the pods are fattening. As we grow the beans in rectangular beds we support the beans by stretching pea netting horizontally between four posts hammered into each corner of the bed.



Broad bean pods in July

We were able to grow broad beans in our small garden in Watford, a variety called "The Sutton" provided stubby (60cm, 2ft) plants, smothered in pods. This variety could probably be grown in large pots. This year I am sowing "De Monica" first, followed by "Masterpiece Longpod" and "Bunyard's Exhibition" a few weeks later. Both "De Monica" and "Bunyard's Exhibition" produce white beans (as does "the Sutton"), but "Masterpiece Longpod" produces green beans. Personally, I think the beans from "Masterpiece Longpod" have the better flavour, especially when used fresh; however, the beans from all of these varieties freeze well – we still have some of last year's crop in the freezer, and they still taste delicious!

Danuta Gibson

Food Focus



Kale – super food or animal fodder?

I'm inclined to think the latter rather than the former and historically it has been exactly that. The fact that it can't simply be steamed and eaten downgrades its usefulness considerably in our house. Moreover in my opinion and my experience, unless it is cooked with oil/sesame seeds/soya sauce or basically anything with flavour, it is inedible (although I have to admit I haven't tried kale chips).

There is however no end of fuss about it and apparently with reason. Here are its vital statistics:



A hundred grams of uncooked kale contains just 33 calories, but 200 per cent of daily vitamin A requirements, 134 per cent of vitamin C and an incredible 700 per cent of vitamin K. We need vitamin K for bone health and blood clotting (although it may counteract some blood thinning medication) and if you eat it with some fat, such as olive oil, avocado, nuts or seeds, your body will absorb more of the vitamin K.

Before you all get carried away and rush out to buy some kale (Snakehall may well be able to help you) new research suggests that it contains too much fibre for some peoples' digestive systems (read gas and bloating). It also contains a sugar called raffinose which is hard for us to break down, and…and…and raw kale can affect your thyroid gland function (I'm so glad I haven't been madly juicing for the last 3 years!). Now I've put you off it completely I'm going to provide you with the only recipe which I've ever found to make it palatable – this is also very good with the beautifully dark and sculptural looking cavalo nero (which I've just learnt is a type of kale).

Kale and Almond Pesto

55g blanched almonds toasted
2 long red chillies
3 garlic cloves, unpeeled
150g kale/cavalo nero leaves, stems removed and blanched
Handful of flat-leaf parsley leaves
2 tbsp oregano leaves
1 tbsp lemon juice
Sea salt and cracked black pepper
125ml olive oil, plus extra, for drizzling
30g grated manchego

I don't think you really need a recipe for a pesto – just chop everything, combine and whizz. But I will tell you a tip to freshen it up after it's been in the fridge for three days (it is better fresh), grate some lemon zest on to it and it really zings it up again.

Prospects Produce

I thought it might be an idea to include a section in this article about the seasonal best that the Prospects Trust have on offer in the Snakehall Farm Shop. In view of the fact that we are in the middle of the hungry gap this is possibly a bad time of year to start, but with the new kitchen and the wonderful pickles, jelly's, chutneys and preserved produce appearing on the shelves, the co-workers are providing other wonderful reasons to drop in. Over the last few years I have bought some of the best beetroot ever tasted, delectable pink fur apples and the freshest and most delicious broad beans. As a regular there I will aim to identify the real treats on offer.

Over the next couple of months there will be kale, spinach, salad crops and rhubarb available. Right now you can find herbs, sweet peas and broad beans to plant out and from the kitchen there is marmalade, pickled garlic, spiced beetroot as well as some colourful and creative Easter crafts.



Ps Foody Markets & Events happening near you over the next two months

Burwell Farmers Market (Burwell Village College) second Saturday of the month (9.30am - 12.30pm) – April 9th and May 14th.

Ely Farmers Market second and fourth Saturday of the month (8.30am – 2pm) April 9th and 23rd and May 14th and 28th.

Burwash Manor (a series of converted barns in Barton, the other side of Cambridge) **Asparagus Feast! 14th May** 10am-4pm including Cookery Demonstrations, Tastings Galore, Provenance Kitchen, The Juice Box, Wine Tasting with Cozzi & Boffa, Tractor Trailer Rides to the asparagus field (weather permitting) and **Sizzling Sunday! May 22nd** together with Leech and Sons Master Butchers, we will once again be celebrating our Rare Breed Pork including: Butchery Demonstrations and Competitions, Capsicana Chilli Tastings, Beer Festival BBQ Pulled Pork and Burwash Bangers.

Eat Cambridge 7th – 22nd May. This is an annual festival of food and drink showing off local independent producers to local food fans throughout the county of Cambridgeshire. It features a fortnight of local food and drink, a jam-packed two-week schedule of tasty fringe events and a huge food and drink fair at the Corn Exchange in the historic city of Cambridge.

Stretham Feast – Sunday 15th May - no details available at time of going to print.

Catherine Gibson



The swan started nest-building from mid-March. She will sit on the nest from late March to just after the Fair (early May)



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As part of the Newmarket 350th anniversary celebrations, Newmarket Racecourses has created an interactive heritage timeline charting the amazing history of the area from 1060 to the modern day. You can even add your own history by uploading photos and memories. Why not visit www.weare350.co.uk to explore!



As the start of the flat racing season at Newmarket Racecourses draws nearer we just want to remind you that all members of the local community are welcome to attend on Tuesday 12th April free of charge so don't forget to claim your tickets*. To claim you can either send an email to newmarket.boxoffice@thejockeyclub.co.uk with your name and postcode entitled **Community Offer** or visit www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk and book using promotional code **CRAVEN350**

* Max two tickets per household/Grandstand and Paddock Enclosure Only



Swaffham Prior Primary School

We have been enjoying some class assemblies this half term. The assemblies presented by Neptune and Saturn were based on their topic of 'What have the Romans done for us?' Both classes confidently presented information about aspects of Roman life. We saw examples of very detailed, printed mosaics and shields. The children in Neptune Class demonstrated how Romans used their shields in battle to make a 'tortoise' to protect themselves. We also heard about how Romans constructed roads and Neptune Class played some evocative pieces which they had composed on the theme of road-building.



Neptune Class assembly. Tobias helping to demonstrate a Roman `tortoise'

Some children from Saturn Class shared with us projects that they had undertaken at home. Lily made a detailed model out of paper and card of a Roman Amphitheatre and Evie had discovered that there was Roman settlement in Reach. She went on to make some exquisite silver earrings in the style of Roman earrings and used some original Roman beads.

Mars Class's assembly was based on 'Celebrations' and they started with a very colourful fashion parade of beautiful tie dyed T-shirts that they had made. They then went on to tell us some interesting facts about Brazil and perform a carnival dance. We saw them act out the story of the Chinese New Year animal race and show us photographs of their KS1 wedding.

Congratulations to Saturn, Neptune and Mars Classes!

Also in February, the children from Mercury and Mars Classes went to St Mary's to participate in a mock wedding ceremony. Reverend Sue led the wedding ceremony and several children took the roles of the wedding party, including the bride and bridegroom, the bridesmaids, the mothers and fathers of the bride and groom. The rest of the children and parents watched the ceremony.

Mrs Charlotte Cane and Mrs Heather Lander were judges for the recent Governors Handwriting Award and presented prizes to a group of selected children for their handwriting. All the children in the school copied a poem in their best handwriting and then the best were chosen from each year group. Congratulations to Scarlett (Reception), Flossie (Year 1), Zoe (Year 2), Phoebe (Year 3), Bethany-Louise (Year 4), Tom (Year 5) and Hector (Year 6) who were selected as the winners.

Bikeability has taken place and we are delighted t o announce that all the children were awarded Level 2. Well done Years 5 and 6!

Science Week took place at the beginning of March and the week was spent investigating aspects of Food Science. Each class had to help Bert Bester select the best foods for his supermarket. Mercury Class had to recommend which cream made the best butter. They tested different milks and made butter from cream before testing different creams to see which one was the best. Mars Class investigated which was the best apple. They looked at the different colours and tasted the apples to see which was the juiciest. Neptune Class was asked to find out which was the best cereal. They investigated a huge range of cereals and thought about taste and sugar content. Saturn Class investigated the 'best dancer'. It was based on the phenomenon whereby a raisin in a fizzy drink will go up and down. The class tested different foods including apples and pears and lots of different fizzy drinks. If you want to find out which was the best for each, displays are being put up and each class created a big book full of information about what they were doing and found out.

A KS2 Cross Country event took place and 16 children from our school took part. It was a cold and crisp morning and the children participated with good sportsmanship and skill. The school came 3rd out of all of the Circle schools participating. Well done to the runners!

A Circle Schools Choir Festival took place at Burwell and our school choir, accompanied by Mrs Holt, represented the school. A report of the event follows:

We sang 'I'm a Believer', 'You've got a friend in me' and 'Rule the World'. All the Circle schools had separate songs and our song was 'You've got a friend in me'. We enjoyed it because it was fun to sing on the stage with all the children listening to us and having an opinion from the judges. One of the comments made was, 'Lovely clear unison singing. You were looking at the audience. Good delivery of tricky rhythms. The slowing down section was great'.

By Lily and Rory



Hector received a prize for his handwriting from Mrs Charlotte Cane

Easter will soon be upon us and the children have already started to celebrate. FoSPS organised two events. Mercury and Mars Classes had an 'Easter Bonnet Parade' and lots of the children came to school in brightly coloured and beautifully decorated hats and bonnets. The judges had a difficult job to choose. Prize winners were selected for the best hats from a girl and a boy and the most creative/imaginative design. Neptune and Saturn played Easter Egg Bingo and there were over 21 large eggs as prizes and lots of mini chocolate eggs. Fun was had by all!

We have our Easter Service led by Reverend Sue to look forward to and then, after an incredibly quick term, we have the Easter holidays. We wish you a Happy Easter!

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

STOP PRESS: Spring Close Montessori School, Reach, will commence on 11th April 2016

It has been announced that the Montessori School will be starting at the Reach Village Centre on Monday April 11th. They are open Mon-Fri, 9.00am to 1.00pm. The Committee are delighted to welcome the Montessori School to Reach and we earnestly look forward to working with them to continue their excellent work and wish them every success in the future.

For further information please contact Christine Hobbs:
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Grahame Radford
Chairman - Reach Village Centre Committee

Pets Corner



Bessie Acklam. Keen to say, Hi and be welcomed into the village



The male swan regularly comes up to the house for breakfast and dinner

Rowing Report

Everyone knows the Oxford and Cambridge boat race, but what you might not know is that there is an aperitif held a week earlier at Henley – the lightweight boat race, reserved for human-shrimps of 72 kg and below. This year's Cambridge boat took to the water on Saturday 19 March with Theo Clark at number 5. It took a punishing training schedule to get there, involving taking the 5am train from Cambridge to Ely for early morning outings, while simultaneously half-starving himself to keep below the required weight.



The lightweight race is held on the same two mile course as the Henley regatta but in reverse, so that they are rowing downstream. No-one could quite answer why, except that maybe being lightweights someone in the distant past decided they would struggle to fight against the current and would get washed over Hambleden weir. Come the day, however and a brisk northerly breeze was blowing up the river, so the waves were against the crews anyway.



Winners of the Lightweight Boat Race
Theo Clark (back row far left)

Cambridge started fast at 41 strokes per minute, leaving Oxford floundering at a mere 38. That is pretty much how it stayed. Within 100 yards the light blues were already a length ahead and then continued to open up a gap until they finished five lengths ahead. All that training and it was all a little easy in the end, but a fantastic achievement nonetheless.

(What I won't tell you because Oxford and Cambridge have a bit of a monopoly on these races and we can't possibly let anyone else have a go, is that the Cambridge lightweights were beaten by Newcastle University in a warm-up race at Nottingham a few weeks ago. So maybe there is still some way to go before Theo can make the Olympic team.)

Ross Clark

Cricket



All over Reach, cricket bats are being lovingly oiled, flannels freshly pressed and muscles toned ready for the start of the cricket season. We are particularly keen, as ever, to hear from any new players. We're a multi-ability team, so no-one need be embarrassed or feel they might let themselves down because they haven't played for 40 years. Many of us still play as if we haven't picked up a bat or ball since Freddy Truman was leading the England attack. It is more spirit that matters.

We are planning to have some nets – and a bit of tidying up of the ground – on Sunday 24 April at 2pm. Following that, we are going to open the season, as last year, with an intra-village match, to which everyone is extremely welcome, young and old. This will be on Sunday 8 May, starting at 2pm. We have had everyone from 8 year olds to 80 year olds turn out in the past. And we are very keen for women and girls to be involved too. To make it more fun, we are going to have a referendum theme with an 'in' team and an 'out' team doing battle.

Everyone who turns up on the day will get to play, but it would be very helpful to know beforehand how many are planning to turn out. So please, if you can, email me at rossjclark@aol.com or phone on 743725. If you have a preference whether you would rather play for the 'in' team or the 'out' team please let me know that, too. Otherwise, you will be allocated at random.

Some other fixtures so far confirmed for this season:

2pm Sunday 12 June (away)	Castle Hedingham
1pm Sunday 19 June (home)	Tom Comins XI
2pm Sunday 24 July (home)	Grantchester
Sunday 21 August (home)	Rain Men
Sunday 11 September (home)	Ross Clark XI (the captain's benefit match)

Ross Clark

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 3rd February 2016.

Attendance

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

1. Forum for members of the public

A large number of residents attended the meeting to discuss the planning application. Ref – 15/01558/OUT construction of three houses and private access road.
A resident attended the meeting to discuss the cricket ground – see below.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cane declared an interest in the planning discussion and left the room.

3. Planning Application

Ref – 15/01558/OUT construction of three houses and private access road

Following a long and well-ordered discussion the following points will be made by the PC to the ECDC planning department.

- Access. Access to the site is limited; there is no room for vehicle to turn and inadequate parking for three, four bedroom houses.
- Layout and number of properties. The plan shows properties that are very close together, unlike surrounding properties. The height of the new properties is also an issue on the visual impact of the site and this should be reduced. Less, smaller and more affordable properties would be more appropriate.
- The sewage works cannot cope with the area at the present time with constant problems being experienced by those in the immediate area. This must be overcome before more properties can be built.
- The area is close to a very important historical site within the village and once this is built the opportunity to restore it will be gone. The village would appreciate the decision being put “on hold” for a period of time to allow a long-term vision to be established for the whole Port area.
- The PC would ask that this application goes before the Full Planning Committee.

1. Forum for members of the public

Reach cricket club would like to install a water supply, provided via the mains at Burwell Road, in order to improve the playing surface of the square. The PC would like to pipe to be laid at a deeper point than that proposed and for the pipe to be protected whilst running under the access track. There will be no cost to the PC. The PC were in full support of this project.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Matters arising – Following the decision of the insurance company to decline cover of the horse riding activities on the 24Acres site, Reach Riders intend to set up a structured riding club with only pre booked members being able to use the site. ***Councillor Fielding*** to liaise with the riding group and the insurance broker regarding this matter.

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

Nothing to report.

The previous decision to match any fundraising within the village will be reviewed.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report

Further consideration of the proposed business plan for 2016/17 through the Committees has dominated work at the County Council in January. The proposals will be debated at Full Council on 16th February with a view to setting a balanced budget. Some of the original proposals have been modified, including re-instating funding for school crossing patrols and leaving street lights on until 2.00am (rather than turning them off at midnight as originally proposed). The Children and Young People Committee agreed to re-instate funding to help the most-disadvantaged pupils with post-16 home to school transport, keep 2 assistant mangers in localities, and not reduce the budget for self-directed funding for disabled children. General Purposes Committee voted to not levy an additional 2% on Council Tax for adult social care, so the current proposed budget includes a rise in Council tax of 2% rather than the maximum of 4% prior to triggering a referendum.

The Children and Young People Committee also considered the proposed sponsorship of Netherhall School by the Bottisham Multi Academy Trust. BMAT has been assisting Netherhall for the past 18 months and has made considerable progress. A projected deficit has been identified for the 2016/17 year owing to low pupil numbers. The Committee voted unanimously to underwrite the proposed deficit (up to a maximum of £150,000).

An announcement is expected shortly that the police will be taking up some office space in Burwell Library. More details will follow once known.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report

The construction of Ely's new cinema commenced on 1st Feb. and should be completed by the end of 2016.

Cambridge has 5.3 million visitors per year generating £583 million income. "Visit Cambridge and beyond" has been set up to encourage visitors to the rest of the area. Last year Ely had 230,000 visitors generating £4 million. We are hoping to increase those figures this year.

The winter weather has increased the number of pot holes; we must try to make sure these are repaired.

Burwell School recycling site has been closed as the school needed the area of extra parking. I am working to try and find a replacement site in the area.

We have council by-elections in Bottisham and Sutton wards in February. So the council is in Purdah.

Swaffham Bulbeck Post office and stores has extended and will be having an official opening on 13th February at 11am.

5 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation.

5 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings

There were none.

5 (6) Play Spaces

Councillor Alderson has arranged for the two old small goal posts to be removed and recycled.

A meeting is arranged to discuss fundraising for improvement to the playground equipment.

The play area gate will very soon need replacing.

There had been a nasty accident on the swings on the green. The child involved was shocked but fine. Councillor Cane had spoken to the parents who stated that the accident was entirely due to the wrong use of the swings and not due to any fault with the equipment. ***Councillor Baldwin*** to write an article for the village magazine reminding children to use the play equipment safely and correctly.

A complaint had been received regarding the hedge and bin near to the swings on the green. ***Clerk*** to contact the resident to ask that the hedge be cut back and also to request that the bin is regularly emptied by ECDC.

5 (7) Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

5 (8) Village Centre

Maintenance/Building. GR had met with Veolia and the red plastic chairs had been removed by them. A meeting had been held between GR, Simon Rogers, St Mary's churchwarden, and Collaboration 23 the building company asked to repair the walls alongside Church and next to VC and the Bridgeman property. RK was asked to clear the walls of ivy. The work would commence in the New Year with the Church requesting to share the £2000 cost of the Church wall.

New quotes would be obtained for replacement of concrete and tarmac at the side and rear of VC. Since there were no regular users of the VC, heating costs would be controlled by thermostat set at a slightly lower setting.

Pre-school update. GR, HL and SE had met with the current manager of Montessori who, subject to registration, hoped to set up a satellite nursery at the VC in the new year running from 9am - 1pm. The Manager of the Montessori School outlined her willingness to fully co-operate with the VC Committee in providing a safe and happy environment for young children from Reach and surrounding villages.

5 (9) 24Acres Committee Report

Approximately 200 trees and shrubs had been planted with much appreciated help from residents.
A meeting of all the 24Acres committee members will be arranged.
A meeting will also be arranged with the Forestry Commission representative to ensure we are making the correct progress.
Councillor Thomas requested to spend a small amount on maintenance for the Orchard.

5 (10) Friends of Reach Wood

Nothing to report.

6 Information Items/AOB

A proposal was put forward to join a countrywide event of lighting a beacon within the village, on 21st April, to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The proposal was accepted and the Event Committee will take on the organising of this event at no cost to the PC. ***Councillor Baldwin*** to provide full details at the next meeting.

A resident had asked for the hedge at the Devils Dyke carpark to be cut back. ***Clerk*** to arrange.

A premium increase had been received to cover the increased valuation for the War Memorial. ***Clerk*** to consult with the insurance broker on insuring for a lessor value.

11. Payments

Susan Bailey – postage	£ 6.48
BHT Nurseries – 24Acres replacement planting	£ 188.17
ECDC – dog mess stickers	£ 12.00
Glasdon UK – Dog mess bins	£ 719.68
E.on – power on the green usage	£ 30.48
Balfour Beatty – streetlight maintenance contract	£ 349.28
David Parr – power on the green installation	£1639.29
Manchetts - power on the green installation	£ 979.09

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd March 2016 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).



REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

1. Forum for members of the public

A number of residents attended the meeting to discuss the planning applications - 15/01558/OUT and 16/00130/FUL.

A resident attended the meeting to discuss the mowing of the village green.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Cane declared an interest in the planning discussion 15/01558/OUT and left the room during the discussion.
Councillors Ward & Aves declared an interest in the planning discussion 16/00130/FUL and sat with the residents during the discussion.

3. Planning Application

Ref – Revised 15/01558/OUT construction of two houses and private access road

The PC would like to thank the applicant for revising the application following the previous comments received. However, traffic will still increase and impact this small lane.

Following the discussion the PC considered the points made and other comments received prior to the meeting. The following points will be made by the PC to the ECDC planning department.

The PC voted 4 to 2 in favour of this development under the following conditions.

- Although reduced in number, the houses are still very large for the plot. Smaller houses would be preferred. Although their height has been reduced on the plan, the visual intrusion and impact of such large houses will still be considerable. The PC consider this aspect to be of high importance and ask for special consideration to be given to this matter. The PC requests a planning condition that the visual intrusion caused by these dwellings be reduced as far as possible.
- The building plot is part of a historical area within the village and the PC would like it to be a planning condition that a full archaeological survey is carried out prior to the build.
- It is understood that Anglia Water are in consultation with planning regarding this application, as there is presently a regular problem in the area. The PC would like it to be a condition of the planning consent that these problems are rectified prior to any building. And that assurance is given that the new properties will not create additional problems.
- The PC is aware that a section 52 agreement covers this plot and would like clarification as to it validity.
- The PC would ask that this application goes before the Full Planning Committee.

Planning Application - 16/00130/FUL.

Another discussion took place; the following points will be made by the PC to the ECDC planning department.

- The Parish Council is very concerned that the site is outside the development envelope.
  The Campaign to protect rural England states that development envelopes are in place to protect countryside, Droves and village settings. The Parish Council believes that this still stands for this site. Walkers coming down from Reach wood or walking along Blackberry Droveway would have their view of open countryside obscured by a large dwelling.
- It is isolated from the main village which goes against National Planning policy.

- The Parish Council is concerned that this will set a precedent for further, similar building around the village.
- In July 2015 the previous owner of the land was told by Oliver Cook, Housing development and enabling officer that he could not be positive about the suitability of this site for residential development due to the location and rural character of the site.
  The site is not considered to be well related to the village, it would be viewed as an isolated site from the existing built form of the village. The character and nature of this part of Reach is clearly countryside, and therefore such a build would harm the character, setting and surrounding countryside given the rural nature and appearance of the site.

- The PC would ask that this application is refused. And that if approval is being considered the application goes before the Full Planning Committee.

Planning Application - 16/00173/FUL revised
The PC had no comment to make.

1. Forum for members of the public
A resident attended the meeting to complain about the length of the grass on the Village Green. ***Clerk*** to ask the contractor to cut the Green as soon as possible. The mowing of the Green will be monitored. The PC will check each Feb. to see if an additional cut is required.

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

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
The previous decision to match any fundraising within the village will be no longer stand.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report
Full Council met on 16th February to consider a number of items. The first substantive are being the budget for the coming year. The day started with group meetings at 09.30, with Council starting at 10.30. The Business Plan/Budget debate started at 10.50, with the various political groups stating their positions. The Conservative Group proposed the balanced budget which had been drawn up over recent months through the cross-party Committee system, predicated on a 1.99% Council Tax increase. Labour, Lib Dems and Independent groups proposed a 4% increase and UKIP proposed a Council Tax freeze. No position reached a majority vote, so the Chairman adjourned the meeting and negotiations commenced. To cut a (very) long story short, at 21.45 a majority position was agreed with the Conservative and Independent Groups (and 2 members of UKIP) securing a majority for a 2% Council Tax increase dedicated to Adult Social Care.

The Children and Young People Committee met and agreed a policy that CCC should welcome applications from all potential sponsors to run new schools in the County, including from Faith Groups. Other items agreed included: further work to mutualise the work of the Multi-Systemic Therapy Service: agree a new policy regarding provision of early year's education and childcare; pursue negotiations for the provision of a new Secondary School in Wisbech; and a new strategy regarding Early Help services.

Constitution and Ethics Committee also met in February. Amongst other issues, the Committee agreed to change the timing for Full Council meetings, so that they start at 13.30 in future; and agreed that the current practice of oral questions at Council should be replaced with written questions.

I also chaired a meeting of the Corporate Parenting Board and attended a meeting regarding the commissioning of health services for 0-19 year olds in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England published the final recommendations for County Council divisions for the 2017 elections. This will see Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior merge into a 2 Member division with Fordham villages and Soham South.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report
At our full council meeting on 25th Feb. we approved this year's budget. The total Band D council taxis as follows – Reach £1,614.99, Swaffham Bulbeck £1,614.99 & Swaffham Prior £1,603.02

ECDC has been awarded £120,000 rural grant by central government. As the council has achieved a balanced budget this year without this grant, it has been decided to divide it up between 41 parishes. £2,926 per parish. It will be administered by the Commercial Services Committee. It is not proposed to give it directly to the parish councils, but to any provable needy cause. The proposal will probably be that the local council member will be involved in any funding applications. Ely, Littleport, Burwell and Soham will not be awarded any of this funding as they already receive high levels of CIL.

5 (4) Financial Report
The Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation. Yearly woodland funding had been received for the 24Acres.

5 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
Councillors Ward and Cane attended the Local Plan seminar, which both found very useful. The development of proposed sites, local envelopes and neighbourhood plans were discussed.

5 (6) Play Spaces
A proposal is being put together for improvements to the play area and ideas for new equipment and areas are being discussed, including equipment for older children/adults.

5 (7) Rights of Way
A resident had complained to CCC with regard to the state of byway 11 by the 24Acres. CCC are unable to spend any more money on this at present.

5 (8) Village Centre
January's minutes had been received, not comments were made.

5 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
A complaint had been received regarding horse riding on & near the cricket pitch. A resident had been spoken to and asked to stop using the small gate. A discussion took place regarding where horses should ride in the 24Acres, it was agreed that they could use the paths to go to the riding area and to get through the 24Acres to the culvert to connect to the NT land.

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

6 The Village Green
A complaint had been received regarding the power point in the middle of the green. The complaint was that it is dangerous and looks a mess. A plan is in place to build up the earth around the plate, damaged by the installation, and this will be seeded at the correct time of year. It is hoped that once this has grown and been mown with the rest of the green that there will be visual improvements. New astroturf will also be laid. The PC will monitor the area, and will also monitor usage of this power point to ensure that it is needed in this position.

7 Email communication with residents
It was proposed and agreed that the PC should be able to communicate directly by email with those residents who would like to. ***Clerk*** to send out an email via the village email system asking for residents who would like to join this scheme, to contact the Clerk.

8 Mowing contract
The PC are happy with the service of the present contractor. Prices for the next financial year had not yet been received. The 24Acres orchard will only be cut on request and that the paths through the wood should be cut as requested/instructed by Nick Acklam. ***Clerk*** to ensure the contractor liaises with the 24Acres committee. The PC will check each Feb. to see if an additional cut of the green is required.

9 The Queens birthday beacon
Councillor Baldwin gave a shot summary of an event that will take place on 21st April to involve the lighting of a beacon on the green and the possible burying of a time capsule. ***Councillor Baldwin*** to confirm with the insurance company that cover will be in place for this event. The PC support this event but questioned the cost of the time capsule and as to whether there is time to arrange its contents. ***Councillor Baldwin*** to discuss with the Events Team.

10 War memorial Insurance
This item will be discussed at the next meeting as answers from the insurance company had not been received.

11 Information Items/AOB
A resident had asked that the PC cut back their front hedge & trees. Following discussion the PC conclude that unless proved otherwise front boundaries belonged to the home owner. ***Clerk*** to inform the resident.

A resident had complained about a large amount of rubble being dumped in the ditch on byway 11 at the lode/Hythe end. ***Councillor Fielding*** to inform CCC.

The dog mess bin by the end of Clunch Pit Lane had been complained about. The resident would like it to be further along Clunch Pit Lane. Clerk had explained that the bins need to be road side to allow ECDC to empty them.

11. Payments

CR Contractors – Hedge cutting	£60.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th April 2016 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: Date:

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE LOCAL PLAN MEETING - Thursday 10th March 2016

Draft Minutes

Attendance

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

22+ Reach residents attended.

1. **Reach Map**
   a. **Is the development envelope correct?**
   Following discussion, it was decided that the development envelope was correct should stay the same.
   b. **Is the conservation area correct?**
      i. **Should The Hythe be a conservation area?**
   c. **Do we want to identify Green Spaces?**
   People felt strongly that The Hythe should be protected. Although it will be very difficult for it to be made a conservation area. It was decided that The Hythe should be made a Green Space, but with the proviso that it is allowed to become a village amenity once Anglia Water have removed all or most of the sewage treatment plant.

2. **Reach Village Vision**
   The 2011 Census recorded that of the 358 residents, 58 were over 65; 222 were 20-64; 64 were under 15 and 14 were between 15 and 19.
   a. **Is the description of the village correct?**
   The description of the village will be improved, residents were asked to forward any points to Councillor Cane who will write a piece for the Reach description. It was agreed that a piece about the Hythe should be added, about the footpaths, bridleways, green lanes and numerous conservation areas.
   The village has a special atmosphere, its quietness and community spirt should be mentioned.
      i. **Should there be reference to the Wicken Fen Vision?**
   Councillor Boreham pointed out that to reference Reach as a gateway to Wicken Fen would encourage the NT to publicise Reach as a way to enter the Fen and this would increase traffic and parking within the village.
   b. **Do we want to stay an infill only village?**
   Yes, and keep the development envelope the same.
   c. **Are the infrastructure improvements still our priorities?**
   Residents would like to see pavements or cycle ways between the local villages to improve safety. The general maintenance of the roads between villages should also be improved. The play areas need improvements and better/additional off road access to the 24Acres is needed.
   d. **How would we fill in the pro forma provided by ECDC?**
   The PC will complete this form.

3. **Housing**
   a. **Does the village need more housing?**
   Yes, but only less than 10 additional properties. The point regarding commercial property within the village was raised, it was decided that this was not relevant to Reach.
      i. **If more housing is needed, what sort of housing do we need?**
   It was agreed that the village needs smaller houses for the elderly and young families.
   There was concern that any new houses may cause additional problems for the electricity and sewerage facilities within the village.

4. **General Policies**

   a. **Are there any general policies which we would like to comment on?**

   It was agreed that the additional points regarding facilities in the surrounding area needed to be addressed. These include school places and the road and transport links from the surrounding villages. Building in local villages will affect the residents of Reach.

5. **Neighbourhood Plan**

   a. **Do we want to create a Neighbourhood Plan for Reach?**

   The idea of a Neighbourhood plan was well received although it will take a lot of time and commitment from a group of people. It was decided that the PC should invite a councillor from another local village, who are in the process of setting up a Neighbourhood plan, to come and talk at a future meeting.

Chairman: Date:

Susan Bailey – 14th March 2016
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

PARISH COUNCIL OF REACH

NOTICE OF VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that Councillor David Thomas formerly a member of the above named Parish council has ceased to be a member thereof and that a casual vacancy exists in the office of councillor for the said Parish. If, within 14 days* after the date of this notice, a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the proper officer of the East Cambridgeshire District Council by ten electors for the said Parish an election will be held to fill the vacancy; otherwise, the vacancy will be filled by the Parish council.

DATED this 16th day of March 2016

(Signed) ..... Susan Bailey Clerk to the Parish Council

* In computing any period of time for this purpose, a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday or a Bank Holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning are disregarded.

Letter from the Vicarage



I can't believe it's almost a year since the completion of the building work at St Mary's and we're delighted that we're seeing the church building used for many different activities and events. The space seems to lend itself particularly well to café style events, while retaining the special ambience of a sacred place that has been a house of prayer for centuries. As Pat Chalmers has written in her article, we have received a revised set of plans for possible reordering of Reach church and we'd value your input into the decision making process. And don't forget, the doors are open, all day, every day, so whether or not there is a service or special event going on, please do take the opportunity to come in to the church, take a moment of quiet and enjoy the beauty of the space.

Coming up in Reach on May 1st at 6pm will be the Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise. And later on July 3rd we'll be having a traditional sung evensong service during the afternoon, followed by tea. Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, including baptism or a thanksgiving service for the gift of a child, or to find out more about the Christian faith. We post regular updates on our website and or Facebook about special events. If you'd like to join a mailing list for activities for children and families, please let me know.

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Church News

CentrePeace @ Reach



As part of 'decluttering' Reach church, we plan to run down the stock of books currently held there. CentrePeace @ Reach will therefore begin to take a slightly different form. We may well still bring a box of bargain books and some greetings cards each month, but the emphasis of the afternoon will change to socialising and perhaps take the form of a 'Knit and Natter' group. If you aren't into crafts and don't knit, don't worry – just come along anyway, drink tea, eat cake and natter! CentrePeace at Reach is on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm.

Lunchbreak Cafe

The Lunchbreak Café is open on the fourth Wednesday of the month in St Mary's church in Burwell. The aim is to provide an oasis of peace for anyone having a busy day. You might work in a busy office or on a computer in your own home or you perhaps you are looking after children, digging the garden or clearing out cupboards. If you need a break, a simple home-made lunch like soup or a Ploughman's and a chance to meet some other people, we'd love to see you. We're open from 12 till 2, but you don't have to stay the whole time.

Just drop in when you can.

Concerts in St Mary's Burwell

We're pleased to host two concerts in St Mary's during May. The information we've received about the musicians playing on Friday 6 May 2016 at 7.30pm sounds intriguing and not to be missed!

ZRI: Gypsy Band - *Programme to include: Schubert Quintet in C major*

ZRI stands for Zum roten Igel, the "Red Hedgehog" tavern where Brahms and his contemporaries went to hear gypsy musicians play in Vienna. Recreating the energy and spirit of these performances, ZRI bring their unique Zigeuner energy to performances of 19th century works arranged for clarinet, violin, accordion, cello and santouri, a hammer dulcimer widely used by gypsy bands of the day. Tickets from £15 (concessions available) on the door and via Cambridge Live Tickets (01223 357851)

The other concert is by local performers in Burwell Community choir and Newmarket Town Band, so we expect a capacity audience for that too!

Pat Chalmers
Church Administrator
administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
APRIL 2016 **Sunday 3rd Easter 2**	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptism	
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 7th	10.00am Little Bears	
Friday 8th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th Easter 3	10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 15th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th Easter 4	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion	
Wednesday 20th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 22nd		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th Easter 5	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 27th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 29th		8.00am Morning Prayer
MAY 2016 **Sunday 1st Easter 6**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms	6.00pm Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 5th Ascension Day	7.00am Morning Prayer 10.00am Little Bears	
Friday 6th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th Easter 7	10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 11th	10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Friday 13th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th **Pentecost**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion	
Wednesday 18th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 20th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd **Trinity Sunday**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am United Christian Aid Service at Trinity Church, Burwell	
Wednesday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 27th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th Trinity 1 **Kigali Sunday**	4.00pm Messy Church	10.00am All Age Communion

Bus Timetable

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diary Dates: April 2016

April 2016	Event	Location	Time
Sunday 3 April	Orchard Gardening Day	24Acres: Community Orchard	2pm
Monday 4	Mothers Union: Lady Day Service		
Monday 4	Author: A C Grayling	St Peters Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Tuesday 5	Archaeological Talk: Exning Saxon Burials	Village Centre	7.00pm
Wednesday 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 7	Recycling Day (green)		
Thursday 7	Burwell Museum Coach Trip to Canterbury	Tickets only from Tina's 741581	
Saturday 9th	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 9th	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Monday 11	Spring Close Montessori School Opens in Reach	Village Centre, Reach	
Thursday 14	Recycling Day (blue)		
Friday 15	Girls Night Out	Dykes End PH	7.30pm for 8.00pm To Book 742814
Sunday 17	All Items for the Time Capsule to David Parr	20 Fair Green	-
Tuesday 19	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tuesday 19	Lois Baker: Wicken Fen, Past, Present and Future	Swaffham Prior Village Hall (Gardening Club)	8pm
Wednesday 20	Mothers Union: Diocesan Day		
Wednesday 20	Reach Fair Open Evening	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wednesday 20	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thursday 21	Recycling Day (green)		
Thursday 21	Lighting of Beacon and Burying of Time Capsule	Fair Green	7.30pm
Sunday 24	Cricket: Nets and Tidy Up	24Acres: Cricket Pitch	2pm
Wednesday 27	Lunchbreak Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 28	Recycling Day (blue)		
Saturday 23	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Sunday 24	Bowls Club Open Day	Mitchell Lodge Bowls Club, Quarry Lane, Swaffham Bulbeck	2.00pm

Diary Dates: May 2016

May 2016	Event	Location	Time
Sunday 1	Songs of Praise	St Etheldreda's Church	6.00 – 6.45pm
Sunday 1	Quiz Evening	Village Centre	7.30pm
Monday 2	Reach Fair	Village Green and Top Field	From 12 noon
Wednesday 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 5	Recycling Day (green)		
Saturday 7 – Sunday 22	Eat Cambridge	Corn Exchange, Cambridge	3
Sunday 8	Intra Village Cricket Match	24Acres: Cricket Pitch	2pm Open to everyone to play
Sunday 8	Motorbikes through the Ages	Prickwillow Museum, Main Street, Prickwillow CB7 4UN	
Tuesday 10	Author: The Hemsleys	St Peters Church, Broad Street, Ely CB7 4AH	7.10pm for 7.30pm
Wednesday 11	Mothers Union: Dementia Friends		7.30pm
Thursday 12	Recycling Day (blue)		
Saturday 14	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 14	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 14	Asparagus Feast	Burwash Manor	10am – 4.00pm
Tuesday 17	David Hack: Make your Garden Count	Swaffham Prior Village Hall (Gardening Club)	8pm
Tuesday 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 19	Recycling Day (green)		
Saturday 21	Saturday Workshops	Bottisham Village College Adult and Community Learning	10.00am – 4.00pm See Page 17
Sunday 22	Sizzling Sunday	Burwash Manor	
Tuesday 24	Burwell Museum Coach Trip to Hunstanton	Tickets only from Tina's 741581	
Wednesday 25	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Wednesday 25	Mothers Union: Cake and Cuppa Afternoon. Wedding Photos Through the Ages		2pm
Thursday 26	Recycling Day (blue)		
Saturday 28	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm

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

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

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	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			
	Chair	Grahame Radford	742814
	Finance	Hugh de Lacy	743839
	Bookings	Grahame Radford	742814
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Amenity Fund Committee			
	Chair	Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
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Church			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
	Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
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Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency)		999
	Police (Non-emergency)		101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		741234
	Enquiries		743602
	Community Nurses		742382
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	



White Roses, The Hythe. Photo: David Parr



Devils Dyke. Photo: Kate Bjork



Wild Roses. Photo: Hugh de Lacy



Mallow. Photo: David Thomas



Fen Pool Reflections



Coot in Reeds. Photo: David Thomas



Photo: Dan Mules



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