

Within Reach

June/July 2016



Ron Greenhill and Penny Lang on the occasion of their wedding, with witnesses John and Jen Holmwood



Devil's Dyke. Photo: David Thomas

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Reach's 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

From the Editor



I'm surprised that people don't come up to me and say, hey, you should interview me/us. Yvonne and Derek Coombes have lived in Reach since 1965 and were born and brought up locally. I should have interviewed them before now! It was lovely to meet them and I was struck by their sense of adventure, life and positive attitude. And if I haven't spied you out, do give me the `wink'

The lighting of the beacon and the burying of a time capsule was a unique event enjoyed by many. The weather, the timing and sequence of events were perfect. Even the whizzing round the corner of Burwell Road and the arrival of the fire engine – and five fire fighters – was as if part of a well-rehearsed evening. The singing of the national anthem and happy birthday led by Ross Clark were both audible and tuneful.

Our next event in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday is a Picnic on the Green on the afternoon of Sunday 12th June. This will include a cake baking competition and traditional games. Karen Carpenter (742814) would be pleased to receive any offers of help.

The National Trust are organising a Mini Bioblitz on Saturday and Sunday 2nd and 3rd July on the 24Acres as part of Meadows Day. This sounds most interesting and adds another dimension to the enjoyment and appreciation of the 24Acres. David Thomas is looking for volunteers to assist with this event (david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk).

In July we look forward to the Cambridge Open Studios and, in particular, the Outside Edge exhibition in St Cyriacs Church, Swaffham Prior (July (2nd-3rd and 9th-10th))

The planning of the Reach Festival on Saturday 24th September is much advanced. Handmade crafts and local produce will be on sale plus there will be displays of crafts, music and storytelling. We now have a web site (www.reachfestival.org.uk)

N.B. Pets Corner has some interesting characters – two cats and a blackbird!

Joyce Harrison remains in hospital in Ely. We wish her all the best and hope she will be home soon. Apparently she's still knitting squares.

Read this magazine carefully and find out what the Romans didn't do for us. Plus beware the dodgy photos

Claire Halpin-McDonald

About the Magazine

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

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

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Outside Edge

The seven-strong local art group Outside Edge nearly lost their popular venue, St. Cyriacs Church, Swaffham Prior in 2016. The Churches Conservation Trust, who require substantial funds for the upkeep of historic buildings, discovered that letting St. Cyriac's out for 'Champing' (camping in Churches) proved both successful and financially rewarding.

The artists, three from Reach – Hannah Webb, Dafila Scott and Joss Goodchild, together with Exning-based Vee Wallace, Heather Maunders from Ely and Cathy Parker, Cambridge exhibit their paintings under the Cambridge Open Studios initiative. For years the beautiful light and airy Church interior has been an ideal place to showcase their artworks and attracts over 700 visitors to the region in July

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Dafila Scott. Red Earth, Dark Sky. Oil



Joss Goodchild. Fen Plough. Charcoal

The villagers of Swaffham Prior supported Outside Edge (and other local community enterprises who use the Church) in their endeavour to keep the venue. The news that they had been successful was very enthusiastically received.

The Outside Edge exhibition in St Cyriacs Church, Swaffham Prior, will be on the weekends of July 2nd-3rd and 9th-10th

Burwell Guest House for Dogs

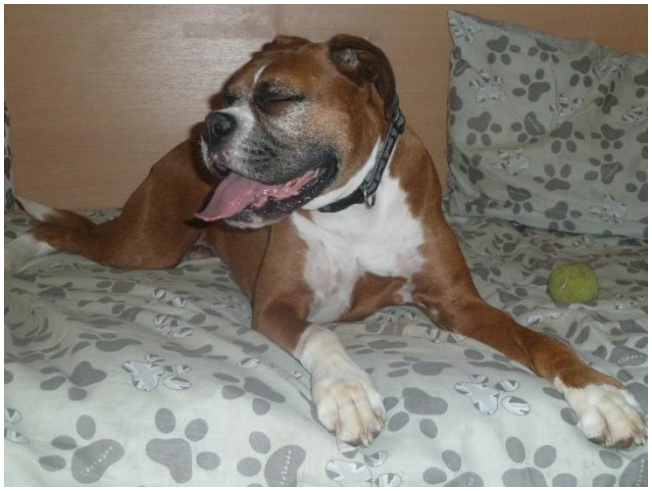
Burwell Guest House for Dogs was established about 10 years ago by myself, Martine Mockford



I like the dogs to feel at home and rooms on the lower ground floor of my house and also a large garden are set up so that they can potter between the two. I have couches, beds and crates all individually arranged so that each dog has its own bed. I have child gates between the rooms and the garden so the dogs never feel shut in. In the morning the dogs will play around in the lawned garden for an hour or so and then come in for their breakfast. They will then play and rest in the house and garden as they please, enjoying each other's company. I have several rooms dedicated to their use and it's a home from home for the dogs.

I can take up to six dogs at a time and have five at present. I'm busy all year round and especially during the school holidays so anyone wanting to book needs to contact me well in advance. Dogs stay for a day while their owners are at work, or weeks while the owners are on holiday. Each dog will come with its own bed, food and medication, so they have a familiar scent and their individual diets are maintained.

All dogs will visit and have an assessment before they can come to stay. Part of their assessment is to judge if they get on with Poppy, my Jack Russell, she is very submissive and if a dog does not get on with her then they will not be accepted. They are also assessed to see if they are happy to be put behind a child gate. If they become anxious and stressed when put behind a gate again they cannot stay because they won't settle, particularly at night when all dogs need to be separated in accordance with the requirements of my licence and insurance. Possibly the most common reason for dogs to fail the assessment is because at home they are allowed to sleep in the owner's bedroom and they just won't settle downstairs.



That said, most dogs pass the assessment and it obviously works very well as Udo, a boxer, clearly felt at home within less than an hour of arriving.

I take dogs from all over but obviously mostly Cambridgeshire. I had visitors from the north of England who brought their dog down specifically to be assessed and then later dropped their dog off before travelling on to Standsted. One client moved to Saffron Walden and still brings their dogs to me.

I am a licensed by East Cambs District Council to 'Keep A Domestic Animal Boarding Establishment (Dogs)' and the requirements and guidelines are very strict. For example, all dogs must be fully jabbed including kennel cough and the owners must provide proof of the jabs; all male dogs over nine months must be castrated; I am required to have a fire evacuation plan; have a safe and secure environment for the dogs and other requirements including good hygiene. I am inspected annually to ensure that everything is in place.

I am fully insured, as you would expect. I have also attended a Canine Psychotherapy and Behaviour Course and a Cats and Dogs Emergency First Aid course. From the latter I can assist an unconscious dog; deal with an open wound; know what to do in the event of a heart attack, seizures and drowning; and I can resuscitate a dog!



What I like most about my work is the cuddles and the companionship of the dogs and yes, I think people definitely separate into cat lovers or dog lovers.

Ed. The premises exceeded my expectations. The spacious rooms and garden for the dogs are impressive. Every thought has been given to their care and wellbeing. The accommodation and garden were spotless and you may like to visit: www.burwellpetsitters.co.uk

LodeStar Festival

Your local family friendly LodeStar Festival in Lode, Cambridge, begins Friday 2nd of September!!!

LodeStar brings you the very latest National and International acts and in its eight year it has grown by word of mouth and support from the community, that's you! Gates open at 10am and close Monday 5th September at noon. Book your tickets online www.lodestarfestival.com or phone 01223 813 318.

The Festival has grown enormously, booking international headliners such as Sir Bob Geldof, Catfish And The Bottlemen and Razorlight. Book tickets to LodeStar 2016 and start your 3 days and 3 nights journey now to discover:

- Exciting new artists performing live music
- Family fun on a large wide open completely flat lawn-like field
- Creative crafts and colourful market stalls
- Great workshops
- Captivating theatre and top entertainment
- Explore outdoor activities
- Amazing quality food and drink
- Chilliest camping area and the warmest atmosphere
- Archery
- Power kiting
- Face painting and more right on your doorstep!

Drinks from the local Calvors Brewery 'LodeStar' golden pale ale, English lager, Aspall's cider and a host of bespoke caterers offering wholesome tasty food at reasonable prices!

What do people say about Lodestar?
"*A real gem of a Festival. Cutting edge music with relaxed and friendly atmosphere"*
Anthony from festival kidz

When? 2nd to the 4th of September 2016 (*with Sunday camping!)*
Where? Fields of LodeStar, Lode, Cambridgeshire. CB25 9HE
Affordable 3 or 1 day tickets, 15-17yrs reduced, 14yrs and under **FREE!**
LodeStar Festival "for lovers of life" not to be missed, Book now!





Cambridge Open Studios Announces Summer Event Dates

Cambridge Open Studios has announced the dates for its month-long summer art event, which will feature an exciting range of exhibitors for 2016.

Artists from a huge range of specialisms, including fine art, photography, pottery, glass making, sculpture, illustration, textiles, jewellery and furniture making, among others, will open their doors to the public over four weekends in July. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of the public to see artists at work, discuss their inspirations and techniques and to browse, purchase or even commission their work. As always, visitors are guaranteed a warm and friendly welcome - and no pressure whatsoever to buy anything. Cambridge Open Studios is completely free to visitors of all ages.

The event will run on the weekends of July 2/3, 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24. Not all artists will be exhibiting every weekend so it is important to check the website, or refer to the famous yellow guide, which will be widely available in local outlets including libraries, tourist information sites, galleries and selected shops.

Cambridge Open Studios is a rewarding and enriching initiative offering a really entertaining insight into the multi-faceted world of art. Visitors are encouraged to visit as many studios as possible, perhaps planning a route through a particular area incorporating lunch or tea in one of the many local eateries. The participating studios are spread throughout the whole region, not just in the city centre and there will be a wonderful variety of talent on show, with some artists collaborating to share their exhibition space on their chosen dates. As usual, the distinctive yellow COS flags will be out to identify participating studios.

In the months leading up to the open studio event, many artists will be running workshops, courses and exhibitions. Members of the public can keep up to date on their activities via the COS website (www.camopenstudios.co.uk) or by following them on Facebook or Twitter (@CamOpenStudios), where they can also follow specific artists.

Car wash and Café from 10.30am
Grand Water Fight from 1.30pm

Fair Green, Reach
Saturday 9th July 2016

In aid of Reach Riders Group

ELY CATHEDRAL CHOIR TOUR FUND

Etheldreda
Craft & Food Fair

Saturday 4th June 2016
Palace Green, Ely
10am – 5pm

40 Stalls,
Traditional Games, Raffle,
Champagne and Pimms,
Afternoon Teas

In aid of Ely Cathedral Choir Tour Fund

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Cambridge Open Studios Mini-Guide 2016: Artists Local to Reach

Below are the artists who are local to the Reach area. You will find the information concerning the days and times the artist will be exhibiting as well as their location, the genre of their work and their contact information. Please note that not all of the artists open their studios every weekend.

The codes indicating which weekends the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows…

Weekend (1) 2/3 July
Weekend (2) 9/10 July
Weekend (3) 16/17 July
Weekend (4) 23/24 July

Artists' studios are open 11am – 6pm. The full Guide to the Cambridge Open Studios can also be accessed and downloaded via website http://www.camopenstudios.co.uk



Lorraine Izon

181 Lorraine Izon
Ceramics and illustration
Meadow View, 24 Lower End, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0HT
01638 742920
izon.elliston@btinternet.com
Stoneware wildlife sculptures, tiles and wallhangings. Drawings, illustrations, prints and cards.
Open weekend: 2

183 Paul Abbott
Oils on canvas and paper
The Mill House, 11 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0JZ
01638 741537
paul@vividicity.com
www.vividicity.com
Colourful oils painted with a knife. Expressionist florals, landscapes and others, including coastal and rural – plenty to see and for sale. Open weekends: 2 and 3

184 Outside Edge
Oil, acrylic, watercolour, pastel
Church of St Cyriac and St Julitta, High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD
01353 698003
heather.maunders@btinternet.com
Joss Goodchild, Heather Maunders, Dafila Scott, Vee Wallace and Hannah Webb.
Five painters show abstract, semi-abstract and figurative work.
Open weekends: 1 and 2

185 Di Cope
Oil paintings and pencil drawings
95 North Street, Burwell, CB25 0BB (studio above garage)
01638 601342
di.cope1@btinternet.com
I draw and paint things as I see them. I like detail, clarity and contrast.
Subjects vary – houses, ruins, faces...mostly in oils and pencil. Open weekends: 1, 2 and 3

186 James Ryder
Lettering, stonecarving, woodcarving
54 North Street, Burwell, CB25 0BB
07583 705314
james@jamesryderlettercutter.co.uk
www.jamesryderlettercutter.co.uk
Letters cut by hand into stone and wood. Commissions taken and work for sale. Studio in garden, up small path to the right of the Baptist Chapel.
Open weekends: 1 and 2

187 Chancey Gallick
Paint, pastels, India Ink
116 Low Road, Burwell, CB25 0EJ
tdeliagal@hotmail.com
I will be exhibiting my drawing, painting and printmaking. Parking and refreshments.
Open weekend: 4



Melanie Goemans. A New Day

188 Melanie Goemans
Oil paint, gold leaf, etching
Walnut Tree House (studio behind house), 21a High Street, Burwell, CB25 0HB
melaniegoemansartist@gmail.com
www.melaniegoemans.com
Paintings and etchings drawn from the old village in which we live – the incidental and the overgrown, telling stories of the places where they grow.
Open weekends: 1, 2 and 3

Reach Fair 2016

Reach Fair, like most outdoor events, is very much dependent on the weather and this year it was not to our advantage. The preceding cooler days and the forecast itself led to reduced numbers this year. But nevertheless it was a grand day.

This year we tried something a little different by putting the main stage and arena on the playing field which meant more action and people in that area to boost the activity. It also gave us a "quieter" area on the Green for people to relax and enjoy the food and drink available. I appreciate that the fairground is close by but they didn't seem to encroach too much on the atmosphere.



We also had some different entertainment this year and that seemed to work. The stilt walkers were particularly popular.

The provisional figures are shown elsewhere in the magazine.

As I have said before, the day is not possible without the tremendous help of many volunteers in assisting with set up, manning road blocks, car park and stalls and again this year you have all contributed enormously to the success of the day.

On behalf of the committee I thank you all so much.

So, we now look forward to planning for next year with a certain amount of trepidation. We currently only have seven members on the committee and the work load for the Fair has increased dramatically over the past few due to health and safety and hygiene aspects that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find the time to achieve our objectives. More members would enable us to spread the load and ease the pressure.

The committee will be looking to ways to improve the implementation of the necessary tasks but would really welcome some additional help. Please consider joining at the AGM in September and find out how you can be of assistance with not only the Fair but also the general running of our own Village Centre.

Grahame Radford
Chairman - Reach Village Centre Committee



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bottle Stall. Ed

Amenity Fund

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.

Hannah Baldwin	07702 813845
Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
Grahame Radford	742814
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.

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Michael Aves	Vice Chair	742800
Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	07702 813845
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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
01638 743794
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.

REACH FAIR FINANCES

Reach Village Fair Accounts 2015-16 Provisional as at 22nd May 2016

	2015-16		2014-15		2013-14	
	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses	Income	Expenses
Commercial Stalls						
Perrett - Fair	£2,000.00		£1,510.00		£1,510.00	
Bar	£750.00		£750.00		£750.00	
Food Stalls	£1,560.00		£2,020.00		£2,130.00	
Craft Stalls	£665.00		£792.00		£495.00	
Reach Residents Stalls	£0.00		£30.00		£30.00	
Entertainments	£874.50		£700.00		£497.50	
Information/Charity Stalls	£96.50		£30.00		£250.00	
Village Stalls						
Tea Tent & Cake Stall	£1,392.49	£230.00	£1,713.96	£368.62	£1,202.55	£390.55
BBQ	£2,726.85	£1,276.91	£2,519.08	£1,115.54	£2,529.35	£1,874.35
Bottle/Plant Stall	£355.00	£60.00	£539.20	£57.65	£320.55	£42.13
Cake Stall	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£101.50	£0.00
Salad Stall	£588.50	£98.26	£632.61	£116.65	£470.00	£159.01
Coconuts	£189.15	£0.00	£169.05	£0.00	£243.83	£0.00
Cream Teas	£0.00		£150.00		£0.00	
Football	£0.00	£0.00	£182.60	£0.00	£145.00	£0.00
Village Games	£138.40	£0.00	£0.00	£34.24	£188.16	£67.18
Smash the Crockery	£458.15	£0.00	£572.10	£0.00	£223.15	£0.00
Bric-a-Brac	£45.00		£45.00		£62.20	
Books/T shirts/Progs	£0.00		£76.30		£29.00	
Soup Stall	£0.00		£0.00		0	
General						
Car Park	£2,964.45	£2,602.27	£3,386.39	£2,585.13	£3,334.00	£2,528.56
Programme Adverts	£150.00		£150.00		£150.00	
Programme Donations	£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Traction Engine		£0.00		£60.00		£0.00
Grass Cutting		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00
First Aid service		£300.00		£289.80		£0.00
General Expenses		£383.73		£278.98		£24.00
PA System		£1,000.00		£500.00		£500.00
Entertainments		£1,300.00		£700.00		£220.00
Advertising		£0.00		£0.00		£70.15
Toilet Hire		£660.00		£660.00		£660.00
Police		£415.54		£415.42		£520.54
Straw Bales	£0.00	£400.00	£0.00	£350.00	£112.00	£315.00
Raptors		*£0.00*		*£0.00*		£195.00
Programmes		£240.00		£240.00		£240.00
Refuse collection		£0.00				
Summary						
Commercial Stalls	£5,946.00		£5,832.00		£5,662.50	
Village Stalls	£9,007.99		£10,136.29		£9,111.29	
Totals	£14,953.99	£8,966.71	£15,968.29	£8,772.03	£14,773.79	
less Expenses	£8,966.71		£7,772.03		£7,806.47	£7,806.47
Profit	**£5,987.28**		***£8,196.26***		**£6,967.32**	
Share to Village Hall 75%	£4,490.46		£6,147.20		£5,225.49	
Share to Amenity Fund	£1,496.82		£2,049.07		£1,741.83	
Expenses breakdown						
Car Park						
Hire of parking field		£1,091.78		£0.00		£1,007.49
Parking Personnel		£250.00		£250.00		£250.00
Traffic Management		£1,260.49		£1,335.13		£1,271.07
BBQ						
Food		£636.81		£770.57		£879.43
Other		£640.10		£344.97		£994.92

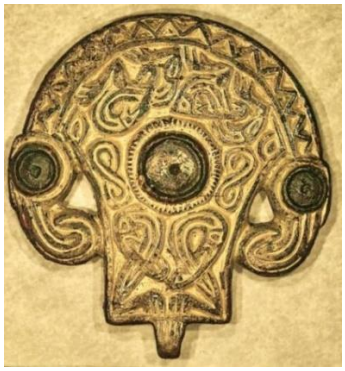
Notes: many of the expenses figures are estimates and subject to change. Raptors, stilt walkers and part of the Jezo's cost have been grouped under 'Entertainment'

Walking with Saxons



On the 5th April, residents were transported back to the Saxon period, nearly 1400 years ago when Andrew Peachey of Archaeological Solutions Ltd visited the Reach Village Centre to give a talk on a high status cemetery recently excavated on Burwell Road, Exning.





Archaeologists recorded 21 well-preserved skeletons, many of which were accompanied by an array of grave goods, including jewelry, tools, a glass bowl and even a 'warrior burial' with a spear and dagger.

The burials were dated to the Conversion period or mid 7th century, when Christianity was being re-introduced to Britain, and Exning is particularly interesting historically because it is also recorded by the Venerable Bede as the birth place of St. Ethelreda, famously associated with Ely Cathedral, but also commemorated on the church at Reach. The date of these burials places them exactly at the time of Ethelreda and the status of the graves suggests these could have been noble individuals who walked alongside her. The cause of death remains a mystery as none of the skeletons were traumatically wounded but they may have experienced a severe famine.



On the left are two skeletons, possibly a mother and daughter buried together; while on the right is a gilded axe shape pendant with zoomorphic decoration. Intertwined are six animals, including two beaked birds, two four-legged animals and two further beasts…can you spot them?



Many of the finds were on display and were marveled at for their intricate craftsmanship, while several people brought along artifacts they had found to be identified including a Neolithic stone axe and 19th century pottery, complete with trade logos.

We were delighted that the event raised £265 for the Reach Riders Group

Newmarket Racecourse

The Moët and Chandon July Festival, summer at its best

The Moët and Chandon July Festival from Thursday, 7th to Saturday, 9th July really is one of the most stylish summer events in East Anglia. The atmosphere on the Adnams July Course is very relaxed with the feel of an ultra-cool garden party; the perfect festival to come along to with friends, family or work colleagues for a really fabulous day out.



On the racecourse, the finest thoroughbreds from around the globe compete for the ultimate glory in some of Europe's top summer races, including the Group 1 Darley July Cup. There's also wonderful style to be seen as an array of amazing prizes are won in The Style Awards, a new-look three day fashion event, sponsored by The Spa at Bedford Lodge Hotel. Spectacular outfits and hats are everywhere, especially so on the Thursday for Newmarket's annual Ladies' Day when the 'Best Dressed Lady' is chosen. On Friday, it's Gentlemen's Day when the 'Best Dressed Gentleman' is selected and the Festival comes to a climax on Saturday when the 'Best Dressed Couple' award is staged.



Don't rush off after a fantastic day's racing either as you can dance away to some top tunes with your friends at the official Après Racing party. This free party is for all racegoers after the last race on each day and features live music, dancing and cocktails. The acts are yet to be announced but if Sara Cox and Tom Parker (The Wanted) who performed at the QIPCO Guineas Festival are anything to go by you won't want to miss it!

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 and especially at the Adnams July Course which still consists of some of the original course used 350 years ago. Be part of the history and join in on the celebrations around this fantastic birthday at Newmarket Racecourses.

Family Fun Guaranteed

Newmarket Racecourse is once again putting on its annual programme of action packed events for children and families. Summer Saturdays, at the picturesque Adnams July Course, are designed especially with families in mind and are brimming with free entertainment, offering a great value day out. Don't forget under 18's are admitted free of charge and adult tickets start from just £10pp for the family enclosure.

DATES FOR THE DIARY – *This summer at the Adnams July Course…*

MOËT & CHANDON JULY FESTIVAL

- Thursday 7th July – Ladies Day
- Friday 8th July – Gentlemen's Day
- Saturday 9th July – July Cup Day

SUMMER SATURDAYS

- Saturday 18th June – Sports Day
- Saturday 25th June – Animal Health Trust Charity Raceday (Countryside Day)
- Saturday 16th July – Great British Summer Raceday
- Saturday 23rd July – Horseplay!
- Saturday 30th July – Summer Saturday featuring PAW Patrol's Chase and Marshall
- Saturday 6th August – Royal British Legion Raceday
- Saturday 13th August – All Was Quiet In The Deep Dark Wood … with appearances from The Gruffalo
- PLUS Friday 26th August – Super Hero Day

NEWMARKET NIGHTS (RACING & MUSIC)

- Friday 17th June - The Corrs
- Friday 24th June – Will Young
- Friday 15th July – Kaiser Chiefs
- Friday 22nd July - Busted
- Friday 29th July – Tears For Fears
- Friday 5th August – Mark Ronson
- Friday 12th August – Jess Glynne (SOLD OUT)
- PLUS Summer Saturday Live - Saturday 27th August – Little Mix (SOLD OUT)



For more information or to book your tickets now visit **www.newmarketracecourses.co.uk** or call **0344 5793010**

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

When you receive this issue, the Club's year will have drawn to a close. Friday 13 May was the last major event of the year, when our members' dinner and prizegiving took place.

The programme for our new year, which commences on Tuesday 6 September 2016, has now been finalised and will be available on our website (**www.bottburpc.org)** which also shows our gallery of members' photographs including the winning entries from competitions for this year.

Gerry Metcalfe DAPGB, who has been the club Chairman for the last 12 years has kindly presented a new trophy to the club which will be known as **The Committee Award**. It has been decided that The Committee Award is to be awarded each year to the most improved photographer in the club, in the opinion of the committee. This year it has been won by a member who joined in September 2014, Yvette Smith from Chippenham, Ely.

Dates for your diary:

'**Welcome Back**' First meeting of the 2016/2017 year will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2016, when members are asked to bring photographs (3 - prints or images), which have been taken over the summer break. Members' winning prints & digital images (PDI's) from last year will also be on display.

'**The Way I See It**' Digital presentation by Gerry Coles ARPS DPAGB EFIAP BPE5 who will explain techniques used to create his pictures. His prints will also be displayed during the break.

The club has a friendly atmosphere and new members are very welcome. Personal help and advice regarding all aspects of photography is available from existing members, whose experience ranges over many years. If attending the 'Welcome Back' evening you may if wished, bring three of your own pictures (any size) that you have taken during the summer.

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

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00, refreshments 50p.
For further details contact:
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Website: www.bottburpc.org

Barry Coles
Publicity Officer



Wood near Saffron Walden. Photo: Barry Cole

Burwell Museum Events

Full details of all events at www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

What's on at Burwell Museum?

Sunday 5 - Sunday 12 June Exhibition: Fitting Tributes
Commemorative Quilts and Textiles from the British Isles. An exhibition featuring quilts and costume from the Quilters' Guild of the British Isles and the museum's own collection. Drop-in, standard admission applies.



Niki Chandler workshop

Thursday 9 June 10.30am - 3.30pm Fitting Tributes Workshop
A morning of quilt history, handling and discussion with historian Carolyn Ferguson.

This will be followed by an afternoon workshop on graphic applique taught by the wonderful Niki Chandler. £20 payable in advance, 01638 605544 or email education@burwellmuseum.org.uk to book.

Sunday 12 June 11.00am - 5.00pm Happy Birthday Your Majesty TEA
Buy discounted advance tickets at Tina's shop, Burwell. £8 adult / £6child (includes entry and afternoon tea) or drop in and buy on the day at standard admission or use your season ticket. £5 per person for afternoon tea on the day, payable at the tea room.

Sunday 19 June 11.00am - 5.00pm Father's Day
Dad's go free today with another paying adult and a paying child.

Sunday 3 July 2.30pm - 4.30pm Remembering the Cambridgeshire Pals
Poetry, music and dramatic performances by students at local schools. Drop-in event. Standard admission applies.

Sunday 17 July 11.00am - 5.00pm Summer Folk Fair
Our summer fundraiser! FREE admission. Stalls, BBQ, farrier demonstration, crafts, games and refreshments plus live music from well-known local performers. Details to be published soon!

Thursday 21 July - 1 September Exhibition: Railways in Burwell
The story of the railways in Burwell from the now-vanished passenger station to the industrial lines of the Fens. Featuring objects, archives, photographs and reminiscences from local people. Standard museum admission applies.

Saturday 23 July 6.00 - 8.00pm Cheese and Wine at the Windmill
Evening tours of Stevens' Mill followed by cheese and wine in the 'Millers' Marqee'. In aid of the ongoing restoration of Stevens' Mill. Groups of up to eight welcome. Advance booking essential, buy timed tickets at Tina's shop, Burwell. £10 per person.

Half Term Holiday Fun!



Photo: Andrew Houston

Thursday 2 June 11.00am - 12.30pm The Queen's Underpants (for Under 5s)
Under 5s story, craft and trail around the museum helping the Queen to find her VIP knickers before her birthday celebrations! Limited space, advance booking essential. Please buy tickets from Tina's shop, Burwell or email education@burwellmuseum.org.uk or telephone 01638 605544 to book. Younger siblings and donations for materials if they participate are welcome.

Thursday 2 June 2.00 - 4.30pm A Right Royal Adventure (whole family)
Royal-family inspired trails, crafts, dressing up, games and refreshments in celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday. No need to book, drop in activities. £2 per child over 3yrs, half price adult entry with a paying child.

Burwell's secret Tea Room!

Did you know the museum has a tea room? We're open on Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, serving hot and cold drinks, lovely cakes and snacks. Our tea room is run by volunteers and supported by Tescos Extra Newmarket. Free entry to the museum with your season ticket. From 15 May ask for your loyalty card to receive a 6th cup of tea free when you buy 5. Don't forget – our season ticket gives you free entry to the museum from Easter - October so you can visit the tea room on any open day!

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
01638 605544
education@burwellmuseum.org.uk

Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0HL

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

As people will be aware the charity helps pensioners and anyone who considers themselves in need of assistance at Christmas time. This help is not only available at this time of year as the charity is always happy to listen if you need help at any other time of year

We are also wondering if there are any students who may want help with any educational needs, for example, the purchase of reference books

If you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me

Pam Waters
Clerk to the Trustees
01638 741035

Mothers Union

Forthcoming dates:

8th June	7.30pm Ordinand (speaker)
22nd June	2pm AFIA Garden Party



Burwell Museum Coach Trips

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



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PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

Keeping vulnerable people in your community safe and well

We're asking you to be our eyes and ears in the community. Do you know someone living in your street who is vulnerable, elderly, or may just need some assistance with everyday life? These people could be at an increased risk of fire and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service would like to help keep them safe.

We offer free home fire safety checks to those who are potentially more vulnerable to incidents, however, we need your help to identify these people.

If you know someone who you think might benefit from a free visit from fire service staff, telephone 0800 917 99 94. You can also contact us through our website, www.cambsfire.gov.uk where you find information about keeping vulnerable people safe from fire.

And don't forget to test your smoke alarm – and that of elderly relatives – by pressing the 'test' button on the device.

Think Twice Before Jumping Into Water This Summer

Would you jump into a river, lake or any other open waterway on a hot sunny day? Do you know what hazards lie beneath the water? Or how cold the water is?

Your fire service is delivering water safety education to every school in Cambridgeshire as part of its #RememberRony, launched following the tragic death of a Cambridgeshire teenager.

But there is only so much we can do and we're calling on parents, carers and peers to talk each other about water safety.

Some things to remember:

- You do not know what hazards lie beneath the surface of rivers, lakes, canals, etc.
- Strong undercurrents can be tough to conquer, even if you know how to swim
- Cambridgeshire's waterways are cold – even on the hottest days of the year – and this has a dramatic effect on your body's ability to swim and get yourself out of trouble, should you get stuck.
- If someone is in trouble, call 999 immediately. Do not hesitate to call the emergency services and give clear details of your location.

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



You are invited to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday with us at St Mary's Burwell

Saturday 11th June 2 - 4 pm Church Fete at St Mary's

Sunday 12th June 10 am Service of Thanksgiving

All Ages, All Welcome - Something for Everyone!
For more information phone 741262 or email vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

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 new Reach Festival

Our most recent event – and one which the team is proud of – is the Queen's 90th Birthday Beacon Celebration which took place on the evening of Thursday 21st April 2016. The whole thing lasted less than an hour but there was a lot packed into it and a huge amount of work went into the organisation.

Firstly, permission needed to be given by the Parish Council since the Village Green is owned by them and in addition we wished to be covered by their PLI (Public Liability Insurance). We filled in a Risk Assessment and demonstrated to them that we knew what we were doing (including a dry-run just to make sure we could get the thing lit!) and all was finally well.

For the beacon we went to see Brian Marsh in Burwell who produced something quite superb for us. You'll see him pictured top left on the back page of our flyer which comes with this issue.

Then Claire suggested that we should mark the event by burying a time capsule. A suitable capsule was selected and procured and then villagers were asked to contribute appropriate items. Initially we were worried that we would not be able to fill it but ultimately the thing was jam-packed with all sorts of items that will hopefully delight – and maybe confuse – those who open the capsule 75 years from now.

On the day itself, the beacon was put in place by our friends at Snakehall Farm – this event was a huge community effort with lots of people getting involved. Again, there are pictures of their endeavours on the inside front cover of the flyer.

The beacon was lit – with no problems - for which we were all thankful. Then Ross Clark said a few words including reading out a statement produced by Prince Charles – which he did – mimicking the Prince, who I'm sure would've forgiven him. We knew Ross would be good but in fact he was bloody excellent.



The National Anthem and Happy Birthday were both sung by an audience of over 90 people. Then we toasted them with whoever's fizz we could get our hands on.

It was time capsule time now and Eva Quilter and Freddie Bridgeman stepped forward. Their names had been drawn out of a hat as a village boy and girl and they duly put the capsule into a hole dug that day by Snakehall Farm. The final action was to attach a plaque to the wall on the Village Centre.



It was a lovely event and thanks go to so many people – you know who you are – we are very grateful.

Coming up, we have a further birthday celebration for the Queen, taking place on Sunday June 12th on the Green, starting at 2.30pm and finishing at around 5.00pm.

It will take the form of a village picnic so please bring your own savoury food – and alcohol as required – we will be providing the cakes, juices and tea coffee. The Cakes, however, need to be coming from YOU – this has become a bit of a tradition now and there will be a competition to select the best. Any kind of cake is fine – but it has to be a birthday cake. Further details will be emailed out soon.

And then in September we have Reach Festival – which is progressing well. It has its own website now which can be accessed at http://www.reachfestival.org.uk/. It takes place on Saturday 24th of September so please make sure you've got the date in your diaries.

David Parr
744081 or reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Bountiful Roses

For many, the flower which conjures up summer more than any other is the rose and it is no surprise that this quintessentially English flower frequently tops the list as the nation's favourite bloom. With a plethora of species and hybrids from which to choose, the gardener is spoilt for choice when selecting the ideal rose for their own garden. Not only are we faced with a range of colours from white and cream through to deep burgundy and shades of blue, but also with a choice of forms, ranging from vigorous bush to carpeting and climbing; scented; species or hybrid; traditional or modern; and fruit bearing or not.



Felic et perp rambler (small)

There are many gardens which incorporate roses, all of which act as a source of inspiration for the gardener. While soaking up the spectacle and heady aroma of a rose garden, how many of us pause to consider the origin of this popular flower? In our own Rose Garden here at the Botanic Garden, the display is arranged to present the complex history of the garden rose.

Much of the history and development of the rose was carried out here in the Garden by Charles Hurst the 1930's. The Rose Garden was subsequently designed in the 1980's by the renowned horticulturist, Graham Stuart Thomas, to demonstrate Hurst's work. Starting with ancestral European roses, the beds chart the history of extensive hybridisation of European and Chinese species roses. These have given rise to many of the garden roses with which we are now so familiar.

Our Garden includes a diverse range of plants, from the European species such as *Rosa gallica*, through to Chinese introductions such as the impressive, mound-forming *R. soulieana*. R. 'Burgundy Ice' is a selection of a modern floribunda; 'Felicite et Perpetue', among others, represents the climbing roses; and 'Graham Thomas', provides an example of the modern English Rose. The Rose Garden, with its history, diversity of form, colour and season of interest, combined with herbaceous underplantings and heady scent, brings a reminder not only of the typical English country garden, but also of the valuable role of research and hybridisation in our gardens. Whatever your reason for including roses in the garden, now is the time to enjoy them at their best.



Felicite et perpetue (small)

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 6pm, April – September, 7 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
Head of Horticulture
The Botanic Garden

Reach's 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

Out and About



The early hot and sunny days of May, sandwiched between rainy spells, have resulted in a flush of vegetation. The rapidly growing stems and white umbrellas of cow parsley suddenly stand 10ft high along roadside verges.

One of the aspects I like most about our country is that a run of stiflingly hot weather is invariably broken shortly afterwards by fresher temperatures. One day cloudless blue skies, warm breezes and cracked earth, the next hailstone-sized raindrops and tearing winds. In and around Reach the season seems characterised by the sound of ewes and lambs, skylarks, bees and birdsong, clouds of blossom, wild flowers and hedges that shelter nesting birds.

In our garden blackbirds hatch a second brood, their nest precariously built above the blue tit box (empty this year). A family of robins flit about and boldly watch our gardening antics from a distance of just a few feet; I read they sing to defend territories, fight to the death but also feed injured opponents. We counted 11 different bird species on/around the feeders one morning, reward for the purchase of Birds & Bees seed rather than the usual inexpensive alternative.

A flock of yellowhammers inhabit Aves' hedge (a sparrowhawk hunts them) and goldfinches frequent the one running beside Churchfield Farm, the air full of their liquid chirrupings. Four buzzards regularly ride the thermals above Tubney Fen. Bats can be seen in Great Lane at dusk. Green woodpeckers can be heard near Reach Wood, kestrels also.

Whilst Steve Munden's cows are corralled I've been walking the top bank behind Duckett's Farm, just before Upware. This picturesque route offers long views and a lovely path of short cropped grass bordering washland. A wide variety of waterfowl can be seen within minutes i.e. wigeon, cormorants, lapwing, greylag and Canada geese, mute swans, shoveller, great crested and little grebe, coot, tufted duck, three pairs avocet, redshank and mallard. There's a parking space below the bank and entry gate/signage for enthusiasts.

Villagers have been in touch with interesting sightings, thank you – keep them coming:

Ron advises that Joe The Crow, who favours the village and has visited his garden for several months for feed, now also inhabits the village green and tree. Clearly identified by his black and white plumage he is tamer than most and has become a Reach resident. We're hoping he stays safe.

3.4 Ron saw two swallows on the meadow near his sheep field.

12.4 Tracy was thrilled to note swallows nesting in their stables, their 16th year at least. Also a robin collecting nesting material (horses' shed coat), blue tits and blackbirds in the garden. The following day she watched a barn owl quartering the wheat field at Springhall Farm.

17.4 Hilary heard her first cuckoo from the stableyard. Tracy saw a buzzard perched on Ron's fence watching lambs and noted butterflies aplenty.

4.5 Ron and Penny observed four swifts in the village.

5.5 Claire Acklam heard a cuckoo and a day later reported 'brand new cygnets on the lode, must be hours old'. She later updated 'cygnets out on first trip, nine of them, adorable'

10.5 Rosie Almond mentioned she had seen a stoat crossing the road by Wilmott's Farm and noticed several jays in their Great Lane garden.

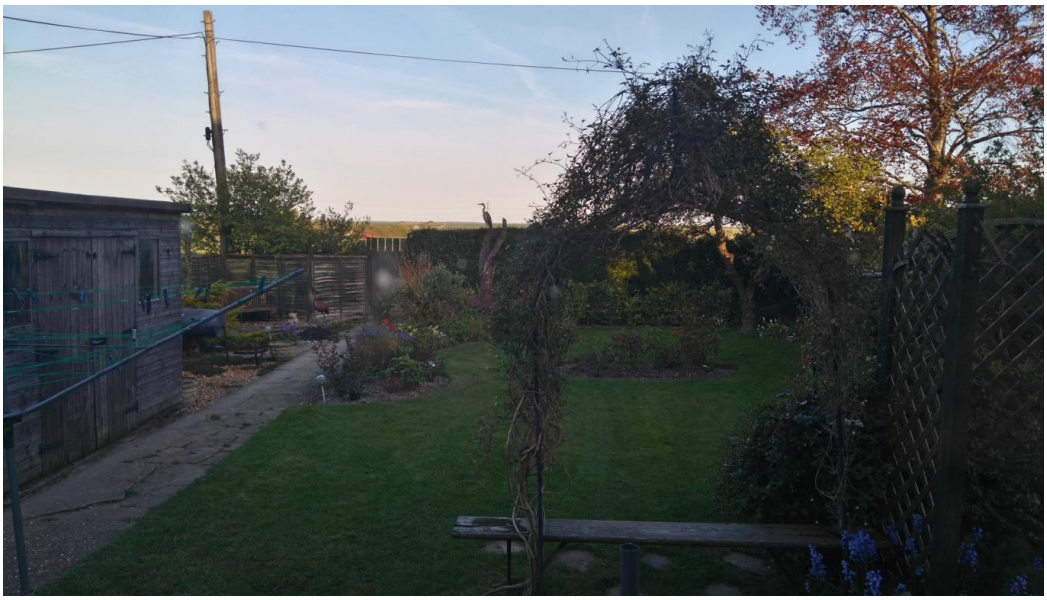
11.5 Penny had a surprise when she spotted a pencil-thin grass snake sunning itself in the gap under their front door. Ron mentioned that Sue, their neighbour, has a huge frog in her pond.

Rebecca Fordham advised they regularly see a barn owl at the bottom of their property, High Cloud on the Burwell Road. The family are also about to take possession of two llamas! Look forward to hearing further news about these exotic newcomers.

Robert Keutgen walked Percy across Pocket Park recently and heard a loud splash from the lode, he went over to investigate and saw a group of six cormorants fishing.

Gareth Davies emailed: 'not a huge amount to report, though common cranes regularly being seen around Wicken now.

Robert Wood has found two dead birds in the last couple of weeks, both with rings on. I've chased up the details with the BTO. The first, unfortunately, was a barn owl which may have collided with a building. It was an eight year old male, having been ringed as a chick in Soham on 31st July 2008. The second was a pied wagtail, born in 2015 and ringed at Wicken Fen in December last year. Cause of death unknown.



Hilary Fielding's garden. Heron on back hedge overlooking ornamental pond

I'd be very interested in hearing from anyone in the village who finds or sees a ringed bird. There's lots of information about the importance to conservation of data gathered by ringing on the BTO website at http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/ringing and found rings can be reported at www.ring.ac'.

Hilary emailed: 'Cuckoo heard at stables. Love the shelduck (x4) at Aves's forage pile. Never seen them there before. Have green woodpeckers nesting in broken willow again this year, but disappointing number of swallows returned. I do have a couple of pairs of nesting Pied wagtails again this year. Have had flock of long tailed tits on my seed feeder at the stables and a regular lesser spotted woodpecker on the nuts. A determined female black bird has finally given up trying to build her next in the engine compartment of my horsebox. I have had to remove half a dozen beautifully constructed nests over the last few weeks, sadly one with two eggs in it'.



Cuckoo

In closing, a salutary tale for those of us who move areas of temporary electric stock fencing. Recently, a friend was pulling up a plastic fence stake in her paddock, it was stuck fast and she leaned over to tug harder. Suddenly it relented and, in flying upwards, hit her squarely in the eye causing lasting damage. Please beware!

Joss Goodchild

OUTSIDE EDGE

Invite you to their 2016
Exhibition of paintings on
2nd/3rd and 9/10 July from 11am – 6pm
At St Cyriac Church, Swaffham Prior

Admission is free and all are very welcome



Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners Programme for 2016

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.

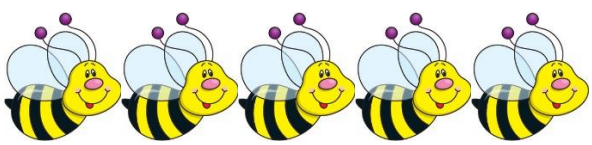
Chairman/Treasurer: Peter Hart 01638 741681

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

St Etheldreda's Church
Reach



Traditional Evensong
from Book of Common Prayer
Sunday 3rd July 2015
3.30pm
followed by
Afternoon Tea
in the Village Centre



What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm



The sun is shining hopefully on the start of a fantastic growing season at Snakehall Farm. Our 49 Co-workers (adults with disabilities) our visiting work experience groups and our regular volunteers have been busy getting our 18 organic acres ready for a bumper harvest. Our tomato plants have taken root, our heated benches have helped the tasty herbs sprout and Tilly Tractor has been put to full use in our Spring Meadow getting our field plots ready for crops. All this work means our on-site farm shop will be stocked to the top this summer with our very best vegetables, herbs and plants.



Our Big Lottery People's Million's funded training kitchen has been bubbling with chutneys and jams so any seasonal gluts this year will soon be transformed into pots of perfect preserves. We are also very proud to show off our stars, our new accessible kitchen has been granted a 5 Star hygiene rating.

This spring our Co-workers have been baking for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, raising a staggering £180 in just over an hour serving tea, coffee and their amazing bakes from our new kitchen. Well done all who baked, ate and donated. Well done the Co-worker Committee for coming up with this brilliant suggestion.

WE BAGGED IT!

Tesco's new community Bags of Help Scheme is helping Prospects Trust grow even more differently this year. Thank you to all the customers of Newmarket Tesco and our loyal supporters who voted for us in store in February and March. We are delighted to announce we were awarded £10,000 to establish a new fruit and flower growing area at Snakehall Farm. We will be building our fruit cage on site, involving our Co-workers in all aspects of the construction and planting. We are going to improve access around the farm and create new growing areas for therapeutic benefits to our Co-workers. The fruit plants will take some time to establish but we hope to extend our range of Prospects Preserves with these new crops. We will report back on the project in the next newsletter but thank you once again to all those who voted for us.



FUNDING THANKS, FUNDING WINS AND FUNDRAISING WINGS

We are proud to be both a growing charity and socially enterprising business. We have our muddy feet in both camps, our Co-workers access our farm for REAL work, their produce and products harvest REAL income and yet without the continued and varied fundraising efforts of our supporters, donors and farm friends we wouldn't be the unique farm we are today. All of our capital developments, special projects and new ideas are kindly supported by external funding. This spring we are welcoming the Knights Templar Scouts and the Cambridge Woodcraft Folk for some charity camping, we have just heard that The Screwfix Foundation have granted us £5,000 towards our new woodshed workshop and we even have a Snakehall Superhero, Jenny Day doing a sponsored Wing Walk in memory of her Grandad (our Super Ron) and sister. Jenny is equally sharing her sponsorship between The Prospects Trust & The Stroke Association, give Jenny a boost by donating online: **https://localgiving.org/jennyswingwalk** You can donate to a number of our appeals at: **localgiving.org/charity/prospectstrustatsnakehallfarm/**

FILLING THE HUNGRY GAP

You may have noticed that during the winter months we frequently stock produce from other local organic farms and suppliers in our onsite farm shop. The reason for this is what is known as the 'hungry gap'. We grow a large variety of vegetables between April and October and some crops can be stored in order to keep selling them over the winter (e.g. potatoes and onions). However, without having expensively heated greenhouses we cannot grow much to harvest fresh over the winter. We do grow winter lettuces, purple-sprouting broccoli and leeks which continue to grow over the winter. There is always a period of a few weeks when these crops have finished and the new season crops have not yet produced enough to start harvesting. So in order to keep the shop stocked we have to buy from other suppliers. We are always reviewing what we grow and endeavour to keep trying new crops that may extend our season. Tell us what is your top pick of our crop—we love to hear from our customers.



TEAM BUILDING WITH A DIFFERENCE AT SNAKEHALL FARM

We are very proud to be hosting three group volunteer days at Snakehall Farm during 2016. Group volunteers come from socially responsible companies, where up to 15 employees volunteer for a day at charities like ourselves to help repair, build or refurbish the farm to generally make it a better place for our Co-workers.

The volunteering days are invaluable to us as we will have a specific task for the group to work on which we would otherwise struggle to do as our time is mostly taken up by supporting our Co-workers. Previous groups (comprising of bankers, salespeople, solicitors and IT developers) have built woodsheds, cut hedges, planted garlic, tidied up our barns, refurbished our packing room, built deer fencing and re-built our composting area.

These days not only benefit us, but the companies too. They provide opportunities for employees to build bonds with colleagues, work outdoors, learn new skills and try their hand at something new. Companies also benefit by positively impacting on grass-roots charities and can see the massive difference they make. It can also generate positive public opinion too as 90% of shoppers in a recent study are likely to switch to brands that support a good cause. At the farm though, it's all about having a fun and rewarding day working alongside our Co-workers and of course learning to drive Tilly the Tractor! This year we are hosting Blackhorse Give and Gain Day on the 16th of May (their 4th visit) who will be helping to build an accessible fruit cage.

We will also be hosting a volunteer day for Anglia Water in June who will be upgrading our accessible pathways and in July we will be hosting Ethicon's second visit, although we haven't yet agreed what they will be doing (answers on a postcard please!)



The Prospects Trust has always prided itself on growing people. It is really good to know that not only do we make a difference to the lives of those with disabilities and their support networks, but can also make an impact on the profit-driven corporate world, even if it is just for a day. As always, a huge thank you to all our supporters, whether they are individuals or groups, regular or one-offs. We just couldn't do it without you.

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Marianne (Maz) Baker

Car wash and Café from 10.30am
Grand Water Fight from 1.30pm

Fair Green, Reach
Saturday 9th July 2016
In aid of Reach Riders Group

Fruits of our Orchard

Featured Fruits



I could find out very little about the three varieties featured in this issue. They are all local to our area, and the descriptions below come from the website of the East of England Apples and Orchards Project (EEAOP). If you have more information please let me know.

Johnny Mount Pear

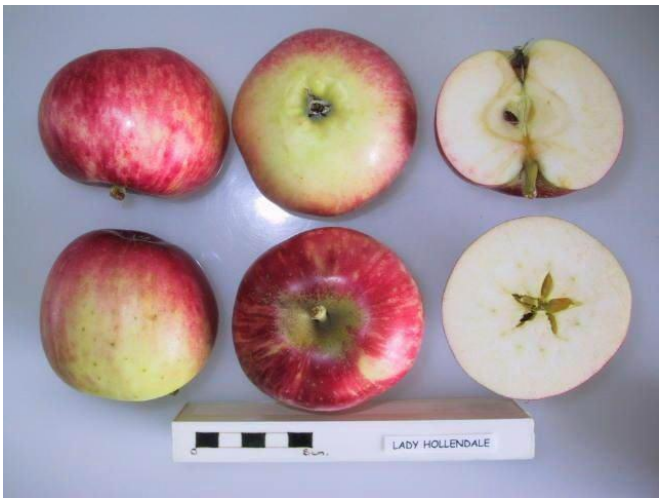
A variety local to Essex, known around Colchester but exact place of origin not known. A medium-sized, russet pear. A heavy cropper best eaten near Christmas. First recorded pre-1900.

We have four trees in the orchard, only one of which is currently sponsored, by Andrew Trump.

Jolly Miller

A cooking apple described as 'once popular in the Cottenham area. Possibly named after the village Public House of the same name where fruit was once traded. A medium-sized tall apple with a greasy yellow skin, reddish flush and broken red stripes. First recorded 1883. Best picked late September, and used September to October.

We have two trees in the orchard, one of which is sponsored, by Helen Oliver.



Lady Hollendale

Probably arose in the Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire or Norfolk Fens since it was being grown for the Wisbech fruit markets in the 1920-30s. An early season crisp and juicy red apple, best picked and eaten in August.

We have three trees in the orchard, one sponsored by Juliet Vickery and another by Millie Crawford (via Grahame Radford and Karen Carpenter).

Gardening Day

Orchards need pretty constant care and attention – for which we depend on volunteers. It isn't hard or technically complex work, and we choose days when the weather is fine. Many hands make light work and most of the tasks are finished within an hour. In April we did some 'gardening' around the orchard – giving the trees a feed of fish, blood and bone meal, and weeding around their bases (see the photos). If you are interested in helping out occasionally, and aren't already on the 'orchard' email list, please send an email to david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk.

Voles

On the gardening day we noticed that most of the trees had voles burrowing under the mulch mats and around the roots. Consulting the East of England Apple and Orchards Project we learnt that "*voles gnaw the rind form apple tree roots if they can get access to the roots … voles have proved to be the very worst pest of young trees, simply because they love mulch mats surrounded by long grass … At 3 years, the root systems of your trees may be deep enough to be able to discard the mulch mats without adverse effect*.". Oh dear… So, we rapidly organised another work party (thanks to all those that turned out at short notice) and have taken up the mats. We are now contemplating what to do next, but mowing the grass short, and applying a mulch around the trees seems like a likely option. So please keep a look out for a notice requesting volunteers with barrows!

Blossom

By the time this edition of Within Reach goes out some of the fruit trees may still be in bloom. If you sponsored a tree, why not take a walk down to the orchard to see if it is flowering?

Most of the cherry trees are likely to have finished flowering, and of course the fruit-bearing cultivars in the orchard are not nearly as showy as the ornamentals common in people's gardens and lining the streets of towns. But hopefully in 20 years from now villagers from Reach will be able to venture down to the 24Acres to sit and picnic under the trees. In Japan, picnicking under blooming trees is a centuries-old practice called "*hanami*". The custom was originally limited to the elite of the Imperial Court, but soon spread to samurai society and, then to the common people as well. Every year the Japanese Meteorological Agency and the public track the *sakura zensen* (cherry blossom front) as it moves northward up the archipelago with the approach of warmer weather. *Hanami* festivals celebrate the beauty of the cherry blossom and for many are a chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful view.

Meadows Day

On the 2nd and 3rd July (see the separate poster in this issue) the National Trust is organising a mini BioBlitz on the 24Acres. This should be a lot of fun, and we need as many people as possible to come and learn about the wildlife on the site and help us to discover what is there.

We are also looking for volunteers to help set things up and supervise. If you think you might be able to help please contact David Thomas (david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk).

David Thomas

Caring for our Community Orchard



New villagers Cath and John Tayleur with their daughter



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Sops in wine

Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News



It was with great sadness that we learnt of the sudden death of former Warden, Ralph Sargent, who many readers will remember from working, volunteering or simply visiting Wicken Fen.

Ralph was a Warden at Wicken for 35 years retiring in 2007. The very next day he was back at the Fen as a volunteer. With his distinctive hair and beard he was an iconic figure who spent much of his day at the fen, binoculars in hand scanning the fen and skies for wildlife, big or small, rare or common, he loved it all. He will be greatly missed by all staff, volunteers and the many visitors who stopped to have a chat with him.

The Wicken rangers are helping to run a mini Bio-Blitz on the Reach 24 Acres site on Saturday & Sunday 3-4 July. On Saturday evening (8 – 10pm) we will be setting small mammal traps, listening out for bats and moth trapping. On the Sunday (8am – 1pm) we will be opening the mammal traps, and searching for bugs, birds, butterflies and plants.

For the forthcoming half-term we have **Den Building** on Wednesday 1 June and **Go Wild: All about fire** on Friday 3 June. Details of all our events (including summer holiday events) and booking arrangements can be found on our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen - please book early to avoid disappointment.

This year we are marking the 50th anniversary of Lord Fairhaven's death and his bequest of Anglesey Abbey to the National Trust.

The House team have put together a fantastic series of exhibitions throughout the summer focusing on various aspects of Lord Fairhaven's life and interests. In June, the focus is Lord Fairhaven's family, his up-bringing in America and the family move back to England. Featuring photo albums, books, letters & watercolours not normally on public display, the exhibition throws up little interesting nuggets, such as – his grandfather H.H.Rogers was a close friend of Mark Twain and saved him from bankruptcy, or Lord Fairhaven was asked to be an usher at the marriage of Mary, Princess Royal in 1922.

As part of the Trust's new art programme we have commissioned a piece of contemporary art which will appear in the garden in early June. The artist, Caroline Wright, has taken inspiration from Lord Fairhaven's interest in ornithology to create a giant bird cage, large enough for a family to get inside, which will be located in the wildflower meadows. Drawing on Lord Fairhaven's design skills and ambitions to create views and vistas around the gardens, the bird cage should create new views both for those in the cage and those viewing it from around the gardens.

Howard Cooper

National Trust



Ralph Sargent

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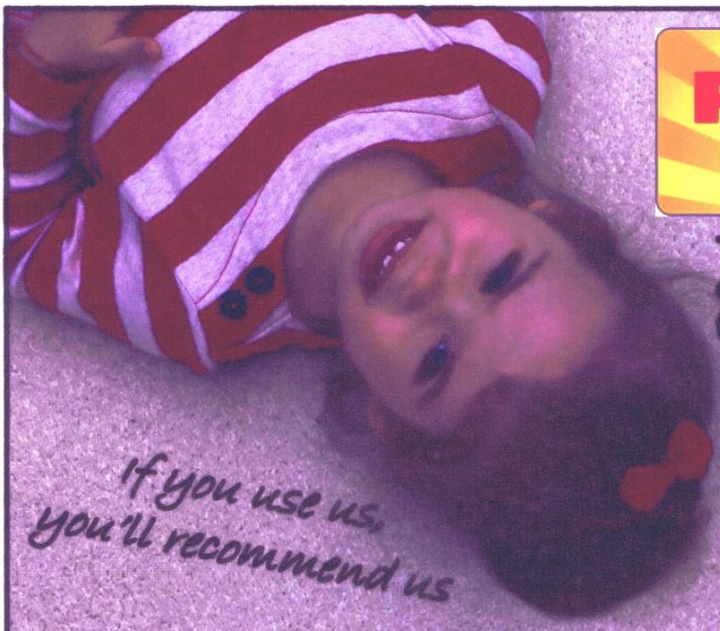

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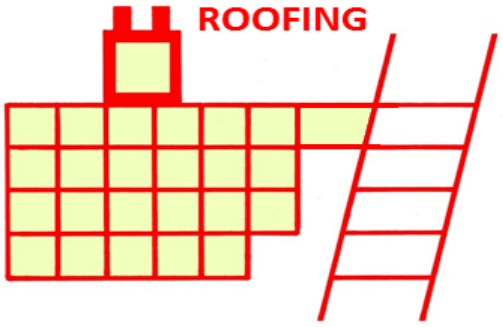

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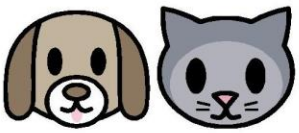

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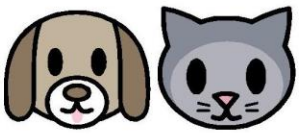

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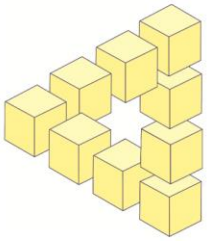

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Tales from a Reach Garden



Richard has been replacing some of the planks on the raised beds where we grow our vegetables. We first created the raised beds in late 2007/early 2008, so they've lasted at least 8 years. Almost constant rain from the end of August last year finally finished them off and many planks rotted. About half of the beds needed repairing immediately, but the others will have to wait now that the growing season has started in earnest. Our broad beans, potatoes, garlic, onions and peas have been planted. I usually plant a couple of rows of peas each month up to the end of June. This is known as 'succession sowing' to avoid a sudden glut or dearth of peas, so that we have a constant supply during the summer.



Afternoon view of the repaired vegetable plot looking north

In addition to sowing seeds, I've spent much of the past two months weeding in various places around the garden. Many annual weeds can be hoed before they become too large or easily pulled up from the well-worked soil of the vegetable plot, or well-mulched flower beds. The annual battle with toxic cuckoo pint (*Arum Maculatum*) and its equally-poisonous ornamental cousin *Arum Italicum Pictum* is in full swing. The latter was planted in our garden by previous owners, or sown by local birds. Occasionally, I have to pull up Arum Italicum from vegetable beds – I have learnt what the seedling looks like and it always gives me a little thrill when the tiny seedling comes up with bulb intact (yay!)



Cuckoo pint flower



Arum Italicum Pictum



Arum seedling

Another weed that we struggle to clear is ground-elder, which was probably first introduced to Britain by the Romans as a pot herb and used by Medieval herbalists in a balm for gout gradually falling out of favour as one Tudor herbalist complained that it spread "to the annoyance of better herbes". However, unlike the Arum, we've never had to pull it up from the vegetable beds, even though a clump of ground elder is permanently resident under the tap we use for watering our vegetables. Each year I spot treat that clump with weed killer or dig up the underground stems and it seems to be clear for the rest of the year, only to reappear the following spring…
We've other clumps of ground-elder in the garden, which tend to be in herbaceous borders in shady areas, where the underground stems worm their way around the roots of other plants. There is a variegated version of ground-elder sold in garden centres as "*Aegopodium Podagraria" (*the botanical latin name for ground-elder*),* which needs to be planted in full sun, otherwise it will revert to its green, spreading, ineradicable parent. Personally, I wouldn't risk planting it, considering how dull and damp our summers can be, though I suspect that previous owners of our garden did just that. I suppose I'll have to do what the Romans did: cook it like spinach and eat it - but without the weed killer flavouring.



Ground Elder in the garden



Variegated Ground Elder in the garden centre

Mint is a herb which people tell you not to plant in a border because it is invasive. I have a couple of pots of mint on the patio, but there is also a spearmint patch in our garden, which came with the house and which the chickens kept under control, pecking its leaves as soon as they appeared above ground. It only grew beyond the fence of the chicken run, out of reach of hungry beaks and restricted by a low brick wall. Our hens clearly had a taste for mint, but now they've gone the mint has returned and has to be restricted. We have another patch which my son planted (he said he likes mint) and this is easier to control. Mint is indeed a spreading plant, but compared to ground-elder it is easier to deal with. It's just less hassle not to have to keep it in check.



Bronze fennel



Rosemary



Sage

Most herbs in our garden are in pots on the patio or in flower beds, grown as much for their foliage and flowers as for their aroma. I don't tend to grow herbs in the vegetable plot because I prefer to have them closer to the house. The only exception has been parsley because it needs a rich moisture-retentive soil to do well and the vegetable plot is the best place for it as it is watered regularly along with the vegetables. Parsley is a biennial plant, i.e. it puts flowers out in the second year of growth after sowing. I've grown it as an annual for its leaves, pulling it up the following spring before the flowers are formed.

For success in growing parsley it's best to sow the washed (and still damp) seeds in moist soil and keep it watered, though not too sodden. Mediterranean herbs, such as bay laurel, fennel, rosemary, oregano, marjoram and thyme, need to be planted in a sunny position in well-drained soil to do well. If planted in a shady spot they will tend to become lanky and flop over in the search for sunshine. One exception in our garden has been sage which is growing in a border by the north side of the house and has done well there for at least five years. Oregano, marjoram, fennel and lemon balm tend to self-seed around the garden after flowering, so I dig them up the plantlets whenever I find they have moved away from 'home'. The flowers of many herbs attract all sorts of butterflies, bees and hoverflies. So even if you're not fond of the flavour of herbs, many are worth growing because they attract beneficial insects to the garden.



Meadow brown butterfly on flowers of sweet marjoram - can you spot the hoverfly?

Danuta Gibson

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Meeting Derek and Yvonne Coombes



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Yvonne My name is Yvonne Mary Coombes. My father knew someone called Yvonne; he also knew someone called Yvette but my mother said that was too French. Mary is a family name. I was brought up in Fordham and went to Fordham Junior School which now no longer exists. I then went to Burwell Secondary School. I hated school. It was too academic and I was sporty. I was definitely not teacher's pet! I did some sport at my senior school: netball and tennis, and I was selected at county level for the high jump, long jump, and hurdle.

There was one teacher I liked which funnily no one else did. She was very strict and her name was Miss Wolf, a spinster. She taught English Literature and I learnt a lot from her. I liked reading and still do.

I went to work in a shop at aged 15 and a half. That seems funny now as my granddaughter is the same age and is just choosing what college she will attend. Nowadays there's university, a year out, travelling etc before work commences. The shop I worked at was in Fordham, The Co-op. I liked it and undertook general tasks. I got to go out on a bike and collect orders, which I enjoyed because I liked being outside. My other jobs were working in a transistor factory in Newmarket where I undertook quality control.

I was very fashionable when I was young, more clothes-wise. My mother was a first class dress maker and made my clothes. I could see a trouser suit in Vogue and my mother would make it for me. I had outfits before they were in the shops! My mother also made handmade lace.

I was a rock chick. I liked all the Led Zepplin stuff and still listen to the music which has come through to today. I still have the tapes. I like the Rolling Stones and Black Stabbath. If you could bang it, I liked it. I went to concerts; Bill Hayley in London and I saw him several times. I went to see the Stones and Cilla Black. Derek and I were both young in the 60s and reckon it was the best time ever.

Derek My name is Derek Geoffrey Coombes and I come from a big family. I'm in the middle and thought my name was 'ere you, when I was very young. I was born in Newmarket and went to Exning Road Primary School and Newmarket Secondary Modern. School was a non-event for me. The teachers were over strict.

One of the worst was Smithy who would come into the classroom, read a newspaper, and walk out without a word. The teachers were just not interested.
It was post war and things were very disorganised. After school I got called up to the air force and was a wireless engineer; from there my education began and my life took off. It was 1955 and I was aged 17 years.



8Sqdn Kamaran

I was sent on a course in Wiltshire to study and it was brilliant. It wasn't the done thing to volunteer but I volunteered to do an extra attachment, to attend an extra course at Stadishall. I especially liked it because I could travel home easily from RAF Stadishall. The additional course was the best thing because I gained an expertise that no one else had or wanted, and with this, I travelled to the Middle East and all over. The expertise was VHFDF, a detective function for aircraft used when radar was not practical.



Wedding Day, Fordham

An incident occurred which caused me to end up marooned on an island. It was just pre the Suez crisis and we were ferrying (Venom) aircraft to Aden that was a great distance away. The government owned a sand bank in the middle of the Red Sea and four of us were dropped on to the island to transit the aircraft through.

Four aircraft were to be moved secretly each day, for three days, and the first aircraft got through just fine. It then rained and the island virtually sank. To those in charge we were just a dot on a map on a wall, and we were forgotten about and left to fend for ourselves. We shot gazelle but I couldn't eat it. Eventually we got the air/ground radio equipment to work and took it in turns to send out Mayday calls. A civil aircraft finally heard us and arranged for a food drop and for help to be sent. After a bit a big battleship, HMS Kenya, turned up off the beach, and a small boat came ashore and took us off.

I was in Yemen for four years on various jobs. I met Yvonne and come out of the air force, aged 21years old.



Ajlun Castle1975

Yvonne We met at a dance in Newmarket. I danced, he did not!

Derek I left the air force and married. Televisions were just coming on to the market and I became a TV repair man. This was the late 50s. The government set up a 12-month residential course in Letchworth, Hertfordshire. I learnt that if we were married we would be entitled to a married allowance and I put the situation to Yvonne – a most romantic proposal.

Yvonne My mother was taken aback at the speed of our decision and asked, `you're not pregnant are you?' We were married at Fordham.

Derek From Letchworth we went to Reading but a lack of accommodation brought us back to Fordham. I decided we would build a house as we couldn't afford one and while doing my television rounds I came across this piece of ground in Reach. Originally, it had a cinema housed in a shed but the old boy who owned the site was told to take the shed down. We paid £300 for the land. We helped the builder by stacking bricks and mixing concrete and the house took less than a year to build. It was a requirement then that the bricks and tiles were comparable to other buildings in the village, but stipulations have relaxed since.

In 1968 the sewerage works were built. I knew the works were coming so I had a T-junction fitted to the piping of the septic tank. Every so often, I would remove the bung from the T-junction and send my `poo' down to the works. I always wondered if the sudden rush was ever noted. Eventually I collared a sewerage worker and asked if we could be connected, he was delighted, as they wanted to increase the capacity!

Being a TV technician, I was much in demand but I got itchy feet. As a result, I joined the Home Office as a Communication Engineer looking after their electronics systems.

After a while, I was seconded to the Foreign Office (for some adventure) and they sent me to Amman Jordan. Fortuitously this posting allowed us to rent the house out, which helped pay the mortgage. We lived in Jordan for four years and Egypt for another two years, the both of us and our two children. The children at times boarded at Culford and Kings, Ely. We enjoyed the assignment extremely and lived, dined and entertained royalty and ambassadors.



Bridge over the River Jordan just north of the Red Sea. 1973

We returned to England and the Home Office. Thatcher threatened to close the department I was in so I went on to the job market and worked at the Science Park, Cambridge, looking after satellite tracking systems. Happily I'm now retired.



Derek has been flying since the age of 15

We enjoy walking. I had a heart scare 15 years ago and this involved a stay at Papworth and having a stent fitted. I was advised to undertake a strenuous half hour walk every day; to really put my heart under pressure. And this I have done.
So you will often see Yvonne and myself walking in Reach Wood.

Yvonne We have two children, Lesley and Anthony and co-incidentally they both live in Derbyshire. We have four grandchildren two boys and two girls all still at school.

We have lived in Reach since 1965 when the house was built. There was little transport in the village in the early days and certainly no parking issues. The village centre has changed, and the school that was has closed. The pub has changed hands and the shop and post office closed. Despite the loss of some facilities it seems that people now are making the village better in lots of ways and it seems that if there's a project people will get together and make it happen – like Reach Wood, the one-time ownership of the public house and the Fair is better now. The village has a lot going for it.

We like travelling and go away two or three times a year but not quite so far now. We have friends in America and have been several times and like to fly/drive. We find places to visit like Death Valley and mining towns.

We like walking and reading. Derek likes factual books and documentaries. I like Downton Abbey and murder mysteries. Derek has been flying on and off since the age of 15, when he first flew a glider solo and has flown up until recently.

Both The secret to a good marriage is: give and take. Moreover, the secret to a good life is: Be happy. Enjoy yourself as much as you can while you can.

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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.

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Days Gone By



The outstanding No. 1 in June/July 1983 was "Every Breath You Take" by The Police - an English rock band formed in London in 1977. For the majority of their history, the band consisted of Sting (lead vocals, bass guitar, primary songwriter), Andy Summers (guitar) and Stewart Copeland (drums, percussion).

The Police became globally popular in the late 1970s and are generally regarded as one of the first new wave groups to achieve mainstream success, playing a style of rock influenced by punk, reggae, and jazz. They disbanded in 1986, but reunited in early 2007 for a one-off world tour that ended in August 2008.

In the UK, Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party won a landslide second term election victory, taking 397 seats to Labour's 209. The SDP Liberal Alliance, fighting its first national contest, won just 23 seats under the "first-past-the-post" electoral system, despite receiving nearly as many votes as Labour.



The prime minister said her first priority for the new term would be to reshuffle her cabinet. She insisted it would reflect a range of political views, saying, "I haven't been extreme for the last four years and I'm not extreme now."

Defeated Labour Party leader Michael Foot described the result as a tragedy for the country. Mr Foot strongly attacked the SDP for siphoning support away from Labour - giving more seats to the Conservatives. He resigned later that year.

The SDP Liberal Alliance blamed Britain's "winner takes all" electoral system on its failure to convert its significant electoral support into seats in parliament.

Among the reasons behind the Conservative Party's success was Mrs Thatcher's popularity after Britain's victory in the Falklands war and the continuing troubles of a divided Labour Party.

Two of original "gang of four" who left Labour to set up the SDP, Shirley Williams and William Rodgers, lost their seats in the 1983 poll but the biggest upset was in Bristol East, where former minister Tony Benn was defeated after 33 years in the Commons.

In Reach, the Fair attendance was hit by appalling weather and villagers were also berated by Kay Pote, the editor of Out of Reach for not supporting the village events in what, in those days, was Fair “Week”.

Also in the magazine were a couple of letters which related to the General Election with Jenny Johnson putting a strong case for voting for parties that do not support the locating of Cruise missiles in the UK.

There were District Council elections taking place too with Margaret Cook (Conservative) winning easily. The turnout in Reach was nearly 90%.

There was also a new Village Centre Committee in place which consisted of 5 Officers (including Ray and Anita Folkes – with Harvey Harrison being the Chairman) plus 7 committee members so 12 altogether. If you have a look at page 8 you’ll see that Grahame is asking for more help on the current Village Centre Committee so please do volunteer if you can.



And there was cricket on the Green!

Names I recognise from the 22 that played are Tony Jordan, John Reed, Ray Folkes, Glyn Newman, Michael Aves, David Blocksage, Mike Greenhill and Justin Moseley. It was played with a soft ball to allay the fears of Fair Green residents. Hopefully next month we can see what the result was.

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Food Focus Steph Davis' Homemade Granola



This is my favourite new start to the day. I first sampled it at Lucy's, my lovely sister-in-law's house and since then I've been making it regularly. People do look at the jar in the kitchen firstly in slight awe, then secondly concern that I have too much time on my hands. But if you are a granola fan – I challenge you to make it once, see how easy and delicious it is and let me know if you can go back to buying granola… As you will see the sweeteners in the recipe are maple syrup (apparently the lowest natural GI sugar), vanilla essence and cinnamon. The sugar police would probably say "it's still sugar", but it makes me feel better that there is no refined sugar in it.



The other benefit of it, if you can pull it off without looking too smug or like too much of a homemade yogurt knitter, is that it looks beautiful in a kilner jar as a present.

Stephs Favourite Version

"After you've made this recipe once or twice, you'll realize it's perfectly fine to add or modify things (for example, use different nuts, add sunflower flax or pumpkin seeds, or substitute some apple juice for some of the wet ingredients)

Preheat oven to 150°C (I like my granola a little browned – if you like yours less browned, you can set the oven to 120°C or 135°C). To be honest this isn't a precise science 170°C for 20 or 25 minutes is also fine. The recipe is in American cups which could be annoying if you don't have a "tala cooks dry measure". I'm delighted to have finally found a use for mine as I had no idea what an American cup measure was. Another tip which reduces the expense a bit is that I buy the big bags of almonds and cashews from the Indian food section in certain Tescos (Milton / Fulborne).

4 cups rolled oats (jumbo are better)

1 cup raw almonds (you can use slivered)

1 cup cashews

1 cup walnuts

1 cup coconut flakes (you can use shredded dry coconut – or one from the fair if you won one!)

1/3 cup maple syrup

1/3 cup safflower oil (I use rapeseed)

3/4 teaspoon salt

1 tablespoon cinnamon

1 tablespoon vanilla

1 cup raisins (to be added after baking)



Mix up the dry ingredients in a large bowl. Measure out the maple syrup and rapeseed oil and mix with the vanilla essence (I use the tala measure again). Pour the wet mix over the dry ingredients and mix together well. Spread the wet granola over two large baking sheets – obviously the more you spread it out, the faster it will bake and dry out. Check on it occasionally, stirring it around the sheets with the wooden spoon and bake for around an hour. I let it bake just until the nuts and oats are very very slightly browned. Take out the sheets and let them cool for about 10 minutes. Now sprinkle the raisins over the granola. When it's fully cool, transfer it to a sealable container or ziplock bags.

Snakehall Farm

Excitingly we are on the brink of seeing some of Snakehalls' best produce. I eagerly await their broad beans and new potatoes - the perfect stop-gap until ours emerge. Don't miss out on their mange tout - so delicious, crunchy and fresh that they barely make it onto plates in this house. Get them while you can! The colourful and spicy salad bags are starting to become a regular in the farm fridge, along with the bagged herbs. Soon enough they will be joined by spinach, Swiss chard and French beans. Yellow and red cherry tomatoes, beefsteak and the standard matina are all busy ripening as I type and will be available shortly. Co-workers will start to harvest my favourite vegetable, beetroot, before too long too. The farm shop also always has free range and organic eggs and will continue to stock lovely cut flowers at amazing prices.

Ps Farmers Markets happening near you in the next couple of months

Ely – second and fourth Saturday of each month (June 11th and 25th, July 9th and 23rd)

Burwell – second Saturday of each month (June 11th, July 9th)

Catherine Gibson



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Swaffham Prior Primary School

The summer term has begun and we are anticipating an action-packed time ahead!

The weather was kind to us this year at Reach Fair. The Year 5 and 6 children expertly performed three maypole dances in front of a large crowd. They demonstrated good team work and very effective problem solving skills which was greeted with a huge round of applause from the audience. Congratulations to the dancers! Thank you to all of you who came to support the children and to Mr Godfrey for preparing them so well.

FoSPS organised the Grand Draw at Reach Fair with the infamous prize of the Barrow of Booze. Nearly £700 was raised which is an incredible amount.

We have had a 'Parents in Class' week which was a great success. Parents were invited into school and had the opportunity to sit through some of the lessons with their children. As part of the week an E-Safety Day was organised. The children learnt about how to use mobile phones and the internet safely. We also had two information sessions for parents and were delighted that our local PCSO came in to present the information.

Our Building Project will be starting during the half term break and is due to end in August. During the next half term, work will take place on refurbishing all of the classrooms, the roof and the mobile. Teaching and learning will be continuing as normal with the classes using the mobile whilst their classroom is being worked on. It is a wonderful opportunity for taking the learning outside.

Meanwhile the children have a lot to look forward to, including a trip to Wicken Fen for Years 5 and 6, various sporting events, a KS2 production, Sports Day and the Swaffham Olympics.

Following on from this report you will see pictures of our pupils dancing around the maypole at the recent Reach Fair – with thanks going to Hugh de Lacy.

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher













Montessori School, Reach

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'Give me some music'

The Cantilena Singers

Saturday 9 July, 7.30pm

Church of St. Mary, High Street, Swaffham Prior, CB25 0LD

An evening of unaccompanied choral music and Shakespeare vignettes in this beautiful ancient church in Swaffham Prior, celebrating the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, the Queen's 90th birthday, and the 60th anniversary of Gerald Finzi's death.

Featuring works by Finzi, Vaughan Williams, Byrd, Dowland, and John Rutter.

Director Daniel Spreadbury

Vignettes by the Lanwades Hall Players

Refreshments available.

Proceeds to the Church

Tickets £10 (free admission for under 18s) on the door or contact Caille Sugarman-Banazsak 01223 813918 or Steven Aronson 01223 812823

website: www.cantilenasingers.org

Cricket

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

Pets Corner



Mitchell Parr



Joni Parr



Mrs Blackbird Coombes has been regularly visiting the Coombes for about five years and like raisons!

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 6th April 2016.

Attendance

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

1. Forum for members of the public
Residents attended the meeting to discuss the planning application - 16/00130/FUL.

2. Declarations of Interest
Councillor Aves declared an interest in the planning discussion 16/00130/FUL.

3. Planning Application
Planning Application - 16/00130/FUL.

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

- The site is outside the development envelope.
- The village does not want to lose stabling and paddock land.
- Concern that pre-emptive work is taking place
- 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 creating village sprawl.
- 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.

Councillor Alderson to check with ECDC planning regarding their policy on the installation of cesspits.

Planning Application – 15/01558/OUT – no comment made.

1. Forum for members of the public
George Gibson attended the meeting to discuss the fire at The Dykes End Pub. The fire started in the early hours of the morning at the back of the kitchen. Nobody was hurt. The kitchen suffered extensive smoke damage. The pub will be trading for drinks only for the next couple of months until the repair work can be completed. The kitchen area may be extended whilst the repair work is carried out. Plans to be supplied to the PC prior to this going ahead. ***Clerk*** to contact the fair committee to highlight a possible toilet problem for Reach Fair.

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

5 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
Funding for the beacon for the Queen's birthday celebration had been agreed £225.

5 (2) County Councillor's Report
Full Council met on 22nd March. As has been widely reported, the longest debate surrounded the offer of a devolution deal from Government to Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk. Following a lengthy debate a motion indicating that CCC found the deal on offer was unacceptable and should be rejected pending further discussions. This was agreed with 64 votes in favour and 1 abstention. Two other motions were also agreed, one highlighting the need for work to tackle deprivation in parts of the County, and the other calling on Government to come up with a system for intervening in failing academies. Council also agreed to change the process for oral questions at Council meetings so that in future they can be directed towards any member of Council holding a position of responsibility.
The Children and Young People Committee met on 8th March. A new strategy for Looked after Children was agreed. Following news that Greenwood Dale Trust was withdrawing from sponsoring the new secondary and special schools in Littleport, the Committee agreed to name Active Learning Trust as our preferred sponsor for these 2 new schools.
General Purposes Committee also met in March. Amongst other issues, the Committee agreed to start a Total Transport Pilot, bringing together the various public-funded transports around Ely. The Committee also agreed to defer a paper regarding IT provision for members and agreed a land transfer with Sawston Village College to enable a community hub to be built.
I also attended a meeting regarding the proposed expansion of Bottisham Village College.

5 (3) District Councillor's Report
£122,000 rural grant. ECDC have been awarded this grant by central government and it will be administered by the Commercial Services Committee which discussed it at the March meeting.
Its details are as follows. It will be divided equally between 42 parishes giving each parish £2904. The grant can be spent on initiatives that benefit the community and each parish will be required to submit an annual report to ECDC to show how the money has been spent. If a group of parishes want to join together to spend the money on a larger project this would be proved by ECDC. The spending of the grant is not time related. ECDC is waiting to hear when it will receive the money.
Swaffham Prior Community Land Trust Houses. The first of these 8 properties are ready for occupation. This is a district council initiative and it is hoped to have many more sites within the district, creating housing that is affordable for people on modest income. It is a fact that ever more young people can only afford to rent, so it is our duty to provide for them. According to the Halifax house price survey in 2001 the average house cost 3.2 times the average wage, today it is 5.5 times. In Cambridge during the last 20 years the average house price has increased 414%. The cost and availability of houses is fast becoming our greatest social issue.

5 (4) Financial Report
At year end the Parish Council remains in a financially stable situation. With a potential result figure nearly £2,000 better than forecast.

5 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
There were none.

5 (6) Play Spaces
All look fine and were being well used over the Easter hols, although there may be a problem with one of the goalposts on the playing field.
Still waiting to hear back on the playground improvement ideas.

5 (7) Rights of Way
A resident has arranged a delivery of hard-core to byway 11, by the 24Acres, in conjunction with CCC. No response had yet been received from CCC regarding the hard-core at the Chapel Lane end of the same byway.

5 (8) Village Centre
Montessori nursery will be starting Monday 11th April. And we have arranged to re-tarmac the surrounds of the Hall. The new dishwasher has been installed.

5 (9) 24Acres Committee Report
An updated management plan had been received. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Following the resignation of Councillor Thomas from the PC he has offered to continue as liaison between the PC and 24Acres committee. The PC would very much appreciate this and accepted the offer. ***Councillor Cane*** to inform David Thomas.
A Reach Riders event had raised £265. Insurance is in place for a riding club. A gate is required to lock the area, as it will be for members only.

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

5(11) Local Plan
Report below/attached.

6 Streetlights
A document had been received regarding the transfer of the heritage lights from CCC to PC ownership. The PC are not willing to go ahead with this until the lamps had been changed. The PC would also like the document to name the parties involved correctly.

7 Computer Grant
The PC had received a small grant, as part of the Transparency code, to allow the PC to purchase a laptop and printer which will be PC owned. ***Clerk*** to go ahead and make the purchase.

8 24Acres water pipe
A water pipe and 2 taps are to be installed on the 24Acres for the cricket club and for village functions. A grant will be applied for, with the cricket club paying the match funding. The PC was in agreement.

9. Mowing contract
The PC are happy with the service of the present contractor. Prices for the next financial year show an increase of 50p per cut. 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. The PC agreed this increase. ***Clerk*** to ensure the contractor liaises with the 24Acres committee and will issue the contact.

10 The Queen's birthday beacon
A risk assessment had been received from the Events Team. The PC requires more information before giving this event the final go ahead. This document is required by Sunday 10th April, to allow for it to be reviewed and agreed.
A full method statement and Risk assessment is require for the entire event from the installation to the dismantling after the event. The document is require to show details of exactly what will be happening, it should include but not exclusively the following. A event plan or time line and who has ownership of the event, names and full details of fire marshals and 1st aiders and all volunteers, details of water supply and fire extinguishers, full details of who will be managing the event and who will be in charge of each area, who are the key people.

11 War memorial Insurance
To insure the war memorial for the full replacement value will cost the PC an additional £100. The PC decided that the extra cost would be paid as it was felt that residents would want the memorial to be protected. ***Clerk*** confirm with the insurance company.

12 Annual Parish Meeting
The APM usually take place after the May PC meeting. However it was felt that because the PC meeting was on the 4th May two days after the Fair, it would be better attended later in the month. ***Clerk*** to establish another date with required attendees.

13 Response to the Local Plan consultation
Thanks as given to Councillors Cane and Ward for completing this document. See attached document.

14 Transport Consultation
The Quy roundabout and the difficulties of getting into Cambridge City centre were highlighted. There was also concern that reviews of rural bus services may result in further cuts. ***Councillor Cane*** to respond.

15 Neighbourhood Plan
To be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. More information is required.

16 Position of Dog Bins
A complaint had been received regarding the dog poo bin positioned at the end of Clunch Pit Lane. A request was made for this to be moved to a more discreet position. ***Clerk*** to discuss with ECDC regarding where it can be positioned as it must be road side for collection. ***Councillor Cane*** to reply to the resident.

17 Information Items/AOB
An invitation had been received for Councillor Cane to attend Reach Fair as a guest of the Mayor. ***Clerk*** to arrange acceptance of this offer on behave of Councillor Cane.

18. Payments

Came and Company – Insurance	£636.14
CR Contractors – shrub removal and mowing	£163.00
David Parr – repayment	£ 15.00
David Thomas – Orchard expenses	£ 29.97
Susan Bailey - clerks salary	£929.92
Susan Bailey – postage	£ 6.48
Balfour Beatty – streetlight maintenance	£349.28
E.on – streetlight electricity	£438.25

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th May 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

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 11th May 2016.

Attendance	Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
	Hilary Fielding	vice Chair	Present
	Michael Aves	Councillor	Arrived late/Present
	Hannah Baldwin	Councillor	Present
	Steve Boreham	Councillor	Not Present
	Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
	Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
	Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
	David Brown	County Councillor	Not Present

1. Apologies for absence were received and approved

2. Election of officers
Councillor Cane was elected Chair, proposed by Councillor Fielding and seconded by Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Fielding was elected vice Chair, proposed by Councillor Cane and seconded by Councillor Baldwin

3. Declarations of Interest
Councillors Fielding and Aves declared an interest in the planning discussion 16/00470/FUL Waterhall Farm, 46 Great Lane.

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

5. Election of additional officers
Play spaces officer – Councillor Baldwin; Rights of way officer – Councillor Fielding; Amenity Fund – Councillor Ward and Baldwin

6 (1) Amenity Fund Committee
No report

6(2) County Councillor's Report
No report

6 (3) District Councillor's Report
Ely Cineworld complex – KFC, McDonalds and Costa Coffee have signed leases to move to the new complex. Joining Frankie and Benny's and a Hungry Horse pub already committed to the scheme.
There will be 380 free parking spaces, making it more attractive than Cambridge.

The East Anglian Devolution Agreement – At a full council meeting on April 13th members ratified the agreement. They instructed the Chief Executive and the Council leader to ensure the inclusion of the following

- Ely Southern Bypass
- Soham Railway station and doubling of track
- Ely North rail junction
- Newmarket rail curve
- Junction at A14/ A142
- Community land trusts developments and related infrastructure
- A10 upgrade
- Improvements to cross country links

We requested the Chief Executive to report back to council in June. The devolution agreement sets out the framework for the devolution of powers and resources to Cambridgeshire, Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk.

6 (4) Financial Report
The independent external Audit had been arranged with Jenny Neale of Burwell.

6 (5) Parish Council Members Meetings
There were none.

6 (6) Play Spaces
A resident, Cath Tayleur, has agreed to lead a volunteer group to help update the play areas. The first task will be a survey of users, to establish what is required.

6 (7) Rights of Way
Nothing to report

6 (8) 24Acres Committee Report
Nothing to report

6 (9) Friends of Reach Wood
It has been agreed that The Prospects Trust should be engaged again this year to pull ragwort from Reach Wood meadow, following the successful activity last year. The work will take place on several occasions (half days) at the end of July and at the beginning of August. Last year the work was kindly paid for by a grant from the Amenity Fund. This year, Ian Froggatt from The Woodland Trust has increased the Reach Wood maintenance budget to allow this work to go ahead with no cost to the local community

6 (10) Local Plan
Nothing to report

7 Friends of Reach Port
Councillor Boreham has been talking to this group of villagers about The Hythe. It seems that they would like to see The Hythe protected from development and recognised as a site of heritage interest. In addition, they see the strong possibility that Anglian Water will ultimately retreat from the derelict sewage works site leaving just a small installation, thus releasing land for community amenity use. They see future conservation and recreation opportunities at the site and would like to engage with the PC as part of the future planning process

8 Information Items/AOB
The council still has a casual vacancy. ***Clerk*** to advertise the position again with a deadline of 22nd May and to arrange meetings for the week of 23rd May.

9. Payments

Came and Company – Insurance	£ 95.80
CR Contractors – shrub removal and mowing	£343.00
E.on – power on the green	£ 15.66

10 Forum for members of the public
No comments were made.

11 Planning
Both the Barston Drove and the Chapel Lane planning applications had been refused.

16/00470/FUL Waterhall Farm, 46 Great Lane – the council had no comment to make. The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 1st June 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:

RAISING THE ROOF CONCERT
Jesus Lane Friends Meeting Appeal

Saturday June 4th 3-5.30pm
Friend's Meeting House 12 Jesus Lane Cambridge CB5 8BA

Join us on 4th June for the 3rd Fundraiser for our Meeting House
Summer Concert 3.00 – 4.00 pm

Young Pianists perform a selection of pieces by Mozart, Schumann, Kabalevsky, Rachmaninov, Benjamin *et al*. A young Soprano presents some favourite repertoire, and Frank Hopkirk (Bass) sings three Shakespeare Songs by Finzi, both accompanied by Celia Waterhouse

Followed by an Amazing Afternoon Tea in our Atmospheric & Friendly Pop-up Café. Why not bring your friends for Seasonable Strawberries and Cream, Delectable Home-made Cakes, Meringues, Q-cumber sandwiches and other Surprises both sweet and savory? There will be a retiring collection after the Free Concert. We suggest donations of around £15 (you may feel this is too little) for the Luxury Tea. There is no need to book for the Concert but please let us know if you are coming to the Tea to enable us to ensure a Lavish Spread and an ample sufficiency of cups and saucers for your tea (or coffee etc).

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Letter from the Vicarage



Thank you very much to those who have commented so far on development plans for Reach church. All really helpful to us in thinking through the next steps. We'll also be taking the opportunity to review our pattern of regular and occasional services, as we consider how we might develop the building, so if you have any thoughts please pass them on.

In the next couple of months we have some special events. There will be a Traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong Service on Sunday 3rd July, followed by afternoon tea in the Village Centre, and we hope that many will join us. If you would like to help with the tea please can you let Pam King know (742924).

The St Mary's Church Fete is on Saturday 11th June at 2pm. We're finalising plans for a great event for all ages, with a Royal 1920s theme, as it will be taking place on the Queen's Official Birthday. All the usual stalls and games, with parachuting teddies once again. The following morning at 10am Sunday 12th June we have a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's. All welcome to both. Our annual Little Bears toddler service Teddy Bears' Picnic is on July 7th at the Vicarage from 10am. And we have Messy Church, on Sundays 4 – 6pm 26th June and 17th July – All Ages, All Welcome.

Eleanor Williams
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Car wash and Café from 10.30am
Grand Water Fight from 1.30pm

Fair Green, Reach
Saturday 9th July 2016

In aid of Reach Riders Group

Church News



Numbers attending CentrePeace @ Reach dropped off to almost nothing in recent months, so Wednesday afternoon clearly isn't a good time to hold such an event. We therefore took the decision not to hold any more sessions in the foreseeable future. At present we're gathering replies to a questionnaire sent out in the last issue of Within Reach, in which, amongst other things, we ask people to indicate days and times when they might use a café in the church. If this exercise indicates a time that would be popular, then CentrePeace @ Reach may well be back! In the meantime, thank you to those who have come over the last five years.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the questionnaire. Some interesting ideas are emerging. One person mentioned the idea of having a shop in the church, another mentioned an Over 60s club and another, a playgroup. Most people have said they would attend events in the church and that a café would be a useful feature of such events. These are just the sorts of comments and ideas we need as we move forward with making decisions about future developments of the building. Your views are really important, so if you haven't completed your questionnaire yet, it's not too late to do so. Spare copies of the full questionnaire are available in the church where there is also a box for replies. Alternatively, you can contact me on pat@patchtcs.co.uk and I'll send you a copy to complete by email.

As the next step in the project, we are seeking the advice of the Diocesan Heating Specialist about what type of heating would be most appropriate for the building, in terms of effectiveness, installation and running costs. This advice will be key in deciding on the final plans that will be costed and go forward for implementation.

Pat Chalmers
Church Administrator
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Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
June 2016		
Wednesday 1st	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 2nd	10.00am Little Bears	
Friday		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th Trinity 2	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Service	
Wednesday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 10th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th Trinity 3	10.00am All Age Service to celebrate the 90th Birthday of HM The Queen	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 17th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th Trinity 4	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	7.00pm Sunday@7 Moved from the 12th
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 23rd		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th Trinity 5	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 29th	10.00am Holy Communion	
July 2016		
Friday 1st		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 3rd Trinity 6	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	3.30pm Evensong Followed by Tea
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 7th	10.00am Teddy Bears' Picnic at the Vicarage	
Friday 8th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th Trinity 7	10.00 Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wed 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 15th		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th Trinity 8	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am All Age Communion 4.00 Messy Church	
Wednesday 20th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Friday 22nd		8.00am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th Trinity 9	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am All Age Communion	
Wednesday 27th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Friday 29th		8.00am Morning Prayer

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: June 2016

June 2016	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 2	Recycling Day (green)		
Saturday 4	Etheldreda Craft and Food Fair	Palace Green, Ely	10am – 5pm
Sunday 5	Jazz Picnic at the Palace	The Palace, Palace Green, The Gallery, Ely CB7 4EW	Gates open 2.30pm 3.00 – 5.50pm
Tuesday 7	Evening visit: Desert World, Santon Downton	Swaffham Prior Village Hall (Gardening Club)	See Page 19
Thursday 9	Recycling Day (blue)		
Saturday 11	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 11	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 11	Celebration of Queen's 90th Birthday. Church Fete	St Mary's Church, Burwell	2.00 – 4.00pm
Sunday 12	Celebration of Queen's 90th Birthday. Village Picnic	The Green, Reach	2.30 – 5.00pm
Tuesday 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thursday 16	Recycling Day (green)		
Wednesday 15 – Saturday 18	The Pirates of Penzance	Downing Farm, Station Road, Swaffham Bulbeck CB25 0NW	See Page 34
Saturday 18	Burwell Carnival	www.burwell-carnival	From 11.30am floats
Sunday 19	Classic and Vintage Cars	Prickwillow Drainage Museum CB7 4UN	
Sunday 19	Lode Village Fete	Lode	12noon – 4pm
Wednesday 22	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 23	Recycling Day (blue)		
Saturday 25	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 25	Wicken Fen Fete	Wicken	From 12 noon
Wednesday 29	Burwell Museum Coach Trip to Yarmouth Market Day	Tickets only from Tina's 741581	£16
Thursday 30	Recycling Day (blue)		



Diary Dates: July 2016

July 2016	Event	Location	Time
Every Saturday / Sunday	Cambridge Open Studios	Throughout Cambridgeshire	See Pages 6 and 7
Saturday 2	Street Market	Swaffham Bulbeck	11.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 3	Traditional Evensong followed by Afternoon Tea in the Village Centre	St Etheldreda's Reach	3.30pm
Wednesday 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 7	Recycling Day (green)		
Thursday 7	Teddy Bears Picnic	The Vicarage Garden, 22 Isaacson Road, Burwell	10.00 – 11.30am
Saturday 9	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 9	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 9	The Cantilena Singers	St Mary's Church, High Street, Swaffham Prior CB25 0LD	7.30pm See Page 37
Thursday 14	Recycling Day (blue)		
Friday 15	An Evening with Ann Widdecombe	The Brook, Soham CB7 5AD	01353 721748
Tuesday 19	Burwell Museum Coach Trip to Mississippi Boat Trip	Tickets only from Tina's 741581	£23
Tuesday 19	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 20	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 21	Recycling Day (green)		
Saturday 23	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Wednesday 27	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 28	Recycling Day (blue)		

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

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

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



Moet & Chandon Ladies Day, Newmarket Racecourse (see Page 11)

Contact Information

Parish Council			
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	Councillor	Steve Boreham	742098
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	Chair	Charlotte Cane	741064
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	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
	VC Committee Member	Grahame Radford	742814
	VC Committee Member	Andrew Trump	743335
	PC Committee Member	Diana Ward	744210
	PC Committee Member	Vacant	
Burwell and Reach Car Scheme			01638 742543
Church			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
	Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Stephen Walton	744214
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency)		999
	Police (Non-emergency)		101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		741234
	Enquiries		743602
	Community Nurses		742382
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	



Swan family. Photo: Claire Halpin-McDonald



Robin peeping from nest box. Photo: Derek Coombs



Swan on the Hythe. Photo: Claire Acklam



Wildlife in Reach Wood. Photo: Joss Goodchild



Geese on Reach Lode. Photo: Hugh de Lacy

Reach Fair 2016. Photo (from a drone): Derek Coombs





The Snakehall Farm team erected the beacon



The beacon looks dramatic against the background of the church





Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with the lighting of a beacon and the burying of a time capsule

21st April 2016



David Parr lit the beacon



Eleanor and Hannah Gibson





Ross Clark gave a speech and led the singing



Brian Marsh made the beacon



Freddie Bridgeman and Ava Quilter buried the time capsule





BBQ Team. Thank you Swaffham Prior Scouts!





Reach Fair 2016









