Within Reach



April/May 2018



Catherine Gibson



Reach villagers at Worlington Pony Club. From left: Joss and Martin Goodchild, Andrew and Harry Oliver Towers, Helen Oliver on Cisco, Jodie Halpin-McDonald on Cuckoo Bay, and Tom Halpin-McDonald holding Tom Tom.

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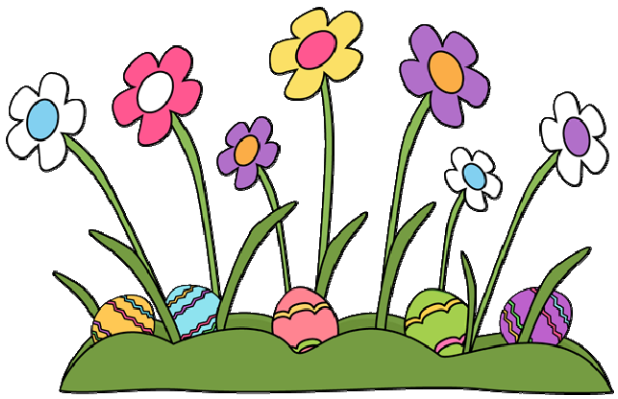

Piecing Together and Handling the Past.

An opportunity to examine and handle archaeological finds

Thursday 24th May 7.30pm
Reach Village Centre

See Page 5 for details

From the Editor



For this issue we have two academic contributions including one from an eminent Cambridge professor, no less. The second contribution is from Michael Crisp who is seeking to learn more about his grandparents who lived in Reach. Enjoy reading the trail of his investigation, and let Michael know of any information you can add. His contact details are at the end of his article.

Reach Fair is just around the corner and offers of help should be directed to members of the Events Team. There will be items old and new at The Fair but you can guarantee that cakes, bottles, crockery, and offers of help will all be gratefully received.

The opening of the playground was a huge hit with the kids, parents and grandparents. I can say now that I didn't think there were a sufficient number of children in Reach to merit such a large facility – but this is just not so!

The debate is now what to do with the area of the old playground once the redundant play equipment is removed – so look out for the call for ideas from Alex de Giorgio-Miller. The architect's plans which show how the church is to be enhanced for community use are to be received imminently, and there will be a final consultation for their approval before they are implemented.

This issue of the magazine is a little different as some of our regular contributors do not feature, like Maz Baker of Snakehall Farm who is having surgery and we hope it goes well. We have three new authors: Krysia Newman, Tash Bridgeman and Rosanna Moseley Gore and we welcome their contributions.

Joss Goodchild gives us a bumper `Out and About'; the pages of Pets Corner positively overflow; and Catherine Gibson gives us recipes galore and foodie advice. Happy!

Burwell Museum re-opens for the year and has lots of exciting events planned. They've taken possession of a large new bedstone – interesting. The Museum also has a full diary of trips planned so book up early (at Tina's) so as not to be disappointed.

On 11 November 2018 it will be 100 years since Armistice. The Events Team will be marking this event including lighting the beacon. Lesley Boyle describes the plans for commemorating the bell ringers who died in WW1, and how you can be a part of that plan. A group titled Anglesey In Stitches are going to create poppy installation, and again you can contribute.

Read this magazine carefully and you will learn that at last my tree has come up! A curious phase but read on ……

Claire Halpin-McDonald
Landscape Photographs: Rosanna Moseley Gore

Thank you to everyone who emailed their `snow' photographs. Terrific! The magazine is not yet eclipsed by Facebook, Insta, Donald Trump, Brexit, Fake News *et al*

About the Magazine

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Events Team

Here we are, April already!



Reach Fair

The Fair is just around the corner and the team are full steam ahead with the planning. It's a difficult balancing act to keep the village feel of the fair and be prepared for the crowds. We try to keep things as local as possible and have booked some local bands, local arts and craft stalls and local food.

There will of course be plenty of tradition too, children collecting pennies, the usual Mayor's speech and Maypole dancing performed by the schoolchildren. We are aiming to reintroduce the ancient tradition of giving May posies to the Mayor's party too.

Check out the website at:
www.reachfair.org.uk/whats_to_enjoy_new.html to see who's coming along.

As ever, we will need all the support you can give to make the day a success. If you can spare us some time (it doesn't have to be long) and haven't already told us, please do get in touch via the email below. Even a little help can make such a big difference.

And we will be needing cakes and other items to sell on the day from our Tea Tent. These need to be going to Claire Acklam who can be contacted on 743749.



And bottles for the Bottle Stall!



And crockery stall crockery!

We wish you all a fun day at the fair whatever your role.

Dates for your Diary

Eve of Reach Fair Quiz

Sunday 6th May 7.15pm at the village centre. Bring a team of up to six, or if you're not already in a team, just come along and we'll find a team for you.

Reach Fair

Monday 7th May

Royal Wedding Tea Party

Saturday 19th May 2 - 4 pm on the Lower Green

Ladies Dinner June - date to be confirmed

Remembrance Day

Sunday 11th November

See the village website for details on all these events
www.reach-village.co.uk/news.html
reacheventsteam@btinternet.com
Find us on Facebook too!

Debbie Quilter



An Important Find in Reach

I would like to begin with an apology to Reach residents who have their progress around the village impeded by the excavations at Fuller's Farm on the south side of Fair Green. It has been necessary to conduct our work in the village with some degree of secrecy, but now we are in a position to publish I am delighted to be able to share some of our findings with you.

The involvement of the Department of Anthropological Genetics began with a call from the forensics team at the Cambridgeshire Constabulary in early January. A grounds work operative had spotted the remains of a human arm while digging a trench. The police had been called, established that the human remains were of some antiquity and so passed the matter onto us. After some very careful excavation over cover of darkness, we removed a near-complete corpse and transported it to our laboratories for closer examination.



It became immediately clear that we were dealing with a find of considerable significance, rivalling the discovery of "Otzi", the Copper Age specimen discovered in the Tyrolean Alps in 1991. The male figure – whom we have termed 'Reach Man' and named 'Reg' in honour of the grounds work operative who discovered him – was carbon-dated to around the year 3000 BC. The remains, which include some muscle and ligaments as well as bones, have been remarkably well preserved in a pit of decayed peaty matter which, by chance, has been kept in damp and anaerobic conditions.

'Reg' measures 5 foot 2 inches in height, has a head slightly larger than a modern day human and a protruding jaw. He shows a high degree of curvature in the spine and would have walked with a pronounced stoop. Analysis of the contents of his stomach reveals that he ate a meal consisting of starling and turnip a few hours before he died. But what immediately caught our eye were his feet, which show a distinct webbing between the toes, which we believe to be an evolutionary adaptation to life in the fens, and one which seems to confirm a long-held legend about fen peoples of Eastern England.



We believe that 'Reg' would have spent much of his time in the water, his webbed feet helping him to paddle without sinking into the soft peat below. He would have chosen the water for the safety it offered, and only emerged in order to scavenge berries and turnips. Also noticeable on Reg's right shin are a set of toothmarks which we have matched to those of a Eurasian wolf. We surmise that 'Reg' may have suffered his demise after venturing slightly off the fen – an environment to which he was well suited – and onto drier land, where the wolf would have had an advantage. His face is set in shock, which explains what happened next.

DNA tests have confirmed that Reach Man can be considered as a distinct sub-species of Homo sapiens. The big question now is whether Reach Man simply died out or whether he interbred with the main branch of the Homo sapiens species. If the latter it is possible that he shares some genetic similarities with the local population even now. The next stage of our work is to try to establish a genetic link between Reg and people who live in the fens today. To this end, we would like to ask for your co-operation. Our work will begin with physiological tests to measure Reg's feet with the feet of local people. It is highly unlikely, after many generations, that Reg's descendants will have fully-webbed feet, but it is possible that similarities will still show up in spacing between the toes.

What I would like to ask, for the initial stages of our work, is for as many adults as possible to send us photographs of their feet. If you could please, photograph your left foot from a distance of 30 cm and then email it to ProfHWClinton-Boggis@gmx.co.uk, along with your age and gender, we will then be able to take some measurements. If your foot falls within certain parameters we may be back in touch to take further measurements, and to undertake full genetic tests.

Our preliminary analysis will be published in the May edition of the journal Nature. But in order to thank residents of Reach for their forbearance and in anticipation of their co-operation with the foot study, we would like to off the chance of a preview. 'Reg' is

extremely delicate, meaning he cannot be photographed under lights nor exposed to the open air, but we will be delighted to show him off in a refrigerated van in the car park by the Devil's Dyke in Reach on Sunday 1 April between the hours of 12 noon and 5pm. My team and I will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. In order to create a little atmosphere we have also booked a hog roast and a Boney M tribute band. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Professor H W Clinton-Boggis
Cambridge University Department of Anthropological Genetics



"PIECING TOGETHER THE PAST"
EXAMINING AND HANDLING ARCHAELOGICAL FINDS
Andrew Peachey MCIfA

7.15pm for 7.30pm Thursday 24th May 2018
Reach Village Centre

An opportunity to hear about artefacts recovered from archaeological excavations and learn about the differences in pottery and tools throughout the ages.

Adults £7.50 including a glass of wine
Children (under 16 years) £2.50 including soft drinks

Ticket/s: Hilary Fielding (01638 741853), Claire Halpin (07834 740881)
Liz Tabecki (07944 235838)
Claire.halpin@ascontracts.co.uk
To ensure a place please book in advance



All proceeds to the Reach Riders Group (24Acres Project)



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A Son Out of Reach?

My name is Michael Crisp. I was born in Chester in 1950, brought up and lived in Cheshire until 1974, since when I have lived in Cornwall. Both a long way from Reach, whichever way you look at it.

Census records however indicate that I was the first male member of my family born outside of Reach, at least, since 1795. It seems that the premature death of my paternal grandparents, 10 months apart, in 1928 caused the fragmentation of the family and the end of a long association with Reach village and the surrounding area including Cam Bank and Swaffham Fen.



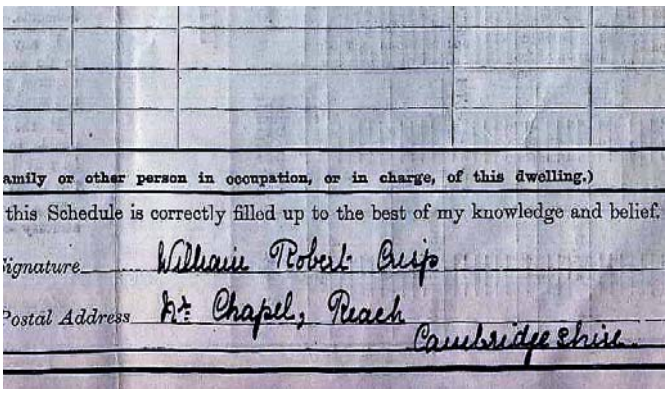
Grandparents William Robert and Rosa Ellen Crisp 1916

What I do not know and have been unable to establish is where, within the village, my father was born and brought up during his early years. It is for that reason that I am asking if anyone in the area has any knowledge of the Crisp family linked to Reach.

My grandmother, in reporting my grandfather's death gave their address as Boutel's Farm. My father was twelve years of age at the time, having an elder brother and sister and a younger brother.

My grandmother was a Jennings with family links to Spring Hall where she died and two of my father's siblings were brought up by relatives following the death of their parents.

The census record of 1911 shows my grandparents, William Robert Crisp living with his wife Rosa Ellen at an address which the manuscript shows as "something" Chapel, Reach. The something looks like a two-letter abbreviation which could be *Nr* or *Hr.* At that time they had one child born in 1908. Grandad described himself as "a farmer's son working on the farm". So although 24 years of age at the time I'm assuming he was working on his father's farm and the "Chapel, Reach" address was an accommodation address.


amily or other person in occupation, or in charge, of this dwelling.)
this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Signature William Robert Crisp
Postal Address Nr Chapel, Reach
Cambridgeshire

A second child did not arrive until 1914, followed by two more in as many years and I'm assuming that between 1911 and 1914 a move to Boutel's Farm represented an advancement and independence that provided a confidence to have more children, of which my father was one.

William's father, my great grandfather, Henry William, appears to have been an upwardly mobile individual within the area. The 1911 census shows him as a farmer at Mason's farm Reach. Thanks to a chance meeting in the Cambridge archives I think, while the farm house has gone, the barns remain as domestic accommodation.

In 1901 Henry is described as a publican / farmer of the Black Swan. I assume the now Swan House. 1891 sees him at the Ship Inn; I believe now the site of Reach Village Hall.
Henry ended his days at Goodwin Manor, Swaffham Prior.

It is the years 1911 to 1928 I am interested in, particularly in identifying the site of "Boutel's Farm" and the "Nr / Hr Chapel", Reach addresses which would provide the continuity of my family's migration from Reach to Cornwall via Cheshire.

Michael Crisp

Michael's contact details are:-
07741 452 390
michaelcrisp@btinternet.com

A Son Out of Reach? Some Research

In reply to Michael's email Tansy Collins and Kate Higgs undertook some research and this is what they found:

We found there is readily available information about Henry William (great grandfather) and William Robert (grandfather), but less easily accessible information about William Edward (father).

Henry William (Great grandfather)

Cambridgeshire archives hold a draft conveyance of a messuage and farm at Delph End, Reach transferred from Major S.G. Howard, M.P. to Henry William at a cost of £225 dated 26 June 1920 (Ref. 101/T1107). Henry William is recorded as 'of Station Road, Swaffham Prior', and Michael notes he died at Goodwin Manor, a picture of which was recently added to Ancestry by user howard_wing63

Kelly's directories include many references to the Crisp family including Henry William at the Ship P.H. in 1891 and the Black Swan P.H. in 1896 and 1904.

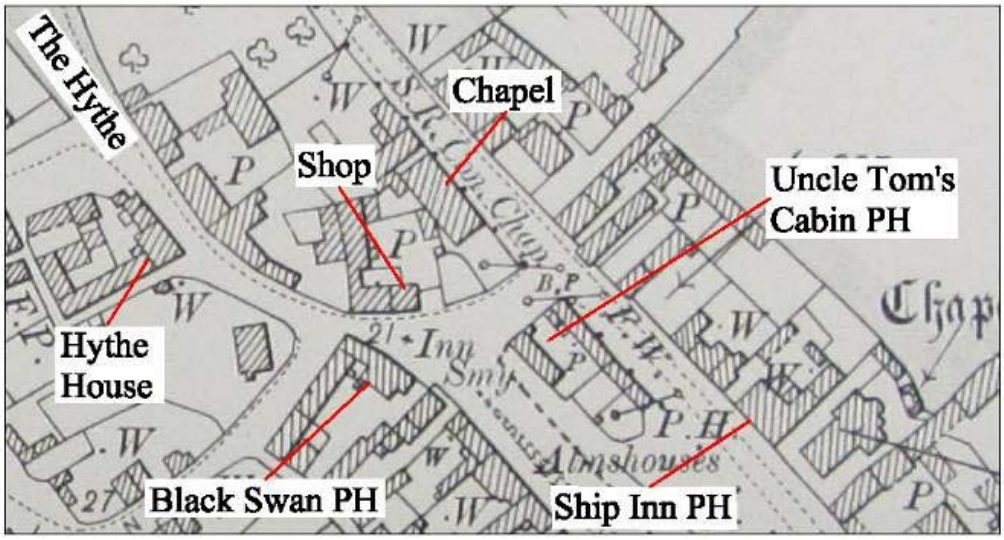
William Robert (grandfather)

Investigations to find the location of the house occupied in 1911 by William Robert, his wife Rosa and first son Sydney Ernest were tantilising and we wonder whether further in-depth research would be of benefit. From Michael, we knew that the 1911 census records the dwelling as '**nr chapel**', while our own investigations indicate that in 1901 William Robert was still living with his father Henry William at the Black Swan P.H. We then found the building in the 1901 census as '**nr chapel**' thinking that it would provide some clues as to its location. In 1901, the properties were visited in sequence beginning with buildings along the Hythe, Hythe House itself, then the building '**nr chapel**' which was followed by Uncle Tom's Cabin (the P.H on the north end of Lower Green). This suggests the building in question was positioned somewhere between Hythe House and Uncle Tom's Cabin.



In 1901, the building referred to as 'nr Chapel' was occupied by Thomas and Jessie Galley, Thomas being a farmer and grocer. There was more than one shop in Reach at the time but is it too much of a stretch to think that this might be the former post office near the chapel? If so, William Robert must have moved in sometime before 1911. Michael suggests that the family moved out to 'Boutle's Farm' between 1911 and 1914, where presumably his father William Edward was born in 1915.

A search of newspaper suggests there may be further titbits of the social history which may help to trace the movements of the family in the earlier 20th century. Examples include William Crisp being listed as a Congregationalist in 1909 (*Cambridge Independent Press* 2 April 1909), and in 1918 he chaired the Good Friday service at the congregational chapel in the absence of the usual chair (Cambridge Independent Press - Friday 05 April 1918). Of interest is a report whereby William was granted exemption from conscription in 1916. This outlines the size of farm though does give a name, though Rosa gave their address at the time of William's death in 1928 as Boutel's Farm. The probate register records this as Boutles Farm, and the census returns all seem to record the surname



1901 OS map, from 25" to 1 mile

as varyingly Boutell, Boutle and Boutel, meaning there is further research that might bring to light the location of the farm considered 'Boutle's Farm'.

REACH BAILIFF EXEMPT.

Wm. Robert Crisp (33), Reach, married, three children, working farm Bailiff, for his father, Mr. Henry W. Crisp. Mr H. W. Crisp wrote to say that he was ill, and if his son were taken away, he could not possibly manage the farm of 70 acres, 20 grass, five working horses, 18 beasts, and 10 pigs – Mr. Crisp appeared, and said he had a boy of 15 helping his son. He had not lost any men since the war. – Conditional ex-emption granted.

Cambridge Independent Press, 2 June 1916

Other potential sources

Other useful sources would include the Burwell tithe map and award of 1842 and the Swaffham Prior inclosure map which shows the name Boutle as owning land, while John Mason owned a number of plots in the village including Church Farm to the east of the church, and Michael notes his great-grandfather living on Mason's Farm in 1911 (could this be the same farm?). Cambridgeshire archives also hold other documents perhaps not directly related but of interest and tracing the properties might give useful information. Such documents include requisitions of title between Mason's trustees to Boutle, 21 September, 1876 (Ref. 101/T1203).

Tansy Collins and Kate Higgs



I visited Reach cemetery and recorded this gravestone. Ed.



A photo of William and Rose's gravestone was also added to Ancestry by user howard_wing63, and there is a photograph of William's brother where you can see the family resemblance!



George Harry Crisp (William's brother) and his family

CENSUS OF ENGLAND AND WALES, 1911.

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(To be filled up by the Enumerator after collection.)

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The contents of the Schedule will be treated as confidential. Strict care will be taken that no information is disclosed with regard to individual persons. The returns are not to be used for proof of age, as in connection with Old Age Pensions, or for any other purpose than the preparation of Statistical Tables.

NAME AND SURNAME of every Person, whether Member of Family, Visitor, Boarder, or Servant, who (1) passed the night of Sunday, April 2nd, 1911, in this dwelling and was alive at midnight, or (2) arrived in this dwelling on the morning of Monday, April 3rd, not having been enumerated elsewhere. No one else must be included. (For order of entering names see Examples on back of Schedule.)	RELATIONSHIP to Head of Family. State whether "Head," or "Wife," "Son," "Daughter," or other Relative, "Visitor," "Boarder," or "Servant."	AGE (last Birthday) and SEX. For Infants under one year state the age in months as "under one month," "one month," etc. Ages of Males.	Ages of Females.	PARTICULARS as to MARRIAGE. Write "Single," "Married," "Widower," or "Widow," opposite the names of all persons aged 15 years and upwards.	State, for each Married Woman entered on this Schedule, the number of:— Completed years the present Marriage has lasted. If less than one year write "under one."	Children born alive to present Marriage. (If no children born alive write "None" in Column 7). Total Children Born Alive.	Children still Living.	Children who have Died.	PROFESSION or OCCUPATION of Persons aged ten years and upwards. Personal Occupation. The reply should show the precise branch of Profession, Trade, Manufacture, &c. If engaged in any Trade or Manufacture, the particular kind of work done, and the Article made or Material worked or dealt in should be clearly indicated. (See Instructions 1 to 8 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Industry or Service with which worker is connected. This question should generally be answered by stating the business carried on by the employer. If this is clearly shown in Col. 10 the question need not be answered here. No entry needed for Domestic Servants in private employment. If employed by a public body (Government, Municipal, etc.) state what body. (See Instruction 9 and Examples on back of Schedule.)	Whether Employer, Worker, or Working on Own Account. Write opposite the name of each person engaged in any Trade or Industry. (1) "Employer" (that is employing persons other than domestic servants), or (2) "Worker" (that is working for an employer), or (3) "Own Account" (that is neither employing others nor working for a trade employer).	Whether Working at Home. Write the words "At Home" opposite the name of each person carrying on Trade or Industry at home.	BIRTHPLACE of every person. (1) If born in the United Kingdom, write the name of the County, and Town or Parish. (2) If born in any other part of the British Empire, write the name of the Dependency, Colony, etc., and of the Province or State. (3) If born in a Foreign Country, write the name of the Country. (4) If born at sea, write "At Sea." NOTE.—In the case of persons born elsewhere than in England or Wales, state whether "Resident" or "Visitor" in this Country.	NATIONALITY of every Person born in a Foreign Country. State whether:— (1) "British subject by parentage," (2) "Naturalised British subject," giving year of naturalisation. Or (3) If of foreign nationality, state whether "French," "German," "Russian," etc.	INFIRMITY. If any person included in this Schedule is:— (1) "Totally Deaf," or "Deaf and Dumb," (2) "Totally Blind," (3) "Lunatic," (4) "Imbecile," or "Feeble-minded," state the infirmity opposite that person's name, and the age at which he or she became afflicted.
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(3.) After making the necessary enquiries I have completed all entries on the Schedule which appeared to be defective, and have corrected such as appeared to be erroneous.

Initials of Enumerator CAH

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I declare that this Schedule is correctly filled up to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature Henry William Crisp

Postal Address Reach Swaffham Prior Cambridge

1911 Census Henry William Crisp

A Son Out of Reach? Local Knowledge

Chris Patterson who lives in Burwell but whose family lived in Reach, passed on some local knowledge.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was on the green behind what is now the bus shelter. A section of a photo *c*.1900 shows the building.

You have to remember that pubs back then were often not like today's pubs. They may have only been essentially the lounge of someone's house where the lady of the house secured a second income of sorts on a small scale. Hence 'lounge bar'.

I do not know if Uncle Tom's was of this scale but it could have been. When you think about it the village manages today on one pub (comfortably!) so seven pubs for a population so small would have to have been 'small beer', excuse the pun.

wife; Daughter Kate; Grand-daughter Ethel; Nephew and niece.

Messrs. E. W. Harper were the undertakers.

MR. WM. CRISP, OF REACH.

The funeral of Mr. William Crisp, farmer, of Reach, and a greatly respected inhabitant of that village, took place on Saturday at Reach Congregational Church, at which church the deceased had held office for the past 20 years as treasurer, deacon and Sunday School teacher. There was a large congregation. The Rev. R. C. Jude, pastor, who officiated, referred to deceased's quiet, noble character and kind disposition. The hymns, "Jesus, refuge of my soul," and "Lead, Kindly Light," were sung during the service. Mrs. A. Johnson presided at the organ.

The immediate mourners were Mrs. W. Crisp (widow), Mr. S. E. Crisp and Master W. Crisp (sons), Miss Audrey Crisp (daughter), Rev. G. H. Crisp, Wivenhoe, Essex (brother), Mr. H. Crisp (father), Miss S. Crisp (sister), Mr. W. Jennings (Braintree), Miss F. Jennings, Mr. P. Jennings (Witham, Essex), Mr. H. Jennings, Miss A. Jennings, Reach (brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wells (Reach), Mrs. G. Fuller, Mr. A. Butler and Mrs. Plumb (Swaffham Bulbeck), members of deceased's Bible Class, fellow-teachers of the Sunday School and representatives of Reach Sports Club.

The coffin bore the inscription: "William Robert Crisp, age 45, died April 23rd, 1928."

Floral tributes were received from: His broken-hearted wife and children; Father, sister and brothers; Reach Cricket Club; Friends of Holy Trinity, Reach; Daisy and Will, Braintree; Mr. and Mrs. C. Wadham; Mr. and Mrs. J. Redgell and Lovena; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Johnson; Mr. and Mrs. J. Badcock and Olive; Mr. and Mrs. Hatly, Bull Cottage, Reach; Young Men's Bible Class; Reginald, Bob and Herbert; George, Dora and family; Percy and Emmie; Flo, Alice and Harry; Members and congregation of Reach Congregational Church; Little Rowland; Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Wells.

Mrs R. E. Crisp wishes to thank all friends for their kind messages and tokens of sympathy for her in her great sorrow and bereavement.

NEXT WEEK AT THE FESTIVAL

Newspaper article relating to the funeral of William Crisp. It looks like he was well regarded in the village. Michael Crisp would like to hear from you if you recognise any of the family names. His contact details are: 07741 452390; michaelcrisp@btinternet.com



Fair Green *c*.1900

I don't know the Crisp family name in relation to Reach although there is a Crisp family in Burwell as my brother married into it.

The temporary address mentioned could I suppose be any of the many pubs that probably provided accommodation as well, including these not mentioned, 'The Bull' , 'Black Eyed Suzy' and 'Moon and Sixpence'.

The reference to Cam Bank in relation to Reach is odd. I have always known Cam Bank as the area about a mile SSW of Upware (obviously about 4 miles or so from Reach and substantially nearer to Upware), at the end of Little Fen Drove/Great Drove. There is a small chapel there, which I believe still holds a service once a year and Bank Farm is also located there (see OS map detail from 1972 enc.). The 1905 OS does not show any further information.

Obviously John Robinson resides at Spring Hall Farm and he may have some knowledge.

Chris Patterson

Ringing Remembers



When the church bells rang out on 11th November 1920 they announced the end of the most catastrophic war the world had yet seen. At the time the bells were at the heart of the community marking events of great significance and communicating to people long before modern technology connected us. They had been silenced throughout the course of the war.

Many bell ringers joined the war effort and many lost their lives. Just after the war the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers wrote to all bell towers to compile the Roll of Honour. At that time 1077 men were reported as lost. More recent research has uncovered many more who died in service. In total some 1400 bell ringers lost their lives in the Great War. The updated Rolls of Honour take the physical form of beautiful vellum hand lettered, leather bound books, but the data is available online here – https://cccbr.org.uk/rolls-of-honour/ - with searchable links that click through to any Commonwealth War Graves Commission database entries. Almost 30 ringers from the Ely Diocesan Association lost their lives, which must have had an enormous impact, given that there are only c. 140 members today.

To commemorate these 1400 bell ringers who died in WW1 a nationwide campaign is being run by the Dept of Communities and Local Govt and the Central Council of Church Bell ringers to recruit 1400 new bell ringers, linking together past, present and future. On 11 November 2018, 100 years since Armistice, bells will ring out in unison from churches and cathedrals in villages, towns and cities across the country. Big Ben will also strike at 11am. You could be part of that – get in touch with Lesley (lhmboyle@gmail.com) if you would like to find out more or experience a taster session of bellringing.

Lesley Boyle

Poppies for Remembrance

Calling all knitters, crocheters and community groups



This year we have a project across the Anglesey Benefice to knit and crochet poppies for display in November 2018, the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. The majority will form an installation at Swaffham Bulbeck Church, with small displays at the five parish war memorials.

We are looking for people who can already knit or crochet, or who would like to learn. This aim is for this to be a community-wide project with involvement from all five of our parishes. If you are involved in a community group that you think could take part then please get in touch. We are also looking for donations to fund the cost of the yarn.

To ensure consistency of size and colour, we will supply you with yarn and with a knitting or crochet pattern. We will put on some workshops for anyone who would like to take this opportunity to learn to crochet or knit, and you are welcome at the regular meetings of Anglesey in Stitches, the group which meets in the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck at 8pm on odd-dated Tuesdays.

The project is being coordinated by Veronica Stephenson. Please get in touch with her to express your interest, or with anyone else listed below to find out more. Further details will also be posted on the web and the facebook pages of Anglesey in Stitches.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Rosanna's Ramblings

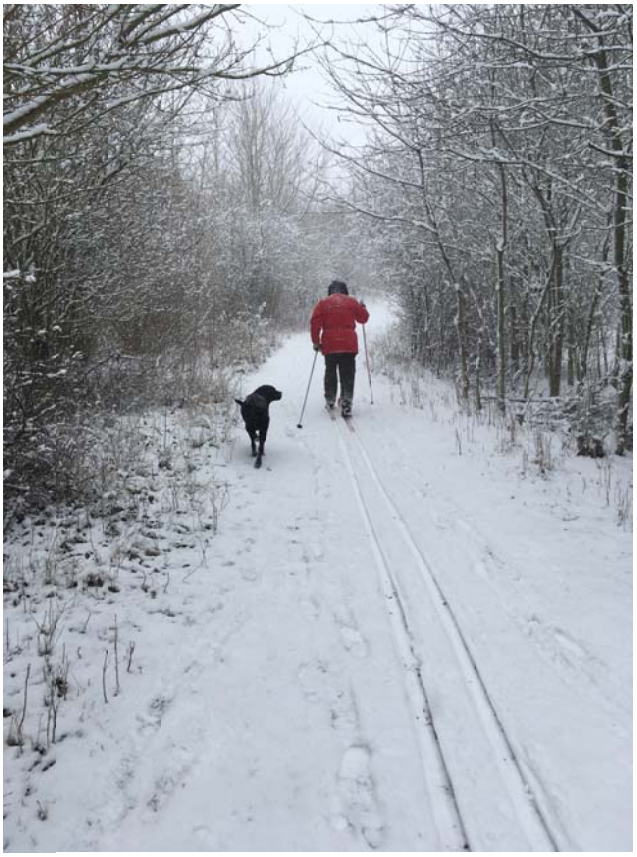
Some of you already know me – but if you don't, I finally moved into Reach fully in January after being here most of the time for the last couple of years. I liked the village immediately, but as time has gone by I have really come to love and respect it – for its sense of community, its shared endeavours, its friendliness, and its location – if not for its patchy bus service, or the muddiness of the droves! I guess it helps that I'm married to one of the 'Village Elders' Charles Moseley who many of you will know well, or at least recognise as the man with the long walking stick and Hector the black labrador.



Professionally I'm a long-established acupuncturist, and practitioner of the wonderful hands-on therapy with the strange name of Zero Balancing (under my stage name of Rosanna Price, and my business name of Tree of Life Therapy). I've been building up my practice in Cambridge for the past 18 months, while still commuting fortnightly back to Northamptonshire to see my 'old faithful' clients. The thing I love most about my work is the way I can use my appreciation of nature, of the changing seasons, of weather conditions good and bad, to help inform my thinking about specific people and their health issues, as well as human beings generally.

Let me explain, taking recent weeks as an example. It won't have passed anyone by that the weather has been a little – variable - shall we say? And although the recent Arctic blast was rather extreme, it's actually not unusual at all for there to be a stop-start transition from winter to spring. As I write this, the thaw after the big freeze is nearly complete (still some ice on the Lode, still some snow in the deepest ditches) – but by the time you read this, I know that the daffodils will be nodding their yellow heads left, right and centre. Our garden currently has a strange mixture of still resplendent snowdrops, sad and droopy crocuses, and daffodils in buds. Even the bulbs don't seem to know quite when and where they are at the moment.

"So what has this got to do with people?" you might ask. Well, just as the plants in our gardens, in the woods, in the hedgerows, have to compete with contradictory signals from nature when 'deciding' when to stay dormant, and when to push onwards into the springtime surge – in exactly the same way we humans have to decide when to pause, when to make a significant new start, when to invest time and energy into life-changing ventures. I know from my own experience that 'life seeds' sown in the autumn don't tend to sprout into thriving plants nearly as well as when one's soil (whatever the analogous growing medium might be) has started to warm up in the spring and nature's direction of movement is on our side. And in the same way, if we really are ready to take fresh new steps in a particular direction in life – a new business, a new home, a renewed sense of purpose – it can be extraordinarily frustrating if the equivalent of a late cold snap puts a spanner in the works and makes us have to stop and wait.



My apologies for so many mixed metaphors – my head is rather buzzing from having had to re-enter life after what turned out to be, for Charles and me, a delightfully unexpected three days of late hibernation while snow, wind and frost made it undesirable to get the car out, and gave us the opportunity to make SEVERAL fires around the house (much to Hector's satisfaction – so much choice, so many beds to sleep on!) and to catch up quietly on things previously left undone. Not shopping, not gardening, not socializing – but writing, reading, cooking, eating, and in Charles's case – skiing.

Now it is warming up – 10 degrees today, and the birds calling and pairing up – and suddenly we have found it in our hearts to sit down to coordinate diaries, and to invite some people for meals in April. Holiday plans are being made, year planners are beginning to fill up, I'm looking ahead to my son graduating from university this summer (how exactly did *those* years zoom by so fast?), another birthday looms, another vegetable-growing year beckons invitingly.

Out walking on the Fen today, the larks were positively yelling in the sky, and there are quite a few reasons to hope that the little egrets increasingly seen along the river might nest this year. Larks I'm used to, from the village in Northants that I spent 30 years in (not that Charles calls it a village, as you can hear – and see, from the hill top – the M1 traffic, and it has a train station that goes all the way to The Big Smoke), but I have to say that it thrills me to see so many herons, the occasional blue flash of a kingfisher on the river, and the skeins of honking geese against the sky. But egrets? Now that really is exotic!

So what else in and around Reach has been speaking to me? Well, Reach Wood is a thing to behold, and in all seasons yields up treasures (even though I still get lost in it, despite having walked it hundreds of times by now). I've been enjoying watching my favourite sloe-picking bit of hedgerow on the edge of the wood just recently – frosted, snow-dusted, bare of leaves, just thinking about coming into leaf – and casting my mind forward and backwards to the things I associate with just that one small patch of local ground … my first late summer here, and setting off on a fabulously lit late afternoon to visit my dad who was then in a care home in Cambridge and getting only a few minutes down the road before realising that the visit could wait until the next day because the moment that presented itself – to pick an abundance of sloes with the man I love, in the rich warm evening light and with a happy dog snuffling around the tussocks of grass at our feet – would never show itself in exactly that form again. To the two batches of sloe gin we have made, and nearly finished drinking … and to whether the sloe crop of 2018 could possibly match the magnificence of the small plum-sized fruit of last year.

So, enough ramblings for the time being … Slimming World recipes to cook, dog to walk, socks to knit …

Rosanna Moseley Gore



Anglesey in Stitches



Knitting, crocheting and craft group which meets in the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck at 8pm on odd-dated Tuesdays.

The forthcoming dates are: 10th April, 24th April; 8th May; 22nd May

Facebook:angleseyinstitches
www.angleseyinstitches.wordpress.com

Swaffham Prior Feast

Saturday 26th May

Attractions will Include:

Beer Tent	Gurning
Bouncy Castle	Cream Teas
Bric-a-brac	Egg Throwing
Barbecue	Treasure Hunt
Bowling	Ice Cream

The Village Hall Committee is desperate for your help:

- Suggesting ideas for new, fun games
- Planning and setting up the Feast
- Providing a bottle for the Bottle Stall - Donating bric-a-brac
- Helping to run a stall for part of the afternoon
- Potting up some seedlings for the Plant Stall
- Baking a cake for the Cake Stall

Please contact: Mike Carrington (01638 741659 or mcarrington@me.com) or **Peter Rand** (01638 741960 or perand@btinternet.com)

Also for your diary:

The Autumn Show will take place on Saturday 15th September, so buy some seeds and get planting. All the usual categories - see www.swaffhampriorvillagehall.co.uk for more detail.

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

Exhibition

To celebrate our 45th Anniversary in November this year, we are holding a one-day exhibition at the **Royal British Legion Social Club** in Bottisham, on **Saturday 12 May 2018**, 10:30am – 4:30pm, free entry. The official opening will be at 11 am. A selection of members' Prints and Projected Digital Images will be on display. We expect to display 200 mounted prints, in monochrome and colour, and to project 200 digital images over a wide range of topics. Refreshments will be available all day. Look out for posters and flyers advertising this event in the village.



Wicken Water Pump. Cliff Leader

We are always pleased to see new members wishing to join the club or to attend as guests throughout the year. Several new people joined in September 2017 and the club currently has about 40 members, which is still a relatively small club. Our members include some very experienced photographers who are able to share with new members their depth of photographic knowledge and skill.

Date for your diary in 2018:

Tuesday 1 May
'Monochrome Landscapes' by Barry Freemen ARPS DPAGB APAGB, from Ipswich. Barry is a black and white specialist and will be presenting his prints and discussing these.

This year's season ends on 11 May 2018 with our Social Evening, followed by our Annual Club Outing on Sunday 10 June. This year's trip is to Chatham Historic Dockyard, Chatham, Kent. If anyone is interested in joining us on the day, there is a possibility that seats may be available on the coach, price £17.00. Please contact our Secretary, Daphne Hanson, see below for contact details.

Guests are welcome to attend any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW on Tuesday's from 7:30 pm to 9:30pm. Fee: £3.00, including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40, Joint Membership: £67, Student: £21. Refreshments 50p. New members joining now will receive a *pro rata* rate.

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

Barry Coles, Publicity Officer

For further details contact:

Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB
T: 01638 741106
www.bottburpc.org

Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2018

Colchester

Colchester, Tuesday 10th April, £17

Yarmouth, Tuesday 22nd May, £20

'Gates' Garden Centre and Stamford,
Tuesday 19th June, £18

Boat Trip & Shopping at Wroxham,
Monday 16th July, £27

Southwold, Tuesday 14th August, £19

National Memorial Arboretum,
Tuesday 11th September, £28

Norwich, Tuesday 16th October, £17

Bricklane 'Wartime',
Wednesday 7th November, £68

Leaflets in Tinas, Burwell. 01638 741581

Burwell Museum

Burwell Museum is open!

By the time you read this, we will have had our opening weekend on the 1st and 2nd of April and will be gearing up for another fantastic season. The Museum will be open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Easter-October, 11.00-5.00. Last entry at 4.00. For the first time this year we will have a stand at Reach Fair, so come and find out more about what we are up to!



Mill for All Seasons project – can you help us meet our target?

Our 2018 events are now listed on the museum website and leaflets can be found dotted around the village. The most important event for us this year is National Mills weekend on the 12th and 13th of May, when entry to the museum will be FREE so that we can show off our new millstones and "Mill for All Seasons" exhibition. The weekend is funded by lottery players through the Heritage Lottery Fund and we're aiming to have 500 visitors over the two days, so please come and help us to meet our target.

Mill and Maintenance Volunteers needed

We're still looking for friendly, community-minded people of all ages to join our volunteer team – we're particularly keen to meet people who are happy to help out with site maintenance and/or to show visitors around our windmill. If you're interested, give us a ring on 01638 605544 or email volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk



Holiday activities

As usual, the Thursday of May Half term will be a hive of activity at the museum. We'll be looking at the Mill for All Seasons project, with activities for under-5s from 11-12.30 and for older children from 2-4.30. Try your hand at making flour with a hand quern, handle objects which are used in the milling process and make your own windmill to take home.



Our new bedstone arriving – well done to the Mill team for getting it into the right place so efficiently.

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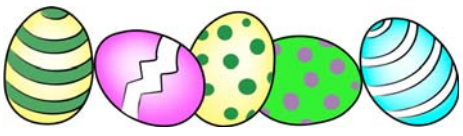


Ely's Eel Festival Weekend

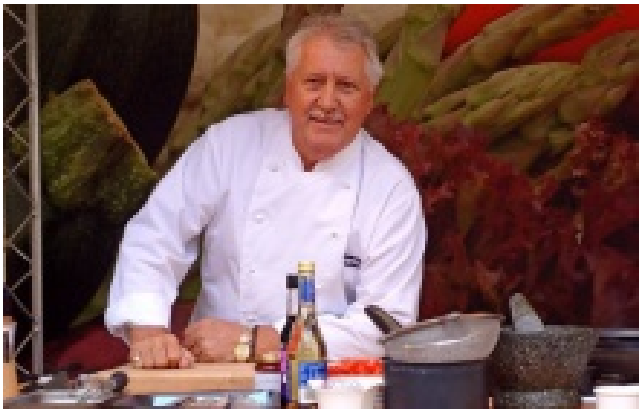
Ely is preparing itself once again for its four day extravaganza to celebrate the origins of the humble eel. Organised by the Visit Ely team, **Ely's Eel Festival Weekend** runs from **4th to 7th May**. This year, as always, we see the return of the **Eel Food Safari** which runs all weekend where a selection of local food outlets provide special dishes inspired by the eel theme.



Eel throwing

The **Eel Parade** kicks off Saturday's **Eel Day** when we celebrate 15 years, with a colourful array of eels processing through Ely's High Street, down to the river where a whole host of eel related activities take place. Special highlights include the **British Town Criers' Championships** and the **World Eel Throwing Competition** (no eels will be harmed in this competition, just stuffed toys!). Can you beat the World Record of over 17 metres? The full program me of arena events includes music, dancing, a living history encampment and a street food scene (including eels!).

Rounding up the weekend is the ever popular two-day **Food and Drink Festival** now in its fifth year. Over 75 artisan and specialist food and drink traders will be showcasing their wares. We have an amazing **Street Food Scene,** comprising of a range of culinary delights which will tantalise your taste buds with the unusual, yet exquisitely crafted combinations. We also have a beer tent and cocktail bar with some easy listening, live music to enjoy. Back on St Mary's Green is our **Kitchen Pantry** with a selection of goodies to help stock your pantry, some handy gadgets and beautiful kitchenware along with a seating area and some scrumptious light bites.



Brian Turner

This year we welcome into our fabulous **Cookery Theatre** the celebrity haute cuisine teacher, **Rosemary Shrager** and the original TV Chef, **Brian Turner** who will be demonstrating a variety of dishes alongside some of our much-loved local chefs**.**

Also the chance to personally meet and greet our celebrity chefs for a Q&A hour plus book signings at our "In Conversation With" sessions which will be held at **Oliver Cromwell's House**. Check out our website for booking details.

All in all, Ely will make the perfect place for a Spring Bank Holiday visit. For the full Ely Eel Festival programme check out www.elyeelfestival.co.uk

St Etheldreda's Church

Eve of Reach Fair

Songs of Praise

Sunday 6th May 2018

6.00 - 6.45pm

A short service

of well known hymns

readings & prayers



Krysia Newman's Thought for the Day. The Joys of (Spiritual) Spring Cleaning



Spring. New beginnings, rebirth, beautiful bluebells in Reach wood and of course.... cleaning.

Sigh. Why would I want to talk about cleaning when that's pretty much all I seem to do (goes with the territory with three kids I guess) and it's one of my top five worst past times. Actually, no, wait, it's so bad it's probably all of my top five at the same time.

Well, don't be alarmed because actually it's *spiritual* spring cleaning I wanted to talk about - and I'm not just talking about hoovering in my funky unicorn slippers (although they are deeply spiritual).

Discarding negative energy and opening ourselves up to new vibrant positivity will bring enthusiasm and opportunity. That really sounds like a bad fortune cookie but it's true. Unlike real life cleaning where a rogue Nutella mark can seem to magically appear five minutes after mopping, a spiritual spring clean can bring eternal benefits!



Golden rule - don't be afraid to change things. Sometimes, in real life cleaning, we have to really search for the dust and dirt. We need to move things that we don't normally move, make an effort to climb up to see shelves and pull back rugs! The same applies here. We can often perceive ourselves to be in a mess when in reality the clutter that's holding us back is just in our minds.

For example, is your career that vase that just sits there gathering dust? Move that vase - it might look better somewhere new.

Once you've made the effort to change things around it would be great to polish everything and make it gleam! Set the standard high. Be the best at everything you do. There's no reason why the whole of you can't be sparkling with confidence.

The best way to achieve an energy cleanse is from within. Have you ever tried meditation?

A lot is said about meditation and it can often sound overly complicated but let me tell you, you won't be needing a set of Tibetan singing bowls carved from the thighs of ancient space dragons; although if you have these knock yourself out (and then maybe stick them on eBay).



Just find a quiet space, sit or lay down, close your eyes and focus on your breath. Allow any thoughts to flow through you - try not to dwell on any of these thoughts just let them travel past. Ok, that's tricky but with practice it's totally possible. The peace that this process provides can give you clarity.

If you find it difficult to detach, try relaxing music (plinky plonky music is the technical term we holistic therapists use) or try repeating a mantra - a sentence or phrase - usually short so it's easy to say. Concentrate on the phrase; say it over and over until all there is in your mind is the mantra. Make it something you really believe. My favourite is '*expect nothing and appreciate everything*'. It seems to roll off the tongue and it resonates with me.

Others go for walks and find peace in nature. We are so lucky in Reach to have such beautiful surroundings

to inspire and motivate us. It's almost tailor made for spiritual renewal work.

However you clean - remember that anything is possible in this life and real lasting change always starts from within.

Oh, and also, now you're fully versed in spiritual spring cleaning you won't be lying when you tell everyone how much cleaning you've done this week :)

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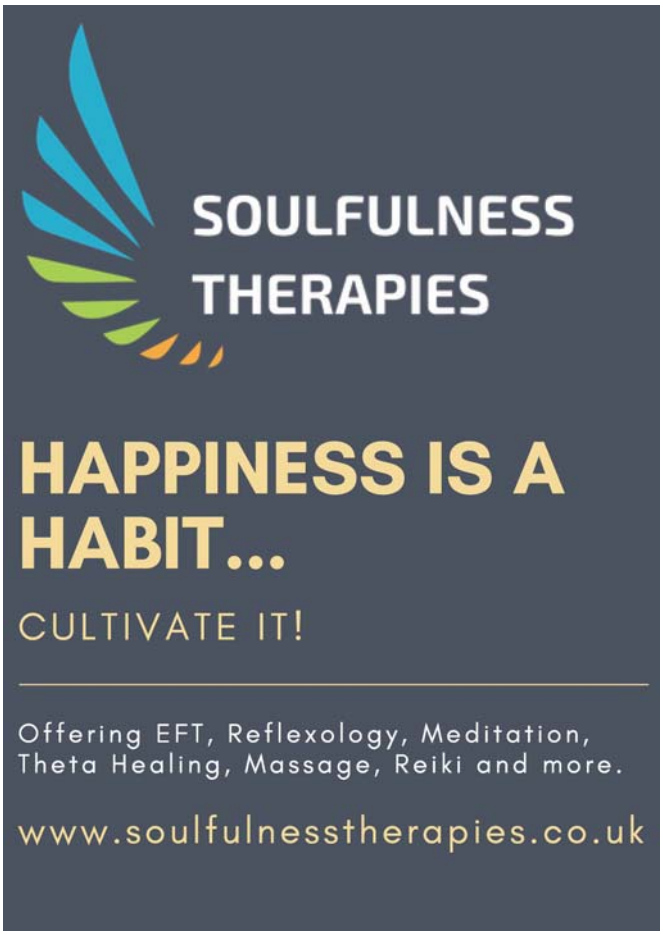
Just a couple of extra things:



Firstly, as some of you may know, Matt and I run the Inspiral Group - a network for the spiritual and holistic community in Cambridgeshire. We have a new venue and lots of exciting speakers lined up. Everyone is welcome so please do come if you can make it - it would be great to see you. Visit www.inspiralgroup.co.uk for more information.

Secondly, I'm very excited to announce that my business, Soulfulness Therapies (www.soulfulnesstherapies.co.uk) will be part of the new Burwellness centre which is scheduled to open in early June 2018. The centre will provide a selection of holistic and complementary therapies ranging from hypnotherapy, podiatry and energy therapies. Look out for it at the old Telephone Exchange opposite Burwell Co-op & filling station.

Krysia Newman



The VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB for 2018

Help raise money to run the Village Centre

Tickets are just £10 for a full year and we have eight draws of £20 on the third Wednesday of the month and two draws of £50 in July and December

100 CLUB WINNERS

January:
Grahame (all legal and above board) Radford

Please contact Andrew Towers to be part of the draw

Arthur Rank Hospice

How much do you know about your local Hospice's services, who can access them and how?

Arthur Rank Hospice cares for more than 3000 people each year who are living with a non-curable illness. This could include someone who has lung disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, certain forms of cancer and heart failure, or many other life-limiting conditions.



Whilst we are best known for our Inpatient Unit, day therapy and Hospice at Home services, holistic care and support are also provided by the Specialist Palliative Care Home Team (which includes triage, central referrals and clinical nurse specialists who deliver their care within the community); patient and family support (counselling, social workers, chaplaincy); complementary therapy, physio and occupational therapy and outpatient clinics for lymphoedema and pain management.

Referrals are commonly made by an individual's GP but can also be made through District Nurses, Arthur Rank Community Team Specialist Nurses and other health professionals. Very occasionally the referrals team receives enquiries directly from individuals and in these instances information is gathered before the individual is required to ask the aforementioned professionals to agree a referral is necessary.

When a person has already received the Hospice's care they can self-refer by contacting our Referrals Office on 01223 675800 (9-3pm, Monday to Friday),

If you know someone who'd like to learn more about Arthur Rank Hospice's services please tell them that they can ask their GP for more information, call us 01223 675800 or visit our website: www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-services.asp



Exceptional new Hospice building in Cambridge

Here's just some of the ways you can support the Hospices:

The Big Shiver, Friday 11 May: an outdoor swimming challenge in partnership with Better.org for ages 12+ at Jesus Green Lido (£12.50 adults, £8 children). Choose your own challenge to complete in 1 hour, with a soup & roll afterwards. Register before 27 April at www.arhc.org.uk/the-big-shiver.asp or call Amy or Carolyn to find our more or book in, on 01223 675883/675890.

Football Heroes Dinner, The Cambridge Roar, Friday 18 May: Join Team Arthur at the first Cambridge Roar event of the year, hosted by BBC Radio Cambridgeshire Presenter Chris Mann with special guests Steve Claridge and Graham Daniels on the panel. Tickets £50 or £500 for a table of 10. Book at www.thecambridgeroar.co.uk or call Karis from The Cambridge Roar team on 01223 378115.



Star Shine Night Walk, Saturday 19 May: Light up the night on a 6.5 or 10-mile night walk, at this beautiful annual walk from 9pm. Since the event launched in 2008 it has raised £300,000 for the Hospice. 10th anniversary year birthday surprises in store to help you find your glow. £17.50 registration fee covers walk, goodies & refreshments with your sponsorship directed to patient care. Sign up or find out more at www.starshinenightwalk.co.uk or call Abi or Tasha on 01223 675886/675891.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue service is committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of residents in all of the communities that we served. The Safe and Well visit will provide us with sufficient information to support you and, with your permission, refer you to selected partner agencies, who will be able to support you further. We will not share your data with marketing companies or for other purposes.

Our visit will last no longer than 60 minutes and is completely FREE of charge.

Fire safety in the home – including cooking, general safety and escape plans;

Falls prevention - including simply remedial action such as replacing lightbulbs or taping down loose carpets;

Alcohol use – Alcohol related hospital admissions are steadily increasing. We can provide use with helpful information;

Stay well and warm – Can you afford to heat your home? Do you have access to a hot meal? Do you access all the services available to you?

Crime reduction – We can provide advice on making your home more secure in addition to advice to make you less vulnerable to scams or fraud; and

Smoking – need a helping hand to quit? Our partners can off you the help and advice you need to stop smoking

You are under no obligation to answer any questions that you do not want to, but the more information you provide us with, the better we will be able to support you. We can also provide advice in relation to promoting the health and safety of individuals with hoarding concerns, as well as providing valuable information to care providers.

To find out if you are eligible for a visit, call us on 01480 444500 or email us at firefire@cambsfire.gov.uk

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Charlotte Cane	Chair	741064
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	07771 348013
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	741853
David McMillan	Councillor	741259
Andrew Trump	Councillor	07980 955490
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 t attend.

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

NB There is a vacancy on the Parish Council.

Reach Grant Fund

The Grant Fund replaces the Amenity Fund and exists to fund community activities in Reach.

Applications should be sent to the Parish Clerk:

Susan Bailey
29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF
01638 743794
reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

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

Transport **cannot be provided** for hospital **OutPatient** appointments

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Out and About



Unfortunately I missed the deadline for February's edition of Within Reach, several villagers had kindly emailed their Winter wildlife sightings by that time so the list starts in January 2018 and runs to mid March.

Following such a severely cold snap it is uplifting to feel the days lengthening and becoming rich with bird calls. Robins are often the first to sing, then blackbirds, the song thrush (rarer mistle thrush has a more melancholy tone), the wren trembling with effort and chaffinch, whose song ends with a flourish.

We saw a strange sight on 4 March, the fen road towards Upware suffered high drifts of snow, not white as expected but pure black, they looked like burnt soot pyramids. Strong winds must have caused a fen blow, the pure white and icy banks were layered in dark peat, the landscape almost lunar.



11th January - Penny & Ron's sightings: 'Very good over the Christmas period with numerous tits and finches at our feeders; of particular note we had a spotted woodpecker, two coal tits (never still for long) and a pair of reed buntings. Feeding from our chicken corn every day is a very tame cock pheasant. We hope he will survive until the end of the shooting season. (February 28: Pleased to say he did survive and is waiting for food every day).

Also may be of interest - we bought a trail camera and have set it up close to our chicken run. Surprise, surprise we have pictured Mr Fox patrolling in the early hours, making it very important we don't forget to shut the chucks up every evening.

22 January - Thought you would like to see a picture I took yesterday of the tame pheasant who visits us every day, eating spillage from the bird feeders. You may be able to spot Mr Blackbird and the dirty rat (hovering by the fence!).



Today when driving to Newmarket I spotted a fox on the first field on the left out of the village. I told Ron to stop and then realised there were two foxes! The vixen was ahead of the fox and she kept stopping and coyly looking over her shoulder at her suitor. As soon as he got within 'striking' distance off she went again, the little minx!! Obviously a courting couple'.



2 February – Nick Acklam email: '7 December (in the teeth of Storm Caroline) and 29 January - female marsh harrier over Tubney Fen.

Throughout the period - lots of redshank lying up in the ranker vegetation on Tubney Fen. Numbers appear markedly higher than in recent years. On being disturbed, their flight calls sound very irritated to my ear.

19 December. Lots of wrens visible on the edges of the village, all solitary and looking like large bumblebees. The wings of a jay - absolutely nothing else - discovered in the pocket park.



Penny and Ron sent a touching photograph of their white leghorn cockerel protecting a tiny golden sebright bantam

16 January. At dusk, a very dark fox disturbs the sheep as it saunters through the pocket park. It is mobbed by a couple of crows before it makes cover in the scrubby hedge bordering the fishing pond.

Late January. Sightings on three days of a buzzard hunting the ditches on Tubney Fen. It would drop into a ditch and disappear from view for a distance of 20 metres or so before popping up to perch briefly on a fence post. Repetitive behaviour over some distance and on all three days. In the poor light I initially thought I had stumbled on something more exotic but great to watch nonetheless.

19 January and 2 February. Very large (100+ birds) flocks of fieldfare on Tubney Fen gradually moving westwards.

26 January. Eight greylag geese tumble noisily into Tubney Mere. It looked clumsy but can't have been given the small amount of airspace available. A very large, 100+, flock of lapwings takes flight from Tubney Fen shortly afterwards, the flashes of black and white a wonderful sight. At dusk on the same day two barn owls exchange calls from either side of Reach Lode near to Hurdle Hall. One, very pale, emerges and hawks around the cattle pond on the Hurdle Hall side of the lode.

29 January. Marked increase in birdsong on the Hythe and skylarks above Tubney sweetly proclaiming their territories'.

22 February: Robert Keutgen (spelling) and I saw a flock of lapwing flying in jagged twists and dives above the cultivated fields near the Little Church InThe Fen. A strong brown hare crossed the road in front of us near Springhall Farm then crouched beside the ditch, black-tipped ears twitching.

Robert also heard, and then saw, half a dozen cormorants diving and fishing on Reach Lode during an early morning walk.

Mid February: Pam King witnessed the unusual spectacle of eight roe deer chasing madly around and playing on the 24 acres.

Late February: Claire Halpin emailed – 'Our pair of swans are currently sleep on the lode each night, near the moorings. I see them each morning just before 6am, gently bobbing, with their necks curled around their bodies and still snoozing. They were on the bank the other day foraging'.

6 February: Nick Acklam emailed – 'For the first time this year geese, Greylag and Canadian in separate groups of about 20, grazing on Tubney Fen. The number of Greylags increased in succeeding days until there were around 60 present in the early mornings. The snow of early March seems to have driven them elsewhere.

9 February: During a late afternoon walk through the rough pasture between the playing field and the Devil's Dyke an alarm call drew my attention to a Green Woodpecker being pursued by a sparrowhawk which was notably smaller. The woodpecker escaped.

28 February: Three hares 'boxing' on Tubney Fen. Spring has obviously arrived despite the lying snow and sub-zero temperatures!

3 March: A fieldfare in my garden - a first such sighting after 25 years in the village and probably a reflection of the harsh weather

1 March: Penny emailed – 'We are feeding a lot of birds as you can imagine, including two reed buntings and some coal tits. Our visiting pheasant is practically tame now and waits for Ron to feed the chickens every day'.

Dafila Scott mentioned - a snipe was seen probing through the snow on their lawn. She also saw Joe the crow walking around in garden snow a couple of times.

Claire followed up her swan observation with an email: 'On Sat 10th March the female swan began rebuilding her large nest. The swans suffered in the cold spell and struggled with the ice. I fed them and since then they have waddled down the lane and waited at the gate to be fed. He comes on his own, and then an hour later comes again with her. No all the pet shops sell swan food but Scampers, near Ely, does'.

Hilary Fielding emailed: 'Over the winter we have had plenty of sightings of a little egret who haunts Tubney Fen along with a heron who appears to be becoming

less shy of passing traffic, so we are able to get a close look at him. Flocks of Greylag geese have been regular visitors at Tubney fen mere.

Flocks of yellowhammers, tree sparrows and long tailed tits on the feeders at the stables. Couldn't understand why much of the seed was strewn over the ground on several occasions until one afternoon I arrived to see a Magpie flapping wildly as he tried to cling to the seed feeder, spraying seed everywhere.



We saw a linnet in the hedgerow on the Swaffham Prior side of the fen, and we watched a crow and a kestrel battling it out in the skies near Old Bar Drove on Sunday morning.

Rosie has had much amusement watching a blackbird practising vertical take offs as it tried to snatch pieces from the fat ball feeder in her garden. It has gradually learned how to cling on, somewhat ungracefully, but another has been watching and is now going through the amusing vertical take off stage as he tries to copy his more experienced buddy.

A beautiful dog fox is living somewhere nearby (not telling!!) and I have seen (sadly) two huge toads squashed on the road in the last two days.

My resident wren seems to have a mate. There are now two roosting in my little field shelter. If we go to do the muck after dark, they sometimes peep sleepily out from an old swallow's nest. If startled, they fly out, only just avoiding crashing into our faces. They never go far….usually onto a nearby fence post, ready to go back to bed again once we have left'.

14 March: Jacqui Lewis told me that, during the cold snowy period, a flock of fieldfares came to her back garden to feast on the assorted bird food scattered on her patio. They were aggressive towards other birds, chasing them off, even cock blackbirds and collared doves. Woodpigeons were ignored, a cock blackbird eventually braved a stand-off which was quite a sight.

Thanks, as always, to the many village contributors whose observations give a broad insight into the abundant wildlife in and around Reach.

Joss Goodchild

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Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News



Both Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen will be running **Cadbury's Easter Egg Hunts** over the Easter Bank Holiday Weekend, Friday 30 March – Monday 2 April. Trails are £2.50 per child (normal admission also applies). You can just turn-up at Wicken, but advance booking is required for Anglesey Abbey. Please see the individual property websites for further details.



Children's events at Wicken over the Easter school holidays includes **Pond Dipping & Minibeast Hunt** on 3 & 10 April (age 3+) **Den Building** on Wednesday 4 April (age 3+), **Nature Crafts** Friday 6 April (age 3+), **Story Time – Adventures of Peter Rabbit** on Monday 9 April (age 3-7), **Spring Safari** on Wednesday 11 April (age 5+), **Go Wild – Nature Detectives** on Friday 13 April (age 8+).



Kerry Devine will be showcasing her debut album **'Away From Mountains'** as part of an immersive audio and visual art installation inspired by the landscape and people of the Fens on Saturday 7 April at 7.30pm. The performance which features a mixture of photography, film, sound and art focusses on the female legacy of the Fens, from the dark past of witch hunts that took place in isolated communities, to the role of women in agriculture and those pushing for change in a conservative rural area. Tickets for the event are a bargain at £8 – please see the Wicken website for ticketing information.

Spring has well & truly arrived on the Fen – the first Konik foal & Highland calf were born in mid-March, and our summer migrants have steadily been arriving back over the past few weeks; although the call of the Cuckoo echoing around the fen is still eagerly awaited. One of the true highlights of the natural world at this time of year is the dawn chorus. If you're up for an early start (4.45am), our expert Rangers will be leading **Dawn Chorus Walks** on Saturday & Sunday, 5 & 6 May. Professor Nick Davies, one of the world's leading cuckoo experts, will be leading guided **Cuckoo & Warbler Walks** on Saturday 26 May at 10.15 & 1.45pm, as part of our **Cuckoo and Warbler Festival**, which runs throughout May & June.

Anglesey Abbey are holding a volunteer recruitment fair over the weekend of 21 – 22 April, from 11am -3pm each day – please drop into the Robinson Room in the main Visitor Centre to find more about volunteering opportunities currently available.

Looking ahead to May, Anglesey Abbey will be running their **High Days & Holidays** programme from May right through to the end of September. The theme for May is **Going Stateside** and will focus on Lord Fairhaven's travels and influences from his home continent, North America.

The May half-term holiday the menu at Wicken includes **Pond Dipping and Minibeast Hunt** on Wednesday 30 May (age 3+), **Calling Cuckoos** (age 5+) on Thurs 31 May and **Family Campfire Cooking** on Friday 1 June.



And finally --- we're about to take delivery of a Fen Harvester, which will have a massive influence on our ability to undertake and complete our annual cutting regime on Sedge Fen. As seems to be the norm these days, we're holding a naming competition! Entrees include the mundane, Harvey, to the predictable, Munchy McMunchface, to Crunchy Munchy Teeny Weeny Superfen Machiney – suggestions to martin.lester@nationaltrust.org.uk please.

Howard Cooper
National Trust

This is Howard's last article as he is leaving the National Trust to take early retirement. We thank him for keeping us so well informed and wish him well. Ed.

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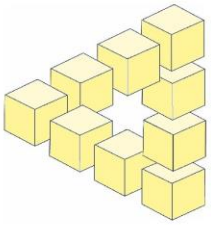

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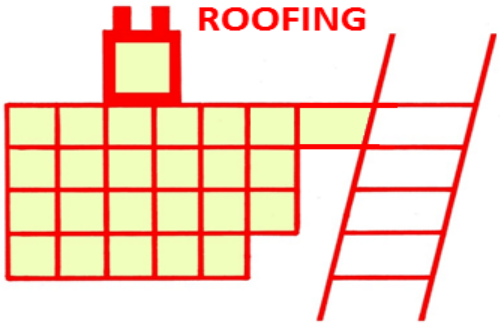

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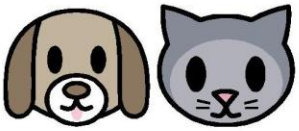

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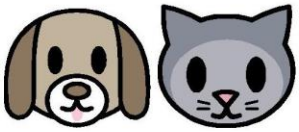

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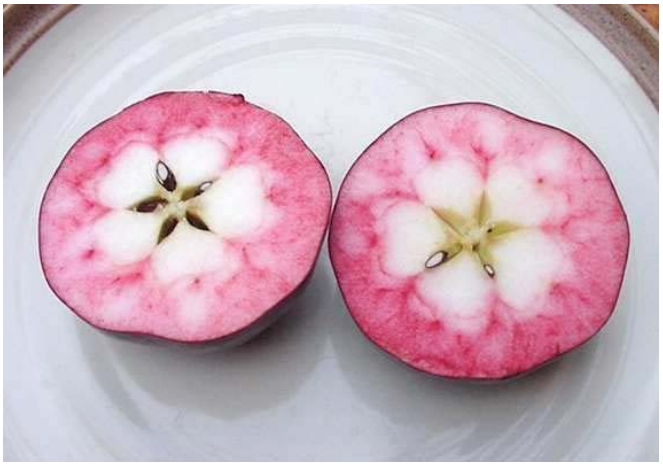
Sops in Wine



Sops in Wine (or Sops of Wine) is an old English culinary and cider apple, introduced in 1832. The medium-sized fruits are characterised by their flesh which is stained pink, as though stained in wine (a sop is a piece of bread dipped in gravy, soup, or sauce). Their flavour is described as 'aromatic, subacid, vinous'.

Other local names for this variety are Rode Wyn Appel, Sapson, Shropshirevine, Strawberry, and Washington.

We have two trees in the orchard, one sponsored by Andrew Trump, the other by Mr and Mrs Van Tol.



Saint Everard

Saint Everard is one of the more unusual Cox-derived apples. It is the result of Cox pollinated by a well-regarded old English variety, Margil. As might be expected it has a high quality aromatic flavour. However, it is hard to cultivate and did not achieve commercial success following its introduction in 1909. The variety originates from Papworth Everard, near Cambridge.

We have three trees, one sponsored by Sue Black and the Wenborn Family, one by David Thomas, and the third is not yet sponsored.

Saint Edmunds Russet (also known as Saint Edmund's Pippin)

This is a popular russet apple with a russet's characteristic sandpaper skin and sweet flavour. It is very similar to the more widely-known Egremont Russet. Its season is slightly earlier and it does not keep particularly well. The flavour however is arguably richer than Egremont Russet, and the flesh seems juicier. It was introduced in 1875 – from unknown parentage – and originates from Bury St. Edmunds.

Although a tendency to russeting is a feature of many apple families and varieties (including Golden Delicious and Cox's Orange Pippin), those varieties which exhibit heavy or complete russeting such as Saint Edmund's Russet are clearly closely related to each other in some way - although interestingly very little is known about the parentage of any of the classic russet varieties. However, these russet varieties are often very good varieties for the garden - the trees generally grow in a neat fashion and have very good disease resistance, and tolerate a wide range of growing situations.



We have three trees in the orchard, one sponsored by Claire Halpin and the other two by Laura Redfarn and Mary Patrick.

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Maz Baker

Unfortunately Maz is having surgery and therefore could not contribute an article. We're thinking of you Maz and hope all goes well. Ed.





Tales from a Reach Garden



After a relatively cool, damp winter, the week of snow, winds and frosty conditions of the "Beast from the east" at the end of February were a bit of a shock. Most of the plants we had growing in the garden seem to have recovered, indeed, the daffodils are in full bloom now, and the snowdrops are flowering still.



Daffodils in the garden - spring is here.

The only vegetables which suffered during the cold snap were some cauliflower plants which I tried to grow for the first time. The strong winds blew off the netting around them, even with the net ends pegged down and draped over chicken wire. Only a hungry deer could have a neck long enough to bend over the wire netting and nip the buds and leaves off the plants. All that's left of them are the headless and leafless main stems.

This March we shall be replacing our autumn raspberry canes and our strawberry plants. Both strawberries and raspberries are members of the *rosaceae* family which includes roses, apples, pears, plums, peaches, apricots, blackberries, hawthorn and blackthorn and many others. When any of these plants succumb to viruses, it is best to plant new virus-free plants in a new site. This is relatively easy to do with strawberries and I replace these in a different bed every 3 - 4 years. Commercially, most strawberries are grown for one year, harvested intensively during the growing season then the plants are replaced. We've noticed that strawberry yields are highest and fruits are more symmetrical in the first year of growth. After that yields are lower with each year and the fruits become smaller and misshapen. A cold snap when the strawberries are in flower can also result in small misshapen fruits, so to prevent flower damage I cover the strawberry plants with agricultural fleece.



When many of the fruits are small and misshapen, it's time to replace the plants.

This year we'll be planting flavoursome varieties like "Cambridge favourite" and "Mara des bois" which is also a perpetual variety, (meaning it will crop throughout the growing season), plus early cropping varieties such as "Honeoye" and "Vibrant". They just need a sheltered, sunny position and fertile, well-drained soil. It's best not to plant strawberries where potatoes and tomatoes have been grown previously because all these plants are susceptible to verticilium wilt, a fungus which causes gradual die-back of the plants, and spores tend to lie dormant in the soil, waiting for a suitable host.

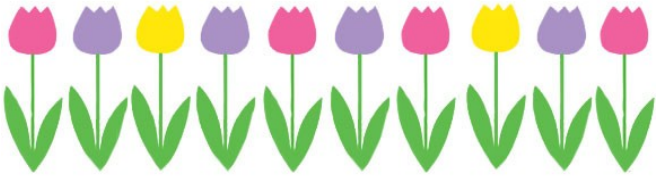


Autumn raspberry plantlets in March last year

We have a similar problem with our autumn raspberries. We first planted them in 2007 and after 10 years of stalwart service, we've noted that the canes were smaller and weaker last year and many of the raspberries crumbled when picked. These are signs of virus overwhelming the plants. Raspberry canes ought to be replaced in 8-12 years anyway, so it was time to

replace them, which presents us with a quandary. In an ideal world the new canes would be planted elsewhere in the garden to avoid any soil borne pathogens and their hosts, but in order to be able to collect the fruit, rather than lose most of them to the local wildlife, the canes need to be covered by netting, which for tall raspberries canes requires a fruit cage. The royal horticultural society suggests that the fruit cage should be moved but this is barely feasible as it would involve moving all the other established fruit bushes and canes in the fruit cage, or replacing them too. An alternative is to dig out the old soil along with the old raspberry canes, replace it with a new raised bed filled with fresh, fertile, free-draining soil in the fruit cage ready for the new canes. The new autumn raspberry canes of "Autumn bliss" and "Polka" will be arriving later this week. Guess what Richard and I will be doing this weekend…

Danuta Gibson



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Easter Sunday
1st April

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8am Holy Communion at Reach

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Days Gone By



The top chart hit this time in 1985 was "**We Are the World**" - a song originally recorded by the supergroup United Support of Artists (USA) for Africa in 1985.

It was written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie and with sales in excess of 20 million copies, it is one of the fewer than 30 all-time singles to have sold at least 10 million copies worldwide.

In the UK, this was the month of the Bradford FFC fire when 56 people died after fire engulfed the Bradford City football stadium.



Most of the dead were children or elderly people crushed in the rush to escape the inferno.

The tragedy sent shockwaves around the world. The Queen, the Pope, the Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and church leaders sent messages of condolence to a city in mourning.

The match began in an atmosphere of celebration as Bradford City, who had just been promoted to the second division, were about to play Lincoln City watched by more than 11,000 fans.

Five minutes before half time a small fire was noticed three rows from the back of G block in the Valley Parade ground and fire-fighting equipment was requested. Within minutes flames were visible and police started to evacuate people in the stand.

But the blaze spread very rapidly - within four minutes the whole of the roof and the wooden stands below were on fire and police struggled to save those who were too stunned or weak to escape.

One survivor spoke of the horror that he witnessed. "It spread like a flash," said 46-year-old Bradford City fan Geoffrey Mitchell. "I've never seen anything like it. The smoke was choking. You could hardly breathe. "There was panic as fans stampeded to an exit which was padlocked. Two or three burly men put their weight against it and smashed the gate open. Otherwise I would not have been able to get out."

The cause of the fire was thought to have been the accidental dropping of a match or cigarette stubbed out in a polystyrene cup – with the resultant fire being fuelled by rubbish underneath the wooden stand.

In the village, Out of Reach mentions "a black day for our bowls teams". There was an away match at Wilburton, a club that Reach had beaten three times in the county league. Disaster struck apparently with the first pair going down 22-0 (jeez – how do you manage that?). We lost 12-6 in the fours and the only relief came from the last pair of Jean Lewis and Roland Folkes who won 12-7.



Impressive though that so many people got involved in carpet bowls! Smashing game – we should get it started again – anybody up for it?

In the rest of the magazine, it was all about Reach Fair and what needed to be done. More about how it all went will doubtless be included in our next issue of the magazine.

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Pets Corner

“FEATHER”



One day, about six years ago, Ron said ‘you’ve got a cat at the stables’, he’d noticed the faint print of cat paws on our bottom stable door. Prior to that I’d mentioned to Martin that the usual field vermin at the yard had noticeably decreased. Afterwards, I saw a ginger streak at the corner of my eye, though couldn’t be sure.

Gradually, a small, scrawny cat revealed herself as food was offered. But everything was on a feral cat’s terms, we couldn’t approach or attempt to touch her. She was so thin we called her Feather. Over time trust developed and she would remain at the stables as long as we worked there, on sighting a stranger she simply vanished.

As Reach Fair drew close I decided to ask everyone I knew if they had once owned a small ginger female cat. It turned out that the Redfarn family had taken her in as a feral kitten from Swaffham Prior. They raised her as ‘Ginny’ and enjoyed ownership for over a year until she turned feral. Somehow she lived as a wild creature for over nine years before revealing herself at our yard.

Life was rosy after that, she dined on Waitrose catfood, Dreamies, chicken sticks, was wormed, de-flead and had a soft bed in the haybarn. She allowed Tracy to approach and remembered, with affection, the Redfarn family who called by the field and temporarily took her in when we discovered she’d broken her leg and needed veterinary treatment then confinement.



She died in February 2018 aged 16 years, we loved and respected her and the stables feel empty without a small ginger presence.

My mother, not a cat person or given to sentiment, surprised us by writing this poem:

Eulogy To A Farm Cat

For Feather

She was only a cat.
Small, ginger.
She was only a cat,
But
There was more to it
Than that.
Yes, she was only a cat
Who came, unbidden, unannounced,
Wary, hungry - though rats and mice
Soon had cause to fear her.
Slowly, slowly, she let us near,
Accepted food, drink, and ceased to fear
A hand stretched out in kindness.
So - she was only a cat
A wild thing, yet
She stayed with us of her own free will
And became The Spirit of the Yard
“Feather” by name.
We helped her live her life
And mourn her still.

Joss Goodchild



Amanda and Millie Manchett



Thistle Goodchild looking towards Reach Wood



Helen Oliver on Cisco and Jodie Halpin-McDonald on Cuckoo Bay at Worlington Pony Club



Excuse me, not forgetting Chalky Goodchild, Thistle's companion

Pets Corner (and yet more pets! Hoorah! It's a pet fest)



Ron Greenhill next to his pond and also checking whether any more of his ewes have lambed



One of Ron's ewes with her two-day old lamb



Eddie Acklam, still in charge – well of Chapel Lane at least



Tommie Greenhill places to go, sniffs to sniff



Hector Moseley at one of life's crossroads?



Miss Mead, loves to be loved

Family Focus

Hello, my name is Natasha Bridgeman, known to most as Tash. I was born and grew up in Burwell and moved to Reach in 2006. I then moved to our current house on Fair Green in 2010 with our growing family which at the time was myself, Nathan my husband and Lucy our daughter who at the time was 6 months old. Since we have lived here we have had two more daughters Lottie and Lacey. The eldest two of the 3 L's attend Swaffham Prior Primary school and Lacey goes to Fair Green Montessori which is held in the Village Centre.



Using this space in the magazine I would like to bring to you information about what's going on in the local area for you and your families so if there is anything you would like to see here please let me know.

By the time you read this the new village park will be up and running, this is such a great facility to add to the already amazing list within Reach as a village and this is where you are likely to find us in our spare time, how lucky we are!

With Easter being early this year there are a few events happening throughout the Easter school holidays including the annual Easter egg hunt held at selected National Trust sites including Anglesey Abbey and Wicken Fen. The hunts are held from good Friday and finish on Easter Monday, 11am-3.30pm, normal entry fees apply to the sites themselves and the Easter trail costs £2.50 per child so why not combine it with an adventure around the wildlife discovery area or a spot of pond dipping. If the weather does not lend itself to being outside why not have a trip into Cambridge and visit the newly renovated Museum of Zoology, Downing Street, Cambridge, CB2 3EJ. The museum first opened in 1865 and although some of the original exhibitions are still recognisable they have even many new additions including a giraffe, a killer whale, two tusked narwhals and in the cafe a live beehive! It will certainly be on our list. It is closed on a Monday and open 10am-4.30pm Tuesday- Saturday and noon-4.30 on a Sunday.

A craze to have been adopted by towns and villages far and wide is the painting and hiding of rocks for people to find. Once the rocks are found they are photographed and uploaded to the relevant village Facebook page (the name of which can usually be found on the back of the rock. Reach's own page is "Rocks Within Reach" and we have had rocks travel as far as Stowmarket! Why not paint some rocks and pop them out in the village for others to find! A rock from Burwell made its way to the bottom of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, could a Reach Rock get further?

Looking towards May there is also the Village Garden Party on the Green to Celebrate the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. It will be held on Saturday 19th May 2018 at a time to be confirmed but pop the date in your diary and come and join us for a sandwich, cup of tea and a slice of cake!

That's all for now but please get in touch with anything you would like added in here for the June/July addition.

Tash. X



Food Focus



Canapes

Normally the domain of drinks parties and dinner parties, or in our house an attempt to use up something going off in the fridge, canapes are a rare treat we don't normally have time for. But like mezze, sushi, thalis or meals made up of different delicious mouthfuls I love them and would happily forego dinner on occasions that they are plentiful (the trouble is I never do).

Below are a few ideas for canapes that I periodically produce or want to have a go at:

Curried cauliflower poppadum's

This, I can proudly say, is an invention of my own, and is a great start to the evening if you are having curry. The one downside is that it needs to be assembled at the last minute otherwise the poppadum would go soggy. You can however cook the cauliflower in advance and heat it up in the stock when you are ready to serve.

Ingredients

Small/mini plain poppadums (these are available in tesco at the takeaway counter and I think you can now also buy them in large crisp type bags)
Mango chutney
Cauliflower
Chicken or vegetable stock
Fresh coriander
Garam masala/ground coriander/ ground cumin/tumerick – or any selection of Indian herbs that you have in the cupboard to suit your taste

Method

Break the cauliflower up into florets. I try and keep some of the stem attached to the florets so that this isn't wasted. You are essentially going to steam/cook the cauliflower florets in curried stock so heat a bit of stock (you want about 1- 1½ cm of liquid) in a wide based pan with a lid and add half a teaspoon of each of the range of spices you are using. I use a combination of the above depending on what's available. Once the spices have cooked in the stock for a few minutes add the florets and put the lid on the pan. Steam the florets, occasionally spooning the spicy stock over them if you feel they need it until cooked. Don't overcook as mushy cauliflower florets are hard to handle.

When ready to serve lay out the best unbroken poppadoms on the plate you are serving them from. Using a teaspoon put a small dollop of mango chutney onto each one, and then carefully take a cauliflower floret and put that on top of each chutney-d poppadum. Finish the canape off with a coriander leaf. If the cauliflower is still warm that is a bonus – but as long as it's not fridge cold they are still delicious. If you are then having curry you can serve the rest of the cauliflower as a vegetable side dish with the meal.



Parmesan Biscuits

I had these years ago at a neighbours' house and the fact that I've never forgotten them says a lot. Unsurprisingly the 75% fat content makes them very moreish and tasty.

Ingredients (makes about 45 biscuits)
115g (4oz) plain flour
115g finely grated parmesan
115g finely grated mature cheddar
115g salted butter
A good pinch of cayenne pepper
Salt and pepper

Method

Sieve the flour into a mixing bowl and add the Parmesan. Crumble in the butter and rub with fingers to achieve a paste that does not stick to your fingers. Season lightly, add the Cayenne pepper and then mix in the Cheddar. Work gently to form a dough. Wrap in cling film and chill in fridge for about an hour.

Preheat the oven to 180C/350F/ Gas 4. Roll out on a lightly floured surface to about 3mm. Cut out with pastry cutter approximately 5cm diameter. Place on baking tray lined with grease proof paper and chill for 20 minutes. Bake for about 15 minutes until biscuits are a light golden colour. You can also do this using a Magimix to combine the ingredients which works very well.



Mango Salsa on Sourdough Crispbreads

The salsa here is a friend's recipe which is also delicious alongside poached salmon or cold chicken. If you've tried the Peters Yard sourdough crispbreads (I don't think any other brands have really entered this market yet) you will know that they need very little on them to make them delicious, however I don't think butter on sourdough crispbread really counts as a canape. The product comes in a variety of incarnations - beautiful circular discs as big as a dinner plate, smaller discs, crackers and now bites. Sadly they are very expensive, so if you see them on offer make the most of it as an open packet lasts ages and they don't seem to go stale very easily.

Ingredients
Mango, ripe avocado, red onion, coriander, red chilli and lime – estimate the quantities to suit your taste, but roughly one large mango, one avocado, half a medium sized red onion, one chilli and the juice of 1-1½ limes.

Method

Just chop everything up and combine to taste, adding salt and pepper when you think you've got your quantities right. Either serve the salsa on the bites or break up the large discs into random sized pieces and let people help themselves as if it were a dip.

Other ideas

In the summer if I have a surfeit of any vegetable I often make up dips to put onto sourdough toast. For example roast courgettes with garlic and parmesan drizzled with oil, whizz into a puree once cooked and then serve with a basil leaf on. Homemade pesto with basil, or other herbs, parmesan, olive oil and pinenuts. Cook peas and broad beans then whizz with fresh mint and olive oil, serve on toast or toasted pitta. Carrots chopped and roasted in butter with toasted caraway seed, sprinkled with feta and mint also works quite well (that's based on a Moro starter).

Prospects Produce

It is the hungry gap so fresh produce from Snakehall is a bit thin on the ground at the moment, but there will always be some seasonal vegetables in the shop to keep customers happy from COFCO (also local organic produce). Their wonderfully pink rhubarb will hopefully be in there any moment now and over the next couple of months we'll be able to buy new and jacket potatoes, wonderful spicy salad bags, eggs, spinach, mange tout, herbs, garlic and onions. There will be sweet peas to buy and plant out as well as vegetable and herb plants for your own garden. The co-workers will be producing jams and chutneys to Mama Julies recipes so look out for the interesting combinations.

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

Burwell Farmers Market (Burwell Village College) 2nd Saturday of the month (9.30 - 12.30) – April 14th and May 12th.

Ely Farmers Market 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month (8.30 - 2) April 14th and 28th, and May 12th & 26th.

Stretham Feast – weekend of 19th – 20th May – not much information available, may be a farmers market

Elys Eel Festival (4th – 7th May 10-5 each day). Celebrating 15 years of the festival. The Eel Parade kicks off Saturday's Eel Day with a colourful array of eels processing through Ely's High Street, down to the river where a whole host of eel related activities take place. Special highlights include the Town Criers' Competition and the World Eel Throwing Competition (no eels will be harmed in this competition, just stuffed toys!). Rounding up the weekend is the ever popular two-day Food and Drink Festival where over 60 artisan and specialist food and drink traders will be showcasing their wares.

The Main Event - the food and drink festival with local stalls and a programme of foodie talks - will take place on Saturday 19 May

This year is set to be bigger, bolder and longer – and it's pretty much a guarantee that we too will be considerably larger after these foodie shenanigans.

Eat Cambridge really does what it says on the tin. Literally it's two weeks of as much food as you can possibly find. Again the main event is in the festival calendar is the famous market, held at The Guildhall, it's a fab day out and an excuse to nibble and natter your way round some really great stalls. But Eat Cambridge is so much more than markets (yes there's more than one). All the local producers, cafés, wineries, restaurants come out in force and the fringe events are just as much a part of Eat Cambridge as the main market. This is a festival you will need the brochure for, cut out the event planner and start checking off the things you want to squeeze into two weeks of excessive foodie indulgence.

Catherine Gibson



Rosettes galore for Helen Oliver and Cisco at Worlington Pony Club Show Jumping

Reach Riders Group



The Reach Riders Group Committee consists of

Sadie King (Chair)
Sue Cameron (Secretary)
Claire Halpin
Gemma Rolfe
Liz Tabecki

Anyone interested in joining should contact Sue Cameron for a membership form, terms and conditions and disclaimer. Email ewenandsue@btinternet.com or Tel 07879627859



`POP-UP' TABLETOP TACK SALE

10am – 12noon Sunday 15th April
Reach Village Centre, Reach CB25 0JD

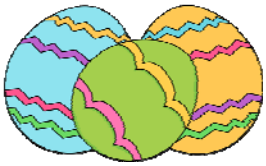
An opportunity to sort out stuff and purchase items for the coming season.

Tables £8 (£5 RRG member); Entry £1 (children free)
Delicious light refreshments and a raffle

Enquiries and to book a table contact
Gemma Rolfe
(07469 711 710; gemma@da-rec.co.uk)



All proceeds to the Reach Riders Group (24Acres Project)



REACH RIDERS GROUP
COMMUNITY CROSS COUNTRY ARENA

Want to get some cross country schooling at a great location, whenever you want and at a low cost?





Reach Village now have a fantastic new community cross country schooling facility in that can be accessed at any time and any amount of times for a small annual membership of £15 per year. We hold regular social and fundraising events and membership will also include discounted entry to Reach Riders events throughout the year.

The acre riding arena is situated at the edge of the village at 24 Acres, surrounded by a newly planted woodland and orchard and set in the beautiful National Trust Fenland reserve.

The acre is fenced and has a range of professionally built cross country jumps and cavaletti poles with a ditch planned for next year. The grass surface is regularly checked and maintained as are all of the jumps.



Please note: The area is only accessible by horseback- there is currently no designated parking on the 24 acres site.

For details about the facility or membership please visit our Facebook page Reach Riders or contact Sue Cameron: ewanandsue@btinternet.com

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

Apologies for absence -received and approved.

Forum for members of the public.

1. Declaration of interests
Councillor Boreham declared an interest in planning application 17/02116/FUL

2. Planning
17/02116/FUL – Conversion of existing outbuilding to form new office - 38 Great Lane
Councillor Boreham left the room during the discussion of this planning application.

No comments to be made.

17/02095/RMA - Reserved matters for single storey detached dwelling - 27 Burwell Road

No comments to be made.

17/02205/FUL development of a 49.9MW battery storage facility, bridge and associated infrastructure. Land North West of electricity substation Weirs Drove, Burwell.

Discussion postponed to allow Councillors time to study the documents and to allow residents to be notified. ***Clerk*** to arrange a separate planning meeting and inform the village.

3. County Councillor's Report
None received.

4. District Councillor's Report
In 2017 ECDC managed to have a balanced budget without having to increase our council tax, whilst still maintaining our same level of services – the fourth year running.
There has also been an increase in the footfall of our Ely Markets as they have grown in popularity.
Our new Ely six screen cinema is now open, which together with free car parking and various eateries is proving very popular.
I had been kept busy this last year dealing with various inappropriate planning applications because we did not have a local plan.
Last October we ratified the new draft Local Plan which has now gone to the Governments Inspector for his approval.
This next year we need to seek ways to increase housing for our lower earning families and individuals.
One way is by increasing the number of Community Land Trusts - these can provide local housing for local people at a reasonable cost to rent of buy.
2018 will see the completion of our new leisure centre next to the new six screen Ely Cinema, with its five lane 25m swimming pool. I am sure it will prove very popular.

It has been a privilege and an honour to have served the residents of the Swaffhams Ward these last 14 years, and I am looking forward to 2018.
Allen Alderson

Councillor Alderson also attended the December planning committee meeting, which included an application for 19 houses at Mill Hill Swaffham Bulbeck. Councillor Alderson and many residents opposed this application. The planning committee approved the application.

5. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

6 (1) Parish Council Grant Fund
Nothing to report.

6(2) Financial Reports
The PC remains in a financially stable situation.
Payments had been received from the Woodland Trust, for the mowing of Reach wood, and the yearly rural grant payment for the 24Acres.
The collection of the streetlight donations is ongoing, along with the efforts to ensure BB complete the work.

6(3) Parish Council Members Meetings
Councillor McMillan continues to work on obtaining a Microsoft system, domain name and email addresses for the PC. The cost will be approx. £360, therefore £1 per day. Approved.

6(4) Play Spaces
Unfortunately the applications for grants from Mick George and AmeyCespa were unsuccessful. The PC will be required to contribute £440 and arrange the removal of the old playground.
Some concern has been shown regarding the moving of the football pitch closer to the thorny hedge. The PC accepts that this may be a potential problem and will review it if it does prove to be one. The hedge will be trimmed back hard this year to try and help avoid this problem.

Councillor de Giorgio-Miller to keep residents updated with the new playground developments by email, Facebook and in the village magazine.

6(5) Rights of Way
The PC had had a response to its application for LHI funding for a path between Reach and Burwell. Unfortunately this is not something that can be funded by this scheme.

There has been a large increase in potholes throughout the village. Councillor Fielding has reported these to ECDC. These will be checked on prior to the next PC meeting and if they have not been repaired the PC will contact the County Councillor regarding the issue. The drop off from the bridge across to Blackberry Drove is of great concern. ***Councillor Fielding and Boreham*** to compose a list of the worst problems and ask CCC for a safety inspection to take place.

Yet again the PC has received dog poo complaints. These are particular unacceptable as they are on the footpaths directly outside houses. ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to write an article for the village magazine, email and Facebook asking dog owners to clear up after their dogs. To also advise dog owners that this is a legal obligation and to inform residents who they should be contacting regarding getting help with this issue.

6(6) 24Acres Committee Report
Nothing to report.

6(7) Friends of Reach Wood
Councillor Boreham has had several conversations with Ian Froggatt from the Woodland Trust about Reach Wood.
He reports that the Woodland Trust is coming under increased pressure from lobby groups to allow horse riding access to their woods. Ian asks for vigilance in preventing horse access to Reach Wood becoming the norm. Councillor Boreham reminded him that the PC had funded 'no horse riding' signs earlier in the year.

Ian also reported that the Woodland Trust took seriously their responsibility to control the spread of ragwort. He accepted that ragwort pulling has not been successful in previous seasons. He now proposes a one-off additional early (May-June) cut of the meadow (done by our contractor but paid for by WT), followed by a weed wiping of the ragwort (done by a WT contractor). The late summer/early autumn cut would happen as usual. Both cuts would be using a bar cutter.
Councillor Boreham said that there would have to be consultation with the PC and the 'Friends of Reach Wood' before this scheme could be put into effect. ***Councillor Boreham*** to liaise with the Friends of Reach Wood group.

Councillor Boreham also reminded Ian that there should be prior notice of any work by the National Grid to coppice hazel beneath power lines, and that this work should not happen during the growing season.

7. Standing Orders
The PC standing orders require updating. This will include the financial regulations, social media policy and a complaints and grievances policy. The idea of a separate planning committee will be discussed. ***Councillor Ward*** to update the present August 2012 standing orders and add any appropriate appendix. ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to produce a Social media policy.

8. Reach Grant Fund clarification and wording update
Following discussion, ***Councillor Cane*** to produce an updated document and application form.

9. Reach Lode
The PC had received a letter from the EA regarding our ongoing talks about the desilting of the lode. ***Clerk*** to contact the EA with details of the landowners adjacent to the lode and to inform them that the PC is willing to make a token contribution to the cost of the work.

10. The old playground development plan
The PC feels strongly that the decision regarding the area of the old playground must not be rushed. Full consultation must be given to residents. Thought must also be given to the advice received regarding keeping access to the playing field limited to deter travellers and other unwanted vehicles.
Councillor de Giorgio-Miller to ask residents for ideas on the development of the area, via email and on Facebook.

11. Information Items/AOB
The PC had received an invitation from Burwell PC to a meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner to answer questions on the subject of travellers setting up illegal encampments (or others subjects whilst he is there). The PC would like to send two councillor. ***Clerk*** to arrange and ask whether other landowners in the area are able to be invited.

12. Payments –
E.on – power on the green £9.35
S. Bailey – Clerk salary - £948.56
Cr Contracting – tree cutting - £65
Bryan Pearson – Goal repairs - £142.31

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.30pm unless otherwise required. 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

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 7th February 2018

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Not Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Not Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

Apologies for absence -received and approved.

Forum for members of the public.
The Events Team would like to hold an Event to mark the 100th Anniversary celebrations of the end of WW1. The lighting of beacons is planned across the country, and Reach will join in with this. The Events team also plans to hold some events during the day. As well as the morning church service, these may include an exhibition of items related to the war, or to the village at the time. An old fashioned sing along or related craft activities. The PC were very supportive of this project. ***Clerk*** to investigate the cleaning of the memorial and the surrounding area.

1. Declaration of interests

Councillor Cane declared an interest in the old playground area discussion

2. Planning 17/02027/FUL Amendment to proposed garage site SW of 48a Great Lane
The amendment proposes to replace the removed trees and hedgerow; as shown on the plans this planting is outside the site boundary, on highways land, and will therefore be unenforceable. Additionally the removal of the trees and hedgerow is likely to adversely impact the remaining trees.

18/00004/FUL two storey extension Dykes End House 11 Fair Green
Following discussion the PC felt that the bike store and parking area at the front of the property are questionable given that this is a conservation area. However, parking off road would be an improvement. The bike store elongates the NW elevation as viewed from the church, a listed building. The extended roof line, of the bike store, also makes the property appear larger. In summary the PC felt that the store is visually intrusive and inappropriate in the conservation area, next to the listed building.

3. County Councillor's Report
None received.

4. District Councillor's Report
Fly tipping in the ward has recently been held up because Veolia's grab truck is awaiting an MOT Veolia is attempting to collect any rubbish with their caged vehicle wherever possible.
The consultation period on the Local Plan ended before Christmas.
The next step is to pull together all the final necessary paperwork in order to 'submit' the Local Plan (and the comments received) to the Planning Inspectorate this February. From February the Plan then enters its 'examination' stage led by a Government inspector.

During January I attended the following four engagements
1) East Cambs full council meeting
2) A health and well-being seminar
3) A budget seminar
4) A visit to Lancaster Way Business Park at Witchford
It has been classes as an Enterprise Zone which gives it the following benefits
- Rates relief up to £275,000 over 5 years
- Fast tracked planning
- Additional support for business from the Greater Cambridge, Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership
- Access to growth funding

Our district council supports suitable local business projects which thereby enable people to work locally and cut their travelling times and costs.

5. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

6 (1) Parish Council Grant Fund
The Village Centre requested a grant of up to £1845.00 which is a 50% contribution to the redecoration of the main hall of the village hall. Approved.
A request was also received for up to £200 for a Grand Opening Event for the new village playground. This is a requirement by WREN, as a condition of their funding. Approved.

6(2) Financial Reports
The streetlight donations are now complete. The monies will be allocated and any excess returned as a percentage of that donated. It is hoped that this will be completed by the next PC meeting. A request had been received to circulate a financial statement each month with the agenda, to show what funds the PC has, including the Grant Fund amount and the restricted reserves. This was approved. A payment request had been submitted without proper receipts for a grant fund approved payment. This was declined until proper receipts can be provided. The PC is a statutory body and therefore must have receipts for all payments.

6(3) Parish Council Members Meetings
There were none.

6(4) Play Spaces
Although part of the hedge had been trimmed back to allow the new playground to be installed the height of the hedge had proved problematic. ***Clerk*** to obtain quoted to have this work done. The new playground should be finished on 14th Feb. and open for use on the 15th Feb. Grass seed will be put down where the surface has been damaged. ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** will arrange fencing.
Councillor de Giorgio-Miller will also look into prices for some of the ideas put forward for the area of the old playground.

6(5) Rights of Way
Nothing to report.

6(6) 24Acres Committee Report
The trees seem to be establishing well, and the new path that we had cut from the shipping container towards the culvert bridge looks good.

6(7) Friends of Reach Wood
The Friends of Reach Wood have been consulted, and seem generally happy with the Woodland Trust proposal to cut the meadow in June, treat the ragwort, and then cut in September as usual.

7. Highways
Councillor Fielding had reported a lot of the potholes around the village.
Ditchfield had been patched up.
Delver Bridge hole will be filled and a specialist will inspect the drop off at the edge of the bridge.
The large pothole on Great Lane, although reported is still awaiting action.
The bridge by the grain store and Little Fen Drove have also been patched. Unfortunately the beet harvest had continued and the too large trucks are continuing to destroy the edges of the roads. ***Clerk*** to write to highways
to express the PC's concern that running repairs are not adequate due to the continuing use of larger heavier vehicles.

8. Standing Orders, Social media policy & email accounts
The PC standing orders, website and social media policy will be discussed at the next meeting, following continuing updates. Councillor McMillan discussed the new computer packages, storage and email account quotes. A figure of £440 was agreed, subject to all products and services meeting with the GDPR & EU regulations.

9. Reach Grant Fund clarification and wording update
The updated document and application form were approved. ***Councillor Cane*** to circulate and ensure they appear on the website.

10. GOBA agreement and Reach Lode
Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

11. The War Memorial & Remembrance Sunday (100 years since end of WW1)
Discussed in the public forum at the start of the meeting.

12. Annual Parish Meeting proposed date 2nd May 2018
Agreed, with a 7pm start.

13. Information Items/AOB
Burwell PC meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner – ***Councillor Fielding*** to attend.
NALC parliamentary lobby – Nothing to suggest.
Incinerator planning issue – the deadline maybe moved. ***Clerk*** to check.
CAPALC EGM – ***Councillor Cane*** to attend.
GDPR training – ***Clerk*** to check her availability to attend

12. Payments –

E.on – power on the green £30.09
S. Bailey – Postage £8.47
Craig Dunnett – bird guard £69.14
Balfour Beatty – streetlight maintenance £369.74
D Thomas – Pear Tree 24Acres – Grant Fund £19.99
D McMillan -Computer -£905.76
Simpsons – Christmas Tree £109.99
D Parr Events team – Brass band Christmas event – Grant fund £120
J Mules Events team – Christmas event – Grant Fund £139.05

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 7.30pm unless otherwise required. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: Date:

Letter from the Vicarage



My job gives me the opportunity to meet many people, and the privilege of being involved with them at key milestone times in their lives, times of joy and times of sadness. We have a pastoral team and other volunteers who work alongside me with individuals and families, to offer support and prayer at these significant times.

Many parents feel that they want to mark the arrival of a new baby in some way, as a way of saying thank you and committing them to God. Christening (or Baptism) and Baby Thanksgiving are special services which the Church of England offers to families. I'm sometimes asked what the differences are between them. Both services give an opportunity to thank God for your child. In the Christening service, parents and godparents make promises on the child's behalf, to start her or him on the journey of faith and ask for the Church's support. The child is then baptised in water in the font, as a sign of a new beginning and becoming a part of God's family. In the Thanksgiving service, we thank God for the gift of the child, and we pray for God to bless them. However, the parents do not make the Baptism promises, and the child is not baptised. This service is sometimes chosen by parents who do not feel able at that time to make the promises, or prefer to wait until later for their child to be baptised when they are old enough to understand and make the promises for themselves. If parents choose to have a Thanksgiving, they may also have a Baptism service for their child at a later date. Please get in touch if you would like to know more about Thanksgiving, or Christening, and I will arrange a visit. This Church of England website has a lot more information for parents and godparents https://churchofenglandchristenings.org/.

We're coming into wedding season, and it will be lovely to welcome all our 2018 couples. If you are planning to get married, and not yet sure about where to get married, why not think about a church wedding at St Mary's in Burwell or St Etheldreda's in Reach? For many couples it represents a link to family and to tradition, and the 'right place' to celebrate with friends and family, as you make your vows before God. The Church of England has an excellent website which has a lot of useful information and explains the practicalities of arranging a wedding: see www.yourchurchwedding.org. Please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, or to find out more about the Christian faith, or just if you'd like a chat. All are welcome.

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

Reach Church

We are pleased to report that the arrival of long awaited plans for the reordering of Reach church from the architect is imminent. Once we receive these we will be able to share them with PCC members, in the first instance, following which we will be able to share them with Reach people and display them more widely for viewing. Look out for more information about them in April. We still have a number of hurdles to go in terms of getting permission from the relevant authorities, but the arrival of the plans will be a good step forward.

Whilst we have been addressing the needs of the interior of Reach church we have also been giving priority to the exterior. The boundary walls at Reach church are in need of some attention which has prompted us to consider the possibility of how the exterior could be landscaped to create a pleasant garden area. If you have any ideas, do let us know.

It was brought to our attention recently that the Reach arch ruin was deteriorating – it was last repaired in 2008. The arch is quite exposed to the elements and requires some urgent attention to address falling debris. In order to make the arch safe we have arranged for a barrier and signs to be erected around the arch as a precaution. We also intend to have a structural engineer carry out a survey, which will form the basis of our decisions about an appropriate course of action. If you wish to read more about the history of the arch you can find this at: http://reach-village.co.uk/church.html.

We are excited about the plans for Reach church and the prospects for its future use as a community resource and asset for the whole village of Reach. If you would like to get involved in carrying the development plans forward, we'd be very pleased to hear from you.

Sarah Wingate
Churchwarden
swingate58@gmail.com

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

Sunday April 1st Easter Day	6.00am Churches Together Easter Sunrise Service on Castle Mound 10.00 All Age Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 5th		8.15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th Easter 2	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with Baptism	
Wednesday 11th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 12th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th Easter 3	9.45am Annual Parochial Church Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion with Bishop David, followed by Bring and Share Lunch	
Wednesday 18th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 19th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd Easter 4	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 26th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th Easter 5	4.00pm Messy Church	10.00am Holy Communion
May 2018		
Wednesday 2nd	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 3rd	10.00am Little Bears	8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th Easter 6	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	6.00pm Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 10th Ascension Day	7.00am Morning Prayer	
Sunday 13th Easter 7 Sunday after Ascension	10.00am Christian Aid Week service At Trinity Church 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 16th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 17th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th Pentecost	10.00 am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 23rd	10.30am Holy Communion	
Thursday 24th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th May Trinity Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 30th	10.00am Holy Communion	

Bus Timetable

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

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.

Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mon - Sat	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**	**Mon - Sat**
Newmarket (Guineas Station)			0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1714
Burwell (Manchetts Ness Road)	0619	0649	0842	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1642	1742
Reach	0634	0704	0857		1057		1257		1457	1557	1657	1757
Swaffham Prior	0639	0709	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1602	1702	1802
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0720	0755	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843

Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat	Mon – Sat
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0650	0750	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750
Swaffham Prior	0727	0827	0930	1027	1130	1227	1330	1427	1530	1627	1722	1827
Reach	0733	0833		1033		1233		1433		1633		1833
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1735	1843
Newmarket (Guineas Station)	0813	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1613	1713	1810	

A full timetable can be downloaded from **www.reach-village.co.uk/bus_service.html**
Please note that the bus stops at a number of stops in Burwell – those listed are just timing points

Diary Dates: April 2018

April	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 5	Recycling Day (Green)		
Tuesday 10	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Colchester	See page 14
Thursday 12	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 14	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 14	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Thursday 12	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sunday 15	Pop-Up Tabletop Tack Sale	Village Centre	10am – 12noon
Tuesday 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tuesday 17	Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Wednesday 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	
Thursday 19	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 21	Burwell Print Family Ceilidh	Burwell Village College	See page 29
Wednesday 25	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 26	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 28	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 28	Saturday Workshops Bottisham Village College Adult Learning	Bottisham Village College, Lode Road, Bottisham	See Page 5



Diary Dates: May 2018

May 2018	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 3	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 4 – Monday 7	Ely's Eel Festival Weekend	Ely	See page 16
Sunday 6	Eve of Reach Fair Songs Of Praise	St Etheldreda's Church	6 – 6.45pm
Sunday 6	Eve of Reach Fair Quiz	Village Centre	7.15pm
Monday 7	Reach Fair	Everywhere	12noon – 5pm
Thursday 10	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 12	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 12	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 16	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	
Thursday 17	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 19	Royal Wedding Tea Party	Lower Green	2 – 4pm
Saturday 19 – Sunday 20	Stretham Feast		
Wednesday 23	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 24	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 26	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 26	Swaffham Prior Feast	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	
Thursday 29	Recycling Day (Green)		



Contact Information

Parish Council			
	Chair	Charlotte Cane	741064
	Councillor	Alex de Giorgio-Miller	07771 348013
	Vice Chair	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	David McMillan	741259
	Councilllor	Andrew Trump	07980 955490
	Councillor	Diana Ward	744210
	Clerk	Susan Bailey	743794
	Rights of Way Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
	County Councillor	Joshua Schmann	
	District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
Village Centre			
	Chair	Andrew Towers	
	Finance	Andrew Trump	
	Bookings	Grahame Radford	742814
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Grant Scheme (Formerly the Amenity Fund)			
	Applications to:	Charlotte Cane	741064
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	Sarah Wingate	742498
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	





Hmmmm. I wonder who took this picture; the footprints are a clue



And this is next picture in the sequence



Amanda Manchett



Janet Hall



Janet Hall







We thank Cath Tayleur for her snow photos and the front cover of the magazine shows Cath receiving her bouquet from Alex de Giorgio-Miller for `making the playground happen' Lovely











Grand opening of the playground, Saturday 24th March 2918






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Jenny Bridgeman



Catherine Gibson



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