Within Reach



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Catherine Clark



Long Tailed Tits



Male Chaffinch



Bus Shelter



Winter Moth see Page 17



Birds over Fields



Dylan and Lily Steed

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The Royal Wedding

Friday 29th April 2011

Reach Village Centre will be organising a BBQ on the day of the royal wedding

Any ideas and/or offers of help to Andrew Towers 742484

From the Editor



Our pair of swans would like to thank everyone who fed them over the winter season, especially the Redfarns who not only provided regular meals but also cut a hole in the ice.

This issue's family are the Thomas Vickery household because each member has prepared an article. David's contribution is important, encouraging us as it does to think about how the 24 acres of land on the outskirts of Reach might be utilised. Freya has composed a poem about how much fun is to be had in Reach. How lovely for a young person to appreciate the village and make a contribution. Juliet has compiled the Sports News, and describes running the Hereward Relay. I can feel the lbs dropping off as I read….

This is a busy issue:

- It's the start of the year for the 100 Club. Contact Joyce (P.4)
- The Parish Council elections will take place in May. Want to stand (P.12)?
- The Amenity Fund is substantial (P.12). Any ideas?
- The Village Centre Committee will be organising a BBQ on the day of the royal wedding (P.1), and the theme for the fancy dress competition for Reach Fair will be Kings and Queens
- Do you want to help with the children's entertainment for Shrove Tuesday (P.6)?
- Do you have any items for you want to offer for free, exchange or sale (P.15)?
- Bag2School want your unwanted items (P.17).
- Do you want to organise a fish and chip supper (P.10)?
- Do you want to join a sewing club (P.28)?
- And also, would you like a trampoline club in the village for children and young people (P.33)?

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Editor's Notes

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Lord Burghley and Lady Hollendale might be coming to live in Reach.....



…together with Lord Peckover, St Everard and the Jolly Miller. Are you acquainted? It wouldn't be surprising if most people in Reach have never heard these names before. I certainly hadn't until a few months ago.

Yet these are part of Cambridgeshire's horticultural heritage (along with other wonderfully named varieties such as Histon Favourite, Cottenham Codlin, Barnack Beauty and Chivers Delight).

If you haven't guessed it yet, these are all varieties of apple that have been raised and traditionally grown in Cambridgeshire. The descriptions from the East of England Apple and Orchards Project conjure up the tastes, smells and sights of autumn days gone by: Lord Peckover "*has a peach-like white bloom. A very early dessert variety, best eaten in August*"; Barnack Beauty is "*medium sized and slightly oblong with an eye-catching orange brown flush. Attractive blossom. A sweet and complex tasting apple*"; Histon Favourite is "*pale yellow skinned with a scattering of pink stripes. Sharp and crisp flavour when picked, mellowing with storage*".



Yet sadly these varieties are now hard to find – I'm willing to bet that most people in Reach have never tasted the varieties I've mentioned above. Surveys in Cambridgeshire show that traditional orchards here have been lost faster than in most other counties in England and Wales. In 1950, 4,950 hectares of orchard were recorded in the Cambridge and Peterborough area but between 1970 and 1985 80% of orchards were lost. This decline has continued – a survey in 2005 found that 25% of orchards mapped 5 years previously no longer existed. This affects not only apples but also traditional and local varieties of pear, plum and cherry.

Does this matter? I think so. It isn't just the loss of the diversity of taste and varieties adapted to local conditions (not to mention the fancy names!). It's also the values attached to traditional orchards - the distinctive landscape of large trees and 'parkland' landscape; the valuable wildlife habitat of trees with fissured bark, covered with moss and lichen and surrounded by unimproved grassland rich in wildflowers; and the opportunity for orchards to provide so much more than just fruit but also honey, a place to rest and walk, a source of hay or grazing land.

Now, here in Reach, there is a real chance to do something about this, and contribute to a growing national movement to reverse this decline and make sure that these varieties don't disappear, but are kept and cultivated, not as a 'museum', but as a living part of our village. You may have read in the last issue of *Within Reach* that the National Trust are proposing to buy 24 acres of land on the edge of Reach, and are working with the village to raise funds for a number of community projects. One idea that has been proposed is to establish a Community Orchard, growing traditional, local varieties of fruit, that would have a multi-purpose function.



H ere a

- **Local produce for local people**. Obviously one would hope that the orchard would provide a plentiful supply of fruit for people in the village – to eat fresh or freeze, bottle, turn into jam or juice.
- **Go commercial?** There should be opportunities for any entrepreneurs to start producing jams and juices for local sale (maybe at National Trust shops), or for selling fresh fruit in some of the local farmers' markets.
- **Local history.** Looking around Reach there are clearly remnants of old orchards and scattered

old trees in people's back gardens. Perhaps the historians amongst us could start things off by producing a 'fruit map' of Reach, finding out what varieties are grown where, and interviewing some of the long-time residents to find out what they can tell us about orchards and the varieties that used to be grown here. Maybe we'll even discover one of Cambridgeshire's 'lost varieties' like Woodley's Favourite or Turbanks.

- **Wildlife.** Old orchards and the hedgerows that surround them are important refuges for wildlife. Those interested in nature conservation could develop a wildlife management plan and help to encourage biological diversity.
- **Cider**. We already have a micro-brewery producing Dykes End beer – what about a local cider?
- **Bee-keeping**. Orchards are a great place to keep bee-hives.
- **Rest, relaxation, recreation**. Traditional orchards are a lovely place to walk or just sit and read a book beneath the blossom. We could look at how the orchard connects to local footpaths to make sure that it is part of a walking route from the village.
- **Hay**. The wildflower meadow could be cropped for hay.
- **Pigs**. Anyone planning on keeping pigs? The windfalls could provide some added pig-food, fattening them up in time for Christmas! (And provide ingredients for the apple sauce).
- **New Skills**. Perhaps some people would be interested in gaining new skills in orchard management, learning how to prune and manage trees.
- **Community**. Last but not least, the orchard provides an opportunity to bring our little community together, a chance for Cubs and Scouts, the school, Little Windmills and other groups to come together and get involved in managing, harvesting, processing (and eating!) its produce.



So, if you have ever wondered about Wallis's Wonder (*medium to large sized purple skinned plum with soft, sweet flesh*) or Thoday's Quarrenden (*small sized dessert apple. Bright red skinned*) this could be your chance to bring the past into the present.

There is as yet no guarantee that this project will go ahead – even if the funding applications are approved a successful community orchard will need the support and participation of Reach's residents.



If you are interested in being involved – or have ideas about how our orchard should be developed – please let me know (telephone 01638 742676; email david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk). I hope that in the next few months, perhaps when we know the outcome of the current fundraising efforts, we can have an open meeting in the village centre, to gauge the level of interest, plan and share ideas.

David Thomas

VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

To help raise money to run the Village Centre we have a 100 Club. Tickets are just £10 for a full year.

We have 10 draws a year.
Eight draws of £20 on the third Wednesday of the month, and two draws of £50 in July and December.

RECENT 100 CLUB WINNERS

November Helen Oliver £20
December Freda Lloyd £50

The 100 Club for 2011 commences in March

Please contact Joyce Harrison (742405) to be part of this year's draw

A Poem by Freya Thomas



Reach Village Fun

Christmas has gone and the new year has come,
And with it comes masses of Reach village fun,
So let us look forward to the things we will do,
Some that are old and others that are new.

Soon will come May, and with it the fair,
So let's look at things that will happen there,
There'll be fair rides and hot dogs and lots of other treats,
We all look forward to candy floss and sweets.

Next comes the barbeque in the summer sun,
Where we sit and have burgers with ketchup in a bun,
The adults chat and drink cups of tea,
While the kids all play (including me!)

Also in the summer is the annual sports day,
And all ages compete in the games that we play,
So do the adults which is always amusing,
Especially if they go the wrong way, which can be quite confusing!

Before you know it's October and the autumn days,
And harvest, which we celebrate in many different ways,
We always have a harvest supper in the village hall,
During which we eat and drink and thank God for it all.

Next is trick-or-treating where we get sweeties or a scare,
The village streets are crawling with ghouls and goblins so beware,
If I'm really lucky I'll end up with sweets galore,
But even if my cauldron's full I can always eat some more!!!

As Christmas draws nearer it's time for carol singing,
And everybody's having a really good time.

After all that, it is the end of the year,
But let us not fret as Christmas is near,
And after it's over a new year will come,
And with it comes lots more of Reach village fun!

Christmas Carols

Yet another 'first' village event for the family and I. The children not knowing quite what to expect. The quality of the homemade mince pies had not even been considered! Secret Chef, please come forward! Utterly delicious they complimented Andrew Tower's mulled wine admirably.



The slivers of ginger, when retrieved from a toothy crevice, were succulent and bursting with fire and spice.

Then, as the warming glow of mulled wine became apparent, the festivities took hold with one cheery carol after the next. Hilary Fielding entertained us with her witty poems and led us fantastically well. When it came to 'multi-tasking' what with the warmth of the wine, the jingle of keys and the stamping of feet, who could possibly remember to sing as well!

But the entertainment did not stop there. 'Torches, torches, torches' as the children still keep singing, we sat back and relaxed whilst the 'Reach Voices' delighted us further.



It was so lovely to hear Felicity Blocksage play and Freya Thomas sing one of my old time favourites, The Snowman. As ever it's the community participation that makes all of these events so enjoyable to attend, especially when it comes to The Twelve Days of Christmas, always fun to sing and even more so to watch!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped organise the event, to all those that entertained, and to you all for coming along.

Jo Riches

Jo is very proud of her sprouts!

First there were butterflies, then came caterpillars, then to hamper their growth further, snow and the icy cold weather. Here I am very proud of our sprouts, planted from seeds back in March/April time. We sat down to a lovely Christmas dinner with our own home grown sprouts!



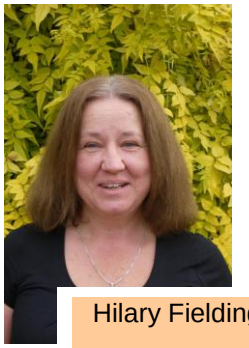
SHROVE TUESDAY

5.30pm – 7pm Tuesday 8th March 2011,
Reach Village Centre
Pizzas, Pancake Making & Games.
All welcome
Bring along a pancake (for racing)
a frying pan, & £2 (per child)

Details
Jo Riches (01638 743089; jo@joriches.com,)
Helen Oliver (01638 742484;
helenoliver01@btinternet.com)



Reach Voices



Hilary Fielding



Felicity Blocksage





The Twelve Days of Christmas



Juliet & Freya



BRYAN LACEY

LAURA LEXX



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Bottisham College Trust

Trust partners are now bringing their expertise into Bottisham Village College to enrich the learning and widen the experiences of all its students.

The College changed its status in September from a community school to a Foundation Trust school with the key purpose of supporting the education of students and promoting community cohesion.

The College has teamed up with seven Partners – Cambridge Building Society, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust, Faculty of Education University of Cambridge, The Marshall Group of Companies, The National Stud, Red2Green and the John Lewis Partnership – to form the Bottisham Educational Trust.



Since then, there has been a series of meetings to decide how best the Partners can actively participate in the life of the College. Staff have been asked their views and have come up with a range of ideas under such headings as enterprise, aspirations and future careers, health and well-being, managing money and ethics.

There are plans for the Partners to take part in ssemblies and PSHE Days as well as providing speakers, role play scenarios and work experience across a range of curriculum areas.

Earlier this month disability charity Red2Green, which has a base at BVC, was involved in Year 7's PSHE Day on diversity and difference and next term other Partners will be following suit.

"Many Trust Partners will be involved in a careers carousel on Year 10's World of Work PSHE day on February 1, and will also be involved in mock job application and interview tasks on that day," confirmed Assistant Principal Helena Ceranic.

Examples of concrete curriculum projects include Marshalls providing a business mentor for a social enterprise group, Newmarket Stud running sessions on animal ethics for GCSE RS and genetic breeding for science, and the Faculty of Education developing tours for Gifted and Talented students.

Tabbi Smith, Training Director at The National Stud said: "We are delighted to be involved in the Bottisham Trust. It is an ideal opportunity to support local education and to help young people understand more about the industry".

Mandy Turner

Bottisham Village College
Community Education

Weekend Workshops
Saturday 12th March

Chic Jewellery from Recycled Materials - £40
Dressmaking - £40
Photoshop - £40
Thai Seafood Cookery - £40
Web Page Design - £40
Woodturning - £55
Stained Glass Making (2 days – 12th/13th March) - £80

Please see our website for further details www.bottishamvc.org/commed , or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372, email: commed@bottishamvc.org.



Great British Fish and Chip Supper Friday 20 May 2011

"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives."

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat fish and chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a Fish and Chip Supper on Friday 20th May 2011 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services.

You can hold a Fish and Chip Supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting seven friends and asking them to donate an additional £5 means you will raise at least £35 from your supper, but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Last year we had over 100 suppers taking place in England and Wales and we raised £6,000. In 2011 we want to double that figure and ensure we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Officer, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk

If you would like to hold a Great British Fish & Chip Supper let me know and I will co-ordinate names. ED.



REACH VILLAGE CENTRE

available for hire



Price £10 an hour, discounts available for block booking.

Conveniently situated in the centre of the village with parking available on the road immediately outside. The hall caters for almost any club or event and is available for hire most weekday afternoons, evenings and weekends. (During school term time the hall is unavailable on Monday (day time) and Tues-Fri mornings.)

Please call to check availability.

Facilities Include:

Main hall accommodates
90 people standing
75 seated

Separate room accommodates
20 people

Disabled access

Baby changing

Fully equipped kitchen

Toilets including disabled

Licensed for music

Dyke's End pub close by
www.dykesend.co.uk

For booking enquiries contact Joyce Harrison, 40 Great Lane, Reach, Cambridgeshire, CB25 0JF. Tel: 01638 742405
Email: rita@rlc-reach.demon.co.uk

A booking form is available on the village website www.reach-village.co.uk/village_centre.html

Ross's Reflections



I still have this image in my head of an ailing Konstantin Chernenko shuffling across the floor of a Moscow polling station to cast his vote – presumably for himself, the only candidate – in those all-important Soviet presidential elections of 1985.

But at least the politburo always managed to muster enough members to fill its seats. Not so Reach in the last parish council elections in 2007: there were six candidates for seven places. Yes, I know that local politics can sometimes resemble Clochemerle – the fictitious French village torn down the middle by a plan to install a urinal in the village square. But if anyone felt like throwing their hat into the ring this time around it would do local democracy a lot of good to have a genuine contest this May, when all council seats will be up for grabs.

It is not an onerous business sitting on the parish council. We have one meeting a month, on the first Wednesday. The public are welcome to all meetings, so anyone thinking of standing can come along to the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm and see what goes on. Election day should be Thursday 5 May, unless they are bounced to another day owing to the local elections and the referendum on the alternative vote.

On a slightly different note there are some Environment Agency works planned for the next few weeks on the left hand bank of the lode, from the point up to the fishing lake. As they are likely to cause some concern I will explain what is going on. The hawthorn trees and other bushes which have grown up on the bank over the past few years have damaged the bank. The roots have caused some leakage and subsidence. The Environment Agency now plans to remove some of the trees and all the bushes by the end of March. After further examination it is possible that next winter the Agency will want to remove the rest of the trees in order to rebuild the bank. The two willow trees, one near the Point and the other further up the field, will remain. While this will change the landscape – and not for the best in the short-term – it will help to preserve the lode as a navigable waterway and prevent the adjacent field from flooding. No works will be undertaken on the trees during the nesting season.

Ross Clark

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Michael Aves	Vice-Chairman	742800
Ross Clark	Chairman	743725
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	742943
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	741853
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	742405
Angela King	Councillor	742266
Helen Platt	Councillor	742331

Your Clerk is **David Parr**:

20 Fair Green Reach CB25 0JD
Tel: 01638 744081
Email: reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Meetings take place in the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. They start at 7.30pm and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend.

In addition to their councillor duties;

Rita Dunnett is Play Spaces Officer, overseeing our two play areas and playing field.

Hilary Fielding is Rights of Way Officer.

Elections for the Parish Council take place every four years with the **next election** being held in **May 2011.**

Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund currently comprises £3411.91

Let us have your ideas as to how it should be spent

Ross Clark (Chair) 743725

Bottisham Players Pantomime

Bottisham Players is a fun acting group for all ages. The group performs a pantomime every year. My sister and I have been doing the shows for three years now, and have loved taking part in all the pantos with our friends each year. Kasia and I wanted to take part in Bottisham Players ever since we saw our first show at Bottisham six years ago. We were inspired by the enjoyment that people had watching it, and we wanted to have the same amount of enjoyment performing in it. Kasia and I have always been in the chorus that is a group of singers that sing most of the songs; we also do a variety of dance routines. There are usually four shows in a week during January and the hall is full for most performances. The cast is made up of adults and children doing a variety of singing dancing and acting parts.

There are a lot of rehearsals in the run up to the shows we started them back in October, so it is quite a commitment.

Taking part has made me more confident about being on stage, as I always used to get stage fright. Now I just like to be on the stage for fun.

This year we are performing Beauty and the Beast. We have performed in two of the shows this year so far and it has been great fun for everyone.

Anya Tabecka



A Couple of Gardening Jobs



After such a cold December, never mind what the next couple of months has to bring, it won't be a surprise to find we have some gaps in the garden. These days we are quite used to getting half hardy plants through the winter without any protection.

Penstemons, Gaura and Alstroemaria have been regarded as hardy for years, whilst Dahlias and Agapanthus have been surviving in sheltered spots.



The gaps can be filled by dividing herbaceous perennials. Clumps can be split using a spade and bits of the plants moved elsewhere. The parent plant will benefit from splitting as the centres often get very thin due to overcrowding. Easy plants like golden rod and day lilies really need to be split every couple of years to get good flowers on sturdy stems and now is the time to do it.

The apple trees need to have been pruned before the buds start to burst. It really isn't a difficult job, as most of us aren't trying to maximise our crops like a fruit grower would. I usually prune so that we can get the mower under the tree, but also so that we can actually reach the fruit to pick it. I would try to make the tree into a vase/saucer shape with a hollow centre so the light and air can get in. Once the tree is the right shape the only pruning needed is to take out dead or damaged branches and all the one year old whippy shoots that come up through its centre. Plum trees need little doing to them. We have had a couple

of good seasons and branches have broken. These need to be removed. I am going to try to half the height of my yellow plum tree as all the best fruit seems to be just out of reach.



And lastly, those poinsettias. It really isn't worth trying to keep them. They won't flower again unless you alter the day length for them in the late summer, so get them into the recycling bag or on the compost heap as soon as they have gone over.

Janet Hall

What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

Happy Year New You?

Snakehall Farm has swung into action after a well earned festive break. We hope you all had a healthy, happy and hearty Christmas too. But once the presents have been unwrapped, the last mince pie munched and the tinsel tidied away, do you sit and ponder what the New Year will bring? Do you like so many others set yourself challenging resolutions "join the gym, lose that santa-like belly that never appears so jolly in January" or "give something back to others when we are lucky to have so much" or "2011 will be the year I learn to do something I have never done before" if this is you STOP STOP STOP. Before you run out and sign up to a years extortionate gym membership or enroll in Spanish for Beginners at the local college……..why not make 2011 the year to end all previous New Year's Resolutions? combine them all and help out at The Prospects Trust. Big Society move over BIG FARM is here!

In 2011 we have lots of exciting opportunities for volunteering or simply giving something back. From supporting co-workers on the farm to joining the Prospects Trust Management Committee as a new Trustee, we believe we can offer a rewarding experience for many this year. Have a look at some of the Volunteer Vacancies (via email to maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk) we have to fill or consider what your talents are and approach us with your ideas, perhaps you could help us diversify our product range by providing some training workshops to our co-workers or you work in a big company which is looking for a local charity to support this year. So put that last selection box chocolate down (no one wants to eat that coffee cream) and give us a call to find out more on 01638 741551.

Diary Date: Harmony in Harlem 2011 is coming to the Cambridge Guildhall 3rd March 2011.

We are seeking "money can't buy" opportunities, prizes and experiences for our fundraising auction during the Harmony in Harlem event. If you can offer an exciting raffle or auction prize to help with our capital improvements at Snakehall Farm then we would love to hear from you. Contact Maz or Rhian to support your local organic social enterprise.

Marianne (Maz) Baker 01638 741551
Email enquiries@prospectstrust.org.uk or
maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk



LET'S DANCE

Come and join us dancing on Saturday evenings in the Main Hall at
Bottisham Village College.

We will have music for Ballroom, Latin American and popular Sequence dancing.

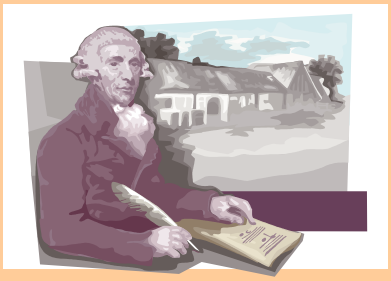
Dates: 8th January, 12th February,
12th March, 9th April and 21st May.
Time: 7.30pm to 10.30pm.

The cost is £10 per couple, which includes interval tea/coffee. You are welcome to bring along your own refreshments. There is ample parking on site.

For further information please contact: Frank and Sue Hancocks, 01638 741159
or check out our website:
www.letsdanceclub.org.uk

*Let's Dance Club is a "not for profit" organisation established to provide dances for the community





St Mary's Concert

Saturday 5th February 2011

at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church
Swaffham Bulbeck

St Mary's Singers and Players
directed by Matthew Rudd

Haydn's **Maria Theresa Mass**
William Boyce's **The King Shall Rejoice**
J C Bach's **Concerto in E flat**

Interval refreshments

Retiring collection

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Bah Humbug. Scrooge Thieves Hit Snakehall Farm Again!

Prospects Trust, a registered charity and social enterprise, has been left stunned after a second break-in within a year. The seasonally un-spirited thieves were disturbed by the on-site Farmer on Friday 10 December at 8pm.

December is usually the time the farm slows down a pace from the frenetic seasonal growing and becomes all festive, but this year the celebrations have been snow balled! The Prospect Trust Co-workers (people with learning difficulties, disabilities and mental ill health) are saddened and angry that scrooge thieves have hit the farm again.

Tarry Bolger, Co-Manager and Farmer said "I was alerted to the break in by our alarm system, thinking that it was a farm shop customer coming by late to pick up some organic vegetables I did a walk around the site. I obviously disturbed the thieves and they ran off and jumped into a small car. We now need to take immediate steps to further secure the farm against future attempts".

Will Hubbard, Garden Team Co-Manager said "I was the first on site after the first break in last February, and yet again our Garden Team service will be impacted by the loss of a commercial hedge trimmer worth around £400".

Marianne Baker, Development Officer said "The item stolen was insured and the police are not hopeful of a recovery. We are now facing a hike in our insurance costs and a massive bill for on-site security improvements. As a charity we constantly fundraise for new projects to enrich the Co-workers daily supported work placements. Next year we are hoping to replace one of the Garden Team vehicles and expand our farm buildings. We want to remain positive but know that we now need to raise over £1,000 just to deter thieves in the future. We are also considering closing the shop over the weekend and in the evenings to ensure that the site is secure once all Co-workers have gone home. This will have an impact upon the sale of our organic produce and the flexibility our shop offers to the local communities. We really need a visit from Santa this year and hope that some local elves can dig deep in their pockets and donate towards our security costs".

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Wicken Fen News



Between Christmas and New Year we welcomed the ITV Anglia cameras to Wicken Fen. They were at the fen to shoot a piece on the Trust's Outdoor Gym Challenge, a month long programme to help the nation shift some of those extra pounds most of us put on over Christmas.

My role was to demonstrate some of the exercises such as power walking and tree press-ups – watching myself on television that night the word 'lardy' came to mind, I had no option but to take on the challenge.

In a little over two weeks I've already lost over 2 lbs and discovered new areas of the fen and Vision lands that I never knew existed. I would thoroughly recommend the programme to anyone who would like to lose a bit of weight or improve their fitness. Exercising in the great outdoors has got to be better than a stale sweaty gym. Details of the Outdoor Gym, videos and downloadable exercise programmes can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-visits-outdoor-gym.htm

If the Outdoor Gym is a little too much then why not join Lois, our Community Officer, and her team of volunteers on a Health Walk at the fen each Wednesday morning. The walks last approximately 1 hour and cover 3-4 miles and are a great way to get some gentle exercise and meet or make new friends. Meet in the carpark at 10am if you fancy tagging along.

We have recently produced a series of three downloadable maps detailing recommended routes for walkers, cyclists and horse riders around Wicken Fen and the wider Vision lands. The maps can be found at www.wicken.org.uk/maps.htm . There is also a form where you can give feedback on the maps, suggest new routes etc. You can also leave contact details if you would like to discuss the maps / routes with a member of the Wicken team.

Regrettably in mid January a picnic bench was stolen from alongside the cycleway across Burwell Fen. We have experienced a spate of thefts in recent months from around Reach Lode Bridge / Tubney Fen including eight gates, two picnic tables, a bench and even 800 metres of electric fencing. Items such as picnic tables and benches are often kindly donated by local National Trust Associations whose members work hard throughout the year fundraising to provide the equipment. It's a great shame that people's opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the countryside are spoilt by the actions of these thieves. If you witness anything suspicious please contact the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 or contact the police.

Our Learning Team is busy planning a wild half term for children down at the fen. Exciting activities include: **Wild Wicket Trail** (Mon 21 Feb 10.30-12.30 or 2-4pm) – Imagine you are a child of the medieval fens, as described in the Wicket Chronicles. Explore the landscape, look for hidden Fen gold, and avoid the pitfalls of the old reed swamp; **Wild Geocache Trail** (Tues 22 Feb from 10.30) – a day of extra clues and caches to our normal geocache trail; **Wild Art** (Wed 23 Feb 10.30-12.30 or 2-4pm) – be inspired by, and use materials from nature to create some wild masterpieces; **Wild Cycle Treasure Trail** (Thursday 24 Feb, 10.30am or 2pm) – bring your bike, and follow clues on your mobile to guide you to the treasure. All half term events cost £4.50 per child.



Local basket maker Nadine Anderson will also be hosting a series of her popular **Willow Weaving Workshops** in March and early April. **Making Plant Supports** (Sat 19 Mar and Fri 25 10am or 2pm £28) a half day workshop to make traditional willow plant supports for your garden; **Willow Border Edges and Trellis Workshop** (Sat 26 Mar 10am-4pm £55) **Willow Birds** (Sat 2 April 10am-4pm £55) Create a natural bird sculpture for in or outdoors.

Other forthcoming events include; **Mucky Pups Springtime Art and Craft** (Wed 16 March 10.30 -12 noon £3.75) – a Spring trail and arts and crafts for pre-schoolers; **Spring Walk with the Warden** (Sun 20 Mar at 2pm £6.50 - includes tea and slice of cake). Advance booking is strongly recommended for all events – Tel 01353 720274.

Hope to see you at the fen soon!

Howard Cooper

Maasai Visit

The Maasai Warriors visited Swaffham Bulbeck C of E School on October 7th. Everyone in the school was asked to go to the school hall and we had a surprise when 8 Maasai Warriors came dancing into the hall to see us. They were wearing colourful clothing of red blankets and lots of jewellery and they danced for us. They can jump really high! Some of them also had stretched earlobes with lots of jewellery in their ears.

They talked to us about how they live in Kenya, in a village, with no cars and no electricity. They dance and sing, and play together so they don't get bored. The Maasai also told us how they have simple houses made of cow dung!

The Maasai keep cows and goats for food and to keep them safe they sometimes have to kill lions. They don't have taps for water so they have to walk 10 miles to get water from a watering hole. One of them made a noise like a leopard when it was eating which was very funny.

The warriors told us that children are very precious in their tribe, and they sung us a lullaby that they sing to their children.

They are like us because they like sports and one of the Maasai Warriors supports Manchester United like me!

Archie Fordham



The Winter Moth



The *Operophtera brumata* (Winter Moth) is a rather dull species, but it is one of just a small number of British moths that can be seen flying at this time of year. While most other butterflies and moths are overwintering in a dormant state these guys have a natural kind of antifreeze in their bodies which prevents them from seizing up when the temperature approaches zero. The males also vibrate their wings to help warm up before taking flight in search of food or the wingless female. The caterpillar is one of the first species to hatch in the early spring. Sometimes occurring in large numbers they can quickly defoliate small trees and shrubs, but being so reliably common does mean they are often the staple diet of young Blue Tits.

Alison Lewis

Having a Spring Clear out?

Please could we have your unwanted clothes, bed linen, shoes and bags? On behalf of Swaffham Prior School, I will pass them on to BAG 2 SCHOOL - a business which will sell the contents ethically and make only a small profit (www.bag2school.com). Swaffham Prior School receives money from BAG 2 SCHOOL for each bag of clothing it fills, and this is a great way to raise funds for the school.

Please let me know if you would like a bag to fill. These should be returned to me on Tuesday 1 February or before 9am on Wednesday 2 February so that I can take them to school for collection. Many thanks!

Helen Oliver, 22 Fair Green
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Meeting Mary Joyce Harrison

Q. How old are you?
A. Eighty years old. My birthday is December 13th. My middle name is Joyce, and my first name is Mary,

Q. How long have you lived in Reach?
A. I've lived in Reach all my life more or less. When I left school at 14 I left Reach for about four years. I lived in London for two years, and Kent for two years working as a mother's help.

Q. What work did you do?
A. I worked on the land, with potatoes, sugar beet and carrots. I hoed around the sugar beet and cropped.

Q. Who did you marry?
A. I married Eldred on October 28 1950. I was friendly with his sister first. He also worked on the land, and before that he was at the air force. We married in Reach church.

Q. How many children do have?
I have three boys (Nigel, David and Brian) and a girl (Sandra). I have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. The family now live in Reach, Burwell, Soham and Whittlesey.



Q. How has Reach changed?
A. The housing has changed a lot. The people have also changed; a lot worked in the village and now they work mostly outside. The pubs have gone; the Whitehorse and the Black Swan. And the Dykes End has changed hands. In the early days there were very few motor cars in Reach. Archie Housden in the manor had an Austin 7 and that was one of the first cars in Reach. The farming family, the Coles, had milking cows which used to go down to the meadow and they would be driven through the village. Reach Fair was just fairground amusements. There was a horse sale with the Fair, and there are still rings on the Village Centre wall where the horses were tied up.

Q. What schools did you go to?
A. I went to Reach school, now the Village Centre. It had two classrooms, an infants and a junior. And two teachers, Ruby Barton and Miss Hutt. The school closed in the *c*.1960s. After Reach I went to Burwell senior school.

Q. What was Reach like for bringing up children?
A. Like today, Reach was a good place for bringing up children. They enjoyed fishing in the lode at the end of the garden. They never fell into the lode, and we've only just fenced the lode to keep the swans out.



Sunday School Picnic at White Roses. *c*.1940
Joyce is in the foreground.

I've only lived in two houses. We moved into this house in 1950. Originally we moved into one house, but we bought the house next door and knocked it through.

We enjoyed caravan holidays on the north Norfolk coast at Heacham, Sheringham, Hunstanton etc.

When the lode froze in the past we would meet up at moonlight, and people would be on their bicycles.



Joyce on her wedding day.
Oct 28 1950.
St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity

Q. You've done a lot for the Village over time?
A. I've been on the Parish Council for more than 30 years. Before that I was on the Church Committee and was Treasurer.

Q. What hobbies do you have?
A. I knit a lot. I knit for Bonnie Babies, a charity for premature babies. I've knitted four blankets, hats, gloves and scarfs for charities.

Q. What is your advice for a long and happy life?
A. Take things as they come and enjoy them!

Claire Halpin-McDonald



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Women's Institute



Happy New Year from
Burwell Women's Institute!

The meeting on 27 January 2011 featured Malcolm Busby with 'Folk Tales of Cambridgeshire'.

On 24 February there will be a talk by 'Camsight ' .

The Annual General Meeting will be on 31 March.

There will be three Open Meetings this year where visitors will be welcomed free of charge. They will be on the 28 April, 30 June and 29 September. Why not make it a date?

All meetings are held in the Gardiner Memorial Hall at 7.15 for 7.30pm and visitors are most welcome. For further information please contact President Kay Tee (01638 743191).

Avis Brown

The Burwell Women's Institute meeting on the 25 November 2010 was well attended. We were entertained by Hilary Fielding, who sang seasonal songs and played the piano, at the same time encouraging us to join in with singing some of the songs. Hilary also recited some pieces of prose and poetry. The competition was for a hand-made Christmas card.

On 8 December 2010, members attended the Annual Christmas Dinner and enjoyed delicious food and a lovely evening together.

Zenida McDonald

Mothers' Union

The Burwell Mothers' Union Programme from January to March 2011 is as follows:

- 26 January, 2.30 pm, Guildhall, Burwell. Talk by Hazel Williams.
- 2 February, 7.30pm Prayers around St. Mary's Church, Burwell.
- 9 February, 10 am Mothers' Union Communion.
- 16 February, 2.30pm, Guildhall, Burwell The Lord's Prayer - Frances
- March (date to be confirmed) Women's Lent Breakfast.
- 23 March, 2.30pm, Guildhall, Burwell Craft with Cathy Ogilvie.

Please phone **Susan Baker** (01638 741791) for confirmation of dates and venues. Many thanks to Susan for providing the above details.

Advent Reflections was the theme of the Burwell Mothers' Union meeting at the Guildhall on 1 December at 7.30pm. We meditated on Advent, said prayers together, listened to several readings and also listened to beautiful songs and music on CDs. Five new members were admitted to the Burwell Mothers' Union by the Rev. David Bush, who presented them with their membership cards and Mothers' Union badges.

The Burwell Mothers' Union Christmas Party was on the 15 December at the Guildhall. We enjoyed taking part in seasonal games and enjoyed a wonderful buffet afterwards.

Many members attended the **Evening meal** on 5 January 2011. It was a lovely social occasion and we all enjoyed eating and chatting together, and it gave the members who do not usually attend both the evening and the afternoon meetings a chance to get to know other members.

Zenida McDonald





Football on New Year's Day 2011









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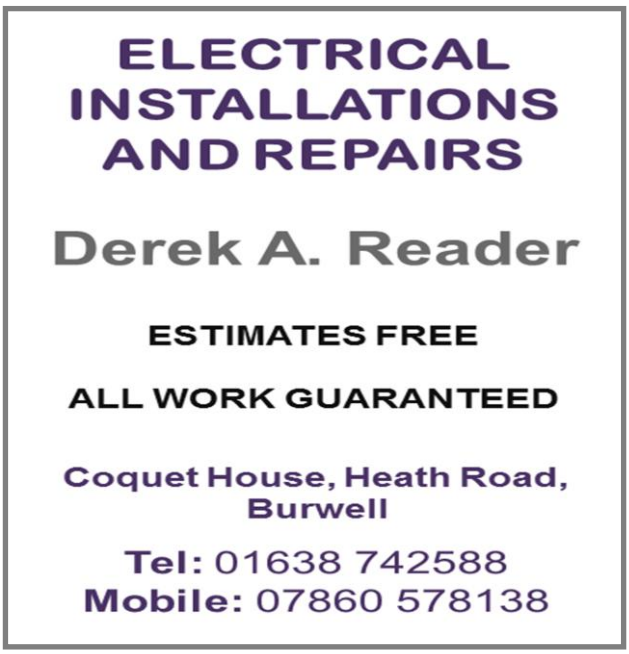

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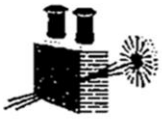

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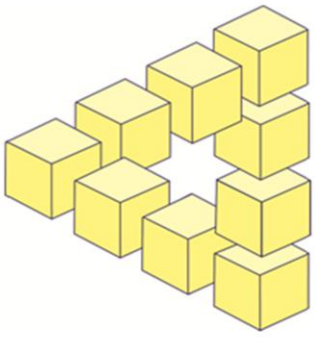

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Opening of Tennis Court
Sunday 5 December 2010

















Days Gone By

At this time in 1978 it was Kate Bush with Wuthering Heights who topped the charts and also in the "news" was Anna Ford (now 67), who became the first female newsreader to join Independent Television News.



But one of the biggest news items at this time was the Amoco Cadiz disaster – the world's worst oil tanker spill. Devastating scenes of marine life dying under a film of oil were broadcast around the world. The entire cargo of 1,619,048 barrels spilled into the sea creating a slick 18 miles wide and 80 miles long which polluted approximately 200 miles of the Brittany coastline.



The Amoco Cadiz finally split in two

To put it in perspective, US Government statistics show that the recent BP Gulf oil spill was only about twice this amount, at just short of three million barrels.

The other major event at this time, a little closer to home, was the flooding chaos across Norfolk. Hundreds of properties were flooded, Hunstanton pier was swept away in the furious sea, and hundreds of caravans at Snettisham and Hunstanton were overturned.

In Reach, well if you look at the Parish Council meeting minutes, nothing too exciting was happening with one of the meetings being summarised in just one page.
There obviously remained a seething resentment about the village's lowly position (last again it seems) in the Best Kept Village competition. District Councillor Margaret Cook offered council help including "the removal of derelict cars from gardens" – nice! Maybe like the English FA last year when they tried to win the right to stage the 2018 World Cup, we didn't realise what really was needed to be done to get the necessary votes . . . .

In my humble opinion, Reach is one of the most delightful villages in England and it doesn't need to enter competitions to prove the point.

And it only encourages visitors.



Anna Ford was regarded as ITN's answer to BBC presenter Angela Rippon

It was nice to see how residents dealt with irritations in those days and the following poem, printed in the magazine at the time, is a good example.

A COUNCIL HOUSE PROBLEM

The council houses we have been politely told
Outside are looking shabby and old
Our lawns and gardens we did tend with care
But a path across them has appeared from we don't know where

We put a hedge across the middle
But why it kept dying to us was no riddle
For people don't really care
They just trample on things and leave them there

We do not mind if you want to call but
PLEASE USE THE PATH -
DON'T JUMP THE WALL

This came from Jean Parker who lived then at 34 Swaffham Road – hopefully it did the trick.

The adverts in the magazine at the time were intriguing . . . .

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Copies of the Parish Council meetings' minutes and Out of Reach magazines of this period can be found on the village website at **www.reach-village.co.uk**.

David Parr

CROSSWORDS WINNERS

Congratulations to Pauline, at Centrepeace, who sent in the winning entry to Zenida's Crossword No.4. A £5 book token has been sent to her. Zenida was so impressed with young Dylan Steed's entry that she has awarded him a special 'runner's up' prize of a £5 book token. Well done, Dylan!

SOLUTION TO ZENIDA'S CROSSWORD NO.4

ACROSS: 1. CHRISTMAS. 5. TINSEL. 9. ROBIN.
11. SNOWMAN. 14. YULE. 15. GLITTER.
17. ACT. 18. BAUBLE. 19. GOLD. 20. TURKEY.
25. FIR. 26. MISTLETOE. 27. SIR. 28. DOZEN.
29. PANTOMIME. 32. GIFTS. 35. RURAL.
36. RUDOLPH. 38. YES. 39. HOLLY.
40. FRANKINCENSE. 41. WISH.

DOWN: 1. CAROLS. 2 RIB. 3. SUN.
4. STOCKING. 6. INN. 7. SLEET. 8. ADVENT.
10. IVY. 11. SHEPHERDS. 12. MAGI.
13. CRACKERS. 16. BRAZIL. 21. YEAR.
22 REINDEER. 23. CHESTNUTS. 24. STEALTHY.
26. MANGER. 30. MYRRH. 31. MARBLES.
33. SALT. 34. AROMA. 37. DAWN.

Grumpy Old Man Joke . . . .

One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill and the barber replied "I cannot accept money from you - I'm doing community service this week".

The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a "thank you" card and a bunch of fresh flowers waiting for him at his door.

Later, a baker came in for a haircut and when he tried to pay his bill, the barber again replied, "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week".

The baker was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, he found a "thank you" card and a bag of doughnuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day an MP came in for a haircut and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied "I cannot accept money from you - I'm doing community service this week.'

The MP was very happy and left the shop.

The next morning, when the barber went to open up, he found a long queue of MP's outside.

All of which illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

Politicians are like nappies, they both need to be changed frequently - and for the same reason.

Anon



Little Windmills

Little Windmills has had a very exciting half term with lots of Christmas craft and cooking activities including making a Christmas wreath, glitter domes and delicious mince pies. Father Christmas managed his visit to us from Lapland – you may have seen his sleigh and reindeers on the green! We would all like to thank him for coming and putting a smile on all our faces this Christmas.



O ur ce en enjoyed dressing up as characters from the nativity story and acting out the Christmas story with a few variations!



The Christmas party which followed went with a swing with lots of goodies to eat. Thank you to all the parents for their help and support. A big thank you to all the parents who contributed to our Christmas hamper raffle which raised £180. The hamper was won by Nicola Yorke (Sophie's mum). Staff would also like to thank parents for their kind Christmas gifts to us. These will be enjoyed by all the staff at Little Windmills in the coming weeks.

Our visit to Snakehall Farm had to be postponed due to the ground being frozen but this will take place as soon as the weather improves. This term we will be looking at weather based activities, Noah's ark and how the Chinese celebrate the new year. Finally we would like to thank our parents and committee members for their support throughout the year

If you would like to know more about our Pre-school, please visit our website on: www.littlewindmills.co.uk or ring 07803 671200 during our session times to check availability.

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Staff





Swaffham Prior Primary School

Happy New Year to you all!

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and that 2011 has started well for you.

2010 was a good year for the school when we were able to celebrate excellent progress and achievement throughout the school as well as providing the children with a whole host of new and exciting learning experiences.

As we look forward to 2011 we are very excited about the imminent delivery and installation of our new outdoor classroom. We are very lucky to have an extremely active and supportive Parents – School group called FoSPS (Friends of Swaffham Prior School), who raise tremendous amounts of money for the school. A couple of years ago they paid for our new swimming pool, have bought us extra books, digital cameras, classroom equipment, laptops …….the list goes on. And now they have purchased this fantastic outdoor classroom which is a real luxury for us as we would never have been able to afford one from our normal budget. One of our main aims this year is to develop and extend our use of our outdoor environment – both within the school grounds and further into our village. We are so lucky to be situated in such a beautiful place.



Christmas Fair

Each term we organise and run out-of-school clubs for the children. We are lucky to have staff and parents who are willing to give their time to do this either during lunchtimes or after school. We also have two external providers who come in and run sports and drama clubs for which there is a small cost to the children. One club that we are hoping to run this year is a knitting club for our older pupils. If anyone has any spare, unwanted wool and knitting needles that they can donate to school then we would be very grateful. Please send these in to our school office. Thank you.

www.swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk.



Results of Survey

The Results of the Survey re. Classes in Reach are as follows:

Class	No. of Replies
Dance: Salsa/ballroom	2
Embroidery	1
Garden design/floristry	2
IT	2
Jewellery making	1
Language	2
Painting/drawing	2
Pottery	2
Quilting	1
Scrap booking	1
Sewing	4
Yoga	1

Would you like to be part of a sewing group?
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one of the above classes?

Contact Jo Riches (01638 743089; Jo@joriches.com)

Kids' Page



Susie Tucker

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Find these winter words:

COLD	SOUP	COAT	ICE	BLANKETS
BOOTS	MISTY	JUMPER	FLEECE	NEW YEAR
WARM	WOOLLY	RAIN	FREEZING	HYPOTHERMIA
DARK	DRIZZLE	HOT CHOCOLATE	SNOW	SCARF
SNOWBALL	FROST	HAT	COSY	INSIDE
GLOVES	WINTER			



For my Birthday party i had Veptiles. Ther were Lizards and a Slimy Frog but my mams favarate was Beatice the tortoise but my favarate was the baby Lizards and thay were so cute the most hideous was the cockroach and the Funngesit was the Lizard 'cos it Looked Like it had towe heads but one was the tale and one was the head I hated the Slimmyess which was the CFrog).





Rita's Recipe

Danish Savoury Pork Chops



Rita Dunnett

Ingredients

6 Lean pork chops
½ Pint boiling water
2 Chopped onions
2 Tblesp flour
1½ Teasp paprika
2 Tblesp of tomato ketchup
Cream
4 Slices of bacon
1 Stock cube
8oz Mushrooms
Salt & pepper
A little oil for frying

Method

Season the chops and fry until golden brown on both sides using just enough oil to prevent them from sticking to the pan. Transfer the chops to a shallow baking dish.

Put the stock cube and water into a jug and stir until dissolved.

Slice the mushrooms and spread over the chops.

Cut the bacon into small pieces and fry together with the chopped onions for about 10 mins. Sprinkle with the paprika and flour. Gradually add the stock and cream, stirring until smooth and simmer for 5 mins. Stir in the ketchup and season to taste (the sauce should be rich and spicy).

Pour over the chops and mushrooms. Cook for 30 mins in a moderate oven.

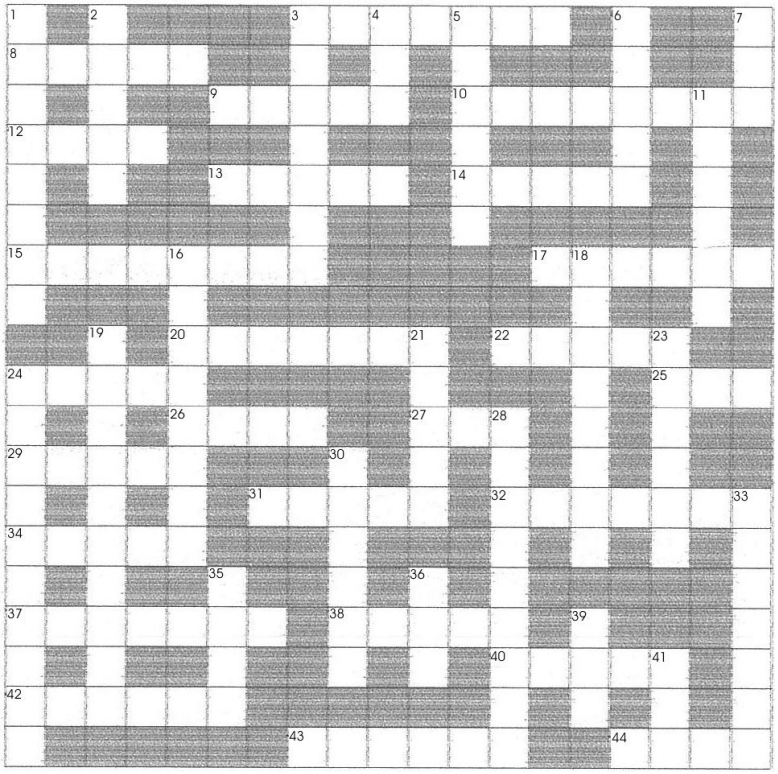
I serve this dish with boiled rice and a green salad however you could serve with mashed potatoes and vegetables. The choice is yours!

Note

I would like to hear from you if you have enjoyed using any of my recipes. Please email your comments (rita@rlc-reach.demon.co.uk). Perhaps you have a favourite recipe you would like to tell us about. I look forward to hearing from you.

Rita

Zenida's Crossword Number 5



A £5 Book Token will be awarded for the first correct entry opened.

Please send your entry by Friday 7th March 2011 to **Zenida's Crossword No.5**, North View House, 16 Chapel Lane, Reach, CB25 OJJ. Giving your

Name: _____

Address:

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_____

Tel: _____

ACROSS

3 An old name for God (7)
8 Worn with sackcloth on Ash Wednesday? (5)
9 Female relative (5)
10 Rose-bay or rose-laurel (8)
12 A hollow in a rock (4)
13 Good with marmalade (5)
14 More than (5)
15 The twelfth day after Christmas (8)
17 Slow, steady runner (6)
20 Coarse fabric (6)
22 Irritate (5)
24 Command (5)
25 Tree (3)
26 Mountain goat (4)
27 Colour (3)
29 (Scots.) Estate landowner (5)
31 Type of knot (5)
32 Openness, frankness (7)
34 Useful for carrying tea-things (5)
37 Invaders (7)
38 Private tutor (5)
40 Bluish-green (5)
42 Bicycle for two (6)
43 Hold back, keep (6)
44 The White rabbit was not early, he was ---- (4)

DOWN

1 Made on Shrove Tuesday (8)
2 Herb of onion family (5)
3 First month of the year (7)
4 Make this while the sun shines (3)
5 Bluish-purple flower (6)
6 It eats bamboo (5)
7 A paddle (3)
11 After Lent we celebrate ------ (6)
16 Islands off W. coast of Scotland (8)
18 Decoration (8)
19 Veneration (10)
21 Beware the mad ----- hare (5)
23 A colour (6)
24 Destroy (10)
28 Two day contest of ten events (9)
30 Ornamental plaster (6)
33 A show prize award (7)
35 Small tot of whisky (4)
36 It flies at night (3)
39 First woman? (3)
41 The Mad Hatter had a --- party (3)

The winners and the answers to the previous crossword can be found on **page 26**

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TRAMPOLINE CLUB

The Village Centre has been offered the donation of a trampoline. This presents the opportunity of starting a Trampoline Club for children and young people.

Are you are interested in such a club? Do you know anyone who could teach or supervise the children and young people?

Please contact
Andrew Towers 742484

Football Report



No cricket to report this month, just an unruly game of football on New Year's Day. I am sure that it was a similar match that inspired Edward II to issue his famous proclamation banning the sport in April 1314.

I would like to think it began as a kickabout with an inflated pig's bladder between the village butcher and his boy, which then span out of control as farmhands, quarrymen and sailors joined in, filling the streets with mayhem, overturning haycarts and upending finely-clad gentlemen who were too prudish to join in. Given that we don't have a village butcher any more keen-eyed readers might just be able to spot the error in this description, but it isn't far off. One who was nearly upended was the photographer from Within Reach, as she ventured a little too close to the touchline.

It would have been nice to have played a game of East Reach against West Reach, but unfortunately the relative lack of footballers from east of the village green made this impractical. Instead, villagers were divided – a bit like the Premiership -- into a red team and a blue team each made up of footloose mercenaries. I'm slightly hampered in that I can't quite remember who was on each team -- only that the colour of a player's shirt was only a rough guide to his loyalties. But I vaguely remember an awful lot of goals being scored by the Knight brothers, Ben and Dan, as they hung around by the red goalmouth, and some energetic play from Joe Acklam encrusted in mud. Bryan Pearson, the ref-cum-goalie at the other end, put in a series of spectacular saves. He felt so guilty about his performance that he kept on adding on extra minutes to allow the red team to catch up. But they didn't, and it ended in an emphatic victory for the Blues. Perhaps we should give them a chance to get their own back in a replay on Good Friday.

Ross Clark
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Sports News

Juliet Vickery



A few weeks ago, I was puffing my way up a hill out of Saffron Walden on my bike trying to hang on to a group of riders effortless spinning up the incline ahead.

Realising the 16 year old boy (!) at my side was hardly breaking a sweat I resorted to the usual triathlete excuse which is to claim that the current discipline (in this case cycling) was my weakest and one of the others (in this case running) the strongest. His response to this was the observation that 'Reach seems to specialise in producing good runners'. An observation, I hasten to add, based on encounters with, or knowledge of, Theo Clark and Charlotte Gillard (both long time winners of the Reach junior marathon) and more recently Ben Snaith. Prompted by this conversation this 'Within Reach' sports round up starts 2011 by 'hitting the ground running'

First, for a village of so few residents it's pretty amazing that at least four boys qualified for the district schools cross country championships in early January. A gruelling slog over the muddy terrain at Royston Heath – Ben Snaith, Theo Clark, Daniel Blocksage and Daniel Knight. Illness and mock GCSEs prevented some of them making the start line but they all did really well to make the grade in the first place. As a foot note to this, Charlotte Gillard (ex Reach resident) was 2nd under 15 girl in the county cross country a few days earlier.

Second, in the last couple of months Reach residents have tackled 400m sprints on the track, 40 fenland miles (as a team) and running at 40 years young!

One to watch over 400m!

Among those featured in the first Within Reach sports section was Ben Snaith and a quick review of some of his achievements since then makes for impressive reading. Over the year he showed great racing versatility, representing the county over cross-country distances down to 100m sprints and amassing quite an accumulation of titles on the way. He added the U15 800m County Schools Championship to his AA title, won the Anglian Schools 800m and the Eastern AA 400m and finished 4th in the National AA U15 400m Championships. This year Ben is concentrating on his favoured 400m. He has moved up an age group so the competition this year will be tougher but with the indoor season already in full swing things have got off to a good start. Last week he finished 4th in the indoor U17 400m Southern Championships and has qualified for next months National finals. He is currently ranked 4 in the UK with a 2011 goal of running 400m in under 50 seconds!!



Fast at Forty ….. The Grunty Fen Half-Marathon

Andy Mitchell, Age 40

Back on a sunny but blustery day in September, Ewan Cameron and I made our way up to Witchford for the Grunty Fen Half Marathon. We were both "between injuries" and training had gone fairly well so personal bests were not out of the question. As an added incentive, the advancing years push us into the "Veteran" category for our next races so this was our last chance to put in our best times as "Men".

The wind dropped a little at the start of the race and at the half-way mark (just over 6.5 miles) our race strategies were going to plan. A gale whipped up as the runners entered a relentless, dead straight 3 mile stretch directly into a headwind, then weaved back though the village to the finish line. Ewan smashed his PB (personal best) to finish in 1hr 36:16 and I took a couple of minutes off mine, finishing in 1hr 34:02.



Next race for Ewan is the St Neots Half Marathon in November, then we're both taking part in the Ely New Year's Eve 10k. It's rumoured that international triathlon star Juliet will run too so our finishing times will be put sharply in perspective!

Ewan Cameron, Age 40

Despite the flattering (if inaccurate) trailer above by Andy, I failed to make it to the start line for the Ely 10k – having asked a bit too much of my achilles a few weeks before by competing in the Hereward Relay (see below). Andy was also sadly 'injured out' too but Ewan has been clocking up the PBs! As he reports below.

Lining up for the start of the St Neot's riverside marathon on 21st November, I was struck by the number of people in vests and athletics shorts. Had no-one mentioned to the club runners how cold it was? I was freezing and only my face was uncovered. Training had been interrupted by a minor hamstring injury but I was feeling pretty good. Aiming to trim a little off my new PB and now officially a veteran, I set off at pace. The course was a little undulating but, although a lot of runners complained about the head wind, the last few miles were at least gently downhill. I finished in 1hr 32:41 having knocked another 3.5 minutes off my PB.

Next came the Ely 10K on New Year's Eve. Andy had been struck down by flu, so I lined up alone. Little Downham, like Witchford, is very flat and, although cold again, the wind was fortunately light. Determined to continue my progress of 2010, I set off flat out and, despite a terrible last 3K, managed to hold on for another PB (41:52). 7.5 minutes off my half marathon PB and nearly 2 minutes off for 10K. Perhaps life does begin at 40!



Ewan Cameron

Four Women and Forty Freezing Miles

Juliet Vickery

Most running races are a pretty solitary affair but the Hereward Relay is a great chance to team up for a 40 mile run from Peterborough to Ely. The first runner starts at Peterborough Cathedral, the second at Whittlesey, runner 3 at March and runner 4 at Welney with each stage covering a mix of roads, bridleways, fields and tracks. A total of 103 teams took on the challenge this this year (some ultra runners even did the whole thing solo). I was on the last leg and by the time I 'took the baton' my fabulous team mates had got us into the first place with 10.5 frozen miles to go. At least the sub-zero temperatures meant the farm tracks were frozen tractor ruts rather than fenland mud designed to cling to running shoes. It was a pretty bleak run though, by now the teams were well strung out and, apart from a few men in the distance, I was on my own with my



fens between March & Welney – I think!

final destination - Ely Cathedral - seemingly forever away. Big relief to reach the finish in Ely City Football grounds (69 mins and 57 secs for the record) without being passed by another ladies team. Even better, we claimed the women's course record (4 hrs 19 mins compared with the previous fastest time in 2003 of 4hrs 37mins) and each won our stage. Just goes to show I know how to pick my team mates!



Me and my Cambridge triathlon club team mates enjoying the December early morning sunshine in Peterborough

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2011

Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Not Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Part-time

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were none.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were reviewed and signed.

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No payments were made and no applications received since the last meeting.

4 (2) County Council Report

Budgets and the Government announcement on the comprehensive spending review set the scene for much of my activity at the County Council in December, including two informal meetings of the Cabinet and a Member Briefing on the budget headline figures. The CSR and grant settlement for Cambridgeshire mean that the County Council is faced with making savings of £160 million over the next five years. Because of the Government's front-loading of savings to try to tackle the national debt we are faced with making savings of £50 million in 2011/12. The scale of the required savings is bound to have implications for employment and it is likely that around 450 posts will be lost in the County in the coming year. Further details on proposed savings will be known shortly.

Another "hot" topic, in light of the weather has been gritting. Cllr Mac McGuire, as portfolio holder for highways and

access has written to all parishes explaining the latest position regarding salt stocks and gritting schedules. Whilst it has been a difficult start to the winter season, I believe the gritting teams have worked incredibly hard.

The Guided Busway situation continues to cause exasperation in Cabinet. Trials have taken place on the busway and it is looking increasingly likely that Bam Nuttall will fail to remedy the faults in an acceptable time-frame. If this is the case CCC will have little option but to appoint a different contractor to complete the work and charge Bam Nuttall.

County Council met in December. In addition to the above topics, there was a lengthy debate on a motion claiming that the County Council is not doing enough to combat climate change. Probably unsurprisingly, in view of the subject matter, the debate quickly became polarised and the motion was eventually voted down in favour of an amendment calling on continued action in this area.

The Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee met. The committee held a lengthy discussion regarding Rural Crime. It was agreed to set up a meeting of County and District Councillors and Cambridgeshire constabulary to discuss the best way to scrutinise rural crime. The other major subject discussed was the report of the member-led review into the Integrated Offender Management programme.

On a more social note I also had the pleasure of attending the Cambridgeshire Schools Carol Concert at Kings College.

4 (3) District Council Report

For 2011/12 the Council's RSG is to be set at £5.6M, falling to £4.9M in 2012/13. Work continues to identify every opportunity to save money.

Residents are encouraged to use local shops as much as possible otherwise they may be forced to close.

A recent survey carried out by ECDC has revealed that one in five homes in the district has significant safety problems. There is a Home Safety checklist on the ECDC website which helps residents assess their own properties. For further information, please contact Julia Atkins in the Environmental Services Domestic Team.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially sound situation and should finish the year with reserves of over £5M, an increase of around £1,800. Our insurance period has been changed to match our financial year, resulting in a rebate for this financial year of over £120.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

Councillor Clark attended the last meeting which took place in Burwell on the 4th January 2011. Various items were discussed including that of fly-tipping. A further item was the consultation documentation setting out proposals for Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust to become an NHS Foundation Trust. The Trust wants to adopt a policy of delivering services more locally in the future. The public has been invited to take part in a consultation. Further information on this topic can be obtained from their website www.cambridgecommunityservices.nhs.uk – the consultation closes on the 30th March 2011.

4 (6) Parish Council Members

No meetings attended.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

There was nothing to report.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

A list of Public Footpath signs has been communicated to the County Council for action on their part. A list of landowners has been produced and **the Clerk** was asked to write to each of them, reminding them of their responsibility to keep hedges under control. As regards the repairing of byways, **the Clerk** was asked to remind the County Council of their responsibilities in this area.

The Parish Council also agreed to continue in the P3 scheme for the forthcoming year. **The Clerk** will communicate this to the County Council and complete the necessary forms.

4 (9) Speedwatch

There was no activity in the preceding month.

4 (10) Village Centre Committee Report

No report provided since there was no meeting in December 2010.

5. Cemetery Rainwater Collection

The Clerk reported that significant hedge cutting was required to provide access to the shelter for guttering to be put up. **The Clerk** will ask get a quotation for this work to be carried out and report back at the next meeting.

6. Environment Agency Meeting

The Parish Council has been contacted by the Environment Agency who have some tree and bushing works to carry out on the left bank facing away from the village and the sewage works looking down the river. The works are to bring the flood bank back into a condition that will protect the area. **The Clerk** will arrange a meeting with the Environment Agency and councillors to review the proposed work.

7. Land Availability – 24 acres on the Burwell Road

At a recent meeting, the three main areas of community involvement (1) orchard, (2) horse ménage and (3) cricket/football pitches were reviewed with the National Trust. In addition, the possibility of horticulture therapy will be considered. The National Trust continues to seek funding for this venture and expects a response from one possible donor in February.

8. Noticeboards on the Bus Shelters

It had been agreed that instead of notices being posted on the exterior of the bus shelters, a board should be placed at the interior back of the shelters. This work has now been completed. It was decided to refurbish the two bus shelters (hammering in all nails and adding wood preserver). **Councillor Platt** will acquire the necessary wood preserver and together with **Councillor Fielding** be responsible for getting the necessary work carried out on the Ditchfield shelter. The Parish Council will seek volunteers to carry out the work on the Fair Green shelter.

9. Planning Applications

The status of 0/00871/LBC (Manor House) was discussed. Further plans have been submitted and when these are received **the Clerk** will call a special Parish Council meeting to discuss them.

10. Information Items

A letter to a resident regarding their use of land adjacent to their property has been sent – this issue is now closed

Tender documents regarding the future mowing contract for the cemetery have been sent out to five potential suppliers. Responses will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

13. Payments

100947	D M Parr	Clerk's Pay Q4 2010	£589.00
100949	D M Parr	Clerk's Expenses	£66.12

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd February 2011 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: **Date:**

Letter from the Parish Church

"Unnoticed I hurriedly slip through the door
Out to the garden to my favourite spot
Fleeing the clamour of the counterfeit Christmas,
To savour the silver silence of stars.

If I stay out and wait just long enough,
Despising chill winds, the sharp frosty air
I may quieten down and tune my mind
To a far distant sound—yes, the angel's song.

Verses by Kathleen Davey of Corrymeela, who died a year ago.

It was just after Christmas Day that I stock-took. Is there such a word? If not, there should be. Our Concise Oxford Dictionary says "No" whereas the Scrabble Dictionary says "Yes". Anyhow I looked back …….. and I looked forward. 2010 was all but over and there were many things to be regretted and so much seems to have been broken…glad to say goodbye to them, not least the weather and the election and a broken arm. 2011 was about to arrive ….dare we hope that Longfellow got it right in his poem "Christmas Bells" ? Here is his final verse :

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
'God is not dead; nor doth he sleep!
The Wrong shall fail,
The Right prevail,
With peace on earth, good-will to men!"

There's Hope for us…. and Faith….and it's Love we need to right the many wrongs we see around us. February starts with abundant Hope as we celebrate Candlemass on the 2nd …. Candlemass being the reminder of when Jesus Christ was taken by his parents into the Temple and there presented to the community. The Hope comes in St Paul's words "Christ is our Peace, who has broken down the wall of hatred between us".

Righting the wrongs in Longfellow's poem won't just happen, and history shows us that it's not safe to leave it to the politicians. They often seem to make things worse.

Each one of us has a responsibility towards righting the wrongs, but society appears more concerned with its perceived rights than with its responsibilities. Archbishop Rowan Williams was right in his Christmas sermon that the richest among us must do more to help the poorest and he was referring to monetary riches. But equally we are ALL rich in talents and abilities with which to help those less endowed. The expression we knew from the media years ago, "Blow you, Jack, I'm all right" is still far too prevalent. There's always someone, a neighbour, some particular charity, or perhaps the "Big Issue" seller on the street, whom we can help in some way, and who's been left behind in the mad clamour of " must have more".

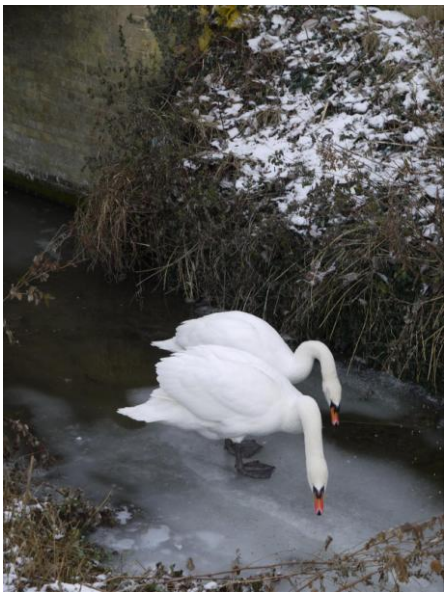
But a lot is due to happen this year to which we look forward with joy. Later this month Stephen Earl is taking some of us back to the Holyland where first was heard that Angel's Song …come back safely!.

Our future King William will marry Kate, the girl he loves.

And here in our Parish we will be welcoming, in April, our new Vicar, Dr Eleanor Williams. I know from our own experience what a daunting prospect that is for any person, but equally I know that we will all be surrounding her and her family with love and understanding and our prayers. Roll on April.

With every blessing on you all,

David Bush



Registers

From the Registers
November & December 2010 & January 2011

Wedding
December: Nathan Bridgeman and Natasha Verney

In Memoriam
Evelina Badcock, memorial service and interment of ashes

Church News

New Vicar Appointed



By now everyone will have heard the good news that The Bishop of Huntingdon has appointed the Reverend Dr Eleanor Williams as vicar of Burwell with Reach.

Eleanor is currently serving her curacy at All Saints church Milton and we hope that she will take up her post in April. More details about her installation service will be given in the next issue of *Within Reach*. At the time of writing, the sale of the old Vicarage and the purchase of a new Vicarage are also progressing well and we hope that everything will be ready for Eleanor to move in with her husband and two teenage sons in the spring.



Dr Eleanor Williams

Traditional Evensong

Several people in Reach have commented that they like traditional services and particularly evensong and so, on Sunday March 6th at 6.00pm there will be sung evensong at St Etheldreda's church. Please do come and join in this beautiful service. If it's successful, it might become a regular feature.

CentrePeace@Reach

Although customer numbers have fallen – not surprisingly – during the cold, dark, wet days of winter, CentrePeace is still coming to Reach once a month, so do come along if you can. From February we will be changing to the **second Wednesday** of the month, to avoid clashing with Mothers' Union as several people like to attend both. The dates are:

February 9th
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
June 8th
July 13th
August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
December 14th

As an added incentive to visit, CentrePeace will be holding its **Annual Book Sale** from Saturday 5th Feb till Saturday 19th Feb, including Feb 9th at Reach. There will be bargains of all kinds of books.

- **4 paperback novels for £1** - so stock up on your favourite authors!
- **All non- fiction books 50p** – so why not learn a new skill, try new recipes or get ideas for your garden. Biographies and travel books also included
- **Children's Books from only 5p**

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates:

Wed 9 February 2 – 4pm

Wed 9 March 2 – 4 pm

Pat Chalmers

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

Services at Burwell and Reach





Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday **Feb 6** Epiphany 5	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 9.25am **Junior Church** 9.30am **Family Service** 6.30pm **Sunday Serenity Healing Service**	
Sunday **Feb 13** Epiphany 6	9.25am **Junior Church** 9.30am **Parish Communion** 7.30pm **Pray for Schools** at St Andrews C of E School in Soham	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 7pm **Sunday @ 7 informal contemporary workshop** – speaker Michael Beckett
Sunday **Feb 20** Epiphany 7	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 9.30am **Parish Communion** with Mothers' Union enrolment	
Sunday **Feb 27** Epiphany 8	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 9.30am **Parish Communion**	
Sunday **Mar 6** Sunday next before Lent	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 9.25am **Junior Church** 9.30am **Parish Communion**	6pm **Evensong**
Sunday **Mar 13** Lent 1	9.25am **Junior Church** 9.30am **Parish Communion**	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 7pm **Sunday @ 7 informal contemporary workshop**
Sunday **Mar 20** Lent 2	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 9.25am **Junior Church** 9.30am **Parish Communion**	
Sunday **Mar 27** Lent 3	8am **Holy Communion** (said) 9.30am **Parish Communion**	

Bus Timetable

BUS SERVICE

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

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

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

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

Newmarket - Burwell - Reach - Bottisham - Cambridge															
Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	M-F	**M-F**	**Sat**	**M-F**	**Sat**										
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0704	0719	0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1424	1514	1614	1714
Burwell (Toyse Lane)	0630	0700	0715	0730	0745	0840	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1450	1540	1640	1740
Reach	0638	0708	0723			0848		1048		1248		1458	1548	1648	1748
Swaffham Prior	0644	0714	0729	0741	0756	0854	0951	1054	1151	1254	1351	1504	1554	1654	1754
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0727	0807	0812	0837	0842	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1547	1637	1737	1837

Cambridge - Bottisham - Reach - Burwell - Newmarket															
Service No:	10	10A	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	M-F										**M-F**	**Sat**	**M-F**	**Sat**	
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0655	0755	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1635	1645	1735	1745	1845
Swaffham Prior	0729	0829	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1722	1722	1819	1819	1919
Reach	0732	1832		1002		1202		1402		1602			1822	1822	1922
Burwell (Toyse Lane)	0742	0842	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1732	1732	1832	1832	1932
Newmarket (Guineas Station)	0810	0910	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1800	1800			

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

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY	Event	Location	Time
Tues 1	BAG 2 SCHOOL	22 Fair Green	
Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 3	Recycling Day		
Fri 4	Comedy Night	Bottisham Village College	7.30pm
Sat 5	St Mary's Church Concert	Swaffham Bulbeck	7.30pm
Wed 9	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00 - 4.00pm
Sat 12	Let's Dance	Bottisham Village College	7.30 - 10.30pm
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm
Tues 15	Author Colin Thubron	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wed 16	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 17	Recycling Day		
Wed 23	Author Jasper Fforde	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Sun 27	Pub Quiz	Dyke's End	7.30pm
MARCH			
Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 2	Author John Gray	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Thurs 3	Recycling Day		
Mon 7	Author Joanna Trollope	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Tues 8	Pancakes	Village Centre	5.30 - 7.00 pm
Wed 9	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Wed 9	Author John D Burrow	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Sat 12	Weekend Workshops	Bottisham Village Centre	
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.15pm
Tues 15	Author Jane Brown	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wed 16	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 17	Recycling Day		
Thurs 17	Author Mary Chamberlain	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.15pm for 7.30pm
Sun 27	Pub Quiz	Dyke's End	7.30pm
Thurs 31	Recycling Day		

Wednesdays 7.30pm onwards **Bellringing at Swaffham Bulbeck**.- new recruits will be welcome

The **Mobile Library** will now visit Reach on the third Tuesday of the month only

Pilates. For the first half term (4 Jan - 15 Feb) there is just one class - Tuesdays, 7.15pm in the Village Centre. Please bring a Swiss ball if you have one (if not you there are a few spare and you are welcome to borrow one). After half term (Tuesday 1 March - Tuesday 5 April) there may be an additional class at 8.15 (depending on demand). If you would like more information about the class contact call Ros Mulvany on 01353 720094 or Helen Oliver on 742484/(helenoliver01@btinternet.com)

Contact Information

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	Chairman	Ross Clark	743725
	Vice Chairman	Michael Aves	742800
	Councillor	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Councillor	Angela King	742266
	Councillor	Helen Platt	742331
	Clerk	David Parr	744081
	Play Spaces Officer	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Rights of Way Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
	County Councillor	David Brown	743283
	District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
Village Centre			
	Chairman	Andrew Towers	742484
	Finance	Grahame Radford	742814
	Bookings	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Amenity Fund Committee			
	Chairman	Ross Clark	743725
	Committee Member	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Committee Member	John Holmwood	742969
	Committee Member	Claire Halpin-McDonald	743330
	Committee Member	Andrew Towers	742484
Church			
	Hon Assistant Priest	Reverend David Bush	741839
	Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Pat Chalmers	742006
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency)		999
	Police (Non-emergency)		0345 456 4564
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		741234
	Community Nurses		742382
	Doctors	Dr Anne Schneerson, Dr Andrew Wills, Dr Alex Manning, Dr Anthony Parry, Dr Maureen Birch	
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am - 8.00pm, Tues - Fri 8.30am - 6.00pm	







Alice Trump (right) Narrator



Robert Tucker (left) Elf Leader of the Swinging Santas

Swaffham Prior School

Christmas Performance 2010



Henry Aspin as Joseph



Imogen Trump (rear, in pink) Pantomine Baddie









