Within Reach



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Reach Village Centre AGM

8pm Wednesday
19th September 2018



From the Editor



We've had our highs and we've had our highs, but now is the time to pass on the Editor's baton / mouse. The mag has been huge fun but it's like Agatha Christie's `Mouse Trap' which has run for XX years, there has to be some re-charging of the batteries. John Holmwood once said (I think it was at an Amenity Fund meeting), that if there's a vacancy within the village someone will always come forward and so the gap is filled, and the village good life continues. And I agree. But don't take this spontaneous combustion for granted – at present the mag needs a new editor/s – the role may be shared so do contact myself or David Parr to express your interest, and preferably ardent commitment.

I hope I have always acknowledged the contributors to the magazine – their articles are always exceptional and represent the core of the magazine. Just a nudge before the Copy Date and I receive their text and photos, word perfect and extraordinary in their content and breadth of knowledge. And this you know. I am also grateful to the distributors.

Not only is the magazine wholly self-funding but through its revenue from the adverts it has also made purchases for the benefit of the village, such as a heritage street light, the Christmas tree on Fair Green each year, and the replacement chestnut tree on the Green. David Parr has contributed much to the village and generating and managing the `revenue stream' from the mag adverts is `just another thing' he achieves.

It's taken the milestone of the 50th issue for the magazine to catch a scoop but we have an `exclusive' interview with Ben Knight, and great news.

David McMillan is a man of optimism regarding the magazine's future as we present his first article `of a series'. His subject is IT advice – if only I had known, hours of punching every button might have been saved.

The Diary Dates look a bit thin for August; it seems that all that we've got to look forward to is putting out the bins. Only joking. Happy summer hols, and if you are uncertain what to do read Tash's Family Focus for some great ideas.

The first editorial of 2010 talked about the ambition of the magazine to encompass all of Reach village life, and I hope that you will agree that this has been achieved. For this 50th Edition we have the Flyer of All Flyers which aims to reflect the previous issues over the last eight years. The magazine is in effect a social history of the village and a copy of each issue is posted to the Local Studies Library in Cambridge.

When the first new issue of the magazine came out in 2010 I heard the comment, `You'll never keep that up!' referring to the content and quality of the magazine. Well we did, and long may it continue with a new editorial team in place.

Best wishes
Claire Halpin-McDonald

Front Cover: Fran Acklam and her husband, Arjune following a swagatam or welcome to Arjune's family in Reach Wood.
Sports Day Photographs: Tim Quilter
Landscape Photographs: Rosanna Gore Moseley

About the Magazine

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

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

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Snakehall Farm	Maz Baker
Swaffham Prior School	
Thought for the Day	Krysia Newman
Wicken Fen	Julie Hammond
Wildlife	Joss Goodchild

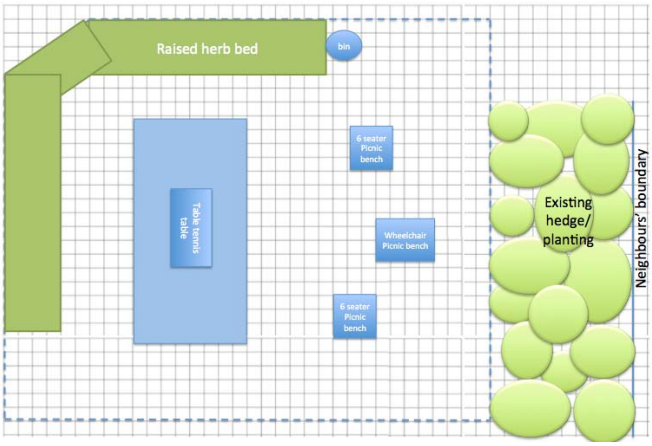
Out with the Old – In with the New

Once again there is activity over on Reach playing fields - the old playground was closed at the end of June in preparation for the renovation works, which began on the 9th July. Phase one of the project is underway as I write - removing the old equipment, fencing and surfacing of the old playground. The contractors have been excellent and are keen to minimise the inevitable noise and disruption as this part of the work is completed. The ground is to be levelled and either seeded or turfed, depending on weather conditions.



Plans for phase two are developing nicely. Working with the gardening team at Prospect's Trust, we hope to build a raised bed along the outside edge of the old playground area, maintaining the restricted access on to the field. We are looking at some seating and a step up on this raised bed so that the pre-school children at Fair Green Montessori can use the bed to grow their own plants. The planting would be a combination of plants to encourage native wildlife, and herbs which could be tended by and used by residents. Anyone with a keen interest in gardening who would like to be involved, please do get in touch.





Inside the area created by this raised bed, we plan to install three picnic tables, one with extended ends for wheelchair use, and a concrete table tennis table. As the plans are coming together, we are sorting out the applications for various small grants to fund this part of the project – hopefully there will be good news by the next issue of the magazine!









Thank you to everyone who has been in contact to share their ideas for the development of the area. We are keen to capture as many people's views as possible – so please do let us know your thoughts!

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Ben Knight Joins Manchester City Youth Team



My name is Ben Leo Knight and I cannot remember literally the first time I kicked a ball. I can remember the first time I thought `football is my thing', and that was when I was eight years old. I was at Ipswich Town Development Academy and found that my ability was getting better and better, and I just enjoyed playing the game. As I grew older at Ipswich I achieved greater and greater things, and my passion developed. When I played for Burwell Tigers Under 8's I scored 74 goals in one season which was a record, and I was named Club Attacker of the Year.

Initially when I was young I enjoyed practising goal scoring on the green. My brother Dan and I played football almost every day on the village green. We wore our Chelsea kits. That was brilliant but as we outgrew the green the village tennis court was completed and Dan and I then spent hours out the back and found a new love of tennis.

Sessions at Ipswich were very much-fun based to start with, and that was encouraging. At the beginning I only travelled once a week on a Friday night. I was 7 years old. I remember the day that the Ipswich Town Academy Manager, spoke to my Mum and Dad and asked would I like to be part of the academy. I was then 8 years old and thought, Wow!

Being a member of the Academy meant a lot more training and I travelled four times a week. Weekdays we left at 4pm and would not get back until 9pm, we trained Saturday mornings and played matches on Sundays. Training was fun-based and also technical as we developed the skills of goal scoring, working as a team, dribbling etc. My main objective was to create and score goals. I wore the Number 10 shirt and I'm left footed.

I've followed each game of the World Cup. I like to watch all the teams and observe things – the good and the bad. Obviously England are a young team. They will have benefited hugely from the experience, and their confidence will have grown. It's my number one dream to play in the World Cup. The player I most admire is Messi. I like everything about him - he's just the best ever. He has skills that are special to him and can make an opportunity out of nothing. He's a clever player and lifts his team. Kane who has become a well known England player is really good but has not yet reached my list of heroes. Southgate is an excellent manager and England is well set up now with their youthful side and their style of play. Southgate managed England Under 21s and has taken the knowledge he developed with the younger team to the First Team. There's much more intricate passing and a strict adherence to strategy with working the ball from the back and passing. Our style now is much more akin to the European style and in 4 – 8 years I predict England will be a brilliant team!



My parents have always been very supportive, and no my Dad did not hide my football and steer me towards cricket. I was a valued Wicket Keeper for Burwell and Cambridgeshire County Team. In the 6-week summer break from football I spent my Saturdays and Sundays playing cricket for both and represented Cambridgeshire on Cricket tours.

I was with Ipswich Town Football Academy from the age of 8 – 16 and they have given me brilliant support

and guidance and played a huge part in my development as a footballer. My coaches are part of who I am now and part of our family. Transferring now to Manchester City one of my dreams has come true! I will be joining the Youth Team and will live in Manchester full time, just coming home on Saturdays and travelling up again on Sundays. I'll be training full time and playing Under 18 matches. The club has 18 pitches and my accommodation overlooks one of the First Team's training pitches – how cool is that! At the Club I admire midfielders: Kevin De Bruyne, David Silva and Phil Foden. We will share some facilities and am sure in time I will meet some of my heroes face-to-face. Manchester City is a great club and I am very excited to be joining, they provide for every aspect of the development of for their Youth Team as individuals and footballers.



I have prepared for joining Man City running most days to rebuild my fitness. My current diet is good but I will receive advice on the balance of protein and carbs, what's best to eat and when to eat before and after training and matches. My favourite food is cereal !

Summer 2016 was probably my most memorable so far. I was selected to attend my first England Selection Camp. It was an amazing experience giving me the chance to play football with boys selected from different clubs many of whom I had played against with Ipswich Town . Since then I have been apart of England Youth Teams both at Under 15 and 16. I love every part of playing for England and have built great friendships. I have played against Turkey, Uruguay, Scotland, Quatar, USA, Brazil, Netherlands, Spain, Russia, Cameroon, and France. I was the top goal scorer for the England Under 16s. scoring against Quatar, The Netherlands Spain and Brazil.

Completing my GCSEs was a relief for me – and my Mum! It's been such a busy time, studying and preparing to join my new club. I have just had a great couple of weeks post exams, relaxing at home. I have celebrated my 16th birthday and on 1st July my life begins in Manchester.

I'm sure we all remember Ben when he was young; he and his football were a fixture of Fair Green. Meeting Ben now to hear about his `signing' I couldn't help but be impressed by his character: modest, committed, up for a challenge and willing to work hard. It was remarked at the World Cup on the very high calibre of the English Team players, and Ben is very much in-keeping with this talented group. Ed



IT Advice



Hello. This is the first of what I hope will be a series of articles attempting to help you with common Computer problems. First a short introduction: I am David McMillan, I advertise in the Magazine as "Technology Problems?"

I have been helping people with computer advice and repairs for the last 10 years on a professional basis, although I was using a computer to run my farming business as long ago as 1981 and have had a lifelong interest in electronics.

One of the most frequent questions I am asked after a computer has failed is "can you get my photos back? I don't mind what else I've lost". Sometimes I can, and sometimes it's too late. One thing is sure; everything breaks eventually. That's where "backing up" comes in. As a rule of thumb you should have 3 copies of everything. One on the computer (or tablet), one on local storage, and one away from your home or office in case of disasters like theft, fire and flood. This sounds like an awful nuisance, but don't forget, if a paper document or photo is lost or destroyed there is no backup.
Local storage these days is normally plugged into the computer, or for tablets and phones a drive connected through Wi-Fi. There are various ways of doing this depending on your Broadband equipment.

Drives take the form of memory sticks:



These are small, convenient (and easily lost) and are most suitable for limited amounts of storage e.g. photos or music, or external hard drives which are larger but can hold all the information on a computer (see below).



The offsite storage is now normally in "The Cloud". This is a phrase that frightens many people, but the fact is that most of us use it in the form of email, it is your email provider's Cloud that enables you to see your emails on Phone, Tablet and PC.
There is a choice of services; the main ones are Apple iCloud, Microsoft OneDrive, Google Drive and Dropbox. All come with a limited amount of free storage and then a monthly subscription to increase their size. Added advantages of Cloud storage are that documents and photos can be shared and edited by all your devices and with work colleagues or family. Emailing photos is ok but there are often a limit to the number that can be sent in one email.
This introduction has of necessity been brief, but obviously if you want further help please don't hesitate to 'phone me.

David McMillan
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Events Team

You may think that the events team have been putting their feet up, having a rest after all the fun of the fair, but oh no! Instead we have been busy mulling over new ideas, making plans and some of us have even run sports day! There have even been rumours of a Reach Kids Events Team, with their own ideas full of fun for the village too. Watch this space!

There was talk at our last meeting of re-starting a book club. If this is something you would be interested in do get in touch. We would organise meetings monthly at a mutually convenient time.

We are also looking to form a children's choir, just for fun. We aim to be ready by Christmas for our first performance round the Christmas tree. If your young person would like to be involved let me know and I will start making a list over the holidays.

Upcoming events

Halloween Disco – date/time to be confirmed

Remembrance Sunday, Lighting the beacon to commemorate 100 years anniversary
On the evening of Sunday 11th Nov.

We are looking for a bugle player for this event if anyone can help please contact us at the email below. Get your local war stories ready, as we will be inviting people to share them at this event.

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On
Saturday 1st December 5pm

Christingle Service Sunday 23rd December in Reach Church

Carols Around the Christmas Tree
Christmas Eve at 6pm

This year we have decided to take a break from the Reach Calendar and focus our efforts on a Reach Christmas card. We will be holding a competition to find the best images. We'll get you further information shortly on size and orientation once we've investigated further

See the village website for details on all these events.

http://www.reach-village.co.uk/news.html

Email: reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Find us on Facebook too!

Debbie Quilter

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

This is a hard piece to write, as I am calling it **A Homage to Hector**. Hector, my darling's Darling Dog. Hector who was diagnosed with kidney disease a year ago, and who nearly died three weeks ago (as I write this on 13 July 2018), and who is currently still with us but by publication … who knows?

I want to write this as, if ever there were a hound who deserved homage, Hector is that hound. So I'm going to tell you a bit about his story.



Eleven years ago, he was born in Lancashire, to a fine lineage of black Labrador gun dogs, in the home of very dear friends of Charles and Jenny. He was, by all reports, rather a wimpish puppy – bullied by his sister Susie, backward in coming forward, hesitant about eating (an unusual trait for a Labrador but one he has never lost) – but was always destined to be an exceptionally handsome chap. Charles and Jenny fell in love with this little lab, and proudly brought him home to Reach where a "Welcome Hector" party was held – some of you may well have been there.

For just over two years, Jenny undertook Hector's training, as well as loving and protecting him ("Shh, Hector's sleeping", "Shh, Hector's eating"), and then far too early, Hector lost his human mum. So suddenly, Hector and Charles were united in loss and love for each other – and in the long lonely years, they became an inseparable pair. Walking around Reach, occasionally picking up at the local shoot, teaching for a week at Eton (where Hector was welcomed effusively once it was known that the visiting teacher's dog was a Black Lab, and where he was an enthusiastically-received presence in the classrooms), going up north to his home turf over the winter to retrieve for his master. What you won't know is that, all the years Charles was on his own, he never locked the back door at night so that, should something happen to him, Hector would be easily rescued. That the having to take the dog out – morning, noon and night – was an emotional life-saver for Charles. That the imperative of looking after the needs of a 'dependent other' made the difference between "what's the point?" and "my friend needs me". A priceless gift of love, mutually given and received.

Fast forward to nearly three years ago – Charles and I had been corresponding for a while, after I'd read something he'd written and got in touch (wonderful thing, sometimes, the internet …), and we arranged to speak on the phone one evening. Our extraordinary conversation, ranging as it did across a wide expanse of fairly rarefied common interests, was regularly punctuated by canine 'noises off', and Charles interrupting the seamless flow of our chat with "Hecky, love, are you having a nightmare?" and "Shh, Hec, it's ok – stop barking". I thought then how endearing it was that Charles clearly loved his dog to bits. I didn't find out quite how endearing **Hector** was until we arranged to meet in person a few days later – at a pub that was dog friendly, for a spot of lunch. I had just got out of my car, and there walking across that car park towards me were two distinguished gents – one in a country suit, sporting a neatly trimmed beard and a big smile; the other sporting a glossy black coat and an expression of calm open friendliness. Charles got a kiss on the cheek, Hector a wary pat (as, reader, I was at this point exclusively a Cat Person).



My rapid education in the life experience of your average black lab was initiated by observing the excitement, adoration even, with which the young waitresses at the pub greeted Hector – they virtually bowed down before him – and when they ushered us

into the dog-friendly dining room, they appeared very quickly with a bowl of water for him. Our drinks and food took longer to arrive. (Lesson One: Offer dogs water). As our lunch proceeded, again our deep conversation was punctuated by solicitude for the dog – chips and bits of sandwich were discreetly siphoned off the table towards his mouth at regular intervals. (Lesson Two: Admit defeat and feed dogs from the table).



A few weeks later I visited Reach for the first time. I came prepared with a hug for Charles, and for Hector a bag of homemade lamb-flavoured dog biscuits in the shape of Christmas trees I'd bought in Devon when visiting my black flatcoat-owning cousin (the self-same cousin who had said to me, six months earlier when I was adrift in life and fragile, "I can see you with your own faithful black dog one day" – I thought she was delusional!). Was it the biscuits, or was it that he knew I already loved his man? …but Hector and I fell in love with each other with astonishing ease, and astonishing speed. That first visit, I offered him a taster session of Zero Balancing (the bodywork I do in addition to acupuncture), and Charles walked into the living room to find Hector lying in front of me in a blissed-out trance … and promptly uttered first "What have you done to Hector?" and then something like "Whatever it is, I'd like some too!".

Charles likes to say that I'm a dog-lover now, and I correct him by saying I'm a Hector-lover. Beyond that, I now understand why and how people love their dogs, but I'm still a little wary (being chased by a dog in a park when you're a toddler has been hard for me to get over). But let me say this about Hector – he is a stellar dog who has shown love, patience, tolerance, eccentricity, intelligence, obtuseness, stubbornness, infectious joy, loyalty, enthusiasm, calmness, tenderness, vulnerability, predictability and unpredictability in boundless amounts. Rather like his master.

As I type this, we have stopped his medication, stopped his kidney-disease-appropriate diet, and are letting him have sausages galore, little walks when he wants them, cuddles and paw-holding, strokes and company. Sometimes he surprises us with a burst of energy for a swim in the gault pond, most of the time he's tired tired tired. Almost deaf, almost blind, he is still to me quite simply the most beautiful dog in the world. And evermore shall be.

Rosanna Gore Moseley

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club



Great Crested Grebe with Chick. Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB

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.

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Burwell Museum

Thank you for a fantastic season so far at the museum!

Many thanks to everyone who has visited the museum in the first part of this year – particular thanks to those who helped us smash our target and get 628 visitors in a weekend for National Mills Weekend, but we were also very pleased to see people enjoying our Classic Car day, summer fete and holiday activities. We look forward to seeing more of you as the summer holidays continue, with events for kids every Thursday as part of Summer at the Museums. Find out more at https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/summer-at-the-museums.



Heritage Open days

Our next event will be the Heritage Open days on the 15th and 16th of September – come and join us for our last FREE event of the year and find out more about your local history.

Burwell Museum needs YOU!

Did you know that almost all of the work at Burwell Museum and Windmill is done by volunteers? We always welcome more people, whether you can spare a few hours a month to staff the museum on open days, a few hours a week for mill or site maintenance or just a one-off appearance for a particular task. At the moment we are particularly looking for volunteers to:

- Look after the tea room or kiosk for a 3-hour shift on a Sunday
- Help with events and/or school visits about once a month
- Mow the grass once a week (either every week or as part of a rota)
- Find out more about the mill as we approach its 200th birthday in 2020
- Take part in a site maintenance day sometime in September or October

Give us a ring on 01638 605544 or email volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk if you can help with any of these things or you'd like to find out more.

Tea and Talks

Our Autumn season of tea and talks begins on September the 13th. Join us between 2 and 3pm to find out more about:

13 September
Exploring the Victorian (and earlier) fauna of the Cambridgeshire Fens with Dr. Richard Preece from the Zoology museum

27 September
Victorian fashions and Punch with Honor Ridout

11 October
East Anglian geology and local landscapes with Dr. Peter Friend

Standard museum admission applies, free cup of tea afterwards.

The Museum is open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Easter-October, 11 am - 5pm. Last entry at 4pm.

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

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Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2018



Southwold, Tuesday 14th August, £19

National Memorial Arboretum,
Tuesday 11th September, £28

Norwich, Tuesday 16th October, £17

Gordon Bennett Christmas Show and
Traditional Christmas Dinner
Aboard the Tereza-Joanne, Royal Docks, London
Tuesday 27th November, £53

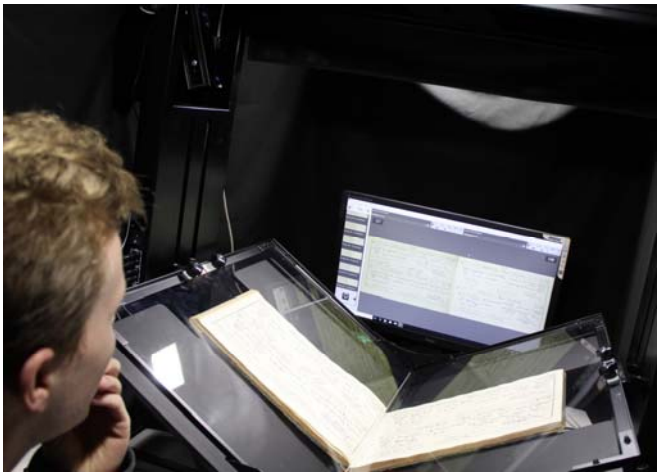
The winter trip is changed due to lack of support. We hope you will buy tickets for our new November venue

Tickets from Tina's, Burwell on 01638 741581
Or Barbara 07887 712296



Days Out: Crabbing at Cromer

Cambridgeshire Family History Society



Cambridgeshire Family History Society is pleased to announce an exciting new project which is currently in its early stages. Working in partnership with Wisbech and Fenland Museum, the Society is embarking on an ambitious project to digitise 32 parish registers which are currently in the Museum collection, over 50,000 pages and 500,000 records from Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. The Museum and the Society have had the support of the Cambridgeshire Archives who have loaned specialist equipment to support this venture. We will be working through parish by parish and, as we finish a parish, the images will be released and will be published on the website. These will then be searchable on the Society's Ancestor Finder database, available to download by purchase of tokens, along with all other Society records.

This work is being carried out by volunteers and is anticipated to take about a year to complete. A full list of the parishes and dates is available on the Museum website at http://www.wisbechmuseum.org.uk//Archives.htm.

Find us on the CFHS website, https://www.cfhs.org.uk for progress reports and updates.



Krysia Newman's Thought for the Day.

The Fascinating World of Premonitions and Precognitions



I left the iron on. I knew you were going to call me. I've been thinking about you and then I bump into you randomly on holiday. I've got a strange feeling I won't get a seat on the 7.10am from Cambridge to Kings Cross (OK, so anyone could predict that one).

Some people say that we see what we want to see but what if we really can sense the future? Back in June there was a BBC report about an England fan at the World Cup who had a vision of England lifting the World Cup. Well, we all know how that ended (I won't dwell) but this chap was so convinced that his vision was true that he actually had a massive tattoo emblazoned on his chest of the World Cup with 'England Champions 2018' next to it. It stuck in my mind because there aren't many people who act on a vision with such passion and you have to admire him on some level!

Of course, there is a theory that says that everything that is possible has, and will, happen. The Many Worlds theory tells us that every time we make a decision another 'branch' of our life is created – an alternate universe – where all the other possible scenarios that could have happened are played out. Perhaps our World Cup fan was simply picking up on one of these scenarios in his vision? Maybe it's possible that our species can pick up images or feelings from these other 'universes'. Not that these visions are particularly helpful to us in our everyday lives of course but could these flashes from alternate lives explain phenomena like ghosts, Déjà vu or possibly how mediums can channel messages?

If the Many Worlds Theory just doesn't feel right to you (see what I did there?) then perhaps there really can be a way for the human brain to pick up on the future in some way.

At this point it's probably important to distinguish between those two often-confused terms, precognition and premonition. Precognition is the knowing that an event will occur. It's normally a brain phenomenon and will be expressed as a definite statement of awareness of the future. Premonition is an emotion, perhaps expressed as an uncomfortable gut feeling or intuition. You know that something is going to happen, but you can't pinpoint what it is.

Here's a couple of premonitions/precognitions you may not know about.

First take rockers Lynyrd Skynyrd. Lead vocalist/founder Ronnie Van Zant was heard to say 'if it's your time to go, it's your time to go' just before boarding a plane in October 1977. Most recall it was an odd thing to say and not in any kind of context. A short while later the plane went down, crashing into a swamp in the Mississippi. Van Zant died along with three others. Surviving band vocalist Jo Jo Billingsley claimed to have had a vivid precognition of the plane crash the day before it happened.



Rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd may have had a vision of the future

Or, what about Reeva Steenkamp – who was shot dead by her Paralympian boyfriend Oscar Pistorius on Valentines Day 2013. She may have predicted her own death when she was 14 years old by painting a picture – depicting herself as a terrified angel at the bottom of a ladder, which seems to lead to heaven. Far off in the distance she painted a figure of a man with a gun in his hand.



Reeva Steenkamp's strange drawing which she painted at the age of 14

Closer to home, some years ago, I also had a precognition which turned out to be entirely accurate. I had a reoccurring dream where my kids were in a swimming pool and I saw a brief glimpse of a large, threatening black dog approaching them. A short while

later this event came to be a rather scary reality. I believe that because of the vision I'd had I was able to deal with the situation calmly – perhaps more so than had I not of had any idea what was coming. By the way, you can read the full details of this incident in my friend Theresa Cheung's book ***The Premonition Code*** which is available from Amazon and all 'good book shops(!)' in October this year.

The way I work with my clients at Soulfulness Therapies often relies on picking up energies. Most of my therapy is conducted intuitively. What does that actually mean? Well, essentially I am able to pick up on people's energy. I don't know how or why but I can feel any emotional or physical issues my clients may be having and direct my therapies accordingly. It doesn't happen every time but it's very frequent (I was able to tell a client once that he had a knee injury playing rugby at the age of 19 – I'd never met him before in my life!).

Whatever your views on visions, intuition or premonition/precognition I think we should all spare a thought for the poor England fan who has England World Cup Champions 2018 on his chest forever. It could just be possible though that in one amazing universe he was absolutely spot on!

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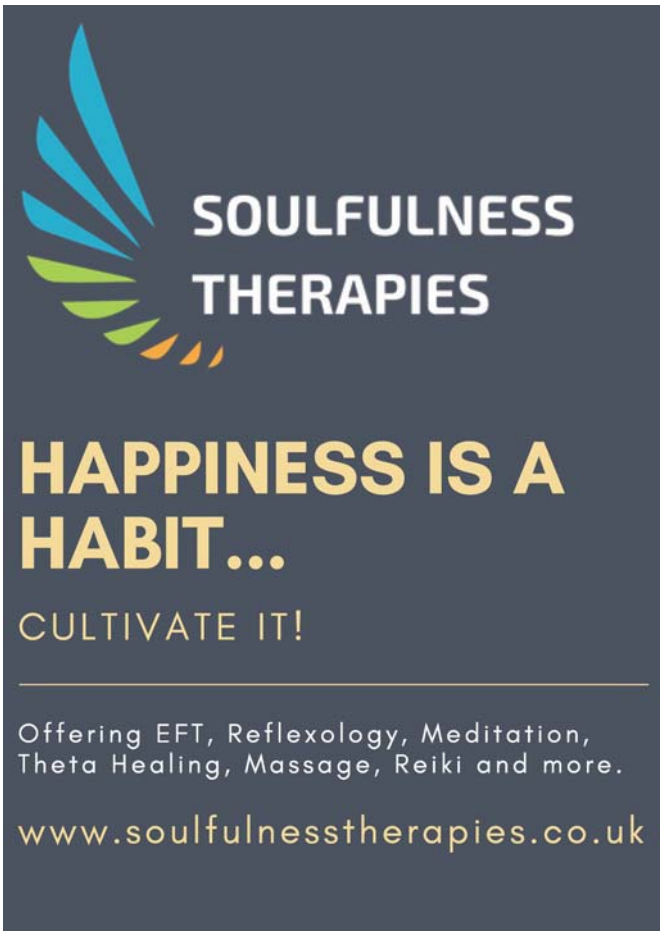

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

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

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

Contact Hours: 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday, please give us at **least 48 hour's notice**

01638 742543 answer phone.

You will be contacted after you have left your request for a journey

Could you sponsor a bench?

A number of areas in Reach, including the new playground, would benefit from a bench.



We are looking for individuals or companies who wish to dedicate or sponsor a bench at a cost of £624 each, including engraved plaque.



A wonderful way to commemorate a loved one or to show how your company supports our community.

For more information, please contact Reach Parish Council.
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Arthur Rank Hospice

Bridge the Gap will take a walk on the wild side this year, with the University of Cambridge's Museum of Zoology

Bridge the Gap charity walk sponsored by Cambridge Building Society, was launched at Emmanuel College. The College is one of six highlights which will be featured on the famed annual walk on Sunday 9 September.



Bridge the Gap. St Catherine's College

In its 17th year, Bridge the Gap starts from Parker's Piece and will additionally meander through Christ's College, Sidney Sussex College, St Catharine's College and Pembroke College as well as pausing for walkers to enjoy an eagerly anticipated opportunity to see inside the Museum of Zoology. The addition of this captivating museum will be a real highlight for walkers, as they stroll the route, with the Society of Cambridge Tourist Guides also on hand throughout with further information about their stunning grounds and features.

Sign up at http://www.arhc.org.uk/BTG (online registration available until 1pm on Friday 7 September), call 01223 675888, or pick up a registration form in person from Romsey Mill (Hemingford Road, Cambridge), the Arthur Rank Hospice (adjacent to the Babraham Road Park & Ride) or any of the Charities' shops. Forms will also be available from The Cambridge Building Society branches across the county from August 2018.

Prices are £18 per adult, or £20 on the day. Children are free of charge when accompanied by a paying adult. Groups of friends, families or work colleagues are also welcome and special rates of £15 per person within a group of 10 or more are available until Friday 7 September (for groups call Arthur Rank Hospice Charity on 01223 675888).

Your Hospice Lottery may soon have raised £1 million for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity!

If you take part in Your Hospice Lottery for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, you may soon have helped raise £1 million for the Hospice!



Hopes are high that the £1 million target can be reached over summer. When broken down, the £941,713.50 already raised by Your Hospice Lottery players (as of June 2018) could fund 1,995 episodes of Hospice at Home for patients being cared for in their own homes between the hours of 10pm and 7am (£472 per episode).

Once enough new players are recruited at £1 per week (£52 per year) to hit the £1 million total, the remaining £58,286.50 could fund a further 123 episodes of essential Hospice at Home care.

Lottery players could win prizes ranging from £1,000 down to £10. There is also a rollover jackpot, which increases by £250 per week when not won, up to a maximum of £10,000. To date, Your Hospice Lottery has created 6,716 winners amongst Arthur Rank Hospice players, paying out over £165,000 in prize money.

Find our more at arhc.org.uk/join-the-lottery.asp or by calling 0800 285 1390. Lottery players must be 16 or over.

Arthur Rank Hospice needs to secure £8.1 million every year to deliver services free of charge to patients and their loved ones. About half of this currently comes from statutory sources, with further funds raised thanks to the wider local community – through initiatives like Your Hospice Lottery - whose support is critical in helping us make every moment count.

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

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

Public urged to stay fire safe in hot weather

Cambridgeshire residents have been urged to stay fire safe when outdoors this summer.

With temperatures hitting significant highs, fires in open areas of land can easily spread and become out of control. Events north of the country, with significant moorland fires at Saddleworth Moor and Winter Hill, have shown how these fires quickly spread and take hold of open areas of land.

Group Commander Kevin Napier, head of community fire safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We want to help ensure that people enjoy the sunny weather while it's here safely. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread. Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can develop quickly."

There are seven simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

1. Ensure cigarettes are completely out
2. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation
3. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass
4. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire
5. When camping, do not leave campfires unattended and make sure it is completely out before you leave it
6. Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface, away from grass, shrubs or fencing
7. Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

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

Healthwatch

It Starts With You

Our local Healthwatch in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough are launching their 'It Starts With You' campaign to encourage more people to share their experiences of using local health and care service.
The campaign will run from July to September 2018 and will tell the stories of local people who are helping to improve the services we all use.

Last year, Jason, who is Deaf told us about visiting A&E and not getting a British Sign language Interpreter for over 7 hours even though he had a serious lung condition. Thanks to Jason and other people who shared their experience, we are challenging the local NHS to do better for disabled people.

Have you got a story to share? Tell us about your experiences and ideas to help services understand what works, what doesn't and what you want from care in the future.

No matter how big or small the issue, tell us about it. If it matters to you then it's very likely it matters to someone else.

Sharing your opinions with Healthwatch is quick and easy and could make a big difference. Tell us what you think and help make care better for you, your family and community.

Volunteer as a Community Listener and help us find out what people who live locally think about their health and care services. You will get training, support and out of pocket expenses.

Call our free Information Service if you have a question about local health or care services and need some help with what to do next.

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Healthwatch Peterborough work together as one organisation. You can contact us on:

Call us on **0330 355 1285** or text 0752 0635 176

www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk

www.healthwatchpeterborough.co.uk

Out and About Summer 2018



The most heartening news I received this Summer was on 12 June when Ron telephoned to say he'd heard the unmistakable sound of a turtle dove in Reach Wood. He hasn't heard them since that day and feels this seems to be a bit of a yearly pattern - that they pass through but don't stop. He said they used to nest in the taller thorn hedges around Reach 10 or 12 years ago.

The sound of the turtle dove has been described as 'gentle soporific purring' and is delivered from the cover of hedgerows. It is the smallest of our native pigeons (half the size of a wood pigeon) and Ron's 'sighting' was all the more remarkable when one considers the sad fact that Britain's breeding population has decreased by 91% in 10 years. (Can you find a photo of a UK turtle dove please?)



In the early evenings a barn owl hunts the same line - Reach Wood to Lesley and Gareth's field and over to Aves' farm buildings. Swifts and swallows skim the crops. Our stable brood chat noisily from the field fencing, perched on short legs, their watchful parents nearby. The field ash tree shelters long tailed tits and a cuckoo can often be heard in the distance.

The garden is alive with bees, butterflies and birds including the increasingly rare dunnock. Blackbirds hatched a second chick from their nest in David's hedge (Great Lane) and fly-dive through our lytch gate for the hens' mealworms. Jingling flocks of goldfinch can be heard overhead, they have been described as 'gold-chimed of tongue and gold-barred of feather', the red on their heads reputedly gained by trying to pull thorns from the brow of Christ.

Jackdaws, noisy and quarrelsome, hoover loose birdseed and live up to their collective name of clatterings or trains. They pair for life, recognise human faces and pick up bright objects particularly coins. In the fens a jackdaw encountered on the way to a wedding was considered a good omen.

I inadvertently disturbed a pair of mallard near Tubney Fen recently, they flew together, the bottle-green head of the handsome drake visible. I admire these seemingly ordinary ducks, the females lay an egg a day for a week or so and remain on the nest for 23 hours out of 24. The vulnerable brood of ducklings run & feed themselves (midges, fish eggs, small crustaceans) within a few hours before being quickly led to water, during these fraught hours the female may call up to 200 times a minute. She will distract potential predators with a broken-wing display.



In mid May a leveret loped to Springhall Farm from Swan Lake barns. She survived the danger of predators and bad weather by being born fully furred, with eyes open and by crouching low and motionless within the shelter of a shallow scrape in the ground. If disturbed, hares run a zig zag route, their long back legs and powerful haunches release speeds of up to 40mph, they are this country's fastest land mammal.



During a recent art group painting session with Dafila at White Roses (on The Hythe), we saw a kingfisher cross the garden, a bright metallic dart. Regularly seen and heard on the nearby lode, their peep-peep call is an obvious giveaway. Before plunge-diving from a low branch for food (often stickleback, Britain's tiniest fish), kingfishers bob their heads to accurately judge the depth of their prey. With eyes closed, they effectively fish blind. When breeding both birds help excavate a tunnel half a metre long using their feet, a chamber at the end provides space for eggs and chicks. No nesting material is brought to the site and a shallow depression prevents the eggs from falling out. They

have a most unusual system of 'carousel' feeding whereby chicks sit in a ring with their bills pointing outwards, one facing towards the light of the nest entrance. Once it has been fed all move round so another faces the light. (Stickleback were once so numerous in the fens they were netted for fertilizer and used as chicken feed). (Can you find a photo please of a kingfisher & stickleback?).

Wildlife Sightings:

4.6. Claire Halpin McDonald: 'The swan had 5 cygnets and she taken them off the nest and up the lode in double quick time. I caught a glimpse of them but they are not around now'.

12.6 Sue and David Elliott spoke of a change in the usual pattern of birdlife in their lovely bird-friendly garden. Jays and other notorious raiding birds were noticeably less active. Fewer frogs and toads, they have in the past watched 40 toads move through their garden, eastwards.

18.6 Hilary Fielding: 'Marsh harrier in the fen yesterday. Also 2 buzzards in the paddock ... one having a beak to beak standoff with a magpie. Amusing ... ended amicably with both skirting round each other and going about their business'. 30.6 - '5 buzzards soaring over stables and calling to each other'.

23.6 Shaun Mayes saw a little owl perched on the side of the bridge by Springhall Farm one evening, a regular sighting.

7.7 Ron & Penny: Advised a little owl is in situ. Also, 'Spotted this lizard whilst having breakfast the other day'. (enc. their lizard photo). And: 'there is a barn owl in the wood which is darker than the one we used to see around here. The swifts were late arriving but numbers kept improving during May and now we have a good number screaming around the house - we reckon to have 7 or 8 nests under our roof. Sadly they will all fly off to Africa around the second week of August, we shall miss them'.



Ron & Penny: 'We only breed friendly chickens!'



Common lizard - breakfast companion!

Nick Acklam: '9.5 Very close (10 metres or so) to a cuckoo in the willow avenue fringing Tubney Fen. The rotational flick of its tail was distinctive.

14.5 Two buzzards perched on the wire on the north west edge of Tubney. One was mobbed persistently and aggressively by a lapwing which presumably had young in the adjacent arable field. A large beige toad, as wide as was long, uncovered on my allotment. I hope it is a permanent resident given the slug damage I am currently experiencing. A temporary badger latrine has been set up at the junction of the allotments and Barston Drove (nice!). Careful footwork now required when travelling to the allotment.

15.5 Three Egyptian geese on Tubney Fen on the mud of what had been a temporary pond over the winter.

16.5 A grass snake on the allotment, approximately 18 inches long, vivid green and yellow and so shiny it looked wet.

19 & 20.5 A Canada goose and a greylag goose spotted as a pair on several occasions.

30.5, 3, 15 & 26.6 Barn owls over Tubney Fen and Hurdle Hall. All in broad daylight, presumably working to feed growing broods.

15.6 An interesting cluster of birds perched closely together on the wire fencing of Straight Drove - reed bunting, sedge warbler and whitethroat.

17.6 A fresh set of hedgehog spines on the footpath in the Hythe. The spines were pristine and curled and looked as if the owner had divested itself of its coat and walked away. The work of a badger presumably. The

spines had disappeared the next day.

23.6 A little owl perched on the Earthworks Way sign at the bottom of Barston Drove. It looked larger than its 'book' size suggests.

24.6 A red kite riding the thermals over the allotments.

25.6 A fox emerges from the undergrowth and suns itself on Straight Drove. It was dark brown, short legged and boxy in appearance and also remarkably relaxed about our approach, only moving off at the last moment.

29.6 A swarm (no better term) of house martins feeding on an abundance of insects around a large lode-side willow to the north west of the cycle bridge. A kingfisher in flight over the Pocket Park.

31.5 & 3.6 Solitary marsh harriers (female & male) over Tubney, flap-flap-gliding along the ditches'.

Joss Goodchild



Days Out: Sheringham steam railway

Come On In – The Growing's Lovely



I am writing to encourage readers who might have been tempted to adopt a parish allotment by Graham Lingley's article earlier in the year (issue 47) to take the plunge. The autumn is a really good time to take on an allotment and, whilst some effort is needed, fresh and tasty produce can be produced without high levels of gardening expertise or becoming a full-time peasant.

The soil at the allotment site is good and responds well to cultivation. The aspect of the allotments is ideal, guaranteeing sun throughout the day. Whilst water is not on tap, the nearby Catchwater drain is close by for the dunking of watering cans. Apart from peas, I have yet to find a crop that won't produce a reasonable return at the site.

If anybody wants to give it a go, wants to visit the site or talk to current allotment holders then do get in touch with me (acklam@reach-village.co.uk) or Graham.

Nick Acklam

Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners

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

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

Chairman: Peter Hart 01638 741681

Treasurer: Maggie Haverson

Joint Secretaries: Margaret Joyce and Mary Hart 01638 741681

Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News

Wicken Fen

We have recently taken delivery of a Fen Harvester to help us with our conservation work. It is fair to say that everyone was very excited when this new piece of machinery (now christened the 'Fen Voyager') was delivered! We will now be able to initiate a regular cutting regime that will help the fen's plant communities thrive. Cutting will be taking place during August, so if you are interested in seeing the Fen Voyager in action, keep an eye on our social media feeds.



Our programme of summer activities continues throughout August, starting with **Nature Crafts** on Wednesday 1 August (age 3-10), **Beginners Geocache and Bugs and Beasts Geocache Challenge** on Friday 3 August (age 6+), **Painting the Fens** on Tuesday 7 August (age 6+), **Go Wild: All About Fire!** on Tuesday 14 August (age 8-13), **Storytime: What the Ladybird Heard** on Wednesday 15 August (age 3-7), **Go Wild: Simple Campfire Cooking** on Wednesday 22 August (age 8-13), and **Nature Crafts** on Friday 24 August (age 3-10). There are always plenty of things for families to do, including our free **50 Things to do Before You're 11¾** activities; ask in the Visitor Centre for more information.



The summer months are a great time to take a **boat trip** down the Wicken Lode; soak up some of the peaceful fen atmosphere, and see the flora and fauna by the waterway. Boat trips are available every day until the end of October, and cost £6 for adults, £3.50 for children, and £17.50 for a family (2 adults, 2 children). At busy times it is advisable to book in advance, so please give us a call before you set off to secure your places, telephone: 01353 720274. You can also experience the fen on two wheels by hiring a bike from our **Cycle Hire** centre, which is open every day from 10am; last bike hire is at 3pm. We have bikes to suit all ages and abilities, including tag-alongs, buggies and trikes.

During September we have several opportunities for adults to get involved in some of our art and craft events. Our activities begin on Friday 14 September with a **Rush Weaving Workshop,** followed by an **Introduction to Lino Printing** on Saturday 15 September, **Felt Making for Beginners** on Saturday 22 September, and **Painting the Fens for Beginners** on Saturday 29 September. Further information about these workshops can be found on our website.

For information about Wicken Fen and our events, go to: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

Anglesey Abbey

High Days and Holidays – Eastern Exploration

Join us as we continue to explore Lord Fairhaven's journeys across the globe in his luxury steam yacht, The Sapphire. From the 16th of July to the 9th of September we will be embarking on an **Eastern Exploration.** We'll be following the Fairhaven's family travels across the Far East, voyaging as far as India, Egypt and Singapore.



In the house, you'll be able to explore some of Lord Fairhaven's extensive collections inspired by his fascination with oriental furniture and style, including the jade collection in the lower gallery. In the domestic wing, we'll be cooking up southern Indian dishes for you to try.

In the gardens and grounds, step into the Steam Yacht Sapphire, mapped out to scale on the East Lawn or soak up some summer sunshine in the Skylight Garden.

Our restaurant and shop will be offering themed food and products so you can taste and take home a flavour

of Lord Fairhaven's travels. As part of our Eastern Explorations you'll be able to sample Thai Green Chicken curry in our restaurant as well as our new Masala Chai Cake.

Don't forget to pick up your family passport from Visitor reception to navigate your way through the activities across the house and gardens.

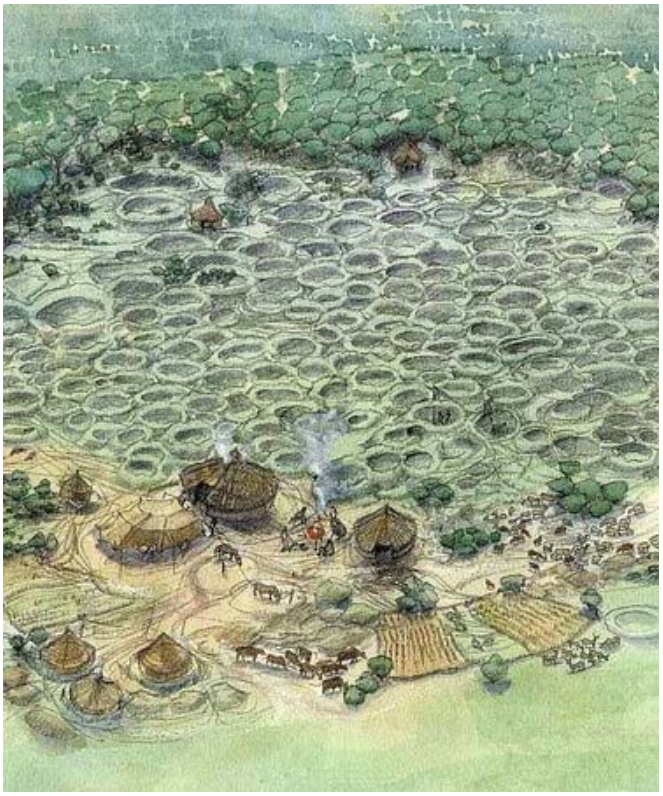
Winter Lights 2018

A date for your diary – Tickets for this year's **Winter Lights at Anglesey Abbey** go on sale on Tuesday 24 July. The event runs for 10 nights, over 3 weekends in November (9 – 11, 15 – 18, 23 -25 November). Ticket prices are Adults £15.50, Child £10.50, Family £50.50 (2 adults & up to 3 children), Under 5s & Carers (accompanying a disabled ticket holder) Free. Tickets will be available from the NT Box Office on 0344 249 1895 or online – see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey

New Early Opening

Whether you're an early riser or just want to beat the rush, Anglesey Abbey will be opening at 9.30am throughout the summer (23rd of July to the 2nd of September). Our gardens and the Hoe Fen Wildlife Discovery area will be open as well as the restaurant for your morning coffee and cake!

Julia Hammond



Days Out: Grimes Graves, near Brandon, Norfolk



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All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 7th October
3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns
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At St Mary's Church, Burwell
On the 4th Wednesday of every month
August 22nd and September 26th
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Whether you work in Burwell or Reach, or your days are filled with the type of work that's unpaid, you may feel in need of an oasis of calm in your busy day. We serve light lunches in the beautiful and tranquil setting of St Mary's, so come along for a break, meet some friends and return to your work refreshed. Children's Corner with books and colouring available.

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

What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm?



Find us: The Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm, Swaffham Road, Reach, Cambs CB25 0HZ

Call us: 01638 741551

Befriend us: Tilly Tractor on Facebook for all the latest growings on at Snakehall Farm and fresh veg alerts to what is hot in the shop right now.

Maz Baker



24 Acres: Community Orchard Featured Fruits



At the time of writing the apple trees (and many of the pear trees – as well as medlar and quince) in the orchard are bearing quite a lot of fruit.

The trees have been slow to get established and will continue to be slow growing – the soils there are thin and dry and the site is quite exposed. But the trees have mostly survived (we replaced one last winter, and one more will need replacing this year). In previous years we have thinned the fruit (and the pigeons have taken most of what was left!) but this year there should be some left on the trees come September/October.

So, if you have sponsored a tree why not go along to see whether it is bearing any fruit? And then later in the year go and harvest some? Or if you are interested in tasting something different from Braeburn or Royal Gala why not try some of the unusual, local varieties that the orchard has to offer.



A few tips on picking apples:

- Watch for an apple or two to drop from the tree first – when a few have dropped that means they are ready to pick.
- When an apple is ripe is should be fairly easy to pick from the tree with a simple upward twist of the apple. Try to avoid picking an apple by pulling the fruit straight down and tugging.
- Test one of the apples from the tree to test its ripeness before picking more. Cut into the apple to check for brown seeds instead of the white seeds that appear in immature apples – if the seeds are white then it is still too early. Check that the flesh is not tinted green. And of course, you can taste the apple to determine if its full flavour is present with the tartness of nearly ripe apples gone.



Williams/Williams Bon Chretien (Aka Bartlett)

This is one of the most widely-grown pear varieties, but confusingly it is also commonly known under a number of different names - Bartlett, Williams or Williams Bon Chretien. It is an early-season cropper, is good for cooking and eating, and has a good flavour and aroma.

The various names reflect its history. It was discovered in the town of Aldermaston in the 18th century, and came to the attention of a nurseryman, Mr Williams of Turnham Green - who recognised the variety had great potential and named it after himself. Samples were soon sent to the USA where, unlike many European pears of the era, it appeared very well suited to the climate and quickly became an important commercial variety. However, the variety name became lost so a Boston nurseryman who was involved in propagating it, Mr Enoch Bartlett, named it after himself.

The ‘Bon Chretien’ name comes from a story that the variety originated from Italy. The tale that was woven around the variety involved a "good Christian" and a pope. Somewhere in the murky annals of time the words Bon Chretien (French for good Christian) was then appended to the real name of Williams. Hence it became known as Williams Bon Chretien. However, it is neither Italian nor French, but is one of the oldest English pear varieties currently grown.

We have 3 trees in the orchard. One is sponsored by Ian Prior, one by Sarah Mollart & Marcus Waithe and the third is not sponsored.



Willingham Gage

Willingham Gage is generally considered one of the best flavoured of all gages. It arose in Cambridgeshire in the 19th century and is almost certainly a seedling of Old Green Gage, which is widely grown in the area. Excellent for eating fresh or stewed.

We have three trees in the orchard. One sponsored by Terry Sharman, one by Ross Clark and the third by Tony, Rebecca, Archie and Miranda Fordham.



Winter Nelis

Winter Nelis is regarded as the best of the winter pears. When picked in October it can be stored into January. Because the weather has started to turn cooler in October no special storage facilities are required other than a garage or shed.

It is not a good looking pear but it certainly is a sweet one with lots of flavour which develops best when grown in a protected, sunny position.

The parents of Winter Nelis are not known although it is known that it was bred in Mechelen (French named Malines), Belgium by Jean Charles Nelis in the very early 1800's. In 1818 it was introduced to England and then in 1823 to the USA.

This variety has a bulbous, almost round shape. Most of the skin is lightly russeted with a light brown colour, turning slightly more yellow when fully ripe. It is smaller than an average pear. The flesh colour is creamy.

The taste of Winter Nelis pears is rich with lots of aroma. It is sweet and juicy with very little crunch to it.

We have three trees in the orchard. One is sponsored by Jon Cane, one by Pieter Nelisen and the third by Hugh and Marie de Lacy.



Worcester Pearmain

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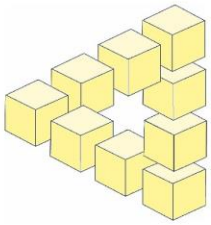

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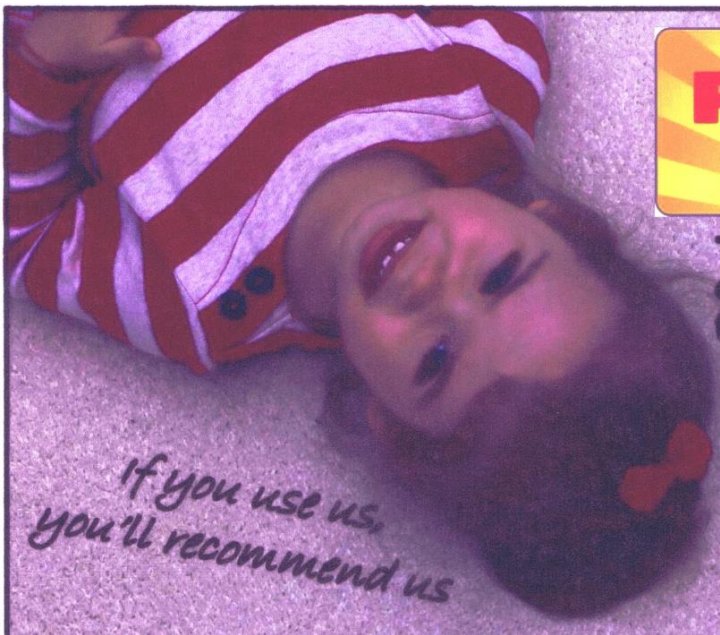

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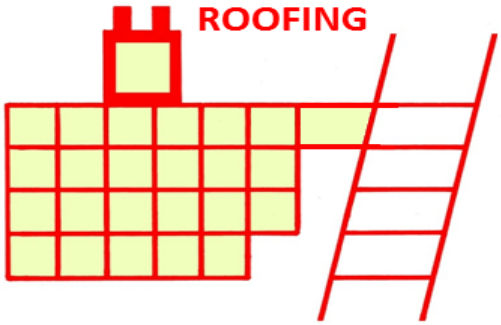

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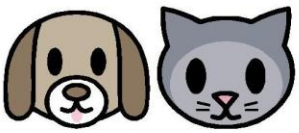

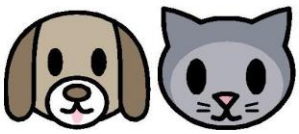

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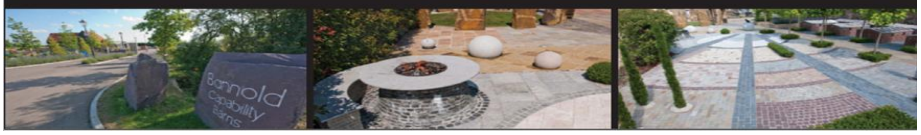

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Days Gone By



The top chart hit at this time in 1985 was Madonna with “Into the Groove”. **Madonna Louise Ciccone**, born August 16, 1958, is an American singer, songwriter, actress and businesswoman. Referred to as the "Queen of Pop" since the 1980s, Madonna is known for pushing the boundaries of lyrical content in mainstream popular music.

In Europe, the Cold War was at its height. The head of West German counter-intelligence was unmasked as an East German spy. Hans-Joachim Tiedge's treachery became known after he defected to East Germany.



Hans-Joachim Tiedge

It was revealed that in the past 18 months they had arrested nearly 170 West German agents in East Germany after acting on intelligence from Mr Tiedge.

The West German Chancellor, Helmut Kohl, described the former spy chief's defection as "catastrophic". In what was the biggest spy scandal in recent West Germany history, three other key government staff also disappeared.

In central America, Mexico suffered a devastating earthquake. The quake hit the west coast near the resort town of Acapulco and was measured by the US Geological Survey at a magnitude of 7.8. It lasted for 50 seconds and devastated three states on the Pacific coast.

"A part of a mountain just slid away, falling on the peasants who were just getting up to go to work," said Lieutenant Manuel Sanchez, from the fire department's headquarters in the state of Jalisco.

Most of the damage, however, was caused 250 miles (400 km) away in Mexico City, which was declared a disaster zone.



A massive aftershock, almost as severe as the main earthquake, hit the city just one day later, magnifying the terrible damage caused by the first tremor.

The Mexico City earthquake was the most catastrophic in the country's history. More than 10,000 people were killed, 30,000 were injured and large parts of the city were destroyed. About 6,000 buildings were flattened and a quarter of a million people lost their homes.

Mexico City remains particularly vulnerable to earthquakes, as it sits on an old lake bed which tends to amplify seismic waves.

In Reach, the Parish Council met in September with the only exciting news being that it had been agreed that the number of Parish Councillors would be increased from 5 to 7 from May 1987.

Oh – and Reach did well in the “Best Kept Village” competition, coming second in its group for villagers with under 1,000 population. This competition still runs and is judged as follows:

- Absence of litter and unsightly refuse dumps on verges
- Condition of village greens, playing fields, public seats and noticeboards
- Condition of public and private buildings, gardens, and allotments
- Condition of churchyards, cemeteries, and war memorials
- Condition of public halls, sports facilities, and car parks
- Cleanliness of bus shelters, and telephone kiosks
- State of footpaths, stiles, field gates, signposting and streams
- Condition of commercial and business premises
- Initiative in the care of the environment of the village
- Evidence of community spirit and usefulness of Village Map

The CPRE makes it clear that the competition is not about finding the most beautiful village, nor the most ancient, nor the most picturesque, just the one that is best cared for. Should we give it a go anyone? Maybe one for you Claire in your “retirement”!

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Tales from a Reach Garden



Looking after the fruit and vegetables in this hot, dry weather feels like a relentless round of watering, feeding, monitoring for pests and disease, weeding, pruning, tying-in, picking, blanching and freezing excess, then repeat… This routine is normal for a vegetable garden, but the pace is not, thanks to the hot, dry conditions this summer.

In addition, some fruit and vegetables are ripening faster than usual and with larger yields. Certain vegetables, like runner beans have to be watered and picked regularly to avoid them running to seed and dropping all their flowers. On the other hand courgettes love this weather and grow so fast we have to be vigilant to avoid a bed of marrows. Watering is best carried out in the relative cool of the early morning or evening, which alas is when the mosquitoes are more active, as my itchy arms and legs can testify.



"Salad bowl" lettuce, a cut-and-come-again variety.

I don't remember ever having eaten so many salads before and it's been lovely to be able to grow most of our own lettuce, especially in weather like this when commercial growers claim they cannot grow the stuff fast enough thanks to the demand. We've managed to avoid our lettuce bolting (i.e. producing flower stems), by growing "Salad bowl" a variety which we cut regularly for our lettuce leaves and which produces fresh leaves after cutting. We have to grow it under netting to keep the pigeons off



Prickly "Marketmore" growing outdoors

We're still waiting for our tomatoes to ripen as they were planted later than in previous years thanks to the cold and gloomy spring. The radishes have been grown and eaten too. However, the cucumbers are doing well. Last year for the first time, we grew an outdoor variety called "Marketmore" which produced cucumbers earlier than the greenhouse variety that we grew in the polytunnel at the time – a variety called "Burpless tasty green"(It was news to me that cucumbers are a cause of burping in some people so that some varieties have been bred to reduce it!). The outdoor cucumbers seemed to thrive in the mild and damp conditions of last year's summer, and were surprisingly prickly when picked, although the prickles were easily rubbed off. I was concerned that the skins would be quite thick on these cucumbers, but that wasn't a problem.



"Burpless tasty green" inside the polytunnel

Most greenhouse varieties of cucumber are smoother skinned than the outdoor ones and for some reason - unlike most of the rest of the world - most of those grown in the UK are 30cm (1ft) long or more. This year we are growing “Marketmore” outdoors again and three greenhouse varieties, including “Telegraph” a traditional long smooth green variety and “Passandra” a modern hybrid which produces shorter (15-18cm, about 6in) cucumbers.



Heavy cropping "Passandra"

Older heritage varieties of cucumber can produce bitter tasting cucumbers because the female flowers have been pollinated by the male flowers. When it was realised that the fruit developed from unpollinated female flowers were much less bitter than those which had been pollinated, hybrids were developed which produce only female flowers. “Passandra” is one of the all-female modern varieties and it has been cropping heavily in our polytunnel for a few weeks now before most of the other cucumbers have got started. We have enjoyed eating the crisp, juicy, half-length cucumbers from this plant and we’ll definitely grow this variety again. I’ve been removing the male flowers from “Telegraph” to avoid bitter fruit forming and we have some cucumbers growing but they are still relatively small even though they were planted at the same time as Passandra.



Male and female flowers on “Telegraph”

To keep the cucumbers cropping throughout the summer while the sun still shines we feed them with a tomato fertilizer and keep them reasonably well watered. Any side shoots which are formed are pinched out after two flowering nodes. If there is limited space in your garden for growing cucumbers, I would definitely recommend “Marketmore” for growing outdoors and “Passandra” for growing under glass or polytunnel. We grow Marketmore cucumber plants around a wigwam of canes and string to reduce the space they take up on the ground.

Danuta Gibson



Food Focus



A few ideas for courgettes

I think these must be the most cunning of vegetables. How is that you turn your back for what seems like a day and that tiny courgette (which wasn't quite big enough to pick) has turned into a marrow? How is it that these amazing plants manage to plump up their fruit when it hasn't rained and they haven't been watered? I'm not a fan of marrow, but I do like courgettes so finding good new recipes for them is always a bonus. Marrows on our garden door step for anyone who would like one.



Raw courgette salad

Cut several courgettes into ribbons using a peeler (it looks prettier if you have green and yellow courgettes). Discard the first peeling if you don't want the skin. Add a chopped up red chilli or two depending on your quantities. Add some shavings of parmesan, then dress with a mixture of olive oil, lemon juice, a couple of smashed garlic cloves, salt and pepper.

Courgette and chick pea fritters (serves 4, 12 fritters) with a tomato salad

400g courgettes coarsely grated
½ tsp salt
400g can chick peas drained and rinsed 50g plain flour
½ tsp baking powder
4 spring onions trimmed and finely chopped
1 red chilli deseeded and chopped
1 lemon zest then chop into wedges to serve
2 eggs lightly beaten
3 tbsp light olive or sunflower oil
3 tbsp shredded mint leaves, plus extra to garnish
300g mixed cherry tomatoes, halved or quartered
100g feta cheese, crumbled



Put the courgettes in a colander in the sink; toss with the salt. Drain for 30 minutes, then shake off any excess water and tip onto a clean, dry tea towel. Wring out over the sink to remove as much water as possible. Preheat the oven on its lowest setting.

Crush the chick peas in large mixing bowl using a potato masher or the back of a fork. Add the courgettes, flour, baking powder, salad onions, red chilli, lemon zest, eggs and 2 tbsp shredded mint. Season and mix well.

Put a large, non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Add ½ the oil, then add heaped tablespoons of the mixture, well-spaced out, to make 6 fritters. Fry for 2-3 minutes on each side, flipping with a spatula when golden. Put on a plate lined with kitchen paper; keep warm in the oven. Repeat with the remaining oil and mixture.
Combine the tomatoes and feta with the reserved 1 tbsp shredded mint and season. Serve alongside the fritters with lemon wedges and extra mint leaves.

Courgette and goats' cheese lasagne (for 2)

2 tbsp olive oil
1 garlic clove, crushed
400g tin chopped tomatoes
1 tbsp honey
1 tbsp chopped oregano
1 leek, finely sliced
200g can butter beans, drained
100ml vegetable stock/water
50g goats' cheese, crumbled
½ lemon, zest and 1 tsp juice
3 courgettes, cut lengthways into 0.3cm strips (you'll need 18 strips in total)

Heat ½ tbsp oil in a small saucepan and fry the garlic for 30 seconds. Tip in the tomatoes and honey; simmer for 15 minutes, until thickened. Season, stir in the oregano and set aside.

Meanwhile, in a separate small saucepan, heat another ½ tbsp oil and sauté the leek for 8 minutes, until soft. Tip in the beans and stock; simmer for 2-3 minutes, season and take off the heat. Blitz in a small food processor or NutriBullet with the goats' cheese, then season and stir in the lemon zest and juice.

Heat your largest frying pan over a high heat. Toss the courgette with the remaining 1 tbsp oil, season and fry, in batches, for 2-3 minutes on each side, until softened. Place 3 strips of courgette on a plate, spoon over ¼ of the tomato sauce, top with ¼ of the cheese sauce, then repeat to build another layer. Repeat to create a second lasagne and serve, with a green salad, if liked.

Prospects produce
Courgettes! Tomatoes, green beans, potatoes, onions, garlic, beetroot, salads with edible flowers, jams and chutneys, cucumbers and more.

Catherine Gibson



Days Out: Blakeney seals

Could you sponsor a bench?

A number of areas in Reach, including the new playground, would benefit from a bench.



We are looking for individuals or companies who wish to dedicate or sponsor a bench at a cost of £624 each, including engraved plaque.



A wonderful way to commemorate a loved one or to show how your company supports our community.

For more information, please contact Reach Parish Council.
(a.degiorgiomiller@reachparishcouncil.org)



Days Out: Xtreme 360 Trampoline Park, St Neots



Family Focus

So here we are the Summer holidays are upon us, the list is written and the sun is shining. Already my house looks like we've had a small hurricane fly through (or three) but people remind me "they won't be small for long" and they are right. Already Lucy is counting down the years until she looks towards secondary school and Lacey has one year left until she will be starting full-time school. Wow.



So what are we up to during this holiday I hear you ask? Well with the weather so warm and looking set to stick around for another couple of weeks I am hoping to explore at least one of the splash parks in Cambridge. I have heard good things about the recently refurbished paddling pool and splash pad at Coleridge Recreation Ground. The recreation ground includes the paddling pool, interactive splash pad, football field, tennis court, children's playground and table tennis and can be found at 100 Coleridge Road and off Davy Road, Cambridge. Another possibility for a cool down would be Lammas land in Cambridge with its outside paddling pool and play area. Located to the west of Cambridge City Lammas land is bordered by the Fen Causeway and Newnham Road.



Also on our list is Milton Maize Maze, we have been to the maize maze a few years running now and every year there has been something new added with the field of fun packed with inflatables, go carts, the maize itself, coffee shop and a tractor ride around the farm there is lots to keep everyone entertained. Every year the maize is set in a different design with a map and clues to help find your way around, some years we have taken a picnic and been so busy in the field of fun we haven't even made it into the maze itself. The tractor ride is a firm favourite every year where you can take a tour around the farm which stops at the fish pond to feed the fish in the well stocked pond. This year Farmer Rob has added a "Dino Dig" to the attraction "where you can experience being a palaeontologist; brush the dirt and sand away and make some discoveries of your own". The Maize Maze is at the Rectory Farm on the A10 Milton Bypass, Milton, Cambridge, CB24 6AE and opens from July 14th to September 3rd 2018. Tickets can be booked online which also gives you a discount on gate prices at www.themiltonmaizemaze.co.uk.

The summer holidays wouldn't be complete to me with out a trip to the seaside. A favourite of mine is Hunstanton and Old Hunstanton. I like a little walk along the beach with the girls having a go on a few rides before heading round the coast to Old Hunstanton Beach where we find a spot away from the fair ground rides and shops and have a sand filled picnic, build a sandcastle and a paddle in the sea. If there is one thing to keep our girls entertained it seems to be water!



While we were putting our list together I asked Nathan for the places he would like to visit during the holidays and he mentioned the Orchards at Granchester, The Orchards were first planted in 1868 and in 1897 a group of students asked if they could have tea served in the orchards rather than on the front lawn of Orchard House, unbeknownst to them that they were starting a tradition and as word spread of the lovely setting students would regularly, walk cycle or punt to the orchards for tea. When you visit today you are following in the foot steps of an impressive list of visitors including Rupert Brooke, Alan Turing, Crick and Watson, Stephen Hawking and HRH Prince Charles to name a few. The Tea rooms serve a range of dishes from breakfast, lunches, Tea and Cakes and in my opinion the best scones locally! The Tea rooms at the Orchard is at 47 Mill Way, Granchester, Cambridge, CB3 9ND and has a website for more information at www.theorchardteagarden.co.uk. Providing such a peaceful setting this maybe one trip I leave the children at home for…..

Tash. X

Reach Sports Day 2018

Sports day this year was hot, hot, hot! So a big well done to all those that ventured out to the top field and joined us.

You will see from the photographs that we had a large group of the little ones keen and eager to join. When you are 3 years old some races are a bit more of a challenge. How do you jump in a sack that is twice as big as you and how do you wheelbarrow with such short arms?! But as ever they were helped by some of the older ones, something I think gives this event a great family feel.



We had all the classic races: the sack, three-legged and the wheelbarrow, as well as the Reach favourites the potato race and apple bobbing. The children were most thankful for the opportunity to cool themselves down by tipping the water over themselves after the apple bobbing race.

After the long, hot Marathon race the children tucked into burgers and sausages cooked by John Tayleur. There were lots of refreshments as Alex totalled up the score cards.



Cup Winners

Senior overall athlete	Scarlett Bailey
Intermediate athlete	Sophia Quilter
Junior athlete	Lini Tayleur
Senior female marathon	Scarlett Bailey
Intermediate female marathon	Lucy Bridgeman
Sportsmanship	Jacob Aves

Well done to all!



I must say a big thank you to the team for their support, Tash Bridgeman (and Nathan), Cath Tayleur and Alex de Giorgio-Miller for the numerous jobs they all did in the build up and running of the day. Buying burgers, checking the equipment, applying to the amenity fund. It was most definitely a team effort! Thank you also to everyone that helped on the day, holding the finishing tape, handing out the place cards and cheering the children along. We did miss the older ones this year and we were especially short of boys. Come on Reach boys your village needs you! See you next year.

Debbie Quilter

The 32Red Newmarket Open Weekend on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September 2018.



We look forward to welcoming you to the 32Red Newmarket Open Weekend on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 September 2018. The Open Weekend gives visitors the unique opportunity to go behind the scenes at British horseracing's HQ, enjoy two fantastic days of fun and entertainment, and raise money for local charities.

2018 will see the return of racing on Saturday afternoon at the Rowley Mile racecourse after a one-year break. Racing is always a highlight of the weekend with several trainers bravely volunteering to step up to the microphone and take part in the annual NOW racing commentary challenge.

Over the course of the weekend many of the town's most dedicated equine sites will also open their doors, including; Newmarket's two leading veterinary hospitals, the National Heritage Centre, the British Racing School, Tattersalls, and the Jockey Club Rooms.

Sunday morning action will once again kick off on the iconic Tattersalls sponsored Warren Hill gallops, followed by a number of Newmarket's top trainers opening their yards to the public. The popular Clipper Logistics racing personality show jumping competition will take centre stage for the afternoon's entertainment on the Severals, alongside the Newmarket Stable Staff vs Jockeys & Trainers Football match, and much more.

Please note that we do offer a complimentary shuttle bus service on Sunday only for all NOW visitors from the Severals car park and that the Food & Drink Festival will take place the weekend before – Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 September.

Visit our gallery page to see pictures and videos from 2017 and get a taste of the action! Any queries please feel free to get in touch with our team. We hope to see you here.

Schedule: ** Timings TBC

TIME	Saturday 22nd September
8am - 5pm	National Heritage Centre - Kings Yard
9am - 1pm	British Racing School open. Tours at 10am and 11:30am.
9:30am - 12:30pm	Rossdales Veterinary Surgeons tours at 10am, 11am, & 12pm.
10am - 5pm	National Heritage Centre - Museum*
11am;12am;1pm;2pm	National Stud Tours. 35 - 40 minutes each tour
12:05pm	Gates open for racing at the Rowley Mile
All day FREE parking	Tattersalls. Enter premesis via The Avenue. Postcode CB8 9AU
	Parking available at the Rowley Mile for racing

TIME	Sunday 23rd September
8am - 9am	Warren Hill Gallops, sponsored by Tattersalls, open to the public.
8am - 5pm	National Heritage Centre - Kings Yard
9am - 12:30pm	YARDS OPEN
9:30am - 1pm	Newmarket Equine Hospital. Tours at 10am, 11am, 12pm.
TBC	Jockey Club Rooms Tours**
10:00am - 5:00pm	National Heritage Centre - Museum
11am,12pm,1pm & 2pm	National Stud Tours. 35-40 minutes each
10:30am - 1pm	Tattersalls Bloodstock Auctioneers open. Main talk in the sales ring at 12pm (one hour).
1pm - 3pm	Fun Local Dog Show *Note Dogs are not allowed in yards or equine sites
1:30pm	Stable Staff vs Martin Collins Jockeys & Trainers Football Match
2pm	Waitrose Stable Staff Games
2:30pm	Clipper Logistics Racing Personality Show Jumping
All day FREE parking	The Severals. Located just off the roundabout at the top of the town, beside the Gallops.
All day FREE parking	Tattersalls. Enter premises via The Avenue in Newmarket. Postcode CB8 9AU

Cricket Report



Sunday 20 May Cambridge Kerala (246 all out. Joseph 48, T Fordham 2-36) beat Reach (129 all out. T Fordham 22)

Put in to bat, Kerala knocked up a formidable 246, one of the highest-ever scores at the Reach Oval, remarkable given the slowness of the outfield. In spite of a solid start by Bryan Pearson and Andrew Trump, Reach were never on pace the overhaul that score

Sunday 3 June Reach 113-4 (B Pearson 32, E Cameron 28, Sahayu 2-11) beat Cambridge Kerala 109 all out (Kris 49 E Cameron 5-25)

Two weeks later, Reach did battle with Kerala again, with a very different result. Kerala started off well, but then ran into a deadly spell from Ewen Cameron. Reach's fielding was suddenly like masterclass, with catches sticking, two fantastic ones from Will Kingsmill included. Mark Thornton and Bryan Pearson made a slow but steady start in response, with victory achieved in the 35th over. That meant, under the rules of the new revolving captaincy (which is a bit like being Chelsea manager – you are boss until you lose a match), that Rob Steed kept the job for another game

Sunday 24 June Rain Men 136-2 (Mackleway 62, T Davies 2-35) beat Reach 135-6 (T Fordham 27)

Action at the world cup between England and Panama delayed the start of this match until 3pm. In a shortened, 30 over format Reach knocked up a slightly below-par 135 – is spite of some dementedly ambitious running between the wickets by Tony Fordham, including the first-ever all-run four on the Reach ground. It wasn't enough for a field of nine to contain. Rumours of our fielding in the last game must have echoed around the cricketing world, because the opposition on this occasion did not give us a single opportunity to snatch one. With wickets refusing to fall, the Rain Men were home in 20 overs, and the Steed era was over

Sunday 8 July Comins XI 213-3 (R Keutgen 22-1) beat Reach 113 all out (Jig 36 n.o)

With the heatwave having turned the outfield into a savannah-like shade of whiteish brown and the ball rolling quickly to the boundary, runs were easy to come by – or they were when the opposition was batting. Reach's reply wilted in the heat.

As ever, we are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to play. Please email rossjclark@aol.com. We take all-comers, so don't worry if you haven't played since school – or have never played at all.

Ross Clark

Reach Riders Group



The Reach Riders Group Committee consists of

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

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Days Out: Suffolk Punch Trust, near Woodbridge

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 6th June 2018.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present
Nathan Bridgeman	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey Allen	Clerk	Present
Alderson Joshua	District Councillor	Present
Schumann	County Councillor	Present

Apologies for absence
There were none.

Forum for members of the public.
Many members of the public attended the meeting.
One member wanted to put forward the idea of making the old playground area into a car park.
All other members of the public wanted to discuss the Dykes End Pub and hear what the PC is able to do with regard to the ongoing situation.

1. Declaration of Interests
Councillor de Giorgio-Miller declared an interest in the sports day grant fund application.

2. The Dykes End Pub
Councillor Cane started by detailing the history of the lease, and the responsibilities of the leaseholder to the PC. These include, but not exclusively, paying the rates, keeping the building insured, and in good repair, to keep the license going, to be open for reasonable hours as advertised on the website. Councillor Cane also mentioned that the company had gone into insolvency, and that there were issues with the refuse collection. Councillor Cane stated that the PC had taken legal advice, and that a solicitor's letter had been sent which had asked the lessee to complete certain repairs and provide the PC with certain information. The deadline for this is at the end of June. If it becomes necessary, and the village wants the PC to continue with legal action this will be very expensive and money will need to be raised as the PC alone will not be able to afford to continue.

Members of the public complained about the rubbish piling up outside the back of the pub and chemical bottles in the carpark, gas bottles are not kept securely, onsite licencing document are not on display, no price lists, poor health and safety processes within the kitchen area and a lack of hot water. Poor food, lack of choice behind the bar, and the fact the pub is accepting cash only were also discussed.

Councillor Schumann suggested that residents, more importantly than the PC, should report all issues to the specific departments at ECDC. This would allow ECDC to ensure the health and safety of the pub and the surrounding area is kept up. These could also result in the pub being closed immediately upon inspection. Residents and the PC agreed to do so.

2. Planning Applications
18/00655/FUL 9 Burwell Rd, front ground floor extension – No comment to be made.
18/00669/FUL 1 Ditchfield two storey extension, resubmission – No comment to be made.

4. County Councillor Report

Nothing to report.
Councillors Trump and Fielding asked about the lack of repairs to the potholes around the village. ***Councillor Fielding*** will, again, update Councillor Schumann with the specific details by email.

5. District Councillor Report

At the May Full Council Meeting the title of Honorary Alderman was bestowed on ex councillor Andy Wright in recognition of his 39 years of continuous service up to 2015. He is the first member of East Cambs District Council to have this honour bestowed to him.
At the same council meeting I was also re-elected to the Community Services Committee plus as a substitute to the Resources and Finance Committee, and a board member of the Swaffham Internal Drainage Board. The Drainage Boards main purpose is its management of water levels and flood risk within its drainage area and to seek opportunities to enhance the environment.
Now that ECDC is responsible for its waste services we are doing a sweep of the whole district to clear up, and hopefully identify, fly tipping.
During the last month I undertook a visit to Gs Growers at Barway, near Ely. It is very well run and spotlessly clean. Its workers are a mix of local people plus some European workers. It has an environmental policy of planting trees and hedgerows on small areas not suitable for crops.

It was stated that the Gladmans planning appeal, regarding land at Fordham, had been upheld. This was on the basis that not enough homes are being built in the district.
The emerging local plan is with the inspector and his report is expected within a month.
Councillor Schumann stated that the planning department will, now be looking at all new applications, outside of planning envelopes, with a positive view.

Councillor Alderson gave a written response to the financial questions asked at a previous meeting.

6. Minutes of previous Meeting

Approved as correct.
It was noted that the minutes published in the last Within reach magazine did not show as draft minutes. ***Clerk*** to correct in next magazine. Going forward draft minutes will only be published on the village website, with only approved minutes published in the magazine.

7.1 Reach Grant Fund

An application had been received regarding £190 for Reach Sports Day. Approved, payment with receipts.
An application had also been received from two scouts from the village to help with their fund raising for a trip in 2019. This will be discussed in July.

7.2 Finance

The accounts have been return from the internal auditor and all is in order. The relevant parts will now be sent to the external auditor as required.
The Events Team have transferred £5,233 to the PC grant fund as proceed from this year's Reach Fair.
The PC has now received all grant monies and VAT refunds for the new playground project.
A quote for £260 had been received for the removal of a dead Cherry tree on The Hythe. ***Clerk*** to give the go ahead. It has also been reported that the Cherry tree on the green, by the swings, has some dead wood which needs to be removed. ***Clerk*** to arrange.
Councillor Fielding agreed to become Tree Officer.

7.3 Parish Council Members

Councillor Ward confirmed that the garage application at Barston Drove has now gone to appeal.

7.4 Play Spaces

<u>New playground:</u>
Sign is now up. Kompan keep promising to come and fix several small items but still no show – ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** will keep chasing.
Kompan confirm that they have the completion date as 9th March, so our first inspection should be put in the diary for February 2019 ***Clerk*** to note.
We've had several incidents of parts going missing in the new playground – some small grills on the roundabout which I have replaced (Kompan sent replacements for free) and now the cover in the centre of the seesaw.
Having contacted the family of Albert whose memorial bench is in the old playground, they are keen for this to be restored and moved into the new playground. ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to seek further sponsorship of benches, memorial or otherwise for the areas.
<u>General:</u>
The gate post at the entrance to the field has been fixed. The contractor reported that the gate doesn't sit well on its hinges and quoted to replace. The gate does still close and lock and is used infrequently so the PC decided to leave it, and monitor the situation.
The dog sign has been cleaned but has a spelling mistake on it. This will be replaced at a later date as ECDC are in the process of passing a new by-law.

There has been horse poo found on the playing field. The gate was locked so they must have gone through the pedestrian access.

7.5 Rights of Way

Nothing to report.

7.6 24Acres Committee

A quick survey of the woodland planting by Steve Boreham and Nick Acklam, confirmed that tree survival rates appear reassuringly high. Nick Acklam reports that the new mower shared with the cricket pitch has been a great success for mowing paths around Reach 24.

7.7 Friends of Reach wood

A quick survey of the wood, had been carried out by Steve Boreham and can clearly see the die-back of the Ash trees leaving holes in the canopy. Ian Froggatt from the Woodland Trust isn't concerned too about this. The woodland glades thus created have allowed an interesting mix of flowers to develop.

Reach Wood Meadow - The first cutting of the meadow is due to take place in the next two weeks. If you recall, the Woodland Trust will then arrange to have the ragwort wiped, once it grows up to flower. Steve Boreham has checked, and the ragwort are just starting to grow. There will be a second later cut as usual in the autumn. This double-cut exercise is just for this year, in order to try to control the ragwort.

Nothing to report about The Hythe itself… However, the large amount of filamentous algae growing in the water around The Hythe and in Catchwater Drain this year may reflect the amount of nitrate and phosphate entering the watercourse. Steve Boreham has tested the water quality and can confirm that the values this year are somewhat elevated. This may have allowed large numbers of mosquitos to breed in the Catchwater Drain and Lode.

7.8 GDPR

Two privacy statements have been published, one public and one for employees, Councillors, and volunteers. Consent forms were also sent out which are slowly trickling back to the Clerk. A full data audit has not yet been completed. However, it was proposed that accounting data is retained to 7 years as required, Councillors interest forms are destroyed after 1 year when they leave, but consent forms (***Clerk*** to produce) are signed to allow for other details to be retained for historical interest, all plans and deeds to be kept. Approved

8. Proposed Beehives on the 24Acres

Application withdrawn before the meeting.

9. War memorial maintenance

Obtaining quotes for work on the memorial have proved difficult due to the stone used. One quote had been received, and very good reviews of the companies work on memorials had been received. Clerk had contacted the War Memorial Trusts Conservation team regarding grant funding for the work. There is a delay in response of up to 10 weeks, with no work to start prior to this decision. The PC decided to await the response from the grant request.

10. Final approval of plans for the old playground area.

The old equipment is due an inspection in June, therefore the playground may need to be closed prior to its removal. Dates to be confirmed.

Removal of playground equipment, surfacing and fencing and turning to grass. Two quotes had been received, two more had been promised but never received, to carry out this work. A quote from Jon Garner at A Cleaner World was accepted. ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to arrange.

New development

The idea of a car park, out forward earlier, was again discussed. This had been discussed previously and it was felt that to encourage cars into the area would be dangerous.

A decision in principle was made to accept the plan of 3 picnic benches and a concrete table tennis table in the area with an area of raised beds, creating a boundary, for a village herb garden. Both Snakehall farm and the Montessori nursey had shown an interest in helping with this project. Sponsorship will again be sought. ***Councillor Trump*** to investigate obtaining some logs to block the area after the removal.

ECDC will replace the old bin for free.

Memorials

Family of Steven Folkes are pleased with the new playground and the idea of a picnic and table tennis area. They would like to leave the memorial bench where it currently is (facing tennis courts).

Family of Albert Johnson would like Albert's bench to be moved to the new playground.

Other people wanting the equipment

Red Lion, Swaffham Prior (Stephen and Michele King) – no longer interested.

Rebecca Sykes would like the slide and possibly the rest of the unit. Waiting for confirmation as to which pieces exactly she wants. A disclaimer statement will be signed ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to arrange.

11. Approve Annual Governance Statement

Approved and signed.

12. Approve the Accountancy statement

Approved and signed

13. Information Items/AOB

14. Payments

Craig Dunnett – Gate post repairs	£194.86
CAPALC Membership	£176.70
CR Contracting – mowing contract	£343.00
British Legion – Remembrance wreath	£17.00
E.On - power on the green	£8.51
D Thomas – Orchard	£42.25
N Bridgeman – PC Grant Fund – Events Team Royal Wedding tea party	£210.33

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: Date:

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 4th July 2018.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	Not Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Not Present
Nathan Bridgeman	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.
A member of the public asked for an update on the Dykes End Pub situation. The PC are continuing with the process of confirming that insurance cover is in place and repairs as requested are carried out.

A member of the public voiced concern about the pathway along Fair Green and the Swaffham Road. The overgrown verge and hedges are encroaching on the path making it more and more difficult to use.

1. Declaration of Interests
Councillor Cane declared an interest in the broadband discussion.

2. Guest speaker – Andrew Glover - Fibre Assets Ltd.
"Fibre Assets Ltd, in collaboration with Air Broadband, have submitted a street works application in order to install fibre optic broadband to the majority of premises in the village. This will significantly enhance the internet speeds (100Mbps and upwards), reliability and performance. It is hoped that works will start in mid-late September and last for 1-2months. 4 connection boxes will be needed around the village.
Most of the village will be able to connect to this service, from and including Ditchfield, the 30mph sign on Burwell Road and the Blackberry Drove bend on Great Lane because the road narrows there and would need to be closed to allow trenching. The PC were disappointed the entire village would not be connected. Andrew

Glover stated that they would work towards connecting the remaining houses. Other areas of the village can be included, the pub, church, village centre. The idea of the entire green being covered was also discussed. More information will be provided shortly including a village meeting and every house will be contacted to determine if, where and how they may wish to be connected. They will also work to minimise the disruption as much as possible

3. The Dykes End Pub

Discussion took place during the confidential session.

4. Planning Applications

There were none.

It was noted that now there is no local plan, the re submission of refused applications is expected. It was also noted that the Barston Drove site had submitted driveway and landscaping plans to discharge their conditions 7 & 8.

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5. County Councillor Report

None received.

6. District Councillor Report

The Frustrations of being a Local Planning Authority

Until the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, owners of land could essentially build whatever they wanted on their own land. The Act established that planning permission was now required to build on land regardless of ownership.

Local planning authorities, of which East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) is one, control development through the local plan. The Local Plan sets out the policies against which applications are judged and either refused or given permission. One of those policies is the "Development Envelope" around villages and settlements - basically a line, outside of which planning permission is not normally given. If an application is refused planning permission they have the right to appeal that decision to the government through a national planning inspector; interestingly, third parties can't appeal.

Local planning authorities have targets for new housing numbers over the planning period – the government basically tells ECDC how many houses it must try to get the market to deliver. ECDCs local planning focuses development on the bigger areas such as Ely, Littleport, Soham and Burwell, with less land being allocated for development in the villages and smaller settlements.

The District Council have just lost an appeal in Fordham, brought forward by a company called Gladmans, for a site of about 100 houses outside of the development envelope. The National Inspector ruled that the council could no longer "Demonstrate a 5-year land supply". Basically, what it means is that the inspector decided that there are not enough houses being built in the district to reach targets.

The effect of this legal ruling is that applications cannot now be refused only for the reason of being outside the development envelope. Applications will still be judged against, and have to comply with, other relevant planning policies in the local plan, but for now, the development envelopes effectively disappear.

Many residents don't like this situation as it means that people can apply for planning permission anywhere – it is fair to say that the district council is not that pleased about it either!

The frustration for the District Council is that it can give all the planning permission it likes, but it has no powers to actually force developers to build the houses. The irony of the Gladmans appeal is that it was the same company who put the council into the same situation a couple of years ago with a site at Witchford for around 140 houses, where it won the same argument and put the council into the same situation of having no 5-year land supply. There are still no houses built on that land at Witchford, which helps Gladmans legal case in the Fordham appeal – It is perverse!

Cynics might say it is a deliberate tactic on the part of a big national developer (who, in my humble opinion, appears not to be interested whatsoever in building homes for people, but is interested in turning land that is not the best land to be built on into development land and selling it off).

All is not lost however, as the council foresaw this situation and has been working with a new local plan which we hope to be able to adopt after it has been through the national inspection process later this year or early next year. This will wipe the slate clean on the past lack of delivery and will regain control of our 5-year land supply once again, meaning the development envelope will be back in place. Given that the development of a new local plan is such a lengthy process, I suspect that we will need to begin working on a new local plan as soon as the emerging local plan is adopted.

To say it is frustrating is an understatement!

<u>District Councillors Report July 2018</u>

Along with my normal council duties I also attended a site visit to DS Smiths at Fordham. They are Europe's leading supplier of cardboard packaging. The company was founded in London in 1940. It now employs 27,000

people and operates in 36 countries. Its staff at Fordham are nearly all local coming mainly from Ely and Burwell. It has a very safe and clean working environment.
Last but not least I was chosen to represent our council at the Queen's annual garden party at Buckingham Palace on 5th June 2018. It was a great honour and a truly unforgettable day. The garden has a wide variety of trees and a rose garden of HT and floribunda roses. The garden sits in 47 acres.

7. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

8.1 Reach Grant Fund
An application email had been received, asking for help to raise funds to travel to the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. The PC appreciate that it is a great achievement for these scouts to be given the opportunity to attend this event. However, there were reservations on the justification of this as a use for Grant fund monies. ***Clerk*** to ask the boys to complete the Grant fund application and to give more details on how they will bring benefit to the village residents from this event.

8.2 Finance
A quote for £190 had been received for the removal of a dying Cherry tree on The Green. ***Clerk*** to give the go ahead. It was noted that another cherry tree on the green by the bus stop was also dying. ***Clerk*** to ask for a price to cut back or remove this tree as required.
The hedge on the footpath leading from Reach wood to the byway at the back of Ditchfield has become overgrown ***Clerk*** to get quotes and talk to land owners.
The hedge by the carpark and old playground will be cut.

8.3 Parish Council Members
There were none.

8.4 Play Spaces
All equipment fixed now – Kompan sent replacement parts for free.
A quote had been received to remove Albert's bench, clean it up, sand, varnish and reposition it in new playground on a concrete base. The Pc considered that the bench should be left where it is for the time being, because it might well fit within the plans for that area. A Marmax products recycled plastic benches which has a more traditional look was proposed for the memorial benches. The PC approved this in a brown colour. A total price will be given for the bench and its installation. The PC will clarify that it will only take responsibility for on-going minor maintenance.

Residents had commented that it would be useful to have benches in the new playground, but there are a number of other areas around the village which could benefit from a bench. (by the swings on the green, beside the port bridge underneath the sycamore on the left of the bins). The PC was happy to discuss benches in other areas should more sponsors be received.
It was suggested that all companies that advertise in the village magazine should be approached for sponsorship.
There is a lot of bird mess on the new swings. A quote had been requested to install bird spikes on top bar of regular swings, basket swing and baby swings.
<u>Old playground area development:</u>
Old playground was closed on 30th June. Work starts on 9th July. Insurance and waste carrier licence have been received.
Councillor de Giorgio-Miller had had a meeting with Tom Cockerton, the Garden Team Manager and Co-Manager at Prospects Trust and he is going away to develop some designs with costs for the project, including the table tennis table and picnic benches. The 'Postcode local trust' provide financial support for charities and good causes which help communities enhance their natural environment in a way that benefits the wider community. Application process opens August 1st. £500-£20000 available if registered charity. ***Councillor Trump*** to discuss with the village centre committee to see if they are happy to work with the PC on this project. ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** will look into it and get things in place to apply in August, bringing a final plan to the August meeting. The Co-op applications don't open again until 2019. The solar farm provides small grants but applications will be required in February.

8.5 Rights of Way
Councillor Trump had heard back from Highways regarding the pot hole and road edge situation on Little Fen Drove. They had been to inspect and felt that no further action was require. This is not acceptable. ***Councillor Fielding*** to contact Councillor Josh Schumann.

8.6 24Acres Committee

Nothing to report.

8.7 Friends of Reach wood
The meadow was cut as agreed on Monday 2nd July, and will be cut again later in the year.

8.8 GDPR
Consent forms have been produced for new councillors to sign regarding the keeping of Councillors interest forms for 1 year after they leave, and all other details to be retained indefinitely for historical interest.

9. War memorial maintenance
The War Memorial Trusts Conservation team had declined the grant request. Following discussion, it was decided that the memorial would be cleaned by the PC and village volunteers.

10. Standing Orders
These had been updated. Following discussion and amendments these were approved. ***Councillor Ward*** to make amendments and circulate.

11. August Meeting
It was decided that due to the amount of activity in various areas of the village that an August meeting would go ahead.

13. Information Items/AOB
There was none.

14. Payments

S. Bailey – Clerk salary	£1,447.29
S. Bailey – postage	£17.46
CR Contracting – mowing contract	£255.50
E. On - power on the green	£15.75
Icon signs – playground sign	£150.00
N Bridgeman – PC Grant Fund –Sports day	£54.25
C. Tayleur – PC Grant Fund – Sports day	£29.40
Bailey - PC Grant Fund – Sports day	£35.00
A de Giorgio-Miller – playing field key	£6.50
J Garner – old playground removal	£3,900.00
Ernest Doe & sons – 24Acres mower	£4,000.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 1st August 2018 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: Date:



Days Out: Stour Valley

Letter from the Vicarage



I love the summer - more relaxed schedules, being outside a lot of the time, light till late in the evening. It's a good time to unwind, connect with friends, family and perhaps at a deeper level, with God. St Etheldreda's and St Mary's are both kept open until early evening every day, and if you're walking past, do pop in to have a look round, and perhaps have a few moments for quiet and prayer.

At St Mary's we have some summer holiday activities for children and families, with Messy Cafés on two Wednesday afternoons, August 1st and 8th, for the young and young-at-heart to connect, make friends, and have fun. Come along any time between 2.00 and 4.00pm for refreshments, stories, crafts and Lego zone. Also Refresh Café will be continuing at St Mary's on Friday mornings 9.30 - 11.00am, taking a break from the middle of August, and restarting on August 31st. It's usually for pre-school children and parents/carers, but older siblings are welcome during the holidays. We'll post updates each week on Facebook. Lunchbreak Café also continues on the 4th Wednesdays of the month throughout the summer, serving light lunches from 12 noon.

Once we get to September, we will be joining in with national Heritage Open day on September 8th, when St Mary's tower will be open for tours, and, for the WWI centenary, we will be focussing on those buried or commemorated in the churchyard, with information displayed about them, a space for reflection, and a marked trail outside to the graves. There will also be an opportunity to search our digital databases of church registers. Refreshments will be served all morning, and all are welcome.

Later in September we are having a week of harvest related events, beginning with a Harvest Communion Service in Reach on Sunday September 30th at 10am, and then later that day in St Mary's there will be a joint Refresh Café and Messy Church Harvest Special from 4 till 6pm. We're also hoping to have a harvest event in Reach at some point during that week for younger children - details to be confirmed. There will be a Harvest themed service at St Mary's on Sunday October 7th at 10am. As in previous years, we will be collecting for the local foodbank, and there will be collecting boxes in both churches during the week, and opportunities to support other aid projects.

For more details of our services and regular updates, see notices outside both churches, our website and Facebook pages. Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, including weddings, christenings and baby thanksgivings, or if you would just like a chat, about life, the universe, or anything and everything.

Revd Dr Eleanor Williams
Vicar of Burwell with Reach
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Developments at Reach Church – Report from Open Meeting in Reach on 18th July



Thank you very much to those who were able to come to the recent meeting in the church. As has been reported previously, the plans for developing Reach church, which will be made possible by the generous legacy from Maisie Whitehead, are now at an advanced stage and have been on display in the church. We were able to give a detailed update at the meeting, with many positive comments. We have received a preliminary positive response to the plans from the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC), and we will now consult with Historic England and the Victorian Society to ask their views on the developments.

During earlier consultations with the people of Reach, a variety of ideas were proposed for potential community uses, while still respecting the building's primary purpose as a place of worship and sacred space. For the project to go forward, it is important that we all develop a shared vision of how the church and its grounds will be used in the future, with realistic and practical plans for maintenance and upkeep. The aim of the work inside the church will be to provide a warm, comfortable and flexible building, with a servery, toilets and modern lighting and audio-visual systems that will benefit not only the church but the whole community.

In addition to the developments inside the church, we are working on plans to provide much better access to the building, and have also started to look at plans for re-landscaping the garden outside, as part of a growing sense that we need to look at the church and grounds as a whole, as we look towards future use. To do this, we need to address the ruined arch, which is part of a much older building. Despite many previous attempts

to conserve it, it is now in a precarious state and we have sought the advice of surveyors and our architect as to the way forward. There are three options:

1. To repair the arch as it is – this option may not be possible if the inner structure is found to have deteriorated too much
2. To demolish the top part and rebuild it
3. To demolish the top part, leaving just the two upright pillars.



The options for the arch were discussed at the meeting on 18th July, and a range of views were expressed, from a reluctance to spend time and money on the ruin, to a strong commitment to try to conserve the arch, as a popular symbol of the village. The DAC have also expressed a preference towards trying to conserve the arch. We would welcome hearing the views of others villagers, and will be taking all the comments into consideration as we work towards making a decision about what to do.

Over the next few months we will provide updates about all of the plans, as and when we have further information, but if you would like more information now, please let us know. Thank you again for your support.

Eleanor Williams
Vicar of Burwell with Reach



Days Out: Lovejoy's Mill, Suffolk

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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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
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Your Clerk is Susan Bailey
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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.

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:

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"The Little Chapel in the Fen"

All welcome to our

Harvest Festival Service
Sunday 7th October
3pm

Traditional harvest service and hymns
Produce welcome

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

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
August 2018		
ednesday 1st	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 2nd		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th **Trinity 10**	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Service	
Wednesday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 9th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th **Trinity 11**	10.00am Holy Communion	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 15th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 16th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th **Trinity 12**	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 23rd		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th **Trinity 13**	**No 8.00am service** 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 29th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 30th		8.15am Morning Prayer
September 2018		
Sunday 2nd **Trinity 14**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 5th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 6th	10.00am Little Bears	8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th **Trinity 15**	10.00 Morning Worship 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 13th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 16th **Trinity 16**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 19th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 20th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 23rd **Trinity 17**	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion	
Wednesday 26th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 27th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Saturday 30th	4.00pm Messy Church & Refresh Harvest	10.00am Harvest Service

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: August 2018

April	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 2	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 4	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 4	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Thursday 9	Recycling Day (Green)		
Tuesday 14	Southwold	Burwell Museum Coach Trips	Tina's Burwell 01638 741581
Tuesday 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	
Thursday 16	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Wednesday 22	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 23	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 25	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Sunday 26 – Monday 27	Fenland Fair	Stow-cum-Quy	9am – 5.30pm



Diary Dates: September 2018

May 2018	Event	Location	Time
	Bottisham Village College Adult Learning	**Bottisham Village College, Lode Road, Bottisham**	**See Page 24**
Saturday 1	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 1	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 6	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sunday 9	Arthur Rank Hospice Bridge the Gap Charity Walk	Cambridge	See Page 14
Sunday 9	Haddenham Steam Rally and Heavy Horse Show	Haddenham, near Ely	
Tuesday 11	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	National Memorial Arboretum	See Page 11
Thursday 13	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 13	Exploring the Victorian (and earlier) fauna of the Cambridgeshire Fens. Dr Richard Preece	Burwell Museum	See Page 10
Tuesday 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 19	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre AGM	8pm
Thursday 20	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 22 – Sunday 23	The 32Red Newmarket Open Weekend	Newmarket	See Pages 32 - 33
Wednesday 26	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 27	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 27	Victorian fashions and Punch. Honor Ridout	Burwell Museum	See Page 10
Saturday 29	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm



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	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	









Reach Sports Day 2018





Sports Day Photos: Tim Quilter













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Shrove Tuesday. Hazel Lingley, Imogen Trump, Kathryn Cane, Daisy and Scarlett Bailey, David Cane, Tim Davis, Alice Lingley, Daisy Miller, Jodie Halpin-McDonald, Hector and Violet Keutgen, Lily Steed and Harry Oliver-Towers



Royal Wedding Garden Party April 2011

2011



Ray Folkes. A familiar site cycling between Reach and Burwell



From left: Robert Keutgen and who knows who, Debbie Blocksage and Jodie Halpin-McDonald, Stephen and Sophie Bell, Daniel Blocksage and Juliet Vickery, David and Felicity Blocksgae, John Cane and Gwilym Davies, Elizabeth Parr and Nina White, and Robert Tucker and Hecter Keutgen.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 1 October 2011. Bill and Jean Estall. Jo Kirkpatrick seated and the walnuts in the foreground were from her garden.



From left: Hector Keutgen, Elizabeth Parr, Nina White, Daisy Miller, Violet Keutgen and Eve Mitchell





Will Lord attended Reach Festival





Freddie Bridgeman and Ava Quilter buried the time capsule



Reach Fair. Pupils of Swaffham Prior School maypole dancing



Reach solar farm was up and running in 2016. Andy Rankin led this project



2016



A beacon was lit and a time capsule was buried on the occasion of the

Queen's 90th birthday, Thursday 21st April 2016



Community orchard planting



Planting of avenue of limes led by Nick Acklam (far right)

Hugh de Lacy and Marie Bambrick's wine tasting evenings - legendary



David Thomas and Graham Lingley



Planting the replacement sweet chestnut on the Green

2013





Careful planning by David Thomas (in yellow tabard)



Car Wash and Grand Water Fight. From Left: Hazel Lingley, Elizabeth Parr, Jodie Halpin-McDonald and Kathryn Cane







Orchard Management Day. Richard and Danuta Gibson in the foreground



Sports Day challenge. Foreground Jo Riches and Lily Steed. Judge to the rear: Ross Clark



A royal-themed Sports Day



Scouts Forward Incident Hike 2014

2014



Carriages on the Green organised by Hilary Fielding





Harvest Supper. John and Jan Robinson in the foreground.



A Christmas tree and a snow machine



Carols on the Green following the Christmas tree lights being turned on



John Holmwood carved a new village sign using oak from Fordham



Electricity was installed on the Green



A beautifully carved oak bench was installed on the 24Acres in memory of Rita Dunnett. From Left: David Thomas, David Parr, Neville and Craig Dunnett



Hedge planting on the 24Acres



Reach Riders Arena: First ride



New Year's Day Bryan Pearson picks the teams



Blink and you've missed it







Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations June 2012



Back to School

2012



David Parr and Tony Barrett



30 June Wicken Dog Show Percy Keutgen: 1st Best Cross Breed and 2nd Best In Show



Apple Day much enjoyed

2015



Reach Riders Arena under construction



Sports Day inspired by the London Olympics 2012



Opening of the new playground

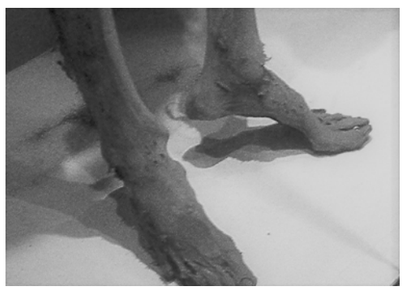


Stylish heritage street lighting



Joss Goodchild's last ride with Thistle

2017 - 2018



x2 Spoofs from Ross Clark: Reach Man Reg and his web feet, and Reach Container Port





Eddie Acklam



Reach Riders Group Race Evening



Grahame Radford led the racing



Church BBQ 2010. From left seated: Bill and Jean Estall, Joyce Harrison, John Holmwood and Penny Greenhill (nee Laing).



Reach bridge being lowered into place.



The tennis court opened in December 2010 and David Parr, who raised the funds, cut the cake



Reach's informal bridge opening ceremony. Ross Clark (in the braces) gave a speech and Eliza Clark (adjacent) cut the ribbon. Afterwards we had a picnic.



2010



From left: Suzie Tucker, Freya Thomas, Sophie Bell, Anja Tabecki, Daniel Knight and Chris Bridgeman.



From left standing: Gareth Davies, Paul Redfarn, Andy Knight; Andrew Trump, Ewen Cameron and Mike Whittingham. From left seated: Theo Clark, Paul Robinson, Ross Clark, Gwilym Davies and Joe Acklam.