Within Reach



October/November 2018



There has been a lot of building work, both new build and repair, in the village this summer. The scaffolding on some of the properties provided (with owner's permission!) an opportunity to capture some different perspectives on the village. What they show in the round is what a small and compact settlement we live in. Nick Acklam





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From the Editor



Well, its actually from the "Acting Editor" – I'm happy to look after the last next issue of the year on my own but after that we will need, I believe, at least two more people to makes sure we don't lose what is widely held to be an excellent village magazine.

My first comments have to be for our outgoing editor, Claire Halpin-McDonald who did a superb job in editing the magazine for the first 50 issues. She has helped me a lot in the handover and I know would always be there to assist future editors. And there are so many other things we have to thank her for over the years, including the Village Centre Committee, Reach Fair Committee and the Events Team. She certainly deserves a rest!

In this issue of the magazine, all of the old favourites are there with the only addition being the return of the Crossword (which has been stolen off the internet). Answers will be included in the next issue.

Nick's article on their recent family wedding is enthralling – it really was an excellent event – in many showing what Reach is all about.



And the Events Team, among many other things, are able to announce the return of the village tradition of holding a "Senior's Christmas Lunch" – which will be on Wednesday December 5th, from 12.30 to 3.00pm – with masterchef Catherine Gibson being in charge of catering. Have a look at the Events Team page and if you are eligible and would like to come along, please give me a call, email or text.

I hope you enjoy this issue as much as you have all the previous ones – and let me know if you'd like any additions or changes to be made.

Best wishes
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About the Magazine

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PLAYGROUND UPDATE



Phase one of the project to develop the area of the old playground is now complete. The old equipment has been removed, along with the fencing and surfacing. The ground was seeded, but the hot weather at the time has prevented any meaningful growth. This will be addressed at a later date when timescales for phase two are known.

Plans for Phase two have come together nicely. Working with the gardening team at the Prospect's Trust, there will be 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.

Working with the Reach Village Centre Committee on this project, we have submitted various applications for small grants to cover the redevelopment work. We're through to the second round in one of these application processes, and if successful, work could begin in January. We should know the outcome of this by the end of November – so fingers crossed!



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SANYA SERENITY COAST

Local Business Director Glenn Manchett is home after more than 11 months away sailing into first position aboard the Sanya Serenity Coast yacht in the Clipper 2017-18 race.

Glenn, a director of Manchetts Burwell Ltd, arrived to a hero's welcome at the Royal Albert Docks in Liverpool recently with the rest of the crew and skipper Wendy Tuck, after more than 11 months, completing their full circumnavigation in the Clipper Round the World Yacht race, achieving first place overall.



Skipper Wendy Tuck has sailed into the history books by becoming the first woman ever to win a round the world yacht race after leading her Sanya Serenity Coast team to clinch overall victory in the Clipper 2017-18 Race and Glenn was her chief engineer on board. She named him "Glenn can fix it Manchett" and Glengineer!
Glenn took part in all 13 legs to go around the world stopping in Uruguay, South Africa, Australia, USA and Ireland along with 10 other Clipper yachts.

In total, 712 people representing 41 different nationalities and walks of life have taken part in the 11th 40,000 nautical mile Clipper race.

To find out more go to:
www.clipperroundtheworld.com/about/about-the-race

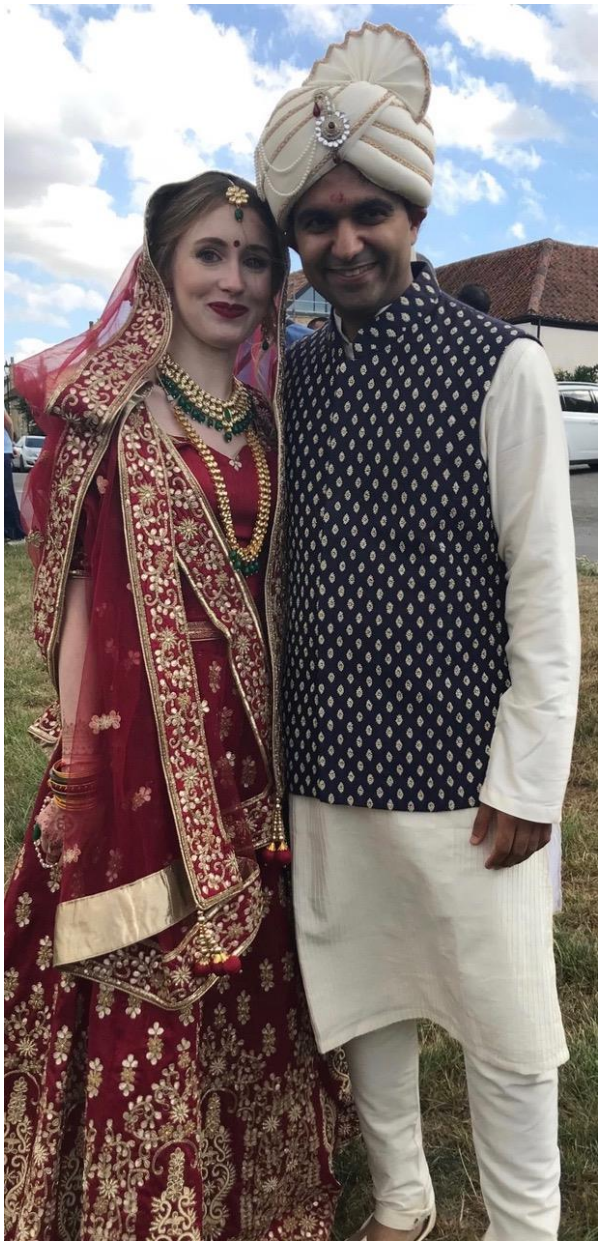
Final Positions

1. SANYA SERENITY COAST - 143 points
2. VISIT SEATTLE - 139 points
3. QINGDAO - 135 points
4. GARMIN - 125 points
5. PSP LOGISTICS - 121 points
6. UNICEF - 108 points
7. DARE TO LEAD - 106 points
8. GREAT BRITAIN - 90 points
9. LIVERPOOL 2018 - 79 points
10. HOTELPLANNER.COM - 69 points
11. NASDAQ - 61 points

India Comes to Reach

On Saturday 28th July, Claire and I hosted a Hindu wedding ceremony in the village. It was lovely to see the event feature on the front cover of the last edition of 'Within Reach' and we thought readers might want to know a little of the background to this colourful and exuberant day.

Fran, our daughter, met Arjune whilst studying at Cambridge. Arjune was born in the United States but his family originate from Mumbai and Gujarat in India. So, whilst the couple had had a wonderful western wedding at Clare College the previous weekend, they were keen to honour Arjune's cultural background with a follow-up Hindu wedding ceremony.



As the home village of the bride, Reach proved to be an ideal setting for the event which was attended by about 150 people travelling from places as far afield as Texas, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Mumbai, France and Swaffham Bulbeck. A Hindu wedding is very much a public event so we were delighted to see people from the village attending the elements of the ceremony at Reach Wood and on the Green.

The ever-flexible Village Centre had been transformed into a temple with a *mandap* (a covered structure with pillars temporarily erected as the centre-piece for a Hindu wedding) altar and mirrored hangings of red, green and gold. Pressure of space prevented this from being open to the wider village but the attached photograph gives an impression of the scale of the change.



The ceremony began with the *Swagatam* or welcome at a flower arch set up on the path in the meadow of Reach Wood. As the father of the bride, I welcomed the wedding party from Arjune's family and explained why we had chosen the wood as the entry point to the village. I said that the location demonstrated the deep roots of our village with evidence of stone age activity in the fields around us and very visible signs of the mining of clunch, the export of which had allowed Reach to prosper in the medieval period. Whilst the use of a place of permanence is very important in the Hindu wedding ceremony, I pointed out that the wood also demonstrated continuity, change and evolution. It had been an arable field until 1994 when it was purchased by the village and planted as a woodland.



I noted that one of those involved in planting on a cold and sunny December day was the 4 year old Frances. Since then the wood had become a place for quiet contemplation and recreation for our village and was of growing conservation value. I observed that Fran and Arjune regarded the wood as a special place and as a start point for the wedding, it would become even more important to them and by extension, to the community of Reach. Members of Arjune's family then sang folk songs in Gujarati about the wonderful qualities of the bride and groom.

Led by Arjune mounted on a white horse (grateful thanks to Hilary Fielding and Vicky Mills), we then progressed to the village green for some enthusiastic and colourful dancing - the *Var Yatra*. Appropriately this took place on the very spot where we have Maypole dancing during the Fair and close to where many of the wedding party had watched Morris dancing a couple of days earlier.



On completion of the dancing we entered the Village Centre to participate in a Hindu ceremony which was somewhat less formal than the ceremony of the previous Saturday or, indeed, any wedding I have ever attended. The priest engaged a very diverse gathering and made some universally applicable points about the secret to a long and happy marriage. As with the Christian ceremony a week earlier, much emphasis was placed on the importance of support for the couple from family and friends, of sharing and supporting each other. I thought there was one interesting point of divergence in a vow undertaken by Fran and Arjune in the Hindu ceremony to serve their community.

The key elements of the ceremony were:

- Var Poojan where Claire and I offered Arjune a seat, water to wash his hands and feet and a drink containing honey to welcome him into our family

- Antarpat where young members of both families held a thin veil between the bride and groom's seats whilst Fran was escorted to her seat by her uncles. The veil was then withdrawn and bride and groom were offered an opportunity to reject their prospective partner. Thankfully neither party took it!

- Kanya-Daan and Hastamalep where, as father of the bride, I requested that Arjune accepted Fran as an equal. Again, thankfully he did so!

- Varmala where bride and groom were raised to shoulder height by their families and exchanged flower garlands (now where was that Health and Safety assessment?).

- Saptapadi where Fran and Arjune vowed to share all their pleasures and pains, to work together and protect each other to share all responsibilities of family life, to love each other and respect the wishes of one another, to care for each other physically and emotionally, to be loyal and honest with each other and to serve their community, respect their traditions and support each other in their spiritual endeavours

- Ganth Bandhan which gave a physical demonstration of the phrase 'tying the knot'. The groom and bride's clothes were knotted together and a thin rope was placed around them, physically expressing the joining of the two together.

- Mangal Fera where Fran and Arjune circled an altar four times and invited the eternal fire (very small and thankfully not triggering the Centre's smoke alarm!) to witness the wedding and the couple's goals in life of dharma (virtue), artha (success), kama (family) and moksha (enlightenment).

Arjune's family then presented Fran with a mangalasutra necklace of gold and black beads, like a wedding ring, to be worn as a sign of marriage. Arjune also placed sindoor, a red coloured powder on Fran's head symbolising his love, integrity and devotion to her.

The ceremony culminated in the *kansar bakshan* where Fran and Arjune had a ceremonial first meal together, feeding each other. Finally the couple received blessings from the priest and from family and friends the *aarshirvad.*

We then sat down to a substantial Gujarati vegetarian wedding feast before more dancing and a little drinking brought a splendid and memorable day to a close.

To undertake two wedding ceremonies on successive weekends was a big challenge and was only possible with huge inputs of time and effort from Himanshu and Mayuri, Arjune's parents, and the wider family of the groom. We and more importantly Fran and Arjune think it was worth the effort.

Nick Acklam



IT Advice



Computer security passwords are your first line of defence against illegal access to your data. One of the problems these days is that our computers remember important passwords so that by the time we need to use them they are forgotten.

One of my most time-consuming jobs when setting up a new computer and one of my least favourite, is tracking down the multitude of passwords required to access a computer, it's programs and associated accounts. They are needed for initial access, broadband, wi-fi, email, banking and numerous websites. This normally means I have to set up lots of new passwords after jumping through various security hoops.

What is the answer? Firstly, it is NOT to have one common password; the weakness here is that if someone stumbles on your password, say by hacking a commercial website, then they have access to all your data and can impersonate you for their own purposes.

Secondly choose strong passwords that aren't easy to guess. The most popular password is 123456, others are "password", "qwerty" and "admin", family, pet and house names are also high on the list. The notorious hack of celebrity i-Cloud accounts which led to very personal photographs and data being widely published was achieved with a hacking program which only tried about 600 common passwords looking for entry. When it comes to making up passwords a random mix of letters, numbers and characters is difficult to remember, a better solution is to think of a phrase and take the first or last letters of each word e.g. "I wandered lonely as a cloud" might become "Iwlaac". If the site needs a number or "special character" this can be added, or one letter substituted for a number like 1 for I, just don't use your house number or date of birth, I know the age of many of my clients from their passwords!

What to do about remembering your passwords? Some people keep passwords in a book. In my experience the common problem here is that in time the numerous changes lead to confusion deciphering all the crossings out and repeat entries. My own answer is a database on my phone accessed by one password and available also on my tablet through an automatic, encrypted Cloud backup. This suits me as I need to remember details for remote access to client's servers etc. (with their knowledge and permission I hasten to add!)

Another solution to the whole problem is a password manager like Last Pass. These keep a database of your passwords, accessed by a master password and backed up to the Cloud. They can generate random passwords and automatically enter them in relevant websites etc. They are sometimes included in virus protection software, but more of them another time.

With some critical websites there is the option of "two-part authentication", sometimes as an option. This raises the security level significantly by requiring you to enter your password, then texting or emailing you a code which you must enter to gain access. This is well worth enabling on sensitive sites like email and banking, the disadvantage is that it slows things down.

I hope this article has given you some ideas for solving what for many of us has become an ever increasing problem.

David McMillan
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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, Dentists, Chiropodists, Opticians, Village Shopping or Visits to Friends/Relatives at home or in hospital

Transport cannot be provided for Hospital Outpatient Appointments

Contact Hours are 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday – please give us 48 hours' notice

01638 742543 (answerphone) and you will be contacted after you have left your request for transport

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

Once again, the time has come to remind anyone who considers themselves, or knows someone who is, eligible for our Christmas Grant – please reply as soon as possible.

The majority of our applicants come from our state pensioners

If however you are in particular need or know of someone who may be in difficulty but are unlikely to apply on their own behalf the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me or to any trustee and may I stress that assistance is available at all times not only at Christmas.

Mrs Pam Waters Clerk to the trustees, 01638 741035

Events Team

Reach Events Team consists of willing volunteers who like to support the village events, helping us come together in support the whole community. If you have an idea for an event we will help you to make it happen. We also manage Reach Fair.

The team currently consists of:

Hannah Baldwin	Tash Bridgeman
Rebecca Fordham	Jo Mules
David Parr	Debbie Quilter

Upcoming Events

Halloween Disco
Wednesday 31st Oct 5-8pm
The Village Centre
Children must be accompanied by an adult - we will be serving hot dogs and Pizza.



Remembrance Sunday, Lighting the Beacon to commemorate the 100 year Anniversary
Sunday 11th Nov from 5.30pm on the Green
Jo Redfarn is current collating stories and information about the men listed on our war memorial. If you have any information do get in touch. Stories will be shared on the evening.

Christmas tree lights switch on
Saturday 1st December 5pm

Village Seniors Christmas Party
Wednesday December 5th
12.30 – 3.00pm in the Village Centre



Ann Jennings has suggested that this event for the "Seniors" of the village be reinstated. Pleasingly our cookery expert Catherine Gibson has agreed to prepare the food and we will endeavour to make it as entertaining as possible. Tickets will be limited (and only for Reach residents who are at least 65 years old), so if you'd like to come along then please let David Parr know (744081 or davidmparr@btinternet.com)

Christingle Service
Sunday 23rd December – 5.00pm

Carols round the Christmas tree with the Reach Children's choir
Christmas eve 6pm

Calling all angelic voices! It's time to gather the children for our children's choir. Parents of anyone aged 18 or under please get in contact via the events team email and we will let you know when and where we plan to meet. We want the children to choose the songs to sing so give them the heads up so they can bring their own ideas.

The first meeting of the Mini Events Team should have happened by the time you read this. If your child wants to be involved and hasn't been asked by a Reach friend do get in touch. We know there are a few new Mini village members and the children would love to get to know them.

Christmas Cards



Instead of a calendar, this year we have decided to look at providing Christmas Cards . . . .

The size for the picture will be A6, which is either:

148mm (5.8") wide and 105mm (4.1") high
(landscape orientation)

or

105mm (4.1") wide and 148mm (5.8") high
(portrait orientation)

So please take your pictures or go find ones you have of years gone by, that you think would be suitable for a Reach Christmas card – we will probably have at least two different designs

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

Debbie Quilter

Rosanna's Ramblings



In the days leading up to the deadline for submitting this piece for the magazine, I found myself vaguely pondering on what I was going to write – but vaguely is an accurate word for this process. Something brews covertly in the periphery of my conscious mind.

And then, out it pops – the 'theme' for my ramblings. But quite how that happens, I'm never too sure, so this time I realized as I was walking along the drove, that I wanted to write about 'Home'. And the thing that triggered this plan was the experience we've been having over the last couple of weeks of dog-sitting for our much-missed Hector's daughter Tilly and granddaughter Bertie. They belong to Charles's son and family and have a wonderful free life in rural Hampshire with a lot of land to run around in, and beautiful rolling countryside through which to charge about with an unseemly supply of youthful energy. Their humans have gone off on holiday, the humans they love and are deeply bonded to – and yet they have shown not one jot of homesickness, displayed not one iota of pining.



They have embraced their new environment with extraordinary enthusiasm and have seamlessly made themselves completely at home. In our house. On our bed (unheard of liberties being taken on a regular basis). In our kitchen (behaving like all Labradors do around food, though Hector really didn't). And out and about, in Reach Wood, along the drove, in the fishing pond and in and out of the river (ALL the time!). In fact, they haven't just taken to this Fen edge environment as if to the Manor born, it's more like they have plunged into their water-dog birthright with an instinctive ease and an unquestioning sense of entitlement. They simply feel at home. No complications, no struggle.



But it's not always that simple, is it? We have new neighbours, a family with young children and a dog and it's a pleasure to see how they are gradually inhabiting their surroundings. But Charles bumped into our old neighbours, now moved to the dizzying heights of Burwell and they are missing Reach badly.

So finding one's feet in a new home can be exciting, unsettling, or full of nostalgia. I have found finding my feet both as easy and as scary sometimes as stepping off a cliff. And a strangely vertiginous experience that can be, as in a topsy-turvy way jumping into the unknown has meant, for me, experiencing a profound awareness of finally finding myself at home … in what was three years ago an unglimpsed and unknown reality, but one which now feels far far more real to me than the Northamptonshire village which was where I lived for thirty years. Where I lived, but never really sensed as being my home.

On arriving at Reach in November 2015, I was suddenly catapulted into the memory of studying a section of 1" Ordnance Survey map in Geography lessons, aged about 12, which showed an area of Fen, an area of 'normal' land, and the differences between wiggly rivers and straight rivers, wiggly roads and straight roads, loads of contour lines and scarcely any lines at all. I loved that map, I loved that envisioned world, and the first time I drove with Charles across the Fen back from Ely my heart whooped with recognition and delight when our route took us over right-angled bends and alongside waterways higher than the flat flat land. I came home into that familiarly unfamiliar land.

So it's possible for a house to be a house only, but not a home. Home can be a place, but not a building. If 'home is where the heart is', then it follows that the sense of home can be carried around with us like a hermit crab carries its shell – if only we are with those we love. My work as a therapist has clearly taught me that if a person is uncomfortable in their own skin, they will never really settle or put down roots in the external world in a way that speaks to them. And I have myself known at times what it feels like to be profoundly settled within myself in a fast-moving world – and to feel utterly insecure despite being firmly positioned in a particular time and place. It's all very confusing.

A new patient yesterday told me that, having recently moved into a new house, her cat was spending most of its time patrolling its territory and making sure all the neighbouring cats know their place. And my daughter's boyfriend has amazingly just flown his cat from Montreal to their new base in Copenhagen and said cat is clearly taking a while to adjust to her changed circumstances as she spends much of her time miaowing at hidden horrors up near the ceiling. A cat who lives somewhere near us clearly makes herself at home on our car bonnet, and last winter in the snow world we were surrounded by, the footprints of animals and birds suddenly made it apparent just how many creatures see the wood as their home – not to mention the fox who stared in through the French windows one morning, bold as brass.

I have observed just how much people living in Reach seem to love living in Reach, even if a large percentage of the village's rather small population is made up of 'blow ins' rather than long-established natives. I reckon that sense of attachment, that loyalty to this place, come in large part from the richness of the community life here – the shared endeavours (wood, orchard, Fair, magazine, calendar, defibrillator, sports day, playground, and so much more) which makes each and every inhabitant what modernspeak would call a Stakeholder (sorry) in the life this place can provide. And if that doesn't add a new dimension to what we mean by 'home', I don't know what does.

Rosanna Gore Moseley

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

Following the summer break, our club commenced meetings on 11th September 2018 with a Welcome Evening, when members enjoyed images taken during the summer recess. Last year's award winning prints and digital images were also shown during the evening.

Our next meeting on 18th September was a digital presentation by returning lecturers Liz & Barrie Hatten DPAGB from Willingham, members of Cambridge Camera Club. Their talk entitled "Iceland Through the Seasons" showed stunning images of landscapes, flora and fauna photographed over a three year period.

In 2018 the club celebrated its 45th Anniversary and held an Annual Exhibition at the Royal British Legion Social Club in Bottisham on Saturday 12th May, when 193 monochrome and colour prints were displayed, together with a continuous projection of digital images entered in club competitions throughout the 2017/18 season.

The Exhibition was officially opened by the President of The East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies, Paul Radden LRPS DPAGB EFIAP/b PSA2, who was also given the task of choosing the Best Print in the Exhibition. From the number of high quality prints on display, Paul chose a monochrome print "The Lure of the Sea" by Ian Kippax DPAGB EFIAP/b BPE4.

Our Annual Club Outing took place on 10th June 2018 with a visit to The Historic Dockyard, Chatham, this year celebrating 400 years of history and famous for filming the BBC programme "Call the Midwife". On the 25th September members submitted photographs taken on the Club Outing for "The Metcalfe Trophy", which was judged by Mrs Naomi Saul from Shillington & District Camera Club.



Paul Radden, the President of The East Anglian Federation of Photographic Societies officially opening the 45th Anniversary Exhibition with Daphne Hanson, Hon Secretary.

Other dates for your diary in 2018:

9th October: "An Evening with Tom Mason" A return visit by this Wildlife Photographer & Journalist from Ireland.
23rd October: "From Newspapers to Galleries" Digital talk by Paul Hill MBE FRPS, Photographer, Journalist and Author from Ludlow, Shropshire.
21st November: 3-way Print Battle Bottisham & Burwell PC / Melbourn & District PC / Ely Photographic Club at City of Ely College.
27th November: "Life in Antarctic Extremes" Digital presentation by Professor Lloyd Peck, Science Leader & Royal Institution Christmas Lecturer from the British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge.
New members are welcome to join us. Annual subscriptions: Adult £40.00, Joint Membership £67.00, Student £21.00.

Visitors are also welcome to attend any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel CB25 9EW on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 9:30pm. Fee: £3.00, including refreshments.

For further information contact the Secretary, Daphne Hanson on 01638 741106 or visit our website www.bottburpc.org for a copy of our 2018/19 programme.

Daphne Hanson, Hon Secretary

Burwell Museum

25 Years

Thank you for a fantastic season at the museum!

We had a fantastic Heritage Open Days weekend – overall, 271 people visited the Museum and helped us raise over £500! The fascinating programme of talks and presentations included topics such as bus services and railways in Burwell, the history of Burwell Museum, and an overview of the life of the local photographer Dorothy Grainger. We also had a great time running children's holiday activities at part of "Summer at the Museums", in partnership with Cambridge University Museums.

As we are approaching the end of the season, we would like to say thank you to everyone who visited and supported the Museum this year.

For upcoming events at Burwell Museum, visit http://www.burwellmuseum.org.uk

Half term holiday activities

Our half term children's activities will run on Thursday 25th October.

11am - 12:30pm – **Little Red Hen:** Under-5s story, craft and trail activities inspired by the much-loved book. Find out about Little Red Hen and her friends, make your own finger puppets and try different types of bread.

2pm - 4:30pm - **Spooooky Storytelling:** How good are you at telling a tall tale? Work with our storytelling expert to create your own Halloween stories based on traditional Fenland stories. Make your own props and act out your stories.

The events are drop-in and standard Museum admission applies – adults £4, children £2, under-3s FREE, family £10.

Support your local museum – volunteer with us!

Would you like to volunteer at Burwell Museum in your spare time? We would love to hear from you! Did you know that:

- In just **one hour** of your time… you could help us with admin, education materials or cleaning
- In just **one day**… you could help us with an event or working party day
- In **three hours a month**… you could work in the tea room, kiosk or windmill on open days
- In **one day a month**… you could join our mill or maintenance team

We are particularly interested to hear from volunteers who are available on Sunday mornings and/or afternoons.

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 continues! Join us between 2 and 3pm to find out more about:

Victorian fashions and Punch with Honor Ridout on 27th September
East Anglian geology and local landscapes with Dr. Peter Friend on 11th October
Standard museum admission applies, free cup of tea afterwards.

Website: www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
Tel: 01638 605544
Email: education@burwellmuseum.org.uk

Address:
Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell CB25 0HL

The Museum is open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Easter to October, 11.00 - 5.00. Last entry at 4.00.

Burwell Museum Coach Trips

- Norwich, Tuesday 16th October, £17



- Gordon Bennett Christmas Show and Traditional Christmas Dinner aboard the Tereza-Joanne (pictured above), the Royal Docks, London, Tuesday 27th November, £53

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

Krysia Newman's Thought for the Day

Light, Dark, Trick or Treat?



A friend of mine told me the other day that he preferred Halloween to Christmas. He said, you get to dress up, pretend to be evil, eat sweets and best of all there's no huge build up. Even Tesco's don't start promoting it until a month before - as opposed to kicking off the Christmas promotions from August!

Halloween, in some form or another has been around for over 6000 years. What is Halloween though? What is it we are actually celebrating? Well, lucky for you I've been researching it on the internet and now, after at least half an hour, am the leading expert; certainly this side of Swaffham Prior! Here's some fun and mostly irrelevant Halloween facts:

Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween. It's a phobia in it's own right although it does sometimes present with other related phobias such as the even lesser known Wiccaphobia - not as I thought the fear of wicker garden chairs but in fact a fear of witches.

The reason we make those pumpkin face lamp things probably stems from the legend of a man called 'Stingy Jack' who tricked the devil several times and as a result was not allowed into Heaven or Hell and was doomed to walk the Earth waving a lantern to warn others not to repeat his mistakes. This doesn't quite explain the pumpkin but I guess Jack was too tight to buy a proper candle lamp or something (possibly that's how he earned his nickname but this is pure speculation you understand).

Halloween seems to originate from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. This festival traditionally marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter which was the 'darker' part of the year. I wonder if the ancients would recognise Halloween as it is today? I wonder what they'd make of my daughter's novelty black witch's hat with three programmable cackling laughs?

Hey, what are you doing later? Do you fancy wearing your clothes inside out and walking backwards to the Dykes End for a few drinks? A completely reasonable and tempting offer for sure but this apparently is also a guaranteed way to see a witch at midnight on Halloween!

Looking for love? Why not try hanging a wet sheet in front of the fire on Halloween? A few centuries ago women would do this in the hope that an image of their future husband would appear on the sheet as it dried. So that's what we did before internet dating!

I guess at its heart Halloween is about celebrating the shadow side. What is the 'shadow' self, according to psychology?

The 'shadow' is the side of your personality that contains all the parts of yourself that you don't want to admit to having. It is, at first, an unconscious side. It is only through effort to become self-aware that we recognise our shadow.

Although many infer the shadow is 'negative', this is not really true. The shadow is rather what you yourself perceive as dark and weak about yourself, and therefore needing to be hidden and denied. But this depends on your own perspective on life, and your levels of self-esteem.

Working on your shadow self is difficult, but remember, this is a part of your personality that is routinely repressed and for some people this can be an issue.

The good news though is that many 'soul' therapies can deal with the potential issues of the shadow self and once explored, the end result can bring stark positive results in life. For example, the urge to have power at any cost in some can be overwhelming, but by examining that trait and becoming comfortable with it, it could be channeled and used to change the world for the better and not just for personal motivation.

So, just like Halloween and Christmas you as a person also have a light and dark side and we need to be aware of both in our lives.

I'll finish by telling you Matt's Halloween joke (apologies in advance).

What do you get when you divide the circumference of a halloween lamp by its diameter?

Pumpkin π

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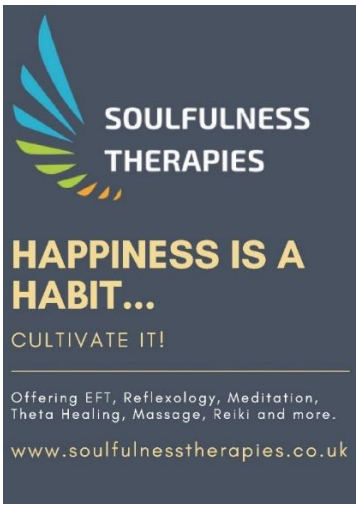

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- Do not overload the grate/ appliance
- Do not bank fires too high and remember to let them burn out well before you go to bed
- Check the hearth, floor and furnishings near the fire for hot sparks/embers
- Do not place objects on or over the mantelpiece which cause you to stand too close to the fire in order to reach them
- Use a fire/spark guard to prevent accidental fires and make sure it has the kite mark or conforms to British/ European standards
- Inspect your chimney breast, particularly the roof space. Make sure it is sound and sparks/fumes cannot escape through cracks or broken bricks.



Wood/Multi-Fuel Burners

- A qualified and competent engineer should install all wood/multi-fuel burners and boilers – regular maintenance should be undertaken to prolong the working life of the appliance. Specialist servicing and maintenance will usually be provided by the company you purchase the appliance from but you can also refer to www.solidfuel.co.uk for advice and information
- Ensure correct ventilation is in place when the appliance is in use
- Wood burning appliances should only use the right quality wood recommended by the supplier
- Regularly inspect the chimney and flues
- Generally wood should be well-seasoned (usually wood kept dry and stored for around 2 years)
- Avoid wet or newly felled wood as this will cause tars/ creosote deposits forming in the burning appliance and chimney
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Out and About August and September 2018



The stables are noticeably quiet, the familiar chattering and acrobatic performances by two families of swallows have ended, hopefully only until next year. At night the young adults attempted to cram into their original nest, which was woefully small. The last birds in had to settle on a nearby ledge. When rearing their chicks the parent birds seemed to accept our presence in and around the stables but noisily dive-bombed visitors.

A tree near Reach Wood attracts flocks of busy long-tailed tits, at 7pm a barn owl flies its route from the wood to Gareth and Lesley's grassland with strategic viewpoint fenceposts. Flocks of wild geese sound their Autumnal honking which carries on the fen air.



I distanced myself in August from a brown tail-moth caterpillar munching undergrowth in the paddock. Despite being attractively marked, the hairs are toxic to humans and, once shed and windblown, remain potent for up to 3 years, often hidden in grass cuttings and piles of leaves.



Ron rang to say a hummingbird hawk moth fed in their garden on two occasions and also, sadly, that a dead grass snake had been seen on the track up to the wood. (The charming small hummingbird hawk moth beats its wings 80 times a second).



Hummingbird Hawk Moth

Sightings:

Penny & Ron: 'Our swifts arrived throughout May. They seemed to breed well, despite the late start, and left at the usual time, early August. A few stragglers stayed on for a couple of weeks. Wonderful to see them, just such a shame that their time here is so short.

This year has seen a brilliant breeding season for tits and finches generally. We feed them sunflower hearts all year round which are easily digestible and the parent birds can feed their chicks on them. When fledged the chicks in turn come to our feeders in large numbers. We regularly see over a dozen finches at a time.

Unfortunately, however, around the first week in September we noticed sick and dying birds in the garden (probably around half a dozen). We researched and it appears to be a very contagious disease called trichomoniasis. Dr Google advises we discontinue using the feeding station for a minimum of 3 weeks to let the cluster of feeding birds disperse. We will re-site and renew the feeders and hope this solves the problem. The disease is most likely in the village so it may be advisable for others to also discontinue feeding the birds for a while especially as natural food is in abundance at this time of the year'.

Nick Acklam: '6 July - a Hummingbird Hawkmoth taking nectar from broad bean flowers at the Barston Drove allotments.

7 July - Tubney Fen is now full of yellow hues - the straw colour of the grazed areas combining with the acid yellow of ragwort flowers. The ragwort has prospered in the hot dry conditions and has created a major weed control challenge for the National Trust. It will be interesting to see if the Trust's topping and removal of ragwort in the central compartments of Tubney (undertaken a week later) reduces the infestation. A hare ambles towards us on the fen, oblivious of our presence until 20 metres away. It was clearly operating on scent as there was a strong tail wind behind it.

15 July - Peacock and Meadow Brown butterflies present in very large numbers along the edges of Straight Drove, feeding on the ragwort which is also full of the yellow and black striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar Moth.



Cinnabar Moth

16 July - I recover a party balloon in the form of a metre long silver 'S' from Tubney Fen. This is the fifth such recovery this year and I imagine the balloons are blown in from Cambridge on the prevailing wind. In the strong sun and absence of a breeze this one looked solid and dominated the landscape, resembling an alien spacecraft or, more plausibly, something that had fallen from an aircraft until I was very close to it. A Brown Chinamark Moth deposits itself in our kitchen sink. A first for us and interesting as these moths depend on aquatic plants.

22 July - I narrowly avoid running over a large grass snake in the roadside at Barston Drove corner. I estimate that it was over 2 feet long and surprisingly thick. It had disappeared by the time I had parked up and returned to the scene.

10 August - The Fen looks and smells different following the first significant rain since May. Big cracks in the soil remain but there are already green tinges amongst the bleached vegetation.
To my nose the local chalky clay soil gives off a distinct slightly peppery smell, not at all unpleasant, when moist.

21 and 28 August - Loose flights of around 30 duck (Mallard, I think) into Tubney Mere from the North.

29 August - Claire spotted a family of 6 or so weasels on the bank of the River Ouse near Barway.

Joss Goodchild

Swaffham Prior Gardeners

Indoor meetings are on a Tuesday at 8pm in Swaffham Prior Village Hall. Membership is £15 per person. Visitors are always welcome: £3 per evening.

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Oil Purchasing in Reach

The Reach village oil syndicate started in March 2013 and our last purchase was in September 2017. Over that period it purchased around 200,000 litres of oil at prices per litre from 61.98p in March 2013 down to a low of 26.90p in March 2016.

There were 13 purchases altogether and on 11 of those occasions the oil was purchased from Browns of Burwell (now LDF Fuels) who have always done their best to retain our business.

I am not planning any more Reach village oil syndicate purchases - instead I would suggest that villagers have the following options:

NWF Fuels

Firstly, get the best price from Browns (now NWF Fuels) – they normally give a special price to Reach villagers and because they are local and provide a good service, I believe we should support them if possible.

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The Oil-Club

Finally, you can try the Swaffham Bulbeck Heating Oil Club. It's basically a syndicate, like ours, but they buy weekly and we are within the required distance to join it. They will send you an email each week, telling you what the current price is and when the oil will be delivered – to register please Google "Swaffham Bulbeck Heating Oil Club" to get to their website.

If you care to let me have your future experiences of using any of these three sources I can let villagers know.

David Parr

Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News

Those walking on the fen during October and November will be rewarded by views over the spectacular autumn landscape as the fading golden brown reed head spikelets are highlighted by the low winter sun. We're looking forward to the return of autumn migrants such as widgeon, redwings, short-eared owls and hen harriers. Increasing numbers of lapwing and golden plover will be seen in numbers close to 2000 birds. They often gather on bare fields and blend in so well that they are hard to see until you look closely.

We'll be embracing seasonal change in our outdoor activity sessions for under 5s: **Mucky Pups** Autumn Fun will take place on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October, and Wild Weather on Wednesday 7 November and Thursday 8 November. We're also planning some great half term activities: **Autumn Adventure** (age 3-11) on Monday 22 October, **Geocaching** (age 6+) on Wednesday 24 October, and the ever-popular **Fenland Spooktacular** (age 3-11) on Friday 26 October. Pre-booking is essential for these activities, see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on

Preparations for Christmas will begin during November with our adult craft workshops. You can create unique handmade items to decorate your home in festive style with **Christmas Felt** on Saturday 3 November, and **Willow and Rush Christmas Decorations** on Sunday 4 November and Friday 9 November. By the time you are reading this, tickets for **Father Christmas at the Fen** will be on sale. This wonderful Christmas experience includes: meeting Father Christmas, completing our Christmas trail and making something festive in our Christmas crafts area. This event always sells out quickly, so early booking is advised for the little ones in your family.



Widgeon (image by Richard Nicoll)

Conserving and Preserving
(25th September - 6th October)

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In the House, discover the ten agents of deterioration that endanger the collection within each room and get involved in hands-on conservation activities. Why not take one of our seasonal tours – our Behind the Scenes tour provides an in-depth look at how our team prevents deterioration on the collection and in our Timely tour, discover the challenges of conserving a large collection of clocks.

At the Lode Mill, follow the story of the work taking place on the water wheel and discover how the agents of deterioration affect the mill.

Pick up a Family Conservation Kit from reception and get stuck into exciting conservation activities around the property in your very own Conservation Trainee Logbook. Don't forget to collect a stamp for each completed activity – if you finish the whole logbook you'll be able to claim an exclusive conservation badge from reception!

The garden will be alight with autumn colour – head to any of the tree lined avenues for a stunning autumnal view. We'll also be putting on a 'Meet the Gardener' tour. Running once a week, you'll be able to spend time with one of our knowledgeable gardeners as you discover what they're working on and how they are creating the stunning displays for next year.

Redwoods restaurant will be serving warming seasonal dishes and specials and our shop will have themed products available for you to take home a memento of your visit to Anglesey Abbey.

Winter Lights 2018

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Julia Hammond



What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm?

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Well a Well a Well a Huh?

Well it has been a very hot and dry summer at Snakehall Farm. Our green organic grass turned to straw, our spinach wilted and our tomato vines withered in the weather. So how did we manage to boost flagging spirits and keep the green team motivated? With a bit of Grease Lightening of course! With a massive thank you to the event funders, The Eric Drummond-Mercer-Trust, and the whole staff team, particularly our forever laughing Nikki Storr, the farm was transformed into 1950s retro cinema. With Co-workers dressed as Pink Ladies, T-Birds and of course Sandra Dee or Danny, the satin and nylon outfits did nothing to cool the temperatures but the sing-a-long was a much needed break from the farm heatwave. We are proud of our "growing differently" approach at Snakehall Farm and we hope all the Co-worker's enjoyed their summer thank you for their hard work and commitment to keeping the farm blooming whatever the weather.

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Maz Baker



Pets Corner

CHALKY

Sadly we lost our lovely grey (almost white) rescue pony Chalky this month. She came from the Equine Fertility Unit in Newmarket where she'd undergone over a decade of various experiments. We were advised she would last two years, fortunately she was with us for a too-short ten. In that time she didn't once cause any anxiety or soul-searching, she was beautifully behaved always, sweet and good. We miss her dreadfully. So did our highland mare, Thistle, who became noticeably depressed.



I spent a week contacting all the rescue equine charities (twice) for a suitable companion. A month ago a smallish grey Welsh Mountain ex-experimental pony from The Animal Health Trust arrived. I named him Rebus, he displays similar attributes to the characterful detective played by Ken Stott .... This pony was anything but good from day one and his youthful exuberance has caused much anxiety and soul-searching to date!

We wait, and realise he's quietly working his way into our hearts and, more importantly, that of Thistle.

Joss Goodchild



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Tales from a Reach Garden



The warm summer weather we've had this year appears to be continuing into September (at least) although we've had some much-needed rain at the end of August which has helped to restore the lawn in our garden and to reduce the amount of watering necessary in the vegetable patch. Not that I mind the watering now that the need is less. It's always interesting to look at what's happening around me while the vegetables are receiving a soaking. We are blessed with some interesting wildlife in and around Reach, some of which ventures into or over our garden. This summer we've seen more dragonflies and damselflies than ever before visiting our garden.



Damselfly resting on some grass

Often I can hear, rather than see the wildlife. I've learnt to recognise the high pitched cackle of green woodpeckers before they appear on our lawn looking for insects. I've been surprised by the mechanical-sounding "chunter" and clicks from red legged partridge in the hedges at the rear of our house – it took me a while to figure out what was making that weird noise! Less frequently, the rather different calls of grey partridge emerge from the same hedges. I enjoy hearing the twitter and chuckles of swallows and martins as they swoop overhead; even a female buzzard's mewing calls to her fledglings before they set off together over the fields. In early evening, little owls call loudly to each other from trees in our garden but more often than not, I hear wood pigeons cooing and rooks cawing to each other from the tops of nearby trees.

Planning what to grow and how many plants of each is largely guesswork as it is impossible to predict from one year to the next what will do well and what won't... Ideally we'd like enough to keep us fed during the summer months but also to have a surplus for storing at least over the winter months.

We've had a glut of many of our heat-loving fruit and vegetables this summer, so we have a huge surplus this year. Other plants like summer raspberries did less well because they prefer damp, cooler conditions (which is why Scotland supplies most of the raspberries sold in supermarkets.) Last year, we had a glut of summer raspberries thanks to the cooler conditions.



Green woodpeckers looking for insects after rain restored our lawn.

Among the heat loving vegetables are summer squash like courgettes and patty pans. We had limited success with our courgettes last year. We planted three but because of the cool, damp, gloomy weather for most of the summer we didn't have as many courgettes as we would have liked and ate a lot of courgette flowers instead. The small surplus that we managed to freeze was used up very quickly.

So this year we increased the number of courgette plants in our plot. However, this summer's hot weather was precisely what courgettes enjoy to keep fruiting, (provided they were watered sufficiently well). Consequently, I feel like I'm dreaming up more and more ways in which they can be eaten. We've given away loads too and we have plenty in the freezer, and yet I'm still picking courgettes in the middle of September... The situation was even more extreme for our patty pans (which look like squashed courgettes). In last year's cooler, gloomier summer our two patty pan plants produced loads of flowers and a couple of small squashes by the end of summer.

This year I doubled the number of plants in the vegetable patch and they clearly enjoyed this summer's conditions, we've never had so many patty pans. I've actually pulled up the plants to prevent more being produced in the mild September conditions. They do keep longer than courgettes in the fridge, presumably because they are thicker skinned and the larger ones are less watery than large courgettes/marrows.



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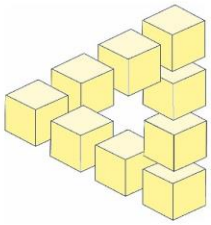

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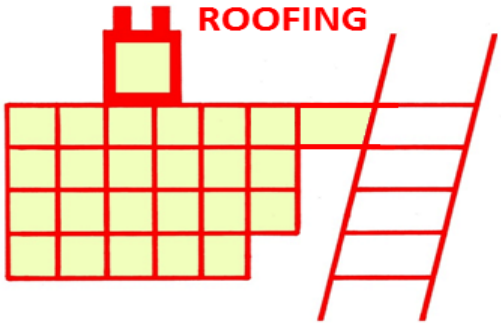

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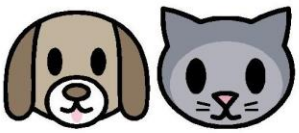

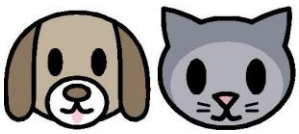

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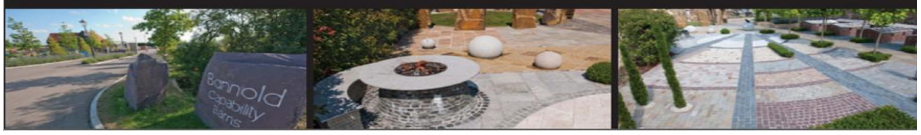

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I stuff the larger patty pans with meat or with a mix of rice/breadcrumbs, onions, tomatoes and topped with cheese to bake in the oven - they make a very hearty meal. They are sweeter than courgettes when sliced and griddled or fried and they'd do well cubed and skewered for barbecuing. The smallest ones can be frozen whole (removing the stalks first) so they can be added whole to soups and stews. Patty pans are a versatile vegetable and are not as well-known as courgettes in the UK but they are definitely worth growing. The problem is - how many seeds should I sow next year?

Danuta Gibson



Family Focus



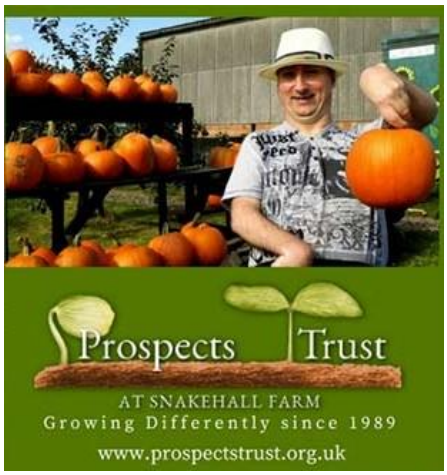
So here we are in October, we survived the long summer holidays and are well on our way to half term!

Autumn is my favourite time of the year with the leaves falling from the trees, the nights drawing in and cosy nights in front of the fire.

So what will we have planned for the shorter days leading up to the excitement that is Christmas?
Already we have started gathering conkers, some of which might end up on strings to be swung at each other before I confiscate them in the interest of health and safety while others will be spread around the house because one of the 'L's' has taken a liken to it, for me to find through out the year until autumn rolls around again.

One thing that its popular in our household is Halloween, so we will head out in late October to chose our pumpkins for decorating, we will need pumpkins for the house as well as the Village Hall for the Family Disco (31st October for your diaries - keep your eyes peeled for posters). A good day out has proven to be Undley Pumpkin patch and Maize Maze. There is a sea of orange where you can chose your pumpkins as well as crates full of gourds squashes of all shapes and sizes. Once you have loaded your pick into your wheel barrow you can have some fun on the inflatables including a giant pumpkin, climb the straw stack to get a great view of the pumpkin field or have a donkey ride. New for this year they have added a circus skills workshop and story teller. More details can be found at www.undleyfarmevents.co.uk.

Of course, we won't forget to have a stroll out to Snake Hall to buy a couple of locally grown pumpkins to add to our hoard.



Once half term and Halloween are done we will be back to school and looking forward to Christmas!

Tasha Bridgeman

Food Focus



Food Focus Blackberries

Let's hope that by the time Within Reach hits your doorstep, the bumper crop of blackberries hasn't shrivelled, let's hope that like me, you have a freezer full of these abundant delicious and joyful autumnal fruits ready and waiting for recipes. They are such a treat in so many ways (never mind that my freezer is still full of last year's crop!). But there is something about that autumnal urge to harvest and store that makes blackberry picking a deeply satisfying way to spend an afternoon. They are free! Surely it's not just me that finds this immensely satisfying? You can walk the dog and eat them as you go, it's a fabulous free fun activity with children, and they are sweet, beautiful beady berries that spring from horrible tangle-y prickly stems. What I want to know is who on earth buys the huge cultivated blackberries of supermarket fame? Of course I'll forgive you if you live in a city, but if you don't and you buy punnets of blackberries, please don't tell me as I can't be responsible for my actions.

Recipe ideas – sadly I don't have a raft of great ideas about how to use them and my online search threw up a host of recipes which quite frankly sound weird – but as is often the way the simplest ideas are the best. The obvious thing is Blackberry and apple crumble or jam, but they are so good just with a bit of cream/ice cream or added to a smoothie/sprinkled over granola. I've never maid blackberry fool – but I think it could work.

I found these recipes in the Waitrose magazine, and think they sound good but can't vouch for them

Duck breast with blackberry sauce (serves 2)

Preparation time:20 minutes plus resting, Cooking time: 40 minutes, Total time:60 minutes plus resting

Ingredients

2 duck breasts	1 tbsp caster sugar
150g blackberries	100ml chicken stock
½ shallot, finely chopped	100ml red wine
2 thyme sprigs	2 juniper berries, crushed

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180˚C, gas mark 4. Score the skin of the duck breasts in a criss-cross pattern and season. Place them skin-side down in a cold frying pan and set over a medium heat. Cook for 20 minutes, tipping excess fat out of the pan as it cooks. Meanwhile, put the blackberries in a small saucepan with the sugar and simmer for 5 minutes, crushing the berries with the back of a fork; set aside.

2. When most of the fat from the duck has rendered and the skin is golden and crisp, turn the breasts over and cook the flesh side for 2 minutes, then transfer to a roasting tray and place in the oven for 8 minutes. Remove from the oven, wrap loosely in foil and rest for 5 minutes.

3. While the duck breasts are in the oven, spoon all but 1 tbsp fat from the pan. Set the pan over a medium-low heat and cook the shallot for 2-3 minutes, until softened. Add the wine, stock, thyme and juniper berries to the pan and simmer for 5 minutes over a high heat, until reduced and syrupy. Stir in the blackberries and any resting juices from the duck and simmer until warmed through. Slice the duck and serve with the sauce, plus some steamed green vegetables and potatoes, if liked.

Blackberry Muffins (makes 12)

Ingredients

250g plain flour	1 large egg, lightly beaten
2 tsp baking powder	1 tsp ground cinnamon
100g golden caster sugar	1 lemon, zest
200ml buttermilk	50g unsalted butter, melted
225g blackberries	50g toasted flaked almonds
20g demerara sugar	

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200˚C, gas mark 6; line a 12-hole muffin tray with muffin cases. Sift the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and a pinch of salt into a bowl. Add the caster sugar and lemon zest and stir in gently.

2. Stir the egg, buttermilk and butter together thoroughly. Tip into the dry ingredients and mix lightly, then fold in the blackberries.

3. Divide the mixture between the muffin cases. Scatter on the toasted almonds and add a good pinch of demerara sugar to each.

4. Bake for 25 minutes until well risen and golden. Cool on a wire rack.

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Community Champions Scheme

POLICE are looking for people to be the eyes and ears of their community in East Cambridgeshire with the launch of the community champions project which is a partnership between Cambridgeshire Constabulary and East Cambridgeshire District Council.

The aim of the scheme is not just about reporting crime but also focuses on vulnerability and harm - and when it is recognised by someone in the community - knowing what to do or who to tell.

Sergeant Phil Priestley said: "This new project is about protecting the most vulnerable people in our communities and knowing how to do that effectively.

The launch is intended to get groups, agencies and companies on board and signed up to a longer term commitment that goes beyond a one off appeal."

The new eyes and ears project is a way that people can look out for each other in their East Cambridgeshire neighbourhoods without having to sign up to any agreement or schedule.

Sgt Priestley added: "We want people to understand that the police and other public services are only as strong as the support we receive from the community.

"It is frustrating for police officers and other agencies who identify problems to be told the problems have has been going on for years, but somehow the situation has never been brought to light.

Any groups, agencies and companies wishing to get involved in the community champions scheme should contact sergeant Mark Rabel on 101.

The public can report any community concerns they have by calling 101, or alternatively via the police website at www.cambs.police.uk/report.

Burwell Bowls Club



Burwell Bowls section of the Ex Service and Social Club are looking for new members - so if you fancy bowls (any age is welcome) you can go along on a Tuesday evening at 6.15 pm and have a try or alternatively call Peter Green, chairman and secretary to have a chat.

Although bowls has an unfortunate reputation amongst many as an old person's game, in fact the leading players are mostly young! Peter recommends it is a game that you can take up in teenage years and carry on through to your 70's and 80's as it requires considerable skill but only modest physical fitness.

If any individuals or groups are interested in organising an evening try out please call Peter Green to discuss, on 01638 742665 Great facilities right in the middle of the village for a social activity right on your doorstep.



Cricket Report



Sunday 5 August
Reach (214-6) beat Far From the MCC (205 all out) by nine runs

We were supposed to be playing Milton for this match, but they cried off and instead handed us another team they were supposed to be playing on the same day, Far From the MCC, an Oxfordshire-based outfit who were on their way back from a tour to Felixstowe. Electing to bat, Reach knocked up a rare double century off 35 overs (E Cameron 55, T Fordham 37 n.o, B Pearson 30 n.o.). The visitors were fascinated by the telegraph pole in our outfield and based their innings around trying to hit it (something which, in accordance with our local rule, would earn them four runs). Alas, they were unsuccessful, but came close to winning the match anyway – before being dismissed in the final over. Under the rules of RCC that meant that the day's captain, Ewen Cameron, retained his job

Sunday 9 September
Cambridge Kerala beat Reach by 80 runs

With a victory apiece, Reach went into battle with Kerala for the third time this season – in an improvised, two innings formal. Each innings was to last 18 overs (or until the team was bowled out) and the batting order had to be reversed for the second innings. Having conceded 180 runs in the first innings, Reach were on the back foot from an early stage. We failed to knock up 100 runs ourselves. The last two innings were closer – Kerala outscored Reach by just one run.

Saturday 15 September
Teluga Association of Cambridge (TAC) (131 all out), beat Reach (129-9) by two runs

In our first clash with TAC, played in Siberian winds in April, we were outclassed. Yet this match proved to be our second closest result ever. The drama began from the moment captain Ewen Cameron marched out to the middle determined to bat first if he won the toss – having moaned rather incessantly when previous captains had chosen to field.

He won the toss – but then became muddled and put the opposition in to bat instead. It didn't matter. A sharp performance in the field from Reach frustrated the opposition. By the time they were bowled out for 132 Cameron was beginning to look like the Mike Brearley of 1981 – a greying figure put in charge of a failing team who managed to turn it around through sheer inspiration.

All we needed was an Ian Botham figure to complete the analogy. While Mark Thornton bedded-down Chris Tavare like at one end, several Reach batsmen tried thumping the ball into our imaginary pavilion, but the sound of clattering stumps was heard just a little too often. We ended up pathetically reliant on a fellow named Extras, who knocked up a rapid 43, including three boundaries.

With 18 balls to go we still needed only eight runs for victory. We couldn't contrive to lose this one, surely. Sadly, Extras was to let us down. With TAC bringing back their two opening bowlers the boundaries dried up and Tim Davies (19 not out) found himself suddenly unable to work the ball off the square. We finished a miserable two runs short and, in contrast to 1981, Captain Brearley was summarily dismissed.

That's it for this season, but we will of course be trying again next year to winkle lapsed cricketers from their cottages – if not rattling the doors of people who have never lifted a bat in their lives. If you would rather volunteer yourself before we get to you, please email me at rossjclark@aol.com.

Ross Clark

Reach Riders



The Reach Riders Group Committee consists of:

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

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

Letter from the Vicarage

I am delighted to be able to introduce a new colleague at St Mary's and St Etheldreda's - our curate, Revd Paula Spalding. Many of you will already know Paula, as she and her husband Alan have lived in Burwell for many years. She began training for ordination 3 years ago, and this summer was ordained deacon at Ely Cathedral. She will be working alongside me, as curate, in a trainee capacity for 3 years. Please do say hello - she would be very happy to chat with you.



As we move forwards with plans for developing Reach Church, we are beginning to explore different types of service and event and trying out which days and times work best. One of the first will be a Candlelit Night Prayer, on Wednesday 24th October at 7pm. This will be a meditative service, to mark the end of the day, with music and prayers.

Events and service coming up over the next few weeks: at St Mary's in Burwell on Sunday 4th November at 3pm is our annual 'Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One' service, for those who have lost loved ones in the recent or more distant past. All are welcome to this service, which is followed by tea.

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 11th November, which will be exactly 100 years since the end of WW1. The service in Reach will be at its usual time of 10.45am at Reach War Memorial, with the 2 minute silence outside, before continuing in St Etheldreda's, just after 11.00am. Please do come and mark this very significant anniversary with us.

Other events coming up in the next few weeks include Create for Christmas at St Mary's on 19th November - a fun creative event for adults and over 11s. Our website and Facebook pages have lots of up to date information about these and our regular events and services, so please get in touch if you would like more information, or to talk about arranging weddings, christenings and baby thanksgivings, or just if you would value an opportunity to chat.

Finally, both St Mary's church and CentrePeace act as collection points for donations for the Foodbank, if you would like to contribute. If you find yourself in need of the support of the Foodbank, I do have emergency vouchers, or you can contact Ely Foodbank on 01353 468626.

Revd Dr Eleanor Williams
Vicar of Burwell with Reach,
01638 741262
vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One



A Service for Thanksgiving & Remembering
Sunday November 4th 2018
3 pm
St Mary's Church
Burwell
Followed by refreshments

Create for Christmas
Monday 19th November
St Mary's Church, Burwell
7.00 - 9.00pm
Enjoy seasonal treats & mulled punch
while you create your own
Christmas Crafts
No experience necessary!
This event is for adults
but accompanied young people
aged 11+ are welcome
We don't make a charge
but donations welcome
To book leave a message on 741262
or email vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk
Organised by our Messy Church Team

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach
Loving God, Loving People

Volvic Candle Stand



Photograph courtesy of Janet Hall

It was a sad day when the votive candle stand was stolen from Reach Church, for it was given to the church by Ann Fuller's sons in her memory. So it was decided that it must be replaced as Ann had done so much in her life time for the church. Last September it was found thrown in Judy's Hole, North Street having been severely damaged to get at the little money in it.

The question then was what to do with it. A wise man said it should be used as a vessel for displaying flowers, but first we needed a blacksmith to make that possible. Enter David Pallant. He and Jenni with their young son had recently moved into the village and David had not long started his own blacksmithing business.

The upshot is that when David had completed his repair work you really could not tell the difference between the newly replaced stand and the stolen one. We are very grateful for David's skills and there are now two very fine pieces of ironwork to the memory of Ann Fuller - one as a votive candle stand for people to light a candle and the other, thanks to the skills of Janet Hall, to create beautiful flower arrangements.

Pam King



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
IN REACH
11th November 2018



10.45am
Gather near War Memorial
for the Act of Remembrance



The Service will continue
in the church
just after 11am

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Nathan Bridgeman	Councillor	
Charlotte Cane	Chair	741064
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	07771 348013
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	741853
David McMillan	Councillor	741259
Andrew Trump	Councillor	07980 955490
Diana Ward	Councillor	744210

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

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

Reach Grant Fund

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

Applications should be sent to the Parish Clerk:

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

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 1st August 2018.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Not Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	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.
Many residents attended the meeting, mainly to discuss the planning application at Vine House.
The situation regarding the local plan and ECDC was discussed to ensure residents were up to date with the present guidelines that the planning officers are being told to work with. That is, there is a presumption in favour of development. This is because a legal challenge had concluded that ECDC does not have enough house building to meet its requirements.

A resident stated that the village had a responsibility to contribute to housing development in the area. That if the frontage onto the Green remained the same the village should be supportive of this development. He also stated that the village should consider affordable housing.

The applicant stated that the buildings will not increase the footprint of the built area, and that he had ensured that it was inside the old village envelope and that he would be open to changes. The applicant also stated that the traffic would not increase significantly and that he could, if this was refused, return the barns back to light industrial use.

Of great concern to the majority of attending residents was the access road, safety, loss of privacy and noise pollution. It was felt that this is a significant over development of the area, stating that a similar development in the village was refused and that this new application is a smaller plot with more housing.

One resident asked if the idea of a Neighbourhood plan should be revisited in the light of the planning situation. ***Clerk*** to add to Septembers Agenda.

1. Declaration of Interests
There were none.

2. Planning Applications
18/00905/FUL Vine House, 6 Fair Green. Conversion & refurbishment of existing buildings and construction of 3 new homes -
Several letters were read out, which opposed the development, these are all available on the ECDC website.

Two Councillors visited the property to look at the site. Using the 'Material planning Considerations' as a basis for decision making the following points were highlighted.

- Overshadowing – Plot 2 is 3m from the boundary and very tall and dark so close to neighbouring houses.
- Overlooking & loss of privacy – Sight lines may affect 1 & 2 Fair Green and there is a potential problem with 1 - 5 Burwell Road.
- Highways issues – Access and safety are an issue. The 90º bend and narrowness of the track is a problem. There are no passing places and these issues will be exaggerated for commercial & emergency vehicles. Bins having to be taken to the Burwell Road and left at the side are also a problem, these are both practical and safety problems. Lack of direct safe pedestrian access to the Green. Residents would have to walk down the track and along the Burwell Road within a 60mph limit, without pavement to get to the village centre. Parking is insufficient with up to 4 cars being parked at right angles to the Green.
- Noise & disturbance – Neighbouring residents are concerned for the increase of traffic noise & activity 7 days a week at a wider range of times.
- Deficiencies in social facilities – Lack of space in local schools and doctor's surgeries.
- Loss of trees – The 2 trees that are to be felled are not necessarily trees of importance, but residents are concerned regarding the loss of privacy.
- Conservation area – The frontage of the building onto the Green, which is on silts, is not appropriate. Additional parked vehicles on the Green are not acceptable and will have an adverse effect on the look of the Green.

- Layout & density of building design – The new buildings appear tall in comparison to those in the local area. As stated above the stilts design on the Green side is in appropriate. Also, there are too many dwellings in a small area.

The PC was also concerned that should any buildings go ahead that work is restricted to only during the working day as the site is close to neighbouring houses.

Clerk & Councillor Ward will write to ECDC.

18/01011/FUL single storey barn extensions to existing education unit – No comment to be made.

3. County Councillor Report
None received.

4. District Councillor Report
None received

5. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

6.1 Reach Grant Fund

6.2 Finance
Nothing to report.

6.3 Parish Council Members
There were none.

6.4 Play Spaces
The goal posts have been repaired and returned to the playing field. The PC would like to thank Bryan Pearson and Tony Haird for their time and hard work with this project.

New playground:
There are some sunken areas to monitor. Also, some signs of damage to one of the grass mats at the end of the zip wire, possibly from hot weather ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to contact Kompan.
A quote for bird spikes on the swings was approved

Albert's bench was in a poor condition and some struts came apart when removed. The contractor has repaired and installed on to a concrete pad in the new playground. The PC would like to offer the sanding and staining work to Dylan and Harry, to help them raise money for the scout trip. ***Clerk*** to check the legalities of this and contact the boys regarding the work. A payment of £50 was agreed

New memorial/sponsored benches
Total cost per bench = £624
An advert has been placed in Within Reach, and will go on Reach page on Facebook, through PC email list, and on noticeboards around the village.
All advertisers in Within Reach will be contacted by ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller.***

Old playground area development:
With the help of the village hall committee an application will be made to the Postcode local trust funding scheme.
The old playground equipment, flooring and fencing have now been removed and top soil and grass seed have been laid. Following on from this, we are aiming to build a picnic and table tennis area, with a raised bed around one corner, maintaining the shape of the area.
An article on the development of the area will appear in the next issue of Within Reach.
A quote for all the work has been provided by the Prospects Trust.

6.5 Rights of Way
Little Fen Drove had been repaired, ***Councillor Fielding*** will write to Councillor Schumann to thank him for his help in getting this work done.

6.6 24Acres Committee
Nothing to report.

6.7 Friends of Reach wood
The plan to attack the ragwort problem at Reach Wood Meadow this year was to do an early (July) cut, and then weed wipe the emerging ragwort around this time, followed by the regular autumn cut. However, it appears that so far this summer, there is no sign of the ragwort emerging after the cut. The situation will be monitored, and should we get ragwort growth that can be weed wiped the Woodland Trust will be informed.

6.8 GDPR
The Clerk is carrying out a data audit to ensure the PC adheres to the new legislation.
Accounts - reduced to 7 years as agreed
24 Acres –Keep all versions of documents for 6 years and the final versions forever.
Agenda – Keep all.
Annual Parish meeting – keep all minutes
CAPALC – Keep all standard information until updates are issued.
Cemetery – Keep current & previous plan and prices. Keep all plot details as legally required. Keep only quotes etc that were accepted.
Clerk personnel - Keep details of 7 years.

Code of conduct & regulations – keep present & previous versions.
Contacts – Names of those involved in projects only to be kept.
Diamond Jubilee/avenue of trees project – keep only final detail documents.
Dykes End - Keep all lease documents. Keep all correspondence relating to present tenant.
ECDC & CCC – Keep only present/active documents.
Events - keep details, risk assessments etc for a 12-month period.
Funding – PC has received. Keep only successful application details for 7 years.
GOBA – Keep agreements, original and present. Keep correspondence whilst relevant &/or ongoing.
Grant/amenity fund - Keep original and present agreement & constitutional document. Keep approved grant requests until paid. Request, approval & receipts then kept with accounts. Non-approved requests destroyed.
Insurance - Present & previous documents kept for 7 years.
General correspondence – Kept for 3 years.

7. Information Items/AOB
There was none.

8. Payments

CR Contracting – tree works & mowing contract	£562.50
E. On - power on the green	£8.51
Moore & Co – Audit	£390.00
A Cleaner World – old playground expenses - bench moving.	£250.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th September 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).

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 5th September 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	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 attended the meeting to submit two grant fund applications and to hear the discussion on The Hythe.

1. Declaration of Interests
Councillor Ward declared an interest in planning application 17/02027/FUL & Councillor Cane declared an interest in the discussion on the Dyke. Both left the room during the discussions.

2. Planning Applications
17/02027/FUL – site SW of 48A Great Lane – This application has gone to appeal – additional comments accepted. No additional comments were required, however ***Clerk*** to write to the planning office to highlight the confusion of the planning process for this site. Different references are being used and consent conditions not being met. This makes it very difficult to understand the applications for the site as a whole.

18/01080/FUL – 30 Swaffham Road – 1.5 storey side & rear extension. No comment to be made.

3. Neighbourhood Plan
A neighbourhood plan can have huge advantages, to find out what villagers want & give added protection.
To produce a Neighbourhood plan 2 or 3 enthusiastic people will be required to push forward with the project plus additional help at different times. ACRE provide help with this, ***Councillor Cane*** to invite them to the November meeting. ***Clerk*** to add to the November agenda, and to speak to the resident who suggested the plan be revisited.

4. County Councillor Report
None received.

5. District Councillor Report

Fly Tipping - I recently undertook a survey of the fens area between our three ward villages and Upware. I only found one instance of fly tipping, which was a great improvement. Thanks, should go to our council's clear up team for their work in removing any fly tipping. Please contact either the council or myself if you find any that needs removing.

Refuse Sacks - East Cambridgeshire households will soon receive a roll of 52 refuse sacks which are intended to last until the next distribution in one years' time. No further sacks will be issued until then, but additional refuse will be collected if presented in suitable black refuse sacks provided by householders. Sack distribution dates are as follows:

Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior - Week commencing 17th September

Please contact council if not received by Monday 24th September

Reach - Week commencing 24th September

Please contact council if not received by Monday 1st October

Ely Southern by-pass - All the good weather that we have had means that we are still expecting it to be open during October. It will then holt the traffic bottleneck for those accessing Ely from Stuntney Causeway.

Local Business Site Visits - Since June 2017 East Cambs Councillors have been undertaking various arranged site visits to prominent local businesses. This gives us a better understanding of their needs and how this council can be of help to them. I am particularly interested in creating opportunities for apprenticeships. Our next visit is to Ellgia, the waste management firm on 26th September.

6. Minutes of previous Meeting

Approved as correct.

Alberts bench – Legalities had been confirmed, ***Clerk*** to arrange for the work to be done. ***Councillor Ward*** to produce a risk assessment.

7.1 Reach Grant Fund

Two applications were discussed, a Halloween disco and a Remembrance Day event. Applicant to complete the forms and a decision will be made at the October meeting.

It was also noted that the telephone box was no longer working. The Events team would like to make use of the box. ***Clerk*** to contact BT to discuss their plans, and what the options are. ***Clerk*** to add to the October agenda.

7.2 Finance

The Pc remains in financial stable position.

The fixed rate plan for the electricity on the Green comes to an end. A new offer from E.on our present supplier, has been received. The standing charge is the same with a slightly higher per unit charge. This year's costs £127.88, estimated next year charge (same usage) £133.39. Approved.

7.3 Parish Council Members

There were none.

7.4 Play Spaces

New playground: Albert's bench has been installed. Restoration, see above.

New memorial/sponsored benches – An additional quote had been received. The total cost per bench with this quote would be £547 rather than the £624 originally calculated. An advert has been placed in Within Reach, on Reach page on Facebook, and through the PC email list. One resident had offered to make a contribution. All advertisers in Within Reach who had email addresses have been contacted. No positive responses have yet been received.

Old playground area development – An application has been made for the Postcode local trust funding. We have made it through to stage 2.

Councillor de Giorgio-Miller to complete an application to Tesco bags of help scheme for £4,000.

Thank you to Councillors Bridgeman & Trump for working on getting logs in to protect the area before development work can take place.

7.5 Rights of Way

Further complaints had been received regarding the Devils Dyke path. A gate is still down, and the steps are very overgrown. ***Clerk*** to contact CCC & Councillor Schumann, and add to October agenda.

The pathway along the Swaffham Road is again overgrown. ***Clerk*** to contact the relevant residents to ask for the path to be kept clear.

Road markings around the village are in a poor state, ***Clerk*** to contact highways.

Councillor Fielding to check with Highways regarding the safety check of Delver bridge.

7.6 24Acres Committee

Nothing to report.

7.7 Friends of Reach wood

The plan to weed-wipe ragwort on Reach Wood Meadow this year didn't work out as planned. We had a late spring and as a consequence, we delayed the first planned cut of the meadow a little. However, the spell of extremely hot weather seems to have stopped everything in its tracks, and the anticipated flush of ragwort didn't appear. There will again be a final cut of the meadow. Due to these unfortunate circumstances the PC would like the Woodland Trust to repeat the 'early-cut & weed-wipe' plan in 2019. For information there is an interesting article about ash die-back disease in Reach Wood in Geographical Magazine [http://geographical.co.uk/places/forests/item/2870-drone-forest].

7.8 GDPR

Work continues to ensure the PC fully complies with this legislation. ***Clerk*** to check the Privacy statement is on the website.

8. The Hythe
Residents are keen for The Hythe area to be returned to its former state now only a small section is required by Anglia Water. ***Councillors Trump & Ward*** to discuss with their contacts at Anglia Water to try to establish whether we can take this project forward. ***Clerk*** to try and find the original agreement documents, and contact GOBA to establish where they are with regard to future work in this area.
It was noted that the willow tree at the point was very overgrown, and although beautiful it does block the view from the Hythe towards Upware. ***Clerk*** to take advice.

9. Personnel committee and Clerk holiday pay

10. War memorial cleaning
A date of Sunday 30th Sep, 10am was agreed for a working party to clean the memorial.

11. Church Arch
The Church committee was meeting on this evening to discuss the future work. Clerk had requested an update.

12. CAPALC AGM
Councillor Cane to attend.

13. Information Items/AOB
It was noted that there were Travellers at Fordham Road again. Villagers should be vigilant.

A question was asked regarding the streetlights. Clerk confirmed that residents can report faulty lights on the Balfour Beatty website, regardless of whether they are PC or CCC owned.

14. Payments

CR Contracting – mowing contract	£255.50
E. On - power on the green	£9.92
J Garner – old playground expenses -	£250.00
bench moving – (paid to A cleaner world last month, wrong payee cancelled	
C. Dunnett – Bird spikes on new swings	£130.06

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd October 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).

Jobs

Do YOU have the skills to help us grow?

Administrative Assistant required

We are looking for a highly organised person to support our existing office team. The role will primarily assist our Executive Officer in carrying out the administrative functions and support our Co-workers (adults with additional needs) by evidencing the achievement of their goals.

The role is fixed term initially for 12 months.
15 hours per week, Wednesday to Friday.
Hours to suit between 9am and 4pm.
£9.00 per hour (£18,720 per annum, pro-rata)
Post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

For more details on this uniquely rewarding role:
Visit our website: www.prospectstrust.org.uk or
e-mail: rhian.cornell@prospectstrust.org.uk or
telephone 01638 741551 and speak to Rhian.

Closing date for applications Friday 31st of August.
Interviews held on Tuesday 11th September



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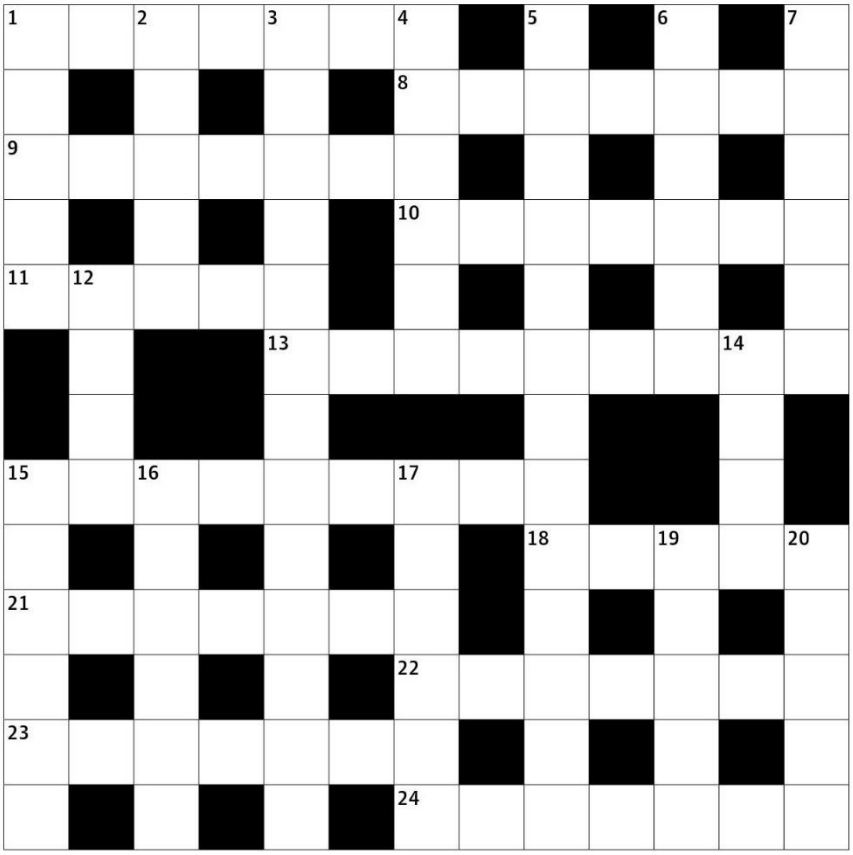

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8 One of Christ's 12 original disciples (7)
9 Engine holding the world speed record for a steam locomotive, set at 123mph in 1938 (7)
10 Widened (7)
11 Vault beneath a church (5)
13 In haste (9)
15 Roomy (9)
18 Motorcyclist (5)
21 Out of the ordinary (7)
22 Disregarded (7)
23 Relative by marriage (7)
24 Important energy distributor – Ian's mag (anag) (3,4)

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3 Endure to the end (4,3,6)
4 Unhappier (6)
5 Insurance premium reduction (2-6,5)
6 Declared (6)
7 Lethal (6)
12 Flightless bird – satellite of Saturn (4)
14 Solitary (4)
15 Maladroit (6)
16 Dried plums (6)
17 Looking lecherously (6)
19 Fate – destiny (5)
20 Radioactive gas (5)


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We are now booking appointments for those who are eligible to have a FREE NHS flu jab! Please contact us to book an appointment.
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✓ Patients with BMI >40
✓ All Patients over 65 years
✓ Diabetes
✓ Heart disease
✓ Liver disease COPD/Asthma
✓ Neurological disease
✓ Carers
✓ Children aged 2 and 3 years on
Our Saturday open clinics are on Saturday 29th September for adults only – 9.00 – 12.00 noon. In October, Saturday 20th from 9.00 – 12.00 noon – just turn up!
Can't make an open clinic? – book your appointment with Reception.





Evening and weekend appointments now available

We are now offering evening and weekend appointments with a GP or nurse as part of Extended GP Opening hours. These are for routine, non-urgent issues.

You can book your appointment through **our receptionist** who will give you a time, date and venue for your appointment.

Our receptionist will also at be able to answer any questions you have about the service and how to cancel or change your booking.

If you would like to find out more please go to www.openlater.co.uk

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

October 2018	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Wednesday 3rd	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 4th	10.00am Little Bears	8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 7th Trinity 19	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Harvest Service	
Wednesday 10th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday13th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 14th Trinity 20	10.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 17th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 18th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 21st Trinity 21	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion	
Wednesday 24th	10.00am Holy Communion	7.00pm Candlelit Night Prayer
Thursday 25th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 28th Last after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 31st	10.00am Holy Communion	
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Thursday 1st	10.00am Little Bears	8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 4th All Saints Day	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion 3.00pm Service of Remembering	
Wed 7th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 8th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Remembrance Service followed by parade to war memorial	10.45 am Remembrance Service
Wednesday 14th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 15th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 18th 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	
Wednesday 21st	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 22nd		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 25th Christ the King	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 28th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 29th		8.15am Morning Prayer

Bus Timetable

Reach is served by the Stagecoach number 11 bus service - summary of all buses serving Reach is shown below.

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

Cambridge to Bury - Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Cambridge Drummer Street	**Reach**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Bury Bus Station**
06:50	07:35	07:45	08:17*	08:49
07:50	08:35	08:45	09:17*	09:49
09.50	10:35	10:45	11:17*	11:49
11:50	12:35	12:45	13:17*	13:49
13:50	14:35	14:45	15:17*	15:49
15:50	16:42	16:52	17:24	17:55
18:15	19:00	19:10		
19:15	20:00	20:10		

Cambridge to Bury - Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Cambridge Drummer Street	**Reach**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Bury Bus Station**
06:50	07:35	07:45	08:17*	
07:50	08:35	08:45	09:17*	09:49
09.50	10:35	10:45	11:17*	11:49
11:50	12:35	12:45	13:17*	13:49
13:50	14:35	14:45	15:17*	15:49
15:50	16:35	16:52	17:17	17:55
18:15	19:00	19:10		
19:15	20:00	20:10		

Bury to Cambridge - Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Bury Bus Station	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Reach**	**Cambridge Drummer Street**
		06:14	06:29	07:22
		06:39	06:54	07:50
	08:40	09:08	09:23	10:13
10:05	10:35*	11:08	11:23	12:13
12:05	12:35*	13:08	13:23	14:13
14:05	14:35*	15:08	15:23	16:13
15:05	15:35*	16:08	16:23	17:13
16:05	16:35*	17:08	17:23	18:13
17:05	17:35*	18:08	18:23	19:13

Bury to Cambridge - Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Bury Bus Station	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Reach**	**Cambridge Drummer Street**
		06:19	06:34	07:22
		06:49	07:04	08:00
	08:40	09:08	09:23	10:13
10:05	10:35*	11:08	11:23	12:13
12:05	12:35*	13:08	13:23	14:13
14:05	14:35*	15:08	15:23	16:13
15:05	15:35*	16:08	16:23	17:13
16:05	16:35*	17:08	17:23	18:13
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* These are arrival times, buses will depart approximately 5-7 minutes later

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

Diary Dates

Oct	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 4	Recycling Day (Green)		
Sunday 7	Apple Pressing	Village Green	2.00pm to 4.30pm
Saturday 13	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am to 12.30pm
Saturday 13	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2.00pm
Thursday 11	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 12	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.20pm
Wednesday 10	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Tuesday 16	Burwell Museum Coach Trip	Norwich	
Thursday 18	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 20	Spooky Snakehall	Snakehall Farm	7pm to 10pm
Thursday 25	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 27	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Wednesday 31	Halloween Disco	Village Centre	5.00pm to 8.00pm

Nov	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 8	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 10	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am to 12.30pm
Saturday 10	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am to 2.00pm
Sunday 11	Remembrance Event	Reach War Memorial	10.45am
Sunday 11	Special Remembrance Event	Village Green and Church	5.30pm to 7.00pm
Thursday 15	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 9	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.20pm
Wednesday 14	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thursday 22	Recycling Day (Green)		
Thursday 29	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 24	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am to 2.00pm

Contact Information

Parish Council			
	Chair	Charlotte Cane	741064
	Vice Chair	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	Nathan Bridgeman	
	Councillor	Alex de Giorgio-Miller	07771 348013
	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 Schumann	
	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:	Susan Bailey	743794
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	



OK – so you probably have spotted that the theme for this issue is aerial views of our lovely village. These and the one on the back cover are drone pictures, courtesy of Tony Kohlman

