Within Reach



Oct/Nov 2019





Apple Day was a big success – even though the weather wasn't kind. Big thanks go to David Thomas and Andrew Trump who with help from others, made the event so enjoyable.







And our **Car Boot** experiment worked out well. Thanks go to Debbie Quilter and Tasha Bridgeman who organised it all. It is planned that this will now become a regular event in the village.

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From the Editor



Well we are now coming into Autumn – as I write this there is thunder in the distance and it never seems to stop raining. But then we did need some moisture to be fair.

My plea in the last issue was for someone to provide assistance in putting the magazine together and for assisting in the strategic vision for it and I am delighted to say that a very suitable volunteer has come forward. Her name is Liz Fullick and she has very recently moved into Burwell. Her background is writing/editing - and she now has the role of PR Manager at Marshall Aerospace and Defence in Cambridge, so her experience is ideal. There will be more information included in the next issue, but I look forward to working with her.

I received the following and promised to circulate it via the magazine . . . .

I have absolutely no objection to lovely woody bonfires and their aromatic smell but somebody has lit one today and is burning something noxious. This is obvious, because our garden is full of chemical fumes, throats are sore, hearts thumping and eyes burning. This kind of air pollution is not acceptable.

You'll notice that we have two inserts into the magazine this time.

The first relates to a forthcoming meeting regarding:



Claire Halpin-McDonald has agreed to act as the co-ordinator of a team which will be formed, starting at a meeting to take place at 8.00pm on Tuesday 15th October in the Village Hall. There's more information on page 13.

And secondly a contribution from the Parish Council following their meeting on Wednesday 2nd October where the village's reaction to the events in Swaffham Bulbeck will be discussed. And there will be an introduction to the forthcoming debate on what the future might hold for our lovely conker tree on the Green.

Really pleasingly, we have a new regular contributor in Luke Mercer who lives on Great Lane. He loves going out with his metal detector and has a happy story for us on page 27.

And lastly and poignantly, a message from Michael Aves and his family:

Lyn Aves

Michael and family would like to thank everyone for their kind support, messages and cards.

Also, at this sad time, the support and attendance at Lyn's Funeral.

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About the Magazine

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

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Village Update



Despite the hints of Autumn, my kids are still hanging on to the summer and requesting after school playground trips most days. And it seems like we're not the only ones – there are always plenty of other children for them to play with! The raised beds looked wonderful all summer and the herbs are doing well – please do help yourself!

Improvements on the Green

After over a year of chasing up with BT, the back of the telephone box has finally been repaired – hurrah! As I type, there is still only a wire inside rather then an actual phone, but here's hoping this will follow quickly [Ed – it did!]. We can then look to getting the paintwork and glass spruced up to return it to it's former glory!



Regular bus users will have seen how overgrown and unloved the bus shelter on the green has become. A huge thank you to David Pallant of Multitrade, based in the village, who has kindly offered to complete the repair work for us in his spare time. We are very grateful and look forward to seeing the finished job!

Last issue I reported that we were unsuccessful in securing funding for new benches and some repair work on the green. Undeterred, I'm looking into other smaller sources of funding to get some of this work completed, so next issue I'll hopefully be able to update you further!



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Wednesdays are Pie and a Pint Nights at the Dyke's End



A full update on what is on offer at the Dyke's End can be found on page 24.

Neighbourhood Plan

Appointment of a Consultant to the Project



In the last issue of Within Reach I mentioned that the project group had concluded that we needed external support to convert a positive start into a tangible Plan. I am pleased to report that we have just appointed Ian Poole of Places4People (https://uk.linkedin.com/in/ian-poole-43687638) to assist us, subject to securing Central Government funding.

The appointment came after quite a bit of research and was based on recommendations from planners and local communities who have worked with Ian on Neighbourhood Plans, most notably Sutton, whose Plan he recently piloted to delivery. Ian spent two hours in discussion with the Group and other villagers in July prior to his appointment. He left a positive impression underpinned by his experience in neighbourhood planning and the emphasis he placed on engaging all sectors of a community in the development of a Plan. We anticipate that Ian will be actively involved in the project from October, once funding has been formally secured.

Our application to Central Government for funding is virtually complete and notwithstanding the current turmoil in Westminster and Whitehall, we are hopeful that this will be turned round quickly and we can get on with building the Plan.

The Hythe

Many of those attending the launch events in June expressed a strong desire to preserve and enhance the Hythe for recreational and environmental benefits and because of its archeological and historic importance. Accordingly, we have been encouraging Anglian Water (AW) who occupy much of the Hythe, to engage with us to improve the site. In September members of the Project Group and the PC had an initial meeting on site with representatives of AW. The meeting went well. We articulated the case for removing redundant tanks and pipework from the site and reducing AW's fenced footprint. The AW representatives were sympathetic to our case and without making any firm commitment, agreed to consult with colleagues to determine what might be possible and why there had been opposition to such improvements in the past. They could see no fundamental technical or operational basis for resisting our proposal although funding improvements might be an issue.

Communication

As mentioned in previous articles, the project group can only deliver a successful Neighbourhood Plan if we accurately reflect how the majority of villagers want to see the village evolve over the next two decades. We will always welcome more of your views and active involvement in our meetings. These are open sessions, advertised in advance, so please come along and/or tell me or other group members what you think about the developing Plan or if you have new ideas for what should be included. I hope shortly to circulate a timetable for drop-in sessions where villagers can review the emerging Plan.

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Autumn is an excellent time to take on an allotment. Several plots have been taken on this year but two are still free. Annual rental is very reasonable at around £10 and some help in initial site clearance may be available. If anybody is interested give me a shout

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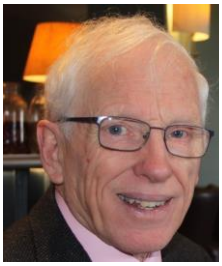
Burwell Museum Coach Trips



- **Boundary Mills and Grantham**
  Thursday 24th October – tickets £21
- **Norwich Christmas Market**
  Wednesday 11th December – tickets £17

Tickets on sale at Tina's North St, Burwell or ring Barbara on 01638 741581 or 07887 712296

IT Advice



I am going to write in this issue about patchy wi-fi and wi-fi dead spots. These days, members of the family use the Internet all over the house and with mobile devices we expect wi-fi everywhere, even in the garden in some cases. Advertisers are giving this a lot of publicity at the moment, but everyone's needs vary, as do the best solutions.

In many of the properties in Reach, getting wi-fi everywhere is a challenge. Past alterations and conversions mean that there are often internal walls that used to be outside walls, these are thick and relatively impervious to our wi-fi signal. In my house we have a brick and clunch chimney in the centre of the house which is about 4 metres wide and 2 metres thick which used to divide two cottages. This is a serious block to signals, so where to start?

Firstly, look at the position of your Router (sometimes called a Hub), is it near the centre of the house? Try not to have it on the floor but up on a table or chest. You may have to extend the telephone socket. Providing the phone wiring is in good order this doesn't seem to be the problem it once was. If you have a YouView or Sky box you may have to alter the way it connects to your router, maybe with a Powerline (see later) or an ethernet cable.

Try the router in different places if you can, maybe with a temporary phone extension cable and see if you get a better signal in remote rooms. I use a phone app called "wi-fi analyser" to measure the signal strength around the premises whilst trying different configurations. In my case the router is beside the chimney where the wall is thin and is in line with a doorway so that Jo's laptop can sit at the end of the kitchen table with little between it and the wi-fi signal. If this does not work look at the router, if it is a few years old your internet provider may have an improved one with more range and will upgrade at no extra cost if you renew your contract. The Editor tells me this solution has worked for him.

If the problem is just in one room, say an upstairs office or conservatory on an outside wall then the solution may be a "Powerline" or "Homeplug" connection. This involves putting a special plug into a mains socket and connecting it to your router, then putting a similar plug in where you need a signal. The two talk to each other through the mains wiring. Older versions used to require you to connect your phone, tablet or computer to a different wi-fi signal manually and cost about £35 for a pair but in the last year "Mesh" technology should mean you can walk from room to room and your device will connect to the best signal for about £100.

A simpler, cheaper version of the Powerline plug enables you to connect a cable to something without wi-fi e.g. your TV box. I use this system to get internet in the barn at the end of our garden.

I also use a wi-fi Powerline plug on a temporary basis when someone needs a signal in our Conservatory. Both Powerline "receivers" work off the one "transmitter". Powerline normally works on a single mains circuit and is blocked by the Electricity Meter.

An alternative which is getting wide publicity is a "Mesh Disc or Node" system where the Master disc is connected to the router and Satellite discs receive the wi-fi signal and re-transmit it to remote parts of the house. These tend to be about £250 for three discs (Master and 2 slaves) or some broadband providers are letting you pay with an addition to your monthly payment. The advantage is that they are easy to set up, the downside is that they have to be able to receive a signal to re-transmit it, something which has defeated me in the past sometimes. In some cases, there is a facility to manage the nodes so that they are on a timer, for instance to enable children's use of wi-fi in their bedrooms to be regulated.

When reviewing your options don't forget that for a remote location like a shed the simplest solution may just be to run an Ethernet cable from your router to the remote site, this will work well up to at least 100 metres range. An "access point" can be used if wi-fi is required, I usually use an old router for this job. Another scenario is where you need to connect to a barn or shed where running a cable is impractical e.g. across a driveway. In this case you can "beam" a signal between directional aerials, a "point-to-point" connection which need not be expensive.

I hope this article has given you an idea of the wide range of solutions to wi-fi problems. As always you can always phone me to discuss your particular problem.

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The Chachuna Reserve, Georgia



We've driven across rolling green hills for the past two hours and have yet to see a single person. Two days later and that hasn't change – the landscape seems entirely empty of people. An Imperial eagle soars overhead whilst Calandra larks and Isabelline wheatears erupt from the roadside as we pass.

But as far as humans are concerned this place is deserted. Dramatic eroded hills – 'badlands' – sit on the grass steppe like sleeping lizards and a mountain ridge shapes the horizon that lies beyond the ribbon of green gallery forest that fringes the Iori River.

I'm visiting the Chachuna Managed Reserve in Eastern Georgia, a project being managed by BirdLife Europe with their local Partner the Society for Nature Conservation – SABUKO. Over 25 raptor species have been recorded here, as well as five species of owl. "*The importance of these grasslands was confirmed last year"* Natia Javakhishvili, Director of SABUKO tells me. "*We counted a flock of ten thousand Little Bustard on these grasslands. They've only recently started coming here – maybe because of agricultural intensification in Azerbaijan*". It is also an important ecological corridor, providing connections with the better known Vashlovani Nature Reserve.

Our perception of a place is often formed by our first encounter. But if you came to Chachuna during the summer months and saw the wide open, empty spaces, you'd have only half the story. That's because these are winter pastures for some 140,000 sheep, together with goats and cattle, that are grazed here as part of a massive annual cycle of transhumance, when the pastures in Georgia's Javakheti Highlands are covered in snow.

We've timed our visit just as the last sheep have left on their journey back to the mountains. But it is not just the seasonal desertion by people that challenges our assumptions. During our drive across the steppe I've noted clusters of long-abandoned buildings – houses and barns – together with lines of electricity or telegraph poles, their wires long gone, but now convenient perches for the occasional eagle. Marinus Gebhardt, the project's natural resources manager, explains "*This infrastructure dates back over 30 years to the Soviet era when this whole area was developed for agriculture and sheep production for wool. It's said that at that time there were more sheep in Georgia than people – over 3 million of them. When the soviet period ended the market for wool collapsed and the buildings were abandoned. It is only recently that flock sizes have risen again – increasing tenfold in the last 10 years. But now the sheep are farmed for their meat, in response to the demand from the Middle East, especially Iran and Iraq*".

One of the challenges at Chachuna is overgrazing – in large areas only unpalatable species such as Artemisia remain. So, I assumed that overgrazing during the Soviet era had been even worse. But apparently not. Marinus went on to explain: "*During those times the pastoralists also had access to the vast Russian steppe grasslands for grazing during the winter. Now the flocks are confined to within Georgia for their transhumance, and winter pastures here are scarce*".

The barns and telegraph poles are not the only legacy from Soviet times to be found at Chachuna. Of greater and more lasting significance on the area's ecology is the dam and Dali reservoir on the Iori river. Built to provide water for irrigation, the associated farmland was not developed and the dam and its reservoir have sat idle since their completion. Now, lacking any maintenance, water leaks under the dam and is released in a slow but steady flow from one of the dam's gates. The impact on the ecology of the riverine gallery forest downstream hasn't been properly studied – this is something that SABUKO will be examining as part of their restoration project, with a view to making recommendations on how to manage water releases from the dam. A glance at a satellite image might lead you to believe that the Iori river and the Chachuna step are distinct ecosystems, whereas in fact they are intimately linked. Zurab Gurgenidze, project ecologist, explained some of the relationships that exist: "*Typical steppe species are dependent on the river for the surface drinking water it provides, whilst raptor species such as Imperial eagle, that roost and nest on trees in the riverine forest, feed on snakes and hares that they hunt from the steppe. You can't conserve the steppe without also taking care of the river and vice versa*".

Chachuna brings together so many of the issues that challenge attempts to restore biodiversity and natural ecosystem processes to landscapes – issues that have also shaped the fens and influence current efforts to restore wildlife to Wicken. We see how, over time, a complex interplay of economics, politics, global product markets and international conflict have shaped the environment. During the summer months Chachuna feels as wild and empty of people as any place I've visited. In that context the pastoralists and their livestock might be seen as part of a relatively wild, natural system, seasonally passing-through, using the natural resources – not cultivating or actively managing them – before vanishing again. But grazing pressure does seem to be too high – as evidenced by areas of bare ground, erosion gullies and the dominance of unpalatable species.

Yet again Marinus calls us to challenge our assumptions: "*In many disturbed areas species like Artemisia will dominate regardless of grazing pressure, they are part of the natural ecology, and we don't know what the new norm is with changes in rainfall due to climate change*". In their effort to restore Chachuna's ecology SABUKO will have to grapple with these complex issues. The day after visiting Chachuna we drive Westwards to see some of the pastoralists on their migration route. Arriving early, as Black and Egyptian vultures squabble over a carcass, we are in time to watch the shepherds gather their scattered sheep into tight flocks which are then led away by a pair of goats, forming a tapering white arrow that points towards their distance destination.



The Chachuna steppe and 'badlands'



The Iori River



Pastoralists on migration back to the mountains



The gallery forest and dam on the River Iori [© Google Maps]

David Thomas

Rosanna's Ramblings



No sooner have we felt like we've landed back in Reach after our northern adventures, than we're off again on various travels – so I've decided to get ahead of myself and ramble onto my laptop a good ten days before our illustrious editor sends out his gentle nudge.

So, it's early September and to be honest, the last couple of weeks feel like they have been a veritable green blur of French bean harvesting. So huge is our glut of beans (mostly caused by what appeared a few short months ago as a worrying lack of germination, leading to the sowing of even more beans and further leading to ALL of them eventually sprouting and thriving) that every evening when I get back home, my first task has been to pick another large container of good-sized beans that had the day before been tiny and thread-like.



It seems to me to be quite simply one of the wonders of nature. It surprises and delights me every year, going back decades to when I first started to grow vegetables in my 20s – each time it's a minor miracle. But this year, the delight has slightly been dented by the fact that when my head touches my pillow, images of bean picking dance before my closed eyelids and I have to count beans in order to try to get off to sleep. Chronic insomnia sadly makes even this desperate ploy mostly pointless.

And then there are the hedgerows and the moral dilemma that their bounty creates in me. Looking at the blackthorns groaning with sloes, the blackberries rampant all over the place, the rosehips … well, not to get out there picking seems a crying shame. Dishonourable, almost. To reject what is freely offered is churlish.



And yet … and yet … Facebook followers, and recipients of the village emails may recall my recent plea for clear glass bottles with corks or screw tops, made urgently necessary by the glut of sloes from 2018 and 2017 (stored in the freezer, rendering the Pricking of the Sloes with a Pin unnecessary) having been turned into large jars of sloe gin three months ago. My iPhone reminders started pinging at me last week, as one batch after another demanded to be bottled and I quickly realised that I didn't have enough suitable receptacles waiting to be filled with the fragrant ruby deliciousness.



As I write, I've added six bottles of sloe gin to our store, and three of blackcurrant gin; and any day now will be reminded to deal with the jar of sloe and blackberry gin (another three of four bottles, I reckon). Add that to the as yet un-drunk 2018 vintage and the regrettable but well-meant bottle of rosehip gin (not red, as I thought it would be, but an uninteresting pale yellow; not fragrantly delicious, but smelling and tasting of Vitamin C tablets), and you will get the accurate picture that we are somewhat awash.

Now I'm not complaining – these tipples store excellently, maturing and developing ever more breadth and depth of flavour as months, even years, go by. Well, I doubt that applies to the rosehip gin, but we'll draw a veil over that misguided attempt. So, they won't go off, and will doubtless be consumed with great pleasure. But the bottled glut has put a dampener on my desire to pick any berries AT ALL this season and I feel rather guilty about that.

It's absurd, honestly, as my few kilos of unpicked sloes and blackberries are obviously going to make not one iota of difference to the millions of kilos left unpicked by everyone else. But I do always think of the blackthorn blossom in the spring, the insects that have pollinated each one, the sun and rain and nutrients that have contributed to the setting of the fruit and the growing of the berries and then their wondrous ripening – well, these things should be the subject of hymns of praise, shouldn't they? Of gratitude, of celebration.

But my songs of appreciation have been drowned by the incessant demands made by our large chest freezer, to clear the decks (of last year's fruit) to make way for the beans and more beans, and still more beans. I am married to a man who likes to be filled with stressed gloom in the face of 1) poor growing conditions, 2) not enough rain, 3) too much rain, 4) inadequate cropping, 5) excess cropping, 6) not enough food laid down in the freezer and 7) too much food to fit in the freezer. So the latest minor triumph of turning a box of 2017 blackberries into a small tub of blackberry coulis was, believe it or not, greeted with the lament "It doesn't feel right not to have any blackberries in the freezer".

I was momentarily incredulous, since only the day before the freeing up of space had been greeted with relief; then wondered if some element of teasing were being introduced into our chat over a cup of tea in the garden. I'm still not quite sure what was going on in his mind, but I drew the line firmly – "We are NOT going to pick any blackberries this year", followed by a fierce warning look. Because if we did, we'd have to eat up some of the frozen beans that are supposed to see us through the winter (because buying vegetables from the supermarket is a source of head-shaking regret) – and then there'd be too much space in the freezer and round and round we'd go, ad infinitum. And enough was enough.

And please may I not dream of Bean Gin tonight!

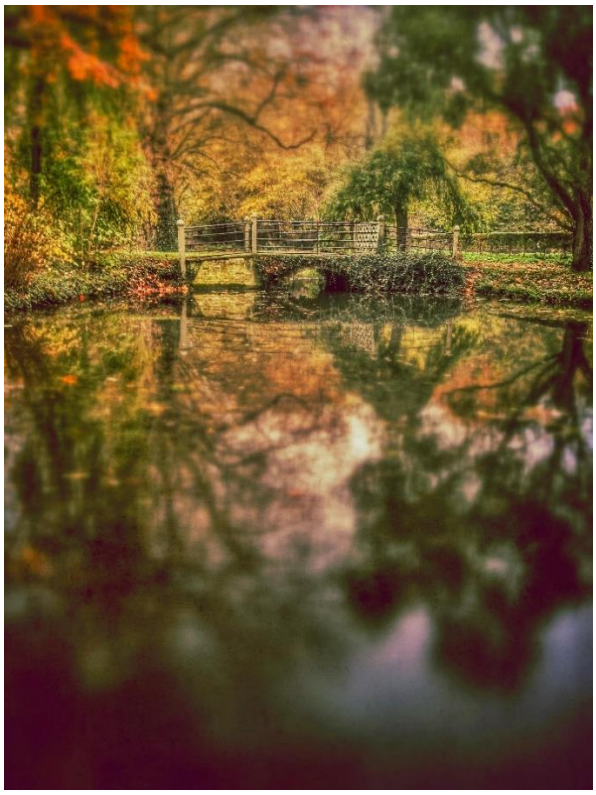
Rosanna Moseley Gore

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club



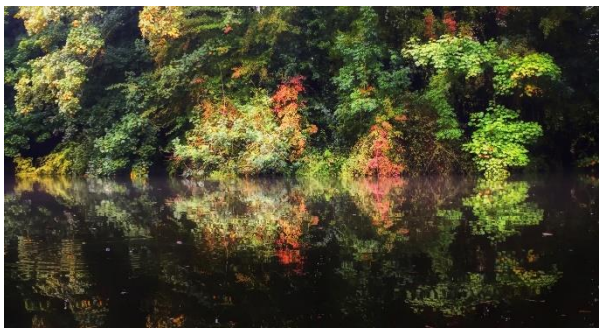
September is very quickly becoming October, and for a photographer, that can only mean one thing. Leaf Fall. Or as we call it, Autumn. That amazing time of the year when the trees put on their fiery display transforming tree lines and hedge rows into a riot of colour and texture.

I tend to find the best time to capture the magnificence of Autumn is the mid-afternoon, just as the long warm tones of the setting sunlight catch the foliage giving everything a bright, but cosy bronze colour. This warming light is perfect for both landscape and close up images. Actually, the afternoon light is perfect for most outdoor photography and as it's the afternoon light, which is best, it's a perfect excuse for an afternoon walk to work off that extra helping of bread pudding at lunch. Okay, so maybe that's my excuse.



The Old Pond

A good tip for showing off your images to their best is print them on Matt or Pearl paper, as these types of paper can bring out the detail and contrast more in your images. And if you would like to show your images, get some friendly advice to help with your photography, enter competitions or just come and enjoy some incredible talks on photography, there is the Bottisham and Burwell Camera, meeting in Lode Chapel every Tuesday at 19:30.



Fire and Water

Some highlights for your diary are:

October 8th
"Creative Techniques"
Lightroom/Photoshop demonstration by Ann Miles

October 22nd
"African Dust Under My Feet"
Digital presentation by Mrs Naomi Saul

October 29th
"Workshop & Chatter"
You can learn about print presentation, picture appreciation and composition, plus ask all sorts of photography related questions…

November 5th
"An Evening with John Hooton"
This internationally renowned landscape photographer will be showing us the light and mood of Irelands Atlantic coastline and its natural beauty. We will also be holding a raffle during the night. This is shaping up to be quite a night. Not to be missed.

For more details on these nights, our full program or the club in general, you can visit our website at the following address: bottburpc.org

Looking forward to seeing you at a club night, or out and about the village with your camera . . . . happy snapping everyone.

Elliot Needham

Burwell & Reach Car Scheme

If you are unable to use conventional transport, the scheme can help you to travel from Reach or Burwell to:

Chiropodists, Dentists, Doctors, Opticians, Shops, Visit Friends . . . .

Transport cannot be provided for Hospital Outpatient Appointments

Contact hours are 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday – please give us 24 hours notice

01638 742543 (answerphone) and we will return your call

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue

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PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

Bonfire Night can be plenty of fun for all to enjoy, but with lots of potential hazards, it's really important to keep you and your family safe.

Help support your local community this year and go to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home. If you do plan on using fireworks or lighting a bonfire at home however, please ensure you consider our safety advice below:

Fireworks:

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water
- Never give sparklers to children under five
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place
- For more information on Firework Safety, visit: www.hse.gov.uk

Bonfires:

- Do not light bonfires in unsuitable weather conditions, particularly when windy
- Do not leave bonfires unattended
- Keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe handy just in case
- Build bonfires well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges
- Never use flammable liquids to start the fire
- Never burn dangerous rubbish such as aerosols, paint, foam furniture, rubber tyres, batteries, etc
- Before you light the bonfire, check that children and animals are not hiding inside and are a safe distance away
- Always consider the location of a bonfire or firework display, smoke drifting near or on to roads can have devastating consequences.

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Burwell Museum and Windmill



New Trustees Needed!

Burwell Museum is currently recruiting four new Trustees to join its board (this is a voluntary role).

This is an exciting time to join the Board of Trustees, since the museum is developing new ideas to ensure our long-term sustainability and planning a year-long arts festival celebrating 200 years of Stevens' Mill, our working Victorian windmill. We are looking especially for individuals with professional experience in any of the following areas:

- Fundraising
- Museums and Heritage
- Events Management
- Marketing
- Charity Law

Previous experience as a Trustee or Director in a similar charity is not essential, nor is knowledge of museums *(other than the role of Trustee overseeing Museums/Heritage),* although an interest in museums and heritage is desirable.

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About Burwell Museum and Windmill

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The Museum first opened to the public in April 1992 and since then both the size of the site and the number of buildings have been increased. Following our recent Heritage Lottery-Funded 'Fresh Wind in Our Sails' and 'A Mill for All Seasons' projects, opening hours were extended to Thursdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 11-5pm in the period Easter until the end of October. The museum also opens by request for group visits on other days, including during National Mills Weekend and Burwell Festival.

Please visit www.burwellmuseum.org.uk for more information.

To apply, please request a recruitment pack from Brenda Wilson, BMT Chair, bgdtwilson@aol.com

Application will be by CV and covering letter to the above email address or by post to:
Brenda Wilson, Chair of Trustees, Burwell Museum Trust, Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridgeshire, CB25 0HL

Deadline: Thursday 31st October 2019

Reach Riders



The Reach Riders have some events coming up:

Thursday10th Oct
Social Evening

A meal with special menu prepared by the Dyke's End - we have space for 25 people with 2 or 3 courses. There will be a raffle during the evening with proceeds going to the Reach Riders.

To book a place, please contact either Sue Cameron (07879 627859) or Helen Oliver (07763 201786). A non-refundable £10 deposit is required to book. The menu will be advertised on our Facebook page.

Sunday 27th Oct
Ride in the Forest

Hilary Fielding is organising a ride in Thetford Forest - members and non-members welcome. More details will follow on the Facebook page but please contact Hilary if you want to join in.

Membership renewal is 1st Oct, we will be in touch with current members to renew but please let us know if you are interested in joining.

Contact **Sue Cameron** - ewenandsue@btinternet.com

Events Team

Christmas is coming the goose is getting fat…but we've got Halloween planned sooner than that!

Thank you to all who came along to our first Village Car Boot sale. Much to mine and Tash's delight it wasn't just villagers swapping their wares on the village green. If there continues to be interest in this, we'll look at doing it again quite soon so start putting stuff aside.

A big thank you also to David Thomas and Andrew Trump for Apple Day and Pam King for organising the Macmillan coffee morning which raised £458.82.

No need to despair now the nights are drawing in, we at the Events Team have our usual host of activities planned for the coming months to keep you entertained!

- 31st Oct Halloween Disco
- 16th Nov Bingo Night 7pm
- 1st Dec Christmas tree lights switch on
- 11th Dec Seniors Christmas lunch
- 22nd Dec Christingle service
- 24th Dec Carols around the Christmas tree

Christmas Cards

Once again, we are planning to sell Village Christmas cards. Please review your photos and send your winter scenes to us before 31st October. We can then have cards back in good time for Christmas posting dates. Remember last year's favourite?



There's more information on page 27 to give you guidance on what is needed.

Village Tea Towels

We will also be selling the village tea towel again. Hannah Webb has kindly agreed to update her village print and these will be ready in time for Christmas. Look out for how to order via email and village Facebook page.

Debbie Quilter
Reach Events Team
reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Reach Fair

What has Reach Fair done for me?

Well quite a lot actually! Each year the Fair raises thousands of pounds which is given over to the Grant Fund. The funds have contributed to Sports Day (every year), the cricket pitch, the community orchard, the community wood, Reach Riders arena, the community woodland, the heritage street lighting and much more. It has also significantly contributed to the Village Centre, a core facility of our village.

Jezo runs the PA system at Reach Fair and is also the on-stage magician, but he also gives event management advice to villages. At a Reach Fair planning meeting he advised that we should treasure the Fair as other villages would give much to have such a large, well-known and fun, fund-raising event.

The Fair was organised by the Village Centre Committee for very many years and most recently by the Events Team. Both groups worked their socks off and were highly successful, but the Events Team is no longer going to run the Fair so it is looking for new supporters.

A single committee, just to run the Fair, is to be inaugurated. How great is that? What an opportunity! No more hanging round for the last item on the agenda, it is THE agenda. Fresh views, new ideas and a shake-up. It isn't that the current stalls and current contributors will not continue – far from it – it's just that there is an opportunity to inject some novelty e.g. a tug-of-war, wet sponge stocks, live statues, fancy dress and silly sports games. Plus, how will we acknowledge and celebrate the VE Day Anniversary which coincides with the weekend of Reach Fair 2020?

The new Committee will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Village Centre and the first meeting will be on Tuesday 15th October 2019. Prior to Christmas the emphasis will be on planning the make-up of the Fair, so come along and let's have your thoughts.

More than fund raising, more than novelty, the Fair is an opportunity for villagers to come together: planning, working, sharing, supporting, valuing each other, having fun and achieving. So do come along to a meeting/s, take up a task/s, join in and be part of something which makes friends and memories.

Alex de Giorgio-Miller
Claire Halpin-McDonald
Andrew Towers

Out and About Autumn



It's mid September and the days remain warm as we pass through an Indian summer. Nonetheless, leaves are falling and the hedgerows colour as sloes, rosehips, blackberries and elderberries ripen. Hilary photographed the first ground frost at Little Fen Drove on 18th September.

There are upcoming changes for birds as they moult and (some) prepare to migrate. Their diets alter as insects diminish, they switch to berries, nuts and seeds during the super-abundant days of Autumn. Blackbirds, seen on the ground foraging for invertebrates such as worms, move up into trees for berries in winter.

Some months ago, we overseeded our field, planting a lovely range of old fashioned grazing meadow grasses - meadow fescue, creeping red fescue, sheeps fescue, chewings fescue, smooth stalked meadow grass, timoty, cocksfoot, crested dogtail, herbs and wild flowers. A lack of rain affected the flourish we hoped for but the uninvited ragwort plant/weed thrived. As a horse owner, I find its poisonous qualities unendearing, we dig up the plants and roots. This year the empty field rests and we observed each of the yellow-flowering plants hosting up to 3 bright yellow and black striped (to deter predators) caterpillars munching the leafy greens. These are cinnabar moths. We left the ragwort for a couple of days and returned to find them caterpillar-free.



In her book Wilding, Isabella Tree points out that 177 species of insect (inc. beetle, flies, macromoth, solitary bees, solitary wasps and 50 insect parasites) use common ragwort as a source of nectar or pollen, apparently it is one of the most sustaining hosts to insects we have.

When most of the other flowers have died, ragwort continues on into late summer, providing a major source of nectar.

I've written previously about the golden-coated rabbits which graze our field near Reach Wood. Heartbreakingly, there has been a recent change in their fortunes, they have contracted the disease myxomatosis. I'm uncertain as to whether this vile manmade disease has recurred or, more worryingly, been reintroduced.

We met Charlie & Tomasina pushing a wheelbarrow of impressive riches from their Great Lane allotment - lettuces, leeks, artichoke, potatoes, beetroot and wild flowers.



This summer swallows again raised 3 broods of chicks at our stables but chose a different nesting site. Those in the outbuildings at Ron's field nested and likewise, raised 3 clutches. He mentioned there were notably fewer flying up Clunch Pit Lane this year and wondered whether this was due to some form of disturbance. Hilary emailed that she 'repeatedly returned baby swallows to the nest in one of my stables a few weeks ago. They kept bailing out because of the heat. Every evening we climbed the ladder to put them back but 2 died. The remaining 2 survived and have now flown'.

The small flocks of screaming swifts were discernibly reduced this season and left for central Africa all too quickly.

Hilary and Shaun saw an unusual phenomenon from the stable gate on 24 August, a murmuration of winged ants above the trees in the direction of Swaffham Prior. They swarmed in the swirls and patterns usually associated with birds. I read that, during a period of hot humid weather, mature queens and males of the black garden ant mate during the murmuration, afterwards the mated queens quickly chew their wings off and start looking for a suitable site in which to nest and raise a new colony.



They were also privy to another rare sighting when witnessing ‘a pair of merlins over the paddock being severely attacked by the local crows. Identified by appearance and particularly the call’.



Ali Kohlman mentioned she’d seen a small, sadly demised, grass snake coiled up at the end of their Great Lane drive.

Dragonflies & damselflies are still visible in gardens and on village walks. High summer roused them from their water-living larval stage and transformed them into the jewel-coloured highly-strung projectiles seen over watery ditches, hawking high in the sky or perched on nearby vegetation. Dragonflies are territorial insects and fiercely patrol ditches. They hold their wings flat when at rest, at right angles to the body. Damselflies are small, have a delicate, weaker flight and skip through the air, over water & grasses. At rest, wings are held shut over their back, occasionally partly open but never at right angles. The life of adults is short, often just a fortnight, they die as winter approaches. Pairs mate in a ‘wheel’ embrace unique to this group of insects.

During a walk towards Swan Lake Barns on the edge of Reach, a lovely brown hare broke cover and ran straight towards me, they are more frequently seen zig-zagging over grassland, a camouflaged blur of brown. The larger mammals, roe deer are clearly visible in the stubble fields along Reach Road.

Further down the lane I spied a grey heron, head tucked into shoulders, standing perfectly still on stilt-like legs. In flight these legs and peculiarly large feet (perfect for wading in water) trail behind them.

We were delighted to spot a medium sized Hedgehog snuffling around the windfall apples in our Great Lane garden. Please remember to carefully check garden debris before a bonfire is lit, depending on the weather hedgehogs start hibernating from October.



These words sum up so much - **Nature cheers and my spirits are lifted.**

Nick Acklam’s nature notes:

17 July: Large numbers of Meadow Brown butterflies again, this time clustering on Reach Lode bank. It really has been a good year for the more common species of butterfly at least.

20 July: A dead Sparrowhawk fledgling lies on the path to the pocket park. The bird retains flecks of white down around the head and neck. I suspect it was overwhelmed by the heavy overnight rain and wind, which may have pushed it out of its nest which is nearby.

25 July: Three buzzards in noisy exchanges over the arable fields to the north west of Blackberry Droveway. A fourth sits high and mute on one of the electricity pylons. Two buzzards are equally noisy at the same spot on 5 August.

27 July: St John’s wort (I think) in profuse buttery yellow flower in a field-side ditch close to Tubney Fen.

29 July: A Goldfinch sings lyrically from the very top of the holly tree in our garden.

7 August: A large grass snake, measuring 650mm, lies as roadkill by Adventurers Farm, Swaffham Prior.

12 August: A solitary Painted Lady butterfly rests on the reeds by Straight Drove. Red Admirals bask on the gravel at home.

25 August: A large but widely dispersed flock of grey wagtails in the pasture between Reach Lode and Straight Drove. Large flights of Canada and Greylag Geese also seen for the first time in some months. Both early signs of autumn despite the high temperatures of recent days. Tubney Fen is very bleached, in stark contrast to the emerald green of a recent planting in the black soil arable prairie to its north west.

1 September: A Kingfisher flies over the pit at the bottom of the pasture between Reach Lode and Straight Drove.

14 September: A Common Crane calls plaintively and at length from Burwell Fen. Audible over a considerable distance, very atmospheric and autumnal. I hope it will become a feature of future seasons.

15 September: Geese are flying in significant numbers over Tubney Fen. About 80 birds, Canada and Greylag, are seen in a short early morning window. The largest skein is 30 strong. Some fly in classic V formation, others in straggling lines. There is no common direction of flight.

Many thanks, as always, to the article contributors, please keep the village wildlife sightings coming through.

Joss Goodchild
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My lovely Highland pony mare, Thistle, died last month at the age of nearly 29 years. I'd owned her for a blissful 25 of them. Her kind and biddable nature enabled me to enjoy horse ownership, and ride, until only a couple of years ago.

Photo taken (with her small companion) two days before she left for that grassy green paddock in the sky.

R.I.P. lovely, noble pony. X

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Flu Vaccination Clinics at Burwell Surgery

The Doctors would like to invite you to have your flu vaccination at the surgery if you are eligible for a FREE NHS Flu vaccine. Flu clinics are planned for:

Wednesday 9th October, 14.30 to 18.00
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Saturday 26th October, 09.00 to 12.00
ALL Eligible Groups - no appointment needed

Tuesday 29th October, 08.45-12.00
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Friday 15th November, 14.30-17.30
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The Department of Health recommends annual flu vaccination for all those who have diabetes, are pregnant or are aged 65 and over. You are also recommended to get the vaccine if you have any long term conditions affecting your lungs, heart, kidneys, liver, brain or nervous system, immune system or spleen. Carers are also encouraged to have the flu vaccine.

Getting vaccinated is the best way to protect yourself and the doctors and nurses are more than happy to give you the vaccination during a routine check-up and review as it is very quick and easy to administer.

We are providing children's flu immunisation again this year, which is administered via a nasal spray. Public Health England guidelines for eligible children are as follows:

- Children in clinical risk groups detailed above aged 6 months up to 2 years old
- All children aged 2 and 3 years old on 31st August 2019
- Children in clinical risk groups detailed above up to the age of 17 years old

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Please remember, if you are eligible for a FREE NHS flu vaccine, and cannot take advantage of the above clinics, please contact us, 01638 741234.



Angelsey Abbey



Join us at Anglesey Abbey as we welcome autumn along with all its glory. When the weather is on our side, head out into the gardens to explore natures fiery colour palette as our grounds light up with autumnal shades. Enjoy the statuary in Temple Lawn that is highlighted by the bright colours of the trees that form their backdrop or take a walk to Lode Mill to enjoy the dainty purple and white cyclamen that blankets the ground beside the path. Stretch your legs further and head over to Coronation or Jubilee Avenue where you can walk through a tunnel of trees lit up with vibrant oranges and reds.

When the inevitable rainy days hit our doorstep, pack your wellies and your brolly for a walk down to the House. We're inviting you to join us this autumn to explore nature in the collection. With over 10,000 objects to furnish his home, Lord Fairhaven built his collection out of many different materials, including wood, leather and precious stones. Journey through the House this season to discover how we conserve and preserve our collections. We've got plenty going on for the kids and grandkids throughout the autumn months. From 19 -27 October, during half term, discover the secret world of the night-time creatures that call Anglesey Abbey home. Follow Anglesey's bats that you will see hanging around to embark on a quest of discovery that will take you in the House, Lode Mill and around the grounds. Drop into the Wildlife Welcome Hub along the way to get stuck into facts and finds about bats and their friends: from the delightful to the disgusting! Our Bat Roost Activity Space will be bustling with bat-tastic activities, talks and crafty fun.

Keep an eye out for more information on our new Christmas offer, Tinsel & Tweed that will take you on a journey back to the 1960s. A reminder also that our Winter Lights tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at nationaltrust.org.uk/Anglesey Abbey or via our Central Box Office: 0344 249 1895.

Chloe McMath
Senior Visitor Experience Officer

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Wicken Fen



Fen harvester and windpump by Luke Underwood

Our cutting management of the Sedge Fen is now well underway and the Fen Harvester can be seen most days either cutting compartments of the Sedge Fen behind the Visitor Centre, or the sections alongside the droves. It's exciting that we'll be able to complete the cutting for the second year this year; the regular cuts ensure that the fen plant communities will thrive and a healthy bird population is sustained.

Work starts on our café expansion project during October. We'll still be serving your favourite scones, soup, sausage rolls, sweet treats and drinks from a new mobile café unit next to the café while the work takes place. The work will finish in February next year and we're excited that we'll be able to offer a wider range of delicious food for visitors to enjoy.

We're hoping to see lots of people from Burwell at our Walk for Wicken on Sunday 13 October. It's our first ever sponsored walk, raising funds for our Eyes over the Fen project. You can choose either a 7.5km route along the picturesque Monk's Lode and through Baker's Fen or a 12.5km route that follows a raised path, off the beaten track, with elevated views over beautiful Burwell Fen. To find out more and to enter, see:
http://bit.ly/walkforwickenfen

Don't forget that you can join us with your family for lots of outdoor fun during October half term. As well as favourites such as Geocache Challenge (Wednesday 23 October) and the Fenland Spooktacular (Friday 25 October), there will be drop in activities throughout the holiday and the last chance for a boat trip this season.
There's a lot more information about Wicken Fen and our events on our website, go to:
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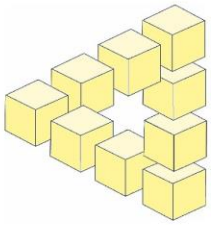

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Finally, special thanks go to: The Days, The Roberts, The Thakes, The Peaks, The Reeves, The Cornells, The Ashton Families, Ken and Trish Harris. Ernest Doe and The Turners.

Snakehall Scarecrow Competition

Horizons won our Snakehall Scarecrow Competition with their Elvis scarecrow, which was made out of recycled materials. Their prize for entering "The King" was 2 tickets to our Halloween walk in October.
Great Snakehall Bake Off Winner

One of our external support workers the wonderful Karen, won a voucher for an Afternoon Tea at Carriages, for entering her wonderful farm themed carrot cake, not only did it look good but it tasted great too. Congratulations Karen and enjoy your prize.

The Open Day maybe over but we still need your help to make us grow - we are still trying to raise £30K (less than £8K to go) - can you help?



Tales from a Reach Garden



I think September has to be my busiest month of the year, especially this year because the weather has been so warm and dry there is so much watering to be done, as well as harvesting and processing fruits and vegetables.

At this time of year there is a wider variety of fruit and vegetables to be harvested too. We're still picking climbing and runner beans (though they do look a bit curly, thanks to the cooler nights), courgettes, tomatoes, aubergines, cucumbers, as well as leaves of spinach, chard and kale. The autumn raspberries are busy producing fruit. We've picked pears and apples, lifted the shallots and onions and we're about to harvest the pumpkins. This year has been a very productive one in the hedgerows too, which have been full of sloes, rosehips, haws and blackberries.



Thorny Hedgerow Blackberries

Recently I read in the news that a study revealed that many city children did not recognise various common wild plants which occur in the countryside. The only surprise for me was that the study had not been carried out years ago as this has probably been true since the industrial revolution. I could certainly relate to the results from that study. There were green spaces in central Manchester where I was born and grew up; those parks had some colourful floral displays and rhododendrons, there were the odd buttercup, daisy and clover flowers growing in the lawns as well as the inevitable dandelion, but definitely no nettles or brambles, presumably because the municipal park keepers made sure there weren't any!

I still remember the first time I saw and ate blackberries, which was on my first visit to my grandfather's farm in Italy when I was 11 years old. Blackberries were growing prolifically in the "hedgerows" which lined the paths and roads nearby and my mother told me what they were. I had heard of blackberries of course, I'd read about them in fairy tales, (along with bluebells, nettles, cowslips, fairies and pixies…) The fact that my mother had to tell me what they were puzzled her siblings.

Don't blackberries grow in England? Yes, my mother said, there were lots in the Shropshire countryside where she used to live, but not in Manchester. What about peaches, melons and grapes? I know what those are, I said, I had seen them in shops.

I still recall the warmth of those blackberries growing in the sun; they were plump, juicy, aromatic and sweet and my brothers and I couldn't eat enough of them in spite of the scratches and grazes which we received from the thorny brambles. After gorging on them till our hands were purple and sticky, my aunt applied antiseptic ointment on the various scratches and grazes we had acquired. And there's the snag. They are so thorny and grow so quickly, so you wouldn't willingly introduce them to your garden. Also, if they are growing well in local hedgerows why grow them in your garden at all? I do a lot of walking around the countryside and always try a few blackberries on walks, when they're available, as Richard will attest (my rambles by the brambles!). While blackberries will grow facing north, the fruit is often acidic even when ripe, so they need to be growing in full sun for best flavour. They're often small, even when sweet, and in a dry year like this one, you can end up with a lot of pips and not much pulp.

Happily, thorn-free varieties are available for gardens. Until about twenty years ago, the only truly thorn-free variety was "Oregon Thornless" which also has decorative leaves, turning purplish over autumn and winter, and so looked good cladding a fence at the back of our garden in Watford. One downside is that the ripe berries are sweet but bland when fresh but are worth adding to apples in pies and crumbles, for colour and a little sweetness. Another downside is that this variety prefers more acidic soils and although it will produce fruit in abundance, the leaves will yellow during the growing season on our chalky soils.



Berries and leaves of "Oregon Thornless"

More recent varieties of thorn-free blackberries include "Black Satin" which is growing in a sunny position in our garden and produces more fruit with each year. These berries are plump, sweet and flavoursome when ripe. We started picking the berries in the middle of July and are picking them even now in mid-September, but they will probably stop production by the start of October, barring a few tiny hard berries. Each autumn when fruiting has finished, I cut back the old fruited stems, (which are burnt or shredded and composted) and tie in the new long stems along wires ready for next year.

This is the method to use for all blackberries, logan berries, tayberries and summer raspberries, and care is needed to ensure that the new stems aren't accidentally cut out while removing the old ones. To avoid that error, I lay the new growth in the opposite direction to the fruited stems, when they are long enough to do so. After cutting out the old stems, I fork in some general fertilizer around the base of the plant and water in. In the spring when new side shoots are being produced I give another handful of general fertilizer, and apart from the very occasional liquid feed and a bit of watering during the fruiting season, that is that.

"Black satin" blackberries are very easy to grow and produce an abundance of fruit. Richard and I enjoyed eating blackberry jellies (the wobbly kind) that I made during the hot weather this summer - they made a very refreshing dessert. I've also made some jars of blackberry jelly (i.e. seedless jam) which is lovely when spread on hot toast or scones. There have been too many blackberries to eat this summer, so I have frozen blackberries by open flash freezing the berries on trays in the freezer, then 24 hours later they are packed, labelled and stored in the freezer till they are required for pies, flans, crumbles, cakes or other lovely desserts providing a sweet reminder of summer – and my first visit to Italy.



Ripening berries of "Black Satin" blackberries

Danuta Gibson

Cricket Report



Andrew Trump keeps a watchful eye on the bowling

Sunday 4 August
Reach drew with Willows and Herbs CC

Our intended opponents having dropped out, we were left searching for a last minute fixture – which we found in a distant field of Essex. It turned out to be an even more distant field than we were led to believe. We arrived at the appointed venue to find that it was being used by another team and we had to drive a further eight miles to a rather delightful ground with a smock mill for a sightscreen.

Willows and Herbs bowled like their horticultural name, enabling Reach to knock up an uncharacteristically strong 259 runs with contributions from Tim Davies (50), George Carter (44), Ewen Cameron (36), Theo Clark (35) and a career-best 46 from our new captain Hector Keutgen.

Our opponents' batting, however, turned out to be anything but weedy and for a brief moment it looked as if they might overhaul our score. It took a sharp catch in the midriff by Chris Bridgeman to dismiss one of their top batsmen, followed by a lucky deflection off a ball from Ewen Cameron to dismiss another. But this being a declaration game we had to dismiss the whole team and we didn't quite manage it. In spite of a personal best score from Hector, the online poll for man of the match was won by Ewen. An inquiry has been launched into possible interference from trolls under the instruction of Vladimir Putin, but I can't say any more at this stage.

Sunday 18 August
Reach beat Waterbeach by 12 runs

Many years ago a Yugoslavian friend of mine (yes, it was that long ago) was commissioned by the Evening Standard to write a piece on the civil war. Only problem was that she couldn't write good English. So, while the piece was printed as if despatched by her from the front line it was in fact written by me back in Blighty, after a good dinner. I feel much the same way about this match report as I was abroad at the time. But it went something like this. After a good opening partnership between Andrew Trump (15) and Michael Mead (12), Reach collapsed to 57 all out. Not to be outdone, Waterbeach then collapsed to 42 all out with Ethan Aho taking 4 wickets for one run, helped by two dramatic catches in the slips by Bryan Pearson.

Faced with the prospect of several more hours before it would be a reasonable time to go to the pub, the match was turned into a two innings test match. Reach then knocked up 86 and Waterbeach 89, making Reach the winners by 12 runs.

Sunday 1 September
Space Cadets beat Reach by about 50 runs

For a while, Reach seemed to have the measure of the Space Cadets, but the runs seemed to pile on late in their innings. Set around 250 to win (the scorebook is a little vague on this), Reach were never quite on the pace – inspite of another half century by Tim Davies. Reach's innings was eventually prorogued at 205, 50 short of the required target.

Sunday 8 September
Reach beat Milton by 2 wickets

Under our revolving captaincy it was Andrew Trump's turn to take control with one ambition in his mind: to Make Reach Great Again. Like his Uncle Donald, Andrew was not afraid to make unpopular decisions (ie bowling first after winning the toss) and did not mess around. The wickets started tumbling, with Ewen Cameron taking 3 for 9, Rob Steed 2 for 19 and Will Day (a turncoat from Milton now well-established in the Reach team) 2 for 20. A bigly victory seemed in the offing.

One of the captain's duties is to work out a batting order, and Trumpers soon found himself having to work out what to do with Ross Clark (that's me, by the way, but it reads so much better in the third person) – whose feeble batting had notched up just eight runs in six innings (and one of those should have gone down as a bye). Trouble is, just how do you demote a batsman who is already firmly established at Number 11. Opportunity presented itself thanks to this being a rare 12 a side match. So Clark could go down to number 12.

Reach's innings was a little shaky from the start, but was steadied by a 50 from Gwilym Davies, returning from Copenhagen for the occasion. Was that a faint snick off his bat when he was still in single figures, the ball going through to the keeper? Or was it a bat brushing a pad? We'll never know, will we Gwilym.

Anyway, Reach's innings steadied until victory came within sight. With four overs left, the team required 19 to win. But under the pre-arranged rules, Gwilym had to retire having reached his half-century. The air seemed to go out of the balloon. Another flurry of wickets and with two overs to go, Reach still required 10 to win, with two wickets in hand. Ross Clark and Rob Steed were at the crease, while Gwilym hovered on the boundary, eagerly awaiting the chance to come back in and finish the job. A lean 39th over, however, produced just two runs – and no opportunity for Gwilym to get back out on the pitch. After a bit more scrambling around it came down to five runs required off two balls – and the team's worst batsman, Clark, at the crease: a man as far removed from Ben Stokes as it is possible to be, a man who has never even set foot in a Bristol nightclub, let alone managed to hit a single boundary all season.

The result seemed inevitable – as team members watched on is despair, preparing to impeach Captain Trump.

Yet cometh the hour, cometh the man. Quite inexplicably, Clark, who hadn't moved his feet all season save to embark on the long trudge back to the pavilion, two steps down the wicket and executed what witnesses later described as a cover drive.

But never mind the correct technical term, what mattered was that it crossed the boundary and the scores were suddenly level with one ball to play. Well, you can't miss them all. As it happens, Clark did miss the next one but then so, crucially, did the wicketkeeper, allowing the batsmen to come through for an easy bye and an improbable victory. Who said Trump couldn't deliver?

Sunday 15 September
Milton beat Reach by 81 runs

Again, our intended opponents dropped out. But happily, Milton, stunned by their defeat, were keen for a third and deciding match of the season against Reach. Tidy bowling by the Aho brothers, Ethan and Dom, on an artificial wicket at Milton's overflow ground, did not, unfortunately, produce early wickets. Milton grew in confidence, taking advantage of a bone-hard outfield and short boundaries at either end to notch up 198 runs in their 40 overs. Only when Will Day (3-39) took two wickets in two balls, did Reach briefly seem on top. Reach's reply looked promising – for about three overs as Michael Mead twice cleared the boundary. But then it all started to go wrong, and Reach were reduced to 39 for 9. Feeling short-changed by the opponents, Milton sent in their first team opening batsman as 13th man to try to turn things around. But not even a last wicket partnership of 59, including a career-best 28 from Ross Clark (that's me again) could stave off defeat.

Ross Clark



Letter from the Vicarage



I've been thinking a lot recently about hope. In the midst of political turmoil and climate emergency, imperfect relationships and awareness of our own failings and frailties, hope looks to the possibility that things might be different. It can be all too easy to give way to fear, but hope says that what we see and experience now isn't the end of the story.

Even if what we do seems very small and insignificant - we can make a difference. Choosing love not hate. Being aware of the impact we have on our environment and our world. And for me as a Christian praying, in confidence and trust that there is a God who loves this broken world and hasn't given up on us. So, we carry on, in faith, hope and love.

Some events coming up at St Mary's in the next few weeks: we are planning to light up the church again this year during Baby Loss Awareness week 9th - 15th October, which is a time of remembering, particularly for those who have lost a baby or infant. Join in with us with the Wave of Light at 7pm on Tuesday 15th October by lighting a candle at home or in our churches. On Sunday 3rd 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. On Remembrance Sunday the service in Reach will be at its usual time of 10.50am at Reach memorial, with the 2 minute silence outside, before continuing in St Etheldreda's just after 11.00am. The services in Burwell will revert to being in the afternoon, gathering at the Burwell War Memorial at 2.30pm, before the parade to St Mary's for the Churches Together service at 3pm.

We will be holding another Create for Christmas in St Mary's in late November - a fun creative event for adults and over 11s. Look out for details nearer the time. For more details of our services and regular updates, see notices on the church door, our website and Facebook pages. Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, including weddings, christenings and baby thanksgivings, or if you would just like a chat, about life, the universe, or anything and everything. Finally, a reminder that both St Mary's church and CentrePeace act as collection points for donations for the Foodbank. 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



Come and join us to celebrate

International Older Peoples Day

If you were born before 1939, you are invited to a **Cream Tea** followed by **Music from Troubled Water** At **Burwell & District Day Centre,** On **Sunday 6th October at 3pm**

Everyone is welcome but space is limited so booking is essential. To book please contact Sue Evans on 01638 743688 or sueevans1949@hotmail.com

Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One



A Service for Thanksgiving & Remembering
Sunday November 3rd 2019
3 pm
St Mary's Church
Burwell
Followed by refreshments

BURWELL and REACH
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
10th November 2019

REACH
10.50am Act of Remembrance at Reach War Memorial
11.05am Service continues in St Etheldreda's, Reach

BURWELL
2.30pm Act of Remembrance at Burwell War Memorial
3.00pm Churches Together Service of Remembrance at St Mary's, Burwell

The Dyke's End

The Dyke's End
FREE HOUSE AND KITCHEN

An update for you . . . .

- You can now enjoy our rear beer garden which has been cleared and tidied with several new benches in place
- We continue to cater for walking groups, details can be found on our website – go to: https://www.dykesendreach.co.uk/walking-groups to learn more
- Our Upstairs Dining Area is available for private parties and events



- Wednesday nights are "Pie and a Pint" nights, where we offer you a choice of homemade pies with mash and vegetables plus a pint of Becks, Real Ale or a 175ml glass of house wine



- We've increased our ale offerings

And we have introduced a new **Lunch Menu**

LUNCH MENU

Minute Steak, Garlic Butter, Skin on Fries, Salad (gf)
£9.95

Garlic & Rosemary Marinated Pork Chop, Dauphinoise Potatoes, Greens & Gravy
£9.95

Maple Cured Bacon Steak, Fried Egg, Skin on Fries, Garden Peas (gf)
£9.95

Cauliflower Steak, Spinach Cashew Cream, Sautéed New Potatoes (gf,n,vg)
£8.95

Sausage, Mash, Seasonal Veg & Gravy
£8.95

Southwold Beer Battered Cod, Skin on Fries, Garden Peas & Tartare Sauce (gfs)
£10.95

Homemade Fishcake, Skin on Fries, Garden Peas, Tartare Sauce £8.95

Homemade Soup of the day with Bread Roll
£5.50

Rolls
Served with a handful of Skin on Fries & Salad Garnish

Ham & Tomato
Cheese & Onion
Pork & Apple
£7.00

Opening and Food Service Times

Monday
Bar: 6pm to 10pm
Food: Our restaurant is closed

Tuesday to Thursday
Bar: Midday to 3pm, 6pm to 10pm
Food: Midday to 2pm, 6pm to 9pm

Friday
Bar: Midday to 3pm, 5.30pm to 11pm
Food: Midday to 2pm, 6pm to 9pm

Saturday
Bar: Midday to 11pm
Food: Midday to 2.30pm, 6pm to 9.30pm

Sunday
Bar: Midday to 10pm
Food: Midday to 4pm

And we will be open on **Christmas Day** for food!

Mel Longfoot

Tel: 743816

The Dyke's End

CHRISTMAS DAY MENU

ARRIVAL CANAPES

Scotch Quail Egg
Oyster with Stout Jelly (gf)
Brandy Roasted Chestnut Tartlet (v)

STARTERS

Pan Fried Pigeon Breast, Fig, Walnut, Red Wine & Juniper Glaze (n, gf)
Peppered Beef Fillet Carpaccio, Capers & Red Pepper (gf)
Blackened French Onion Soup, Gruyère Crouton (v)
King Prawn Cocktail with Caviar, Bread & Butter (gfs)

GIN & PINK GRAPEFRUIT SORBET

MAINS

Apricot Stuffed Turkey Crown, Roast Potatoes, Pigs in Blankets
Pan Fried Fillet of Sea Trout, New Potatoes, Chive Buerre Blanc (gf)
Nut Roast, New Potatoes, Devils on Horseback (n, v, gf)
Liquorice Root Bouillabaisse (Scallops, King Prawns, Mussels, Clams, Red Snapper) (gf)
Roast Ribeye of Beef, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding

All main courses also served with seasonal roast vegetables, sprouts, caramelised red cabbage, sprout & bacon lyonnaise potatoes

DESSERTS

Baked Alaska (v)
Chocolate Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard (v)
Christmas Pudding, Caramalised Nuts & Brandy Sauce (n, v)
Clementine Posset, Cranberry Compote & Shortbread (v)
Cheeseboard – Stilton, Brie, Mature Cheddar, Crackers, Grapes & Chutney (v)

ENGLISH TEA OR FILTER COFFEE & MINCE PIE

£69.95 PER PERSON
£34.95 UNDER 14'S

A deposit of £20 per person is required at the time of booking, This is a non-refundable deposit should you need to cancel or a member of the party fails to attend.
Pre-order required by the 18th December 2019
Please advise of any dietary requirements at time of booking

Food Focus

Salsas



I'm currently trying to simplify and organise my life so that I don't spend so much time cooking. This means a bit more batch cooking food we can all eat (i.e. not so spicy and complicated) and handy top tips or hacks (is this an American word which has found its way into our language along with go-to?) to make delicious meals more simply.

One of these things is having a good quantity of salsa verde or a chimichurri sauce in the fridge which can spice up a roast or plain fish for us, but be left off the plate for the younger palate. I made this chimichurri sauce the other day and it has kept in the fridge brilliantly for about 5 days. It's Uruguayan in origin and is great as a table condiment for grilled (and I think roasted) meat or fish but can also be used as a marinade (- yet to try in this way). The following recipe comes from BBC Good Food.

Chimichurri Sauce (makes approx. 250ml)

- Small pack of coriander finely chopped (I didn't have fresh so used frozen)
- Small pack of flat- leaf parsley (this grows like a weed in our garden if anyone needs any)
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped (Prospects trust garlic is fabulous)
- 1 green chilli (I used red!)
- 5 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp white wine vinegar (rice wine vinegar fine too)
- Chop herbs add oil and vinegar…(could probably put lemon in too – I think I may have done)



This next recipe is an old favourite that I come back to time and again from Jamie Oliver. I never use the right ingredients but it's always delicious. Also I don't find it makes any difference which herbs you use – as long as they are fresh. Coriander could easily replace any of the herbs shown…maybe tarragon could be used if you were having it with fish or chicken. We generally have this alongside grilled or oven baked fish, but it's also tasty in soups or alongside cold or grilled meats.

Jamie Olivers' Salsa Verde

- 2 garlic cloves
- Small handful of capers (I never have these so never add them)
- Small handful of pickled gherkins (only if available – and I mostly don't add)
- 6 anchovy fillets (again – I occasionally add these)
- 2 large handfuls of flat leaved parsley
- 1 bunch of fresh basil
- 1 bunch of fresh mint
- 1 tablespoon of Dijon mustard (I often use wholegrain)
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 8 tablespoons olive oil

Finely chop the ingredients and add the mustard, vinegar and then the olive oil. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Tomato coriander salsa (this serves 6 as a salsa accompanying a bit of fish/meat)

I discovered this while cooking another Jamie Oliver Recipe. Obviously this wouldn't keep well in the fridge like the others and needs to be used the day it's made. The recipe it accompanies is grilled tuna, but I think it would go well with any bbq'd meet or fish. And at this time of year the Prospect Trust's tomatoes are abundant and delicious.

- 6 spring onions trimmed and finely chopped
- 1-2 red chillies deseeded and chopped (quantity depends on your preference)
- Bunch of fresh coriander
- Bunch of fresh mint
- 1 kg of tasty ripe tomatoes
- Salt and pepper
- Juice of half a lemon and
- Juice of a lime

Jamie recommends chopping everything on the same board on top of each other to get full integration of flavours – which is a great idea if you have a large enough chopping board.

Aioli

This is the recipe I gave with my fish stew, but it's a great accompaniment to any fish dish and probably all sorts of other things I haven't thought of!

Smash a clove of garlic with a large pinch of salt on a board, scrape into the whizzer receptacle (I use the hand held whizzer with a blade), with one egg (yolk and white), and a generous squeeze of lemon juice.

Gradually add in vegetable oil, in between whizzing or as whizzing, until the aioli thickens to a mayonnaise-y consistency. I use rapeseed as a rule, although I occasionally make it with 1/3 olive oil 2/3 rapeseed, but any more olive oil than that and it overpowers the aioli.

Forthcoming Farmers Markets & Food Festivals

Ely – 2nd & 4th Saturday of each month (October 12th & 26th, November 9th& 23rd) 8.30am – 2pm
Burwell – 2nd Saturday of each month (October 12th & November 9th) 9.30am -12.30pm
Ely Apple Festival – 19th October, Palace Green, Ely 10-4pm

Catherine Gibson

Reach Village Christmas Cards

As mentioned by Debbie on page 13, the Events Team will be creating and selling Christmas cards as we did last year. You've seen the favoured card from last year but the other one was lovely to.



So please have a look through your winter pics – they can be from any year and send them through to:
reacheventsteam@btinternet.com
by the end of October please.

We'll be selling them at last year's prices, so £5 for 5 or £7.50 for 10

David Parr

Metal Detecting



It was the middle of August and the last day of our family holiday on the south west coast of the UK. I was metal detecting, accompanied by my 3 year old daughter, Maisie, who was very keen to help out in the search for 'treasure'.

After some time and a few insignificant finds, the metal detector returned a very strong signal in the wet sand, near to the water's edge at low tide. I dug a single shovel full of sand, creating a hole around eight inches deep and out came an 18 carat gold ring set with diamonds and emeralds.



By photographing the hallmarks and zooming in I was able to use Google to identify the jeweller that made the ring as Harriet Kelsall, who have an outlet in Cambridge and specialise in bespoke jewellery.

On the day after our return home I went into Harriet Kelsall's Cambridge store and asked if they had records of who they had originally made the ring for. They confirmed that it was a bespoke ring and agreed to look through their records. Four days passed before I heard back that they had found the records and contacted the owner, who was delighted to say the least. Through the jewellers I arranged to meet with the owner when she collected the ring. We sat for some time and exchanged stories on the moments that the ring was both lost and found and also its journey back to its rightful owner.

It turns out that the ring had been lost in the surf two weeks previous to being found and had moved over 150 meters down the beach towards the sea, presumably though the action of the surf and tides. Strangely, the owner of the ring also lives in the Cambridge area. For me this was a hugely rewarding experience and one that I hope to be able to repeat in future.

Luke Mercer

Great Lane, Reach

Know Your District Councillors



August was a quiet month for formal Council business. Only the Planning Committee and the Licensing Sub Committee meet, both to consider applications - so this is a short report.

We arranged a meeting in the Ward with Ross Barton, the Operations Director for Stagecoach. The meeting was attended by Parish Councillors and other people closely interested in our bus services. There was a wide-ranging discussion of existing services and possible new services, notably late night and Sunday buses. Mr Barton explained that he was keen to develop the services, but Stagecoach could only run buses if they were profitable. He did have some scope to experiment with different services and would be very interested in local views. He proposed to do this through a survey. Stagecoach would prefer to do this through an on-line survey, as that is more cost effective to manage. However, people at the meeting felt that there should also be the option to respond on paper and agreed to encourage their Parish Councils and Village Magazines to assist with distributing a paper survey and encouraging people to complete it. We are now working with Mr Barton on drafting this survey. Whether or not you use buses, please look out for the survey and share your views – it would be great if we can convince Mr Barton that there's potential here for him to run more buses in our area. Charlotte will be joining a regular coffee morning in Bottisham to discuss local bus services and we are both happy to come to any similar groups if you get in touch with us to let us know when and where you are meeting.

Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Monday 28th October at 6.30pm in the Cricket Pavilion, Swaffham Bulbeck, followed by 'Meet your Councillors' from 8.00pm at the Black Horse, Swaffham Bulbeck. Following that we have a surgery on Friday 29 November in the Village Centre, Reach, after a 'Meet your Councillors' at the Dykes End, Reach.

Charlotte Cane & John Trapp, October 2019

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Chair	07771 348013
Charlotte Cane	Vice Chair	741064
Rebecca Fordham	Councillor	743331
David McMillan	Councillor	741259
Andrew Trump	Councillor	07980 955490
Diana Ward	Councillor	744210
Vacancy	Councillor	

Charlotte Cane	District Councillor
John Trapp	District Councillor
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor

Your Clerk is Susan Bailey
29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF; 01638 743794
clerk@reachparishcouncil.org

Meetings take place in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. They start at 7.45pm and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend.

Reach Grant Fund

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

Application forms should be downloaded from:
www.reach-village.co.uk/grant_fund.html
and should be completed and sent to the Clerk, Susan Bailey whose contact details are above.

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities

As most people will be aware, this charity, SPPC, helps pensioners and anyone else who considers themselves in need of assistance at Christmastime.

This help is not only at this time of year – the charity is always happy to listen if our help is required at any time of the year.

We are also wondering if there are any students who may wish for help with any educational needs, such as reference books etc.

If you wish to discuss this opportunity with me, please give me a call.

Pam Waters
Clerk to the Trustees
01638 741035

Waste Incinerator



The application for an incinerator was rejected in 2018 by Cambridgeshire County Council but the developers are appealing so **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN**.

- The Waterbeach incinerator will be at Waterbeach, opposite the proposed New Town and schools on the A10, nextdoor to ancient Denny Abbey and only 2-3 miles away from schools in Cottenham. The huge furnaces will burn 24/7 for 35+ years.
- The chimney will tower to 80 metres – 12 taller than Ely Cathedral which is 66 metres high.
- Particle emissions, dioxins and heavy metals from incinerators are believed to affect health. Incineration reduces recycling rates and contributes to climate change.
- To make it profitable, waste deliveries will come in from TEN counties as well as from Cambridgeshire, making our area a dumping ground. The A10 is already at capacity.
- This is **NOT** the right place for an incinerator, being so close to housing and schools.
- It is not the solution that scientists RECOMMEND for managing waste, increasing recycling, reducing plastic, even creating energy from waste, or protecting the climate.
- For more information about our concerns, please visit our website at:
- **https://www.cbwin.co.uk/**

Cambridge Without Incineration (CBWIN) is a community campaigning group and was instrumental in defeating the initial planning application in 2018.

Running up to the appeal in November, the community continues to be at a huge disadvantage to Amey Cespa, as they have very deep pockets and have instructed one of the best law firms in the country (London based). As the Public Inquiry (appeal) is now only weeks away there is added urgency to raise sufficient money so that CBWIN can afford legal and technical experts, to represent local residents in presenting the excellent case we have against this giant commercial and industrial incinerator on the edge of beautiful Waterbeach. CBWIN are registered formally as an interested party on the appeal.

Recently, our local concerns have also been echoed by The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who has called on the Government to stop the building of 'archaic' polluting waste incinerators, as outlined in his opposition to a proposed incinerator in Bexley. The previous Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, has also called in and rejected the appeal for a huge incinerator in Hoddesdon. Not to mention the clear 'no more incinerators' taken by DEFRA's chief scientist Prof. Ian Boyd, Dame Sally Davies (NHS Chief Medical Officer and WHO executive) and ongoing parliamentary focus on worsening UK air pollution. Incineration has been classified by the EU and UK Government, WRAP.org and Eunomia (global think tanks on waste) as the worst form of energy from waste compared with more modern, more efficient, greener technologies.

We need your help so that we can make our objections as forcefully as possible. We urgently need to raise more money to fund our representation at the Public Inquiry, so that our powerful reasons for rejection can be given full weight. **To find out more, or to donate or sign our important new 2019 appeal petition please visit www.cbwin.co.uk**

(Paper petitions are also available in cafes, shops and community buildings across the Fen Edge villages of Cottenham, Histon, Wicken, Waterbeach, Chittering, Landbeach, Milton)

Donations can also be made by bank transfer to Lloyds: Sort Code: 30-13-55 Account Number: 00936388 or Cheque payable to our bank account partner: 'Cambridge Friends of the Earth' send to Ian Ralls, suite 101, 23 King Street, Cambridge CB1 1AH.

Cambridge Without Incineration
Website https://www.cbwin.co.uk/



Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Chair	Present
Charlotte Cane	Vice Chair	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present
Rebecca Fordham	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Charlotte Cane	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

1. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Ward declared an interest in the **19/01072/RMA** planning application and left the room during the discussion and the forum for members of the public.

Forum for members of the public.

A member of the public spoke at the meeting in support of the planning application **19/01072/RMA.** Outline planning permission already exists for this site. The design, access, Highway requirements, and height of the building are all within the requirements of the approved consent. No trees will be felled during the development. It was stated that the present home next to the site is not a home suitable to grow old in. The new build will have wheelchair access, room for a lift and an area for a live-in carer. The new home design will complement the present house at the site and will try to be energy efficient.

2. Planning Applications

19/01072/RMA – Reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping, layout, & scale of planning application 17/01336/OUT - 48 Great Lane, Great Lane.
The plans seem to be in accordance with the consent given. The property will not be seen from the road, drove, or neighbouring properties.
No comment to be made.

19/01205/TPO – Multiple tree works, land side & rear 9 Burwell Road.
It was felt that the work proposed was inappropriate. It was reported that the Tree Officer is aware of the other planning applications in the area.
There is a fundamental problem with the application which needs to be corrected prior to the application being considered. It is stated that a tree to be felled is causing damage to a garden structure, but no report is supplied to support this.
The PC will also request that a decision on this application is delayed until the planning appeal of application **18/01554/OUT Site NW of 9 Burwell Road** is determined. ***Clerk*** to write.

3. County Councillor Report

None Received.

4. District Councillor Report

We attended a members' seminar on the Local Transport Plan which the Combined Authority is consulting on. There's lots of detail on the web at https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/about-us/programmes/transport/ltp. Councillors expressed concern that there had been no local consultation opportunity in the south of the district. In response the Combined Authority have organised a session in Bottisham Sports Centre on Tuesday, 10 September from 4pm until 6.30pm. The Consultation period ends on 27th September.
At August's Planning Committee a development in Dillingham was approved despite only including 30% affordable housing, when the Council's policy is for 40% in this part of the District. The Officer's report stated that it would be unreasonable to require more than 30% because of a viability report which the Council had commissioned. We are concerned about this apparent change in Council Policy, so we have asked officers for a briefing on this.
At July's Finance & Assets Committee we approved the Council's accounts. The Council's Auditor reported that they had had insufficient staff for the audit so there was no audit report. Worse still, they admitted that they would not report to our next meeting, but rather to our meeting on 28 November. Committee members made it clear that this was unacceptable. The accounts themselves showed total spend of £43.9m against £40.3m income, a deficit of £3.6m. The bulk of this was actuarial losses on the pension, partially offset by a revaluation of assets. The deficit on providing services was £1m. The Council's reserves are now £12.9m, about a third of the annual cost of services of £38m. The full accounts, and the current year's budget can be viewed at - https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/finance/council-accounts

Full Council in July was very short. We approved minutes, some members' questions were answered, and we noted several reports. The only substantive item was the review of Polling Stations – no changes have been proposed for the Bottisham ward. The full report can be seen at:
https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Review%20of%20polling%20places%20Parliamentary%202019.pdf. If you feel your polling station should be changed, the consultation is open until 30 September.
July's Planning and Licensing Committee meetings were cancelled.
We also attended a members' presentation by the developer on the proposed Retirement Village in Bottisham. Although this would be in Bottisham, it also has wider implications. Much of the development would be in land designated as Green Belt – the argument is that it would deliver housing specifically for elderly people, which the developer argues is much needed locally. It could therefore be allowed, despite the Green Belt designation, on the grounds that it was delivering a local need. The developer suggests that a large majority of the houses would be bought by people within the Bottisham and Burwell wards. This would in turn release housing across the area for families to buy.
We visited the recycling plant at Waterbeach. It highlighted the need to reduce our waste, because recycling and composting is energy and labour intensive and much of our waste still goes to landfill. The current landfill site will be full within 12 years at current rates.

In addition to the above report Councillor Cane reported that –
The bus meeting had gone ahead, the meeting was positive with Stagecoach happy to listen, but changes would need to be financially viable. The idea of running a service to Anglesey Abbey was discussed and it was pointed out that a service used to be available to Hill & long Road at the appropriate times. It was noted that when the works are finished at Mill Road there will be some spare buses which could be used to run a fast service from Bottisham – Cambridge North. A survey will be carried out what would make people use the bus services.

5. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

6.1 Neighbourhood Plan
Consultancy
Ian Poole, a town planner who piloted the Sutton NP to successful outcome, spent two hours in discussion with the Project Group and a handful of villagers on 17 July. In subsequent discussion there was a strong positive consensus about Ian, his experience and approach to delivery of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Group has now received and reviewed his proposal, costed at £10.3K excluding VAT, for supporting us in taking our NP to delivery. The Group is unanimous in its view that we should appoint Ian and seeks PC concurrence. A paper making the case for appointing Ian is attached.
The PC felt this was a lot of money that is only affordable with Government funding. Mr Poole is aware that he will only get paid if funding is approved. By bringing Mr Poole on board the NP group will get access to lots of advice and support, it will remove a personal element to the process and bring impartiality. Councillor Ward proposed that Mr Poole should be appointed, seconded by Councillor Fordham. Unanimously approved.

Infrastructure
AW has agreed to meet members of the NP and interested villagers at the Hythe site. Whilst keen to press on with discussion we are struggling to find mutually convenient dates in the holiday season. A date in early September has been proposed to AW.

Community Energy
To date the NP project has provided a platform for interest-ed villagers led by Tony Jordan, to explore the feasibility of a community energy scheme for Reach. A meeting on 1 July reviewed progress and concluded that there was enough interest in the village and there was a range of technical options that offered the prospect of a viable community energy project for the village. It was agreed that exploratory work on funding and technology would continue. Furthermore, Tony is in the process of setting up a community interest company with Jo Riches and Jon Dunnett as fellow directors. Once formed the company will enable the community scheme to operate as a free-standing independent entity.

6.2 Reach Grant Fund
Details of income & expenditure to be added to the website.

6.3 Finance
Nothing to report.

6.4 Parish Council Members
Some Councillors had been receiving unpleasant spam emails to their PC account. Situation will be monitored prior to changing addresses if the problem continues.

6.5 Play Spaces
Grass in the new picnic area has recovered to some extent. Will monitor and see if further grass seed is required later in the autumn.
Calor grant was unsuccessful.
Planning to apply to Tesco bags of help (£1000, £2000 or £4000) and Waitrose (£1000 split between 3 charities) for benches in playground and by swings and work on the swings and potentially other work depending on amounts.

The PC had had an offer of help from a local resident ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to contact them and ask if they were able to tidy the Bus stops and reseal the wood.

6.6 Rights of Way
Nothing to report.

6.7 24Acres Committee
The Cricket club would like to build a pavilion on the 24Acres site. A layout & details of the type of building had been supplied. The cricket club is growing with many younger members joining. The cricket club were in consultation with the NT and the PC suggested that the neighbouring properties should also be consulted. The PC thought the building was a good choice and appropriate for the location and use. The PC are in general support of the idea.

6.8 Friends of Reach wood
Nothing to report.

7. Telephone Box
Have chased again about both the telephone box and bins by the swings and cemetery but still being told on both counts that they are on their list and will be completed soon. Councillor Cane to try again as an ECDC Councillor. To be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to inform local resident.

8. Reach Wood Meadow Cutting
An early cut to the meadow, as proposed by the WT and approved by The Friends of Reach Wood Group and the PC had caused a lot of controversy and unpleasantness.
Considering the criticism of the PC and its transparency, a discussion took place regarding the email sent. It was felt that this was a fair summary and it is reproduced below

"Thanks for your email. From what I understand from others, your concern is with the cutting of the meadow in Reach Wood? The early cut this year was for the control of ragwort, as is our legal responsibility, and was on the advice of the Woodland Trust and Friends of Reach Wood. During our September Parish Council meeting (Wednesday 4th Sept 7.30pm, Village Centre) we have an agenda item to discuss the management strategy of Reach Wood going forward and will be inviting the Woodland Trust and Friends of Reach Wood to advise us. You would be welcome to attend.
Additionally, Reach Parish Council, and myself personally, are not on twitter so the best way to communicate with us is via email.
Many thanks,
Alex, Chair Reach Parish Council."

All Reach PC meetings are minuted, including discussions about the management of Reach Wood and these are published in the village magazine and posted on the village website. The email (above) from the Chair invited discussion on the subject via email and in no way sought to restrict these debate as was implied on social media. The PC was disappointed that considering this caused such concern no members of the public attend the meeting for this item. It is concerned that the proposed management will not control ragwort and will reduce biodiversity in the long-term.
Clerk to write to the WT putting the PC view this matter.

9. Adding weeds around memorial mowing contract
Approved, ***Clerk*** to confirm with contractor and ensure the correct certificates are held.

10. Community gritting scheme application
This is a CCC scheme mainly for controlled gritting of pathways. Following discussion, the PC decided that the village should continue with our present system, that is grit supplied in the grit bins and residents gritting as required.

11. Reach Fair
Planning and the bring together of a new group to run the Fair are ongoing. A discussion took place as to whether the PC should take ownership of the Fair. The PC expect to have more information at the October meeting.

12. PC Meeting start time
It was proposed that PC meetings should start at 7.45pm. Approved.

13. Information Items
Following discussion, it was decided that a letter should be written to EA regarding the Lode and their responsibilities. ***Councillor Ward*** to write.

14. Payments

S Bailey - Postage	£13.79
CR Contracting - Mowing contract	£948.00
Burwell Print - Neighbourhood Plan grant fund	£150.40
J Dunnett - Neighbourhood Plan grant fund	£194.43
N Bridgeman - Sports day - grant fund	£54.00
C Tayleur - Sports day - grant fund	£23.10
D Quilter - Sports day - grant fund	£13.22
E. on - power on the green	£17.30
Metrosigns - Replacement sign 24Acres	£66.00
Moore & Co. - Accounts	£408.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.45pm. 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).

Diary Dates

October	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.45pm
Thursday 3	Recycling Day (Green)		
Wednesday 9	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall	8.00pm
Thursday 10	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 9	Mobile Library – Route C12	Village Hall	2.20pm
Thursday 17	Recycling Day (Green)		
Thursday 24	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 31	Recycling Day (Green)		

November	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.45pm
Thursday 7	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Wednesday 13	Village Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall	8.00pm
Thursday 14	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 15	Mobile Library – Route C12	Village Green	2.20pm
Thursday 21	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 28	Recycling Day (Green)		

Church Services in Burwell and in Reach

October 2019	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Wednesday 2rd	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 3rd		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 6th Trinity 16	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00 All Age Harvest Service with Burwell Community Choir	
Wednesday 9th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday12th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th Trinity 17	10.00am Deanery Confirmation Service Holy Communion with Bishop Stephen 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 16th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 17th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20th Trinity 18	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms	
Wednesday 23rd	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 24th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27th Trinity 19	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age service with baptisms 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 30th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 31st		8.15am Morning Prayer
November 2018	**St Mary's Burwell**	**St Etheldreda's Reach**
Sunday 3rd All Saints Day	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Service of Remembering	
Wednesday 6th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 7th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10th Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service (Starts at War Memorial)
Wednesday 13th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 14th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	
Wednesday 20th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 21st		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24th Christ the King	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 27th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 28th		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	16:45	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	10:40*	11:08	11:23	12:13
12:05	12:40*	13:08	13:23	14:13
14:05	14:40*	15:08	15:23	16:13
15:05	15:40*	16:08	16:23	17:13
16:05	16:40*	17:08	17:23	18:13
17:05	17:40*	18:08	18:23	19:13

* These are departure times, buses will arrive approximately 5 minutes earlier

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

Then and Now *(see opposite page for pictures)*

Another photo from about 1960, this time of Great Lane looking down toward Swan Corner.

Not a great deal seems to have changed in nearly 60 years. The green door on the house attached to what was the village shop has been removed and the path has been given a solid kerb. Roofs and chimneys have been repaired and the barn attached to the 'Black Swan' is now missing a section of its roof. The notable difference is probably the wood clad barn next to Bull Cottage which has been replaced with a modern brick equivalent. The local characters have changed though, becoming more colourful in attire if nothing else! Is that the same cap?

Thanks go to "Neckerchief" Andy for being the latterday character, the original being 'Punch' King the brother of Wilf King who owned the 'White Horse' pub which faced the village school from across the village green. 'Punch' lived alone in the smaller of the two cottages owned by my Grandfather opposite 'White Roses', towards the Hythe. He was probably caught for this photo on his return home from farm work although why he carries a jacket on a summers day I don't know.

Chris Patterson

Contact Information

Parish Council – see "Know Your Parish Council"			
Village Centre			
	Chair	Vacancy	
	Finance	Andrew Trump	01638 743335
	Bookings	Grahame Radford	01638 742814
Marquee Bookings		Andrew Hall	01638 743737
Church			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	01638 741262
	Curate (duty days Wed, Fri and Sun)	Reverend Paula Spalding	07545 868549
	Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	01638 742924
	Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	01638 742924
	Churchwarden	Dr Stephen Martin	01638 611235
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Sarah Wingate	01638 742498
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency/Non-Emergency)		999/101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Appointments and Emergencies		01638 741234
	Enquiries		01638 743602
	Community Nurses		01638 742382
	Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	

Then and Now pictures – see facing page











Our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** was well attended and raised just over £450 for this excellent organisation. Pam King oversaw the event and thanks go to her and to all those who helped make it the success it undoubtedly was.



Grass snake – courtesy of Janet Hall



Beautiful Reach – courtesy of Rosanna



Our first ground frost of the winter – courtesy of Hilary Fielding