Within Reach



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Andrew would like to hear from you….

TRAMPOLINE CLUB

In the last issue we mentioned that the Village Centre has been offered the donation of a trampoline. We have now identified an instructor. Would you like to join a Trampoline Club based in the village?

and

REACH FAIR 2ND MAY 2011

Are you willing to help?
Can you give an hour or more
on the day or before?

Contact Andrew Towers 742484

From the Editor



The new Editorial Team have now been "in post" for a year and this is our sixth issue! I know you will join me in thanking the Team. We think our magazine is fab but others will pass judgement as we have entered the Community Magazine Awards and in the next issue we will let you know how we got on.

Spring is sprung! Alison Lewis is spotting butterflies and her articles must be instructive because I too have seen a butterfly I recognise – and not just a Red Admiral. Ross is up to his eyes in Bronze Age flint work and has a tip for saving money on our water bills. David gives us an insight into the thoughts and aspirations of the gardeners on the allotments and Janet is talking peas and beans.

We welcome back Lesley who has some interesting thoughts on signage and informs us about bellringing. Snakehall Farm and Wicken Fen are in the mood for planting and Swaffham Prior School was in the Newmarket Journal for all the right reasons. Susie has new quizzes to sharpen our brains and the crossword has a right royal theme. Beware the calories as you try Rita's trio of Easter recipes. David takes us back to the past and we hear how the village made whoopee in 1978. Ross inspires us as the new cricket season approaches. Juliet keeps us up to date with the sports news and tells us about the London 2012 Olympic Games.

There's just so much to read about. I hope you enjoy this bumper issue!

We look forward to the Royal Wedding Garden Party, a Wine Tasting and Plants and Ploughman's Lunch. The biggest event of course is Reach Fair (Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May). Do please contact Andrew Towers (742484) if you are willing to help in any way before, or during, the Fair.

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Editor's Notes

The purpose of *Within Reach* is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household in Reach. Additional copies are available at a charge of £2. Issues are published bi-monthly which cover the dates of Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/July, Aug/Sept and Oct/Nov.

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

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Reach Village Garden Party

Celebrating the Wedding of Kate and William



Kate and William will be married on **Friday 29th April 2011** at Westminster Abbey

The wedding service will begin at **11.00am**

The couple will return along a Processional Route which will include Parliament Square, Whitehall, Horse Guards Parade and The Mall

To celebrate the wedding there will be a Reach Village Garden Party on **Friday 29th April 2011** starting at **2.00pm** on the **Fair Green** and finishing at **5.00pm**.

- A number of the Fairground rides will be open from 2.00 to 4.00pm for the children to enjoy
- A variety of village games will be set up for all to enjoy
- There will be music to entertain us
- An afternoon tea will be served from 3.00pm onwards
- Should you so wish, please bring along any alcoholic beverages
- There will be a free Bone China Mug memento for all Reach children – and these will be on sale on the day for residents to buy to support our Garden Party



All of the above will be provided free of charge to **Reach residents**

So we can optimise our costs, can you please let **David Parr** know if you are planning to come along - either call him on **744081** or email **davidmparr@btinternet.com**

Lanwades Park – Home of the Animal Health Trust

Lanwades Park, Kentford, Newmarket, is opening its gates to the public at weekends and Bank Holidays for the first time on Saturday 2nd April this year.

Lanwades Park extends to approximately 120 acres including some 90 acres of paddocks and parkland. Within the park sits the Grade 2 Listed 'Tudorbethan' Lanwades Hall, which was completed in 1907 using the proceeds of a bet on a horserace nine years earlier!



Lanwades Park, Kentford

As well as some marked walks around the grounds, you will also be able to visit the newly refurbished Stable Yard Coffee Shop and recently opened Gift Shop. There really is something for everyone, from taking your dog for a walk to having lunch in the Visitors Centre courtyard or even a picnic in the grounds with family and friends.

The Animal Health Trust (AHT) is an independent veterinary charity located in Kentford, just outside Newmarket. Anyone who has ever owned a horse, dog or cat is likely to have benefited from the work of the AHT. Many treatments and procedures used every day by veterinary surgeons have been pioneered by its teams of scientists and vets.

Interested in volunteering? The AHT is always looking for volunteers to help both in its Visitors Centre and around the gardens.

For more information on the opening or volunteering, call me, **Sophia Waters**, on 01638 555620 or email sophia.waters@aht.org.uk or visit the new website at www.lanwadespark.co.uk.



The Tastes of Wine

A tutored wine tasting will be held in the Village Centre on Thursday 7th April 2011 at 7.30pm

Tickets £15 per person to include 8 wines for tasting plus bread & cheese
Any profits will go to the Church

To book a place contact Hugh de Lacy, 21 Great Lane Tel 743839 or 07752 331379
Email hdelacy@reach-village.co.uk

Numbers will be limited
Tickets must be purchased in advance

Wild at Art





Wild at art

Wildlife artist Dafila Scott is embarking on a project which will see her treading in the footsteps of her famous explorer grandfather, Captain Scott

A century after her legendary grandfather's ill-fated expedition to Antarctica, Cambridgeshire artist Dafila Scott is heading off on her own mission to the South Pole.

Wildlife painter Dafila will spend time aboard HMS Scott after being chosen as 2011 artist-in-residence for the Friends of Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI). On her return, she will exhibit her work in support of the Friends.

For Dafila, the prospect of spending time in Antarctica, which she decribes as 'the last great wilderness', is an exciting one. "For me, the opportunity to go to Antarctica on the centenary of my grandfather's last expedition is amazing and, as an artist, I hope I can produce work which will bring the excitement and fascination of the place to a wider audience," she explained.

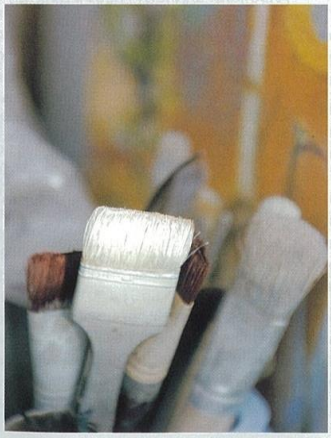
Dafila will spend a month on HMS Scott, an ocean survey vessel and the second Royal Navy ship to be named after Captain Robert Falcon Scott, who died in 1912 in a snow-bound tent while on the Terra Nova Expedition.

A love of wildlife and landscapes runs in her blood: Dafila's father, Sir Peter Scott, was the naturalist who founded the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust. Her own passion for art and animal behaviour was fuelled when, as a child and while recovering from a bout of bronchitis, she hepled her father with his wildfowl work.

Now, as a member of the Society of Wildlife Artists, Dafila's work has gone on show all over the country. She has also illustrated books and articles.

Working mostly in oils, sometimes watercolours and more recently pastels, she paints either from life or from a combination of field sketches and memory.

Recent work includes both figurative wildlife paintings and abstract landscapes inspired by visits to Wales and to the South African Kalahari. But she is equally happy gaining inspiration at home in the garden or in the surrounding fenland. In 2003, she won the RSPB Fine Art Award and in 2008, the Abstract category of the Wildlife Artist of the Year competition.



The Friends of SPRI was established in 1946 as a charity which supports the important work of the world-renowned Scott Polar Research Institute at the University of Cambridge. The Friends provide material assistance to maintain all aspects of the institute's research and collections, including the library, archives and Polar Museum. For further information, visit www.spri.cam.ac.uk/friends/artistinresidence

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Cambridgeshire Open Studios 2011

What is Cambridge Open Studios?

Cambridge Open Studios is a membership group that collectively works to promote artists and their works in both Cambridge and also many surrounding towns and villages. All artists participating in Cambridge Open Studios will have work for sale irrespective of whether they are a working studio or an exhibition. A number of artists will also have postcards and/or greetings cards for sale.

When is it?

Cambridge Open Studios is always in the month of July. This year Cambridge Open Studios are open the first four weekends of the month, 2nd/3rd, 9th/10th, 16th/17th and 23rd/24th July. If you'd like to see a particular artist, check the guide book or visit the website (www.camopenstudios.co.uk) to see when artists are exhibiting. They may not be open all four weekends.



A fantastic showcase for the artists and a thoroughly enjoyable day out and **Entry is FREE!**

What can you expect from Cambridge Open Studios?

With just under 400 Cambridge Open Studio members in and around Cambridge, there really is something for everyone. From watercolour artists to potters, from sculptors and woodworkers to jewellery designers, not to mention beautiful textiles and photography. The artists open their doors and welcome the public into their studios and homes to show off their beautiful works of art. It's a fantastic opportunity to gaze at amazing treasures and if you wish, speak to the artist that created it.

You may even like to pick out a few artists from the guide who are exhibiting and create your own 'studio tour'. Remember the villages too - there are so often members exhibiting, all within range of a pub offering a good pub lunch, so all in all a perfect day!



How to find out more . . . .

Look out for the free yellow guidebook normally out in May/June - you can pick these up at libraries, galleries, tourist information and shops.
Their website is (www.camopenstudios.co.uk) and new for this year, follow them on twitter: @CamOpenStudios



Jo Riches

Pancake Day

A lovely gathering of approximately 20 children arrived wielding their oh so very important frying pans. Varying in ages, they all sat down together to enjoy a slice or two of pizza before the fun and games commenced!



A number of games were enjoyed, some noisier than ever when frying pans clashed with their neighbours! We enjoyed 'how many pancakes can you toss in a minute?' with top score in the high eighties. Also 'how far can you pass the pancake?' Facing your partner, the idea here is to toss a pancake to each other with the gap in between widening after each toss. I won't mention how many pancakes ended up on the floor, still all good fun and lots of giggles along the way. Another favourite 'nibble the scotch pancake from the cane'. Here the children had to eat round the pancake, without using hands and without letting the pancake fall to the floor.



After all that exertion pancakes were served to the waiting crowd, chocolaty Nutella, sticky syrup and my favourite, traditional lemon and sugar.

How better to end the evening's activities than with a traditional pancake relay race. All good fun and a great way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Thank you to everyone that helped make pancakes in advance, helped out in the kitchen and lent a hand to sweep and tidy and especially the Pancake Party Organising Team!

Jo Riches

Reach Fair Cake Stall

The famous CAKE STALL at the Fair needs a couple of people to plan and run it on the day. This means begging and pleading with people to make the cakes and then setting up on the day on the Green in the marquee from about 11am and selling until all the cakes are sold, usually by 2pm! This is always a very successful part of the Fair raising an average of £250. It goes without saying that the more cakes that can be begged the more you can sell! Unfortunately Sue Clifton and I are unable to do it this year as we are committed to other Fair duties and we wondered if any friends would like to do this as a "double-act" and maybe change the style or organise a competition. Whatever ideas you might have could be discussed with the Fair Committee whose Chair is Andrew Towers (742484). If you need any further information or would like to volunteer please ring me on 742268. Thank you.

Sue Elliott

HELP!

Please can you bake a cake or two for Reach Fair? If you are able to help in this way, please contact me, Rita, on 742943. If you want to cook in advance of the day, I have freezer space and I am happy to collect the goodies!

Request for Plants

I am appealing to gardeners to help produce plants to sell at the Plant Sale on Saturday 16th April from 10.30am. If any plants are being divided up - please do put some in a pot and bring them along on the morning or I could collect them. Also if raising your own seedlings, might it be possible to plant an extra tray for the church?

Unfortunately the roof of the church is leaking and has to be fixed! We do not know the cost yet but it must be repaired, so any support for the Plant Sale would be welcome.



Pam King
Tel: 742924

Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH)

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Cambridgeshire County Council

Childcare Information Service

The Cambridgeshire County Council Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH) project is aimed at supporting parents and carers of disabled children in accessing suitable childcare; enabling them the chance of returning to employment and/or training. It is part of the Cambridgeshire Childcare Information Service (CIS).

The aim of DCATCH is to highlight that "a child with a disability and his/her family should have access to the full range of childcare options that are open to other families". *Sure Start, 2005*

"A lack of information about the childcare services that are available and confusion about the quality and potential benefits of using childcare, continue to create barriers for some parents". *Department for children, schools and families, Dec 2009*.

The aim of the project is to work closely with parents, childcare providers and professionals, embedding the principles of DCATCH; ensuring inclusion into early years and childcare settings for all. A referral service to parents shows where to go for support and guidance with their childcare options via the Childcare Brokerage Service.

Once a family is identified we can then, through the CIS Childcare Brokerage Service, enquire about suitable childcare. This will include information on provision of childcare from providers, funding options, costs, specialist care and specialist facilities, if required by the provider.

The DCATCH project provides a service to families, which is free of charge and completely impartial.

If you would like further information on DCATCH then please ring 0845 04 54 014 and ask for Denis Green or email denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk.

Alternatively, you can go to our website www.familiesandchildcare.org.uk and click on the DCATCH link.

Denis Green

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

The purpose of this service is to enable the frail, elderly and disabled to get out and about and not to feel cut off from everything.

When it is not possible to use public transport and you need to keep an appointment at the doctors, dentist, opticians, chiropodist, vets, do the occasional shopping or visit friends and relatives at home or in hospital, it is hoped that this service can help. Please note, transport is not provided for outpatients appointments at hospital.

Please remember that the drivers are volunteers and as much warning (48 hours) as possible is needed to arrange for a driver for your journey.

The cost of any journey is 25 pence per mile (minimum cost £1.25 for local journeys) with the Cambridgeshire County Council making a financial contribution to the drivers for each journey.

If you need to arrange a journey, call our dedicated answerphone **01638 742542** with your details and transport requirements and someone will be in touch with you.

Pam King

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre presents

Gilbert and Sullivan's The Sorcerer
Wed 8th June - Sat 11th June 7:30 pm.
Matinee Sat 11th June
Downing Farm Station Road Swaffham Bulbeck
Ticket prices: Wednesday and Thursday £8;
Matinee £5; Friday and Saturday £10

Play Synopsis

The action takes place in and around the mansion of Sir Marmaduke Pointdextre whose son, Alexis, has become engaged to Aline, the daughter of Lady Sangazure. It is also clear that Sir Marmaduke has aspirations towards Lady Sangazure. Meanwhile Constance, the daughter of Mrs Partlet – an assistant at the village church – holds unrequited love for Dr Daly the somewhat elderly bachelor vicar of the village.

Alexis is something of an idealist who believes that marriage should be for love and not for class or station. He has arranged for John Wellington Wells, the local Family Sorcerer, to prepare a love potion which will be given to all the villagers at the wedding feast.

To find out what happens, come and see the show!

Rich Braun
SBST Publicity 01223 812115

Alzheimer's Society

Alzheimer's Society | Leading the fight against dementia

I am writing to tell you about a new project that the Alzheimer's Society in Cambridgeshire is offering to you.

The Alzheimer's Society works with anyone who is confused and forgetful, their carers and families, not just people with Alzheimer's disease. We are here to provide people with information, to help people to understand confusion, to help people find strategies to cope, to provide someone to talk to who understands and to provide friendship and opportunities to meet other people in a similar situation.

On Tuesday 5th April we will be at Poppies Restaurant, Bottisham British Legion, bringing to the area this newly launched service. We are pleased to invite you to our Rural Drop-in between 10am and 2pm. Staff will be present to help you; we can help with financial issues, carer's assessments as well as provide you with information and support. We will have a confidential area where we can chat if needed. Carers and people with dementia meet up and chat over coffee.

If we can help in anyway, or you would like to find out more about our groups, please call **Wendy Dunn** on 07799 895556 or 01480 464557, or **Sheila Burgess** on 07795 663901 or 01353 699422.

We look forward to meeting you.

Wendy Dunn
Dementia Support Manager

BOTTISHAM PLAYERS

A CLASS ACT TO FOLLOW

PRESENTS

THE ODD COUPLE
(FEMALE VERSION)
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
SAMUEL FRENCH
MAY 12TH/13TH/14TH 2011

Our next production is a comedy play called The Odd Couple (Female Version) written by Neil Simon and is being directed by one of the players more experienced directors Val Quy.

Florence Unger, a nervous, self-involved hypochondriac and neatness freak, has left home when her husband wants out of the marriage. Olive Madison, a career minded news writer, not concerned about neatness at home, is her friend for games of 'Trivial Pursuit', however sharing an apartment with Florence may take that friendship too far!!! When Olive invites two Spanish brothers who live upstairs for dinner sparks begin to fly.

Put these dates in your diary and come and watch this hilarious comedy. The action takes place at Bottisham Village College on Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th of May. Tickets are available from Bottisham Post Office, Chris Clarke Hairdressing in Bottisham and Tina's of Burwell, alternatively you can ring our Telephone booking line on 01223 811033. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £6.50 concessions, concessions available Thursday night only.



Pollyanna Auditions

Sky Blue Theatre are presenting a new musical, "Pollyanna", at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival (19th - 26th August) and at the Cambridge Corn Exchange (9th – 11th September).

Auditions are open to anyone.

We are looking for enthusiastic actors with good singing voices. There are adult singing and non-singing parts.

A large chorus is also wanted. These auditions will be by special appointment. If you have never been to the Edinburgh Fringe, this is a great opportunity for a fantastic week of drama.

This new show, based on the popular, classic novel by Eleanor Porter will enthral the whole family. This is a wonderful family musical with songs you will want to sing, comedy and an enthralling story. Pollyanna's 'glad' song will get your feet tapping and Mr and Mrs Gripe will make you want to `boo'. All ages will love this story and the way that Pollyanna triumphs over all her problems. With libretta by Frances Bartram, music by Geoff Page and directed by Frances Brownlie.

Get in touch with Frances for more information
Tel 01223 832288 or

Email: frances@skybluetheatre.com

Frances Brownlie

Amenity Fund

The Amenity Fund currently comprises £2,761.91 with £650 having been granted to the Royal Wedding Garden Party

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

Ross Clark (Chair) 743725

7.30pm, Saturday 16th April 2011

St James Church, High Street, Lode

Spring's Footsteps

The Cantilena Singers with guests Convivium Canorum

Director Daniel Spreadbury

A concert featuring a variety of secular music based around the theme of springtime. The programme will include choral music from:

- Songs of Springtime - Moeran
- Printemps - Hindemith
- Spring's Footsteps - Sato
- Clear and Gentle Steam - Finzi
- The succession of four sweet months – Britten

Plus Beethoven Quintet for Piano and Wind

Tickets £5 available on the door

Also available from the Post Office

Proceeds to the Church

Web: www.cantilena.info

Ross's Reflections



Fly-tipping continues to be a problem around the village, not least in my own garden. I have just discovered that my flowerbeds are, apparently, littered with waste dumped there by a thoughtless family of Bronze Age scavengers 4000 years ago.

This is not my conclusion but that of Francis Pryor, the archaeologist behind Flag Fen museum near Peterborough and member of Channel Four's Time Team. I invited him to prod around my garden back in January in the hope he might uncover a Roman chariot if not a complete coliseum. He didn't quite manage that, but was nevertheless impressed with what he found. After a couple of minutes peering at the soil he identified several sharp knapped flints and 'waste flakes' created from Bronze Age tool-making.



Frances Pryor

In fact, he found so many contained within a square metre that he had no hesitation in declaring my garden to be the seat of a Bronze Age settlement. He reckons that it would have been a farmstead occupied by a nuclear family of eight to ten people who would have scratched a living growing wheat and barley and from grazing cows and sheep on the fens. They might also have done some scavenging for eels and fish on the fen. They may have employed fish and duck traps.

They would have lived in my garden because while close to the natural larder of the fens the ground was dry.

The family is likely to have lived, he says, in a round house with a thatched roof. They would have cooked and eaten on the south and east sides of the house, relaxed on the west side and slept on the north side – suggested by evidence from the 100 or so round house sites so far explored in England. If my garden were to be excavated, he said, the remains of huts might just still be visible in the form of slightly darkened soil where the wood had rotted away. Were I minded to let the grass grow I might well end up with a circle of nettles marking the edge of the enclosure in which the family lived – the excrement from their animals having piled up against the palisade and enriched the soil at that point.

If there really were Bronze Age settlers here they were presumably attracted to the edge of the fen for the spring water. On the subject of that – and returning to more mundane 21st century matters – we have all been paying too much for our water bills. I have, at any rate. Unless we get it put right, Anglian Water bills us for a standard sewerage charge based on the presumption that run-off from our roofs and gardens goes into the company's storm drains. In fact, Anglian Water maintains no such drains in Reach: the street drains you can see in various locations are owned by County Council Highways and drain straight into the river.

Check your water bill see whether the words 'foul only' appear next to the sewerage charge. If they do, you are already receiving a discount. If not, you can get around £35 a year taken off your annual water bill by visiting:

www.anglianwater.co.uk/household/your-account/tariffs/reduced-sewerage/index.aspx.

If you don't have access to the internet, you can ring **08457 919155** and say you want to apply for a reduced sewerage charge on the grounds that there are no Anglian Water-owned surface water drains in Reach.

Ross Cark

01638 743725 or 07967 121654

I've been meaning to say for a while if you find any objects in your garden that you want identified, please contact me and I can arrange for their identification.

Also, I can re-arrange your lawn, big-time……

Ed.

Frances Pryor, author of The Birth of Modern Britain, is giving a talk at St Peter's Church, Ely, 7pm for 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th May. Tickets £7/£6 inc. book voucher.

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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

Your Clerk is **David Parr**:

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

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

In addition to their councillor duties;

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

Hilary Fielding is Rights of Way Officer.

Elections for the Parish Council take place every four years with the **next election** taking place on **May 5th 2011.**

If you are interesting in putting yourself forward for election to the Reach Parish Council, please **contact the Clerk** or visit the website at: **www.reach-village.co.uk/elections.html.**

Nominations close on Monday April 4th at midday.

VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

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

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

RECENT 100 CLUB WINNER

March Penny Lang £20

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

The Butterflies are Back!



On 7th March I spotted my first butterfly of the year! It was a sunny day and an unmistakeable bright yellow male Brimstone darted across the road as I drove towards the village.

Looking very much like a slice of butter on the wing, there is little wonder why many believe the term "butterfly" originated from early nicknames of this particular species.



Brimestone

Yesterday, 13th March, was also a fine day and on a walk down to the woodland I found my second butterfly of the year - a pristine looking Comma sunning itself by the footpath. This raggedy-edged brown and orange species is named for the white fleck on the underside of its hind wings.



Comma

Both these species hibernate as adults, by making use of their natural leaf-like camouflage. The underside of the Brimstone's wings are greeny-yellow and it shelters on evergreen plants such as ivy or bramble, whereas the Comma looks like a dead brown leaf when its wings are shut and so it hides on the ground among the fallen leaves of deciduous trees.

Most of our resident butterflies hibernate as adults, but there are some that hibernate during the other lifecycle stages. For example, Meadow Browns and Gatekeepers spend the winter as caterpillars, and Small Whites and Orange-tips as pupae. There are very few that hibernate as eggs, but a couple that may be found locally are the Essex Skipper and White-letter Hairstreak. The lifecycle stage at which butterflies overwinter depends on what time of year the caterpillar's food plants are available.

Alison Lewis

News from the Allotments



Regular readers of *Within Reach* will have noticed my fondness for quotations (if nothing else they help with that barrier of getting the first words onto the page). So here are a couple to set the scene for this issue:

The most fertile source of insight is hindsight. (Morris Kline, Mathematics: The Loss of Certainty)

Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare. (Japanese proverb)

It is now one year since our village magazine was reincarnated and also one whole gardening year, one cycle of sowing, weeding and reaping since the allotments were established. So for this article, I have collected the reflections of some of the keenest gardeners (Graham, Nick, Ross and myself), as they look back on the challenges and achievements of last year and as they gaze ahead, anticipating the fruits of their labours in 2011.

What was your greatest gardening challenge last year?

If you take on an urban allotment the chances are it will have been there for generations, the soil lovingly enriched and improved by a long line of former tenants. Not so in Reach – the challenge of converting a strip of shrubby fallow land into productive plots brought out the pioneer spirit in those willing to take it on and featured as one of the major challenges.

Whilst Nick has diligently tried to dig out any deep perennial roots ("they are still there - lurking menacingly in the subsoil"), Ross has struggled with tree roots "I seem to remove vast piles of them whenever I put a fork into the ground. I got the feeling that I was digging out more than anyone else, so I went on Google Earth and checked the site before we took it over -- and sure enough mine looked like a rainforest".

From a challenge that our forefathers must also have faced, we move to a more contemporary problem. A generous gift of a trailer load of farmyard manure turned out to be a pile of +*!$*%. It was contaminated with the herbicide Aminopyralid, presenting Nick and myself, who had applied it fairly liberally before the problem became apparent, with both a challenge and disappointment as potatoes, strawberries and raspberries became curled and twisted under its influence.



What do you consider to be your greatest gardening achievement last year?

Despite a late frost in April that killed off emerging leaves and a very dry spring, there is almost universal agreement that potatoes were the crop of twenty-ten. For Graham, it is size that matters when it comes to tubers ("the size of the spuds that I could grow were the biggest I've ever had") whilst I was pretty satisfied with the novelty of growing a sack full of Pink Fir apples. Ross was just happy to have grown enough to feed his family ("this meant that last December, when the village was full of starving wretches wandering around in the snow, scavenging dead birds and eating sawdust, my family was still feasting on a secret stash of potatoes").

What are your aspirations for your plot this coming year?

This year should see plenty of activity judging from responses to this question. Maybe we'll see an irrigation system (Nick: "delivering a viable supply of water"), mechanisation (Ross: "to get it all into cultivation rather than the 50 per cent I managed last year") and diversification (Nick: "establishing soft fruit"; me: "expand the strawberry patch; grow more winter vegetables, especially leeks"). But whatever happens, hopefully we are all learning from experience (Graham: "learn never to expect perfection, to get through without any major disasters").



What is the most unusual thing you plan to grow this year?

One of the joys of an allotment is the chance to grow stuff that you can't easily buy in the supermarket - the excitement of dedicating an area to some experimental crop. Last year I was given some seeds by a friend – a white envelope with the words 'The Fat Baby' scribbled on the front. I had no idea what to expect, as the plants trailed over the ground and started producing small, spiny fruits. I had to refer to the internet to find out what to do with them - and learnt that they could be sliced into strips and added to stir fry or used as pizza topping. The taste wouldn't win any awards but they were fun to grow.

So does anyone have exotic plans for the coming growing season?

Nick is going South American, including sweet potato, which originated somewhere between the Yucatan Peninsula and the Orinoco River, among his plans. It was first domesticated there about 5000 years ago so we've got a bit of catching up to do in Reach.

Graham is sticking to an East Anglian favourite – asparagus – providing it revives after being grown in the pesticide contaminated manure last year. A native to Europe it has a history as ancient as sweet potato, appearing in the world's oldest book of recipes (300 AD) and featuring in Egyptian friezes from 3000 BC.

Ross's response suggests that he is taking no risks, no doubt with an eye to supplementing his family's diet as they gnaw their way through a bumper crop of potatoes this winter ("probably cabbages - I did have visions of growing a multi-million pound crop of

saffron. I did plant some bulbs in the garden to try to achieve this, but they never flowered").

Personally I've got my eye on Oka (*Oxalis tuberosa*) also known as New Zealand Yam. Apparently "Oca is one of the important staple crops of the Andean Highlands, second only to the potato due to its easy propagation and tolerance for poor soil, high altitude and harsh climates". Apart from the high altitude bit, it should be well suited to our allotments.

What is your top tip for anyone planning on starting an allotment?

The challenge of starting an allotment is reflected in the advice to "Set realistic targets, don't be too ambitious, establish a routine of visits" and "Do a little and often, especially with the digging and weeding" and even "Learn the Volga Boatmen's Song. It makes one almost yearn for hard work, if not to slip a rope around your midriff and pull a barge down the Volga" (you can probably guess where that last suggestion came from).

So as we pick up our spades, tend our chitting spuds, and step out at the beginning of a new growing season, I'll leave you with another quote:

A rock pile ceases to be a rock pile the moment a single man contemplates it, bearing within him the image of a cathedral. Antoine De Saint-Exupery.

David Thomas



Sugar, Sweet and Snap





Peas and beans, the legumes, are delicious. When I grow vegetables, which I'm afraid I don't do every year, I always grow beans.

There is nothing you can buy which comes up to the standard of home grown, picked and cooked within minutes. Runner beans are my favourite. That first picking sliced thinly and boiled, served with nothing but a knob of butter. Lovely. But I'm finding fewer beans are setting these days. This is because of the reducing bee population and the lack of summer rain. So I now grow climbing French beans (snap beans). These have fewer disadvantages and the advantage of the fact that they freeze much better than runners. They come in other colours, purple and yellow, which make for added interest. They also have the added bonus of the climbing aspect, so are much kinder on the back during the harvesting process and they don't get mucky being on the ground. Other varieties of French bean can be eaten half ripe (like peas), or allowed to dry and eaten later. French beans are true annuals; the plants die after producing flowers and seeds. Runner beans are perennial and can be over-wintered with a lot of care. Last year I brought some runners from our large supermarket. I got 10 beans for my £1.50 and had to throw five away as they were well past their best.



Peas I find difficult. They really need more water than I give them and they always seem to have pea moth caterpillars in them. Late sowings can avoid the pea moth. I do, however, always have a good row of sweet peas. They are so lovely, coming into bloom over Wimbledon fortnight.

I like the large flowered Spencer varieties, rather than the more sweetly scented smaller flowered types. The more you pick the flowers the more you will get. So pick everything, even the ones with short bent stems or with only one flower, as once they set seeds the flowering will stop. Sweet peas are also annuals, but they are hardy annuals. They can be sown outdoors in the autumn and will come through the winter for early flowers. Any stray seeds left from the previous flowers may well come up next season and seeds can be kept over for the following year. Growers who show sweet peas grow them as cordons on strings, which they gradually let out as the plants grow. They only keep one stem/plant. I would pinch out the growing tip of my seedlings to encourage side shoots which will give more flowering stems. Seeds should be sown thickly, about 1 inch apart. Single seeds dotted around never do very well - and keep them well watered.

Janet Hall

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Fen Chitchat

Signposting – the good, the bad and the ugly



Signposting by definition is for the benefit of the lost - those who don't know where they are. I think we'd all agree that help in direction finding is a good thing when we're wondering which way to go.

However if you think it through, local signposting isn't really for people who live here. Which is why when new signposts go up, people tend to complain about them. 'Why do we need that great ugly thing there?' It is also a fact about them that they are usually ugly. Anyone who negotiates the Quy roundabout every day will have time to ponder how ugly, confusing and overdone the signposting there is. Frequently people have to take things into their own hands and drive into them to get rid of this excess.



Quy Roundabout

Another purpose of signposts is to show us the 'official' route. Therefore we expect 'Officials' to be the people putting up the signposts - and indeed the County Council is the body responsible. They are required to erect a sign at the point that each public footpath, bridleway or byway leaves a metalled (tarmac) road (states some section of the Countryside Act).

I remember when, quite a few years ago now, the County Council put up all the footpath and byway signs around here. There must have been a 'clean up' directive at the Council Rights of Way and Access Team, for all our local routes suddenly sprouted signposts, much to the consternation of local residents who feared an influx of trail bikes – which didn't happen.

I suspect many of you, especially those of you who venture down the fen, will have noticed the most recent flush of signposts – for The Lodes Way. There seem to be masses of these big, new signs and this time there *is* an influx - of cyclists, walkers and dare I say it, horseriders. Those attracted by the TV promotion and the publicity can find their route along the Lodes Way over Reach Bridge to Wicken.

How strange then, that the signs for the 'official' footpath across Burwell Fen have gone. The poles are still there but with no signs on top. Instead you find nearby the new signs pointing along The Lodes Way nice tarmac path to Wicken on the edge of the NT land.



Missing Footpath Sign

Is this a footpath diversion? Will we soon see official diversion notices? Who took the signs down? Was it the officials or a walker who preferred the new tarmac to the old route? Should we complain to the official body? Or should we just keep quiet, because we locals know where to go and it's quite nice to have a quiet walk instead of joining the more congested and suburban Lodes Way.

So keep it to yourself (wink).

Lesley Boyle

What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

Little Windmills Plant Pears for the Future at Snakehall Farm

The Prospects Trust has put down roots for the future thanks to the little folk from Little Windmills Pre-School. The farm opened its gates this spring to a whole host of pre-schoolers, their parents, grandparents and carers and every one got digging. The main aim of the day was to plant over 30 trees in our newly established community orchard. The trees have been kindly funded by the Tree Council as part of their Tree Week grant scheme and range from traditional or organic apples and pears. Barcham Trees supported the planting day by providing tree ties and an apple tree, while Manchetts of Burwell's Budgens store donated a wide range of fruits for the "guess the fruit game" the children played while eagerly waiting for their turn at digging.



Little Windmills at Snakehall Farm

The co-workers at Snakehall Farm spent part of their week preparing the land and digging the holes in preparation for the special visitors to the farm. Granta School pupils kicked off the orchard day, having a special planting session as part of their weekly visit to the farm. Little Windmills then spent a whole hour planting trees, running around the fields on the search for all our missing wellies and finishing off their time at Snakehall Farm with a warmed juice and eco-goody bags to take home. As we are 100% organic on the farm we were really pleased to see that the compost heaps were very popular with the pre-school pupils, perhaps not so popular with those who had to do the washing?

The next phase is to make the orchard a welcoming place for all, by introducing seating, signage and flowers. We are trying to fundraise for this work and are running a novel "parent a pear or adopt an apple tree scheme" to encourage donations for signage and infrastructure.

All involved agreed the day was a huge success and it has got us thinking about future activities we can host for our green fingered local communities in the future. If you have any ideas then give us a call on 01638 741 551.

Giving the farm a helping hand or should that be ARM?

This March the Farm Shop and Packing Shop have been given a real spring clean by a team of volunteers from ARM Cambridge. The brave HR experts swapped their office duties for some physical labour on the farm as part of their corporate community spirit. The team worked tirelessly cleaning, painting and digging to make a real impact to the farm. We hope you feel warmed by our sunny yellow farm shop when visiting next?



Spring Cleaning the Farm Shop

Harmony in Harlem 2011 – A Huge Success!

We enjoyed a great evening of toe tapping jazz thanks to the 17 piece orchestra, Harmony in Harlem, this March in the Cambridge Guild Hall. The charity event supported by Local Secrets is fast becoming THE annual event, this year raising a massive £2,241 in charitable donations to The Prospects Trust. The evening was given an extra air of excitement with a highly competitive auction. The lovely lots included two spring time lambing sessions, 4x4 Land Rover experience days, a shooting session at Long Acres Shooting Range, a behind the scenes tour of Fitzwilliam Museum by a chief technician and a Twilight tour of Clare College Gardens by their head gardener. Eversheds sponsored the raffle with a top prize of an Ipod and docking station. We send our thanks to all the sponsors, donors and dancers who made this event fantastic!



Harmony in Harlem

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Wicken Fen News



We were disappointed to learn that our application for Veolia Environmental Trust funding to purchase the 24 acres of County Council owned land on the outskirts of Reach has been unsuccessful.

It's no surprise in view of the current economic climate that Veolia were inundated with applications and at least it gives us an opportunity to explore alternative funding options. The Trust remains committed to the purchase and applications to three other potential funders are actively being progressed.

Plans for the introduction of cycle hire at Wicken this summer are progressing with planning permission recently received for the construction of a new building to house the cycle hire operation on the site of the old wood store. We have been in contact with Parish Councils and a number of attractions and hospitality outlets to promote cycling throughout the vision area and surrounding communities. We are offering to provide a number of cycle hoops at locations where people will be able to secure their cycles and a new leaflet highlighting suggested themed routes, places of interest and hospitality outlets to complement the Lodes Way leaflet is planned. Hopefully cycle hire will be available for the start of the school summer holidays.

Planting has begun on the Lode with Longmeadow Community Woodland on White Fen, near Lode. On a recent tree planting day volunteers managed to plant over 800 trees in a day. The woodland is one of five being created as part of the Planting Parishes initiative organised by East Cambs District Council and the Woodland Trust aimed at increasing tree cover in East Cambridgeshire by 5 - 10%.



Longmeadow Community Woodland

Spring is breaking out all over the fen – many of our over-wintering birds have left and we await the arrival of our summer visitors. Hopefully one of the first will be the cuckoo which normally arrives in the middle of April. A documentary on the cuckoo recorded by the BBC Natural History Unit at Wicken is scheduled to be broadcast on BBC Radio 4 on Tuesday 5 April at 11.02 and repeated on Thursday 7 April at 21.02



Nordic Walking

Last month we held introductory Nordic walking sessions at Wicken which proved extremely popular. The technique uses lightweight poles to enhance normal walking meaning you can walk longer and further. Nordic walking provides a total body workout and burns approximately 400-600 calories an hour, around 46 per cent more than normal walking. Local instructor Oliver Gynn will be leading one hour walks at Wicken on alternate Thursdays from 28 April. The walks cost £5 which includes equipment hire and instruction. To book a walk contact Oliver on 07767 324365 or e-mail info@nordicwalking.co.uk

Easter is fast approaching and we have a range of fun activities and events planned for the holidays. The **Easter Trail** runs from Good Friday to Easter Monday, 10am to 5pm each day. Follow the trail and solve the clues around the Boardwalk to claim your delicious Cadbury's chocolate Egghead – there will also be free face painting on Easter Sunday and Monday. The trail costs £1.50 per child (normal admission applies). Other fun events for the school holidays include **Fairies and Pixies** - discover the magical secrets of the fen, Mon 11 April 10.30am or 2pm; **Pond Dipping for All** - a 30 minute pond dipping session £1.50 with optional minibeast hunt 75p, Tues 12 & 19 April from 12.00; **Springtime Arts and Crafts**, Wed 13 & 20 April 10.30am or 2pm, **Mud Glorious Mud** – the perfect chance to get really mucky!, muddy art, construction and games, Fri 15 April 10.30am or 2pm and **Wicken Warriors** – tracks & trails, wildlife detection and wild skills, Mon 18 April at 10.30am or 2pm. Tickets for children's events are £4.50.

Additional events during April include, **Willow Birds Workshop** on Sat 2 April 10am-4pm £55; **Spring Walk with the Wardens** on Sun 10 April 2pm £6.50 includes tea and a slice of cake. Don't forget its **Mothering Sunday** on 2 April – why not treat your mum to a delicious high tea at Wicken Fen, including a glass of buck's fizz, sandwiches, scones and cake.

Looking ahead to May; for early risers we have a **Dawn Chorus Walk** on Sun 1 May 4.45am – the cost of £10 includes coffee and a bacon roll; **Frame Basket Making** – learn traditional willow basket techniques with local weaver, Nadine Anderson, Sat 14 May 9.45-5.30pm £60; **Konik Pony Walk** – learn about our resident of Konik ponies on a guided walk with our Grazing Warden on Sat 21 May 10.30am £6.50 adults £3.25 child; **Dusk Chorus Walk –** enjoy a evening stroll with the warden's listening for birds as they come into roost, Fri 27 May 7.30pm £6.50 adults, £3.25 child; **Pond Dipping for All** – Tues 31 May - a 30 minute pond dipping session £1.50 with optional minibeast hunt 75p from 12.00. Booking for all events is essential. Information and tickets are available from the Wicken Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

Hope to see you at the Fen soon.

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Women's Institute



At the meeting on the 24 February 2011, Julie Petrie spoke about the admirable work of Cam Sight, a charity that supports visually impaired people in Cambridgeshire. They welcome people to their base at 167 Green End Road, Cambridge, CB4 1RW (01223 420033), or will make home visits as required. They have a Resource Centre from which they can provide equipment and they organise social groups in local villages. They rely on donations to fund this invaluable work, dealing with conditions from failing vision to complete blindness. They help so many people to retain their independence - a very worthy organisation.

The Annual Meeting of Burwell Women's Institute will be held on 31st March 2011.

On 28th April there will be an Open Meeting to which visitors are welcomed free of charge. The speaker will be Wendy Marshgreen whose subject is 'The Art of Accessorising'.

On 26th May Barbara Redman will talk about Tee-Bee crafts – gift boxes and paper crafting.

Meetings are held in the Gardiner Memorial Hall, Burwell at 7.15 for 7.30pm. Do come and join us.

For further information please contact Jenny Rogers on 01638 741205.

Avis Brown and Zenida McDonald



Mothers' Union

The Burwell Mothers' Union Programme for April and May 2011 is as follows:

3 April 9.30 am	Mothers' Day Service. St. Mary's Church, Burwell.
4 April 3.00pm	Wave of Prayer. (Please ring Susan to confirm venue).
6 April 7.30 pm	Open Meeting with Mothers' Union Chaplain.
27 April 2.30 pm	Mothers' Union through my life - Wyn. Guildhall, Burwell.
4 May 7.30 pm	Prayer Walk.
9 May	Mothers' Union Day, St. Peter's, March.
25 May 10.00 am	MU Communion and Trip to Ely.

Please phone **Susan Baker** on 01638 741791 for confirmation of dates and venues.



Hazel Williams MBE

The Burwell Mothers' Union Meeting at 2.30pm on the 26th January 2011 at the Guildhall was well attended. Members were treated to a talk by Hazel Williams and shown a DVD of Hazel receiving her M.B.E. at Buckingham Palace last December. The DVD showed the guests arriving, the pre-award functions, the award ceremony itself with Prince Charles presiding and the follow-up. We almost felt as if we'd been there ourselves. We were also shown the actual M.B.E. medal and looked at photos of Hazel and her guests at Buckingham Palace. We expressed our thanks to Hazel for sharing her experiences of her special day with us.

Zenida McDonald

Meeting Clifford George Parr



Q What is your full name and where does the name Clifford come from?
A My name is Clifford George Parr and Clifford was my dad's second name and George was my grandad.

Q Is Parr a local name?
A It's a Burwell/Exning name

Q Where were you born?
A Newmarket Hospital, formerly White Lodge

Q What primary school did you go to?
A I went to St Andrews, Burwell and Ness Road Primary School, Burwell. I was lucky as I moved school because I twice moved into a brand new school. It happened with my primary school and again with my secondary school, Burwell Village College. I must have coincided with a period of school building. The wall going into Burwell College is made of bricks saved from the old school.



St Andrews, Burwell c.1960

Q What do you remember of your primary school?
A The teachers were very strict. The headmistress, Miss Wheeler, had a cat, and she also had a stick with a nobble at the end and would hit you with it if you were naughty. Pupils were also made to stand in the corner next to the turtle stove. The punishments were odd and quite savage compared to now and thank goodness not allowed anymore. When I was young I lived at the brickworks and I used to have to cycle to school for as much as two miles on my own. I would meet all the brick factory workers cycling towards me on their way to work and they would shout 'morning little Ron' (my father's name was Ron) so I was quite safe.



Burwell Secondary Modern School 1961

Q Did you have a favourite teacher?
A Mr Bull who taught woodwork

Q What was your favourite subject?
A Science

Q Did you enjoy sports?
A Yes, football and cricket

Q Do you support a football team?
A No I'm not a football supporter. I just support England when they play.

Q Do you have friends now that you met at school?
A My best friend at school was Tony Pickett who now lives in New Zealand and we talk on Facebook. We go right back to primary school.

Q What jobs have you done*?*
A I was first a carpenter. I worked for an undertaker, Palmers in Burwell. I did building work and roofing. I'm now self-employed with Anglian Home Improvements, fitting conservatories.

Q How did you meet your wife Helen?
A We met in Cambridge in a pub called the Plough and Harrow. I was at a Saturday night disco with friends and Helen was with her sister. We met in 1976 and married in 1978. We married in Eaton Socon as Helen lived there.

Q How did you come to live in Reach?
A We got a council house in Reach. I love Reach and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. It has a good family feel and is a real community.
Everyone knows each other and is willing to offer help. If a child was in the village and upset, people would come forward to assist.

Q Are you handy around the house?
A Yes. I can do most things from putting up shelves, though I may take a long time to do it. I say `no' to window cleaning as it reminds me too much of my work.

Q You have one child Elizabeth aged eight. What do you enjoy doing most together and where do you like to holiday?
A We just do family things together, visit Duxford zoos and seaside places. For holidays Florida is our absolute favourite. We like the American way of life and there's plenty to do. We love to visit Orlando, Seaworld etc. and Elizabeth benefits from the experience.

Q What hobbies do you have?
A Visiting historic houses, castles and museums.



Cliff, a DJ at Radio Addenbrooke's

Q You are a DJ at Radio Addenbrooke's, what does that entail?
A I go into the hospital once or twice a week. I go round the wards collecting requests and I chat with the kids and other patients to cheer them up. I play their requests and people ring in and we chat on air. A bit of multi-tasking goes on: talking and playing music, running quizzes, bingo and competitions. We can take outside calls and I can end up with three or four things going on at once! The music is computer aided now, more buttons than decks. There's rarely an occasion when I don't have the song people request. I can set the song up so quickly while I am talking to people, listeners think the show is recorded. I've been doing it for ten years, 7-9pm on Fridays. The hospital has about 2000 beds and Radio Addenbrooke's is a free service, unlike the television, so quite a few people tune in. I used to do a mobile disco for years – parties, events and pubs and I went under the name Northern Lights.
I did a couple of turns in Reach Village Centre for Children In Need.

I was thinking of getting out of it and was approached to do the hospital radio and the rest, as they say, is history. I've still got the equipment and the records.

Q Who are your favourite groups or singers?
A ELO, REM, Frankie Valli

Q What's your favourite meal?
A Sunday lunch

Q Do you like to cook?
A I like to have a fry up, but my wife says I only know one temperature, FULL BLAST

Q What is your philosophy on life?
A You only have one life, live it. There's always someone worse off than you.

Claire Halpin-McDonald



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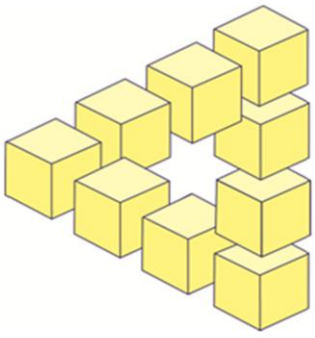

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In Italy, the murdered politician Aldo Moro was buried. He had been kidnapped in March after left-wing Red Brigade gunmen ambushed his car, killing his chauffeur and five policemen. His body was subsequently found - riddled with bullets in the boot of a red Renault 5.

In France, the coffin containing the body of Charlie Chaplin, missing since his grave was robbed 11 weeks earlier, was found.



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In Reach, life continued as usual. The Annual Parish Meeting took place with just seven members of the Reach public coming along. I suppose it shows faith in our elected representatives that so few people come along to these events?

The pre-occupation was preparing for the Reach Fair. Quite a few events, starting off with a Clay Shoot on the Saturday afternoon, followed by “Pork and Punch” in the evening.

AND there was a Miss Reach competition – now there’s a thought . . . . ! Who won it?

On the Sunday there was a dog show and the Burwell Band performed for the village.

Monday was the day of the fair which included a horse and tack sale and was followed in the evening by a family evening in the Village Centre with a fancy dress competition.

There was Bingo on the Tuesday, table tennis on the Wednesday and a village darts competition on the Friday. They certainly knew how to enjoy themselves in those days!

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

David Parr

Little Windmills

Our visit to Snakehall Farm went ahead at the beginning of February and was a great success. We would like to thank Marianne and her team for putting on a fantastic morning for us which included wellie throwing and fruit guessing, as well as the actual planting of apple and pear trees in the new orchard. We then enjoyed a hot cup of apple or mixed spiced juice and each child took home a goody bag.



Little Windmills at Snakehall Farm

A week of activities celebrating Chinese New Year followed. These included making Coolie hats, fans, colouring a Chinese party picture, drawing rabbits and trying Chinese crackers at snack time. After this we celebrated Valentine's by making hand-printed heart-shaped cards, heart biscuits, heart bags and heart mobiles.

This term we have been looking at creatures of the garden and as the weather improves we will be out in the fresh air doing some gardening activities using our new trug. If anyone has any compost they would like to donate, we would be grateful.

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33. ROSETTE. 35. DRAM. 36. BAT. 39. EVE.
41. TEA.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

The term is marching on at great speed with Easter appearing on the horizon! Despite the fact our climate doesn't seem to know about this, our daffodils have certainly got the message and look absolutely wonderful again all around the grounds. It is so lovely to see the splashes of yellow throughout the site.

Our field area at the back of the school has never looked so exciting. The new outdoor classroom looks absolutely splendid in the top corner and now we have the addition of a fantastic 6ft willow dome in the bottom corner! The latter was the prize that one of our pupils won for us in the Sunsmart Competition last year. A big thank you to the parents who have spent a great deal of time erecting the dome for us.

Our nature garden has also undergone tidying and clearing and the "Growing Area" is ready for our classes to begin planting. Each class can choose whatever they wish to grow – fruit, vegetables or flowers and then we will see if they can sell their produce. This will involve them carrying out market research about prices and working out what our costs have been to grow the items which are excellent real-life uses of their maths skills. Our outdoor environment is certainly taking shape now!

We are busy planning a special day for Thursday 28th April to celebrate the Royal Wedding. We will be having a day of fun activities and a street party type lunch – more details will follow. We will also be holding a competition for all our pupils to design a Royal Wedding Invitation. These will all be displayed at the Swaffham Prior street party on the 29th and winners will be announced there.

Children have also been busy preparing for Reach Fair: Our oldest children are in the midst of learning the Maypole Dances; it is lovely hearing the traditional tunes wafting around school as it makes us think of summer! We also invited all our pupils to take part in the "Design The Programme Cover" competition. We were very pleased with the entries. These were collected by Jo Riches and will be judged by an independent group to choose the winner. Jo will then return to school to present the prize to the lucky winner.

Last week we took part in Red Nose Day – well actually our fundraising lasted all week! Classes teamed up and held various activities throughout the week to raise funds for the charity. The proceeds of our Friends' Society Café were also donated to the cause. At the time of writing we do not have a final figure but expect this to be in excess of £300 which is a fantastic achievement for a small school.

A massive thank you to all the children, parents and staff who supported us in this**.**

Diane Hawkes - Head teacher

Website: www.swaffhamprior.cambs.sc



Performing the honours . . . Harmony Hunt, 4 and Alex Coles 11, pictured with Diane Hawkes, headteacher and Andy Dawbarn, chair of the Friends of Swaffham Prior Primary School group, cutting the ribbon for the official opening of the school's new outdoor classroom. MNJP-28-01-11MW001.

School opens £7,000 outdoor classroom

PUPILS at Swaffham Prior Primary School will have lessons with a difference following the opening of a new outdoor classroom.

On Friday members of staff, parents and children gathered to officially open the new £7,000 classroom at the Station Road school.

Money for the project was collected by the Friends of Swaffham Prior Primary School group after staging a number of fund-raising events across the school.

The new classroom will be used for a range of activities from inspiring creative writing to studying the activity of wildlife in the neighbouring countryside.

"The idea of the new classroom is that it will form part of our push to increase our outdoor learning which is one of the development areas within the school," said Diane Hawkes, headteacher.

"It is only through the hard work of the Friends of Swaffham Prior Primary School and support of parents that we have been able to achieve this. We are very grateful to them."

Article from the Newmarket Journal 3rd February 2011

KIDS PAGE!!



The answers to the Anagrams and Picture Quiz are on page 39

Susie Tucker

The Easter, Reach Fair and Royal Wedding Bonanza!!!!!!!! ☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺☺

ANAGRAMS!

Rearrange the letters to get some themed words!

Crahf Eria = ...

Taeers = ...

Gruin Yleddao = ...

Sleoruac = ...

Bynun = ...

Wib Gehel = ...

Now make up your own!

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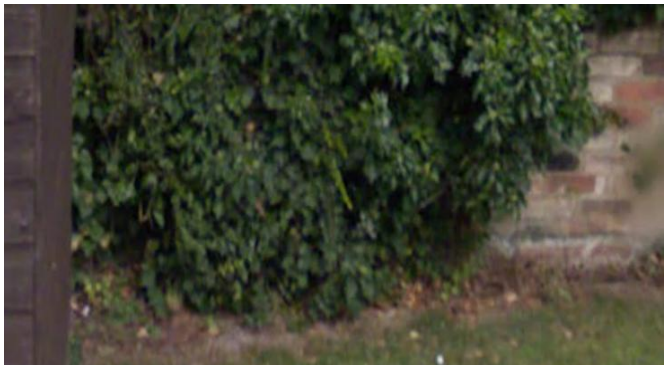
Where in Reach?
Where do you think this picture was taken?



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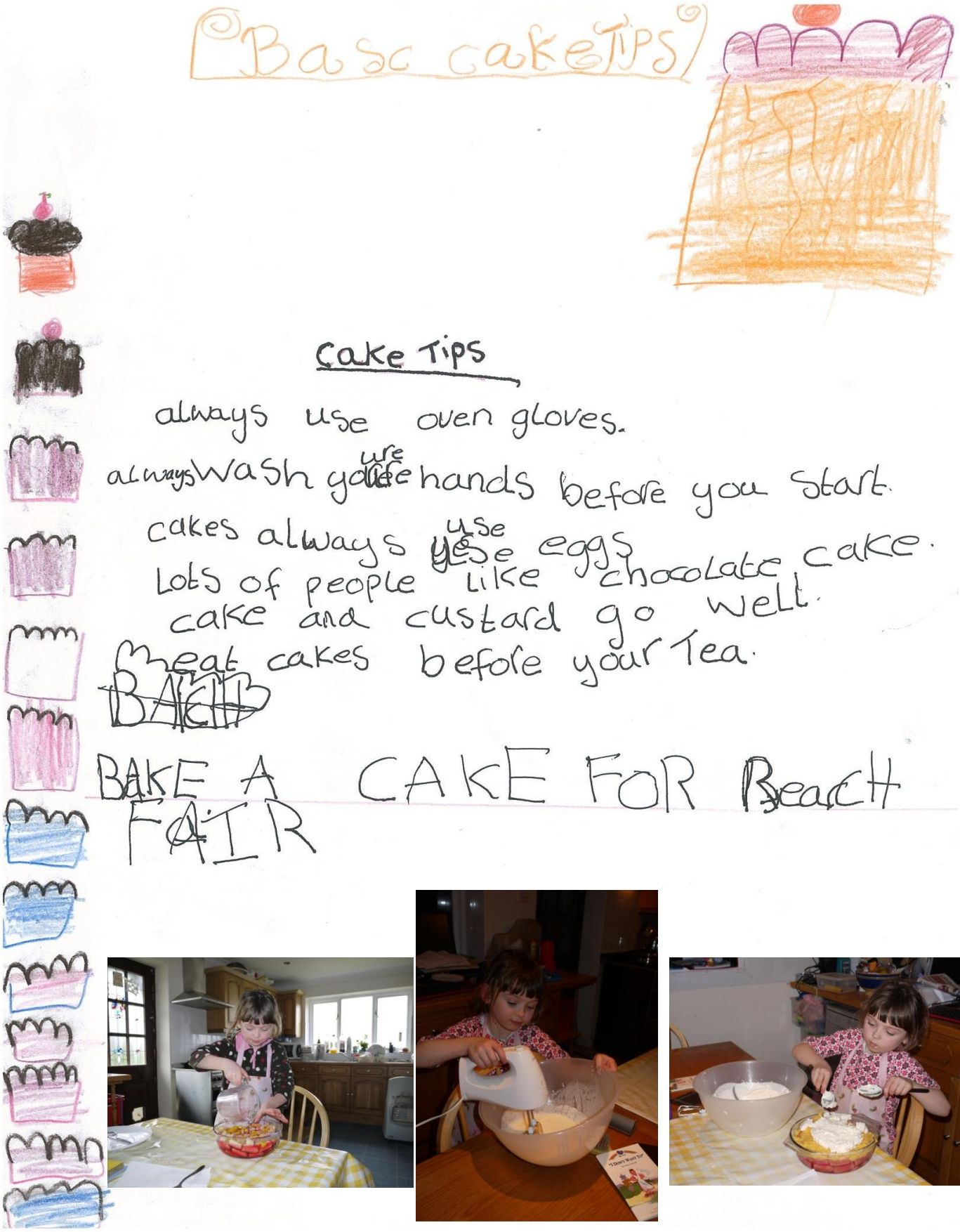
JODIE'S CAKE TIPS



Rita's Recipes

It's Easter - Give your family a treat this year - Bake your own biscuits, buns and a special cake

Easter Biscuits



Ingredients

150g Plain Flour 100g Butter
1 egg yolk 100g Currents
80g Caster Sugar (little extra for dusting)
1 tsp mixed spice ½ tsp baking powder
Grated rind of a Lemon

Pre-heat oven to 170 C

Method

With an electric mixer beat the butter and sugar until pale and fluffy. Beat in the egg yolk. Sift together the flour, spice and baking powder and add to the butter mixture. Mix well with a knife and add the currents. Using your hands gently bring the dough together kneading briefly until smooth. Roll out on a lightly dusted board (I find this is best done under a piece of cling film) and cut into rounds using a 6cm cutter. Place on a baking tray, lined with greaseproof paper, dust with the extra sugar and bake for approx 15 min until cooked but not brown. Carefully transfer to a wire rack - the biscuits should still be a little soft. They will crisp up as they cool down.

Hot Cross Buns



Ingredients

450g Strong Plain Flour
150ml Warm Milk and 4 tbls Warm Water
25g Fresh Yeast or 1tbls Dried Yeast
1 tsp Caster Sugar
½ tsp Mixed spice, cinnamon and nutmeg
1 tsp salt
200g mixed dried fruit and candied peel
1 Egg (beaten)
50g Butter (melted)

Method

Put 100g of flour into a bowl with the yeast and 1 tsp sugar. Add warm milk and water and mix well. Leave in a warm place until frothy this will take approx 14 min for fresh yeast and 25 min for dried yeast.

Sift the remaining flour salt and spices into a bowl. Add the cooled melted butter and egg to the yeast mixture followed by the dry ingredients and mix to form a softish dough. Turn out onto a floured surface and knead until smooth and no longer sticky. This will take about 10 min by hand or 3-4 min if using an electric mixer. Shape into a ball and place in an oiled plastic bag. Put to rise in a warm place until it has doubled in size and the dough springs back when pressed with a floured finger.

Turn out again and knock back (punch down) and kneed for 2 min until smooth. Divide equally into 12-15 pieces and shape into buns using the palm of your hand on a hard surface, pressing down very hard then easing the pressure as the bun takes shape.

Place well apart on greased baking sheets cover with oiled plastic wrap and place in a warm place until double their size (30min). Simple crosses: Mark the tops with a sharp knife or use pastry scraps to make the crosses. Bake in a moderately hot oven 190 C for 20-25 min or until golden brown.

Make the Sugar Glaze whilst the buns are cooking - put 3 tbls Castor Sugar and 3 tbls mixed water and milk into a small pan and bring to the boil. Boil for 2 min. Transfer buns to wire racks and while still hot brush the tops with the glaze two or three times. Leave to cool.

Simnel Cake

Ingredients



200g Butter
200g Castor Sugar
3 Eggs
100g Currents
100g Sultanas
100g Raisins
50g Cherries
50g Mixed Peel
Juice and Peel from half a Lemon
50gm Ground Almonds
½ tsp Mixed Spice
1/2 tbls Sweet Sherry
175g Plain Flour
200g Almond Paste for the Top of the Cake

Method

Set oven at 160 C. Line a deep 7" cake tin with greaseproof paper.

I marinade the dried fruits, chopped cherries and peel overnight in a bowl with the sherry, lemon juice and peel (but this is not essential). Sift the flour into another bowl with the spice and ground almonds. Stir the eggs in a jug with 2 tsp of cold water.

Beat the butter and sugar in a bowl until light and fluffy then beat in the eggs a little at time (I use my mixer for this) then stir in the flour followed by the fruit mixture. Transfer to baking tin. Place on a baking tray and wrap brown paper around the tin, tying it in place with string. Cook in the centre of the oven for approx 2 hours 15 minutes.

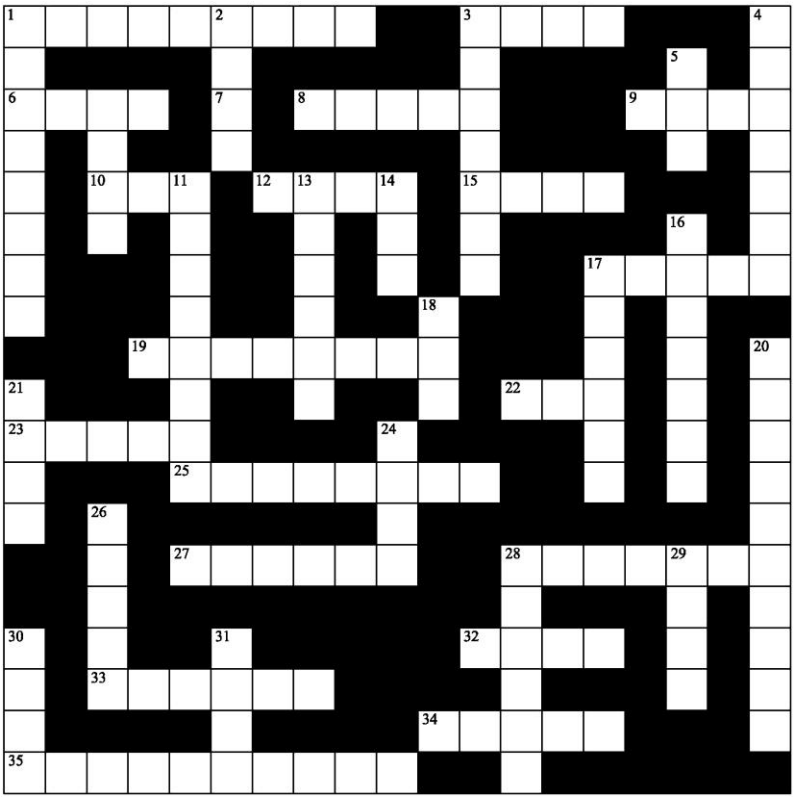
Check cake after 1 hour and if it is browning too much, cover with a circle of greaseproof paper and turn oven down slightly. Before 2 hours is up test with a skewer. The skewer should be clean when removed from the cake. The cake should be golden brown and cooked in the middle. Remove from the oven and allow the cake to cool in the tin. When cold, transfer to an airtight tin. The cake is best if left to mature for 2 weeks.

A couple of days before Easter make 11 small balls from the marzipan (to represent the Apostles) set aside. Roll the remainder of the marzipan out to fit top of cake. Brush the top of cake with apricot jam and affix the circle of paste. Using a little of the jam, place the Apostles evenly around the edge of the cake. Finally toast the top of the cake by placing under a grill, watch it all the time as it only needs to colour slightly and can burn easily. Alternatively if you are lucky enough to have a cook's blow torch you could try using that.

Get busy with the baking!

Rita

Zenida's Crossword No. 6



The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on page 24

A £5 Book Token will be awarded for the first correct entry opened after the closing date. Please send your entry by Friday 6th May 2011 to:

Zenida's Crossword No. 6
North View House, 16 Chapel Lane,
Reach CB25 OJJ giving your:

Name: _____

Address:
_____

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Tel: _____

ACROSS

1 First name of Henry VIII's first wife (9)
3 The wedding --- may have tiers (4)
6 Early king, had a dyke named after him (4)
8 20th Wedding anniversary gift? (5)
9 It covers head, face of a bride (4)
10 Brides may wear 'Something---, Something new' (3)
12 'Grumpy swan on River Cam is 'Mr --- (4)
15 Elvis sang '--- me tender (4)
17 He's not the 'Best Man'! (5)
19 May be thrown at the bridal couple (8)
22 Lucky if a black one crosses your path? (3)
23 Uncanny (5)
25 National flower of N. Ireland (8)
27 King said to have burned the cakes (6)
28 Edward VIII abdicated to marry Mrs.--- (7)
32 Bride also wears 'Something borrowed, Something ---' (4)
33 It came next after the House of Tudor, the House of --- (6)
34 Brides often choose a --- one (5)
35 A ring that promises future marriage (10)

DOWN

1 Who was called 'Old Ironsides'? (8)
2 Can be worn on finger (4)
3 King who was beheaded in 1649 (6)
4 Prince --- is marrying Kate (7)
5 Bride-to-be may have a ---- party (3)
7 April 1st. is April ----'s Day (4)
11 '----- are a girl's best friend' (8)
13 Gift for 25th wedding anniversary (6)
14 Charles II hid in an --- tree (3)
16 The bride may carry it (7)
17 Couples used to elope to ----- Green (6)
18 Gift for 10th Wedding anniversary (3)
20 Put a flower in it! (10)
21 The Black --- is the emblem of Western Australia (4)
24 Gift for 50th. Wedding anniversary (4)
26 The 'Peacemaker' king was ----- the 1st (5)
28 Silver dish (6).
29 Cinderella lost one (4)
30 First name of Queen who ruled Britain from 1707 – 1714 (4)
31 A boy attendant at a wedding (4)

Cricket Report



After a few beers and even greater helpings of hubris, the cricket team decided last September to enter this year's National Village Cricket Cup. As a result, on Sunday 15th May we head up the A11 to be pulverised by Hemsby Cricket Club, near Great Yarmouth.

I can almost see already a huddle of sobbing wives gathering on the green to await the returning charabanc, anxious to find out which of their menfolk has returned, which have been horribly maimed and which still lie bleeding in the corner of some Norfolk cricket field.

It is just about as far flung a location as we could possibly have drawn for the East Anglian stage of the competition, although that does have its advantages: it means that scarred survivors won't have to keep bumping into our tormentors in Tesco's for weeks afterwards.

Intensive net sessions have already begun, to iron out the remaining deficiencies in our technique, like remembering to hold the bat the right way round and watching the ball as it is flung at us at 90mph. But we are always keen to recruit new members. Anyone who fancies the odd game of cricket – usually on a Sunday afternoon at Burwell – please do get in touch.

On a separate note I am delighted to announce that Paul Robinson has been elected Gentleman of the Year for the 2010 season and Mike Whittingham was player of the year.

Cricket fixtures for 2011:

Sun 15 May	Hemsby (away)
Sun 22 May	Rain Men (home)
Sat 4 June	Castle Hedingham (away)
Sun 19 June	Petersfield (home)
Sat 25 June	Unemployables (away, Northiam, East Sussex)
Sun 17 July	Dave Silk's XI (home)
Sun 31 July	Swaffham Invitationals (home)
Sun 4 Sept	Unemployables (home)
Sat 24 Sept	Burwell (home or away)!

Ross Clark
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rossjclark@aol.com

Reach Tennis Court

Our lovely new tennis court is now fully operational – and is being well used despite the somewhat inclement weather. The booking system, with two weekly sheets being kept in the cabinet on the court, appears to be working well. The court is locked using a combination lock – if you are not aware of the code then please get in touch with me.

Thanks go to the many people who have given their time and effort for free in getting us to this stage. Recently, turf provided at a significantly reduced price by Spearhead, was laid over damaged areas and other parts raked, seeded and rolled. Thanks go to **John Reed** for project leading these activities.

During April/May the court surface will be painted and permanent white lines established.

Over the coming years, the court will need to be maintained and the Tennis Court Committee has calculated that over a 10 year period, the cost will be approximately £1,200 per year. A number of activities are planned in order to raise this money.



A main sponsor has been found in **Racquet Master**. Based in Newmarket, near the clocktower and opposite Prezzo's, they stock quality products and will give you proper professional advice. Please go to them for all your tennis equipment needs – they are making an annual £250 contribution to our maintenance fund.

We have also identified an excellent coach in **Chris Ktori**. Currently Head Coach at Newmarket Tennis Club, he is an LTA Professional Coach Level 3 and has been coaching now for 25 years, working with all skill levels from beginners to international players. If you would like to book some lessons in Reach, please give him a call on **07768 003295** (he will make a contribution to our maintenance fund for each lesson).

It is also intended to set up a sponsors/advertisers section on the village website and ask for a small amount per year for a webpage.

Whilst access to the court is free to all Reach villagers, a number of you have asked about making a donation to the Maintenance Fund. If anyone wants to donate - cheques should be sent to:

David Parr
Parish Clerk
20 Fair Green, Reach CB25 0JD

and made payable to "Reach Parish Council" (all such donations will credited to the Tennis Court Maintenance Fund only).



The Tennis Committee is planning the **Racquet Master Tennis Championships** (open to Reach residents only). It will be dependent on the number of entrants, but presently it is planned to have the following events;

Mens Singles (males over 12 years old)
Ladies Singles (females over 12 years old)
Doubles (either gender or mixed over 12 years old)
Under 16 Doubles (either gender or mixed)

There will be a group stage where everyone plays each other with the top two per group going through to the knockout stages. There will then be a **Finals Day** towards the end of the summer when other junior events will take place and cups presented.

As a contribution to the Maintenance Fund, there will be a charge of £5 per person for those who are 16 or over, £2 for those under 16 (age date to be 1st May 2011).

If you would like to enter the championships, please let me know by Monday 25th April.
If you want to enter the doubles but don't have a partner, don't worry, we can find one for you.

For further information regarding the court and how to use it, please go to the village website at **www.reach-village.co.uk/tennis.html.**

David Parr
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Bellringing

Bellringers often ring peals and quarterpeals to mark occasions like births, deaths and weddings. They are published in a ringing newspaper, The Ringing World, which has an international distribution and are part of the record of that church. You can also search such performances on Campanophile – www.campanophile.co.uk – Peals and quarters – search. Sometimes we are asked to ring by a relative or church person. You can ask if you wish for something to be marked in this way. Or the ringers themselves want to mark an occasion (we have plans for the Royal Wedding!) or pay their respects.

Recently this was the case for the passing of David Kettle who worked in the Bottisham parish, who died after a long illness. This is how the official record is worded:

Ely Diocesan Association, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridgeshire. Thursday, 17th March 2011. 1320 Plain Bob Doubles: 1. Lesley H M Boyle, 2. Liz Thompson, 3. Carol I Kitson, 4. Martin R Kitson (Conductor), 6. Brian Pratt. Rung as a thanksgiving for the life of Rev'd David Kettle, NSM of this Benefice, who died after a long illness on Friday 11th March 2011.

We welcome and train new ringers. Just turn up at 7.30pm on Wednesdays at Swaffham Bulbeck church.

Lesley Boyle

Sports News

THE OLYMPICS!!!

ROLL UP ROLL UP (OR RATHER SIGN UP SIGN UP) AND ORDER YOUR TICKETS NOW!



Applications for London 2012 Olympic Games tickets opened on Tuesday 15th March. For many of us this may be our one and only chance to see some of the greatest sports men and women compete on our doorstep! Twenty six sports covering 39 disciplines (its not just gymnastics - its rhythmic, artistic and trampoline gymnastics and its not just cycling - its BMX, mountain bike, road and track cycling).

Talk about something for all the (sporty) family from weightlifting to water polo, hockey to handball, archery to athletics, taekwondo to triathlon. You can view the full competition schedule on line including prices at: www.tickets.london2012.com.

There is a wide range of ticket prices available, starting at just £20 and special prices for young people and over-60s. You will have until 11.59pm on 26th April 2011 to submit your application and there is no advantage to submitting it on the first day or the last day. Each ticket for a Games event in London or at outside London venues will receive a one-day 'Games travelcard' for the day of that event along with their event ticket. This will entitle the holder to travel within Zones 1–9 in London and by National Rail between London and the recommended stations for some venues outside London.

There will also be a number of events that do not require a ticket, including the marathon and race walk and several cycling events such as the road race and time trial. Big screens at 'Live Sites' across the UK will also screen the sporting action. There are 18 Big Screens already operating at locations across the UK, the nearest one to us seems to be in Norwich - Chapelfield Shopping Centre but there will also be big screens in Birmingham, Bradford, Bristol, Cardiff, Derby, Dover, Edinburgh, Leeds, Leicester, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Norwich, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Swansea, Swindon, Waltham Forest and Woolwich.



The beginning of the final build-up will the 18th May 2012 when the Olympic Flame arrives in the UK. It is, of course, one of the enduring symbols of the Olympic Games, representing peace, unity and friendship. During the 'original' Games, a sacred flame burned continually on the altar of the goddess Hera and heralds were summoned to travel throughout Greece to announce the Games, declaring a sacred truce for the duration. The first modern-day Olympic Torch Relay took place at the Berlin 1936 Games and was based on the ancient ceremonies. The Flame is lit from the sun's rays at the Temple of Hera in Olympia and after a short relay around Greece, is delivered to the Host Country.
In the UK it will travel on a 70 day journey, carried by 8,000 Torchbearers to within a one hour journey time for around 95% of the UK population – with entertainment, shows and concerts marking its arrival at each stop. Rumour has it that Ely or Cambridge may be venues. It ends its journey at the Opening Ceremony, marking the official start of the Olympic Games and will continue to burn for the entire length of the Games until being extinguished on the final day, at the Closing Ceremony.

Carrying the Olympic Flame in the lead up to the Games will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. In the spirit of inspiring a new generation, more than half of the Torchbearers will be young people. The Torchbearer nomination process will be announced in May 2011, giving people across the UK the chance to be involved in the historic countdown to the start of London 2012.

STOP PRESS

Highlight of the sports year so far:

Ben Snaith wins silver in 200m and GOLD in the 400m u17 Eastern Indoor Athletic Championships.

Maybe we will be buying tickets to see him run soon!

Alice Lingley was presented the Reach Good Sport Cup by Tony Jordan, inventor and long term organiser of the Village Sports Day. This is the first time this cup has been awarded for, quite simply, being "a good sport" on the day. Alice competed in virtually every event last year with a huge smile on her face regardless of whether she was first or last across the line. The cup has been bought with some of the remaining funds from the Reach Sports Club.



Alice Lingley receiving the Good Sport Cup

This year's Sports Day will held on 25th/26th of June (day to be confirmed) – we are trying to decide if Saturday or Sunday is best – email me your votes if you have a preference (see email address below).

Theo Clark gets serious about wielding a hockey stick!

(Note from the Sports Reporter – Theo has always been very understated and humble about his achievements, something worth remembering when reading this).

I started playing hockey when I started at secondary school in 2006 at the age of 11. I was absolutely rubbish but I enjoyed it so kept going. I now play for my school (for 5 years) and the county (for 2 years). I played briefly for Newmarket hockey club which has a good youth section for people just starting out.

I now train every week during the spring term for about 3 hours and I have matches most weekends. During the autumn term I play a little bit but I have no matches. The regional selection processes continue way into the summer so last year I played on and off then too. I play predominantly on the left wing but I can play anywhere.

My team hasn't had a great season. We started off quite well and then it went quickly downhill with consecutive 4-1 defeats against Greshams (who we beat 4-1 last year) and Ipswich (our best opponents who won the nationals two years ago). We have scraped a couple of draws since then but our main success was getting to the last round of the nationals. We were unfortunate not to go on further having dominated the match against Bishop's Stortford which we lost 1-0. We missed a lot of opportunities up front (including me) and our goalie got sent off (although they didn't score during that period).

My greatest achievement was being selected for JRPC (Junior Regional Performance Centre) which is basically East. However I soon came crashing down to earth as I was one of only two people out of 20 who didn't get selected for the matches. I hope to get selected for JRPC again this year and I would like to get further than last year. Within school I hope to get into the first XI next year and hopefully get somewhere in the nationals.

One of my proudest achievements is learning to drag flick (although I'm still not very good);
Have a look at;
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ufsO1SSAU5s&feature=related if you don't know what one is!

One final thing: can I recommend that anyone taking up hockey wears a mouthguard as I recently lost half of one of my front teeth whist not wearing one and it has been quite painful and annoying.



Theo ready for action

As a second footnote: Anya Tabecki is also a keen young hockey player and plays with Cambridge City Junior Hockey Club. She trains every Sunday come rain or shine and has competed in tournaments against clubs from Saffron Walden, Wisbech and St Ives. Anya plays in defence – something that requires a lot of determination and a degree of courage when facing a fierce and fast member of the opposition hurtling towards you with an eye on the goal behind.

Stories wanted:

Finally, though I like to think I am well connected, my 'Reach sporting circle' is not huge and it would be great to hear from those of you I don't know about your sporting events and achievements. I would like to do a bit about cycling next time round . . . not just the lycra clad, pointy helmet, carbon fibre variety but the stoics who cycle to work or to do the shopping or go to school on two wheels a regular part of the week. Please do email me if you are a keen cyclist in whatever capacity. But also lets hear from some of those less usual sports - anyone into zumba (whatever that is!) for example. What about pilates, darts, fishing . . . . the list is endless and I would love the sports round up to become a bit more diverse in terms of sport and sport personalities.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Juliet Vickery

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REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2011

Attendance

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

1. Forum for Members of the Public

No members of the public attended.

2. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Fielding declared an interest in one item contained within her Rights of Way report. Since this was deemed to be non-prejudicial, she was able to contribute to the discussions on this item

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

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

4 (2) County Council Report

February at the County Council was dominated by the full meeting of Council on February 15th, with the main agenda item being the Budget for 2011/12 and the Integrated Plan for the coming 5 years. I arrived at Shire Hall at 8.40am to find the access road blocked by protestors complaining about the proposed budget cuts. The meeting started with a large number of protestors in the public gallery. After numerous interruptions and three separate arrests of protestors, the Council finally managed to agree a balanced budget with the proposals reported last month going through. It was a long and stormy meeting and I eventually got home at 8.20pm.

In the run-up to the full Council meeting I also attended three separate scrutiny committees to examine budget proposals in greater detail - the Environment and Sustainability Scrutiny Committee, the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee. I also attended 3 informal cabinet meetings.

Councillor Jill Tuck, for personal reasons, will not be seeking re-election as Leader of the Conservative Group and therefore as Leader of the Council. The Conservative Group will shortly elect a new Leader.

4 (3) District Council Report

On February 22nd I attended the final Full Council meeting before May's local elections. A balanced budget was set for 2011/2012 with no increase in council tax despite the cuts in central government funding. Pay will be frozen for all staff other than those earning a full-time salary of £21,000 or less, who will be eligible for a £250 increase, in line with the central

government suggestion. The Council's elected members will be taking a 10% cut in their allowances. Changes were made to the Council's committee structure and timing of its meetings; these should achieve significant savings.

Due to the forthcoming elections, the March series of Neighbourhood panels have been cancelled. Information and updates from the January meetings will be made available in March and April. The next South area meeting will be on June 28th at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth.

Suffolk County Council is to close the Newmarket Recycling Centre on May 9th. As this is used by many people from the south of ECDC, Councillor Alderson has made officers aware that there could be an increase in fly-tipping. **The Clerk** was asked to write to Suffolk County Council expressing the concern of the Parish Council regarding this closure.

The Parish Council noted that the District Council report (read out by the Chairman in the absence of Councillor Alderson) did not provide answers to three questions raised at the February meeting – these are as follows;

There was a members-only Neighbourhood Panels meeting recently which Reach was not invited to. **Councillor Alderson** will investigate why no invitation was made and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Platt raised the issue of members of ECDC using taxis as transport down to London, as reported in the press. **Councillor Alderson** will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Platt commented that the latest issue of East Cambridgeshire Magazine, containing information about Diary events to take place in Dec 2010 and January 2011, was delivered only at the end of January 2011. **Councillor Alderson** will look into this and report back at the next meeting.

It is expected that **Councillor Alderson** will provide answers to these questions at the next Parish Council meeting.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially sound situation and should finish the year with reserves of around £5,000.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

No meetings have taken place since the last Parish Council meeting. The March meetings have been cancelled due to the timing of the local elections.

4 (6) Parish Council Members

No meetings attended.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

Spikes to deter birds from alighting on the top of the swings on the Green and in the Playground have been received and will be put in place shortly.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

At the behest of the Parish Council, the Clerk had written to local landowners, reminding them of their responsibility to keep hedges under control. It appears that only one landowner has taken action so far and whilst most of the work carried out was very acceptable, one area of hedgerow for which the landowner is not responsible was cut without the permission of the actual landowner. **The Clerk** was asked to write to the landowner, thanking him for carrying out remedial work but asking him, in future, to only cut hedges for which he is responsible or where he has the express permission of the landowner to carry out the work.

The Clerk read out a letter from Michael Allen which acknowledged his responsibilities as a landowner and indicated that he will be reviewing the situation with his hedges in the near future.

As regards the repairing of byways, the Parish Council asked **the Clerk** to again remind the County Council of their responsibilities in this area and to ask what remedial plans are in place.

An email from a resident complaining that horse riders have started to use the footpath from the village on the eastern side of the Lode to the new bridge, causing damage to the surface, was discussed. **The Clerk** was asked to remind Reach residents via the village magazine and the website that riding horses on designated footpaths is not allowed.

4 (9) Speedwatch

There was no activity in the preceding month.

4 (10) Village Centre Committee Report

Reach Fair preparations continue to make good progress. The repairing of the roof following the theft of the lead has yet to begin.

Councillor Clark will discuss with the Chairman of the Village Centre Committee the implications of any change in the date of the current May Day Bank Holiday.

5. Cemetery Rainwater Collection

The Clerk had reported that significant hedge cutting was required to provide access to the shelter for guttering to be put up. This has now been carried out and **the Clerk** will carry out the necessary work shortly.

6. Land Availability – 24 acres on the Burwell Road

At a village meeting with the National Trust, which hopes to buy this land, the three main areas of community involvement (1) orchard, (2) horse ménage and (3) cricket/football pitches were reviewed. In addition, the possibility of horticulture therapy will be considered and also the suggestion of some form of community wood to produce sustainable fuel. The National Trust continues to seek funding for this venture. Disappointingly, one application for funding, which would have paid for the land and the projects, was not successful. It is likely that the National Trust will only get funding to purchase the land in which case the village would need to seek funding for the chosen projects.

7. Mowing Contracts 2011/2012

These have been awarded to C R Contracting for the village and wood grass-cutting and to Within Reach Services for the mowing of the cemetery. **The Clerk** will arrange for contracts to be signed appropriately.

8. Royal Wedding Celebrations

The Parish Council agreed to support the barbecue which will be organised by the Village Centre Committee.

9. Village Signpost Refurbishment

The signpost in the middle of the Green would benefit from refurbishment. **Parish Councillors** will look at the signpost and a decision on how to proceed made at the next meeting.

10. Planning Applications

There were none for consideration.

11. Information Items

It was agreed that Councillor Aves would be nominated to attend a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace to take place on Wednesday 29th June 2011. **The Clerk** will make the necessary application.

Presently, the Clerk is paid on a three monthly basis with no tax deducted at source. From April 1st 2011, legislation will require that the Parish Council becomes the employer of the Clerk and that tax at the basic rate is deducted at source. **The Clerk** will make the necessary arrangements.

Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department has been running two pilots of a Highway Wardens scheme. The Parish Council felt that involvement in this project would be beneficial and nominated Ross Clark to fulfil this role. **The Clerk** will inform the County Council accordingly.

Cambridge Building Society are introducing a range of Savings account called Council Saver, which pay interest. **The Clerk** will investigate this opportunity and report back to the Parish Council at a subsequent meeting.

The Clerk was asked to liaise with Reach's Neighbourhood Watch volunteers with a view to ensuring that relevant warnings are communicated in a timely manner to villagers.

The Clerk was asked to write to those tennis court sponsors who have not yet been contacted to thank them for their generosity.

The Clerk will also organise a further meeting of the Tennis Court Committee so that plans can be put in place to build up a reserve to cover the future maintenance of the tennis court. Councillor Clark suggested that a number of tournaments should be organised where players would pay a small entrance fee and this, plus other opportunities, will be discussed at the meeting.

The Parish Council thanked those volunteers, led by John Reed, who in inclement weather, laid the turf on the damaged areas of the Playing Field, provided at very low cost by Spearhead Turf, who the Parish Council would like to thank for their generosity.

12. Payments

100954	Spearhead Turf	Turf for the Playing Field	£135.00
100955	CR Contracting	Hedgecutting in the Cemetery	£110.60

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th April 2011 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Our Rights of Way

The Parish Council would ask everyone to adhere to the following rules.

Footpaths



Footpaths are for walkers and are normally marked with a yellow arrow.

You have the right to walk along a footpath with a normal accompaniment (e.g. a dog, a pram or a wheelchair). You do not have the right to ride a bicycle, ride or lead a horse, or take a horse-drawn carriage along a footpath. It is a criminal offence to drive a motor vehicle along a public footpath unless you have specific lawful authority.

Bridleways



Bridleways are for walkers, horse riders and cyclists and are normally marked with a blue arrow.

You have the right to walk along a bridleway, to ride or lead a horse and to ride a bicycle. Please note that this does not include the right to drive a pony and trap.

Cyclists must give way to walkers and horse riders on a bridleway. It is a criminal offence to drive a motor vehicle along a bridleway unless you have specific lawful authority. You do not have the right to take a horse drawn vehicle along a bridleway.

Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs)



Walkers, cyclists, horse riders, horse-drawn and motorised vehicles can use BOATs. They are normally marked with a red arrow.

The public have the same rights on BOATs as on surfaced country lanes. However, there is no legal obligation for a BOAT to be hard-surfaced. Vehicles using BOATs must be fully taxed, MOT'd and insured. Access to some BOATS in motor vehicles is restricted to prevent surface damage. Restrictions may be seasonal or all year round.

Restricted Byways



Walkers, horse riders, cyclists and horse-drawn vehicles can use Restricted Byways. They are marked by a purple arrow.

It is a criminal offence to drive a motor vehicle along a Restricted Byway unless you have specific lawful authority. By comparison with other areas, there are very few Restricted Byways in Cambridgeshire.

A Message from your District Councillor

No Increase in Council Tax



Throughout the last month, Committees at East Cambridgeshire District Council have been assessing proposals to save more than £2M over the next four years to balance its budget.

The tough choices were as a result of the Government announcing cuts of nearly 29% to the Council's main Government Grant for only the next two years without indicating what will happen from 2012 and potential issues such as the housing benefit overspend which is predicted to grow.

Members have debated and scrutinised proposals from across the Council for ways to ensure the authority could meet the demands made on it. At the recent Policy and Resources Committee, Members agreed to send a four-year financial plan to Full Council on Tuesday, 22nd February, which included:

- Freezing its Council Tax rate for next year
- A reorganisation of Committees' and Members' allowances
- Reducing office administration costs
- Increases in some fees and charges such as licences and planning applications
- Reductions in Community Grants and support for Voluntary Groups – in the majority of cases this will be less than the scale of cuts the Council has received to its Government Grant
- Potential staff savings of over £300,000 and freezing or deferring recruitment to vacant posts
- A review of costs associated with waste and recycling including looking for efficiency savings in the current waste contract and at payments made to Parish Councils for keeping recycling banks on their land.

Weekly Collection of Black Sacks to Remain

Residents have expressed relief that we will be maintaining the weekly collection. It makes no sense to have rotting food waste and nappies being left with residents for up to 14 days at a time.

CCTV Goes Local

CCTV for Ely and Soham used to be run from a bunker in Cambridge and cost taxpayers £113,000 per year!

That will change this year when the service is transferred into local hands. Screens and trained volunteers will be based in Ely police station. Ely City Council and Soham Town Council will run a more responsive service at a lower cost; saving you nearly £40,000 per year.

More Funds for Villages

The Council has made funding available from Section 106 monies so that now any village with fewer than 3,000 residents is now eligible to apply for 100% grants for local projects. These can be anything from restoring a play area to moving a bus stop and any community organisation can apply.

Allen Alderson

KIDS' PAGE ANSWERS

Anagrams:

Crahf Eria = Reach Fair
Taeers = Easter
Grwin Yleddao = Royal Wedding
Sleoruac = Carousel
Bynun = Bunny
Wib Gehel = Big Wheel

The **Picture** was taken just next to the bus stop on the green.

Pastoral Letter

Dear Friends

Whilst idly watching the wintry sun growing cold on the garden, I remembered a spring morning last year watching the sun gradually rising and beginning to bathe the garden in sunlight. My attention was drawn to an azalea, still in shadow, on which something red was glittering like a jewel. On investigation I found that my 'jewel' was the transformation of just one small deep pink flower petal by a ray of sunlight shining on it through a minute hole in the garden fence. The sight of such a transformation made my spirit soar with the rising sun. I thought of those wonderful words from The Song of Solomon found in Chapter 2 vv 8-17 and in particular, *"My Beloved speaks and says to me: 'Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land . . . ."'* I had read that the description of spring given in all these verses is the most beautiful song to nature in the Old Testament (W. Rudolph) and according to Clement of Alexandria "The Christian Life is a perpetual springtime."

I remembered the challenge the garden presented when my daughter and I moved into the property six years ago. Our hard work had its ups and downs - "Sorry, mother, but I just couldn't stop you in time from stepping backwards and falling into the hole" - but patience and perseverance prevailed until we could live with the result.

We are all like gardens, expressing our own individuality, with the tree of eternal life in Christ at the centre but with the tree of choice - that is of good and evil - nearby. We also have a few serpents in residence. In his book "Life of Christ", Fulton Sheen wrote: "Every man is a mystery to himself for he knows that within his heart there lie, coiled and dormant, serpents that at any moment would sting a neighbour with their poison, or even God."

Rubbish cleared, fallow ground broken up. We could have left it undeveloped - dug over, kept tidy but not doing much with it. Our spiritual life can be a bit like that - settled, going through the motions, doing the right things but passionless and unproductive.

We could have left it to rest; manuring and feeding it, and leaving it exposed to the activity of the sun, wind and rain, frost and snow in order for it to regain fertility. Our spiritual life needs a time of resting, feeding, nurturing and refreshing in order to remain fertile and produce the kind of fruit God wishes us to produce to bring glory to his name.

We chose to develop it, section by section. Some plantings were successful, others were not. The same thing happens in our spiritual life. Some decisions we make work out well, others do not. "Disappointment - His appointment". Change one letter, then I see that the thwarting of my purpose is God's better choice for me" (Author unknown).

Thank you, dear friends, for the times you invite me to walk with you in your spiritual gardens where I enjoy the colour, diversity and heady perfume of, amongst other plantings, the flowers of love, hope, compassion, encouragement, friendship, forgiveness that grow there in abundance. May God bless you and that vast, boundless interior landscape of yours where you walk with God.

Frances Leadon

Church News

Revd Williams is delighted to start her ministry with us at the season of Easter. She will be officiating at all of the main Easter services and would be delighted to meet you

Pat Chalmers





Dr Eleanor Williams

The Institution and Induction of

Revd Dr Eleanor Williams as
Vicar of Burwell with Reach

Will take place

At 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th April 2011
In St Mary's Church, Burwell, Cambs.
Everyone is welcome to this service, which will be led by
The Bishop of Huntingdon and
The Archdeacon of Cambridge

Eve of Reach Fair
Songs of Praise
6.00pm Sunday May 1st

St Etheldreda's Church

All welcome!

If you would like your favourite hymn to be included, please contact
Pat Chalmers on 01638 742006 or
Pam King on 01638 742924

Care of the Cemetery

It has been reported that someone putting flowers on a grave noticed dog excrement near to the graves. It is upsetting and disrespectful for this to have occurred. The gate is kept shut. Please ensure that your dogs do not roam loose in the cemetery.

Items for Sale

EQUINE:

PONY RUG: Amigo Heavyweight 4ft 9ins. Almost new. Clean. £50.00

SHEEPSKIN NUMNAH (Nuumed): Large. Unused. £25.00

REINS: Brown, half rubberised. Total 244 cms. Used twice. £15.00

BRIDLE: Stubben. Cob. Brown. Unused. £25.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

ROWING MACHINE: Concept 2. Excellent condition. £450.00

EASEL: Wooden standing artist's easel & carrying case. New. £25.00

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Church Services at Burwell and Reach

Services at Burwell and Reach





Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday **April 3rd**	8.00am **Holy Communion** 9.30am **Mothering Sunday** Family Service	
Sunday **April 10th**	9.30am **Parish Communion**	8.00am **Holy Communion**
Wednesday **April 13th**	7.30pm **The Institution and Induction of Revd Dr Eleanor Williams as Vicar of Burwell with Reach – In St Mary's Church, Burwell** Service to be led by the Bishop of Huntingdon and the Archdeacon of Cambridge	
Palm Sunday **April 17th**	8.00am **Holy Communion** 9.30am **Parish Communion** 4.00pm **Songs of Praise** at Ness Court	
Monday **18th April**	7.00pm **Night Prayer** at CentrePeace	
Tuesday **19th April**	3.30pm **Tea for Student Cross**, Guildhall, Burwell 7.00pm **Night Prayer** at CentrePeace	
Wednesday **20th April**	7.00pm **Night Prayer** at CentrePeace	
Thursday **21st April**	7.30pm **Holy Communion**, 8.45pm **The Watch** (vigil)	
Good Friday **22nd April**	10.30am **Messy Church** for families, Guildhall, Burwell, followed by **All Age Worship** and lunch 11.00am **Walk of Witness**, starting at The Co-op	2.00pm **Devotional Service**
Easter Sunday **April 24th**	6.00am **Easter Sunrise Service**, Castle Mound 9.30am **Parish Communion**	8.00am **Holy Communion**
Sunday **May 1st**	8.00am **Holy Communion** 9.30am **Family Service**	6.00pm Eve of Reach Fair **Songs of Praise**
Sunday **May 8th**	9.30am **Parish Communion**	8.00am **Holy Communion**
Sunday **May 15th**	8.00am **Holy Communion** 10.30am **United Service for Christian Aid week**	
Sunday **May 22nd**	8.00am **Holy Communion** 9.30am **Parish Communion**	
Sunday **May 29th**		9.30am **Parish Communion**

Bus Timetable

BUS SERVICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Diary Dates

APRIL	Event	Location	Time
Fri 1	Quiz Night	Bottisham Village College	7.30pm
Sat 2	Animal Health Trust	Lanwades Park	
Thurs 5	Alzheimer's Society Rural Drop-in	Poppies Restaurant, Bottisham British Legion	10.00am to 2.00pm
Wed 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 7	The Tastes of Wine	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wed 13	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 14	Recycling Day		
Sat 16	Plants and Ploughman's Lunch	Village Centre	10.30am to 1.30pm
Sat 16	Spring's Footsteps	St James Church, Lode	7.30pm
Tues 19	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wed 20	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Sun 24	Pub Quiz	Dyke's End	7.30pm
Thurs 28	Recycling Day		
Fri 29	Royal Wedding Garden Party	Village Green	2.00pm to 5.00pm
MAY			
Mon 2	Reach Fair	Village	Midday to 5.00pm
Wed 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thurs 5	Parish and District Council Elections + AV Referendum	Village Centre	7.00am to 10.00pm
Tues 10	*The Good Book* A C Grayling	Hayward Theatre	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Wed 11	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 12	Recycling Day		
Thurs 12	The Odd Couple	Bottisham Village College	
Fri 13	The Odd Couple	Bottisham Village College	
Sat 14	The Odd Couple	Bottisham Village College	
Mon 16	*The Book of Books* Melvyn Bragg	Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm
Tues 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tues 17	*The Birth of Modern Britain* Francis Pryor	St Peter's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Wed 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 26	Recycling Day		
Thurs 26	Wendy Cope	St Mary's Church, Ely	7.00pm for 7.30pm
Sun 29	Pub Quiz	Village Centre	7.30pm

Wednesdays 7.30pm onwards **Bellringing at Swaffham Bulbeck** - new recruits are welcome

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

Pilates - if you would like more information about the class
contact Ros Mulvany on 01353 720094 or Helen Oliver on 742484/(helenoliver01@btinternet.com)

Contact Information

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



Alex (in blue) & Thomas, identical twins, born 7th January 2011

Congratulations to Mike & Gayle Whittingham!













