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Harvest Supper

7pm Saturday 8th October
Village Centre

The Harvest Supper will take the usual format of excellent food and 'light' entertainment

This year it will be preceded by the Harvest Songs of Praise at 6pm in St Etheldreda's

Adults £7.50, Children under 10 £4.00.

Tickets from Zenida McDonald (742029) and Pam King (742924)

Can you donate a raffle prize, make a pudding or a casserole, help set up and/or clear away on the day? Offers of help gratefully received! Please call Juliet Vickery (742676) or Helen Oliver (742484)

From the Editor



We have a wonderful article from Imogen Trump about Littleport Pony Camp. It's so well written that we are quite transported to the camp. Alison Lewis continues to surprise us with the creatures she has snapped.

Paul Catling and Hugh de Lacy are up some very high ladders for the benefit of RaSP and have some good news about the broadband.

We very much enjoyed the 24Acre Village Picnic and the ideas for the use of the land are taking shape. David Thomas has prepared an inspiring article and gives the contact details. The Parish Council are also looking for ideas for celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Amenity Fund stands at a colossal sum, does no one have any thoughts as to how it should be spent?

Lesley Boyle has written a lengthy article on the subject of horse poo. What can I say?

Juliet Vickery continues to amaze us with sporting achievements, this time Ben Snaith and Daniel Blocksage. Andy Mitchell tells us about Parkrun.

We have two pictures of the swans and their cygnets on the front cover - one swimming serenely on the lode (snapped by Hugh) and the other strolling through in the village (snapped by Helen Oliver). They turned up on the village green at 8am just as the children were catching the school bus! Today I saw seven large cygnets walking in the main road at Swaffham Prior!

We welcome Hannah Curtis the new Head Teacher for Swaffham Prior School and we hope that all the children starting their new schools have settled in.

We look forward to the Harvest Songs of Praise and the Harvest Supper on Saturday 8th October. See you there.

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Editor's Notes

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Going To Pony Club Camp

During the weeks before I went to Pony Club Camp barely a day went past without me asking "how many days 'till camp?"

On the morning of my first day at camp I woke up really early, almost 2o'clock, but I was far too excited to go back to sleep. Finally when my alarm clock went off I got out of bed and went down to start preparing Jon, my beautiful bright bay pony, who stands proudly at 11.3hh (which isn't very big).



As I walked out of the back door I was greeted by a chorus of whickering from Jon and Wendy (Wendy is our piebald mare who stands happily at 15.2 hh).

I led Jon over to start preparing him for going to camp. This means brushing him, picking out his feet and generally making him look handsome. Fortunately the day before I had already packed the car with all the things we need to take (rug, water bucket, haynet, tack, boots, brushes, riding hat, body protector, whip etc.. the list goes on) so we were all set to go by 9.15am.

Jon doesn't like going in the horse box very much so we coax him in with feed as he's very greedy! After about a 45 minute journey driving very slowly, we arrived at Cottenham Race Course where Littleport and District Pony Club junior camp is held. You always know when you've got to the right place with Pony Club as you'll see lots of other horse boxes.



Lessons at camp start at 10am and so we quickly unloaded and tacked Jon up ready to ride. As it was the first day, our District Commissioner gave us a brief chat before sending us off to our lessons. There were four groups (known as 'rides') at Camp. I was in the top ride with five other girls. Our instructor for camp was Barry, who taught us every day for the three days of camp.

Over the three days Jon and I had four hours a day of lessons which was mainly riding but also stable management (which is learning about looking after ponies). At Camp each ride works towards a badge: my ride did our dressage markers badge.

We did a big range of different activities which included show jumping, jump-cross courses, in-hand showing practice, hill and flat work and not forgetting the 'grid' , which ends up as a sequence of six bounce fences with one larger fence at the end. It's pretty tricky and as Jon was the smallest pony in the group, extra tricky for him. He wasn't keen on the last fence and so once I went over it without him - he stayed one side and I carried on to the other. It was quite ouchy.

On the last day of camp everybody there has a super fun gymkhana which is a bit like sports day on horseback .Jon, being so small, is very good at zipping between bending poles - he is also good for getting back on! I really, really enjoyed camp and I learnt so much. People tell me camp and Christmas are the two best weeks of the year and I totally agree!!! I'm already counting the days until Pony Club Camp 2012 - how many days is it now…? ☺ ☺☺

by Imogen Trump, age 10



RaSP Latest News

The Reach and Swaffham Prior rural broadband network continues to go from strength to strength; by the time you read this the latest speed upgrade will have been implemented, increasing total bandwidth in the main fibre optic feed from 10 megabits/sec (Mb/s) to 30 Mb/s. This will provide users with a consistent performance two to five times faster than the speeds available via local phone line based services.

An advantage of the RaSP system is that it offers the same 'upload' speed as 'download'; this means that if you are transmitting a number of large files (e.g. photos to a web-based printing service or using online storage for data backup) you will see a transfer speed that is 30-50 times faster than a typical phone line service.



Volunteers Paul Catling and Hugh de Lacy putting final touches to the recent equipment upgrade.
Photo: David Greenfield

One of the dilemmas facing a volunteer-run community broadband service is how to provide good support if things go wrong and get customers reconnected as rapidly as possible. Part of the answer to this is to increase the use of equipment that can be remotely managed by support personnel from their home PCs. There have been a number of power cuts affecting the villages in the past few months and it became apparent that often, after power was restored, certain of the radio units in the network would reconnect to the wrong masts resulting in some subscribers being cut off. It was then necessary to go round physically resetting pieces of equipment. To address this, an equipment upgrade was recently completed in which one of the radio links was fitted with new equipment to increase reliability and remotely controlled switches were installed to allow equipment to be easily reset if problems occur.

The RaSP committee is pleased to see that the government has recently announced some £6m of funding to upgrade broadband availability in Cambridgeshire. There have been a few false dawns in the past so we will be interested to see the actual detail of what is being proposed. If there is full fibre optic infrastructure, then it will be excellent news but from past estimates of the investment needed to do this and mention of 2Mb/s as the target minimum speed, it looks as if this might be another political announcement that won't be able to deliver the speeds a modern society needs.

For further information see www.raspnet.co.uk

Hugh de Lacy

VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

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

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

RECENT 100 CLUB WINNERS

August Sue Dunnett £20
September Claire Acklam £20

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

After the excitement of Christmas and New Year January is cold and dark but be cheered by a new village event:

CURRY NIGHT

7.30pm Saturday 21 January 2012
Village Centre

If you wish to help or require more details - contact Marie Bambrick (743839) or Claire Halpin-McDonald (743330)

Bottisham Village Christmas Market

Bottisham Village Christmas Market is looking for independent retailers, food, art, toys, handmade, homemade and high quality products for this year. Direct sellers welcome but no high street branded products please. The market is very well attended and we have space for up to 65 stalls in total. It is taking place on Sunday, November 27th at 10am-4pm. Stalls are £35 each which includes a 6 foot table, a pair of chairs and free refreshments. If you require something larger you will need to book two stalls. Set up from 9am and pack-down 4pm for a 4.30pm vacation of the premises. The market is organised by the registered charity "Friends of Bottisham Village College" to raise funds for the school.

Tel: 01223 811250
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Steve O'Connor





24Acre Village Picnic



Coming onto the 24Acre site on Sunday I felt the way I imagine a painter must feel faced with a blank canvas, or perhaps a sculptor and a lump of clay is a better metaphor – something physical, formless, but with enormous potential.

It is ours, as a community, to shape - with endless possibilities. And with as much pleasure foreseeable in the shared processes and labours of discussing, planning and shaping the clay as in appreciating the creation once it is finished.

The sun and blue sky, despite the weather forecast for the weekend, was hopefully an auspicious sign of the prospects for this project. The stubble glowed golden and a roe deer and a hare were startled from their cover by the noise of our celebration. Nearly 80 people gathered to discover, share and enjoy the day.

Several ideas for the use of the land have so far been discussed and were on display. As ideas develop, the potential to link these through creative landscaping becomes an exciting possibility: integrating scattered orchard glades within a woodland coppice, meandering paths leading to a pond or living-willow play area – all providing opportunities to improve social, physical and psychological well-being through horticultural therapy.



Rose (left) and Evie Mitchell

Our village excelled itself when it came to the cakes, all made locally, using fruit foraged from the hedgerows or picked fresh from village gardens.

The trestle table was groaning under the weight of damson jam tarts, apple crumble pies, plum slice and apple cake. Even with eighty hungry villagers there was still cake left over.

Those with surplus windfalls made their way to the apple press. Chopped up crudely, minced with cores and all and then squeezed in a vice, the result was a delicious array of juices according to the apple varieties people brought. I was surprised to find that even Bramley cooking apples made a delicious, slightly sharp juice, whilst others preferred the sweet subtlety of pear juice.

A start was made on mapping the distribution of existing fruit trees in the village. Some intriguing old trees of unknown variety were listed – maybe some long-forgotten local varieties hanging on in Reach. A range of apple varieties are being grown in the village, including cookers such as Bramley, Newton Wonder and Blenheim and eating apples such as Discovery, Spartan and Cox's Orange Pippin. As well as plums, cherries and pears there exists a scattering of greengages, walnuts, bullace, figs and a mulberry tree. No doubt we'll uncover many more fruit trees and learn something of their histories, in the months ahead.



Malcolm Brearley and Belinda

They say pictures speak louder than words, so I'll let the photos do the rest of the talking.

Thank you to everyone who came, joined in and offered their ideas (and special thanks to all those who baked and contributed cakes). If you weren't able to take part on Sunday but would like more information or have a comment on the project, please don't hesitate to contact David Parr, Secretary to the 24Acre subcommittee (Tel: 744081 or reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk). Or if you have something specific to suggest about one of the projects currently under discussion (or would like to become more involved) then contact the relevant focal point:

- **Community orchard**: David Thomas (742676 david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Cricket pitch**: Ross Clark (743725 rossjclark@aol.com)
- **Coppice**: Malcolm Brearley (mjbrearley@btinternet.com)
- **Horticultural therapy**: Sarah Keutgen (745244)
- **Living willow**: Emma Mitchell (741063 emma@minniedog.co.uk)
- **Ménage**: Liz Tabecki (742552 liz@stageoneinteriors.co.uk
- **Wildlife area/pond**: No village lead yet.

If you would like more information on the project as it evolves, a Working Document will be regularly updated and made available on the Village Web Site.

David Thomas

Christmas Grant

Once again the time has come to remind anyone who considers themselves eligible for our Christmas Grant to apply and as soon as possible please.

The majority of applications come from our pensioners, in particular those who have to manage on a state pension. If however you are in particular need or know of someone who may be in difficulty but are unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me, or any Trustee and I stress that assistance is available at all times.

Mrs Pam Waters
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BOTTISHAM PLAYERS
A CLASS ACT TO FOLLOW

PRESENTS

CONFUSIONS
IN ASSOCIATION WITH
SAMUEL FRENCH

OCTOBER 13TH – 14TH – 15TH 2011

CONFUSIONS is a set of interlinked one-act plays written by Alan Ayckbourn - first performed in 1976. Each play deals riotously, but with sharply pointed undertones, with human eccentricities dilemmas; a mother unable to escape from baby talk, an unsuccessful seduction attempt, a fate-fraught dinner encounter, and a chaotic village fete.

Lucy spends so much time at home with the kids, that she's started to treat everyone, even the next door neighbours – like children. Her errant salesman husband, Harry, is miles away in a hotel and has other things on his mind, namely, the charms of Paula and Bernice. Their waiter also has other concerns, the rapidly deteriorating relationships of diners Polly and Martin, and Mr and Mrs Pearce, for instance, Mrs Pearce is invited to open a village fete, but can't possibly have any inkling of the mayhem which is about to ensue!!!

Performances are on Thurs Oct 13th, Fri 14th and Sat 15th starting at **8.00pm** in the main hall at Bottisham Village College. Ticket prices are £7.50 for adults and £6.50 concessions (Thurs night only) and can be purchased from our Telephone booking line on 01223 811033, Chris Clarke Hairdressing in Bottisham and Tina's of Burwell. Tickets can be purchased on the door subject to availability.

If you are interested in joining the Bottisham Players please e-mail via our website, if you are not interested in acting we are desperately seeking back stage personnel and set construction.

REACH FAIR PLANNING MEETING

7.30pm on Wed 12th October at the Village Centre

Comes along with your ideas and offers of help

Walking the Earthworks Way

Residents may have seen a number of new signposts around the village signing "The Earthworks Way" - but what is The Earthworks Way you may ask. The County Council's Rights of Way and Access Team, in association with Cambridgeshire ACRE, has been carrying out selected signposting and waymarking of public paths around Burwell, Reach and Swaffham Prior as part of the Green Fen Way project. The project is funded through the European Union with the aim of generating income through tourism for rural businesses.

The new signposts include destinations and distances to make route finding along the paths easier and more inviting, along with coloured arrows or waymarks (red on byways, blue on bridleways and yellow on footpaths) on wooden posts away from the road. The signs cost the same as those previously used and are gradually being rolled out as standard across the county as external funding becomes available. Many of the parishes around Cambridge, St. Neots and around the area of the proposed Northstowe development now enjoy better signage and now it's the turn of the fens!



So what does this mean for Burwell, Reach and Swaffham Prior? And just what is the Earthworks Way? Some 20 years ago a previous Countryside Commission funded project established a network of improved paths known as "The Devils Dyke Walks" centred on the Devil's Dyke itself. The resulting signs survived, but as with everything, things were wearing out and needed updating. The associated Devils Dyke Walks leaflet, whilst still in circulation, has been out of print for some time. More recently the Devils Dyke Partnership (led by The Wildlife Trust) worked to make improvements to the heritage, biodiversity and access on the monument itself. The current Green Fen Way Project provides extra funding to improve paths on promoted routes.

However the brief for the current project is to provide a circular route rather than a network, taking in the main attractions of the area and especially linking into local services and businesses. This change in focus has meant a change of route to include more of the Burwell paths. To avoid confusion with the Devils Dyke itself (a walk promoted at national level) and with the previous Devils Dyke Walks network, a new name was required. With the Dyke, Burwell Castle, Reach clunch pits and the old railway all featuring earthworks, the Earthworks Way was born.

Project deadlines put us under some pressure and in scrambling to get the signs arranged we did not consult as we should have done on the name - resulting in some mystery when the signs appeared. For this we sincerely apologise. Further works to improve the route have been suggested and we are in discussion with the relevant Parish Councils about these proposals. We hope that after a confused start, this project will leave an important legacy of improved countryside access for local residents, businesses and visitors.

Additional funding is still available through ACRE for improvements to local businesses such as accredited accommodation providers, pubs, cafes, cycle-hire and tourism attractions. Any local business interested in bidding for funding should go to www.cambsacre.org.uk/fensadventurers.

The Rights of Way and Access Team website is regularly updated – please have a look at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countrysideandrights.

We would be very grateful to receive your ideas and feedback both on this route and other public footpaths, bridleways and byways in the County. Either phone us on: 0345 045 5212 or email the team directly at: cst@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Alysoun Hodges

Read this issue of the magazine carefully and find out who carved the village sign!



Church BBQ



Another good turn out from the villagers made the Church BBQ yet another star fundraising event. With an array of delicious salads to accompany the bbq'd burgers and sausages, what more could have been asked?

The selection of puddings and desserts were almost too much for those indecisive folks amongst us. The chocolate and pear sponge pudding was a treat, as was the apple and sultana crumble, I simply couldn't comment on the rest!



Thank you to everyone involved one way or another, to everyone who prepared salads and puds, team BBQ, to those who supplied manpower on the day and to everyone for coming, an amazing £517 was raised for the church. We take our hats off to Pam King and Joyce Harrison.

Good work everyone!

Jo Riches

A Big Thank You to Sue

Long term residents, as well as some of the more recent Reach folk, will already know just how much Sue Dimmock has done for our village over the years. The list is seemingly endless but certainly includes being secretary for the Reach Fair and Village Hall Committees, bottle stall stalwart for countless Reach Fairs, behind the scenes teas, coffee, cakes, mulled wine, mince pies etc at village events ranging from Sports Days to Reach Carols to Fireworks Night on the Hythe (those with long memories will remember how spectacular these were before H&S brought about its sad demise!).

Sue moved into Great Lane in 1981 where she brought up her three daughters, Monique, Rachelle and Michelle Summers with her then husband Dave (also a village stalwart although now moved on to new pastures). Sue was also very actively involved with Swaffham Prior School and her strong sense of community spirit is a great inspiration to young families starting their own family lives in this amazing village of ours.

I am sure many folk would like to join us in wishing Sue and her husband John, who has been hugely supportive behind the scenes, all the very best in their new home in Burwell.

Tony and Sue Jordan

Well Done Cliff Parr!



Cliff Parr receives a certificate from Dr Mary Archer, Chairman, Addenbrooke's Hospital Voluntary Services - awarded for 10 years plus service to Radio Addenbrookes

Queen's Diamond Jubilee



The dates for the celebrations are from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June 2012. The Parish Council had previously decided that the occasion should be celebrated and a committee should be set up in early 2012 to decide specifically what should take place and when – and to organise the event(s). As part of this celebration, the opportunity to acquire a new tree to be planted on the village green was discussed. The current horse chestnut has a lifetime of some 5 - 15 years and it was felt that the village needs to be prepared for this eventuality.

Please may we receive your views about the celebrations and the chestnut tree?

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Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

The Burwell Car Scheme has been in operation for several years serving the residents of the village and has now extended to the residents of Reach. The purpose of this service is to enable people – particularly the frail, elderly and disabled – to get out and about and not feel cut off from everything.

When it is not possible to walk far or to use public transport and you need to keep an appointment at the doctor, dentist, optician, chiropodist, vet, or do the occasional shopping in Burwell or Newmarket, 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.

Also please remember that the drivers are volunteers and as much warning (48 hours) as possible is needed to arrange a driver and plan the journey.

The cost of any journey is 30p per mile (minimum cost £1.50 for local journeys), with the Cambridgeshire County Council making a financial contribution to the drivers for each journey.

If you want to arrange a journey call our dedicated answer phone 01638 742542 with your details and transport requirements and someone will get in touch with you.

Energy Meters

Got better things to spend your money on than electricity bills? Borrow an energy meter from any Cambridgeshire library free of charge and find out how you could cut your electricity bills by as much as 15%. The meters are easy and safe to use and show how much electricity is being used in your home at any one time. Using a meter can help you see just how much energy is used, for example, by lights in empty rooms, appliances on stand-by or boiling a full kettle. Armed with this information, studies show that households can reduce their bills by 5 - 15% by making small changes to use less electricity. Ask to borrow a meter at your local library today and start planning what to do with your savings!

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Some Winter Colour



It's difficult to know when winter is these days, but for me February is definitely spring making and May, June and July summer (seems August is autumn which would be about right this year). So winter colour would be for November, December and January.

I suppose the obvious colour would be winter or universal pansies. These are good for a while when first planted but don't like the cold although they don't die. They then are really good when the weather warms up in February/March. A new series of violas are the Friolina range. They are on the internet as climbing pansies but they are really trailers. Last year, in the coldest of winters, they went flat to the ground but recovered as the frost lifted. They are small flowered but you get loads of flowers at a time. Well worth growing.



Arum italicum "marmoratum" has lovely fresh variegated leaves that stand all the frost that can be thrown at them. They are a variegated form of the wild arum, lords and ladies, devils and angels, cows and bulls, cuckoo-pint, Adam and Eve, bobbins, naked boys, starch-root and wake robin (always good to use the Latin name). It has an intriguing flower in spring and the added bonus of lovely red berries in autumn.

Helleborus niger, the Christmas rose or black hellebore, flowers in January; January 6th being Christmas day under the old Julian calendar. It is good to remove the leaves in early winter to get the full display of the pure white flowers.

Of the bulbs *Eranthis hyemalis*, winter aconite is the earliest. Here again best to use the Latin as *Aconitum* is sometimes referred to as aconite, which is the very poisonous monkshood. These lovely little yellow flowers are members of the buttercup family and have naturalised in many woodlands in the UK. They are poisonous but so acrid that it makes them a very low risk. A few of the snowdrops also flower in the winter.



There are lots of shrubs that provide good winter colour, a trip to Anglesey Abbey or Cambridge Botanics will inspire you. Here are a few that are worth thinking about for your garden. *Cornus alba* has some lovely red forms but is a bit dull for the rest of the year. It does have a few white berries in the autumn. *Skimmia japonica* are small evergreen shrubs which aren't really suited to our limey soils. They are good in pots of ericaceous soil. *Skimmia j.* "Kew Green" has lovely scented white flowers followed by white berries. The more common *Skimmia rubella* has lots of pinky white flowers on the male plants and red berries on the female providing you have a male plant to fertilise their flowers. The lovely *Jasminium nudifolium*, winter jasmine, will flower in the winter but the flowers are often knocked back by the cold. It can become very untidy so needs cutting hard back in spring before tying in later in the year. *Sarcococca*, Christmas box, isn't exactly colourful but it is beautifully scented in late winter. It is a small evergreen shrub which will tolerate our soil conditions. The Viburnums are a large group. They tend to be big shrubs. *Viburnum tinus* will flower in January and is an evergreen shrub which can be cut into a hedge. (there is a good example on the Reach Road in Burwell). *Viburnum* × *bodnantense* has lovely scented winter flowers on bare stems in the winter and the leaves take on good autumn colour before they fall.

I was going to write a piece on poisonous plants but on researching it, it became a minefield as so many plants are poisonous if you eat lots (as Peter Rabbit found out when eating lettuce!).

Janet Hall

What's "Growing On" at Snakehall Farm?

Harvesting Happiness at Snakehall Farm

The co-workers, staff and volunteers at The Prospects Trust celebrated a summer of hard work and bountiful crops at their fun day this September. An eagerly awaited seasonal highlight for all co-workers came to fruition on Wednesday 7th September with a BBQ, cake, welly throwing and well yes, more cake (thanks Rita). There is nothing we like more than a good reason to celebrate and this season's event was all about recognising the hard work over our very busy summer while also remembering all those who have supported our care farm throughout the year by giving up their time, fundraising for us and generally being our community champions. Through the Lottery Funded Reaching for Better Chances Project, the co-workers planned the whole event, from the shopping list to the fun and games. At the top of the list was the "stocks" and Snakehall Farm is now the proud owner of a new game. It is amazing what one volunteer carpenter and one Support Worker with a lot of artistic flair can produce in an afternoon with some left over wood and a bit of paint. Thanks to this creative duo, we all got very wet....just wait until next year.





Co-worker Craig in the stocks and left, co-workers dancing on the farm

Another reason to cheer this year is our latest funding WIN WIN WIN. With a big thank you to all who voted for The Prospects Trust in the recent Co-op Big Community Vote 2011. We were up against some stiff competition in the local area and we are totally amazed that we won. We all agree that this is yet again testimony to our great supporters out and about.

With more thanks going to COFCO and La Hogue for sponsoring a veritable cheese and bread feast, we hosted a Twilight Trustee Recruitment Evening on the farm. This event, combined with some local promotion has resulted in not just one, but potentially three new trustees, joining our committed management team at our November AGM.

Got a lot of bottle? We are still appealing for more plastic bottles to help create the last wall in our recycled plastic bottle greenhouse. As a feature of our new Eco-therapy Garden, our totally green greenhouse will be used by co-workers and school groups when working in this inspiring area. We really want to get this building up in time for the winter, so for once get drinking the fizzy pop, we need your bottles. We are collecting the bottles in our farm shop, so pop the pop and pop in the shop!

Our Farm Shop is a showcase of harvested happiness this time of the year and if you haven't already purchased some of our edible organics here are three reasons why this season you really should.

Reason 1: Support your local Social Enterprise as Thurs 18th Nov is Social Enterprise Day!

To celebrate Social Enterprise Day on Thurs 18th Nov which takes place during Global Entrepreneurship Week, Social Enterprise UK are running their "It's time to meet your local social enterprise" campaign to raise awareness of social enterprise in communities up and down the country.

While the term social enterprise is attracting attention in some quarters nationally, lots of people still don't know about the social enterprises on their doorstep. This day in November provides all social enterprises with the opportunity to showcase and shout about the brilliant work they're doing and the positive impact they're having. Come and pop by the farm to see how we are promoting our social enterprise.

Reason 2: September is the time to "Discover Organic" according to the Soil Association

The Prospects Trust is proud to show off our organic principles and every year we work hard to ensure that we comply with the very stringent and yet worthwhile organic principles governed by the Soil Association. Why do we suggest you choose organic?

- Knowing what's in your food and having a GM-free diet (genetically modified crops and ingredients are banned under organic standards).
- Organic farming releases less greenhouse gases than non-organic farming - choosing organic, local and seasonal food can significantly reduce your carbon footprint,
- For wildlife - Organic farms are havens for wildlife and provide homes for bees, birds and butterflies. In fact, the UK Government's own advisors found that plant, insect and bird life is up to 50% greater on organic farms.

Reason 3: Our Customers can't be wrong!

We have been trialling a new Customer Comments book in our farm shop and each morning we look with delight at the comments from our loyal base. So far we haven't received any negatives but so many positives - we all run to the shop to be the first to read what you all think of The Prospects Trust's produce. Feedback includes "Very good produce", "excellent initiative", "Wonderful - better than Waitrose and Neals Yard put together", "As always good choice and good produce" and "Compliments what I grow myself". Why not try our 100% organic, 100% ethical and 0 food miles produce today. You will find our shop well stocked between Monday to Friday when we are harvesting daily but we are open weekends between dawn and dusk.

Marianne (Maz) Baker

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To find out more or book a slot please contact **Will Hubbard** Garden Team Co-Manager at The Prospects Trust on 01638 741 551 or email enquiries@prospectstrust.org.uk

Wicken Fen News



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Community Picnic on 11th September. It was a fantastic turnout with lots of discussion and good ideas put forward on how the Community Space (24Acre project) can be developed on our recently acquired land. Chris, John and Lois tell me the fruit pies were exceedingly good!

The existing tenant farmer has had his tenancy extended for a further 12 months and will undersow his crop with grass seed, which should provide good grass coverage when his crop is harvested next summer. There is plenty of work to be done over the next 12 months, planning and fundraising to bring the Community Space into reality.



This autumn the National Trust is holding its first ever Walking Festival from 22 -30th October. The aim of the Festival is to encourage people to get outdoors and closer to nature. Together with Anglesey Abbey we are organising a series of exciting walks ranging from Little Amble's, Jolly Ramble's to Big Challenges. Highlights include: Five Miles from Anywhere Walk (Wicken Fen, Sat 22th Oct, 11am – 3pm); Children's Garden Discovery Walk (Anglesey Abbey, Mon 24th Oct, 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm); Seasonal Garden Highlights (Anglesey Abbey, Wed 26th Oct, 11.30am and 2pm); Statues of Anglesey Abbey (Anglesey Abbey, Fri 28th Oct, 11.30 and 2pm). The highlight of the festival will be the Lodes Way Walk – a 16 mile guided walk along the Lodes Way from Anglesey Abbey to Wicken Fen and back on Sunday 30th Oct departing at 9am. Tickets cost £8, which includes lunch at Wicken Fen - don't worry if you can't manage the entire 16 miles as transport from Wicken Fen back to Anglesey Abbey will be available for a small donation. Details of all walks in Cambridgeshire and further afield can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/gonewalking

Talking of walking - local instructor Oliver Gynn will be offering Nordic walks on Thursday 13th Oct, 3rd and 17th Nov and 1st and 15th December. Oliver will be offering two sessions each day - a restricted mobility walk at 1pm and a faster walking group at 2pm. To book a place (£5 per session including pole hire) please telephone Oliver on 01638 742003 or email info@nordicwellbeing.co.uk



We are delighted with the success of our cycle hire venture which was launched on the 1st August. As autumn approaches we plan to operate cycle hire at weekends and half term during October. Hire rates for adult/children's bikes are £7/£5 for two hours or £14/£10 for all day hire.

This summer we also introduced canoe adventures which proved so popular we are extending the programme into the autumn. The adventure involves a 15-minute cycle ride to our launch point on Burwell Lode followed by a one hour canoe lesson with Slip Stream Canoe Guides. The canoe adventure costs £20 for the first person and £10 for each additional person in the party (under 5's free). Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Canoe adventures are being held on the weekends on 1st and 2nd and 8th and 9th October at 11.30 and 2pm.

Autumn events at the Fen include: Basket Making Workshop (Fri 7th Oct, 9.45-5.30pm £60); Mucky Pups Do.Creepy-Crawlies – Trails and craft all about bugs for pre-schoolers, (Wed 19th Oct, 10.30 - 12 noon £3.75); Autumn Adventure – Learn how the changing season affects plants and animals, (Tues 25th October, 10.30 or 2pm £4.50); Batty Halloween – (Fri 28th Oct at 10.30 or 2pm £4.50); and finally our spine chilling Ghost Walk on Sat 29th Oct start time 6.30-7.30pm £5.25. Information and tickets for all events are available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre on 01353 720274.

Many readers will be aware that the Government recently published a draft revision of the National Planning Policy Framework. For decades the planning system has protected much loved local places from harmful development. The Trust along with many other conservation organisations are deeply concerned that the Government's proposals allows financial considerations to dominate, which could result in a green light for poor quality or development in the wrong place, threatening local places valued by you, while failing to deliver wider benefits for your community. The Trust has started a nationwide petition asking the Government to reconsider its proposals – copies of the petition can be signed at Wicken Fen or Anglesey Abbey or on-line by following the links from the National Trust website www.nationaltrust.org.uk. Please hurry if you wish to sign the petition as the closing date for signatures is Sunday 9th October.

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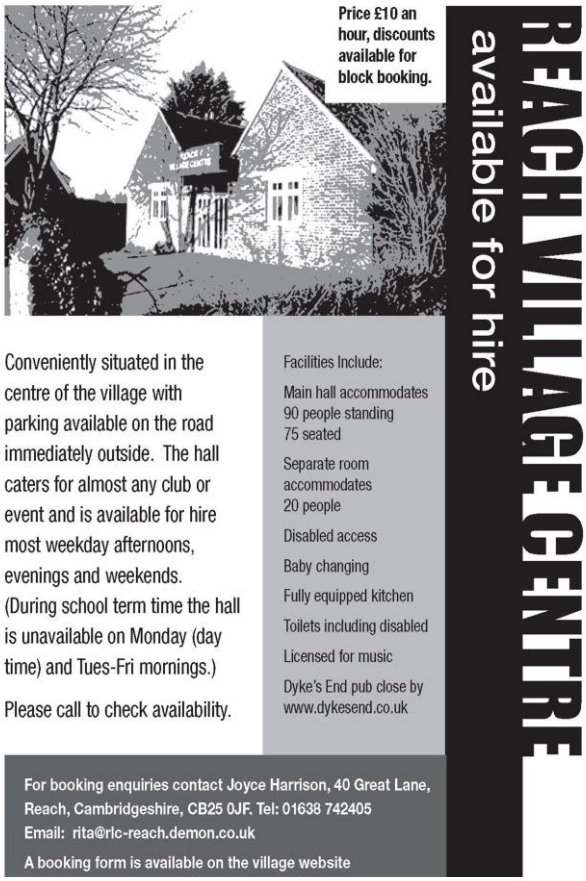
Communities and Local Government

Do you have an interest in local history and enjoy meeting people? Visitors to the Fen are enthralled by Fen Cottage and the lives of the people who lived and worked on the Fen. If you have a few hours to spare each week or month you might consider joining our team of volunteer room guides. Over the coming winter we are organising a series of training and story swapping days where you can meet fellow guides and learn all about the fascinating history of the cottage. If you are interested in volunteering, please get in touch with Isabel Sedgwick at the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 or email Isabel.sedgwick@nationaltrust.org.uk

Howard Cooper



CROSSWORD WINNER

No-one won Zenida's Crossword No.8, but two entrants almost got it right, so better luck next time!

SOLUTION TO ZENIDA'S CROSSWORD No. 8

ACROSS: 1. SUNGLASSES. 6. CRUISE. 8. ECHO. 9. ORB 10. PARK. 11. BIKINI. 12. TIE. 13. NETS. 16. CARAVAN. 18. SHEARER. 19. DAD. 20. SUFI. 22. LIGHT-HOUSE. 24. ALPINE. 26. MET. 28. PROMENADE. 30. PLUS. 32. NOW. 33. HIS. 34. NAG. 36. BUCKET. 37. CLIFFS. 38. WAVES. 40. BOW. 41. NEAT. 43. DRIP. 45. LET. 47. BUOY. 48. REMIT. 49. SEASIDE. 50. FLAGS. 51. KISS.

DOWN: 1. SANDCASTLES. 2. NEON. 3. LOBSTER. 4. SPADE. 5. SENIOR. 6. CORNWALL. 7. SEAWEED. 14. SOUVENIR. 15. SEAGULLS. 17. AMUSEMENTS. 20. SUMO. 21. FETE. 23. HIP. 24. AMEN. 25. PRAWNS. 27. LANDLADY. 29. RACKET. 30. PIRATES. 31. SOUSE. 35. GLOTTIS. 36. BEN. 38. FAIR. 42. ACID. 44. PERK. 46. TE.

The (Apparently) Common Lizard



Another first for our garden this summer, following the Hummingbird Hawk moth of the last issue, has been the Common or Viviparous Lizard. The photo is of the first specimen we found – a female identified by her dark brown stripes and about 13cm (5in) long.

She sat on the patio just long enough for me to get a few good shots. I did a quick internet search to identify it and discovered they are pretty common around the country and found in many habitats. We think this one may have taken up residence in the rockery. There has since been another smaller one spotted in the garden and I've seen one at Wicken Fen basking on the edge of the boardwalk (this was the same day I took the deer photo). These little lizards have to warm up in the sun and only start feeding when their body temperature reaches 30C.



They eat insects, spiders, small worms and snails. They are one of only six native retiles in the UK; along with the slow-worm (a legless lizard, which I have seen once on a reserve in Norfolk), adder, viper, grass snake and the very rare sand lizard. There are another two lizards which are non-native but can be found in certain parts of the country. The reason we have so few reptiles here is because of the whether being generally too cool and damp for these cold-blooded creatures.

Alison Lewis

Fen Chitchat



Horse poo – more than you ever wanted to know?

In the last issue of Within Reach there was an article outlining the amazingly high number of horses in the Reach area.

It is a fact that people have moved to this locality just so that they can benefit from better access to quiet road and off-road riding and other residents (or their children) have been drawn to riding due to its easy availability here.

One of the side effects of all this horse riding may have been noticed by residents – the amount of horse poo. (If you've ever been in London after some big horse parade it is astonishing just how much poo there is all over the road. Makes you realise what life must have been like before cars).

An average horse produces 20kg plus of faeces and 2.4 gallons of urine a day, with 60-70% of the manure being moisture. That's about 15-20 piles a day and the chances are that your horse will do one or two in the course of a ride. Usually I'm up there thinking "Good – that's one less for me to pick up in the field", but you non-horse owners may have other feelings. Certainly one Burwell Bulletin correspondent had strong views on the matter.



I'm always wary about piles of poo deposited in anti-social places. You shouldn't ride on footpaths anyway, but occasionally there's some traffic situation that leaves you no option and if a poo happens there, I'd go back afterwards and move it.

A poo landing in someone's driveway would also make me try and see if the resident was there and check whether they were happy to move it to their rose beds, or apologise and offer to come back and move it later. It's really not practical to get off and try and do so at the 'point of issue'. It's actually illegal to mount and dismount on a main thoroughfare and what could you do? Kick it around a bit whilst your horse danced in the road?

Poo landing in the middle of the road I don't think is a concern. A few cars later and a rain shower and all traces are gone. Horse poo is pretty innocuous stuff. It is basically slightly processed grass and as they are herbivores, the parasites they carry in their faeces are harmless to humans, whereas dogs and cats, being carnivores, carry parasites in their faeces which are very definitely harmful to humans. Dog and cat faeces are much more greasy or sticky than horse poo and they hang around on the pavement far longer. No major disease has ever been linked to exposure to horse manure and in fact among domestic animals, the horse is the animal least likely to play a role in human disease. (NB everyone ferretting around in the soil should beware tetanus).

Actually I have been made aware of one danger of piles of horse poo on blind corners. A motor cyclist friend chattily said that whenever he misjudged the speed to take a corner and was coming into it too fast, there always seemed to be a wet, slippy pile of horse poo sitting in the crucial spot. So I will try and make the horse move on or get in to the edge if he starts 'going' on a bend. Bikers need to be wary anyway. Round every corner could be horse poo, water, mud, ice, children, tractors or livestock. A safe speed is the speed you can travel and safely stop at if you come upon a hazard.



My horse, Aref

Everyone knows that horse manure is good for gardens. You can use it neat as in my experience it doesn't burn the foliage and I never get round to proper composting. The down side is that grass seeds seem to be unaffected by passing through the horses gut so you get a lot of weeds growing. These are pretty easy to cope with though. The NPK numbers suggest that manure is less powerful than chemical fertilizer, but actually it is far better because it builds good soil structure as well as feeding it.

Composting kills weed seeds by prolonged heat. There are many resources telling you how to do this well, but basic guidelines are that you need a reasonably big pile in order to get the material up to a good temperature – 2m diameter is good – use wire or something that will let air in as a structure at the sides and when your pile is 1m high, use a rod or stick to poke air holes in it right down to the ground. Layer 15cm horse poo with equal quantities of green matter such as lawn clippings. Good to add some fertilizer – nitrogen really helps the process. Horses (and other mammals) excrete most of the nitrogen, potassium and sulphur through their pee, so horse manure on its own is low in nitrogen. (Chicken poo is actually the best manure as birds excrete through one hole only, meaning that all these nutrients end up in just the one product).

If you have horse bedding as well, then you will have the urine so there will be much more nitrogen. However bedding that is wood shavings will actually use up nitrogen to break down, so if your compost seems to be heating up very slowly, very probably it will improve if you add a sprinkling of commercial fertilizer. The other thing you may need to add is water – just enough to damp. So the key fundamentals are nitrogen, moisture, air and a large enough pile. After three weeks you should turn it – drier outsides in to the middle. After another 6 weeks it should be perfect. Composting using horse manure is the pinnacle of achievement for good soil and veg and being the kind of guys you are round here, I expect to see the gardeners among you nursing your steaming heaps in the near future. You've plenty of sources around, but if you don't know who to approach, feel free to get in touch.

Thinking about the massive horse population of Reach, wouldn't it be good to get somewhere for the community horse riders to be able to go and exercise out of the way – somewhere adventurous kids can go jumping and dashing about? It would be a first for the UK, I think. I've never heard of any other community purpose horse riding area. I'm not much of a ménage user myself – too lazy and horse too old and arthritic - but the large number of kids in Reach who ride will have a ball. I hope it comes off and the NT are to be thanked for being open to all the creative ideas put forward to them.

Lesley Boyle

Burwell Women's Institute

At the Burwell Women's Institute Meeting on 28th July 2011, Pauline Miller gave a wonderful Flower Arranging Demonstration, making up no less than four beautiful floral displays from scratch.

Pauline used "A Day in a Beautiful Garden" as her theme. The first arrangement used yellow and blue flowers to depict the sun rising at dawn. Bright orange and yellow flowers were used to depict the sun at noon. There was a sophisticated arrangement for tea-time, while the late evening one used flowers that were red, violet and pink, like colours seen in a sunset. The finished arrangements were kindly donated as raffle prizes. Pauline was warmly thanked for her excellent presentation.

At the Burwell Women's Institute Meeting on 25th August everyone enjoyed a delicious Harvest Supper, cooked and served by the Committee, who had also decorated the tables. Afterwards members wrestled with trying to solve two quizzes, which provided much fun as well as a real brain work-out. Attention was again drawn to future W.I. outings: a visit to a play at the theatre at Bury St. Edmunds on 7th October 2011, a Federation weekend visit to Denman College in March 2012 and several other events.

The next meeting of the Burwell Women's Institute, which will be an Open Meeting, will be on 29th September. The Guest Speaker will be Peter Jackson from Scotsdales, speaking about "Plants with Autumn and Winter Interest". The competition will be for "The Most Unusual House Plant".

The following meeting on October 27th will probably be a talk by Burwell First Responders instead of MAGPAS and the competition will be for "The Oldest First-Aid Book".

On 24th November Barbara Redman from Tee-Bee Crafts will demonstrate how to make Christmas gift boxes. The competition will be for the prettiest trinket box.

Meetings are held in the Gardiner Memorial Hall, Burwell at 7.15 for 7.30pm.

Please contact Jenny on 01638 741205 for further information.

Zenida McDonald

Burwell Mothers' Union

Burwell Mothers' Union Programme for September to December 2011. Theme: Faithful Relationship.

2 October	Harvest Lunch
5 October 7.30pm.	Reflection – Frances Leadon.
12 October 10am	M.U. Communion
15 October	M.U. Diocesan Day at Milton Church
19 October 2.30pm.	Faithful Relationship - Rev. Dr. Eleanor Williams
2 November 7.30pm.	Christmas Gifts (for local projects) and a Quiz
23 November 2.30pm.	Lead Kindly Light – Kay Coe
7 December 7.30pm.	Open Meeting – Christmas Crafts and mince pies
15 December 2.30pm.	Christmas Party

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

Many thanks to Susan for providing the above details, despite illness. We all hope Susan feels much better soon.

Zenida McDonald

Presents Galore

This will take place on
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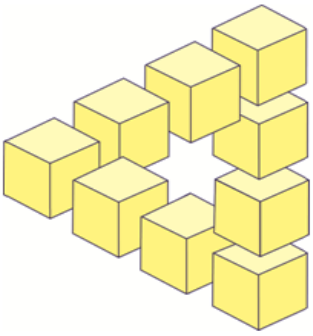

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Days Gone By



At this time in 1978 it was the Boomtown Rats who topped the charts with “Rat Trap”. The band, which included frontman Bob Geldof, continued performing until they finally split in 1986.

Punk Rocker Sid Vicious was arrested on suspicion of murder after the body of his girlfriend Nancy Spungen was found in their New York hotel room.



Vicious, charged under his real name of John Richie, pleaded not guilty to murder and was bailed for £50,000. He subsequently overdosed on heroin and died before any trial in February 1979, at the age of 21.

Continuing the murder theme, MP Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal Party leader, was accused in court of plotting to kill his former homosexual lover.

The former Liberal Party leader and David Holmes, George Deakin and John le Mesurier (no, not Sergeant Wilson) was charged with conspiracy to murder Norman Scott.

The prosecution said that Mr Thorpe had become very anxious that Mr Scott would reveal details of their relationship after it ended in 1963 and irrevocably damage his reputation.

Thorpe had denied both charges and insisted the alleged affair never took place. Proceedings began at the Old Bailey in May 1979 - just after the general election in which Mr Thorpe lost his seat. All four defendants were cleared of the charges a month later, but the case destroyed the MP's career and he did not return to politics.



He looks such a nice chap . . . .

In Reach we were murderless.

The Youth Club was thriving with around 20 regulars attending. There were two table tennis teams under the leadership of Colin Fletcher.

The village, after previous disappointments, acquitted itself well in the Best Kept Village competition, coming fourth in their group.

The Village Centre was formally opened on the 21st October 1978 - followed by a dance with music by “Reflections”. A plaque was unveiled by guest celebrity Arnold Cawthrow who was “Big Chief I-Spy” at the time.

Finally, there was a smashing poem in the October 1978 issue of Out of Reach . . . .

I’m Fine Thank You!

There’s nothing the matter with me
I’m as healthy as I can be
I’ve arthritis in both my knees
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin
But I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in

Arch supports I have for my feet
Or I wouldn’t be able to be on the street
Sleep is denied me night after night
But every morning I find I’m alright
My memory is failing, my head’s in a spin
But I’m awfully well for the shape I’m in

The moral is this, as my tale I unfold
That for you and me who are growing old
It’s better to say “I’m fine” with a grin
Than to let folks know the shape we are in

How do I know that my youth is all spent?
Well my “Get up and Go” has got up and went
But I really don’t mind when I think with a grin
Of all the grand places my “Get up” has been
Old age is golden I’ve heard it said
But sometimes I wonder as I get into bed

With my ears in the drawer and teeth in a cup
My eyes on the table until I wake up
As sleep overtakes me, I think to myself
Is there anything else I could put on the shelf?

I get up each morning and dust off my wits
And pick up the paper and read the "Obits"
If my name is missing I know I'm not dead
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed

Anon

David Parr

Ross's Reflections



Joyce Harrison was a five year old schoolgirl when the horse chestnut tree was planted on the green to celebrate the silver jubilee of George V in 1935. Ever since it has served as one of the village's most treasured landmarks.



Unfortunately, however, trees do not always last as long as some of our older residents and over the past couple of years it has begun to look a bit poorly. The Parish Council has twice removed some dead wood and is trying to extend the life of the tree by having its roots aerated – a fairly inexpensive process designed to increase the uptake of oxygen - but even so the tree surgeons who have visited have suggested that another 15 years might just about be its ticket.

That raises the question of whether we should plant another tree now, so that by the time it finally pops its clogs we will have a semi-mature tree on the green to take its place.

Next year's celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee provide the ideal excuse. We would welcome any suggestions on what variety should be planted and where. Please do contact me, the Parish Clerk or any of the other Parish Councillors (see page 26).

The village has suffered a spate of oil thefts, prompting one resident to ask whether we could have a CCTV camera installed to catch the culprit. The answer to this is probably no, because even if the police could be persuaded that Reach was a crime hotspot deserving of cameras we would have to provide a lot of the funding ourselves – Soham Town Council paid £25,500 towards the installation of its cameras. And even then a CCTV system would not be of great benefit in tackling oil thefts because it would be against the law for them to be trained on private property: all we would be left with after an oil theft would be several uneventful hours of footage of the village green, together with blurred images of a few dozen vehicles, any or none of which might be involved in the thefts.

The police have, however, provided advice on how to minimise the risk of oil theft – based presumably on their observations of tanks which have been targeted. Tanks, they suggest, should be sited within view of your windows, but not in view of the road. Thieves dislike tanks surrounded with gravel because approaching them creates noise. They are not too keen, either on prickly hedges which as well as being potentially painful to negotiate also provide the hazard of causing the thief to bleed, leaving DNA evidence behind. You can lock your oil tank, although a thief may well drill through it instead. For £70 to £100 you could buy yourself a remote oil level gauge which will sound an alarm if the level drops below a certain level. Alternatively, you can demolish your house and replace it with a German-built passivhaus (see below) so well insulated that you can keep it warm with your own body heat, with no need for a drop of oil.

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Our harvest service will take place in Reach Church and Olivia Coles and Rev. Eleanor William will lead us in our celebration of the harvest. Donations of dry goods will be donated to Newmarket Open Door. The Reception class at Swaffham Prior School this year is made up entirely of children that have attended Little Windmills and we wish them all the best. Throughout the year the school risers visit the school regularly so that they become familiar with the staff and the school environment so that the transition is as painless as possible.



Violet Keutgen Swaffham Prior new starter

If you would like to know more about Little Windmills please visit our website at wwwlittlewindmills.co.uk or ring 07803 671200 during session times to check availability. Spaces are filling up fast so don't delay!

Susan Bluck and the Little Windmills Staff

Swaffham Prior Primary School

We have had a very good start to the Autumn Term and it has been wonderful to welcome back the children. The reception children are settling well and we have been joined by some new families.

We have also welcomed a new member of staff, Mrs Sarah Price, who will be teaching Years 3 and 4. As the new Head teacher, I am feeling very positive and excited about the forthcoming year and looking forward to working with the staff, parents, Governors and the surrounding community.



Kian Hayward-Bath enjoys the food of monks

Over the summer holidays the school has had new windows and blinds fitted as well as new fascia boards. The front door also has been replaced giving the school a dramatic facelift! We are very much enjoying the changes.

Already the children from KS2 have been on a fantastic day out to Ely Cathedral and Ely Museum to learn about life in Tudor times. Amongst other things, they learnt about a day in the life of a monk and had the opportunity to dress and try food that would have been eaten at that time. Here are some of their thoughts about the day and interesting facts that they learnt:

"My favourite part of our Tudor Day in Ely was dressing up as a monk because it was fun and I loved the soup".

"Cow horns were used for practical items and were known as the Tudors' plastic".

"My favourite part of our Tudor Day in Ely was when I was holding the real Tudor ornaments with Phillip in Ely Museum because some of the amazing textures and smells on the object were amazing and some of the smells were truly terrible smells".

"Sumptuary laws were passed to curb spending and ensure only the elite could wear certain clothes e.g. colours and furs".

"My favourite part of the Tudor Day in Ely was the monks because we got a nap!"

"Rich Tudor women aspired to have a 16 inch wasp waist including 5yr old girls! It was made of whale bone".

Coming up soon is another school trip. The Year 1 children will be visiting Burwell Surgery and it will be interesting to hear about what they have learnt. I expect there will be some budding first aiders! We also have our annual harvest celebration to look forward to.

Hannah Curtis
Head teacher

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Lady Kathryn Cane

☺☺KIDS' PAGE!!☺☺



Jokes!!

1. Doctor, how do I stop my nose from running?!
Stick your foot out and trip it up!

2. What do elves do after school?
Gnomework!

3. What do frogs drink?
Croak-a-cola!

Top Tip for people in Reception:
If someone is on their own at break, you could go and see if they are alright. You might make a new friend!

Top Tip for Year 7s:
If you always have to find your friends at break or lunch, because you don't have lessons with them - arrange a time and place to meet! Eg The start of break, in the project area.

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Harvest
Guy Fawkes
Windy

Conkers
Trick or Treat
Autumn

Homework
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Sweets
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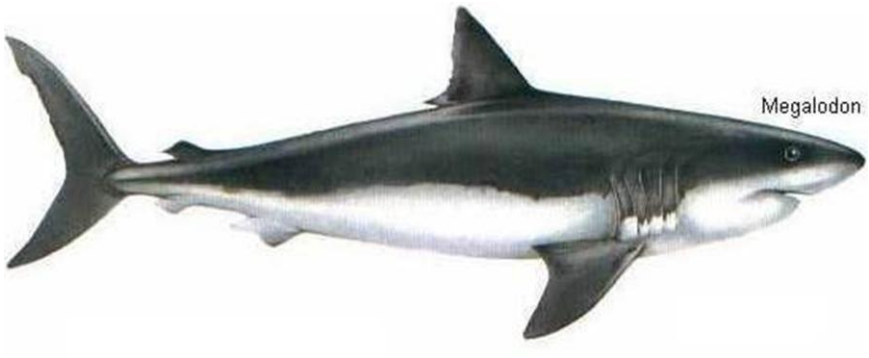
Hector's Amazing Find!



Hector's shark tooth next to a cat tooth





Q. *What is your full name?*
A. *Hector Wilfred Keutgen*

Q. *How old are you?*
A. *Six*

Q. *Where did you find the tooth?*
A. *On the beach at Old Felixstowe*

Q. *What were you doing on the beach?*
A. *I was playing. We were celebrating my sister Violet's birthday and just walking back to the car. I wasn't really looking for anything but then I just spotted it.*

Q. *Did you recognise it as a tooth straight away?*
A. *Not really I thought it was a flint*

Q. *What sort of creature do you think it belongs to?*
A. *A shark that lived 6 million years ago!*

Q. *Do you think you would like to give the tooth to a museum, or keep it?*
A. *Keep it, most definitely*

Sharks first appeared in the Triassic and Jurrasic periods (up to 250 million years ago) and their teeth are often deposited in marine clays, from where they become concentrated on beaches. This tooth is 4.5cm long, with a non-serrated edge and probably belonged to a shark in the Cosmopolitidus genus (of which there were many types), which were top predators common in the Miocene (23-5 million years ago). Towards the end of this period they were superseded, probably out-competed, by Great White and Mako sharks, whose ancestors remain top predators today!

Rita's Recipes

Use up those surplus vegetables by making some delicious chutney - you can enjoy the fruits of your labours until next year.



Courgette/Marrow Chutney

Cooking Time approx 2 hours

Ingredients:

3lbs courgette/marrow
8oz onions
4oz sultanas
4oz dried apricots
1tbsp ground ginger
1tbsp salt
1tsp ground cloves
1½ pints malt vinegar
5 tbsp Irish whiskey (optional)
3lbs cooking apples
1 large clove garlic
4oz raisins
1tsp nutmeg
1½lb sugar
1tbsp cinnamon
2oz blanched almonds (chopped)
chilli powder to taste

Method

Peel courgette/marrow cut lengthways into quarters and deseed, peel and core the apples, skin onions then chop everything into regular sized pieces. Place all the ingredients except the sugar in a large pan and bring to the boil, stirring all the time. Reduce the heat and simmer for 1½-2 hours or until the chutney is thick, stirring occasionally. Add the sugar after about 1hour and stir until dissolved. Stir more frequently during the remainder of the cooking time to ensure the chutney does not scorch or stick to the pan. Spoon the chutney into the prepared jars whilst hot and seal. (Makes about 7lb)



Tomato Chutney

Cooking Time approx 2 hours

Ingredients:

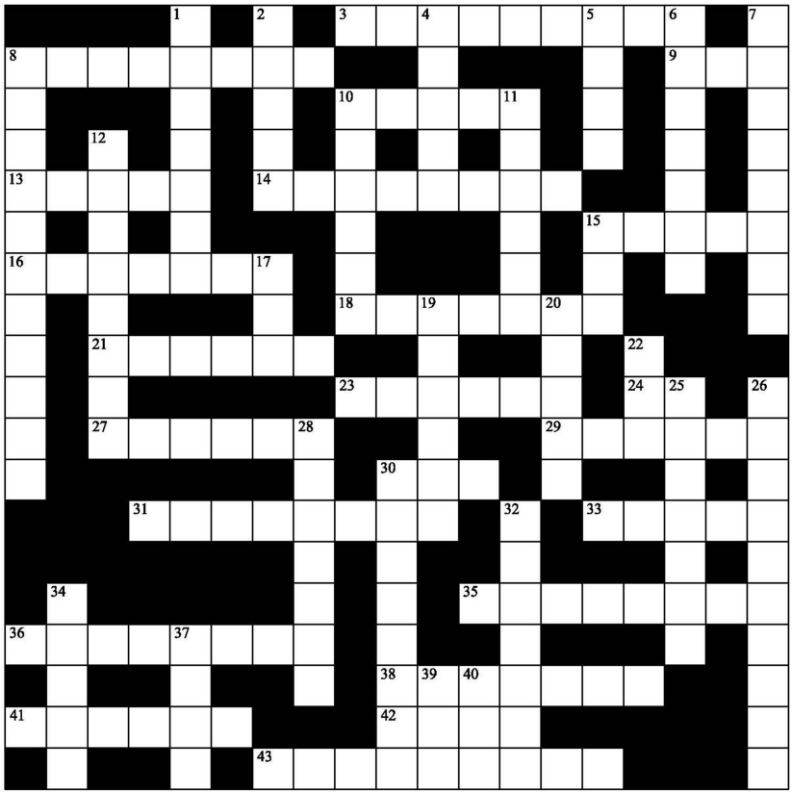
1.8kg tomatoes, skinned and deseeded
340g apples, peeled, cored and diced
½tsp mustard seed, crushed
2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
15g cloves, crushed
30g fresh chillies, deseeded and shredded
225g sultanas
1tbsp salt
15g ground ginger
115g sugar
565ml vinegar
2 onions, finely chopped

Method:

Put all the ingredients into a large saucepan, bring to the boil and then simmer for about 2 hours until thick. Allow to cool slightly. Pour into clean, sterilised jars and seal when cold (makes about 6lb).

Note: The chutneys taste better if kept for a month or two in a cool dark place. Perfect when served with cold ham and turkey at Christmas.

Zenida's Crossword No. 9



The winner and answers to the previous crossword can be found on Page 16

A £5 Book Token will be awarded for the first correct entry opened after the closing date. Please send your entry by Friday 9th November 2011 to:

Zenida's Crossword No. 9
North View House, 16 Chapel Lane,
Reach CB25 OJJ giving your:

Name: _____

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ACROSS

3. Edible fungi (9)
8. Dull vegetables? (8)
9. Found in a pod? (3)
10. He wrote fables (5)
13. Welsh emblems? (5)
14. Small onions (8)
15. To take hold of (5)
16. Foolish, inane (7)
18. Tempting vegetables? (7)
21. Vegetable with many skins (6)
23. Artificial watercourses (6)
24. Opposite of down (2)
27. Vegetable that's hard to pull up? (6)
29. A 'love-apple' (6)
30. A comfy place for flowers to grow? (3)
31. A cool vegetable? (8)
33. Knowing more? (5)
35. Of, or relating to, St. Ursula (8)
36. Vegetable with dark green florets (8)
38. May look like a small peach (7)
41. Large vegetable (6)
42. Obtain, profit, win (4)

DOWN

1. A hot pepper sauce (7)
2. Energetic if you're full of these? (5)
4. Agave fibre used for making ropes (5)
5. 'Lady's fingers' (4)
6. Do these grow up in Brussels? (7)
7. Hot-tasting vegetables (8)
8. A boxer might end up with a…...ear (11)
10. Belongs to the mushroom family (6)
11. Vegetable seen on a couch? (6)
12. Blushing vegetable? (8)
15. Type of lettuce (3)
17. Planets revolve around it (3)
19. Move fast to catch this bean? (6)
20. Buds on the tongue (5)
22. You don't want to be stuck up this tree! (3)
25. A root vegetable (7)
26. In the U.S.A. they're called zucchini (10)
28. Cinderella's coach? (7)
30. A liquid to drink (8)
32. A cocktail (7)
34. Not a narrow bean (5)
37. Heat food (4)
39. Rap backwards (3)
40. To fit with sails (3)



Cricket Report

Reach vs Swaffham Irregulars, Sunday 31st July

With the captain away, Rob Steed stepped forward to take the helm and one can almost hear, just from reading the scorebook, a sigh of relief: for just once Reach would not be dragged down by the captain's habit of fielding first on a hot day just so as to save him the embarrassment of declaring too soon and ceding the match. The score sheet fizzles with liberated men who, instead of being made to slog it up and down the boundary, were able to practice their swashbuckling craft at the crease. J Acklam 26, P Bridgeman 49, M Whittingham 38, G Davies the Elder 35; with such a pile of runs beneath his belt it was no wonder that a selfless Steed declared at 214 for 7 with himself still on 0, thus depriving himself of the chance to carve his blade to an impressive score.



That left 36 overs for the Swaffhams to overhaul what Reach had knocked up in 41. Surely there could only be one result: heroic failure on the part of the Swaffhams as they perished in a rash quest for glory. The only trouble is that this is not quite the same tale as reported in the scorebook. Rather it says that the Swaffhams reached 216 for 9 with one ball to spare. When the news reached the captain on a darkening beach on the shores of the Skagerrak it came, like Hamlet in geographical reverse, as a call to an exiled king to return to save his miserable kingdom.

Reach vs the Unemployables, Sunday 4th September

This should have been Reach's glory day in the finals of the National Village Cup at Lords. Instead, we had the pleasant task of entertaining the Unemployables. Bruised from their last encounter with us, they turned up three men short. It is not unheard of, in this kind of clash, for a home team to have to rustle up two or three players to make up the opposition's numbers, but usually it is a case of going through one's address book for short-sighted over-65 year olds with a pronounced stoop. Instead, we ended up giving them the future England number 6 in the shape of Josh Arkesey of Burwell under-15s. He had already knocked up 79 against us this season and this time proceeded to score 119 not out. The Unemployables declared on 215 for 7; without the players we found for them they would have been 97 all out.



After a nasty squall has passed by we took to the wicket to find ourselves trying to knock our way to victory across a damp outfield. That didn't stop Andrew Trump knocking up 41, his best score for Reach. For 32 the scoreboard seemed to be ticking over at just the right pace to ensure we surpassed the Unemployables' total. Unfortunately, however, that applied to the 'wickets' column as well as to the score. We perished an agonising 20 runs short.

Having won only one game this season and the masses clamouring for the fenland equivalent of the Arab spring, it is time that the dictatorship of the past six years was brought down and Reach Cricket Club set on the transition to democracy. The captain has gone into hiding while rebel forces, with the aid of UN officials, thrash out a constitution. This will give us the formal structure that we need in order to access grants to help create our own cricket ground on the 24Acre field. Further news to follow.

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Sports News



As I write this, the biggest half marathon in the country is in progress – the Great North Run; one of those fabulous all-inclusive events that encourages elite and fun runners alike.

Closer to home, the Milton Parkrun, part of a UK wide Parkrun network, operates under the same ethos - turn up and run or walk for pain or pleasure. I have been a couple of times and I am a big fan - like Andy Mitchell who writes about it below. Andy fails to mention that he has got round the twisty 5 km course in the Country Park in under 19 minutes 57 seconds (definitely a painful run rather than a pleasurable walk) with 19.30 now in his sights.

It's also been 'serious business' for two of our budding male athletes recently and below they both write about what it's like to take on the best in the country. Daniel Blocksage, recently described as the 'flying teenager from Reach' in the Newmarket Journal, has been making a name for himself locally with some cracking times over 10 miles bike time trials. He took on the challenge of the national youth time trial championships in early September. It's a tough call, racing against people two years older and he may have to wait until he is 16 to secure a podium slot. Judging by the 'support crew' of the eventual winner, he and his parents will also have to save in order to intimidate the opposition by turning up in a Rolls Royce and riding with a small fortune in carbon fibre underneath him! He just missed being placed in the top 10 of the 14 year olds – a pretty impressive debut performance!

Ben Snaith, the second talented youth featured here, is no stranger to competing in big national running events and securing podium slots. While GB's top athletes were chasing medals in Daegu, Ben was doing likewise in the UK – with yet again some fantastic results. He has just got faster and faster as the year has progressed and undoubtedly the fastest is definitely yet to come! However it may only be after a slightly longer than planned post season rest. Poor Ben raced (and won) the 100m and 200m in the inter counties in Bury. He was then the final runner in the 4 x 100m relay and though he also secured his team the victory, it was at considerable cost. He injured his hamstring so badly he was taken from the event in an ambulance and has returned on crutches! We wish him a speedy recovery!

Next time round I will be featuring half marathon runners in the village of which there are several - all of whom will have tested themselves over 13 miles before the next Within Reach goes to press. If you would like to share any of your sporting moments or aspirations please do email me at Juliet.vickery@yahoo.co.uk

Juliet Vickery

'A Run in the Park'

Looking for motivation to do some exercise but don't want to spend all your spare time and money on it?

Along with tens of thousands of others, Parkrun is my new motivation. Every Saturday morning in parks across the UK, runners of all abilities and ages, some with pushchairs, some with dogs, some in the latest running gear, line up for a 5 km (3.1 mile) timed race. What is the secret of Parkrun's huge growth in recent years motivating people to take part in sport more effectively than the British Olympic Committee or any government campaign? First and foremost is inclusion; anyone and everyone is encouraged to take part in a completely unintimidating and friendly environment. Whether you finish in 16 minutes or walk a bit and run a bit in an hour, you'll still get the same friendly encouragement.



Andy Mitchell (far left) on a Parkrun

Taking part is simple (see the box below), just turn up at a Parkrun venue (Milton Country Park is our nearest) with your barcode. The run starts at 9am, so you don't lose your Saturday. You don't need to commit to entering the run beforehand, turn up if you can - no problem if you don't, you're not expected to do this every week. It's absolutely free, no catches! You don't need fancy gear, any old trainers will get you through three miles. Interested yet?

At the end of the run your barcode is used to allocate your finish position and time. You can check your time on the internet a couple of hours after the event or sign up to have your time texted to you. For some this is the motivation to achieve personal goals and to improve times, for others the motivation is the friendly sociable aspect, shared during a gentle jog or over a cup of coffee after the run.

Parkrun is a charitable organisation and reliant upon volunteers to help with the events. Regular runners are encouraged to help out with run marshalling from time to time. If you enjoy Parkrun you'll probably be very willing to give something back and keep this event going.

So it's fun, it's easy, there's no commitment, it's good for you and it's free. What's stopping you?

Getting started with Parkrun is easy…

Before you turn up to your first event
you need to register:
go to www.parkrun.com and sign up.
Print out the barcode you're allocated
and take it with you.
Pitch up at any Parkrun event and run. That's it!

Check out: www.facebook.com/parkrun.cambridge for more pictures...

Andy Mitchell

Going Fast on Two Wheels

By accident I found that I happened to have a talent for cycling when I was first given an old racing bike. I remember one day in Year 6, I was watching TV when it was time to go to school and my mother got fed up of asking me to get in the car that she drove off without me. I had no choice but to get on my racing bike and bike to school. Since the bike was bigger than me I could not sit down so I had to stand up all the way which was a distance of five miles. I arrived only 10 minutes late (it took me 20 minutes). I now do five miles in 13 minutes.

As I enjoyed it so much I got a more up to date bike off eBay and started cycling with a cycling club and doing some time trials. In March this year I took part in my first triathlon which consisted of a 400m swim, a 20km bike ride and a 5km run. Out of 160 people, I came 18th overall and 1st out of all the juniors which put me on the BBC news. I have also done my first Parkrun which was a 5km run around Milton Country Park which I did in 25 minutes and I am now trying to shave minutes off ready for the duathlon national championships in March 2012.

I was then told to enter a regional race for ten miles which I came third in. This then put me into the National Championships which took place on Saturday 10th September 2011 at Leicester. It was a very windy day and I completed the 10 mile course in 25 minutes which meant I came 11th in my age group. My goal this coming year will be to train hard enough to get into the top three.

What I am most proud of this year is my triathlon.

To be quite honest with you I haven't really done any real training this year apart from the weekly Newmarket cycle time trails. I go out with my mother most evenings but this is just a warm up. My aim is to start training this upcoming season so hopefully I will beat my personal best.

My recommendation to any youngsters starting out is to put down the TV remote and go out as a family – there are lots of new cycle ways around us ready to be explored.

A couple of weeks ago I was trying out my new cycling clip in shoes and when I finished my race I forgot I had them on and when I tried to get off I fell straight over.

Daniel Blocksage



Going Fast on Two Feet

I train all year round, sometimes up to five times a week and in all weather conditions. I find the hardest commitment however is to my diet. I eat healthily but do miss not being able to indulge. I pointed out that Ussain Bolt ate chicken nuggets before setting a world record but it didn't wash with my coach though.



This season my coach and I have been concentrating more on my speed and improving running technique. This has helped me run more efficiently and increased my speed, so much so that I have also been representing the county in the 100m and 200m which can only help my 400m for next season. I do enjoy the intensity and explosiveness of the short sprints and they don't hurt as much.

I run competitively for Cambridge and Coleridge Athletics Club but train with Newmarket Junior Joggers on Tuesdays and Thursday nights. It's a small friendly club for children of all ages and abilities. More recently I've also been training on the track at Bury St Edmunds. Sport is a great way to socialise and make new friends - I've even made friends with some of my main competitors.

I recommend youngsters to try all sports until you find one you really enjoy. I started with the Triathlon at 8yrs old (under the excellent mentorship of Juliet Vickery). I found that running was my strongest phase and I enjoyed it the most. During my first two years at Bottisham I was running competitively at 1,500m. Since then I have come down in distance with the 400m being my primary event. So another piece of advice would be - don't put yourself in a certain box, give all events a go.

You will have ups and downs, you might not win but stick with it and you can only do your best. Also listen to your parents because they know best (say my parents).

My proudest moment this year was breaking three school records in one day (100m, 200m and relay). My worst moment was failing to make the under 17 400m final at the National AA Championships at Bedford (came 10th overall). But there is always next year.

Ben Snaith

Ben held his own running against older boys this season. His successes include both County Schools and County AA double U17 400m and 200m titles; Gold in the 200m Anglian Schools Championships and silver at the Eastern Counties 200m. He also reached the 200m semi-finals at the National Schools Championships in Gateshead - just missing out on a place in the final and broke two further school records in the 400m and 800m. More recently he won silver at 100m and gold at 200m in the Peterborough City Games, where his sister Maisie also won Gold in the U11 80m.

Juliet Vickery

Friends of Swaffham Prior School Cereal "box-top" tokens

Swaffham Prior school has just signed up to the Nestle cereal "box-tops" collection scheme. This scheme enables the school to claim 10p in cash or 15p in books for each token that is collected.

If you have cereal with these tokens on then please drop them into the school – if you don't have children at the school yourself then you probably live very near to someone who does, and I am sure they would be happy for you to pass on the tokens for them to bring into school (or simply use the post).

The current promotion runs until 31 March 2012, at which point the school can then "cash-in" the tokens for books or money, so there is plenty of time for us to collect lots of tokens.

Thank you in advance if you are able to collect and donate any tokens – the Friends of Swaffham Prior School are always grateful for the support of the community in our fundraising activities.

REACH
PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 7th September 2011

Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Malcolm Brearley	Councillor	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
David Thomas	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

Grahame Radford attended to deliver the YE 31st May 2011 accounts for the Village Centre. He provided an overview of the numbers and answered questions to the satisfaction of the Parish Council.

2. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Clark declared an interest in item 7.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

4 (1) Amenity Fund Committee

No applications for funding or payments were made in the previous month.

4 (2) County Councillor's Report

August has felt to be a really positive month - it started with an early Sunday morning to go to St Ives and catch the first bus to Cambridge. The Guided Bus is up and running and talking to people in Burwell and surrounding villages it is a great asset to the county. There were nearly 56,000 trips in the first week and the bus operators put on extra buses to cope - which is good news. Many local people have used it to visit St Ives and businesses there are reporting an increase in trade.

The Cabinet met to consider an ambitious plan to invest in Superfast Broadband across the County. We agreed that this is one of the keys to enabling businesses to flourish in Cambridgeshire: to attract inward investment, safeguard existing jobs and encourage further employment opportunities. We are now talking with a number of potential providers and have secured over £6 million from Central Government.

Plans for re-shaping family and children's social work have also been coming together in August. Following considerable consultation with families and staff the future shape of the service is being put in place, which will give a better service to those in need, whilst also delivering the best value for taxpayers.

The first meeting of the Burwell Masterplan Working Party, on which I represent the County Council, took place. It was a lively meeting and clearly showed how much people care about the village.

There have also been a number of other issues to address, ranging from the potential impact of any increase of business at Cambridge airport, to timeliness of the awarding of student transport allowances, the conduct of the sale of County Farms land at Reach, the quarterly performance reports for our Children's homes and the ownership position of Burwell Swimming Pool.

4 (3) District Councillor's Report

There is a proposal to build 3,000 houses to the north of Ely by 2031.

Grunty Fen waste site is open from 9.00am to 4.00pm seven days a week and using it is free. The new recycling centre at Witchford will open from 4th November.

The tyres fly-tipped at Headlake Drove and the conifers at Barston Drove will be cleared shortly.

4 (4) Financial Report

The Parish Council is in a financially sound situation; however a non-budgeted cost of £666 for the Parish Council election and a further extra treeworks spend commitment means that for the current financial year a loss of around £1,000 is forecast. This would leave the Parish Council with total reserves, including that set aside for maintenance of the tennis court, of approximately £4,300.

4 (5) Neighbourhood Panels Report

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday October 5th at Bottisham Village College, starting at 7.00pm. **The Clerk** was asked to let the organisers know that no Parish Councillor will be able to attend since it clashes with the October Parish Council meeting.

4 (6) Parish Council Members

No meetings attended.

4 (7) Play Spaces Officer Report

The playground remains in a satisfactory condition with some small remedial work still to be completed. **The Clerk** will provide Councillor Dunnett with the inspection report.

4 (8) Rights of Way Report

An EC grant of £175,000 has been won by CCC, to be used for footpath improvements over the coming 3 years in the Fenland and East Cambs areas. Some of the money will be spent on updating and printing a leaflet on all the walks available with the aim being to improve the level of tourism income by emphasising the local villages' attractions as well as the walks themselves. Both Reach Parish Council and Burwell Parish Council have been critical over a number of aspects of this project, especially the lack of community involvement. Kate Day of CCC is arranging a meeting between representatives of Burwell, Reach and Swaffham Prior Parish Councils to review the project. **The Clerk** will provide documents to Councillor Aves who hopes to be able to attend and also forward email correspondence to County Councillor Brown.

Councillor Clark pointed out that the recently distributed Definitive Map had an error (all footpaths were missing from it). **Councillor Clark** has a copy of the correct map and will distribute this to Councillors.

4 (9) Speedwatch

One check was made in the village in the previous month. 37 vehicles were checked with just one being excessive at 37mph.

4 (10) Village Centre Committee Report

No report provided since no meeting in August.

4 (11) 24Acres Committee Report

Councillor Thomas described the current status of the total project, highlighting the Celebration Picnic.

5. YE 2011 Annual Return External Audit

This item was deferred until the next meeting since the report has not yet been received from the auditors.

6. Clerk's Annual Review

The Parish Council were happy with the performance of the Clerk. As per all public service workers, there would be no pay review this year.

7. Cricket Net Surface Improvement

A villager had suggested that the cricket net surface should be replaced with concrete covered by matting (the current surface was felt to be uneven and potentially dangerous). It was agreed that since a cricket pitch/meadow is one of the proposed projects for the 24Acres, the current cricket net on the playing field should be improved by rolling rather than any permanent concrete surface being constructed.

8. Fly Tipping

A letter composed by Councillor Clark was discussed and it was agreed that it should be sent by **the Clerk** to James Paice MP. It expresses the Parish Council's concern regarding ECDC's lack of effectiveness in deterring or prosecuting offenders, especially where the offences takes place on private land.

9. Localism

The Parish Council had proposed four items which either ECDC or CCC might delegate to Reach Parish Council. Following information received from ECDC it was clear that there would be no savings for the Parish in pursuing any of these any further. The Parish Council's concerns regarding the excessive cost of the recent Parish Council election were conveyed to ECDC and a response received from John Hill, Chief Executive. Following discussion, **the Clerk** was asked to reply to John Hill and take him up on his offer to review the allocation of fees and charges for elections.

Councillor Clark highlighted the implications of the new Localism Bill and will produce a précis of this at a subsequent Parish Council meeting.

10. Oil Thefts

There have been a number of occurrences recently and Ian Hawkins, our local PCSO, has provided some advice on how to combat such thieves. This information has been put up on the village website and where properties do not have access to the internet, a leaflet has been delivered. A suggestion by a villager that a surveillance camera should be installed in the village was discussed and rejected, following advice from PCSO Hawkins.

11. Power Cuts

These have become more frequent over recent times and the Parish Council considered a response from UK Power Networks regarding this issue. **The Clerk** was asked to respond saying that the Parish Council would continue to monitor the situation and report back to UK Power Networks as necessary.

12. Queen's Diamond Jubilee

The dates for the celebrations are from Saturday 2nd June to Tuesday 5th June. The Parish Council had previously decided that the occasion should be celebrated and a committee should be set up in early 2012 to decide specifically what should take place and when – and to organise the event(s). As part of this celebration, the opportunity to acquire a new tree to be planted on the Village Green was discussed. The current horse chestnut has a lifetime of some 5 to 15 years and it was felt that the village needs to be prepared for this eventuality. **Councillor Clark** will write a piece on this subject in the October issue of Within Reach and all villagers will be asked to provide their views on the subject.

13. Treeworks in the Village

This has now been completed – other than the aeration of the tree roots of the horse chestnut on the Village Green.

14. Planning Applications

A recent request for a memorial to be erected in the cemetery was retrospectively approved.

15. Information Items

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that a new street lights contract had been signed, as minuted, with Balfour Beattie.

11. Payments

100989	D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing Aug	£134.00
100988	CR Contracting	Mowing July/Aug	£282.50
100990	British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£17.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th October 2011 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

Chairman: Date:

Saying Thank You



"Don't forget to say please and thank you!"- a piece of advice my mother repeated many times. Something which most of us can probably remember being told and which I have said many times to my own children. It's so simple but it makes such a difference to everyday life.

But it can become automatic and a bit empty, or we forget completely, especially when we're busy with all the things that need to be done each day. And maybe especially so when life seems so full with the constant need to keep up with emails, Facebook and maybe even Twitter…

And sometimes it's hard to keep saying thank you when we are finding that it takes all our energy to keep going, one foot in front of the other, one step at a time – it can feel very difficult to look up and notice things, let alone say thank you.

I was struggling to walk up a mountain path a few weeks ago, trying to keep up with the members of my family with younger, longer legs and I was not really taking any notice of my surroundings, just focussing on how steep the climb was, how tired my legs were and how thirsty I was. And then quite unexpectedly around a corner there was a moment when I actually looked up and saw the view, a breathtakingly beautiful view. And wonderful silence - no background noise, just the sound of birds singing. So what did I do? Whip out my camera of course and try and capture the moment with a photo! But then I caught myself thinking – what am I doing? Stop rushing to try to hold onto it and end up missing the pleasure of being there at that moment. That unexpected moment of beauty. Of grace. Just for a few moments stop, look, listen – be really there. And say thank you.

There is a verse from one of the Psalms in the Bible which always challenges me which says simply: 'Be still and know that I am God'. When I am rushing around or Googling away… I need that reminder to stop, be still and know and experience the presence of God, whether that is in really seeing the world around me, or through other people, or through times of reading the Bible, or praying – and then respond with 'Thank you.'

And to help us keep that sense of gratitude – because sometimes it isn't easy - it's good to have special times when we do specifically stop to say thank you together. Like mealtimes. Like Harvest – a time for gratitude for what we have been given and received.

We will be having our Reach Harvest Songs of Praise for all ages on Saturday 8th October at 6.00 – 6.45pm, just before the Harvest Supper. Do come along and join us! Hymn suggestions are welcome and also suggestions of harvest prayers and readings, perhaps ones that some of the children have done in school? We would also like to include all ages in helping us to decorate the church with harvest drawings, paintings and other decorations. Please bring them to the church during week before.

For more details please contact me on 01638 741262 or vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Eleanor Williams

CentrePeace Cook Book Volume 2



Many of you may remember the very successful CentrePeace Cook Book that we produced a few years ago. Indeed if your copy is anything like mine it's well thumbed and covered in flour!

We're beginning to collect new recipes with a view to producing Volume 2 sometime next year, so if you have a recipe you would like us to include we'd love to hear from you. 2012 is a year with much to celebrate including the Queen's Jubilee and the London Olympics so perhaps you can think of a recipe that is suitable for these occasions. There's Coronation Chicken of course but what about Crown of Lamb, or High Jump Hash, or Swimmers' Soup? Get creative and let us have your ideas! You can email your recipes to pat@patchtcs.co.uk alternatively typed or hand written copies can be handed in to CentrePeace.

It's been good to see so many people at our sessions this summer - please don't forget us as the days get darker! We'll still be there on the second Wednesday of every month with book bargains, Traidcraft cookies and greetings cards, so put these dates in your diary: Oct 12th, Nov 9th and Dec 14th.

Pat Chalmers - Churchwarden

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach
Services at Burwell and Reach		
OCTOBER		
Sunday 2	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Harvest Family Service at Burwell followed by Harvest Lunch in the Guildhall	
Wednesday 5	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 6	10.00am Toddlers Service	
Saturday 8		6.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise 7.00pm Harvest Supper, Village Centre
Sunday 9	9.55am Junior Church 10.00am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday@7
Wednesday 12	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	2.00 – 4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 16 Trinity 17	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church 10.00am Parish Communion 3.00pm Service of dedication for new War Memorial boards	
Wednesday 19	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court – all welcome 7.30pm PCC Meeting	
Sunday 23 Trinity 18	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church 6.00pm Sunday Serenity – a quiet service of healing and reflection	
Wednesday 26	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sat 29	7.30pm Quiz Night, Day Centre Tickets Pat Chalmers	
Sunday 30 Last Sunday after Trinity	**No** 8.00 Holy Communion	10.00am Parish Communion

Church Services at Burwell and Reach

Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach
Services at Burwell and Reach		
November		
Wednesday 2	9.00 Prayer Meeting 10.00 Holy Communion 11.00 Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 3	10.00am Toddlers Service	
Sunday 6 3rd Sunday before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Family Service 3.00 Service of Remembering for All Souls	
Wednesday 9	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 13 2nd Sunday before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church 10.00am Parish Communion 2.30pm Remembrance Service	10.50am Remembrance Service 7.00pm Sunday @ 7
Wednesday 16	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.30am Holy Communion	2.00-4.00pm CentrePeace
Sunday 20 Christ the King	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church 10.00am Parish Communion	
Wednesday 23	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	
Saturday 26	10.00am – 4.00pm Advent Quiet Day Come for all or part of the day	
Sunday 27 1st Sunday of Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 9.55am Junior Church 10.00am Parish Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 30	9.00am Prayer Meeting 10.00am Holy Communion	

Bus Timetable

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**							**Sat**	**M-F**			
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				0704	0719	0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1424	1514	1614	1714
Burwell (Manchetts Ness Road)	0628	0658	0713	0728	0743	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1448	1538	1638	1738
Reach	0638	0708	0723			0848		1048		1248		1448	1458	1548	1648	1748
Swaffham Prior	0644	0714	0729	0741	0756	0854	0951	1054	1151	1254	1351	1454	1504	1554	1654	1754
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0727	0807	0812	0837	0842	0937	1037	1137	1237	1337	1437	1537	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										*	*	
Cambridge (Drummer Street)				0655	0755	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1635	1735	1845
Swaffham Prior				0959	1102	1159	1302	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1712	1809	1919
Reach				1002		1202			1202		1402		1602		1812	1922
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)				1012	1112	1212	1312	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1722	1822	1932
Newmarket (Guineas Station)				1040	1140	1240	1340	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1800		

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

Please note that the bus stops at a number of stops in Burwell – those listed are just timing points

Diary Dates

October	Event	Location	Time
Sat 1	MacMillan Coffee Morning	Village Centre	10.30am
Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Sat 8	Harvest Songs of Praise	St Etheldreda's	6.00-6.45pm
Sat 8	Harvest Supper	Village Centre	7.00pm
Thurs 13	Recycling Day		
Wed 12	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Wed 12	Reach Fair Planning Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Sat 15	Coffee and cake with the Primrose Bakers	St Peter's Church	11am coffee and cake for 11.30am talk and demo £7/8 incl. book voucher
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wed 19	Village Centre Committee	Village Centre	8pm
Tues 25	Alexander McCall Smith Literary Lunch	St Mary's Church	12.30pm lunch for 1pm talk. £16 incl. book voucher
Thurs 27	Recycling Day		
Thurs 27	Claire Tomalin	Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm £7 / 8 incl. book voucher
Sun 30	Pub Quiz	Dyke's End	7.30pm
November			
Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Fri 4	Jeremy Paxman	Ely Cathedral	6.45pm for 7.30pm £7 / 8 incl. book voucher
Wed 9	CentrePeace	St Etheldreda's	2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thurs 10	Recycling Day		
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wed 16	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thurs 24	Recycling Day		
Fri 25th, Sat 26th and Sun 27th	Presents Galore	Rowley Mile Conference Centre	Fri 5.30pm-8.30pm, Sat 10.00am-5.00pm, Sun 10.00am-4.30pm
Sun 27	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	7.30pm
Sun 27	Christmas Market	Bottisham Village College	10am – 4pm
December			
Friday 16	Carol Servive	Village Centre	Evening (TBA)

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
	Councilllor	Malcolm Brearley	mjbrearley@btinternet.com
	Councillor	Rita Dunnett	742943
	Councillor	Hilary Fielding	741853
	Councillor	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Councillor	David Thomas	742676
	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			
	Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
	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	



Top: *Bottisham Village College new starters, left to right, Felicity Blocksage, Hannah, Tim Davies, David Cane and Alice Lingley*

Right: *Reach girls scoop achievement and endeavour prizes at Bottisham Village College, left to right, Susie Tucker (Maths), Freya Thomas (Science), Sophie Bell (English) and Anya Tabecki (Technology)*

Below: *Swaffham Prior new starter Violet Keutgen*













24Acre Village Picnic

