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**AGM of Village Centre Committee**

**7.30pm Wednesday 20 September 2017**

**Village Centre**

**Everyone welcome**

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## From the Editor

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Some regular contributors to the magazine have taken time out but will be back shortly. We thank them their articles which are much appreciated.



We welcome articles from Cath Tayleur and Debbie Quilter. Cath is leading a group of people who are seeking to create a new playground with an extensive range of equipment! The latter varies in use from tiny tots to adult fitness. Have a careful read and pass on your thoughts.

Debbie took the lead on Sports Day. The sun shone and it was an exceptionally glorious day. Thank you to everyone who assisted with the event. Rob Weedon and Tim Quilter took some great photographs and we have two colour souvenirs.

Well done to Dylan Steed who organised a very successful photographic course which was attended by over 20 people. What's next Dylan?

Danuta's articles are always an interesting read, such detail and depth of knowledge transforms me to her garden and the jobs in hand. In this issue, we appreciate the delicacies of dealing with insects and the joys of edible flowers – in batter.

The weather has veered between extremes of being very hot or very wet. Unfortunately, the first two weeks of the school summer hols have been cool and wet. Snakehall Farm is coping well and has shelves burgeoning with salads, vegetables and fruit, and also preserves and chutneys.

Rosanna Moseley Gore is our 'featured villager' and our new roving photographer. It's lovely to read about her impressions of Reach, and very touching to hear about her new life with Charles.

Ross' cricket report is an enjoyable read, even if we don't seem to win many matches. Perhaps Reach need a ladies team?

The harvest service in Reach will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September and traditionally the harvest supper would be on the same evening. Do contact David Parr if you would like to assist with the organising of the supper as it would be a shame if this event ceased.

Enjoy the summer hols and let me have an account of your holiday adventures!

Read this magazine carefully and count how many times Christmas is mentioned.

### Claire Halpin-McDonald

Front Cover Photograph: Rob Weedon  
Sports Day Photographs: Tim Quilter and Rob Weedon.  
Landscape Photographs: Rosanna Moseley Gore

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## About the Magazine

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

Copies of the Minutes of Parish Council meetings and of *Out of Reach* and *Within Reach* magazines can be found on the village website [www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk).

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## Well Done Dylan Steed!

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**Dylan Steed**

Dylan Steed organised a Photographic Course in the Village Centre. The Course extended over a period of ten weeks and was very well attended. Over 20 people of varied ages and abilities attended the Course, and the last session of the Course consisted of an impressive exhibition of photographs.



**Regina Ray, tutor of the photographic class**



**Exhibition of photographs**



### **Bottisham Village College Adult Learning**

**Are you interested in learning  
something new?**

**Our full range of courses for the  
Autumn is now available and you can  
enrol at any time by visiting our website  
[www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning](http://www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning)**

#### **NEW courses include:**

- Maths and English GCSEs for Adults**
- Creating Glass Jewellery**
- Engaging in Contemporary Art**
- Felt Making**
- Garden Design – an Introduction**
- Gentle Keep Fit (daytime)**
- Italian Cuisine**
- Managing Life and Work Changes**
- Singing for Fun**
- Woodwork and DIY Skills for Beginners**

#### **Saturday Workshops include:**

- Effortless Make-up and Day to Evening Make-up**
- Glass Christmas Decorations**
- Illustration for Beginners**
- Introduction to Creative Writing**
- Mindfulness**
- Paediatric First Aid (2 days)**
- Willow and Rush Christmas Decorations**

**[www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning](http://www.bottishamvc.org/adultlearning)**

**01223 811372**

**[adultlearning@bottishamvc.org](mailto:adultlearning@bottishamvc.org)**

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## Swings and Roundabouts? A New Playground for Reach

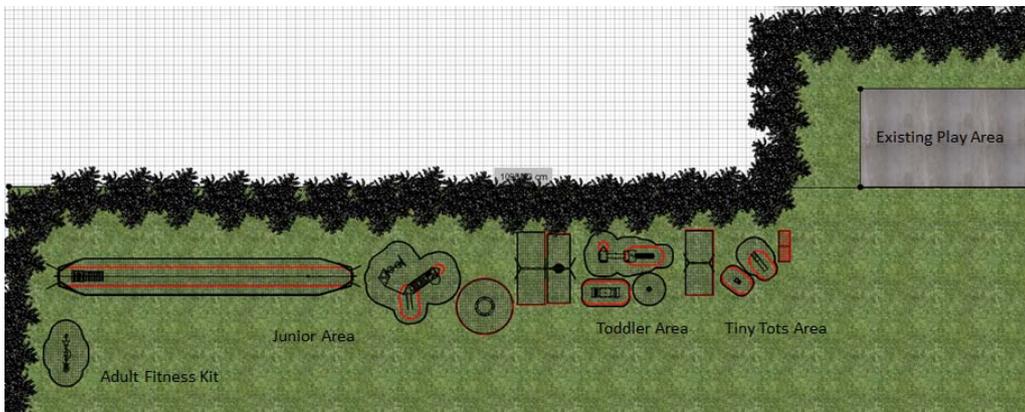
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Many a Reach child has swung, clambered and jumped in our playground nestled under the trees near the playing field. However, all of those small feet have taken a toll and the equipment is now looking a little sorry for itself and the nettles and tree roots continue to erode the rubber surfacing. Our most recent safety inspection has now confirmed that the playground is beyond economic repair, with extensive work needed to keep it safe and functioning. So while the playground is much loved, we feel there is now an opportunity to build a new playground that will better serve the community. In anticipation of this we sent out an online survey around the village last year; the results showed that all respondents thought having a playground was a vital village amenity and that it was a focal point for families in the

village. However, nearly everyone (87%) agreed they would use the playground more frequently if it had a wider range of equipment; villagers often trekked to Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell because of greater choice.

There was a long wish-list of things people wanted to see in a new playground. But in general there was a call for equipment to suit both older and younger children. Basket swings, slides, a zip-wire and fitness equipment all topped the list of requests. Clearly, fitting this brief into the current space would require us to bend the physical laws of nature with some tardis-like design! Therefore the possibility of moving the playground to the edge of the playing field has been discussed. This option would have the added bonus of making access on Fair day considerably easier. Of course, for those keen footballers, care would be taken to preserve the size of the existing pitch.

**Cath Tayleur**



**Proposed layout and location of the new playground**

Three different companies have provided quotes and designs for a new playground. One of the priorities for the Parish Council is to minimise the ongoing maintenance costs, therefore our preferred supplier (Kompan) is one that provides steel framed equipment that comes with a lifetime warranty. Kompan has worked with many other villages in Cambridgeshire and provides an exciting range of colourful and durable equipment.

So far we have run consultations with the Montessori, Swaffham Prior School and at the Village Sports Day but we want to make sure that everyone has a chance to provide their views. In particular we welcome feedback on the design and the proposed new location. We would stress that at this point no final decision has been made with regards to design, supplier or location. Any thoughts can be sent to the Parish Clerk.

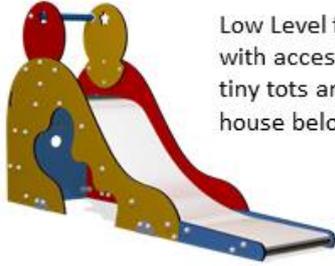
Unfortunately playgrounds are expensive and we are working hard to secure the funds we need to make this possible. Any local demolition experts who can help removing the existing equipment would be appreciated! However, we are hopeful that we can deliver a fantastic playground within the next year to serve many generations of Reach children.

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**Village children voting on the new designs at Sports Day**

## Proposed Equipment for New Playground



Low Level fast slide with access steps for tiny tots and play house below



4 way Springer



Starter Swing, Tiny Tots



Toddler Multi play with Physical, social, cognitive elements



Inclusive Multi See Saw

Spinning Post for Younger Children



Multi Spinner Carousel

Combination flat seat swing and Nest Swing



Exciting Multi Play unit with 11 Activities



33m Long Cable with guaranteed ride of 25m



Social Unit including Power Bike, Free Runner and Cross Trainer

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## Burwell Museum and Windmill

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A new exhibition at Burwell Museum tells the story of education in the village and features objects, archives, photos and memories shared by local residents, past and present



'Looking Back at Burwell Schools' was inspired by a chance find at the museum; a job application from a Miss Florence Carter dated 19 December 1941. Florence was applying for the post of headmistress of St Mary's School, the boys school that was behind the church. There were two other schools in the village at that time, St Andrew's in North Street and the British School which is where Burwell Village College is now located.

Through their research, museum volunteers Hazel Crane and Linda Fagence have uncovered individual stories and archive materials that are helping the museum to piece together some of the history of Burwell's schools, pupils and school life, from the mid-1700s to the present. The exhibition will include displays on punishment, log books from school meetings and first-hand accounts of pupils' behaviour. The museum's Victorian schoolroom has also received a makeover and younger visitors can experience what school life would have been like in the early 20th century.

The exhibition also presents an opportunity for people to add their own memories of school life in Burwell, to help the museum to build an even more comprehensive archive. So if you have any stories or photos to share the museum would love to hear from you. Come along to the exhibition and speak to one of the volunteers or contact [museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk](mailto:museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk).

The exhibition runs from Thursday 6 July to Thursday 7 September. Standard museum admission applies.

### Burwell Museum and Windmill Events

#### Thursday 10 August, 2 – 5pm Summer Crazes and Comics

Mums and dads – remember summertime crazes? Bounce on a space hopper, try tie-dying and learn dance crazes from the past. Meet our comic book artist who'll teach you how to draw your own cartoons.

#### Thursday 17 August, 2 – 5pm Victorian Crafts and Inventions

Try your hand at silhouettes and moving toys, and join our engineer to explore and create inventions inspired by the Victorians.



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL 1905



**Burwell Museum and Windmill Events (continued)**

**Thursday 24 August, 2 – 5pm**

**Back to School Already?**

Inspired by our summer exhibition, head back in time to our 1950s classroom for a lesson with the museum headmistress!

**Sunday 17 September, 11am – 5pm**

**Fen Edge Harvest Fair**

A day of local history and harvest fun. Enjoy short talks and baking demonstrations, make your own Fen medicines and try local food and drink.

**Standard admission applies. For a full list of events visit**

[www.burwellmuseum.org.uk](http://www.burwellmuseum.org.uk)

01638 605544

[museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk](mailto:museum@burwellmuseum.org.uk)

Burwell Museum, Mill Close, Burwell, Cambridge CB25 0HL

**Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2017**



Hunstanton and Lavender, Tues 15 Aug £15

Sheringham 40s, Sun 17 Sept £18

Northampton, Fri 6 Oct £17

Brick Lane Xmas Show (Adults Only), 8 Dec £68

**Tickets from Tina's Shop, Burwell or  
ring Barbara on 01638 741581**

**Refresh Café  
at St Mary's  
Fridays 9.30 -11.00**

**A café & play space  
for pre-school children  
& their parents & carers**

**Refreshments, Games, Craft  
Songs, Bible Story**

**Older siblings welcome  
during school holidays  
No café on Aug 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**



St Mary's Burwell  
St Etheldreda's Reach



Loving God, Loving People

**Burwell and Reach Car Scheme**

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

Transport cannot be provided for hospital OutPatient appointments

Contact Hours: 8.30am – 5.00pm Monday – Friday,  
please give us at least 48 hour's notice  
01638 742543 answer phone.

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

# Heritage Weekend Programme

## 8th to 10th September 2017

The City of Ely is steeped in history and is proud of its strong heritage with the largest collection of monastic buildings in private dwelling in Europe. It is therefore fitting that we join in with the national Heritage weekend celebrations. This provides an excellent opportunity for locals and visitors alike to see many of the City's buildings for free and visit some venues not usually open to the public.

### Friday 8th September – Open Night

Ely's visitor attractions are opening their doors, **free of charge**, so you can experience these atmospheric buildings after hours.

#### **Oliver Cromwell's House, 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

Visit this impressive historic house at dusk and experience domestic life in the 17th Century in our re-created period rooms. Play with the toys of the times and venture into the Haunted Bedroom if you dare! No pre-booking necessary.

#### **Ely Museum – 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm**

Take this free opportunity to visit our bright, friendly local history museum. Displays include original prison cells, fossils to touch and Roman remains. No pre-booking necessary.

#### **Ely Cathedral – 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm**

One of the most magnificent examples of medieval architecture in Europe, Ely Cathedral is steeped in history, which dates back to the 11th century. The Cathedral will be offering Twilight Tours of either the historical West Tower or the world famous Octagon Tower. Places for the tours are limited to two tickets per person and must be pre-booked at 01353 660359 or [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org)

### Saturday 9th September – Open Tours

#### **Ely's Architectural Walking Tour - 11.30 am**

What better way of discovering the wealth of architecture of some of Ely's period, historical buildings during this walk with our informed guide. Departing from Ely Tourist Information Centre at Oliver Cromwell's House. Places must be pre-booking at [www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)

#### **Ely Cathedral – West Tower Tour - 10:00am**

Ely Cathedral will be offering a tour of the famous West Tower at 10:00 am. At 215ft high, the West Tower offers one of the most spectacular views across the Cambridgeshire landscape.

Places for the tour is limited to two tickets per person and must be pre-booked via our website at [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org) or 01353 660359

#### **Ely Museum – 11.00am**

Let our knowledgeable guide lead you around Ely Museum exploring the fascinating history of The Old Gaol.

Discover fascinating local archaeology, learn about the Fenland landscape and spot Oliver Cromwell's signature.

Children can pick up one of our 'Explorers' Kits' from the front desk.

Places must be pre-booking at [www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)

## Heritage Weekend Programme 8th to 10th September 2017

### **Old Palace – 10 am to 4.00 pm, departing every 40 mins**

The splendid Bishop's Palace dating from the 15th century, now owned and managed by Kings School Ely, is open for guided tours. Tours will depart from the main entrance hall. Pre-booking advisable.  
Contact 01353 660700 or [EmandaMoscatelli@kingsely.org](mailto:EmandaMoscatelli@kingsely.org)

## **Sunday 10th September – Open Houses**

### **Silver Street Cottages – 10.30 am to 4.00 pm**

Chance to visit these medieval cottages dating from the 15th Century and view the 16th century first floor wall paintings. Places must be pre-booking at [www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)

### **Old Porta – Tours, curtesy of Kings School will run at 2.00, 2.30, 3.00, and 3.30 pm**

Ely Porta was once the main entrance to Ely monastery and through it passed travellers, pilgrims, royalty and local people selling their wares to the monastery. Today it houses the Kings' School Library and you can marvel at the architecture of the building and its impressive collection of books.  
Places must be pre-booking at [www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)

### **The Monastic Barn – tours, curtesy of Kings School will run at 2, 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30 pm**

Situated beside Cherry Hill Park the Monastic Barn was built c.1375 in the reign of Edward III for storage of wheat, malt, salted meat and other foodstuffs. Now a magnificent dining hall for the Kings School with arched doorways and exposed beamed ceiling. Places must be pre-booking at [www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk](http://www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk)

### **Prior Crauden's Chapel – 10 am to 4.00 pm**

Rarely open to the public, don't miss the chance to visit this impressive 14th Century chapel with its wall paintings and medieval tiled floor.  
Places for the tours are limited and must be pre-booked via the website at [www.elycathedral.org](http://www.elycathedral.org) or 01353 660359

Ely Tourist Information Centre, Oliver Cromwell's House,  
29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambs. CB7 4HF

Tel: 01353 662062 E-mail: [tic@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tic@eastcambs.gov.uk)



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## Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

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Club members are enjoying their summer break and are hoping to take many new images for use in club competitions during the forthcoming year. The annual dinner and social evening was held on 12 May where cups and trophies were presented by the Chairman Gerry Metcalfe DPAGB.

New members of the community who are interested in photography may wish to attend our 'Welcome Back' meeting on the Tuesday 12 September 2017. We are a long established club, meeting originally in Burwell and now for many years our venue has been Lode Chapel. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, you may be interested in developing your photography skills further, so why not give us a try?



**Fun in the Fountains. Martin Rushworth DPAGB APAGB**

The programme for our new year which commences on Tuesday 12 September 2017, is available on our website - [www.bottburpc.org](http://www.bottburpc.org) This also shows our gallery of members' photographs including the winning entries from previous competitions.

### Dates for Your Diary:

**'Welcome Back'** First meeting of the clubs year (2017/2018) will be held on **Tuesday 12 September 2017**, when members are asked to bring three prints and/or three digital images taken over the summer break. Last year's award winning prints and digital images will also be shown during the evening.

### Tuesday 19 September 2017

**'Lifting the Lid on How'** Jamie Hall, (GDT) European Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2016. Jamie is a wildlife photographer based in Suffolk and will give a digital presentation together with an insight into how he produces his images.

### Tuesday 3 October 2017

**'An Evening with Andy Beel FRPS'** Andy is a professional photographer, writer and mentor. He is an acknowledged expert in monochrome photography and will be giving a digital presentation of his Black/White photography.



**Hey Good Lookin'. Jim Bennett**

The club has a friendly atmosphere and new members are very welcome. Personal help and advice regarding all aspects of photography, is available from existing members, whose experience ranges over many years. If attending the 'Welcome Back' evening you may if wished, bring three of your own pictures (any size) that you have taken during the summer.

The club always welcomes guests to any meeting at our venue, Lode Chapel **CB25 9EW** from 7:30 – 9:30pm. Fee of £3.00 including refreshments, refunded on joining.

Annual subscriptions: Adult: £40.00, Joint Membership: £67.00, Student: £21.00, refreshments 50p.

For further details contact the Secretary:

**Mrs Daphne Hanson DPAGB APAGB**

T: 01638 741106

Website: [www.bottburpc.org](http://www.bottburpc.org)

### Barry Coles

### Publicity Officer



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## Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

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www.cambsfire.gov.uk

PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

When powering up your BBQ's be sure to take note of our top tips below to ensure you have a fun and safe summer in the garden.

- If cooking outdoors, always check barbeques over after winter storage, keep them on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent

With the Summer Holidays in full swing, we are warning young people to stay safe in the County's waterways and making you aware of the dangers of swimming in open water.

- With the sun shining, the public and particularly young people are more inclined to gather around waterways to socialise and enjoy the weather, and we have seen this during the past weeks.
- We want to remind people to keep our #RememberRony campaign on their minds before they get tempted to cool down in rivers and lakes and instead go to a supervised lido. Young people often gather near lakes and rivers, some of which are not always the easiest to access for emergency vehicles and many which are actually private property, not designed for public swimming with no lifeguard on site.
- The fire service's #RememberRony campaign aims to educate young people about the risks associated with open water. It is backed by the family of Huntingdon schoolboy Rony John, who sadly died in 2014 during the first week of the summer holidays, while playing with friends in the Great River Ouse.
- It is important for parents and young people to be aware of the many risks that open water possesses,

such as being deeper than anticipated, with hazards below the surface to get trapped on. Even though the sun may be shining, the water could still be very cold causing the body to cramp up quickly and posing a risk to you getting out the water safely.

- It is also important that if you see someone in trouble in water that you know what to do. Call 999 immediately with clear details of your location and if possible send someone to the nearest road to flag down the emergency services when they arrive. You can find the nearest life ring or anything that could help them float, and if someone goes under the water, mark on the water's edge the place they were last seen with something like a piece of clothing.
- For more information about water safety visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk) or to pledge that you will stay safe around open water this summer, use the hashtag #RememberRony on social media.
- For more information on firework and bonfire safety log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk), follow us on social media or call 01480 444500.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk). Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

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## The Ely Mothers Union

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Meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, at 2:00pm in The Guildhall.

We also meet at various venues on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:30pm. Please check the Pew Sheet for this month's venue, or contact the Branch Leader, Mrs S Baker.

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## Martin Boswell's Photographs of Reach

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In the last issue of Within Reach (June/July) there were some wonderful old photographs of Reach. The photographs were sent by Martin Boswell to Philip Lewis who lives at No.21 Fair Green. Many years ago Martin used to visit his grandmother who lived at No.21.

*Sorry not to have made this clear at the time of reproducing the photographs. Ed.*

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## Out and About. Summer 2017

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An unfortunate back injury has prevented any Out & About activity. Reporting village-related wildlife sightings is consequently almost nonexistent. Happily, people have sent their own observations, for which I'm most grateful.



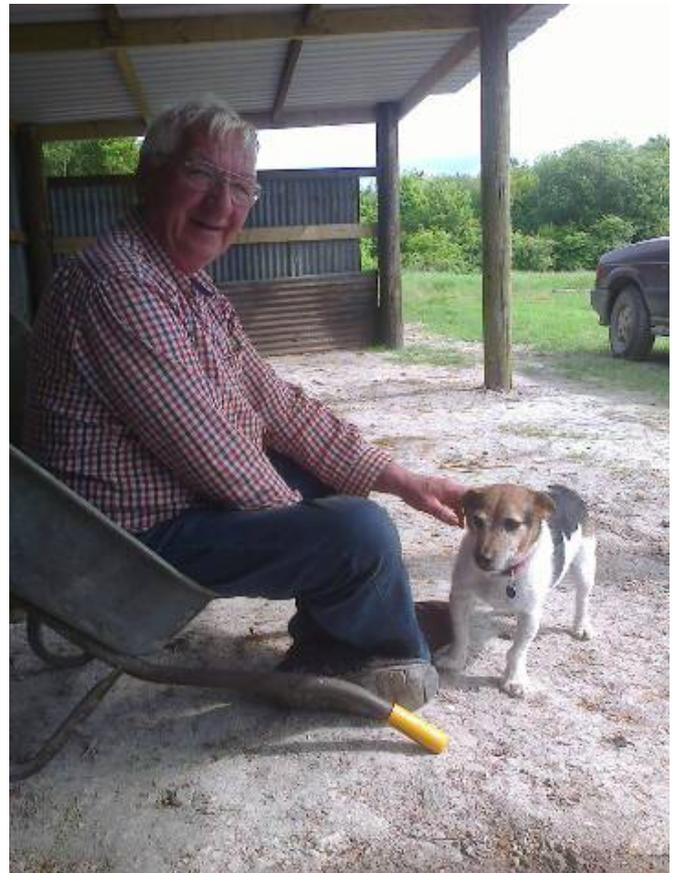
**Penny and Ron's nightly visitor**

We were relieved when four swallow chicks survived the baking hot stable roof temperatures again this year at the field. They crammed into the alternative nest Ron installed below the roof line which was cooler. The parents ceaselessly and noisily worked at their survival, hawking insects and dive-bombing us and the elderly stable cat. Later, the youngsters would perch on the stable roof trusses chattering when I did the yard. The presence of horses in the stables and the yard cat fortunately deterred the nearby marauding corvids.

I briefly saw Nick Davies, expert on the cuckoo, who reported that the only active cuckoo nest was along Reach Lode.



**The swallow chicks survived**



**Ron and Tommy at their field**

We noticed two adult hedgehogs inhabit our garden in Great Lane once again. They arrived in late May and remain partial to an offering of dog/cat food or mealworms.

12.5 Penny Greenwood text: Did you get the message from Ron re the arrival of the swifts? They arrived on our first wedding anniversary (the 10th) which was very exciting. We are just going outside to sit and watch them flying around

The second brood of garden blackbirds also survived although I wonder how, once fledged they noisily announce their presence without having the benefit of flight. Luckily, visiting cats were thwarted and the youngsters still live deep in the garden margins screeching for food.

21.5 Tracy Lynch text: Watching 2 yellowhammers chasing each other from tree to tree in my garden (at Springhall Farm).

- 25.5 Hilary Fielding email: Saw pair of bullfinches from my studio window on Thursday afternoon...female with worms/whatever in beak.. flew off towards Reach wood.
- 29.5 Penny Greenwood: Text: Pretty sure little owl has babies now. Arn't the swifts amazing.
- 4.6. Juliet Vickery text: One for nature notes, just saw red kite over the garden.
- 6.6. Tracy text: 2<sup>nd</sup> brood blue/great tits.
- 21.6 Penny text: A little visitor in our garden last night. Waiting for him to come out tonight! (See photo below)
- 20.6 A large hare spotted in the Reach Riders Group arena at the 24 Acres in the evening.
- June: Ron Greenhill: saw a toad, lizard and grass snake skin on his new field entrance.
- Sue Bailey spotted a toad in their house!
- 29.6 Ron heard the call of a turtle dove twice in Reach Wood. Last heard 4 years ago. He said it was calling for a mate but that, sadly, it had a slim chance with such a high proportion of local magpies raiding nests.
- 29.6 Long tailed tits fluttering in hedge near Reach Wood.

**Joss Goodchild**

**The VILLAGE CENTRE  
100 CLUB for 2017**

Help raise money to run the Village Centre

Tickets are just £10 for a full year and we have eight draws of £20 on the third Wednesday of the month and two draws of £50 in July and December

**100 CLUB WINNERS**

**April The Jordans £20**  
**May Racheal Lowe £20**  
**June Ron Dunnett £20**

Please contact Andrew Towers to be part of the draw

## Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners

17 October	AGM	
21 November	Pippa Temple	Elizabethan Gardens

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

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

Chairman: Peter Hart 01638 741681

Treasurer: Maggie Haverson

Joint Secretaries: Margaret Joyce and Mary Hart 01638 741681

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## Mediterranean Plantings

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Photo: Howard Rice

Low rainfall and well-drained, shallow soils provide the ideal conditions for us here at Cambridge University Botanic Garden to grow plants from the Mediterranean. Our extensive Mediterranean collection can be seen in the centre of the Garden, and includes the familiar, such as the sub-shrubby, fragrant lavenders, to the less so, including Greek horehound (*Ballota acetabulosa*).

Plants thriving in Mediterranean climates are diverse in habit, texture, and colour. When combined, these can deliver a diverse planting of contrasting shapes, textures, flowers and scent, while also minimising the need for supplementary irrigation. Shrubs such as the white-flowered *Cistus monspeliensis* can provide an evergreen backdrop for the steely-blue perennial *Eryngium creticum*. Annual interest is provided by the hare's tail grass, *Lagurus ovatus*, and *Galactites tomentosum*, or milk thistle. Species from the Mediterranean show adaptations which enable them to survive hot and dry conditions. A look at the plants in our display will reveal small leaves with waxy surfaces to reduce water loss, along with leaves covered in small hairs which reflect intense sunlight. Many, including lavenders and cotton lavenders, also contain volatiles within their leaves which release a distinct scent on hot, sunny days.



Photo: Howard Rice

Given the vast array of Mediterranean species available, and their ease of cultivation in a warm, free draining site with low rainfall, it is easy to introduce floral colour and texture to your own garden. Failing this, why not come and enjoy the sights August / September 2017

and smells of the Mediterranean landscape on your own doorstep here at the Botanic Garden.

The Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open from 10am – 6pm, June – September, 7 days a week. The Glasshouses and Café close 30 minutes before the Garden and the Botanic Garden Shop at Brookside closes 15 minutes before the Garden. Please check the website at [www.botanic.cam.ac.uk](http://www.botanic.cam.ac.uk) or telephone 01223 336265 for details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and special events.

**Sally Pettit**  
Head of Horticulture  
Cambridge University Botanic Garden

**St Etheldreda's  
Reach  
Harvest Service  
Saturday  
30<sup>th</sup> September  
6.00 - 6.40 pm  
A short service  
of Harvest Hymns  
& Readings  
Collection  
for Foodbank  
& Christian Aid**



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## Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News

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Summer is moving on and it's noticeable that birds are singing less now the breeding season is over and adult cuckoos have long since headed south for winter (what a depressing thought).

Overall it appears to have been a particularly good breeding season for waders on the reserve, especially for lapwings. Bittern and marsh harriers have been on the reserve all summer, so hopefully they will have successfully bred, and we have reports of four cuckoo chicks successfully fledging. The combination of warm sunshine & showers was particularly good for the fen's plant communities, with fantastic displays of wildflowers across the reserve.

Wicken Fen has a key role to play in the Trust's flagship 'Land Outdoors and Nature Strategy', whose over-arching theme is that our land will be better, bigger, more joined up in order to restore a healthy, beautiful and natural environment. At Wicken, the Site of Special Scientific Interest, which covers Sedge Fen, has been classed as 'unfavourable recovering' by Natural England. It's our mission to return this back into 'favourable condition'. To help achieve this we have recently recruited a new Ranger, whose role will be solely focussed on managing Sedge Fen. This August we will also be trialling a Fen Harvester, with a view to purchasing our own next year. Maintaining an annual cutting regime is vital to the overall health of the fen, but our existing equipment often cannot cope with the wet ground conditions which this specialist piece of equipment can.



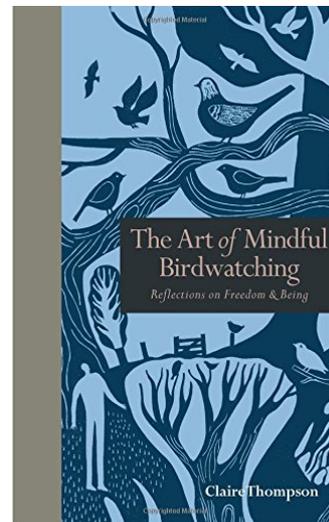
Thankfully all our cattle passed their recent TB tests, which were carried out slightly earlier than planned due to a recent incidence of TB on a nearby farm. **(Since originally scribing this article it transpires that the bureaucrats at the Animal and Plant Health Agency made a slight error – the nearby farm turns out to be in Cornwall, only a few hundred miles from Wicken!!)** Due to the expansive free roaming spread of the herds, and the fact that they have very little human contact, it was a major task to build and move pens and races on Baker's Fen, Hurdle Hall & Burwell Fen, and to coax the animals into them.

Unfortunately there appears to have been an increase in incidences of illegal fly tipping in recent months, particularly August / September 2017



on the local droves. Only the other week a considerable amount of waste was dumped on our land which forms the picnic area by Reach Lode Bridge. We have far better things to spend our limited financial resources on than clearing illegally dumped waste. If you witness dumping taking place please contact the Police immediately, or contact the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 if you happen upon recently dumped waste, in order that we can take appropriate action to get it removed.

Our summer holiday programme of events is in full swing, upcoming events include: **Painting the Fens**, Tues 1 August; **Pond Dipping and Minibeast Hunting**, Tues 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 August; **Traditional Mud Oven Cooking**, Wed 2 & Thurs 3 August; **Summertime Arts and Crafts**, Fri 4 & Mon 14 August; **Go Wild: Woodcraft skills**, Mon 7 August; **Storytime: Teddy bears picnic**, Wed 9 August; **Mud Glorious Mud**, Fri 11 & Mon 21 August; **Fenland Fairies and Pixies**, Fri 18 & Wed 30 August; **Go Wild: Owl Detectives**, Wed 23 August; **Storytime: Superworm's adventure!** Fri 25 August. Details for all events / booking arrangements can be found on our website at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen)



We are hosting the launch of Claire Thompson's latest book '**The Art of Mindful Birdwatching**' on Saturday 2 September. There will be a short talk / workshop at 10.30am, followed by refreshments. Claire works for Birdlife International, and her latest book is not just for experienced birdwatchers, but anyone wishing to just enjoy the inherent beauty and wonder of birds.

Other autumn events include **Painting the Fens**, an event for adults new to watercolours and landscape painting on Saturday 16 September; **Rush Weaving Workshop** on Friday 22 Sept; and an **Introduction to Felt Making** on Saturday 23 September. Full details are available on our website.

Down at Anglesey Abbey their spectacular **Dahlia Festival** will run from Tuesday 12 - Sunday 1 October, when besides the main Dahlia Garden, there will be dahlia inspired installations throughout the gardens and House.

Finally, tickets for **Winter Lights at Anglesey Abbey** are now on sale. At the time of writing we've already sold over 11,000 tickets out of a total allocation of 20,000, so if you want to go please book ASAP. Event and ticket details are on their website at [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/anglesey-abbey).

**Howard Cooper**  
National Trust

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## Tales from a Reach Garden

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There is a point in most years, usually mid-June, where all the beds in the vegetable garden are filled with vegetable and fruit plants. The soil is largely weed-free and everything looks healthy and free from pests and diseases. We'll also have something to eat like asparagus (excellent this year) garden peas, salad leaves, strawberries, raspberries.



It's a heavenly time of the year and feels too good to be true; it's as if our own fairy godmother waved her magic wand so that all is well in the garden. Then we go away for a couple of days and on our return we note that the garlic leaves have rust and the bulbs need lifting earlier than planned; thrips have attacked the peas which have developed a silvery sheen on the pods due to the tiny wrigglers munching away on them. The broad beans have blackfly on them and are overrun with ants moving the pests around; the bed of leafy green vegetables has been colonised by nettles and the aubergine leaves have huge holes in them where the local pigeons have had a go. It happens most years and the problems can be brought under control eventually, but the spell is broken and reality has returned.



**Garden friends: Ladybirds**

I've learned to live with blackfly on the broad beans, unless they are sucking the sap from immature pods where I will remove them. I've found that providing there is somewhere for beneficial insects to hide and food for them most of the year round, they really do help out. This year ladybird and lacewings and hover flies cleared the infestation within a week. Thrips are different, the affected pea pods have to be removed as they cannot grow further and this also helps to prevent the spread of the thrips to unaffected pods. Nettles are removed manually (with gloves) where they are growing among the spinach and lettuce, then added to the compost heap where they will rot down to help form a nitrogen rich compost. As for pigeons – I'll just have to scare them away.



**Lacewing**



**Hoverfly**

The leafy vegetables in the garden provide a quick crop so there isn't a long wait for them to mature. However, most of the crops in our garden require pollination of their flowers in order to produce the crop we want. These include peas, beans, courgettes, cucumbers, pumpkins and tomatoes and there can be a long wait before cropping occurs. Courgettes are picked regularly during the summer, especially if there is a hot spell of weather, but during cooler weather they tend to produce a lot of male flowers. Pumpkins, patty pans and other squashes can produce a lot of male flowers too. The female flowers are attached to the immature "fruits" of the plant – in courgettes these look like fat stems. The flowers, which are the size of plates, are delicious when dipped in batter and fried - a very popular dish in Mediterranean countries. They can also be stuffed with various ingredients before being cooked. I remember when I was little, my mother tried hard to grow courgettes in her garden in Manchester, but thanks to the sandy soil and cool, damp climate, she only succeeded in growing lots of male flowers that she cooked and ate anyway. Both types of flowers can be cooked, but I leave the female flowers alone because I want the courgettes to fatten up before picking them, by which time the female flower has turned brown and fallen off the end of the courgette. It's important to pick the flowers as soon as

they've opened or just as they are opening to ensure they are clean (preferably without the little pollen beetles inside) and cook them on the day they've been picked. When in doubt I rinse them and dry gently with paper towel before cooking. They are a popular dish in our house though I find the calyx (that's the green bit at the base of the flower) a tad bitter so bite it off, but Richard eats them stems and all...



**Courgette flowers ready for picking**



**..... and ready for eating**

There are various edible flowers which can be picked in the garden flower borders. It's worth knowing which these are before trying them, because some flowers are poisonous. For instance the "Day Lily" (Hemerocallis) flowers are edible, but lily (Lillium) flowers are not, and it's worth knowing the difference! It's also worth remembering that just because some parts of a plant are edible, it doesn't mean that you can eat the rest of it. Some flowers are grown to be eaten and the most obvious of these are cauliflower, broccoli and globe artichokes, which are actually grown for their flower buds. The opened flower of a globe artichoke makes a dramatic addition to the flower border – it looks like a giant blue thistle - but doesn't make good eating. Other flowers can be used as colourful and tasty additions to salads; for instance

Nasturtiums are peppery, violets and pansies taste like a sweet lettuce and blue borage flowers taste of cucumber.



**Salad plants: Nasturtium**



**Pansy**

If you want to know more and would like to experiment with edible garden flowers, the Thompson and Morgan website has a useful list of edible flowers with ideas on how to use them in the kitchen see <https://www.thompson-morgan.com/edible-flowers>.

**Danuta Gibson**



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## What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm

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The Prospects Trust celebrated the marriage of Farmer Mark and Executive Officer, Rhian on a beautiful sunny summer's day on Snakehall Farm, of course Tilly Tractor was an honour (if unofficial) bridesmaid. Trustees attending agreed it was indeed a first for the farm and a magical milestone for our special charity. The whole team wish Mr and Mrs Cornell acres of happiness.

### CO-WORKER SPONSORED WALK UPDATE

In our last edition we showcased the Co-worker's Charity Walk in remembrance of Rita Dunnett and fundraising for their annual good cause, we are delighted to announce that the Co-workers raised over £520 in sponsorship donations. Well done our amazing walkers.



### WENDIGO A GO GO FOR SPOOKY SNAKEHALL 2017

Plans are already afoot for our next big event, Spooky Snakehall 2017, this year with even more spooktacular frights. The team are currently working on the storyline, the props and the scares. Based on the feedback of previous years, we are working on making more sessions with smaller groups on Saturday 28th October. Tickets will go on sale from the office in September, more details will be on our website [www.prospectstrust.org.uk](http://www.prospectstrust.org.uk) and on our Tilly Tractor Facebook page soon <https://www.facebook.com/tilly.tractor>.

This event helps fund our Co-worker Christmas celebrations among other projects. Every Co-worker is involved in the designs and scene setting and they will enjoy their own less spooky pre-show on Friday 27th October this year.



### **SUPER SNAKEHALL SUMMER CROPS IN THE SHOP**

You can boost your super greens with three varieties of kale, large leafy spinach and our bags of mixed salads picked daily by our Co-workers on site and in the shop before lunchtime! We have our new lines coming on as the summer develops, with even some early squash varieties getting ripe for harvest. Our new fruit cage has born fruit, which will be in small punnets or transformed into our range of delicious preserves. We have shelves full of: tomatoes, 2nd early potatoes, garlic, onions, leeks, French climbing beans, courgettes, beetroot and our pots of Prospects herbs. Co-workers have been busy in the kitchen today making passatta and caramelised onion chutney ready for sale now.

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

**Call us:** 01638 741551

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



### **1940s Day at Prickwillow Museum**

**Sunday 6th August 2017**

With period clothes, hair and make-up, traditional 1940's food, music and dancing, military and domestic vehicles, memorabilia. Why not dress in 1940's style and immerse yourselves in the event!

Normal Event Admission Charges: Adult £5.00, Concession £4.00, Children £2.00 (children under 6 free) Families £12.00.

The Fantastic Engines will be running at intervals throughout the day at all of our events.

Hot and cold food. Free Parking.

[www.prickwillowmuseum.com](http://www.prickwillowmuseum.com)

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## Reach Grant Fund

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

Applications should be sent to the Parish Clerk:

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



## PRIOR FEN CHAPEL

*"The Little Chapel in the Fen"*

All welcome to our

**Harvest Festival Service**

**Sunday 1st October**

**3pm**

Traditional harvest service and hymns  
Produce welcome

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

For more information contact Trish: 07979 868676

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## Know Your Parish Council

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Your councillors are:

Michael Aves	Councillor	742800
Steve Boreham	Councillor	742098
Charlotte Cane	Chair	741064
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	741853
Diana Ward	Councillor	744210

Your Clerk is Susan Bailey  
29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF  
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Alex de Giorgio-Miller has been elected so there is now one vacancy on the Council.

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

In addition to her councillor duties **Hilary Fielding** is Rights of Way Officer.

Do you need a break in your busy day?

Why not drop in to

### LUNCHBREAK CAFE

At St Mary's Church, Burwell

On the 4th Wednesday of every month

August 23<sup>rd</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>

Open from 12.00noon till 2.00pm

Whether you work in Burwell or Reach, or your days are filled with the type of work that's unpaid, you may feel in need of an oasis of calm in your busy day. We serve light lunches in the beautiful and tranquil setting of St Mary's, so come along for a break, meet some friends and return to your work refreshed. Children's Corner with books and colouring available.

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

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## Meeting Rosanna Moseley Gore

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It's an unusual thing to be asked – to write a profile of yourself. How to look back at a life and summarise it, how to present yourself now? ... Not so simple.

But here goes.

My current name is Rosanna Moseley Gore – from my maiden name Gore and my newly married name Moseley, as I married Charles Moseley who will be known to many of you this January. But for professional purposes I am “Rosanna Price – acupuncturist and Zero Balancing practitioner” from my previous married name. To say I get confused how to call myself these days is an understatement. So much easier for men who never change their names!



**My parents, Peter and Ereena Gore, 1953**

I come from a rather unusual background which means that although I was born in England, in Wembley quite near to the stadium, I have never felt English although I am clearly British. My mother was Russian (although she was born in China) and my father was German Jewish, born in Berlin and escaping from the Nazis in 1939 on one of the Kindertransport trains that brought Jewish children to safety in England. The story of how my parents met and how they ended up raising a family in London is the subject for another time.

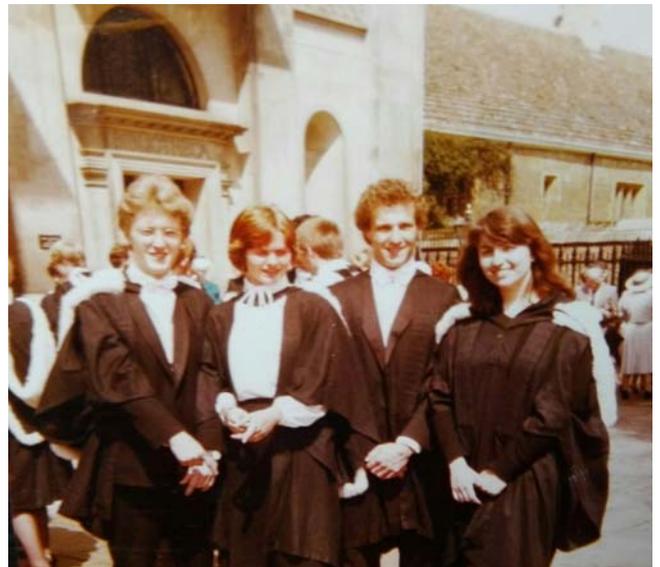


**Aged c.8 years**



**c.1980**

So my sister and I were mostly brought up in the leafy London suburb of Ealing, and I went to Haberdashers' School. I will hold my hand up and admit that I was a Good Girl at school, was never naughty, loved my books and was happy to take charge – so it's hardly a surprise that I ended up as Head Girl (a role which I'm told is still happy to pop up whenever something needs doing and other people are dithering!).



**My graduation, Cambridge University 1982**

My childhood was very academic, as my father was a Chemistry professor at Brunel University, my mother was a research biochemist, and even my beloved Russian grandmother had done a Material Science degree before the First World War in Moscow. I was too anxious to leave anything to chance at school, so always worked extra hard at the subjects I found most tricky – and I ended up following in my big sister's footsteps by studying geography at the University of Cambridge – though I went to Emmanuel College in the first year that they took women students. My friendship group at school was clearly a gathering of swots, as all my closest friends also got into Cambridge and we still enjoy meeting up there regularly. If I had my time again, I

would probably have chosen to study either Archaeology or Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic – but I wouldn't have the energy or focus to do another degree now.

After graduating, I was unemployed for 5 months. It was 1982, the Thatcher, miners' strike, GLC era, and having a Cambridge degree already didn't mean you just walked into a job. I was very idealistic, and didn't want to work in any field that was just about money, so I applied to lots of charities and eventually got a job as a publicity assistant for the NSPCC, and a few years later became a press officer for Greater London Arts.



**My first baby, 1993**

It was at that point that I first came across acupuncture. I was suffering very badly from stress-induced migraines after suffering a bereavement, and acupuncture was recommended to me three times within a week. Rather surprisingly for someone who was terrified of needles, I started treatment and it had a huge impact on me – not just sorting out my headaches, but also helping me enormously on an emotional level. So much so that I decided to have a career change, and started the acupuncture training at the age of 27. It ticked all the boxes for me – working for myself rather than getting annoyed with bosses(!), offering help to individuals rather than trying to tackle the overwhelming big issues in the world, giving me the freedom to work wherever I wanted. Thirty years on, I still love what I do, and have been building up my work in Cambridge after 30 years of working exclusively in Northamptonshire where I lived with my ex-husband and brought up my children. If you spot me wearily loading or unloading my car with shopping and a small suitcase, that's me doing my weekly mini-trip back on the A14 to Northants where I still see patients two days a week. I'm endlessly fascinated by and interested in people, and much of my work involves helping people with stress, depression, anxiety and panic attacks, or coping with life changes, rather than the common assumption that acupuncture is just for bad backs, giving up smoking and losing weight. If it were that simple, I wouldn't have just joined Burwell's Slimming World group – being married to Charles who likes his food, and losing both my parents in the last 18 months, has been making me plump up alarmingly.

August / September 2017

I have two children. Natalie is nearly 24, studied history for four years at Cambridge, and is now finding her way in London. Gilbert is 21 and has just finished his second year studying music at Birmingham University. Natalie designed Charles' and my wedding invitation, and Gilbert played the classical guitar during our wedding service. Both of them seem to have adjusted pretty well to my new life, but are rather surprised that I now seem to be a dog lover (who couldn't love Hector?) when I was always a 'scared of dogs cat-lover' before.



**With Hector on Rita's bench**

I first came to Reach in the autumn of 2015, having read something that Charles had written and developed a friendship with him at first by email and then in person. We found that we shared the most extraordinary number of passions and interests, not least landscape, archaeology, vegetable growing, the same favourite early Gothic cathedral in northern France, knowing the same valley in the Dolomites really well. The list went on and on, and we feel utterly blessed to have found each other.

I arrived in Reach on a blustery wild day, and we had a walk across the fen – it was exhilarating, magnificent really. I have so enjoyed getting to know the area, particularly through walking Hector, although Charles is nonplussed how a geographer like me can still get disorientated and lost in Reach wood. But I do, regularly, and trust that Hector will eventually lead me safely home before it gets dark.

Charles and I have had some wonderful holidays since we've been together. Last summer we were up in Orkney, for the perfect mix of northern landscapes, archaeology, the call of the curlew, and sea-bathing for Hector. We went to 'our' valley in the Dolomites last October for wonderful mountain walking and then a few days of culture and church visiting in beautiful Verona. More recently, Charles was lecturing on the Vikings on a cruise to Denmark and Norway, and I was in my element as I have always yearned for The North and now

I'm married to someone who not only deeply understands that, but who has travelled there extensively and written about it.

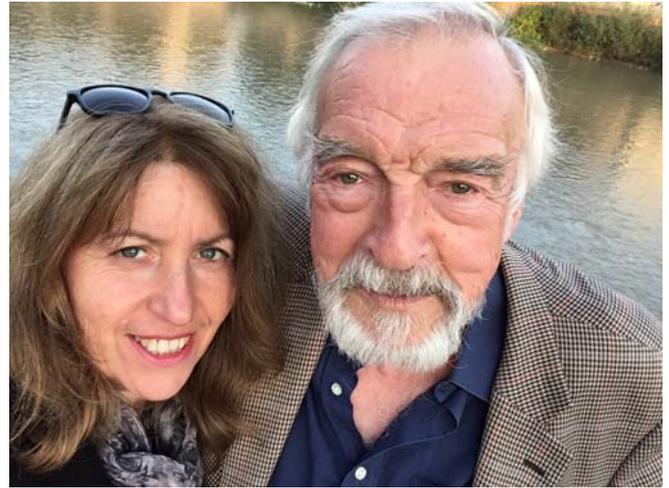


**Dolomites October 2017**

Apart from my work and my family, the things I love to do are knit, grow vegetables, walk in wild scenery and cook for friends. Having lived for 30 years in what Charles describes as an urban village (within sight, and sometimes sound, of the M1), I am so enjoying the peace and quiet of Reach. I think it's a remarkable village – it is so small, but has such a strong sense of community and the shared endeavours, like the planted woods and orchard and the solar farm are really impressive. Reach is creeping under my skin, and as you may already know, I'm constantly taking photos on my iphone of the changing seasons, the little details in nature and the huge East Anglian skies.

Charles has lived in Reach since the early 1960s, and many of you will have known his beloved wife Jenny who died nearly 8 years ago. So I want to tread lightly on that history, while at the same time carefully putting my roots down. I'm the child of refugees, and having a sense of home is terribly important to me – so although I don't know how long I will live in Reach, while I'm here and growing and harvesting vegetables, with the man I love at my side, I'm the happiest I've ever been.

*Rosanna is an acupuncturist and practitioner of the little-known but wonderful therapy of Zero Balancing. If you'd like to find out more, take a look at her website [www.tree-of-life-therapy.co.uk](http://www.tree-of-life-therapy.co.uk). Ed.*



**With Charles in Verona 2017**



**Our wedding, Magdalene College 7 January 2017**

**Rosanna Moseley Gore**

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## Days Gone By

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The song that topped the charts for three weeks in August 1984 was "Careless Whisper" sung by Georgios Kyriacos Panayiotou – better known as George Michael. Up until his untimely death in December 2016, Michael had sold 115 million records worldwide and his breakthrough duo Wham! sold 28 million records between 1982 and 1986.



At the Olympic Games in Los Angeles, the South African-born British athlete, Zola Budd, was the centre of controversy following a disastrous accident during the women's 3,000m final where she tangled with top American runner Mary Decker, putting Decker out of the race. The crowd's hostile reaction so unnerved the 18-year-old runner that she could only finish seventh.



Budd was already in the glare of the international spotlight after her application for British citizenship was fast-tracked earlier this year, in time for her to compete at the Games. As a South African, she would have been ineligible to compete as the country was banned from international sport because of its policy of apartheid.

The incident made the 3,000m final the most hotly-debated race of the Games - the few seconds which destroyed both women's hopes of a medal were shown on television from every angle in an attempt to decide which athlete was to blame. They show that shortly after the half-way mark, with Zola Budd slightly in front, she and Mary Decker bumped into each other twice.

In the second encounter, Mary Decker's spikes caught Budd's heel. Budd was, as usual, running barefoot and her left leg shot out as she stumbled, tripping Decker. The American pitched forward and crashed to the floor on the infield grass, clutching her right thigh. She was unable to get up and was carried from the track in tears.

Zola Budd carried on, but as she did so, the largely American crowd began booing her from the stands. Obviously upset, Budd finished well down the field and Maricica Puica of Romania took the gold.

At a news conference after the race, a tearful Mary Decker told journalists, "Zola tried to cut in without being far enough ahead. There was no question but that she was in the wrong." Track officials disagreed with her, however. After initially disqualifying Budd for obstruction, she was reinstated just one hour later once officials had viewed films of the race.

Zola Budd told journalists that she tried to apologise to Decker in the tunnel leading away from the track after the race, but was told abruptly, "Don't bother."

In Reach, 33 years ago this August there was a village Ceilidh and Cricket Match – which was won by the over 20's by just 8 runs, due in no small part it seems to "spirited batting by the captain Tony Jordan. In addition, the Village Committee had arranged several further events with the next ones being a Raft Race on the Lode and a Tug-of-War tournament.

There was an inter-Parish table tennis tournament too – and the Reach team, led by Team Captain Johnathan Morris, came through 7-3, thereby qualifying for the second round. There was indoor carpet bowls too! So many things listed here that could be resurrected today!

If anyone has ideas on such activities – and would like to take a lead role in getting them started, then the Events Team would like to hear from you and provide whatever assistance it can.

**David Parr**  
744081 or [davidmparr@btinternet.com](mailto:davidmparr@btinternet.com)

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## Heritage Street Lighting Update

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We have some progress to report!

Everything has been agreed with the County Council and Balfour Beatty – and installation was due to have started on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. However, the supplier of the columns was unable to meet the agreed delivery date and the start of the work was delayed.

The good news is that everything is now back on track and work should be starting next week sometime.

This work will include the repainting of the current Heritage columns in the village so they should all nicely match.

Obviously, until everything is completed there is still the possibility of further delays but maybe, just maybe, it's all going to actually happen – after all this time.

If you need to remind yourself of what this is all about have a look at: [www.reach-village.co.uk/street\\_lights.html](http://www.reach-village.co.uk/street_lights.html)

**David Parr**  
01638 744081





### Summer Guided Tours at Oliver Cromwell's House

"The life and times of 'Orrible Oliver Cromwell with Professor A Bismal"

Every Thursday in August at 11.30 am

Shout it loud and shout it proud Professor Arthur Bismal returns (like a persistent rash) to Oliver Cromwell's House and this time, he's taking on the Man of the House!

Behold, Professor A Bismal's own words

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# Reach Sports Day 2017

Wow! What a wonderful afternoon of fun and games with such a wide range of ages and sporting abilities. Even the sun stayed out to watch.



There were the usual classic races, the sack, three legged and the wheelbarrow, as well as the Reach favorites the potato race and apple bobbing. The seniors began the races in an attempt to show the little ones what to do but this was quickly turned into the most creative versions of 'How to cheat'. Hugh Shackleton's engineering skills were impressive when it came to attaching his egg and spoon to his bike. Harry Oliver Towers was not to be out done either when he suddenly produced a real wheelbarrow for the wheelbarrow race! Needless to say, their points score was low but they were the only real contenders for the cheats cup!



After the long Marathon race the children tucked into burgers and sausages cooked by John Tayleur and Tim Quilter. There was then time to look at the plans for the new playground that had been displayed by members on behalf of the parish council. The children were able to vote for their favorite ideas. I believe the zip wire was a popular choice.

## Cup Winners

Senior overall athlete	Scarlett Bailey
Intermediate athlete	Lily Steed
Junior athlete	

Senior female marathon	Scarlett Bailey
Senior male marathon	Dylan Steed

Intermediate female marathon	Lily Steed
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August / September 2017

Intermediate male marathon Callum Cook

Sportsmanship Lucy Bridgeman

Creative Cheating Harry Oliver-Towers and Hugh Shackleton

A special mention must go to Lucy Bridgeman who won the sportsman cup this year. Her boundless energy and enthusiasm in every race was infectious. It was particularly great to see the older ones helping the little ones. It gives this event a real family feel. Fantastic team work everyone!



This was my first experience of organising a Reach event and I have to say it was a real joy. Helen Oliver had handed over all the details needed to carry on this sporting tradition which seems to be loved by so many. I'm particularly thankful for the support of Tash Bridgeman (and Nathan), Cath Tayleur and Alex de Giorgio-Miller for the numerous jobs they all did in the build up to and running of the day. Buying burgers, checking the equipment, applying to the Reach Grant Fund. It was most definitely a team effort! Thank you also to everyone that helped on the day, holding the finishing tape, handing out the place cards and cheering the children along.

**Debbie Quilter**



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## Sophia's Side Splitters

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1. Did you hear about the little boy who was named after his father?
2. Which ancient Egyptian king was good at washing up?
3. Who made King Arthur's round table?
4. Knock, knock  
Who's there?  
Luke  
Luke who?
5. What did the traffic warden say to the frog that was illegally parked?
6. How do we know that Rome was built at night?
7. How can you tell a mummy is angry?
8. What happens if you play table tennis with a bad egg?

**ANSWERS: SEE PAGE 30**



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## Cricket

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### **Sunday 14 May Grantchester vs Reach. Grantchester won by 161 runs**

Sport, it is often said, is played mostly in the mind. There is no better demonstration of this than Grantchester's annual match against Reach. However hard they try, they cannot seem to overcome their inner demons. They run up against mental block, a Matterhorn of the mind. The just cannot seem to score 300 runs against Reach.

When they visited Reach last July they came so close, managing to knock up just 299 before their 40 overs came to an end. In this year's clash at Grantchester, their innings got off to poor start as Berman was bowled first ball by Tony Fordham. They then settled into their stride, with J Menzies (102 retired) and J Anderson (102 retired) finding the River Cam on several occasions. With one over to go they were poised on 293. But no, requiring a six off the last ball to reach the magical 300, M Carrick could only manage a 4, leaving his team again stuck on 299.

Then came tea. Anyone who watched a recent episode of ITV's murder mystery series, Grantchester, will appreciate why this was the most nerve-wracking part of the day – the plot had revolved around the mass poisoning of the visiting team at a cricket match. But drama avoided, Reach went into bat. We made a very credible 138, which John Tayleur making the top score of 26. Admittedly, that did leave us a little short of victory. But, well, it was a moral victory of sorts. I am sure Grantchester went home agonising over that failure to get to 300 and will already be planning winter nets to try to help get them over the line next year.

### **Sunday 25 June Reach vs Rain Men Rain Men won by quite a few wickets**

One of the hazards of village cricket is trying to make sure someone is keeping the score – and if they are keeping the score that it gets copied into your own team's book. If this does not happen, then the job of the cricket writer becomes impossible – an attempt to recall agonising details of how one's bowling was smacked around to distant boundaries and beyond. For this match I can tell you that Reach knocked up 148 runs, of which Chris Bridgeman scored 66 and the Rain Men's bowler Tim Cooper took 33-6 – a performance which was nevertheless insufficient to stop him moaning about given wide once or twice. There, though, the trail goes cold. But as far as I remember, we had the Rain Men 5 down for around 30, but nevertheless we went on to lose. I am sure my memory would have served me better had we pulled off a victory...

### **Sunday 2 July Reach vs Space Cadets Reach won by 53 runs**

...as we did the following week – and which has miraculously been recorded in full. Reach won the toss (this is the strongest part of the captain's game, for which he has a remarkable record) and elected to bat. We knocked up 155, with Tony Fordham scoring 73. We then went in and bowled out the Space Cadets for 102. Remarkably, everyone who bowled took a wicket

### **Sunday 9 July Reach vs Milton Milton won by 9 wickets**

Another week, and normal service was resumed, though we did put in a credible batting performance, scoring 163 off 35 overs, with Tony Fordham registering his second 50 in as many weeks. Milton, though, put in an even more credible performance and overhauled us in 22 overs

### **Ross Clark**

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## Reach Riders Group

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The Reach Riders Group Committee consists of

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

**Please note that renewal of membership is due 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017**

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

### **Sue Cameron**

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## Sophia's Side Splitters - Answers

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1. They call him dad
2. Pharaoh liquid
3. Sir Cumference
4. Luke through the keyhole and you'll find out
5. "Hop it, or you'll get toad away"
6. Because it wasn't built in a day
7. She yells at you to do the dishwasher
8. First it goes ping then it goes pong.



## Ask the Archaeologist @ Ely Museum

**Saturday 9th September 2017**

Finds Event. Bring along your archaeological finds for our experts to identify. Free entry to event.

Website - [www.elymuseum.org.uk](http://www.elymuseum.org.uk)



## Heritage Open Weekend

**Friday 8th - Sunday 10th September 2017**

Once again, Ely will be embracing its rich heritage and sharing often unseen treasures with those seeking to discover the layered history of Ely.



## Ploughing Festival

**7th and 8th October 2017**

## Prickwillow Museum

Not Just Ploughing but a fabulous fun weekend for all the family including the following; Heavy horses; Vintage/classic tractor ploughing; Working displays, stationary engines and vehicles, Arts & crafts and trade stands, Bygones/rides

Live music, family entertainment and activities along with a real ale bar and catering

Admission on gate £7.50 per day; 2-day festival pass £12.00. Accompanied children under 16 Free

Advance purchase 2-day pass for just £10 until September 10<sup>th</sup>!

Website - [www.prickwillowmuseum.com](http://www.prickwillowmuseum.com)

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## Parish Council Meeting Draft Minutes

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### Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

#### Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Councillor	Not Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Not Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Not Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Present

The meeting was opened with a minute silence to pay respect to the people killed and injured in the two recent terrorist attacks.

#### 1. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Schumann introduced himself. Stating "I am the only elected member now representing 7 parish councils in the Burwell County Council division. I assure you I will do all I can to attend your monthly/bi-monthly meetings but this will not always be possible however, in my absence I will endeavour to send a report to the PC when I am not able to attend. Please contact me via this email address with any questions, agendas or for any other reasons."

The PC then spoke to Councillor Schumann with regard to the main CCC issues which have been effecting Reach, this being the streetlights and highways and byways. Details of the ongoing streetlight efforts were discussed and **Clerk** to keep Councillor Schumann included in any further correspondence should there be need **Clerk** to also pass the background info. on to Councillor Schumann.

The problems Reach experiences with the maintenance of highways and byways were discussed. **Councillor Schumann** will contact the relevant people at CCC to see what the position is and also to arrange for one of the Highways team to make a site visit and attend the next PC meeting.

#### 2. District Councillor's Report

No report received.

#### 3. Apologies for absence – received and approved.

#### 4. Declaration of interests

Councillor Cane declared an interest in the CAPALC payment.

#### 5. New playground update

The Montessori Nursery and Swaffham Prior school children & parents had been consulted regarding the equipment they would like for the new playground. 3 quotations have been obtained for both a new site and for the playground to remain on its present site. The PC would like to widen the consultation to include all residents regardless of age and use of the playground. An exhibition event is to be arranged, on the playing field, on the afternoon of Reach Sports day, 2<sup>nd</sup> July. It is hoped many residents will come along and give their opinion on both the position and nature of equipment and age range required. **Clerk** to email village informing people of this event and asking for feedback. The team involved are to start the funding application process.

#### 6. Planning Applications

There were none.

#### 7. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were signed as correct.

#### 8. Election of additional officers

Play spaces officer – Councillor Cane  
Rights of way officer – Councillor Fielding  
Tree officer – Councillor Boreham

### 9 (1) Parish Council Grant Fund

An application for £130 had been received for Reach Sports day to be held Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. This was approved.

### 9(2) Financial Reports

Nothing to report. The PC remains in a financially stable situation.

### 9(3) Parish Council Members Meetings

Some residents have been experiencing problems with their BT broadband which has not been improved by the recent work that has taken place and they have suggested that the cable between the boxes, poles and houses is old and not fit for purpose. Councillor Boreham would like to meet Open reach on site to try and understand the nature of this problem. **Clerk** to contact and arrange a meeting.

### 9(4) Play Spaces

Everything is reported to be in good order.

### 9(5) Rights of Way

Councillor Fielding has been having trouble contacting CCC. She will continue to call and email and Councillor Schumann will assist with this.

A complaint had been received regarding the work taking place on the top field next to Reach wood. The Clerk has contacted the residents involved and they are fully aware of their responsibilities regarding the work they are carrying out on the land and its legalities. The Clerk has been told all correct procedures will be followed.

### 9(6) 24Acres Committee Report

Another Apple day is to be organised.

Tree stakes have been needed to help with several trees which had been blown over in the woodland.

### 9(7) Friends of Reach Wood

Councillor Boreham has recently been in contact with Ian Froggatt from the Woodland Trust about the problem of ragwort spreading across the meadow. There is also a problem with scrub development on the meadow. Ian Froggatt stated that the budget has been cut this year and that he has no immediate source of funding for anything other than the grass cutting. He was reluctant to use herbicide and instead suggested using the flail cutter as before. Councillor Boreham told him that this was out of the question, pointing out that taking action about the ragwort was a necessity and he agreed that some form of funding from the Woodland Trust might become available to address this once we know how big the problem is. Councillor Boreham will continue to monitor the situation

### 9(8) Local Plan

The PC response had been submitted following last month's meeting.

### 10 Approve Annual Governance Statement

Reviewed and agreed.

### 11. Approve the Accountancy statement

Reviewed and agreed.

### 12. Defibrillator sign

It had been suggested that a small sign was needed on the front of the village centre to indicate where the defibrillator was for people not familiar with its location. Following discussion **Councillor Boreham** will contact the Village Centre committee to discuss.

### 13. Parish Council vacancies

The PC will be able to advertise for new members after the 15<sup>th</sup> June should an election not be required **Clerk** to arrange.

### 14 Information Items/AOB

A resident had complained about music noise from people hanging out on the tennis court and in the playing field. This is a difficult thing for the PC to deal with but notices can be put up and placed in the village magazine should the nuisance continue. PC to monitor the situation.

### 15 Payments

CR Contracting – mowing	£344.50
Nick Acklam – 24Acres tree stakes	£18.95
CAPALC membership	£170.29

The date of the **next meeting** will be **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 7.30pm**. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

Chairman:

Date:



**Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on:  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**Attendance**

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Michael Aves	Councillor	Not Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

1. **Apologies for absence** – received and approved.

2. **Declaration of interests**

Councillors Fielding and Ward declared an interest in the planning application 17/01010/FUL

3. **Planning Applications**

17/00967OUT – following discussion and review of the plans, the PC had no objections to this application. The PC feels that it is in keeping with the results of the local plan consultation with Reach residence, that is that smaller, more affordable housing is required.

17/01010/FUL – The PC had no comment to make.

The Clerk noted that a new planning application had been put in for industrial use on the Reach Road in the Burwell Parish.

**Councillors** to look at the application and agree on any comments required.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were signed as correct.

5 (1) **Parish Council Grant Fund**

The Village Centre have still not transferred the funds due from Reach Fair 2016 to the Grant Fund. **Clerk** to contact the new Treasurer to clarify the situation.

The new playground team have asked for a commitment of £10,000 for the playground. This was agreed in principle with the funds to come from both the PC and the Grant Fund subject to affordability at the time.

Councillor Cane discussed the advantages of the Parish Council Grant Fund becoming a charity and will bring more details to the next meeting. **Clerk** to obtain, from the Events Team, any paperwork they have produced with regard to becoming a charity.

5 (2) **County Councillor's Report**

A full report was not supplied, the following points were supplied.

1. Highways - the officer has now been appointed and as soon as I am informed that they are available to contact I will request that they come to a meeting of Reach PC to discuss the issues raised last time.
2. Street Lighting - I have responded to an email chain regarding the street lighting changes and have expressed my disappointment in the lack of progress.
3. General County Council - I have been appointed Chairman of the Commercial and Investments committee which is looking to explore ways to generate income and reduce unnecessary expenditure, with particular focus on council assets. By doing this we will hopefully be able to continue to provide services without increasing tax.

Councillor Fielding was frustrated that she was still not getting any response from Karen Champion at CCC regarding local byways.

**Clerk** to contact Councillor Schumann regarding the advertised closure of the Burwell Road to ask for confirmation that the buses, both public and school, would still run and to ask why the Parish Council had not been informed of this closure.

5 (3) **District Councillor's Report**

James Palmer, the District Councils group leader, won the election to be the Mayor of the new combined authority. This meant that he had to resign his council seat.

The new council group leader is Cllr Charles Roberts and the new council deputy leader is Cllr Anna Bailey.

There have also been changes to the council's civic leadership.

The new Council Chairman is Cllr Peter Cresswell and the new Deputy Chairman is Cllr Liz Every.

I have had a full council meeting last month and two committee meetings, plus two group meetings. Also on July 1st I attended an away day in Newmarket. This is where our controlling Conservative group has an all-day meeting with the Council's Chief Executive and our leading officers to discuss our Corporate Plan covering the period 2015-2019.

It sets out our objectives. These are:

- Delivering a financially sound and well managed council
- Genuinely affordable housing
- A fantastic place to live
- Improving local transport
- New jobs and funding

We have two of these away days a year to update our Corporate Plan.

If anyone is travelling to Ely by the A142 please be aware that there can be traffic delays at Stuntney due to construction work on the new Ely by-pass.

Councillor Allen was asked about how ECDC were helping to deliver affordable housing. **Councillor Allen** to find out the percentage of affordable housing local CLTs are delivering.

#### **5(4) Financial Reports**

Nothing to report. The PC remains in a financially stable situation.

#### **5(5) Parish Council Members Meetings**

Councillor Boreham had had a meeting with Connecting Cambridgeshire regarding the broadband within the village. Some of the poles have bare wires which are subject to the elements and affect the service. It was agreed that this is not up to standard and will be highlighted to Open Reach. A survey had established that the quality of service is patchy around the village from very good to awful, and that parts of the Burwell Road get no fibre service at all. A response from Connecting Cambridgeshire is awaited.

#### **5(6) Play Spaces**

The annual inspection had taken place. **Councillor Ward** to look over the report and the playground and to report back on any urgent matters.

A consultation event had taken place at the weekend and a report will follow. It was noted also, that residents were concerned that a too big park would attract many families from out of the village; residents were keen to avoid this.

It was agreed that any final plan would be circulated around the village for comment.

#### **5(7) Rights of Way**

Councillor Fielding continues to have trouble contacting CCC. She will continue to call and email.

#### **5(8) 24Acres Committee Report**

Sadly The National Trust have declined to improve or develop their portion of Reach 24 at this time due to staffing and funding constraints. It would be beneficial to users of the 24Acres if a pathway was cut down to the culvert at the far side of the site. **Clerk** to request a price and add this to the mowing schedule.

#### **5(9) Friends of Reach Wood**

There is still an ongoing issue with the Woodland Trust and their funding of measures to control the spread of ragwort. Their regular budget for controlling it was cut this year. However the WT have a statutory obligation to control the Ragwort. **Councillor Boreham** will make an application for emergency funding to get them to act.

#### **5(10) Local Plan**

Nothing to report.

#### **6 New Councillor**

The PC approved the application from Alex de Giorgio-Miller to join the PC, **Clerk** to complete the required paperwork. The PC still has one vacancy.

#### **7 Parish Council Website and Transparency code requirements**

The transparency code requires that the PC continually publishes its accounts, minutes, agendas etc. To allow the PC to abide by this code the PC would like its own website separate from the village site purely for PC business. The PC would also like each councillor to have their own PC email address. There are grants available to cover the cost of setting up such a site. **Clerk** to investigate costs and apply for the grant.

#### **8 Cemetery**

The trees in the cemetery need to be cut back to allow easier access along the foot path. **Clerk** to organise.

There has been a long running issue with fencing around the cemetery. The Clerk has struggled with obtaining quotes for this work, with contractor repeatedly failing to supply the quotes requested. The PC therefore accepted the quote as supplied. **Clerk** to arrange for this work to be completed as soon as possible.

#### **9 August Meeting**

The August PC meeting will only be held should an important issue arise. In this case the meeting will only discuss the said issue.

#### **10 Information Items/AOB**

It has been agreed with the Village centre that a sign can be put up to show where the defibrillator is situated. **Councillor Boreham** to arrange.

The PC had received an email from George Gibson about the Dykes End Pub – this was noted by the PC and CC was asked to respond on behalf of the PC.

#### **15 Payments**

S Bailey – Salary	£948.56
S Bailey – postage	£ 15.52
CR Contracting – mowing	£414.50
E.On – Power on the green	£ 8.51
Fenland Leisure – playground inspection	£120.00

The date of the **next meeting** will be **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.30pm** unless otherwise required. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday and can be accessed from the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

Chairman:

Date:



## Summer Guided Walks

**Introducing our Summer Programme of Guided Walks around the beautiful City of Ely.**

**All walks depart from Oliver Cromwell's House at 11.30 am. Places can be pre-booked via our website or on arrival (subject to availability). All tickets £4.00.**

**Guided Historical City of Ely Walk: Sundays on 23rd July, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 13th August, 20<sup>th</sup> August and 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

What better way of discovering the history of this magnificent city than being guided around its splendid array of medieval paths and monastic buildings. Discover the origins of the Cathedral and the importance of trade in this former Isle of Eels.

**Ely through its Architecture: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Sunday 6th August**

Learn about the wealth of architecture of some of Ely's period, historical buildings during this walk with our informed guide.

**Guided Riverside Walk: Saturday 12th August and Monday 28th August**

This expanded tour takes in the city centre as well as the picturesque waterside. Learn about the drainage of the Fens, the life of the Fen Folk and how the river has served visitors and residents across the ages.

**Ely's Heritage Eel Trail: Saturday 29th July and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August**

Learn about the importance of eels to Ely in the past and today as you are guided around our Eel Trail. Marvel at the artworks dotted around this circular route which portrays the lifecycle of an eel.

**Guided Monastic Walk: Saturday 5th August and Saturday 26th August**

Discover and explore the grounds of the largest group of medieval monastic buildings still in private use today. Hear the tales of monks and royalty and learn how they helped shaped Ely's past.



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## Letter from the Vicarage

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It's Summer time! Well, we hope that the weather might be consistently summer-like for a little while, at least, after the brief heatwave and torrential rains of June!



Over the summer our Messy Church team will be hosting Messy Cafés at St Mary's in Burwell on 3 Wednesday afternoons from July 26<sup>th</sup> for the young and young-at-heart to connect, make friends, and have fun. Come along any time between 2.30 and 4.30pm for refreshments, stories and craft activities.

Also Refresh Café will be continuing on Friday mornings 9.30 - 11.00am, taking a break from the middle of August, and back on September 1<sup>st</sup>. It's usually for pre-school children and parents/carers, but older siblings are welcome during the holidays. We'll post updates each week on Facebook.

Lunchbreak Café also continues on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month throughout the summer, serving light lunches from 12 noon.

Once we get to September, the harvest service in Reach will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September, at 6pm. We'll be taking a collection for Christian Aid, and also collecting contributions for the Foodbank. We are also planning another Sweaty Church at St Mary's on 1<sup>st</sup> October, a sporty themed event for families to learn together, about life and God, through physical activities. More information nearer the time. For more details of our services and regular updates, see notices on the church door, our website and Facebook pages.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, including weddings, christenings and baby thanksgivings, or if you would just like a chat, about life, the universe, or anything and everything.

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



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## Church Building Update

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It's a while now since I last gave an update on the plans to develop Reach church and I wish there was more to report, but these things do move extremely slowly! Some months ago, the PCC commissioned three reports from experts to advise us on some of the core improvements we need to update the church and make it more flexible for community use - lighting, heating and audio-visual services. We are still waiting for a report on the heating options, which is probably the most important, but have now received proposals for lighting and audio-visual systems.



They are quite exciting and we can begin to get a picture of just how things might look!

The lighting proposal includes LED lights, all discreetly hidden from view so that the fittings themselves don't impact on the appearance of the church, but do vastly improve the level of lighting to all areas. The system includes uplighters to highlight the roof and other features and has the switching flexibility to dim different areas. So, for example, the altar area could be highlighted during a service, but for a concert or play, the altar would be dimmed and the focus would be on the area in front where the performers were.

The proposed audio-visual system includes microphones and speakers, together with a hearing loop and is suitable for both spoken word and music. There is a facility to have two speakers outside to relay services with a very large congregation, like major funerals. A screen would normally be hidden behind the altar screen, but could be pulled down to show film clips as part of a service, or indeed to support a cinema club.

If you'd like to see the detailed proposals, please let me know. We'll now forward these reports to the experts at the Diocese of Ely as the first step in getting all the approvals necessary for our plans.

On another note, an order has now been placed for a candle stand in memory of Ann Fuller, to replace the one which was stolen some weeks ago, so hopefully this should be in church soon.

Pat Chalmers  
administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk

## Church Services and Events

August 2017	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 8	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 9	10.00am Holy Communion	No 8am communion
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 20 Trinity 10	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 27 Trinity 11	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
<b>September 2017</b>		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trinity 12	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptism	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday	10.00am Little Bears	8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 13	10.00 Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 17 Trinity 14	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> Trinity 15	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 Holy Communion 4.00pm Harvest Service	
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>		8.15am Morning Prayer
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>		6.00pm Harvest Service

## 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			
<b>Newmarket</b> (Guineas Station)				0704	0719	0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1424	1514	1614	1714
<b>Burwell</b> (Manchetts Ness Road)	0628	0658	0713	0728	0743	0838	0938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1448	1538	1638	1738
<b>Reach</b>	0639	0709	0724			0849		1049		1249		1449	1459	1549	1649	1749
<b>Swaffham Prior</b>	0644	0714	0729	0741	0756	0854	0951	1054	1151	1254	1351	1454	1504	1554	1654	1754
<b>Cambridge</b> (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	10A	10	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10
				M-F	NMD											
<b>Cambridge</b> (Drummer Street)				0655	0755	0825	0925	1025	1125	1225	1325	1425	1525	1635	1735	1845
<b>Swaffham Prior</b>				0729	0829	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1559	1712	1809	1919
<b>Reach</b>				0735	0835		1005		1205		1405		1605		1815	1925
<b>Burwell</b> (Hawthorn Way)				0742	0842	0912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1722	1822	1932
<b>Newmarket</b> (Guineas Station)				0810	0910	0940	1040	1140	1240	1340	1440	1540	1640	1800		

M-F - these buses run on Monday to Friday only  
 NMD - this bus calls at Noel Murless Drive at 0905  
 Sat - these buses run on Saturday only

A full timetable can be downloaded from [www.reach-village.co.uk/bus\\_service.html](http://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

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## Diary Dates: August 2017

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August 2017	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 2	Messy Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	2.30 – 4.30pm
Thursday 3	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 4	Refresh Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Sunday 6	1940s Day	Prickwillow Museum	See page 19
Wednesday 7	Parish Council Meeting	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
Wednesday 9	Messy Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	2.20 – 4.30pm
Thursday 10	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 11	Refresh Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Saturday 12	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 12	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Tuesday 15	Burwell Museum Coach Trips	Hunstanton and Lavender	See page 7
Tuesday 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	NO MEETING	NO MEETING
Wednesday 16 – Saturday 19	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Old Palace Garden, King's Ely	See Page 13
Thursday 17	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 18	Refresh Café	NO CAFE	NO CAFÉ
Wednesday 23	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 24	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 25	Refresh Café	NO CAFE	NO CAFÉ
Saturday 26	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Thursday 31	Recycling Day (Green)		



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## Diary Dates: September 2017

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September 2017	Event	Location	Time
Friday 1	Refresh Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Wednesday 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 7	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 8	Refresh Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Friday 8 – Sunday 10	Heritage Weekend	Ely	See pages 8 – 9
Saturday 9	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 9	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 9	Ask the Archaeologist @ Ely Museum	Ely Museum	See page 29
Thursday 14	Recycling Day (Green)		
Thursday 14	Open Meeting with Lucy Frazer MP	Village Centre	7.30pm – 8pm
Friday 15	Refresh Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Sunday 17	Burwell Museum Coach Trips	Sheringham 40s	See page 7
Tuesday 19	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Wednesday 20	Village Centre Committee AGM	Village Centre	7.30pm
Wednesday 20	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00pm
Thursday 21	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Friday 22	Refresh Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Saturday 23	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Wednesday 27	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 28	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 29	Refresh Cafe	St Mary's Church, Burwell	9.30 – 11am
Saturday 30	Reach Harvest Service	St Etheldreda's	6pm

Wednesdays 7.30pm onwards **Bell ringing at Swaffham Bulbeck** – new recruits are welcome

**Burwell Museum** website is [www.burwellmuseum.org.uk](http://www.burwellmuseum.org.uk) **Tel:** 01638 605544

## Contact Information

<b>Parish Council</b>		
Councillor	Michael Aves	742800
Councillor	Steve Boreham	742098
Chair	Charlotte Cane	741064
Vice Chair	Hilary Fielding	741853
Councillor	Diana Ward	744210
Clerk	Susan Bailey	743794
Rights of Way Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
County Councillor	David Brown	743283
District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
<b>Village Centre</b>		
Chair	Andrew Towers	
Finance	Hugh de Lacy	743839
Bookings	Grahame Radford	742814
Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
<b>Grant Scheme (Formerly the Amenity Fund)</b>		
Applications to:	Charlotte Cane	741064
<b>Burwell and Reach Car Scheme</b>		01638 742543
<b>Church</b>		
Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Sarah Wingate	742498
<b>Emergencies</b>		
Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
Police (Emergency)		999
Police (Non-emergency)		101
Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
<b>Doctors, Burwell</b>		
Appointments and Emergencies		741234
Enquiries		743602
Community Nurses		742382
Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	