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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th October

Village Centre 10am – 12.30pm
Cakes, books, raffle, tombola!

From the Editor

Joss Goodchild most is unwell, and we are all very sorry to hear of this. She is most appreciative of the assistance she has received and visits.



We thank Gill Fry very much for her article, remembering Eliza Budden. I think we all find the historic photographs and documents of great interest. Tom McDonald dug up a couple of old bottles recently and the potential research and social history behind such small items is surprising.

The Dykes End has new owners as from the middle of September, Frances and Ben Dylong (now that's an unusual family name which would be interesting to research). How lovely that they are keen to know what the villagers would most like 'the pub to be'.

The Events Team have had a happy injection of new members, and no doubt this will stimulate a review of events. The Reach Calendar is still on the cards so keep snapping and email your photos to David Parr. Great to see a disco being organised for Halloween.

Cath Tayleur is making good progress with the new playground – there'll be no couch potatoes in the village when it's in place and we wish her well with the difficult bit – raising the funds.

Glen Manchett is taking part in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. How impressive. I'd have to be helicoptered off before we were out of the harbour. Well done for achieving membership of a crew and good luck!

Jo Redfarn is our featured villager and her 'tale' is a most enjoyable read. Jo is the founder and owner of The Red House Day Nursery in Burwell which recently achieved an Outstanding judgement from OFSTED. It's great to have a local 'full day' nursery of such high calibre.

It's lovely to have David Parr on the front cover. He's done so much for the village, and it's nice to say 'thank you'. Most recently he 'put in place' the installation of the heritage street lighting. Not an obvious 'need' but now that it's happening the new lighting is impressive and will be in place for a very long time. It beautifully enhances the historic character of the village.

I've inserted the new bus times into the Bus Timetable for the first time. Apologies if you come across any error and do let me know.

It seems we nearly had a gas powered electricity generation constructed on Reach Road/Burwell Road before we were even aware of the proposal – such is the process of obtaining planning permission. Details for opposing this scheme are included in this issue.

See you at all the great events which are featured in this issue, and beware drones – another modern-day hazard. Follow the Drone Code.

Read this magazine carefully and beware rude words.

Claire Halpin-McDonald

Landscape Photographs: Rosanna Moseley Gore
October/November 2017

About the Magazine

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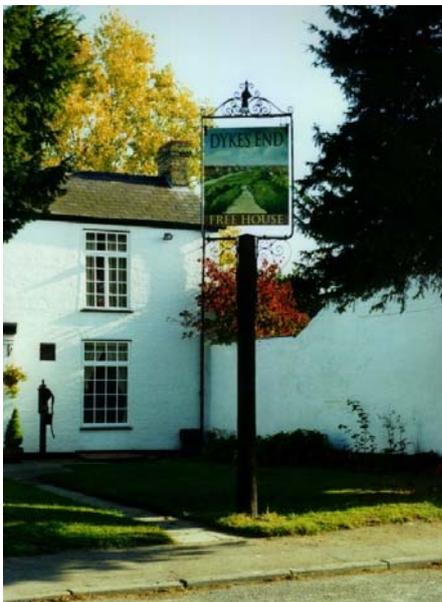
The Dyke's End



As mentioned in my article entitled "Days Gone By", at this time of year in 1984 it was announced that the village pub was to re-open – which is quite a coincidence since as of last week we have new owners at the Dyke's End.

In 1984, the pub had been renovated – to a large extent by the villagers themselves and Brenda and Bert Connor, together with their daughter Karen were welcomed into the village – having moved from the White Hart at Blyton in Lincolnshire.

The pub was to be called "The King's Reach" with one reason being that dating back to the Charter from King John in the Middle Ages, there has always been a king of Reach – the most recent being King (Len) Warren.



The Dyke's End in 1984

The official opening date for the pub was Thursday November 1st but they had a special pre-opening night for the village only.

And today we have new owners in Frances and her son Ben Dylong who took over last Tuesday 19th September.

Oh – and Bob the beagle rescue dog!

And last night was their "Hello" evening – and it was an excellent event. Overall around 60 people came along and enjoyed the excellent atmosphere – and the superb food which was made by Frances.

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"Hello" Evening

And in addition, we have a new chef, Chris Leeton who was head chef at the Hole in the Wall at Wilbraham. A number of us sampled his food last Sunday and without exception we were all very impressed.



Chris in his Kitchen

In essence, the menu is very similar to that which was provided by the previous owners and chef – and Frances has stated that it will be very much "business as usual".

And pleasingly she is listening to the wishes of villagers – many of whom have responded to her questionnaire regarding how the Dyke's End might be improved – to be more of a "community" pub with more villagers having good reason to frequent it more often.

And finally – a really big thank you goes to previous owners Catherine and George Gibson who owned the pub, looking after it excellently, for five years. George is giving Frances all the support she needs to make the handover as smooth as possible.

Also, Gordon the chef who worked for Simon and Frank prior to the arrival of the Gibsons, needs a special mention. His cooking was always top notch – we all wish him well in his retirement – and look forward to seeing him again in the pub during one of his visits.

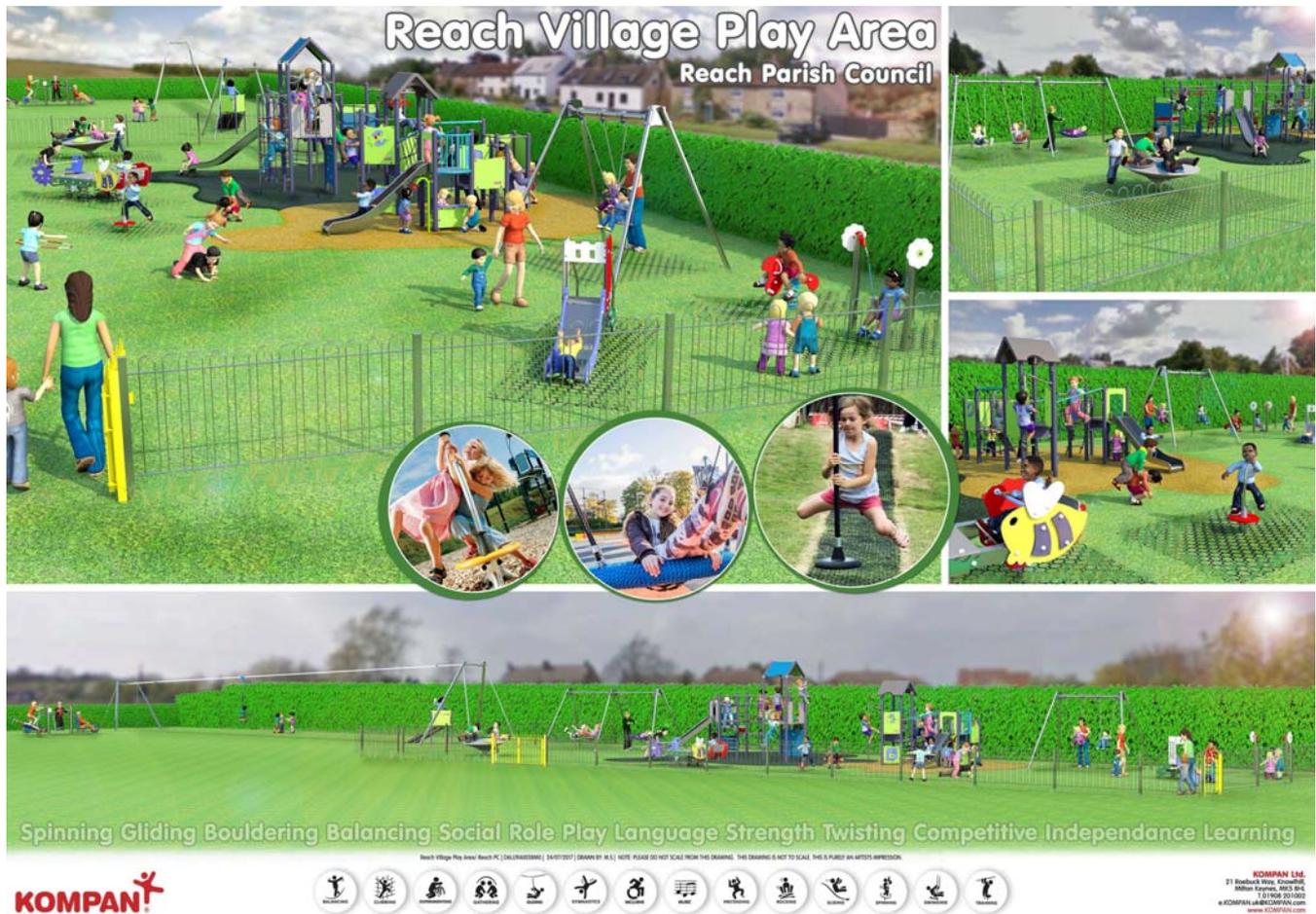
David Parr

A New Playground for Reach: Update

We've made good progress towards realising our goal of a new playground for the village. Kompan has produced a more detailed design which shows where in the field the playground will be located. There is still time to provide feedback and for us to tweak both the equipment and layout, so please get in touch with ideas or concerns. We are particularly interested to hear from those that play football on the field as to whether this design allows sufficient space.

Currently the design is 15m wide, which means the outer playground fence lines up with where the tennis court starts. If footballers could take a visit to the field and see if this leaves sufficient space for football it would be much appreciated. Any comments can be sent via the Parish Clerk. Fundraising is going well. We have secured £10,000 from ECDC and have submitted applications to WREN and Amey for the rest. We should know by mid-December of the outcome and if successful hope to build the playground early in 2018.

Cath Tayleur



Proposed Equipment for New Playground

Reach Village Play Area Reach Parish Council

This is a **brand new dynamic** addition to a well used **play** area, with a lot of **swinging, climbing, sliding, spinning** and **challenging** activities and a **perfect solution** to encourage **social interaction** within the community.

Product Key:

- 1 1m High Galvanised Steel Bowtop
- 2 Self Closing Pedestrian Gate
- 3 Sunflower
- 4 House Slide
- 5 Crazy Hen Springer
- 6 2 Seat Cradle Seat Swing
- 7 Three Tower with Net and Bridge Multiplay Unit
- 8 Triple Tower with Turbo Challenge and Steel Slide
- 9 Junior Spica
- 10 Home Multi Seesaw with 1 Back Support
- 11 Pedestrian/ Vehicle Access Gate
- 12 Multispinner Carousel
- 13 2 Bay Swing with 2 Flat Seats and 1 Basket Seat
- 14 Cableway with Access Platform
- 15 3 in 1 Fitness Item - Cycle Trainer/ Free Runner/Cross Trainer

Surfacing Key:



Rotating Swinging Climbing Sliding Rocking Imagination Interactive Inclusive

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"All Fired Up" Art Exhibition

Fri 8th Sep 2017 - Sun 1st Oct 2017

10.30am – 5.30pm Daily.

An exhibition of 12 print makers specialising in limited edition and mono prints.

Free entry, all welcome.

Website - www.theoldfireenginehouse.co.uk

With Love from Eliza



Eliza on her 100th birthday

Eliza Budden (née Dean and better known as “Daisy”) was born in Reach on the 8th of September 1899 and lived in the third of three cottages which were situated at the front of the old schoolhouse. Married in 1925 she and her husband Herbert worked in a large institution operated by the Guardians of the Poor.

In 1956 they retired to Longmeadow where she lived until the age of 99, doing her own housework, shopping and gardening with very little help. Following a stroke, she spent the last two years of her life at Kingfisher House in Newmarket.

In her will she left £94,000 to be split equally between the two churches of St James in Lode and St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity in Reach.

At that time, fundraising at Reach Church had been aimed at improving the tiny entrance and this gift more than covered those costs. The idea was to make it so people can see right into the church from the street.

Once the improvements were completed there was a Service of Dedication in 2003.

The title of this piece is taken from a newspaper article in The Journal at that time – Daisy was indeed a very generous lady!

Gill Fry

We thank Gill for her article remembering Eliza. Gill Fry (née Badcock) was born in Reach in 1932 (she will be 85 at the end of October) and moved to Longmeadow in 1955 following her marriage to husband Len.



St Etheldreda and the Holy Trinity Reach



Dedication of Church Re-Ordering *Porch / Font / Vestry*

**by the Archdeacon of Ely
The Venerable Jeff Watson**

Advent Sunday, 30th November 2003



Daisy's parents with their son Frank



SUFFER
LITTLE CHILDREN
TO COME UNTO
ME

Fanny Eliza Dean



was **B**aptized
at Holy Trinity Church, Reach,
by the Rev. Lawrence Fisher
on Sunday, October 15, 1899.

Sponsors
Fanny Peters
Eliza Dean
William Dean

Signed
Lawrence Fisher,
Rector of Swaffham Prior.



No 139 S.P.C.K.

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Eliza's Baptism record

Events Committee

There have been a few changes to the Events Team over the summer. Claire Halpin-McDonald, one of the founder members, has stepped down - we are very grateful for all the hard work she put in as part of the team, culminating in project leading Reach Fair.

We are very pleased to welcome Suz Bell, Tash Bridgeman and Debbie Quilter to the team. The team's aims are:

- To organise village events, now including Reach Fair
- To help villagers who have ideas for other events make them happen
- To keep a list of the village events on the website, so everyone knows what is going to happen and when.

Events we are looking forward to:

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th October 10.00am to 12.30pm in the Village Centre

Apple Day

Sunday 8th October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm on the Fair Green

Halloween Disco

Tuesday 31st October from 5.00pm to 8.00pm in the Village Centre

Christmas Tree lights switch on

Friday 1st December 6.30-7.30pm

Carols around the Christmas Tree

Christmas Eve from 6.00pm to 7.00pm



Reach Calendar

This year it's going to be bigger – so more space to write in those special events.

Picture size is A4 landscape so an aspect ratio of 7:5 – pics should be shaped as Joss's photograph.

So keep your cameras handy and please email pictures to David Parr whenever you like on:
davidmparr@btinternet.com

Next year we are considering Reach Christmas cards, so don't forget the camera on those frosty, snowy mornings ahead!

If you have an event you want to organise do get in touch.

Email: reacheventsteam@btinternet.com

Debbie Quilter

Huge Autumn Jumble sale

Saturday 14th October 2017

2pm – 4pm

St James' Church.

Lode, Cambridge, CB259EH

Entrance £1 adults and children free

Note this is a new venue, and the proceeds will go to the provision of community space in the church.

Please bring jumble to the church in the morning from 10.30-12 noon

Best part, there will be afternoon tea and cake for sale which is much needed by hard pressed jumble goers!

Put the date in your diary and come and get the usual amazing bargains



AGM of the Village Centre

Andrew Towers as Chair reported that it had been a significant year for the Village Centre Committee with the separation of the management and planning of the Fair now organised by the Events Team and the gift of equipment and a small charge to rent the shed for storage and sale of the marquees to the Events Team. Montessori Nursery has been holding daily sessions for young children every day but will reduce to four days a week this term.

There have been some interesting events held in the Centre including a photography course, yoga, drumming, singing for those with memory problems and concerts for their supporters. Grahame Radford has been an effective contact for those wishing to hire the Centre and has willingly given up a lot of time to open up and help with the bookings.

Andrew Trump as Treasurer stated that the current account balance is £6762 and deposit account £10743 so that the finances of the Centre are in a healthy state with a slight increase in running costs. The funds will have to be managed carefully now that the Centre has no income other than from bookings.

There are plans to redecorate and improve the lighting for users and maintain the Centre in good order. The accounts had been well managed by Hugh de Lacy who left Reach for the bright lights of Sheffield in June. Thanks were expressed to Hugh and Marie for the enjoyable Curry Nights and Wine Tastings enjoyed in the Centre.

All seems good for the next year and we were delighted to welcome back to the committee Jan Tabecki who served the Village Centre for so many years, had one year off and is back! Also Natalie Bridgeman stepped up to offer help and support which is good news to have a new younger perspective.

We are so lucky to have such an amazing facility right in the centre of the Village and an awful lot of people have worked so hard to keep it going so please use it and enjoy, anyone can book a family party, wedding reception, run a course, a curry night or just contact the committee.

Sue Elliott
Secretary



Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One



**A Service for
Thanksgiving & Remembering
Sunday November 5th 2017
3 pm
St Mary's Church
Burwell
Followed by refreshments**

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

Glen Manchett Crews the Sanya Serenity Coast Yacht in the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race



Manchett's Group director, Glenn Manchett is currently a crew member on the Sanya Serenity Coast yacht, which is a part of the 2017 – 2018 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

Glenn is one of 20 on board for the next 11 months, racing against 11 other yachts. It is endurance at its highest level and Glenn has been stationed as the yacht engineer.

All crew members are expected to work sailing shifts of 4 hours on and 4 hours off with them getting as much sleep as possible in between!

Glenn was pushed to his physical limits in the Level 1 selection process to gain a place in the clipper world yacht race. He completed 4 levels of compulsory training including how to live at a 35-degree angle for prolonged periods while racing and learning to race with broken sleep as he sails through the night.

He will face furious storms in the South Atlantic, intense tropical cyclones in the North Pacific and roaring forties of the Southern Ocean and of course the biggest dread of all no wind at all!

On leaving Liverpool Albert docks he waved his family and friends off saying "I won't lie I'm bricking it, but I'm ready"

You can follow Glenn's yacht progress online here:

<http://clipperroundtheworld.com/race/standings>

His boat and crew are on the Sanya Serenity Coast yacht and are lime green on the tracking map.

Glenn is one of four directors who manage Manchett's in Burwell, best known for their yellow and green vehicle recovery fleet in Cambridgeshire & Suffolk as well as MAN & Renault trucks commercial workshops in Newmarket Suffolk. Glenn has recently introduced Manchett's a new Isuzu and LDV dealership into Newmarket Suffolk as well.



The Red House Day Nursery Burwell



Burwell's thriving Day Nursery has been delighted to receive an Outstanding judgement in their latest OFSTED inspection.

The Red House Day Nursery has been open for 20 years and caters for babies and children from 3 months old to school age. The nursery had previously received outstanding in certain areas, but this is the first time that this well-established setting has had a clean sweep and has received Outstanding in All areas!



The report comments on the highly effective monitoring of children's progress. Staff have well developed strategies to identify and address areas where children may require extra help. Exceptional care and support is provided for both the children and the parents of children who have special educational needs and other disabilities. Needs are quickly identified and met to a very high degree.

The Inspector also found that the partnership with parents was outstanding. Staff have in-depth knowledge of the children and their families and ensure parents and carers are involved with their children's experiences in nursery at every level.

It was evident that the Managers and staff clearly enjoy their work and have strong positive relationships with each other. Morale is high and this helps the staff to promote a warm environment where there is a real sense of family.

The children play together beautifully and are capable of high levels of cooperation, showing respect and consideration for each other.

The Nursery Founder and Owner, Jo Redfarn said 'I am thrilled to see that the hard work and dedication, that I witness from our exceptional team every day, is recognised by OFSTED. I can't tell you how proud I am of each and everyone in the team that collectively make the Red House a wonderful place to work and play.

The full report is available at www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk



Apple Day 2017

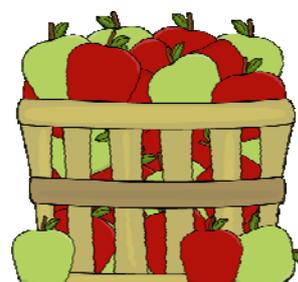
Sunday 8th October starting at 2:30 in the afternoon

Come and take part in a fun-filled celebration of the richness and diversity of England's apples.

- Apple themed games
- Longest apple peel competition
- Apple cakes
- Juice making (and tasting)
- Apple themed competitions and quizzes for *all ages*
- Tea, homemade cakes and other refreshments

Details on competitions to follow!

Any offers of help to David Thomas - david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk



Burwell Museum and Windmill

Thank you for a fantastic summer at the museum!

Many thanks to everyone who came and enjoyed our children's summer holiday activities – we were thrilled to welcome all of you and were impressed with your space hopping, cartooning, Victorian silhouettes and board games. We are very grateful to the Parish Council for funding the activities and the University of Cambridge Museums' "Summer at the Museums" scheme for making us part of their publicity. If you came to any of the activities, we would love to know what you thought; there is a survey at <https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/summer-at-the-museums> which you can fill in for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher.



There's still time to enjoy the museum before (or after) we close for the winter

Although the excitement of the summer holidays is over and the nights are starting to draw in, the museum is still open on Thursdays and Sundays until the 29th of October. Even after that we can open for group visits if you are prepared to risk the weather – see our website or email Alison at education@burwellmuseum.org.uk if you want to find out more.

Mill for All Seasons: volunteers and memories needed

We're very excited about our latest project – we have almost £20,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund to adapt the windmill so that it can be used (with a tractor) even when the wind isn't blowing. As part of the project we are looking for more volunteer windmill guides and people to help us research the history of Stevens' Mill. We'd be particularly interested in hearing from anyone who remembers the mill before it was a museum. Give us a ring on 01638 605544 or email volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk.

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Mystery object No.1

Tea and Talks

Our Autumn season of tea and talks began in September. Join us between 2 and 3pm to find out more about:

The Economic Geology of Burwell by Reg Nicholls
12 October

Standard museum admission applies, free cup of tea afterwards.



Mystery object No. 2

Halloween fun for half term

As I'm writing this the summer holidays haven't quite finished yet, but we're already preparing our fantastic half term Halloween activities! Younger readers (2-5 years) can join us from 11-12.30 for activities based around "Goodnight Moon" (advance booking essential), while over-5s can enjoy Fright Night delights from 2-4.30: use the museum as the setting for your own terrifying tale featuring mythical Fenland creatures, invent your own scary sound machine and make a spooky pop-up picture.



Mystery object No. 3

Genuine mystery objects – can you help?

Last time we included a mystery object we knew what it was, but our latest tidy-up in the stores has revealed three objects which we don't recognise at all! Does anyone have any idea what they might have been used for and where they might have come from?

www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
01638 605544
education@burwellmuseum.org.uk

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

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

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

Please contact Andrew Towers
to be part of the draw

Burwell Museum Coach Trips 2017



Norwich, Friday 6 October £17

ALL SOLD OUT: -
Brick Lane Xmas Show (Adults Only), 8 Dec £68

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

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club

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.

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

Barry Coles
Publicity Officer

Burwell Cricket Club
Saturday 4 November 2017
Fireworks Display
at 7.30pm



£6.00 per adult £4.00 per child
Gates open at 6pm
Mingay Park, Burwell, CB25 0AR
Food / Hot drinks / Bar

Once again Burwell Cricket Club are holding their ever-popular Fireworks night, on Saturday 4th November at Mingay Park Cricket Ground on Reach Road.

Gates open at 6pm and the display will start at 7.30pm.
This year promises to be bigger and better with a breath-taking firework display to delight the whole family.

Food stalls will be available, as will two fully licenced bars provided by Green King. Tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be available from the servery in Mandeville hall, to warm everyone up.
Car Parking available on Margaret Field (subject to weather conditions) – postcode for satnavs is CB25 0AP.

PET OWNERS – we apologise if our fireworks upset your pets, but we want to assure you that there will only be one display and it should last 20 to 25 minutes. We hope this will help you plan for your furry friends accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

Gas Powered Electricity Generation

We are pleased to see that many people in Reach are actively opposing the planning application for gas powered electricity generation on Reach Road/Burwell Road. We hope we can all work together, and closely with Burwell residents, to get this proposal refused.

Tony Jordan first brought this application to the attention of Reach Parish Council - so initial thanks are due to him. Contrary to information circulated, we discussed it at our meeting earlier this month and wrote to ECDC to object. We discussed the Burwell Action Group opposing the application and noted that they would shortly be holding a meeting. Parish Councillor Hilary Fielding attended that meeting and sent the notes to David Parr to circulate to the village. ECDC have decided to delay considering this application, probably thanks to the efforts of the Burwell Action Group. Furthermore, ECDC have today informed our Clerk that they will formally consult with Reach PC and therefore send us all the documentation. So it is helpful that Philip has been in touch with the developer and invited them to speak to the village. Susan will be in touch with the developer to arrange such a meeting.



As a little bit of background, until today the Parish Council was only informed about planning applications within the Parish Boundary and is only a statutory consultee on those applications and our District Councillor does not cover the Burwell ward. We try to identify those applications in other parishes which will impact on us and comment on them. For example, we objected to the application to change the Weirs Drove caravan site to a residential site. But we do not always identify them all. In this case, the application was across the summer holidays so it was fortunate that Tony spotted it while many of the Parish Council were away. Planning is always an item on our agenda and we put it at the start, as that's the area most residents are keenly interested in. Over the last year or so we have had at least one planning application to discuss at most meetings. I suspect that will continue to be the case at least until there is a robust Local Plan in place. I would urge residents to attend and put their comments in the public session at the start of the October/November 2017

meeting. We meet in the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm. I would also urge each resident to write and state their views to ECDC - many voices are always stronger than one.

Can I also flag that we have two vacancies on the Parish Council. It would be great to have people keen to improve and protect our village put themselves forward to fill those vacancies - contact Susan Bailey at reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk.

Charlotte Cane

On behalf of Reach Parish Council

Gas Powered Electricity Generation

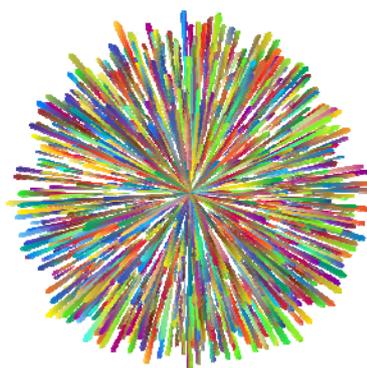
There is a planning application to place 20 gas powered generators on Reach Road. Each generator has a huge 89 litre fossil fuelled engine. The plant has a total engine capacity equivalent to 1000 cars and generating enough power for 80,000 homes; this is no small backup power system for the village. These generators could power two city's the size of Cambridge and yet most villagers are not aware of this application to build this power station. This is set to add significant air and noise pollution to the village, and may damage local wildlife sites.

Noise is set to be reflected over the Swaffham side of the village and the nearby nature reserves. One aspect of particular concern is the effect it will have on the barn owls ability to hunt on the fields nearby to the site. Barn owls are sensitive to noise; they can't hunt effectively with background noise as they must hear their prey. Noise is planned to be directed over their hunting grounds.

NOx air pollution emissions from the plant which causes acid rain and health problems will be blown over the village by the dominant south westerly wind. For a village famous for its clunch stone, which is very sensitive to acid erosion this is no good news for our heritage. There is no need to locate the plant where they plan on the edge of the village. Burwell has the super grid connection capable of powering London with one of the largest transformers in the UK located at the substation and yet they want us to believe we need to generate fossil fuel power within the village. If there are no restrictions put in place, this power station could be run 24 hours a day emitting higher levels of pollution.

The planning application is split into two applications East Cambs District Council 17/01071/FUL & 17/01072/FUL

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PREVENTING PROTECTING RESPONDING

The children are back at school, find an opportunity to teach your children about fire safety and design your very own fire escape plan for them to share with teachers and other students back in the classroom.

We recommend every household has a fire escape plan and regularly runs through it with the family – especially when guests are coming to stay.

Here are a few things to consider when writing yours:

- Everyone should know where the window and door keys are.
- Your normal way out of the house is your best escape route so always keep it clear of clutter - think of the difficulties you'll have using this route in pitch darkness or smoke.
- Walk your escape route with the rest of your family or housemates and make sure everyone can open windows and doors easily.

If you, your neighbour or family member might be vulnerable or have trouble escaping from their house in a fire, get in touch with us to see if we can help by calling 0800 917 9994.

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

Swaffham Prior Parochial Charity

Once again the time has come to remind anyone who considers themselves eligible for our Christmas Grant, I would ask that you reply as soon as possible. The majority of our applications come from our pensioners I particular those who have to manage on a state pension. If however you are in particular need, or know of someone who may be in difficulty but are unlikely to apply on their own behalf the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications can be sent to me or to any Trustee and may I stress that assistance is available at all time not only at Christmas.

**Mrs Pat Waters, Clerk to the Trustees, 01638 741035
31 Tothill Road, Swaffham Prior, Cambs CB25 0JX**

October/November 2017

The Ely Mothers Union

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 7th October 2017



This year we are again taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee morning and we hope that you will pop into the Village Centre and support this event.

There will be tea, coffee and cakes; a raffle and book stall; and a themed coffee morning tombola!

If you wish please bring along a home-made cake and contribute to the success of this event.

Last year the national coffee morning raised over £27 million pounds which will provide a lot of support for people suffering from cancer.



Burwell Surgery Reminder: Book Your Appointment for a Flu Jab



**PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR
LOCAL GP PRACTICE AND
HAVE YOUR FLU JAB
DONE AT BURWELL
SURGERY**

**We are now booking
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eligible to have a FREE NHS flu
jab! Please contact us to book an
appointment**

Eligible patients include:

- ✓ Patients on cancer treatments or long term steroid therapy
- ✓ Pregnant women
- ✓ Patients with BMI >40
- ✓ All Patients over 65 years
- ✓ Diabetes
- ✓ Heart disease
- ✓ Liver disease COPD/Asthma
- ✓ Neurological disease
- ✓ Carers
- ✓ Children aged 2 and 3 years on 31.8.17

Flu clinics will start at The Burwell Day Centre on Thursday 28th September, by appointment only. Our Saturday open clinics are on the 7th and 28th October, 9.00 – 11.30 am – just turn up! There are bookable appointments available during October. Please pick up a 'Save-the-Date' slip from the Surgery or visit our website: www.theburwellsurgery.co.uk

How Plants Tell the Time

As I write in September, the trees are covered in lush green leaves. By October, as you read this it is likely that the leaves of the deciduous trees will have changed from green to red, orange or yellow before turning brown and falling. I can make this certain prediction about what will happen in October because the seasonal changes in the life cycles of plants, from seed germination to flowering and the fall of leaves, occur at defined times in the year. This temporal sequencing of life happens because plants can measure time. Plants use an internal clock to count the hours of light, such as the shorter days of Autumn, to establish the season and control biological changes such as leaf fall or flowering in the Spring. Biologists call this a circadian clock, from the Latin “circa diem” meaning around a day.



Professor Alex Webb

While the circadian clock ticks deep within the cells of the plant, we can observe the results of its ticking using the naked eye, or time lapse cameras. A good example of how a plant is regulated by circadian clocks can be seen in the daily movements of the petals of plants such as daisies. This old English name of the “day’s eye” refers to the opening of the petals during the light of the day. This is to expose the reproductive organs of the flowers for pollination by day-active insects. At night the petals close to protect the reproductive material from the cold of night. Remarkably the circadian clock can keep ticking even without the changes in light and temperature that occur across the day and night. This can be seen when we put daisy plants in constant light in a laboratory and watch the petals continue to open and close for many days, showing the ticking of the 24 hour circadian clock.

The circadian clock acts as the timing device, allowing plants to measure changes in daylength, regulate the time of year when plants flower, and therefore set seed. If we consider that the three most eaten foodstuffs on the planet are products of the seeds of wheat, rice and maize (sweet corn), we can conclude the correct functioning of the circadian clock is important for agriculture. My laboratory is working with the National Institute of Agricultural Botany on Huntingdon Road in Cambridge and Bayer CropScience to find ways to use our knowledge of the circadian clock to develop improved crop varieties.

The Circadian display beds in the Cambridge University Botanic Garden demonstrate how plants tell the time and are in flower from spring through to late autumn.

Professor Alex Webb
Department of Plant Sciences
University of Cambridge



Circadian rhythm beds web lge

Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey News

As autumn colour breaks out across the nature reserve, we will soon be taking important steps to rest & protect the unique habitat of Wicken's Sedge Fen, over the wetter winter months.



In recent years it's become apparent that a combination of greater footfall and wetter ground conditions has had a detrimental impact on the fragile habitat along the route of the Nature Trail, which follows the perimeter of Sedge Fen.

The peat soils have become compacted & footpaths have widened as walkers often deviate to avoid wet or muddy areas. It's noticeable that plant communities on the footpath margins are struggling as seedlings struggle to break through the compacted soil.



Short-eared owl

Just like when we are recovering from illness or injury, often the best medicine is rest. In recent years we have rested certain smaller sections of the Nature Trail which appear to be showing positive signs of recovery. You will still be able to enjoy the beauty of Sedge Fen over the winter months. The all-weather Boardwalk will remain open, as will the stretch of the Nature Trail from the new windpump to the Old Tower Hide. We know the Tower Hide is a popular place to watch hen harriers coming into roost during the winter months, and we are evaluating the feasibility of constructing an elevated platform for wildlife viewing closer to the Boardwalk.

It's amazing to see that new areas of wetland habitat created as part of the Wicken Fen Vision are really becoming havens for wildlife. Fifteen species of wader were recorded on Burwell Fen recently including the rare red-necked phalarope.

Hopefully areas such as Burwell Fen we soon see an influx of short-eared owls as winter sets-in. Last year

we had numerous reports of enthusiastic individuals walking deep into the fen to try and get the perfect view or picture. Please enjoy these amazing birds from the public footpaths (and encourage others to do so) as they won't stick around if they continually get disturbed. Our regular **Mucky Pups** arts & crafts activities programme for under 5s continues this autumn with **Awesome Autumn** on Wed 11 or Thurs 12 Oct, & **Frosty Fun** on Wed 8 or Thurs 9 Nov. For the October half-term we have **Autumn Adventure** on Tues 24 Oct, **Go Wild: Nature Survival Skills** on Wed 25 & our **Fenland Spooktacular** on Friday 27 Oct.



In preparation for Christmas we have a **Christmas Felt Workshop** on Sat 11 Nov, and **Willow & Rush Christmas Decorations Workshop** on Fri 17 & Sat 18 Nov. Tickets for **Father Christmas at the Fen**, on various dates from 3 – 23 December are also on sale now. Details and ticketing information for all events can be found on our website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

Howard Cooper
National Trust



Tales from a Reach Garden

I have fond memories of summer in my childhood; our summer holidays in north Wales in August were always sunny, dry and warm (yes, really). So I felt sorry for school children this July and August because as soon as the school holidays started, so did the rainy weather with just enough sunshine over the bank holiday weekend to remind us that it was actually summer.



Leafy tomato plants in June

One benefit of the rainy weather has been that fruit and vegetables growing outdoors haven't needed much watering since the middle of July. Thankfully it remained warm throughout August so we had a good crop of tasty tomatoes with no signs of blight. Now that the temperatures are cooler in mid-September, the tomatoes are not ripening as fast as they did. I'm removing most of the leaves so that the plants put most of their energy into ripening the tomatoes that are left on the plants.



Tomatoes ripening in September



Crown Prince pumpkin still outdoors....

The hot weather at the start of summer was ideal for pumpkins and courgettes and we have had a lot of them this summer. Courgettes are picked when needed and are only left on the plant to fatten up into marrows. However, pumpkins are left to swell and ripen - a warm, dry, sunny September helps the skins to harden and prevents the pumpkin flesh from becoming too watery. This allows the pumpkins to be stored for longer as they are less likely to rot from within.

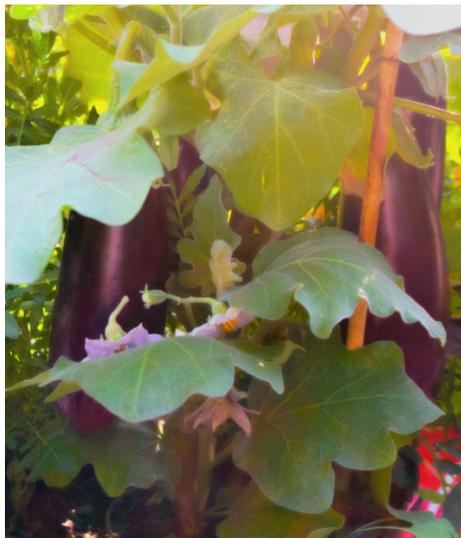


'Jack of all trades' pumpkin drying off indoors amid the onions

Sadly the weather we have had since the end of July has been much less than ideal. Some of the pumpkins, particularly a variety called "Jack of all trades" have yet to finish ripening and still look green so they have been brought indoors to dry out because the leaves and some of the stems of the plant have rotted away in the persistent damp weather. This isn't a variety I would recommend for growing, though it would have ripened well last year in the drier and brighter conditions we had last September and October. Another orange variety called "Spellbound" has ripened nicely, and it's much larger.

Aubergines also depend on warm sunny weather in August and September to do well and we have tried to grow them each year with varying rates of success. They are greedy feeders from the moment the seeds germinate, so I have learnt to sow the seeds in multipurpose compost rather than seed compost. However, the seedlings are slow growers, so they need to be sown by March, at the very latest, to guarantee cropping by the end of August (weather permitting). I have tried to grow them in the polytunnel near to the

tomatoes in the past, but the flowers rotted and fell off before the fruits formed.



Aubergine varieties 'Moneymaker'

However that same year some aubergines I planted in a sunny spot outdoors did do well and produced some fruit. I discovered that my relatives in Italy also grow aubergines outdoors, even though their tomatoes are grown in polytunnels or greenhouses. Obviously the weather in the centre of Italy is ideal for growing aubergines outdoors.



'Farmer's long'

I have no doubt that tomatoes and aubergines could be grown in the same greenhouse or polytunnel in the UK, but they need more light, space and ventilation than our polytunnel can provide. After some experimentation I have found that aubergines grow best in a sheltered, sunny spot, to guarantee any fruit at all, which just happens to be in pots or growbags on our patio! Even in this year's wet summer, I have been able to pick a few aubergines thanks to the good start they had with the mini heat waves in June and early July. However there are many more fruitlets still on the

plants and I'm hoping they'll grow a bit bigger before the weather becomes too cold for them.



'Black Beauty'

Aubergines are members of the same family of plants that include potatoes, tomatoes, peppers and deadly nightshade. As you can see from the pictures they come in a variety of shapes and they aren't just purple in colour. In much of the English speaking world they are known as eggplants and when you see a white fruited variety like "Casper", you can understand why.



'Casper'

I have found that "Moneymaker" is the best variety for growing outdoors here, it is a prolific variety, but the fruits are purple with a satin sheen rather than a shine. In those years that I have cropped more aubergines than we can eat, I make a roast ratatouille which also uses home-grown courgettes, onions, tomatoes and peppers and then freeze the ratatouille in boxes once the dish has cooled after cooking. I have tried flash freezing or blanching aubergine slices and chunks prior to freezing, but they don't freeze that well. I've found it's best to roast, fry or puree the aubergines or cook them as part of a dish (like in a moussaka) prior to freezing. Then you have a lovely reminder of summer when you defrost the dish and heat it through in the middle of winter.

Danuta Gibson

GARDENING

What's Growing on at Snakehall Farm



BOO! GOOD GOT YOUR ATTENTION - SPOOKY SNAKEHALL IS BACK!

Are you ready for another Farm Fright Night? With more props, a sensational story line in development and pumpkins now popping up in the crops, we are preparing the farm for another spooktacular. With tickets now - who you gonna call?

Our Garden Team has GROWN, we are pleased to welcome new Garden Team Support Worker Anna to the green fingered dream team here at The Prospects Trust. With Anna's additional horticultural help our Garden Team is able to take on more one off and larger landscaping projects. Over the summer our Gardening Co-workers have been challenged to create lots of new growing spaces, from the new Sensory Garden at Highfield Ely to the raised beds at Burwell Print, the team have put Prospects Trust's talents out and about in the wider community. Of course all this expansion means we have more gardens, more projects, more customers, more Co-workers, more staff so now we need another vehicle. Our Development Officer is currently fundrasing to add another Garden Team truck to the fleet of accessible farm vehicles. If you know of any local sources of funding or wish to donate to the appeal please contact Maz.baker@prospectstrust.org.uk and of course if you need the services of our Gardening "Green" Team give Tom a call on 01638 741551

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New Garden Team Staff need new Garden Team van



Co-worker Ben harvests super squash

AUTUMNAL STEWS AND VEGGIE ROASTS

As the season turns so does our farm stock and this autumn our shop shelves will be squashed with squashes, we have super spuds perfect for slow baked jackets and jars of preserves to give you the long lost taste of summer on your toast as the nights pull in. If you have yet to find our secret on your doorstep shop please pop along to our farm with your loose change and get cooking up some 0 food miles veggies sown, grown and harvested by our Co-workers, adults with additional needs. As a socially inspiring enterprise we need our customers to keep our work mission alive.

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.



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

October/November 2017

Cambridge University Botanic Garden is open at 10am, 7 days a week. For details about opening times, admission charges, tours, courses and the latest information about upcoming events visit www.botanic.cam.ac.uk or telephone 01223 336265. Join us for Apple Day on 22 October 2017 10am – 4pm, tickets available to purchase in advance online or from the Garden ticket offices.



Growing abilities on an 18 acre organic care farm in rural Cambridgeshire



Art Exhibition
Kate King, Diana Kazemi and Cathy Parker

Thu 5th Oct 2017 - Sun 29th Oct 2017

October Exhibition at The Old Fire Engine House featuring ceramics and paintings - Open Daily: 10.30am until 5.30pm

Preview October 5th 6 - 8pm. Free entry, all welcome.

Teas, coffees and cakes served 10.30am - 11.30am and 3.45pm - 5.15pm daily. Lunch and dinner bookings taken by reservation 12-2pm and 7-9pm.

Website - www.theoldfireenginehouse.co.uk

24 Acres: Featured Fruits

Medlar (*Mespilus germanica*)

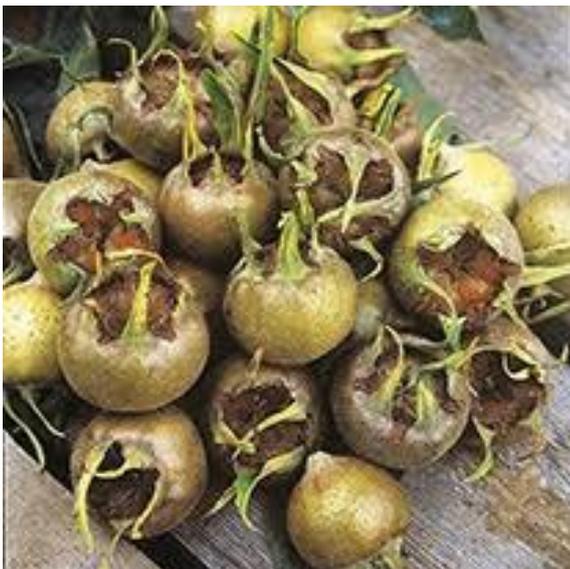
Despite its Latin name, which means German medlar, the medlar is indigenous to southwest Asia and also southeastern Europe, especially the Black Sea coasts of Bulgaria and of modern Turkey. It may have been cultivated for as long as 3,000 years



There is evidence that the medlar was introduced to Greece around 700 BC, and to Rome about 200 BC. It was an important fruit plant during Roman and medieval times. However, it was the Elizabethans and Victorians who were the real fans of medlars in this country. It is not the prettiest of fruits, and because of its appearance it was commonly known as the 'Dog's Arse Fruit' or 'Open Arse Fruit'; combine this with the fact that it should be allowed to rot before eating and it is perhaps not surprising that it fell from favour.

As a tree it is highly ornamental - with its intricate twisting stems and dark green foliage. In spring it has simple white flowers, which give way to its unusual fruits.

What distinguishes the medlar is that it is one of the few fruits that become edible in winter, making it an important tree for gardeners who wish to have fruit available all year round.



Fresh from the tree in early autumn the fruits are hard and sour to taste. They need to be 'bled' before they can be eaten raw or used for making sauces, jellies and even "Medlar cheese", which is similar to lemon curd, being made with the fruit pulp combined with eggs and butter.

Bletting is simply the process of allowing the fruit to mature and soften. On smaller trees the fruit can simply be left on the tree and will naturally mellow to a dark brown colour and become soft - early autumn frosts will help with this. For larger trees it is easier to pick the fruits and store them open to the elements (but safe from vermin) until they colour and soften. You will know when the fruit is ripe and ready to eat (or cook with) when you can squeeze them and the flesh oozes out like a ready-made apple sauce - almost like thin toffee. Some say that the best way to eat these is to pull off the eye of a fruit and suck out the contents!

A fruit which is rotten before it is ripe, the medlar is used figuratively in literature as a symbol of prostitution or premature destitution. For example, Chaucer, in the Prologue to *The Reeve's Tale*, the character laments his old age, comparing himself to the medlar, which he names using the slang term "open-arse".



The most famous reference to medlars appears in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, when Mercutio laughs at Romeo's unrequited love for his mistress Rosaline:

*Now will he sit under a medlar tree,
And wish his mistress were that kind of fruit
As maids call medlars, when they laugh alone.
O Romeo, that she were, O that she were
An open-arse and thou a pop'rin pear!*

In case you haven't worked it all out, Rosalind is being compared to the medlar – rotten with ripeness. The medlar was also believed to have the likeness of the female genitalia, and 'to meddle' meant to perform sexual intercourse. 'Pop'rin', Elizabethan slang for a French pear (Poperingale), is thought to be a pun on 'pop her in'!

We have two trees in our orchard, one of the variety Nottingham (a fairly upright habit and the best flavour, but the fruits are fairly small) and one of the variety Royal (a compact variety, considered to be the best Medlar for eating fresh). Both have been sponsored by Nick Acklam.

David Thomas

Meeting Jo Redfarn

My name is Joanna Claire Redfarn (nee Nash). When I was little I was known as Jo-Jo, but now it's just plain Jo. My parents, Alban and Ann, ran a convenience store next to Scotsdales Garden Centre, where I was born and raised, along with my younger brother David. Our Granny lived next door and they worked hard running the shop together, with my Dad doing daily deliveries to locals, long before Tesco's started it. Dad played the organ at Shelford Baptist and my Mum ran the Sunday School. I went to Fawcett Primary School in Trumpington and then to Sawston Village College. I am currently helping to plan, the 'Class of '78' reunion next June! I've kept in touch with a few school friends and I'm really looking forward to seeing many more, forty years after we last met.

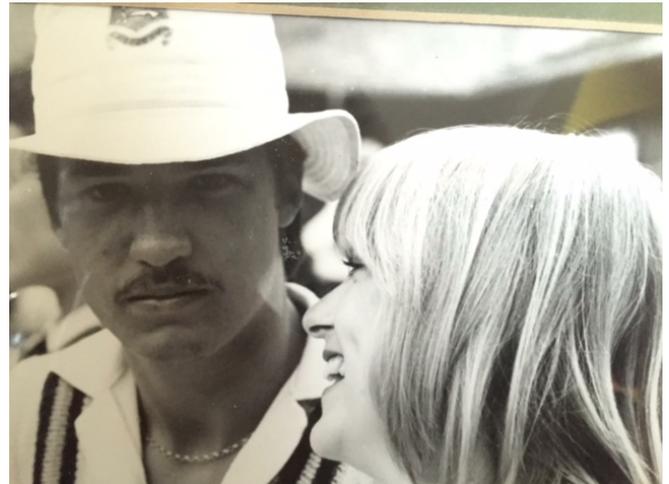


I enjoyed school and was very sociable. From school reports, it appears I talked a lot and was easily distracted! I wasn't academic but I enjoyed all aspects of school life except hockey! I had lots of friends both in my primary and secondary school. At Sawston Village College I remember our school trips, to France and a narrow boat tour on the Grand Union Canal. We also had lots of school disco's! I loved history and my favourite teacher was Mr Reynolds, who now lives in Burwell. He was a great inspiration to me and nurtured my love of Egyptology. I later took evening classes in Egyptology at the Department of Archeology and Anthropology at Cambridge University. While living in Shelford I joined in with a couple of archaeological excavations run by Cambridgeshire Archaeological Unit, which I went to with my Dad whilst in my teens. I occasionally see my old teacher in the village and he politely advises me that I don't have to call him Mr Reynolds anymore and I'm allowed to call him Kelvin.

My Dad was a member of Cambridge Gliding Club and I spent most of my early years at Duxford and Marshalls airfields. When I left school at 16 years old, a friend from the gliding club offered me a job in his Travel Agency in Mill Road. I thought it would enable

me to get to Egypt cheaply and he might give me time off on good flying days!! I hadn't considered the actual job much, but there started my career in the travel industry, which I loved. From there I worked with Thomas Cook and travelled extensively. I took groups to Egypt and accompanied Club 18-30 trips from Cambridge. One such trip in 1982, was a skiing trip to Austria and that's where I met my husband to be, Paul.

I worked for Beach Villas after Thomas Cook. Firstly, in Portugal, selling holiday property there and then I became the Manager of their business travel unit in Cambridge. I worked there until I left in December 1990 to have my daughter Jemma. As a family we have travelled extensively, particularly in Africa, although we are now trying to broaden our horizons.



Paul and I were married in Cambridge Registry Office in 1990, followed by a big party at our home in Histon. Paul's work with Hitachi took us to Reading and I worked with a travel company based at Heathrow. Paul played for Reading Cricket Club and Laura was born while we were living in Berkshire, but we really missed our friends and family in Cambridge. Paul was offered a job with BT and it meant we could move back to Cambridge in 1994. We looked around for houses and our best friends Maggie and Vaughan Allanson lived in Burwell. They still do. We decided to join them and moved to a house on the High Street. Paul joined Burwell Cricket Club and we soon made many friends. Jemma and Laura went to Burwell Primary School and Bottisham Village College, where they had very happy school lives.

In 1997 we opened The Red House Day Nursery in the High Street in Burwell, as we had struggled personally to find childcare in the area. We had the good fortune to purchase the Red House, the former doctors' surgery. I knew absolutely nothing about childcare, but intended on employing people that did and I have been extremely lucky and have worked with some inspirational people over the years and hopefully we have made a difference to many families lives.

The Red House recently received an OFSTED Inspection and was awarded OUTSTANDING in all areas! I am thrilled to say the least. I am so proud of Anita Harris our Manager, Claire Gilroy our Deputy Manager and our outstanding and hardworking team.

The staff are like an extended family and it's a pleasure working with them, caring for children and their families. Originally my mum lived at the Red House, in the apartment upstairs but after six months we had so many children, she had to move out to a house on the Causeway and we extended into the first floor of the house. Nursery care now has a lot more regulation, but children are still great fun and never cease to amaze.



Jemma and Laura have now both left home. I miss them, but luckily for me, we are a very close family and talk almost every day. Jemma is a nurse working in A&E at Leeds General Infirmary. She moved up to be with her boyfriend, Adrian, three months ago. She has a Masters Degree in Nursing from York University and previously worked at Papworth Hospital for two years. Laura went to Loughborough University and now works for PA Consultants in Melbourn. She is a Rewards Manager in the HR team. She lives in Burwell with her boyfriend Simon and my Grand Kitten, George.

We moved from Burwell to Reach because Paul worked from home for BT and we needed more office space. We were lucky enough to buy our home in Great Lane in 2000. We'd always liked Reach and regularly visited the pub with our friends Andy and Tanya Knight, who moved here a few years before us. We are privileged to have a fabulous view from the house over the fens, which is forever changing with the seasons. Five years ago we were lucky enough to be able to buy the field behind the house. We now have the pleasure of watching Alison Kolhman's horses living happily in the field. The house was part of Prospects Farm which Joyce Harrison's family owned. The house was the tractor barn until it was converted in 1989.

I've enjoyed contributing to village life while living in Reach. I was on the Fair Committee for many years and organised the rotas for the car parking, village stalls etc. I assisted with the running of the BBQ when it was organised by Burwell Cricket Club too. More recently I've helped organise the Bottle Stall with our good friends Sue and Jeff Bailey.



When we moved to Reach, the first thing we did was to get a dog. A beautiful golden retriever called Buffy. After a lovely life, we sadly lost her at the age of 14½. The house wasn't quite right without Buffy, so along came Ruby. She is also a golden retriever and is nearly two. She is a complete delight. We also have four much loved ginger cats, Jimmy, Lulu, Zimzam and Ginny aka Feather, who lives in Joss Goodchild's stables these days. Reach is perfect for pets and we are so blessed having the amazing Reach Woods to explore and all the other stunning walks in every direction around the village.



We did experiment with living the 'good life' and had two lots of pigs, one for eating and one for pets. But we found the latter needed too much attention so they were re-homed with a community farm in Bury St Edmunds and the former were too heart breaking! We have 30 apple trees in the field and more up at the house. Too much for us, so Cambridge Crop Share come every year and pick the apples for distribution

around various charities. We also donate some to the village Apple Day which this year is on October 8th and we welcome other village scrumpers.

I am not known for my cooking attributes and I am spoilt with Paul's superb cooking skills. Ricky our Australian lodger is also a very accomplished cook, so mostly I am the washer-upper. I can however throw a good party!!



I have a keen (some would say obsessive) interest in Historical Aviation. I am member of a team that keep in operation a B17 Flying Fortress called 'Sally B' at IWM Duxford. The B17 Flying Fortresses were used mostly by the American Army Air Force during World War II, employed on strategic bombing operations over Germany and occupied Europe. Sally B now flies as a memorial to the 80,000 men and women who lost their lives in the European theatre of war during World War II. She is 72 years old and fully restored to flying condition. She's the only flying example of a B17 outside the United States and has been at Duxford for over 42 years. She's kept in flying condition by a team of volunteers and I have been one of them for just over 20 years. We have a large supporters club and my role is guiding people (amongst many other things) around Sally B, including veterans and their families most of whom have vivid memories of the aircraft and their service during the war. Every Sunday either myself or one of our team are on duty to share our aircraft with members and fellow enthusiasts at Duxford. I also travel to airshows around the Country with the aircraft, raising vital funds to keep her in flying condition. It's very expensive to keep a 1945 bomber in the air – where she belongs. The B17 is the equivalent of the British Lancaster bomber. Ten men were in each crew so when an aircraft was shot down ten lives were often lost. We try to educate the younger generation and to make them aware of how these young men fought for our freedom.

When I'm not on Sally B duty, I travel around the country going to airshows and 1940's events. I love dressing up! I have also been supporting Bottisham Air

Field Museum, since it was set up a few years ago. American fighter aircraft, P51 Mustangs and P47 Thunderbolts, were based operationally there during the war. The dedicated team at Bottisham are ensuring the memory of those brave Americans that served here is not forgotten. The Museum has an Open Weekend 30th Sept and 1st Oct, so I hope a lot of Reach residents will come and see the great work going on preserving our history. The museum is housed in the only buildings which have survived from the days of the airfield and were until relatively recently the Old Smokery.



I have a large personal collection of items dating from the war years, from silk maps of Europe that aircrews carried if they were shot down, to propellers, Forces Sweetheart jewellery, USAAF uniforms and general aircraft equipment. Not to mention a large library, much to Paul's distress!



As a family, we have been very involved with Burwell Cricket Club. Paul is now President, but has held most positions on the Management committee over the years. Until recently I was the club welfare officer and I'm a qualified cricket coach, but not a very good one I'm afraid. Ask Ben Knight! Burwell Cricket Club is a vibrant club with a large membership and our social life revolves a lot around it. The First Team are in the East Anglian Premier League which is the highest league below First Class Cricket. Paul played cricket for

Cambridgeshire and captained England under 19's. I have stood down from my previous duties, but still help out in many ways, although they'd rather not have my cricket teas!



My philosophy on life is have fun and treat everyone as you would want to be treated yourself. I have had a fabulous life so far and have been very fortunate. I lost my dad when I was 17 and I still miss him everyday. My lovely Mum passed away three years ago, but we still have Paul's Dad going strong at 92! We've worked hard for what we've got and I was fortunate to meet Paul, who is very entrepreneurial and has a 'Can do' attitude to life. We are blessed with two genuinely lovely daughters, not to mention all my friends around the world. I thoroughly enjoy living in Reach and are extremely lucky to have some wonderful friends here too. I don't plan on leaving the village anytime soon. Why would I?



Jo Redfarn

October/November 2017



Precious Memories

International
Pregnancy and Infant Loss
Awareness Day

Sunday 15th October 2017

6.30pm

at St Mary's Burwell

A Short Service of Remembering
for those who have lost a child

Music, Readings, Prayers

Lighting of Candles

Followed by refreshments

Create for Christmas
Monday 20th November
St Mary's Church, Burwell
7.00 - 9.00pm
 Enjoy seasonal treats & mulled punch
 while you create your own
Christmas Crafts
No experience necessary!
 This event is for adults
 but accompanied young people
 aged 11+ welcome
 Organised by our Messy Church Team
 We don't make a charge but donations welcome
 To book leave a message on 741262
 or email vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Days Gone By

Wham! topped the charts in October 1984 with "Freedom". **Wham!** was an English musical duo formed by members George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley in 1981. They were briefly known in the United States as **Wham! UK** due to a naming conflict with an American band. Wham! sold more than 28 million certified records worldwide from 1982 to 1986.



In the UK – and the world for that matter – the biggest event was the Brighton bomb blast that killed five members of the Conservative Cabinet.

The blast tore apart the Brighton Grand Hotel where members of the Cabinet have been staying for the Conservative party conference. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her husband Dennis narrowly escaped injury.



The IRA issued a statement claiming it had placed a 100lb bomb in the hotel. The statement read: "Today we were unlucky, but remember, we only have to be lucky once; you will have to be lucky always. Give Ireland peace and there will be no war."

Among the injured were Trade and Industry Secretary Norman Tebbit, his wife Margaret and Government Chief Whip, John Wakeham whose wife Roberta was killed.

Firemen used BBC arc lights after cables were cut to rescue Mr Tebbit from the rubble, in a painstaking operation that took several hours. Breakfast television showed pictures of the rescue and a conscious Mr Tebbit, clearly in pain, being stretchered to safety. His wife suffered neck injuries.

The bomb went off at 02.54, ripping open the front of the hotel on the top floors and sending masonry crashing down on guests sleeping below. Fireman say many lives were probably saved because the well-constructed Victorian hotel remained standing, despite the central section of eight floors collapsing into the basement.

At Mrs Thatcher's insistence the conference opened on schedule at 09.30. In her redrafted speech to the party she declared: "This attack has failed. All attempts to destroy democracy by terrorism will fail."

In all, five people died and thirty-four were injured. The bomb had been planted several weeks earlier by Patrick Magee, who checked into the hotel under a false name. He was caught and sentenced to 35 years. Four members of an IRA "active service unit" were also jailed for involvement in the plot.

In prison Magee got a first class Open University degree in fiction and its portrayal of the Troubles. He was released in 1999, under the Good Friday Agreement, a move described by one Downing Street spokesperson as "very hard to stomach".

In Reach, life went on as usual with the Parish Council discussing swings on the Hythe, the village sign and setting a precept for the following year of just £628. Taking inflation into account this would be around £1,400 in today's money – our current precept is over five times that amount!

In the magazine, the big news was of the pub re-opening – more of that will be contained in another article in this issue which introduces the new owners of the Dyke's End.

David Parr

Heritage Street Lighting Update

As I write this article work has started!

And I am reliably informed by the guys working on them that they will all be operational later today (Tues 26th September)!

This project started in early 2015 so it's only taken two and three-quarter years to get it completed!

The lights look excellent – matching as best they can those on the other side of the Green and very much in keeping with our ancient village.

For those individuals and village institutions that pledged money towards the project, Susan Bailey, the Clerk will be emailing you shortly so that payments can be made. And the good news for individuals who pledged funding is that they should be seeing a reasonable "discount" due in no small part to the very generous donation made by the Simon Gibson Trust.

David Parr



What's in a Bottle?



**MELLIN'S
INFANT'S FOOD
LONDON**

A couple of bottles dug up recently have an interesting social history. In 1902 the Mellin Food Company sponsored the construction of the UK's first airship by Stanley Spencer. The completed airship carried an advert for Mellin's Food in September 1902 and travelled across London from Crystal Palace to Harrow. The Mellin's Infant's Food was advertised as the time as the only perfect substitute for mother's milk.



**ELLIMAN'S
ROYAL
EMBROICATION
FOR HORSES
MANUFACTURED
SLOUGH**

The second bottle is an Elliman's Royal Embrocation for horses and manufactured in Slough. The embrocation was made from eggs, turpentine and vinegar. The eggs were imported from Ireland and China. When the turpentine was added to the mix the local fire brigade had to be on alert.

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By 1911 the embrocation was being sold in 42 countries. The line comprised two products: Universal Embrocation for humans and the Royal Embrocation for animals – but there was no difference between the two!

It's a good job it contained its original glass stopper!

Source: www.sloughhistoryonline.org.uk

Tom McDonald

Food Focus



Fish Stew with Garlic Aioli

This is the sort of recipe you think is a breeze. A compilation dinner, without real cooking skill, which is delicious and attracts compliments if entertaining, but please be warned, beware and whatever you do don't be blasé! It really can catch you out at the last minute just when things all appear to be running smoothly - such an easy and simple recipe (it really is), but 2 glasses of wine in when you forgot to pre-chop the lemon wedges or pick the parsley and you find yourself head torch on in the rain rooting for herbs, singed sourdough popping out of the toaster, deafening the room as you whizz the aioli, you end up thinking NEXT TIME, I must not have a drink.



Sweat an onion with olive oil and garlic, once soft but uncoloured add a tin of chopped tomatoes, and ½ a pint of white wine/stock or a combination. Bring to the boil, put the lid on and simmer for an hour (that is the easy bit).

Smash a clove of garlic with a large pinch of salt on a board, scrape into the whizzer receptacle (I use the hand held whizzer with a blade), with one egg (yolk

and white), and a squeeze of lemon juice. Gradually add in vegetable oil, in between whizzing or as whizzing, until the aioli thickens to a mayonnaise-y consistency. I use rapeseed as a rule, although I occasionally make it with 1/3 olive oil 2/3 rapeseed, but any more olive oil than that and it overpowers the aioli (this is easier than you think but best done early).

Chop up a 1 lb of white fish (or use a combo of white fish, squid, prawns, other seafood) and have ready to add to the tomato sauce 3 minutes before you are ready to serve the dish (chopping up the fish is one of those easily forgotten steps).

Toast some baguette or sourdough bread (2 or 3 baguette sized slices per person) and then spread the aioli thickly on before floating on top of the stew and serving sprinkled with parsley, accompanied by lemon wedges.

This doesn't really need anything other than a salad or some green vegetables by it (or perhaps Kalettes – see below), but if you want to make it more substantial, boiled potatoes work well. Also the tomato base could work equally well with other variations too, for example chicken and chorizo.

Prospects Produce

The farm shop was actually the inspiration for the recipe this month because they have started selling a sort of smashed tomato passata in the freezer. Obviously wanting to try it out, I thought of our family's favourite fish stew recipe. At this time of year Snakehall can also provide you with the onions, garlic and parsley needed for the recipe. As always in autumn the shop is brimming with wonderful shaped and coloured vegetables. Squash, main crop potatoes, beetroot and onions. Cabbage and kale will be in soon as well as an innovative new crop called Kalettes. According to the marketing blurb they promise to be a "fresh fusion of sweet and nutty". They have been developed through traditional hybridization by the British vegetable seed house Tozer seeds to "create a kale type vegetable which was versatile, easy to prepare and looked great" and is essentially a cross between kale and Brussel sprouts. The vegetable can be sautéed, roasted, grilled or eaten raw. Perhaps I will be converted to this disguised form of animal fodder after all.

Forthcoming Farmers Markets and Food Festivals

Ely – 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month (October 14th and 28th, November 11th and 25th) 8.30am – 2pm

Burwell – 2nd Saturday of each month (October 14th and November 11th) 9.30am -12.30pm

Reach Apple Day – Sunday 8th October

Ely Apple Festival – 21st October, Palace Green, Ely

Cambridge Pumpkin Festival 20th– 29th October



Authentic Indian Cookery Lesson and Lunch

Friday 13th Oct 2017

Learn to cook an authentic 3 + course Indian meal, and enjoy a sit down lunch of the dishes cooked at the end!

A hands on lesson so do bring an apron!

All ingredients provided.

Tickets are priced £59 per person.

www.cambridgecookingclasses.co.uk



Eerie Ely - Guided Ghost Walk

Thu 7th Sep 2017 - Thu 30th Nov 2017

7th September until 30th November 2017 - Every Thursday at 7pm!

Ely - by day, a tranquil pocket City in the heart of East Anglia. A beautiful riverside and a bustling centre. But by night, the City is a different place.

Join our skilled guide as he takes you on a tour of Ely by Twilight, exploring the hidden horrors, terrifying tales and things that go bump in the dark.

Tours leave promptly at 7pm from Oliver Cromwell's House and tickets **MUST** be pre-booked.

Website - www.olivercromwellshouse.co.uk



Cricket

Sunday 23 July Reach vs Fen Ditton

Not even our 'pavillion' could keep the rain off the scorebook for this encounter. It is deeply-stained with raindrops (or were they tears?) from a rain storm which, according to the rainfall radar, appeared from nowhere, selecting Reach as a suitable place to erupt, linger and then vanish. But we don't give up easily. In a shortened, 20 over match Reach knocked up 55 – falling a couple of overs short of our allocation and failing to reach Fen Ditton's total. As the stumps were packed away, the clouds cleared and there followed four hours of unbroken sunshine



Hector Keutgen. A force to be reckoned with

Sunday 13 August Reach vs TAC

The TAC is an Indian cultural centre in Cambridge whom we met at a tournament in Milton – and defeated in a seven-over slog (aided by a couple of ringers). Put into bat they got off to a slow start which gave us a false sense of security. But somehow their opener Ramu got away and knocked up 65, helping them to total of 252 – in spite of a stinger of a catch by Robert Keutgen. Gwilym Davies, returning from the Netherlands and with his girlfriend spectating, managed to knock up 49, but otherwise Reach rather paled in reply, all out for 145.

Sunday 10 September Reach vs TAC

The TAC enjoyed themselves so much that they came back for a second go. Surely we couldn't fail again to find our form? Oh, but we could. We bowled better

this time, and managed, with just a few dropped catches to bowl out the opposition for 164 – helped by a late-in-the-day five wicket haul from Rob Steed. But we only managed 105 ourselves, with Theo Clark top-scoring with, er, 16. As they say in professional sport there lots of positives to take out of this match – like we all survived and no-one scored a duck.

Sunday 17 September Reach vs Burwell

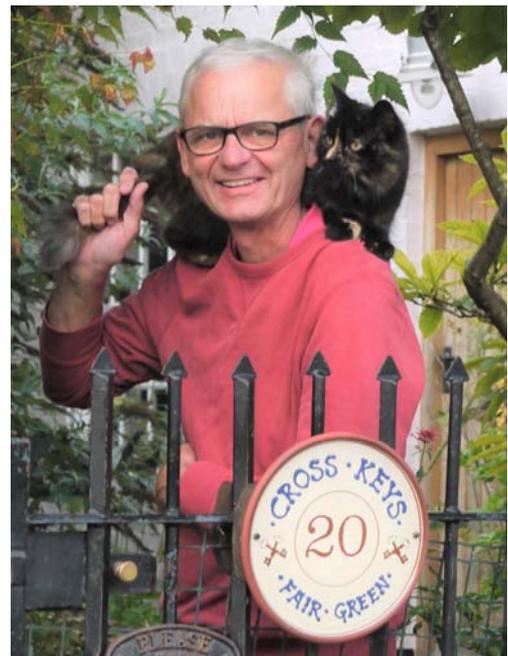
A promising match was abandoned after 4 overs due to heavy rain, but not before young Hector Keutgen had snatched two wickets and Andrew Trump his first for the season

Ross Clark

Pets Corner



Fernie Keutgen. Happy to play the part of an accessory, and like most cats enjoys plenty of food and sleep



A new category: Pet and Pet Owner. Thank you Mr P of Cross Keys, 20 Fair Green

REACH RIDERS GROUP COMMUNITY CROSS COUNTRY ARENA

Want to get some cross country schooling at a great location, whenever you want and at a low cost?



Reach Village now have a fantastic new community cross country schooling facility in that can be accessed at any time and any amount of times for a small annual membership of £15 per year. We hold regular social and fundraising events and membership will also include discounted entry to Reach Riders events throughout the year.

The acre riding arena is situated at the edge of the village at 24 Acres, surrounded by a newly planted woodland and orchard and set in the beautiful National Trust Fenland reserve.

The acre is fenced and has a range of professionally built cross country jumps and cavaletti poles with a ditch planned for next year. The grass surface is regularly checked and maintained as are all of the jumps.



Please note: The area is only accessible by horseback- there is currently no designated parking on the 24 acres site.

For details about the facility or membership please visit our Facebook page Reach Riders or contact Sue Cameron: ewanandsue@btinternet.com

Reach Grant Fund

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

Applications should be sent to the Parish Clerk:
Susan Bailey
29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF
01638 743794
reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk



Reach Village Apple Day 2017

**Sunday 8th October starting at 2:30
in the afternoon. Fair Green**

Come and take part in a fun-filled celebration of the richness and diversity of England's apples.

- Apple themed games
- Longest apple peel competition
- Apple cakes
- Juice making (and tasting)
- Apple themed competitions and quizzes for *all* ages
- Tea, homemade cakes and other refreshments

Details on competitions to follow!

Any offers of help to David Thomas -
david.thomas2000@yahoo.co.uk

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

PARISH COUNCIL OF REACH NOTICE OF VACANCY IN OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 that Councillor Michael Aves formerly a member of the above named Parish council has ceased to be a member thereof and that a casual vacancy exists in the office of councillor for the said Parish.

If, within 14 days* after the date of this notice, a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the proper officer of the East Cambridgeshire District Council by ten electors for the said Parish an election will be held to fill the vacancy; otherwise, the vacancy will be filled by the Parish council.

DATED this 18th day of September 2017

(Signed)
Susan Bailey
Clerk to the Parish Council

Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

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
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There are two vacancies 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.

Parish Council Meeting Draft Minutes



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 6th September 2017

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Hilary Fielding	Vice Chair	Present
Steve Boreham	Councillor	Present
Alex de Giorgio-Miller	Councillor	Present
Diana Ward	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

Councillor Ward declared an interest in the planning application 17/01336/OUT - 48 Great Lane.

1 Forum for members of the public.

There were none.

2. Apologies for absence – received and approved.

Councillor Michael Aves had resigned from the Parish Council. The Chair thanked Michael for his many years on the Parish Council and his work for the village community. The Chair stated that it is regretful that the PC has lost a voice for a group of people that the PC no longer represents.

A question was asked as to whether a person from outside of the parish could become a member of the PC, it is believed this is allowed. *The Clerk* will check and confirm.

3. Declaration of interests

There were none.

4 County Councillor's Report

None received.

5 District Councillor's Report

I am currently dealing with 3 controversial planning applications.

- 1) Abbey lane, Swaffham Bulbeck – two houses. In my councillors response I objected strongly to this. The application has now been refused.
- 2) 10 bungalows at Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior. I have called it in to the planning committee. I am concerned with its proximity to the nearby working windmill & any effect on unfettered wind to the mill. There is also a strong body of opinion within Swaffham Prior against the development.
- 3) 20 Houses at Hillside Mill, Quarry Lane, Swaffham Bulbeck. I have called this in to the planning committee. I have several issues – too many houses, I feel there should be no more than 12. Not in keeping with the existing street scene. The development does not consider the appearance, character and setting of the clunch listed building on the northern boundary. It therefore conflicts with planning policy ENV1. The parking bays on properties 1 & 2 open onto a bend and could be a traffic hazard. And no parking appears to have been allowed for visitors another traffic hazard.

Councillor Alderson was asked about the local plan, which will be discussed at the next full council meeting in October to ratify the draft version which will then go out for consultation for a final time. This should be completed by mid-2018.

4. Planning Applications

There had been several planning applications over the summer break which the PC had read and discussed.

17/01336/OUT - 48 Great Lane. The proposed build would be 'tucked away' from both the road and the lode.

Given that much more visible builds have been given the go-ahead in Great Lane, it would be hard to object on these grounds.

All the arguments against development in this general area have been tried and found not to be airtight. Therefore the PC cannot see a reason for comment or objection

17/01292/FUL- 2a Burwell Road. No objection or comment to be made.

17/01185/FUL - stables at North View House. No objection or comment to be made

17/01162/LBC - 21 Great Lane. No objection or comment to be made.

Gas fired power station – Reach Road, Burwell. As this is outside of the parish the PC had not been informed of this development. A public meeting has been called in Burwell to discuss this, **Councillor Fielding** to attend on behalf of the PC. Burwell PC had raised no objections.

Following discussion the PC object on the grounds of noise and visual pollution, traffic affecting the village and the potential nitrogen emissions on the parish of Reach. Also the fact that there is insufficient environmental information. The potential effects of nitrogen deposition on the Devils Dyke SSSI or the SAC component which may or may not require an Appropriate Assessment.

Clerk to write to the planning department.

5. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

The streetlight installation was discussed; a letter had been received from a resident. The Clerk had responded and will do again following the meeting giving details of the continuing work and time scale.

6 (1) Parish Council Grant Fund

The Grant fund stands at £1,574.

£6,940.61 will be transferred from the Events Team for Reach Fair 2017. They have agreed to transfer £1,360 to the Village centre. This being the £1000 for the tents and the 6 months storage. The PC will be asked for the next 6 months storage of £360 soon.

The Village centre have agreed to pass over the money from the 2016 fair. This being £1,497.

A grant of up to £160 has been requested for Apple Day. Agreed.

6(2) Financial Reports

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

6(3) Parish Council Members Meetings

Councillor Ward had spoken with the IDB about the regeneration of the banks of the lode following the dredging and storm Doris. This area is now in good order.

Councillor Boreham has had a sign made for the defibrillator **Clerk** to contact the village centre to arrange for it to be put up.

Councillor Cane had been contacted by Air broadband regarding the possible idea of supplying fibre broadband right into people homes, at an extra cost. This would improve reliability and speeds. The PC agreed that the community would be interested.

Councillor de Giorgio-Miller took over the responsibility of Play spaces officer.

6(4) Play Spaces

It had been reported that the goal posts were damaged. **Councillor de Giorgio-Miller** to investigate.

6(5) Rights of Way

Nothing to report

6(6) 24Acres Committee Report

The new pathway cut at Reach 24 looks good; the PC would like to extend this up to the culvert. The paths will be cut more often to improve access. **Councillor Boreham** to discuss with Nick Acklam.

6(7) Friends of Reach Wood

There have been two attempts to pull ragwort from Reach Wood meadow by the probation service via the Woodland Trust over the summer (July and August). These have not been very successful. The WT should include this in their future management plan. **Councillor Boreham** to continue his efforts with the WT.

Concern has been expressed at the establishment of low-level scrub on the meadow, which is not being taken out by the bar-cutter. Councillor Boreham has strongly resisted the suggestion that we should instead use a flail-cutter on the meadow, for all the reasons that we previously rehearsed. Management may require cutting out individual bushes by volunteers. **Clerk** to find out when the meadow will be cut.

6(8) Local Plan

Nothing to report.

8 Playground update

Residents had heard rumours and were concerned that by moving the playground unauthorised vehicles would easily gain access to the playing field. This is something that had not been considered. It may be possible to restrict the entrance and still move the play area or it may be best to keep the playground at the field entrance. **Clerk** to seek advice.

9 Drones flying around the village

A large number of complaints had been received regarding Drones flying around the village and hovering over properties and gardens. An email had been circulated around the village detailing people's concerns and asking for Drone owners to show due consideration of other residents and to follow the "Drone code" which was also circulated. The police had also been contacted but with little helpful response. **Clerk** to ask for the Drone code to be put in the village magazine.

10 Strange smell on Great Lane

Over the summer an unpleasant smell had been reported on many occasions, on the edge of the village along Great Lane. This is not a normal farming smell and has been described as the smell of death. The smell comes and goes and does not seem to be connected to any activity or weather pattern **Clerk** to report to the Environment health department.

11 LHI Scheme

Discussion postponed until October meeting.

12 CCC Gritting scheme

For the same reasons as last year this scheme is unworkable for Reach and was rejected.

13 Parish Council Website

Councillor Boreham had looked into the many companies offering to provide and maintain websites for parish councils. Following discussion **Clerk** to talk with other local parish councils to find out who they use and whether they are happy with the service.

14 Information Items/AOB

No councillor is available to attend the forthcoming NT Liaison meeting.

A resident had complained about the dangerous way tractors have been driven through the village during harvest, particularly their speed and lack of due care. The resident had contacted the farmer and the PC; who also contacted the farmer concerned. The season has now finished so the problem should cease for this year. **Clerk** to note that this issue should be brought before council in May to allow for discussion prior to harvest time.

15 Payments

Moore & Co – Audit fees	£348.00
N Acklam – 24Acres expenses	£ 36.25
CR Contracting – mowing & tree work	£931.00
E.on – Power on the green	£ 17.30
N Bridgeman – Grant Fund Sports day expenses	£ 51.00
C Tayleur – Grant Fund Sports day expenses	£ 30.95
D Quilter – Grant Fund Sports day expenses	£ 10.01

The date of the next meeting will be **Wednesday 4th October 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).

Chairman:

Date:



Ely's Apple Festival

Saturday 21 October 2017

National Apple Day, traditionally held on or around 21st October, was launched in 1990 by Common Ground. Ely has been joining in with the celebrations since 2000 and the event has now become one of the best loved apple festivals in the area.

The festival provides interest and intrigue whether you are interested in the educational, environmental or simply fun angle of the day.

Our experts from East of England Apples and Orchard Project will once again be in attendance to identify any apples that you wish to bring along. It is easier to identify if you can bring part of the stalk and/or leaf as well as the actual apple. So if you have been mystified as to what kind of apples have been growing in your garden all these years, now is the time to find out.

There will be several competitions, candle making demonstrations, birds of prey, storytelling and activities running throughout the day including the ever-popular longest apple peeling competition, apple and spoon races and apply shy. Yes we pun a lot on apples!

Watergull Orchards, who kindly supply all our apples and bottles of juice for the various competitions, will be on hand to talk you through over 25 varieties of apples as well as over 10 varieties of juice and cider.

Ely's very own Green Man will be making an appearance throughout the day as we celebrate local traditions along with Morris dancing and a Mummer's play.

As you might expect, all our food vendors have an apple twist so from apple teas to pork and apple sausages you can expect a wide variety of apple related culinary delights.

We are very grateful to our sponsor, Orchards Green, a new development to the north of Ely.

We hope to see you there.

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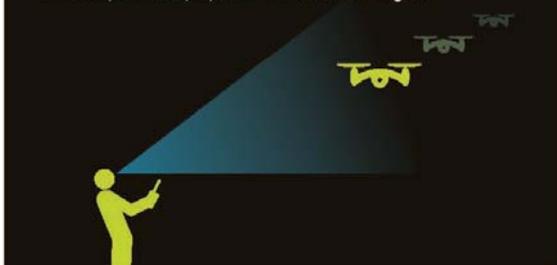
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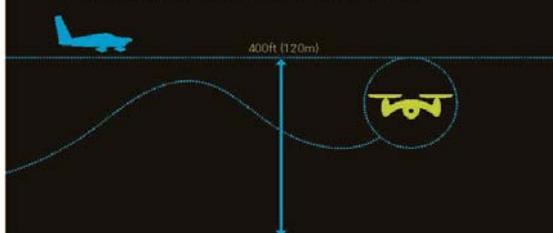
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Always keep your drone in sight



This means you can **see** and **avoid** other things while flying

Stay below 400ft (120m) to comply with the **dronecode**



This reduces the likelihood of a **conflict** with manned aircraft

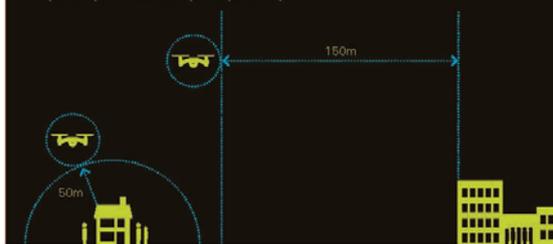
BE DRONE AWARE

Every time you fly your drone you must follow the manufacturer's instructions



Keep your drone, and the people around you, **safe**

Keep the right distance from people and property



People and properties – **150ft (50m)**
Crowds and built up areas – **500ft (150m)** and **don't overfly**

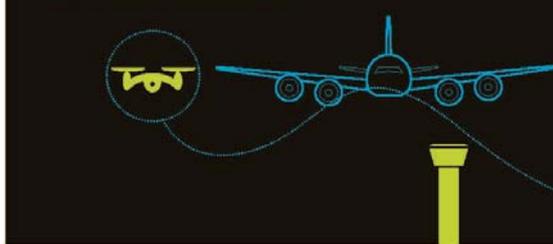
BE DRONE LEGAL

You are responsible for each flight



Legal responsibility lies with **you**
Failure to fly responsibly could result in **criminal prosecution**

Stay well away from aircraft, airports and airfields



If your drone endangers the safety of an aircraft it is a **criminal offence** and you could go to prison for five years

The UK Dronecode is published by the Civil Aviation Authority to assist drone users in flying safely.

Letter from the Vicarage

'Where is God?' is a question I have often been asked. Sometimes it's the very matter of fact questioning of children, trying to figure out where exactly God is - in the room, in the stars, or wherever. At other times it's the heartfelt cry of someone in pain, wondering where God might be in their situation. Perhaps you've asked the question yourself, or been asked by a small child and struggled to find an answer! It's probably one of the most profound questions we can ever ask, and I don't usually rush to reply, as a quick answer can sound trite and too easy.



But sometimes it's only as we dare to ask the question that we become open to the possibility of an answer. Where is God? Nowhere? Or Now Here...the difference being a space, a change of perspective. For me, it's often when I least expect it that I become aware that God is with me, in the everyday and ordinary, in the good and in the bad times.

If you would value an opportunity to ask your questions, or just to chat, you can contact me by phone, email or when you see me around.

Coming up at St Etheldreda's in the next few weeks: we have our regular 8am communion service on 8th October, and then on Remembrance Sunday 12th November we will be gathering at the Reach War Memorial at 10.50am, continuing the service in church just after 11am. We have some special events at St



Ploughing Festival

7th and 8th October 2017

Prickwillow Museum

www.prickwillowmuseum.com

Mary's in Burwell: Thanksgiving Service 10am on Sunday 29th October, to give thanks for our parish, for St Mary's & St Etheldreda's, for the people, the buildings, and the life and work of our churches. For those who have suffered loss, on Sunday 15th October at 6.30pm there is a short service to mark International Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day, particularly for those who have lost a baby or infant, and on Sunday 5th November at 3pm is our annual 'Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One' service, for those who have lost loved ones in the recent or more distant past. All are welcome to these services.

Looking a little further ahead, Create for Christmas is at St Mary's on 20th November - a fun creative event for adults and over 11s. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about any of our events or services, or visit our website and Facebook pages for more details nearer the time.

Finally, a reminder that both St Mary's Church and CentrePeace act as collection points for donations for the Foodbank. If you find yourself in need of the support of the Foodbank, I do have emergency vouchers, or you can contact Ely Foodbank on 01353 468626.

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

Do you need a break in your busy day?

Why not drop in to

LUNCHEBREAK CAFE

At St Mary's Church, Burwell

On the 4th Wednesday of every month

October 25th and November 22nd

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.

Church Services and Events

October 2017	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda's Reach
Sunday 1st Trinity 16	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service with baptisms 4.00pm Sweaty Church	
Wednesday 4th	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 5th	10.00am Little Bears	8.15 am Morning Prayer
Sunday 8th Trinity 17	10.00am Holy Communion 7.00pm Sunday @ 7	8.00am Holy Communion
Wednesday 11th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 12th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th Trinity 18	8.00 am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Communion 6.30pm Baby Loss Service	
Wednesday 18th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 19th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 22nd Trinity 19	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion	
Wednesday 25th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 26th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th Last Sunday after Trinity Bible Sunday	10.00 am Holy Communion and Thanksgiving Service 4.00pm Messy Church	
November 2017		
Wednesday 1st	10.00am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove	
Thursday 2nd	10.00am Little Bears	8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th November All Saints Day	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am All Age Service 3.00pm Light a Candle service for bereaved	
Wednesday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 9th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion 3.00pm Remembrance Service (starts 2.30pm at war memorial)	11.00am Remembrance Service (starts 10.50am at war memorial)
Wednesday 15th	10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court	
Thursday 16th		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 19th November 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00 am All Age Communion 7.00 Sunday @ 7	
Wednesday 22nd	8.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 23rd		8.15am Morning Prayer
Sunday 26th November Next before Advent – Christ the King	8.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Messy Church	
Wednesday 29th	10.00am Holy Communion	
Thursday 30th		8.15am Morning Prayer

Art Unequaled

Sat 4th Nov 2017 - Sun 5th Nov 2017

With a reputation for the high quality of art and craft on display and the friendly welcome, Art Unequaled returns to The Maltings, by the beautiful riverside in Ely on 4th and 5th November for the seventh year.

The event promises to bring together a fabulous collection of the highest quality artists and craftsmen from across the country for you to meet. Several artists will be demonstrating their craft during the weekend and all artists will be on their stand and happy to discuss their work with you. Whether you are looking for a fabulous addition for your home or yourself or want to start your Christmas shopping, you are sure to find something truly original at Art Unequaled.

www.artunequaled.co.uk



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th October

**Village Centre 10am – 12.30pm
Cakes, books, raffle, tombola!**

Huge Autumn Jumble sale

Saturday 14th October 2017

2pm – 4pm

St James' Church.

Lode, Cambridge, CB259EH

Entrance £1 adults and children free

Note this is a new venue, and the proceeds will go to the provision of community space in the church.

Please bring jumble to the church in the morning from 10.30-12 noon

Best part, there will be afternoon tea and cake for sale which is much needed by hard pressed jumble goers!

Put the date in your diary and come and get the usual amazing bargains

Bus Timetable

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

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.

Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mon - Sat											
Newmarket (Guineas Station)			0814	0914	1014	1114	1214	1314	1414	1514	1614	1714
Burwell (Manchetts Ness Road)	0619	0649	0842	0942	1042	1142	1242	1342	1442	1542	1642	1742
Reach	0634	0704	0857		1057		1257		1457	1557	1657	1757
Swaffham Prior	0639	0709	0902	0959	1102	1159	1302	1359	1502	1602	1702	1802
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0720	0755	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1743	1843

Service No:	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	Mon - Sat											
Cambridge (Drummer Street)	0650	0750	0850	0950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1650	1750
Swaffham Prior	0727	0827	0930	1027	1130	1227	1330	1427	1530	1627	1722	1827
Reach	0733	0833		1033		1233		1433		1633		1833
Burwell (Hawthorn Way)	0743	0843	0943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1735	1843
Newmarket (Guineas Station)	0813	0913	1013	1113	1213	1313	1413	1513	1613	1713	1810	

A full timetable can be downloaded from www.reach-village.co.uk/bus_service.html
Please note that the bus stops at a number of stops in Burwell – those listed are just timing points

Diary Dates: October 2017

October 2017	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 5	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 6	Burwell Museum Coach Trips	Norwich	See page 13
Saturday 7	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Village Centre	10am – 12.30pm
Saturday 7 & Sunday 8	Ploughing Festival	Prickwillow Museum	See Page 24
Sunday 8	Apple Day	Fair Green	From 2.30pm
Thursday 12	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 14	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Saturday 14	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 14	Huge Autumn Jumble Sale	St James' Church, Lode CB25 9EH	2pm – 4pm
Sunday 15	Precious Memories	St Mary's Church, Burwel	6.30pm See page 29
Tuesday 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tuesday 17	AGM Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners	Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Wednesday 18	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	
Thursday 19	Recycling Day (Green)		
Friday 20 – Sunday 29	Pumpkin Festival	Cambridge	
Saturday 21	Ely Apple Festival	Palace Green, Ely	See page 40
Wednesday 25	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 26	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 28	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 28	Farm Fright Night	Snakehall Farm	Tickets required see page 25
Tuesday 31	Halloween Disco	Village Centre	5pm – 8pm



Diary Dates: November 2017

November 2017	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30pm
Thursday 2	Recycling Day (Green)		
Saturday 4	Fireworks Display	Burwell Cricket Club	Gates open 6pm
Saturday 11	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Saturday 11	Burwell Farmers Market	Burwell	9.30am – 12.30pm
Sunday 5	Light a Candle to Remember a Loved One	St Mary's Church, Burwell	3pm
Thursday 9	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Wednesday 15	Village Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	
Monday 20	Create for Christmas	St Mary's Church, Burwell	7pm – 9pm See page 29
Tuesday 21	Mobile Library	Village Green	2.15pm
Tuesday 21	Elizabethan Gardens Talk by Pippa Temple	Swaffham Prior Village Gardeners Swaffham Prior Village Hall	8pm
Thursday 16	Recycling Day (Green)		
Wednesday 22	Lunchbreak Café	St Mary's Church, Burwell	12 noon – 2pm
Thursday 23	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Saturday 25	Ely Farmers Market	Ely	8.30am – 2pm
Thursday 30	Recycling Day (Green)		



Autumn Leaves

Fri 27th Oct 2017

Join us for a painting workshop where you can decorate your own hanging acrylic leaf decoration using glass paints. No need to book in advance, just drop in. £2.50 per child, accompanying adults free of charge

Workshop times: 10.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm Suitable for all ages

Website - www.stainedglassmuseum.com

Contact Information

Parish Council		
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
Village Centre		
Chair	Andrew Towers	
Finance	Grahame Radford	743839
Bookings	Grahame Radford	742814
Marquee Bookings	Andrew Hall	743737
Grant Scheme (Formerly the Amenity Fund)		
Applications to:	Charlotte Cane	741064
Burwell and Reach Car Scheme		01638 742543
Church		
Vicar	Eleanor Williams	741262
Reader in Training	Frances Leadon	741770
Priest in Retirement	Reverend David King	742924
Parochial Church Council Member	Pam King	742924
Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Simon Rogers	741205
Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Sarah Wingate	742498
Emergencies		
Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
Police (Emergency)		999
Police (Non-emergency)		101
Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell		
Appointments and Emergencies		741234
Enquiries		743602
Community Nurses		742382
Surgery Hours	Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details	

