REEPHAM'S fire station is one of several across the county that could be shut as Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service faces a significant reduction in its budget.

Documents from the Norfolk County Council communities committee held on 9 September indicate that if 25% of the service’s budget is cut, nine fire stations could close, including East Harling, Heacham, Hingham, Martham, Massingham, Mundesley, Reepham, Sheringham and Terrington.

The Council is looking to make a range of cuts across all its departments in an effort to plug a £111m funding shortfall over the next three years. Other areas likely to be affected include libraries and museums.

Council officers presented the communities committee with a number of options to consider in regard to future funding for the fire service.

Reepham fire station is also earmarked for closure along with 10 other one-pump retained stations if a 12.5% cut in the budget is pushed through.

With smaller budget reductions of 8% or 10% the station in Reepham may be spared for the present at least, but its longer term future could still be in jeopardy, despite a significant increase in population with the planned housing development proposals to 2026.

Councillors recognised that an 8% cut was likely to be the most suitable, saving around £2.2m, although this may not be enough to help reduce the large budget shortfall.

The full set of proposals will be considered by the council's policy and resources committee on 26 October.

The fire station in School Road, Reepham, is a retained station with one appliance and a crew consisting of a watch manager, two crew managers and nine firefighters.

If the station in Reepham does close, some residents have already expressed concern about the possibility of having to wait in excess of 25 minutes before fire engines from Dereham or Aylsham get to Reepham to attend to house fires and road traffic accidents.

Although some way off being decided, the potential closure of the fire station in Reepham and sale of the County Council's property could add to major changes already in place for School Road.

At 31 School Road, plans have been approved for the demolition of the garage/haulage depot and the erection of four dwellings with carports on the site of the former Reepham Motors. Notices have been issued stating that the garage is due for demolition from early October.

Opposite, at 32 School Road, next to the fire station, plans have been approved for the demolition of the Abb’s Garage premises and the erection of eight dwellings with garages. It is understood the existing garage and business will most likely be closed by Christmas.

Tour of Britain passes through in a flash

Despite the damp weather hundreds of people in Bawdeswell, Reepham and Cawston turned out on Saturday 12 September to see the Tour of Britain pass through the area mid-morning. Community events and stalls were held at several places along the route, including a cycle event fun day at Cawston Village Hall.

One spectator observed: “After weeks of build-up, one minute it was there and then it was gone. It was amazing how quickly it all disappeared.”
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HSBC urges customers to talk to staff prior to closure

REPRESENTATIVES of Reepham’s businesses, charities and community groups met with HSBC on Tuesday 15 September to discuss issues raised by the impending closure of the branch.

One of the strongest messages to come out of the meeting was to recommend to all bank users who envisage problems after the closure to make a one-to-one appointment with members of the Reepham HSBC team before the doors close on 9 October.

HSBC’s representatives made a commitment to helping customers find solutions to practical problems.

The good news to come out of the meeting was that HSBC is committed to arranging an alternative cash machine (ATM) for the Market Place.

The bank is already in discussion with a possible ATM provider and has begun the process of identifying a suitable location.

HSBC has agreed to get the new ATM in place by Christmas if possible, provided the necessary permissions can be obtained in time.

In the meantime, individuals can get cash from the post office and from the cash machine outside the Spar in Ollands Road.

The ATM at the bank will cease operation on the day of the branch closure. Businesses and charities (who are treated as small businesses for banking purposes) will also be pleased to hear that HSBC expects to reach agreement with the Post Office at national level within the next 2-3 months to allow business and charity customers to do their banking at the post office.

While this may mean that businesses have to make additional journeys to bank their takings and obtain change in the short term, greater use of the post office in the longer term should help to ensure its sustainability.

Those who attended the meeting praised the current HSBC team in Reepham for their support in the run-up to the closure.

A report of HSBC’s Community Engagement and Impact Assessment in respect of the Reepham branch closure will be published online shortly.

Stimpson’s Piece working group formed

A WORKING group has come together made up predominantly of representatives from the regular users of Stimpson’s Piece and the pavilion, and members of the public.

Meetings have been held over the summer months with the initial objective of building a relationship with the trustee and getting an understanding of how the pavilion is currently managed.

The working group will be taking responsibility for a number of tasks from November that will assist in the day-to-day running. These include:

- locking the main gates at night;
- checking the pavilion both prior to and after functions;
- providing a point of contact for users during their hire of the pavilion;
- helping to source local contractors for any maintenance required;
- reporting issues raised by users to the trustee;
- assisting with bookings to get a clear picture of when the pavilion is being used.

The group has also started to discuss ideas around what longer term objectives might be.

If you would like to get involved, please contact David Loxton 07776 347297 or dloxton@sky.com

Missing panther returned

Panther Brewery’s missing panther has been found.

At 7 am on Saturday 19 September, a resident woke brewery owner Martin James saying she had spotted the wooden carved animal outside the police station in Reepham’s Market Place.

Mr James and his wife Diana rushed down to collect him before he decided to go for another walk.

The panther went missing at the end of August’s Reepham Beer Festival at Stimpson’s Piece pavilion.

The brewery had offered a reward for information leading to the return of the beast, which was specially created last year by Wild Chain Carvers.

The panther is now safely back in his lair.
Second Birdy’s Bike Ride

ON Sunday 23 August many of Katja’s friends and family set off from Reepham College for the second Birdy’s Bike Ride. We cycled to Aylsham and back on the Marriott’s Way. It was hot and sunny, and we had a lovely day, laughing about how Katja would have moaned about cycling all that way.

Afterwards we had a cake sale (pictured) at the College and raised a further £1,000 for the Katja Livesey Achievement Award. The first awards will be given out on Thursday 17 December at Reepham College to some very deserving students.

It is a great pleasure to be able to do this, and we are so very grateful for everyone’s generous donations and cake making.

_Hilary Livesey, Station Road, Reepham_

Shops can show the way

THE Queen’s longevity achievement of 9 September reminded me of 6 February 1952, when I was buying an ice cream at the open side window of G. Grief’s corner cycle and wireless shop in Reepham (we were allowed out at lunchtimes!) and heard the news from one of his radios that King George VI had died. I ran all the way back to school and told my class teacher, Mrs Peggy Dack. She was shocked, but said she would always remember me for telling her.

Her son Ian occasionally sends a copy of your interesting _Reepham Life_ over to me here in North Wales. I understand from the articles that you have two problems in Reepham: parking and keeping small businesses thriving.

Regarding the former, I must say I never had any problems parking my bicycle outside Hardiman’s when I was sent to collect groceries, Beeches to pick up nails or at Chapman’s where I bought the latest _Famous Five_ books, or in fact at any of the shops in the square.

Of the latter, here in Wales (as those of you who have been on holiday here will know) plastic bags in shops cost 5p and have done so for several years. Consequently, most shoppers provide their own.

Recently, local news reports stated that plastic bag sales had fallen by some 70% since the scheme began. I understand that large shops in England are set to follow suit in October.

Presumably, small shops will fall in line in due course and this is the reason for me writing.

Customers with bags, supporting their local Reepham shops, will find that their goods are likely to be handed to them and that they will be required to pack their own bag.
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The problem is that the shops are unlikely to have a low shelf or rail where customers can rest all their bags while they struggle with paying cash – the actual packing of the bag and the simultaneous holding of their other bags filled in previous shops.

My busy market town, despite having six supermarkets, has managed to retain a greengrocer, three bakers, one butcher, two delicatessens and three chemists, so the bags in my hands can mount up.

Yet not one of the shops that I visit regularly has made a concession to their customers and altered their counters to include a low front shelf for resting bags.

Many shoppers can’t be bothered with the hassle and head for the supermarkets instead.

Maybe Reepham can show them all the way?

P.S. Keep up the good work with Reepham Life.

Ray Simpson, Mold, Flintshire

Nursery search continues

At the time of writing, Reepham Nursery School committee is about to hold its annual general meeting, where I will be stepping down as chairperson of the management committee.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed and appreciated the time I have had with the nursery, as well as working with the supportive and friendly staff.

The role of being a committee trustee has changed greatly in recent years.

Far from simply turning up to meetings and baking for a cake stall there is far more responsibility within the officers’ and trustees’ posts than is generally known.

It also requires commitment to the organisation’s aims, and abilities to help make decisions within the charity’s best interests.

This might put some people off, together with the thought of the accountability, but there is now enough support from Norfolk County Council and the Early Years Development Workers to help anyone who chooses to take on a role to fulfil it properly.

In fact, I came to the committee with absolutely no experience of nurseries or committees.

Reepham Nursery School deserves to be supported by the community whose children it looks after; it would be wonderful to see more parents and carers interested in the work that goes on behind the scenes.

I still aim to be part of the committee as the search for another building remains ongoing and it would be fantastic to see the nursery installed in a home of its own.

Being in a “pack away” setting still holds it at a major disadvantage as it takes vital time away from the staff each day.

It also needs its own facilities to keep it up to date with the demands of a modern nursery.

Reepham Nursery School is a warm and welcoming organisation to be involved with.

Over the past few years there have been difficulties to work through, not least staff restructuring and financial problems, but with the support and resilience of the staff, the nursery is now in a stronger place financially as well as attendance being at a high level.

The children enjoy a wide range of activities and equipment, and there are still places available for this term. If you would like further information, please telephone 01603 871586 or email reephamnurseryschool@btinternet.com

Fritha Waters, Reepham Nursery School Committee

So much for idyllic evenings

NOW that the lovely summer has finished, here is a recap of what residents of Reepham had to endure.

On Friday nights we had the sound of motorbikes doing circuits of Reepham.

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time of day we have smelly, billowing smoke. I don’t mean summer barbecues, but small bonfires that have you running to close the windows and take washing in to do again.

I’m sorry, but in this day and age households have options, be it donating unwanted items in the charity bags that are delivered to households, council garden refuse bins or recycling bins and composting.

New trustees needed for charity board

THE Bircham Centre in Reepham is looking for new recruits for its board of trustees. The charity is looking for people who are passionate and enthusiastic about the town’s community and historic buildings; there are vacancies now and from April 2016.

A total of 12 trustees help with different aspects of running the Bircham Centre, such as volunteering in the charity shop or the archive rooms, maintaining the historic walled garden or supporting the administrator with health and safety and building matters.

Located in the heart of Reepham’s Market Place, parts of the building date back to the 17th century. The Centre has a wealth of history and over the decades the trustees have enabled the building to remain open for community use in line with its constitution as a reading room, originally donated to the town in 1919 by Samuel Bircham.

Ian Boldero, current chair of the trustees, said his role is rather like that of a non-executive director, overseeing the governance of the building and charity, and ensuring the building remains part of Reepham’s past, present and future.

All proceeds raised through the charity are used to preserve the building and the facilities it provides to the local community.

- If you can contribute knowledge and experience from your own background, especially in business and accounting, and have some time to contribute, please contact the administrator, Gill Wheatley 01603 879242 or thebirchamcentre@gmail.com

Will paying for care mean selling your home?

THE government’s planned introduction of a cap on the amount that any individual has to pay for care in their lifetime has been delayed until 2020.

Paying for care is something that many of us worry about. Indeed, according to the BBC, the average cost of residential care in Norfolk stands at £522.69 per week (July 2015).

For those who have no savings and low incomes there is help available through your local authority: they will subject you to a means assessment and if you have total assets worth below £23,525, then you should be eligible for help.

The value of your home won’t be included in the assessment if you have a partner, a child under the age of 18 or a family member who is over 65 or incapacitated living in the property with you.

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If none of this applies to you, then your home will be taken into account and you may need to sell. If the home is owned in joint names, then only your half of the value of the property will be taken into account.

However, since April 2015, councils have been obliged to offer what is known as a Deferred Payment Agreement, allowing you to delay selling your home.

This is an arrangement whereby the Council will pay your care fees until either the property is sold, or until you die – whichever is sooner. It is in effect a type of loan, so must be repaid at some stage. The Council may also charge a set-up fee and interest.

For those who have the ability to pay for their own care, you can purchase an Immediate Care Plan that provides a top-up to your other income to pay for care fees.

While they do require an initial capital sum, they are tax-efficient as they are paid direct to the care home so not counted as your income and allow you to limit the degradation of the family’s wealth.

- Hayley Tink is a Chartered Financial Planner at Almamy Green Investments Ltd. Contact her on 01603 706740 or hayley.tink@almarmygreen.com
Open and informative bank closure discussions

THE most pressing matter facing Reepham at the moment is the closure of the HSBC bank in the Market Place.

Keith Simpson, our local MP, arranged a meeting between the HSBC regional management team and representatives of local business and community groups to discuss problems the community would face and to investigate means of alleviating those problems.

At HSBC’s insistence this was a private meeting to which members of the public were not invited, but the discussions were, in the main, open and informative.

The bottom line is that the bank will close at the beginning of October and the ATM will be switched off at that time.

However, HSBC is committed to providing an alternative ATM in the Market Place and is in the process of making the necessary planning application. The intention is to have the new ATM installed by the end of the year.

Personal account holders still have the option of obtaining cash from the post office or from the ATM outside the Spar.

Business account holders will have to bank their takings at another convenient branch, but HSBC is currently in negotiation with the Post Office to enable business customers to make deposits, etc., at the post office.

All the above will be of particular interest to the Town Council’s new finance officer, Sally Gill, who took over from Judith Flack at the end of September. Sally and Judith have been working together over the past few weeks to ensure a smooth handover.

Cemetery investigations

The Whitwell Road cemetery (right) is rapidly becoming full and in the near future the Town Council will not be able to offer burials in Reepham.

There is a proposal for a new cemetery on the proposed Broomhill Lane development, but this would take some years to come to fruition.

However, there is an area of the existing cemetery for which we have no records and which we believe may not have been used. Therefore, the Council has decided to investigate the possibility of undertaking an archaeological survey of the area to establish if it is unused.

If so, this would give us some breathing space before a new cemetery becomes available. If anybody has any concerns or comments they wish to make, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk.

Allotments and trees

Now is the time of year that allotment holders are harvesting, and in some cases giving up, their plots.

We have a small number of plots available, so if you fancy taking on even a half plot, please contact the Town Clerk.

As part of our responsibility for the management of the environment and to ensure the safety of the public we have recently had all trees on land owned by the Town Council surveyed by an independent surveyor.

Happily, all our trees are safe and do not require any attention other than routine maintenance.

More councillors needed

We would like to remind all residents that we still need two more councillors. Provided you meet the residence qualification there are few restrictions on who can or cannot become a councillor and the obligations are not onerous.

We normally hold meetings on 11 evenings every year. No previous experience is required and training will be provided as necessary. If you think you would like to become a councillor please contact the Town Clerk.

Stimpson’s Piece events

Stimpson’s Piece has been very busy since the last issue of Reepham Life. First, Panther Brewery organised another successful beer festival, which took place over three days and was well attended.

Immediately afterwards a circus was held on the park with their big top and menagerie. This was another new development for Stimpson’s Piece and seems to have been a success.

With regard to next year the Trustees are investigating the possibility of running an open-air concert during the summer; if anybody is interested in supporting such an event, please contact the Town Clerk.

These events are part of the Trustees’ intention to generate new and varied uses for Stimpson’s Piece, not only to provide a wider range of experiences for residents of all ages, but also to generate additional income to support the existing facilities.

If anybody or group would like to hold an event at Stimpson’s Piece, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Clerk.
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Consultation on modifications to site allocations

BROADLAND District Council’s latest consultation – Site Allocations DPD - Modifications (Post Hearing) – is now available to view and comment.

The Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) is an emerging Local Plan document that sets out those sites across the Broadland district that are deemed suitable for certain forms of development, such as housing, employment, community facilities, etc.

Reepham is identified as a Key Service Centre where around 100-200 new homes are proposed up to 2026 (subject to overcoming sewage capacity constraints), with the encouragement of appropriate local job growth.

The main site (PS48-01) off Broomhill Lane of 8.2 hectares is proposed for residential development and community facilities (including cemetery land, recreational open space and a sports hall). This comprises land to the north (5.7 hectares) and south (2.5 hectares) of Broomhill Lane, which will accommodate a total of 100-120 homes.

A smaller site (PS48-02) comprises 2.8 hectares of land at the former station yard on Station Road, Reepham, on which is proposed a mixed development of residential and employment, accommodating around 20 homes, B1 and B2 employment uses.

Broadland District Council submitted the Local Plan document to the Planning Inspectorate in September 2014.

There has already been a consultation (February-April) on possible modifications arising from an initial exploratory meeting with the Inspector.

Since then, a public hearing took place in mid-year relating to the Site Allocations DPD.

As requested by the Inspector, the Council is now consulting on further possible modifications to this document. The results of this consultation will assist the Inspector in deciding whether or not the Local Plan document is sound and legally compliant.

Comments are sought specifically on the proposed modifications to the Site Allocations DPD. These modifications are divided into two types: Main Modifications and Additional Changes.

Main Modifications are those that need to be made to the Plan’s policies or other content in order to make it sound or legally compliant. Additional Changes are minor, factual amendments that do not relate to soundness.

For Reepham a main modification for site PS48-01 is that vehicular access is to be from a realigned and improved Broomhill Lane, incorporating appropriate traffic management measures and footway provision, with pedestrian access linking to Park Lane and Broomhill Lane.

The relevant documents can be viewed and comments made on Broadland District Council’s Consultation Portal. Comments close at 5 pm on Tuesday 13 October 2015.

Further information from: Spatial Planning Team, Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich NR7 0DU. Tel: 01603 430567. Email: ldf@broadland.gov.uk

Both Saturday cricket teams win division and secure promotion

WITH the final game played, Reepham & Salle Cricket Club can finally relax and bask in glory as both our Saturday teams secured promotion, topping their respective divisions.

Victory was especially sweet for the second side, which showcased our “colts” and proved a remarkable testament to our youth coaching.

Although being very much a team effort, praise must go to captains George Wright and Rajiv Chaudhary for successfully steering our players through the season.

Sunday captain Harry Leggoe battled with call-offs, rain and team selections, but still managed to retain his composure and our position in the Mid-Norfolk Sunday Cricket League (Premier Division).

We also had another successful youth training season thanks to Paul Harwood and our dedicated group of coaches, and next season look to focus on our Sunday side.

Our link with Reepham High School is flourishing with our head groundsman Joe Hollis ensuring an “amazing” pitch, and we have arranged a friendly game between the club and the school at the beginning of next season.

Although we have yet to start work on our pavilion, our training nights have been boosted with two new practice nets.

There are so many people who make this club work and we couldn’t function without the groundsmen, committee, partners and tea ladies (and lads).

Thanks also to Peter Salisbury of the King’s Arms for his continued and much appreciated support, while George Wright deserves a special mention for his ideas, enthusiasm, and bowling skills.

As autumn draws near to close another triumphant season we look forward to 2016 wondering if R&SCC can secure a sixth successive promotion – and a pavilion.

Stephanie Harris, Club Secretary

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Emily Greves has had a passion for flowers for as long as she can remember and started getting creative with flowers at the age of five by spending hours making “perfume” in her parents’ garden from crushed petals and water.

She became more interested in flowers as a career when 11 years ago she joined a local flower club, where she keenly watched demonstrators, thinking “I could do that”.

Five years ago, having completed a City & Guilds level 2 in floristry, she started to provide bouquets, sympathy tributes and wedding flowers to family and friends.

A busy few years have passed with two young children to bring up and a chance to gain lots of floristry experience.

While Ms Greves is still happy to cater for sympathy tributes, she now wants to concentrate on the aspect she enjoys the most: wedding flowers.

Flowers are a key element to any wedding and she is passionate and feels privileged to be able to contribute to such a special day.

Ms Greves has a strong working team to support and is able to draw on the expertise and assistance of well-known florist and artist Sue Johnston, with husband Ben also lending a hand, being handy in providing tea and biscuits – and sweeping up.

Myrtle & Moss offers a friendly and affordable service and can work within any budget. Every customer and every venue inspires something different and the company aims to provide plenty of stunning wedding flower ideas.

For all enquiries, please contact Emily Greves on 01603 872883 or visit www.myrtleandmoss.co.uk.

Sports massage therapy offers pain-free living

SOPHIE Edwards (pictured) of Sophysical Sports Therapy based in Reepham Hair Studio is now offering sports massage therapy, which releases tension in the muscles and restores balance in the musculoskeletal system, reducing stress on the joints, ligaments and tendons.

Over the past year, Ms Edwards, who grew up in Bawdeswell, has treated many local people for a variety of conditions.

“One lady came because pain and stiffness in her neck and shoulders meant that she was on the verge of having to give up driving,” she said.

“Together we have resolved and corrected this and she now lives without pain. She still comes to me once a week for massage as she says this is so relaxing and beneficial to her.

“I have another client that suffered with a sporting injury to his knee, which meant he was unable to play football. He has also experienced real, lasting relief from pain and now comes to me monthly before football matches for injury prevention massage.”

Ms Edwards explained that many people are offered therapy by their GP, but often have a long wait for treatment and the number of sessions is restricted.

“If I am able to help you then we can begin without delay,” she continued. “No drugs are involved and throughout our sessions your comfort and well-being are paramount.”

Ms Edwards is happy to talk about your health concerns during a free 20-minute consultation.

She also has a number of contacts in other therapies and if she cannot treat your particular ailment she may be able to recommend someone who can.

Contact: Sophie Edwards, Sophysical Sports Therapy on 07770 499282 or 01603 879238.

Green Room gives used clothing a new lease of life

THE Green Room clothing agency on Church Hill has been a part of Reepham town centre for eight years and owner Jo Such is proud of that and says her regular customers make it a nice place to work in.

Ms Such is into both clothing and recycling and enjoys combining the two. The items she selects from those brought in are priced to sell and kept for 4-6 weeks, the proceeds being divided 50/50 with the supplier.

New or as close to new as possible items (no vintage) are required. The autumn season has started and clothing, bags, shoes and hats are displayed in a spacious layout; mother-of-the-bride outfits are a speciality.

The Green Room is open Tuesday to Saturday from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm. The shop has a friendly atmosphere and personal service is key.

The Dial House has hosted Ladies’ Nights when The Green Room featured as a pop-up shop and this may happen again.

If you have clothing you would like to sell, pop in and talk to Ms Such, who will be pleased to offer advice. It is easy to make mistakes shopping and this is a good way to pass garments on to someone who will appreciate them.

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Second beer festival goes down a treat

THE second annual Reepham Beer Festival organised by Panther Brewery proved to be even more of a success than the previous year.

There were 26 real ales, four ciders and 19 continental lagers and fruit beers. Real ales were from Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Sussex, Wiltshire and Yorkshire; lagers were from Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain.

This year’s event was attended by more than 500 people and over 1,800 pints were drunk. The first of the casks to finish was our very own Honey Panther, followed by Golden Panther.

Food stalls included Jamoroc’s Caribbean curry and jerk chicken, Hundred River Artisan Ice Cream, Vette’s Veggie Van and the BBQ run by the 2nd Reepham Scout Group.

The entertainment included a variety of live music ranging from folk to rock, and we are especially grateful to those musicians who kindly performed for free. Bar games were provided by the King’s Arms and proved to be a popular addition.

On behalf of Panther Brewery we would like to thank all of our volunteers, without them none of this would have been possible.

Also a big thank you to all of our sponsors and contributors: Norfolk & Norwich Branch of CAMRA, Reepham Life, The Thirst Consultants, Norfolk Country Cottages, British Legion, Reepham & District Photographic Club, the Bridge Club and Reepham Garage Services.

All profits from this event go to charity and this year we donated £450 to Simpson’s Piece.

We hope to run this event again next year and any charities wishing to be considered for a donation are welcome to contact Martin or Jack at Panther Brewery.

We also look forward to hearing from any clubs, local bands, food producers and sponsors who would like to get involved to make the 2016 event even more successful.

Martin James
pantherbrewery.co.uk

Hand-drawn town map captures retail spirit

REEPHAM’s retailers have published a lively hand-drawn map of the town centre and surroundings. The initiative was fully financed by local shops and several businesses with an initial print run of 5,000.

The idea came about through a conversation when the Dial House opened last year between Jules Allen of Rushlight Gallery and Sarah Tribe of Lambert & Tribe about Reepham becoming a destination for art and antiques lovers.

“Originally we were planning a brochure to highlight the antiques shops and the new gallery,” said Ms Allen.

“The idea escalated and it became apparent after speaking to retailers that all Reepham businesses would benefit from more advertising and exposure.”

“We decided that a ‘quirky’ hand-drawn town map that showed visitors what was available at a glance would be a great idea.”

Ms Tribe suggested using the artist that had designed the Byford’s menus – Andrew Ruffhead, who with wife Sarah runs the Fish and Ships Coastal Art Gallery in Burnham Market – and who was keen to take on the job.

Ms Allen then took on the considerable task of approaching the businesses with the idea, including those that are slightly detached on the Collers Way Industrial Estate and Reepham Station area.

She then took photographs of all the individual shops to send to the artist, followed by drawing a rough street layout of Reepham and the shop positions for him to work from.

“Once the drawing was done, I gathered text and contact details from everyone involved and did a layout/design of the brochure for the printer,” she explained.

The map is available at all the listed businesses on the map and also from various tourist information centres around Norfolk. A second print run is being planned and the retailers are also looking into having the map printed onto wrapping paper, bags and tissue paper.

Luxury bedrooms opened

The Dial House in Market Place, Reepham, has opened seven of its eight luxury, Georgian-themed hotel bedrooms. Italian Palace, The Print Room, The Orient, China, Africa, Parisian Garrett and The Raj are all now available for booking: Natural History will follow at the beginning of October.

Meanwhile, the six courtyard houses were due to be finished at the end of September. The Dial House will hold an open day on Sunday 4 October from 12 noon – 6 pm where people can view all the bedrooms and the six houses.

Project manager Iain Wilson of Byford’s said: “Progress on the first seven new builds is going really well and should be complete by April 2016.” He added that seven houses had been sold by mid-September.

www.thedialhouse.org.uk

November issue deadline: 16 October 2015
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Happiness is a shed of one’s own

WHILE October’s gales blow the leaves around, it may be the end of summer, but the start of autumn can also be a time of new beginnings. If you’ve been thinking of getting an allotment, now is a great time.

Reepham town clerk Jo Boxall tells me there is no waiting list for the Stony Lane site or for Fiddlers Field. And by starting now, you’ve a good six months to clear any weeds, make repairs and discover what goodies the previous plot holder has left behind.

If you’re lucky, currants, raspberries, strawberries and rhubarb could be waiting to reward you next year, as well as a few surprise vegetables.

I waited until I was certain I was going to keep my allotment before getting a shed, and now I wouldn’t be without it.

Stocked with a cheap table and discarded chairs, it provides shelter or shade, as well as filling the water butt whenever it rains.

A simple filter on the downpipe made from an old stocking or pair of tights protects the collected rainwater from rotting autumn leaves.

The Stony Lane site is looking for volunteers to help clear and incinerate a little bit at a time the rubbish heap that some plot holders have unfortunately made.

It can’t be burnt as one bonfire because of wildlife, such as hedgehogs, as well as the risk to nearby sheds and hedgerows.

Contact Taff Rees on plot 6A if you’re willing to lend a hand. The resulting wood ash will make a good soil conditioner and is yours to keep.

You don’t actually need to have an allotment to be in the Reepham & Leisure Gardeners’ Association (RALGA) as it’s open to any amateur gardener; email: reephamalga@yahoo.com

October is RALGA seed catalogue month and it’s not too late to join and benefit from the reduced price seeds and sundries.

Sarah Oates

No puzzle for old snails

AUTUMN is here now and soon the leaves will all be falling, but nobody has told Digger’s monkey puzzle tree, which has decided to put on two years’ growth in one.

It may puzzle monkeys but it does not puzzle snails; one was climbing up it purposefully the other day.

Anyone heard the old story that slugs can be kept away by putting broken glass round plants because gastropods do not like crossing sharp things? Nobody had told this snail, nor the tree, which bites anyone else that goes past.

The owls will soon be calling too. Digger was at Banham Zoo and saw the great grey owls have two chicks, almost as big as their parents now, and the mother was holding the young by the back of the head and rubbing their faces in a dish of water, then she washed her own face that way.

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Cleanliness is next to godliness and in the 17th century two women went to see the bishop of Lincoln and told him they had seen angels. Understandably surprised, he asked what they looked like; they replied they were like owls but as big as cockerels, and blue in colour. Almost certainly they were milky eagle owls, which can sometimes get blown to Britain.

It is not just owls that wander afar. Digger heard that one Reepham resident went all the way to Egypt to see a doctor, although it may have been that she saw an Egyptian doctor in England. Anyway it was certainly a Cairo practitioner.

Digger once had a house in Africa – in Ghana – but it was not much of a place; it was only Ashanti in old Ashanti town.

Digger’s diary

Digging for victory

The September talk at the Reepham & District Gardening Club was by Bridget Yates, the founder curator of Gressenhall Rural Life Museum (now Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse).

She gave us carefully chosen, fascinating glimpses of the large collection of local gardening catalogues, tools and ephemera held at the museum.

She showed us the way that catalogues and seed packet designs reflect the times – mainly the changing times as the First and Second World Wars required us to be more dependent on growing our own food.

Seed catalogues from the late 1800s were pretty and colourful artworks in themselves and reflected design trends too in that some looked quite Art Nouveau, but of course as war occurred they became plain and more workmanlike.

We were urged to enlarge our vegetable plot, but to keep some flowers growing to cheer us up.

My favourite item has to be an instructional leaflet entitled “Cloches Versus Hitler”; what a picture that conjures up!

We also had mystery garden items to consider, so a game of bluff took place where gardening club members “spun us a yarn” to suggest what the items were used for. We had to vote. I was mostly right, but not completely.

The collection may be viewed, but you need to phone the museum and arrange an appointment.

October bag sale

Reepham & District Gardening Club members are asked to bring any spare plants in a plastic carrier bag to the next meeting at 7.45 pm on Tuesday 20 October in Reepham Town Hall.

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books

Former primary school secretary turns author

RETIR ED Reepham Primary School secretary Shirley Dawson (right) has just had the first two novels of a trilogy – A Twist of Fate and Destiny’s Path – published by Mirador Publishing. The third volume, A Free Spirit, will be available later in the year.

Mrs Dawson moved from Norfolk to Spain just over 10 years ago. She has many fond memories of Reepham and her working years at the primary school.

With time on her hands she started to write her first novel and A Twist of Fate was born.

It soon became apparent that the novel lent itself to a sequel, so the next two years were spent creating two further novels, continuing the lives of two farming families in a small rural village.

A tale of a close-knit farming community in West Sussex, A Twist of Fate is a compelling story of unparalleled love, daring defiance and distressing revelations.

The lives of the Graysons and the wealthy Fitzwilliams inexplicably intertwine, resulting in an unlikely friendship between teenagers Hannah Grayson, a farmer’s daughter, and Ralph Fitzwilliam, a wealthy landowner’s son.

However, the attraction is not without its setbacks. Secrets and intrigue surface from the past to cause emotional turmoil and continually test their relationship.

The sequel, Destiny’s Path, continues as the Grayson and Fitzwilliam children mature into adults. Intertwining tales unfold encompassing the loves, shock discoveries and betrayals.

The Grayson children’s desires and ambitions are constantly confronted with unforeseen adversity. Many tragic and unexpected revelations are overcome with determination and resolve, owing to their growing confidence and maturity.

With perseverance, aspirations are realised as they follow their individual paths to their own destiny. Devotion and loyalty unite the family as a heart-stopping tragedy unfolds.

www.miradorpublishing.com

Residents want street name to remain unchanged

Residents of Old Brewery Lane in Reepham have asked Broadland District Council not to change the name of their street.

The Council had proposed to rename the two sections of Old Brewery Lane, which is divided by a pedestrianised walkway with no vehicular access between the two discrete parts, into Old Brewery Lane East and Old Brewery Lane West.

Residents say they are concerned about the cost implications of changing the name of the street. It is understood they submitted a petition for the Council to take no further action.

church life

Remembrance: when the nation turns to prayer

DURING the recent 70th anniversary events to mark VJ Day, the nation remembered the day in 1945 when World War II finally came to an end with Japan’s surrender.

A focus was the church service at St Martin-in-the-Fields attended by HM Queen Elizabeth II and organised by the Far East Prisoners of War Association.

Those who served and fought in the Far East became known as the “forgotten army” as British people on the “home front” had their attention focused on the war with Germany.

Indeed, Field Marshall Slim made the ironic observation to his troops that they weren’t the forgotten army because no one even knew they were there.

Following the surrender of Singapore, British and Commonwealth troops became prisoners of the Japanese and went on to endure appalling brutality.

Among those who toiled, suffered dreadfully and died during the construction of the infamous Burma Railway were men of the Royal Norfolks: prisoners from the 4th, 5th and 6th battalions of the regiment.

As we continue to remember the “forgotten army” we need to remember all who suffer and die in war. We need to extend our empathy, and indeed our sympathy, to all people who suffered the brutality of war, even among those citizens of countries we knew as our enemies – including the estimated 100,000 killed in the fire-bombing of Tokyo and those destroyed with atomic weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Those of us who live in the wake of their sacrifice and suffering carry obligations: not least to do all we can to ensure our own community works for the good of all who live here.

On Sunday 8 November in St Mary’s and in the Methodist church, we in Reepham will have our opportunity to remember with prayer those who suffered in war and still suffer its consequences today.

Our services are a reminder to care for others, work for good relations among ourselves, and seek peace and justice for everyone.

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Sunday 4 October
The Reepham Women’s section of the Royal British Legion is running a coach to Springfields Outlet. Shopping in Spalding, cost £15, picking up at Aylsham 9 am, then Caistown and on to Reepham by 9.30 am; will also pick up at Bawdeswell Garden Centre. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791

Sunday 4 October
Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4 pm. Sale of hand-knitted items, jigsaws, bric-a-brac, lucky dip, tombola.

Saturday 10 October
Quiz Night, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling. Please arrive at 7 pm; quiz will start promptly at 7.30 pm. £8 per person. Includes supper. Teams of four preferred.

Saturday 10 October
Film: Still Alice (PG), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors open at 7 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm; bar/café. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

Sunday 11 October
Marriott’s Way 10k – a 10 km race along the Marriott’s Way from Aylsham to Reepham. More details at www.broadland.gov.uk/mw10k

Tuesday 13 October
Reepham Society, Private visit to Felbrigg Hall, starting 10 am and finishing around lunchtime including a coffee break. The visit will be limited to 14 places with priority given to Society members. Contact: Ann Middelmen 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

Wednesday 14 October
Reepham Tennis Club annual general meeting, Clubhouse, Stimpson’s Piece, Reepham, 7 pm. Contact: Louise Talmadge, Secretary. secretary@reephamtennisclub.co.uk

Wednesday 14 October
Reepham Town Council meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk

Thursday 15 October
Reepham WI, St Michael’s Reepham, Kemp and Vanessa Scott to launch From the British Trust for Ornithology: Are gardens good for wildlife? Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

Friday 23 October
Quiz Night, Supper and Raffle at Reepham High School in aid of the Three Churches Project. Doors open 6.30 pm; quiz starts at 7pm prompt. Tickets £9 per head includes supper (bring your own crockery, cutlery, glasses and drinks). Teams of six or come as individuals and make up tables.

Tuesday 28 October
Bridge Night, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling. Please arrive at 6 pm for 6.30 pm prompt start. Includes supper, booking essential. All proceeds will be shared between St Andrew’s and the Village Hall. Contact: Amanda Rodwell 01263 587631 or amandarodwell@btinternet.com

Wednesday 28 October
Classic Car, Kit Car and Hot Rod Evening, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 5–10 pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and hot food available, and the Sidings Bar will be open. Tel: 01603 871694 or email: info@whitwellstation.com

Wednesday 28 October
Marriott’s Way at the junction with Market Place, Reepham, Norwich NR10 4JJ
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WHAT’S ON GUIDE

Marriott’s Way 10k race now full
Around 450 runners will take part in the 7th Marriott’s Way 10k along the Marriott’s Way between Aylsham and Reepham on Sunday 11 October, with three waves setting off at 11 am, 11.10 am and 11.20 am. Organiser Broadland District Council confirmed that the mainly off-road race is now full. There will be limited opportunities for entries on the day.
This year the 10-km race will again be finishing in Reepham town centre. When runners leave the Marriott’s Way at the junction with Station Road, Reepham, they will run down Ollands Road and then turn right into Church Hill and finish in the centre of the Market Place. To ensure the safety of the runners Broadland District Council has applied for a temporary road closure of Ollands Road and the Market Place on the day from 11 am – 2 pm, which has been approved by Norfolk County Council.
It is advisable that if residents of these roads will be requiring their vehicle they should make alternative arrangements to move it before the road closure is in place.

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DRIVING instructors in Norfolk are being urged to deliver the “honest truth” to learner drivers as part of a new road safety campaign.

It comes as road safety campaigners launch a project that will see driving instructors offered training to help them teach young drivers to identify and negate bad habits, such as speeding, using mobile phones while driving, showing off to friends or getting behind the wheel under the influence of drink or drugs.

The Honest Truth project was set up in South Devon in 2009 following a fatal collision that killed three young people, and aims to stamp out bad driving habits from the start, alerting youngsters to the risks of the road.

On average a young person is killed on UK roads every 18 hours, while another suffers a serious injury every 90 minutes.

Norfolk’s road network is the only way these young people take to the roads on their own.”

Iain Temperton, team manager for casualty reduction, Norfolk County Council said: “We are inviting professional approved driving instructors to join the partnership and work with us to reduce the number of young people killed and injured on our roads.

“By using the Honest Truth resources they will be best placed to pass on crucial messages about responsible behaviours and safe attitudes to an audience who are already in the learning environment.”

Contact Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) by calling non-emergency number 101 or email sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk
Regular Events

Bircham Centre Shop Meet every Monday at 7 am at Bircham Village Hall during school term time, for members age 8 years and over from Bircham, Reepham and surrounding villages. Contact Liz Beard 07884 488642. Email liz.beard@btinternet.com or mail@cdsdrmagroup.com

Cawston Amateur Theatrical Society Meets every Monday at 7 pm in Cawston Village Hall, 9 pm (unless notified otherwise). Open to all Year 5-11 students. Subs £1. Games, chat, tuck. Contact: Robert Buxton 01603 873355 or robert.buxton@btopenworld.com

Rayzone Youth Club Meets fortnightly Friday evenings at Reepham Methodist Church, 7.30 – 9 pm (unless notified otherwise). Open to all Year 5-11 students. Subs £1. Games, chat, tuck. Contact: Paddy Bennett 07341 937685 or rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com

Reepham Archive Reepham Archive, Market Place, Reepham. Open first Wednesday and Saturday of the month 10 am – 12 noon. Tel: 01603 870242. Email: reephamarchive@gmail.com

Reepham Badminton Club Meets at Reepham High School Sports Hall every Thursday evening during autumn and spring terms. Junior session (for Year 7 upwards) 7 – 8 pm; adult session 8 – 10 pm. Tel: 01603 873244 or 01263 584221

Reepham Business Network Meets on alternate Thursdays from 7.30 – 9 am at V’s Café, Townsend Corner, Reepham. No membership charge – just pay £6 for breakfast, but please let us know if you intend to come. Contact: David Lawes 01603 871126 or 07933 149810. Email: info@reephambusinessnetwork.org.uk

Reepham Carpet Bowls Club Meets every Monday from 1.30 – 4.30 pm and 7.30 – 10.30 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Membership £1 per year and £2 each session, including tea and biscuits. Contact: Eve Webber 01603 871943 or Doris Frost 01603 870845

Reepham Chamber of Commerce Meets every month – for the date and venue of the next meeting see www.reepham.com. Contact: Brenda Gostling 01603 870582 or reephamchamber@gmail.com

Reepham Country Market Held every Wednesday from 8 – 11 am in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Home-made cakes, pies, biscuits, savoury dishes, vegetables, fruit in season, free range eggs, jams, jellies, chutneys, etc

Reepham & District Day Centre Meets every Wednesday from 9.30 – 11 am in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. New players aged 15 and over, male and female, are welcome to join. Contact: Jo Boxall, Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamnorfolk-ktc.gov.uk

Reepham Good Companions The Friday Club meets every Friday at 2 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. The Reepham Rover will bring you and take you home if transport is a problem. Contact: Eve Webber 01603 871943

Reepham Good Neighbour Scheme Through our service delivering prescriptions, volunteers can help with befriending, occasional dog walking, collecting prescriptions, picking up shopping, changing a light bulb, lifts to medical appointments, accessing further support or other tasks with which you might need help. To request help, telephone 07936 576684

Reepham Knit & Natter Meets on the first Monday in the month from 2 – 4 pm in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Brenda Palmer 01603 871641

Reepham Ladies Hockey Club Meets for training every Tuesday from 7 – 8 pm at Tavering High School. New players of all ages welcome. Contact: Graham Richardson 07778 890243 or hansie16@hotmail.co.uk

Reepham Methodist Church Station Road, Reepham. Sunday Worship at 10.30 am. Contact: The Minister 01263 732102

Reepham Over 60s Bingo Every other Wednesday, 2 – 3.30 pm at Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham. Tea, coffee and biscuits. Tel: 01603 870810

Reepham Patient Care Fund Social afternoon held on the fourth Sunday of every month at the Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham, starting at 2 pm in winter and 2.30 pm when the clocks go forward. Come and have fun, drink tea, jigsaw, cards, dominoes and a quiz. Tots and Toddlers Group

Reepham Raiders Dodgeball club meets for training every Wednesday from 6 – 7.30 pm at Reepham High School. New players aged 15 and over, male and female, are welcome. Contact: John Tym 07760 272422 reservations@reephamrotary.org.uk or Robert Buxton 01603 870200

Reepham Social Co-operative Society Contact: John Tym 07760 272422 for details or reservations@reephamrotary.org.uk or Robert Buxton 01603 870200

Reepham Town Council Meets on the second Wednesday of the month (excluding August), at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Contact: Jo Boxall, Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamnorfolk-ktc.gov.uk

Keeling WI Meets on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm at St Michael’s, Reepham. Women of all ages are welcome to join. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suszirobb@hotmail.co.uk

Reepham Young Farmers Meet every Tuesday at 7.30 pm at Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: Matthew Hipperson, Chair 07912 866642

Royal British Legion Men’s Section Meets first Thursday in the month from 2 – 4 pm in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Trevor Bevan, Branch Secretary 01603 870231 or trevorbevan@sky.com

Royal British Legion Women’s Section Meets first Thursday in the month from 2 – 4 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791 or dye.reepham@btopenworld.com

St Mary’s Sunday Worship at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments in St Michael’s. For details of services, see the church noticeboard. Contact: Revd Margaret Dean 01603 879275

Tots and Toddlers Group Every Monday from 9.30 – 11.30 am in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 2 – 3 pm beginners, 3 – 4 pm intermediate. An opportunity for local mums and dads to get together, meet other families and for the children to have a play in a relaxed friendly environment. Organised by Kim Westhead and Emma Thompson

Wednesday Weavers Line Dancers Meet every Wednesday from 2 – 3 pm beginners, 3 – 4 pm improvers, in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Country music-based 60s and pop. Refreshments included. Cost free and then £2.50 per session. Contact: Sandra Williams 01603 872102 or sandradancer57@yahoo.co.uk

Wood Dalling Village Hall Coffee Morning First Saturday of every month, 10.30 am – 12 noon, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling

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