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Church awarded Heritage Lottery Fund grant

REEPHAM Parochial Church Council has received a grant of £216,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the completion of the Three Churches Project.

A first-stage grant of £18,000 was awarded in March 2015 to carry out initial investigative work and to seek the necessary permissions.

As a result of the lottery funding, the project will now be able to repair and restore the medieval tower of St Mary's church in Reepham because of the poor condition of its roof and stonework.

Pews in the north aisle of St Mary's will also be removed to open up space, and a new handrail will be installed on the steps between St Mary's and the adjoining St Michael's.

The ruin of All Saints will be conserved and the outline of this third church, identified through the results of a geophysical search, will be highlighted.

Three archaeological test pits will be dug within the area of All Saints, which will involve Reepham's primary and high schools, as well as the local community.

There will also be opportunities for young people to gain work experience



Members of the Three Churches Project team (left to right): Sue Page, Tony Foottit, Judith Jackson, Liz Rashid, David Richmond, Rosie Foottit and Revd Margaret Dean

in stonework conservation.

Following this work, information boards will be installed and a trail devised with accompanying leaflets so visitors can be guided around the unique heritage of Reepham's three churches in one churchyard.

St Mary's and St Michael's churches are physically linked together, the latter having been completely refurbished in

2011 and is used for both church and community activities.

The Rector, Revd Margaret Dean, said: "We are delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded us a second-round grant for this exciting project, and we are enormously grateful to the local community for its enthusiasm and generosity thus far."

"The grant will enable us to restore the tower which, because of falling masonry, has become a danger to passers-by. The work on the north aisle will open up St Mary's for increased movement and flexibility in worship and access for visitors.

"The work in the churchyard will enrich the experience of visitors and parishioners in appreciating the site of the third church of All Saints."

Help complete the world's biggest jigsaw for charity



A children's entertainer is looking for people to help him complete the world's biggest jigsaw puzzle over six days in August

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Stimpson's Piece working group currently inactive

AFTER a short period of operation, it would appear that the Stimpson's Piece working group is no longer functioning.

The group was formed in early 2015 with the aim of forming a management committee to eventually take over the day-to-day running of the pavilion.

This followed a lively meeting of around 130 residents and users of Stimpson's Piece in November 2014 to discuss the future of the community facility, which is facing a serious shortfall of revenue with increasing maintenance costs forecast over the next few years.

It had been hoped that the principal users of Stimpson's Piece would work together on the development of a longer term strategy for the pavilion.

However, a lack of interest, particularly

from some key user groups, has seen the working group fall into a state of inaction as the initial enthusiasm waned and any tangible public support and participation dwindled.

At their meeting on 8 June, the trustees of Stimpson's Piece in particular thanked David Loxton for his efforts in trying to get the working group functioning, but said they were disappointed with "18 months of being messed around... this has gone full circle".

The working group had recently taken over responsibility for some tasks that were previously handled by the trustees, but it now looks like this will fall back into the remit of Reepham Town Council, which is the trustee of Reepham's recreational ground.

Alternative parking for TOCC employees resolved

EMPLOYEES of The Original Cottage Company (TOCC) are now able to park behind the fire station, which could go some way to alleviating parking problems in Reepham generally. The arrangement for up to 20 cars will run for 12 months until the end of May 2017.

The Market Place-based self-catering holiday company came to a financial arrangement with Norfolk County Council (NCC), which owns the School Road site and had earlier rejected TOCC's original proposal, arguing that the initial amount offered was far below the market value for use of the space for car parking.

Reepham Town Council agreed to provide the £500 shortfall, which was the difference between NCC's final valuation (reported as £3,500 at the Town Council's April meeting) and TOCC's final offer.

The Town Council argued that this would help free up spaces in the Station Road car park, which is often overflowing with vehicles of town centre employees



and residents.

The "one-off" funding was made to Reepham Chamber of Commerce, which in turn paid this to NCC.

James Ellis, a director of TOCC, which is the town centre's largest employer with around 40 employees, stressed that the parking arrangement behind the fire station is for TOCC employees only and permits are required.

He added that the company had received thanks from local residents, who appreciate TOCC's gesture and have already noticed the difference it has made to the parking situation.

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Green Room to move to the Dial House

After eight years in Church Hill, Reepham, a shop that sells good quality women's designer and high street clothing and accessories is moving premises.

The Green Room will open in the Dial House, Market Place, on Tuesday 2 August, following a launch party from 5 pm on the previous evening (Monday 1 August). The new opening hours will be Tuesday–Saturday 10 am – 5 pm.

Other business news

- George and Vanessa Hilliard are the new leaseholders of Diane's Pantry, Market Place, Reepham. They plan to open a delicatessen and café soon following a major internal and external refurbishment.

- Euronics Bennetts of Reepham, the electrical appliances retailer in School Road, Reepham, has closed.

- V's Café on Townsend Corner is up for sale.

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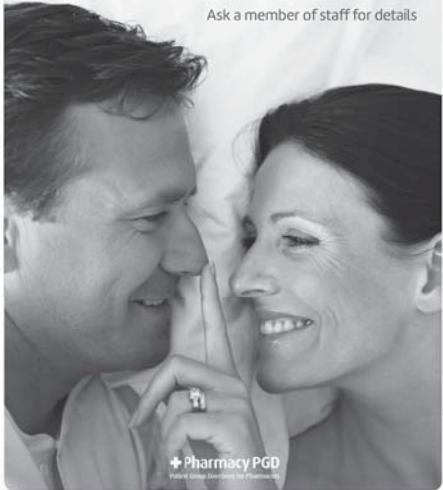
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IN last month's *Reepham Life* we appealed for more volunteer drivers to help us with the work that the Reepham Rovers carry out.

Currently we are struggling with driver cover for some of our advertised and booked trips, and this shortage has caused us to put on hold our plans to increase the level of service that we would like to offer.

Not only did we get coverage in *Reepham Life*, we had an item in the *Eastern Daily Press*, advertisements on all the noticeboards in Reepham and on 8 June a reporter from Radio Norfolk came and spent a morning with our regular Wednesday shopping trip to Reepham; this was featured the next day on the Nick Conrad Show.

So what has been the response to all this coverage? At the time of writing (14 June) practically nothing, other than an offer to help from someone who lives 20 miles away (but wanted their mileage costs to be paid).

So, overall a very disappointing situation, although we will keep plugging away and hope to encourage prospective drivers to come forward.

Our current drivers do a wonderful job and we are extremely grateful for the volunteer service that they offer.

They do not all live within Reepham; nearly half of our current list live in other villages. We have, for example, regular drivers who live in Taverham, Hainford, Ringland, Weston Longville, Lenwade and Sparham.

I am extremely grateful to all the drivers that we have, but alternatively very disappointed that Reepham cannot currently offer more.

It would be a great loss to Reepham if such a valued and longstanding service to the area was left to decline through lack of support and from a community where the overall size of the population can hardly be described as small.

If someone in Taverham can help, why are residents of Reepham apparently not interested in helping?

It's certainly not too late to come forward and offer your services to help and initially just call and leave a

When you write or email... please give your name, address and daytime telephone number – otherwise we will ignore it



message with your contact details on 07765 321458.

If you need a "nudge" to make this commitment, please remember that volunteering not only benefits our community, it would also benefit you as a volunteer.

It makes a real difference to other people's lives and you have a good time while doing so.

Michael Black, Reepham Rover

Cemetery clearance

WHILE I wouldn't wish to discourage the efforts or enthusiasm of the volunteer who is tidying the old, disused cemetery on Norwich Road, I'm wondering if anyone is monitoring the work that is going on?

I'm especially concerned to see that all the lichen has been scrubbed off all the old gravestones.

Even if this does now enable the inscriptions to be read, in a wildlife refuge, as this is supposed to be, it should not be happening – lichen is an important part of the biodiversity of the area and it has all been lost.

I am also concerned at the extensive and drastic nature of the pruning and undergrowth clearance.

As a result, I now see very little evidence of wildlife in there and certainly no signs of nesting birds.

Could advice perhaps be sought from one of the wildlife trusts on how best to maintain this little gem?

Hilary Gostling, Bircham Road, Reepham

Billy Fury visit

SEVERAL people have told me that the singer Billy Fury visited Reepham to open a fête on Stimpson's Piece in 1965. This would have been when he was making a film in Great Yarmouth called *I've Gotta Horse*.

I have also been told that one of his hits, *Halfway To Paradise*, was playing in the Market Place as he drove through.

I was born in 1974, which is when my parents moved to Reepham, so I don't have any first-hand knowledge, and I can't find any verification of Billy Fury's visit online.

I would be fascinated to know if people remember it and especially if there are any photographs.

Aaron Spicer, Bircham Road, Reepham

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Work undertaken at Stimpson's Piece

JUNE being the month of a school half-term holiday, Reepham Town Council took the opportunity to carry out some of those routine, and not so routine, tasks that have to be undertaken while the Stimpson's Piece pavilion is not in use.

Following work carried out on the showers earlier this year, another Legionnaires' disease risk assessment has been carried out. At the time of writing, the report has just been received and will be studied by the trustees before any further action that may be required is decided upon.

The trustees also decided to have an asbestos survey of the pavilion, which was undertaken at the same time. They will be considering the report and deciding what action, if any, needs to be taken at the July meeting.

Nursery project

At last month's trustees' meeting the nursery school sought permission to extend the patio area in front of the pavilion to provide a secure, grassed area for the children, which the trustees were pleased to grant.

This work was completed over the half-term holiday and the trustees would like to express their appreciation to all those involved in undertaking the work, particularly Derek Crane, who was instrumental in organising the project on behalf of the nursery.

Following the report in last month's issue of *Reepham Life* concerning anti-social behaviour at Stimpson's Piece, we have recently had to report an incident of vandalism to the police.

To mitigate these problems we are still looking for volunteers to lock the gate in Bartle Court every night between 8 pm and 9 pm.

Town clerk hours

It has become increasingly apparent over recent years that the increasing demands that Stimpson's Piece has

placed on the town clerk, acting on behalf of the trustees, are becoming unsustainable.

At the meeting of the Town Council on 8 June, councillors agreed to support the trustees of Stimpson's Piece by funding an increase in the number of hours that the town clerk will be employed devoted to Stimpson's Piece.

The start date for this increase is still under discussion, but it is anticipated that this will begin in autumn.

Planning application concern

The main item of public concern discussed at the Town Council meeting last month was the planning application for the change of use of Unit 1, Sun House (Townsend Corner) from a shop/restaurant to a restaurant.

Councillors received expressions of concern regarding the physical constraints of the site and the detrimental effect the change of use will have on local residents and businesses, prolonged noise and disturbance from proposed opening hours, difficulty in waste storage and parking – there are already issues regarding parking in Reepham and in particular access into Back Street, which may be further compromised.

The Town Council remains concerned that the restaurant will predominantly be used as a takeaway. On this basis the Council agreed to object to the application and submit their comments to Broadland District Council.

On a more positive note the Town Council agreed to apply for a road closure order covering the Market Place for the classic car event being held on Sunday 25 September. This follows a similar, highly successful event held last September.

We would like to remind everybody that the Council will consider/award grants to support events like this; for more information, or to apply for a grant, please contact the town clerk.

Your Town Council

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Janet Pender-Cudlip
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Anne Woollett

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Employment matters

In a closed session of the meeting, councillors discussed a number of employment matters of a confidential nature. One matter discussed and agreed was the decision to fund the increase in the number of hours that the town clerk would be expected to dedicate to Stimpson's Piece.

Councillors also received appraisals for the responsible finance officer and the town clerk and reviewed salaries for Town Council employees.

In addition, as a consequence of recent pension legislation, councillors approved a pension policy statement for the responsible finance officer and the town clerk, similar approvals having already been given for other Town Council employees.

Volunteers welcome

The Town Council is still actively seeking additional councillors to represent the people of Reepham. In order to provide a more representative body we would like to see volunteers from the business community and from younger people in particular, but all applications would be welcome.

We are also looking for volunteers to assist in running Stimpson's Piece. This facility was given to the people of Reepham and without your support we are unable to provide the facilities you want and need. We need your help and guidance!

If you are able to volunteer, either as a councillor or at Stimpson's Piece, please contact the town clerk (details below).

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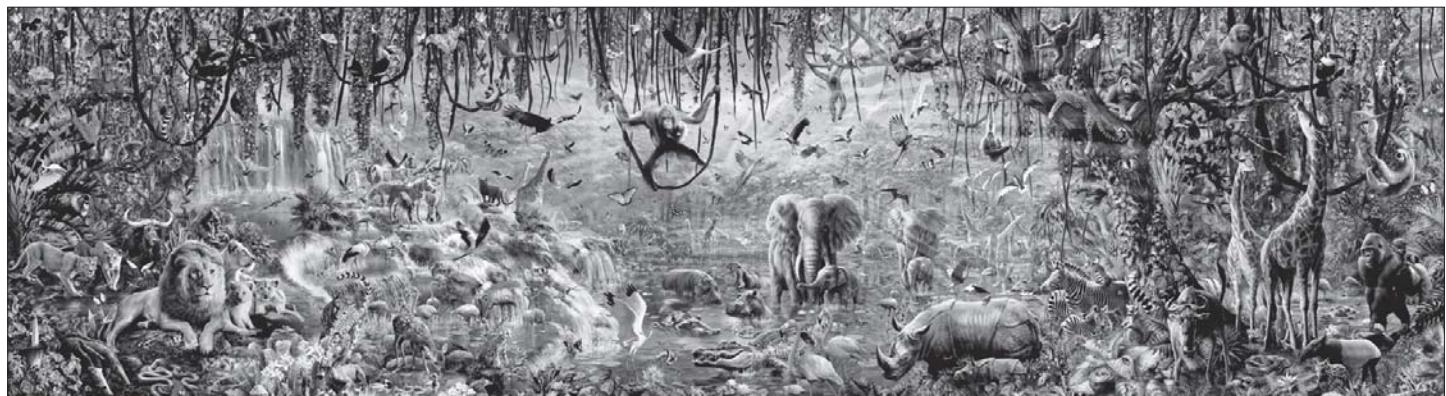
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Help build the world's biggest jigsaw for charity

A CHILDREN'S entertainer from Reepham is looking for patient people to help him complete the world's biggest jigsaw puzzle over six days in August.

Called "Wildlife", the jigsaw (pictured above) has a staggering 33,600 pieces and measures 6.5 metres wide by 1.57 metres high.

Graham Andrew of Funforce, Cawston Road, hopes to complete the puzzle at



Graham Andrew

Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Reepham, between Sunday 14 and Friday 19 August.

The finished jungle scene will be donated to, and displayed at, the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, where Mr Andrew works as a "giggle doctor", offering comic relief to young patients awaiting treatments and operations.

He is putting together a team of 40 people working in four-hour shifts from 10 am to 10 pm over the six days of the "Big Jig Gig", with the possibility of working through the night if more time is required.

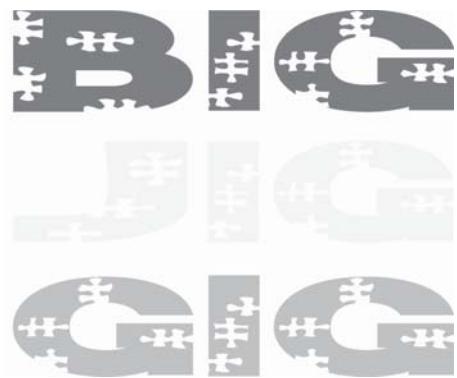
He is also looking for help with sponsorship to help fund the project, including buying the jigsaw puzzle, constructing a portable display unit to exhibit the completed jigsaw in, purchasing an electronic book to show the project story, advertising, and buying provisions/refreshments for the assembly team and visitors.

A piece of the jigsaw puzzle can be

sponsored for £1 at www.gofundme.com/big-jig-gig

Profits from the project will be split between Reepham Nursery School and the Aylsham-based Holding Hands with our Courageous Children charity.

If you would like to assist with the Big Jig Gig in any way, contact Graham Andrew on 01603 871562 or 07802 439654 or email grahamandrew@funforce.com



YOUR TWEETS

Tweet your views to [@reephamlife](https://twitter.com/reephamlife)

- I've just driven through a part of Norfolk I'm not so familiar with – Felthorpe to Reepham, very nice countryside, easily overlooked. Richard Slipper @TheEastAnglian
- It ticks closer and closer to the Reepham Beer festival, so close we can almost taste it! Reepham Beer Fest @ReephamBeerFest

- Congratulations to The Bell in Cawston for achieving a rating of 5 in their recent food hygiene inspection. Broadland D Council @BroadlandDC

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- Van crashes into garage in Cawston, between Reepham and Aylsham. North Norfolk @nthnorfolknews

- My new tent has just arrived. I can't wait for Reepham 2016! Miss Wyer @MissWyer

- Today my new/old bike made it to Reepham along the improved Marritts Way. Next time I'll reach Aylsham/Blickling! Holly Morrison @HollyMorrison3

- Planning decision: Station Road, Reepham, erection of 24 dwellings APPROVED subject to completion of legal agreement. Broadland D Council @BroadlandDC



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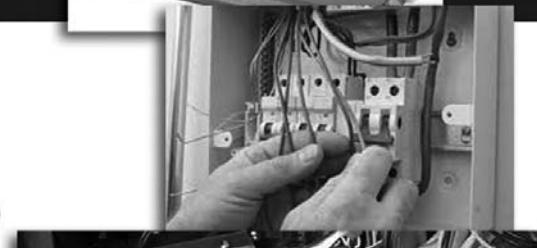
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New trustees to develop scrap materials charity

AFTER a period of uncertainty, a Reepham-based charity that collects and stores scrap materials for community reuse has a new team of trustees.

Mini-Scrapbox, based at Collers Way Industrial Estate, Wood Dalling Road, came about when Jim Elliott had a major mental breakdown in the 1990s.

After being told he would never get paid work again, friends at Ipswich Road United Reformed Church in Norwich backed Mr Elliott by becoming trustees of his new charity, after Norfolk County Council announced the closure of the former Scrapbox waste minimisation project at Trowse.

Now a group from the Aylsham group of Churches of England is in the process of having the responsibilities of running Mini-Scrapbox transferred to them and Mr Elliott is passing on his years of experience.

On 6 July, Mr Elliott and his hard-working, committed team of volunteers will have completed 21 years of service to this environmental and community benefit charity – Rose, Mick, Audrey, Stan, Diane and Peter to name just a few.

Some other stalwart supporters have died. Possibly the biggest achievement was from William Smith, who did all

the dirty, smelly work with Mr Elliott in running Community RePaint Norfolk.

"Without trustee support charities cannot function and we are indebted to all past trustees and the new ones," said Mr Elliott.

The new group have embraced the charity aim and want to develop the charity further. "We wish them all the best and hope that Reepham and Norfolk



Jim Elliott



will support them in sharing reusable goods for community benefit on an even larger scale," he said.

Two part-time paid jobs are being created, so the charity will have to double its income to pay for them, particularly difficult in a time of austerity when grants and local authority support for existing projects are being reduced.

"This will be the biggest challenge, but with commitment and your continuing support it can be done," said Mr Elliott. "Finally, for all those people who are bipolar like me, take heart that there can be some purpose in life."

www.mini-scrapbox.co.uk

House hunting

My Dad gave me this funny story years ago – Jacqui Raines:

A young couple about to be married were looking for a house in the country. Seeing a house and satisfying themselves it was suitable, they went home.

On the return journey the young lady was thoughtful and when asked for the reason for her silence replied, "Did you notice a WC?"

He, not having done so, wrote immediately to the landlord as to where

it was situated. The landlord did not understand what WC meant and after thinking it over for a few hours came to the conclusion that it meant Wesleyan Chapel. He replied as follows:

"Dear Sir,

I very much regret the delay in replying to your letter, but I have the pleasure of telling you that the WC is nine miles from the house and is capable of seating 250 people.

This is very unfortunate if you are in the habit of going regularly, but you will be glad to know that a great many people take their lunch in with

them and make a day of it.

Others cannot spare the time, go by auto, arriving just in time, but generally they are in such a hurry they cannot wait.

The last time my wife and I went was six years ago and we had to stand up all the time.

It may interest you to know a bazaar is going to be held to furnish the WC with plush seats, as its members feel it is a long-felt want.

I mention the fact that it pains us not to go more often.

Yours faithfully..."

Art classes

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New term, drawing and painting, starts Monday 19 September
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Contact: Tina Sutton 01603 872441

Art classes



eating out

The Kings Arms – an authentic country pub

THE Kings Arms is an historic building in the market place of Reepham. The interior has exposed brickwork walls, large open fireplaces and lots of timber beams and exposed floor joists. I decided to book, but was slightly dubious as we

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Food: 5/5

Service: 5/5

Surroundings: 4/5

Value for money: 5/5

Total: 19/20 An authentic country pub

were a reasonably large party.

However, there was no need to worry as everything was perfect. Having sat down we perused the menu and within five minutes a nice waitress asked if we were ready to order.

Most of the party went for the carvery, while one went for the butternut squash risotto and another for the steak and kidney pie.

There is an extensive menu with something to suit all tastes and also a daily specials board, all at very reasonable prices.

Everything was served piping hot with a superb choice of vegetables. The service was excellent with all the meals coming out together and when more vegetables and gravy were requested it



was on the table almost immediately.

Sadly, we were unable to sample the desserts as everybody was full, but they looked superb.

Everybody commented on how good the food and service were, which is an achievement in itself as they are not easily impressed.

Thank you to all the staff for an impressive lunch and a cheerful demeanour.

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books

Big Friendly Read at your local library

AS you can tell by the torrential rain (as I write in mid-June), summer is on its way. For Reepham Library, this can only mean one thing – it's time for the summer reading challenge.

It's a special one this year because libraries everywhere are celebrating 100 years of the world's favourite storyteller – Roald Dahl.

The Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016 is the chance for children in Norfolk to join in the celebration.

You will get a free collector folder to keep your special Big Friendly Read cards, which include Quentin Blake illustrations from some of Roald Dahl's best-loved stories.

Children can collect all six cards as they read any library books of their choice. It's fun, it's friendly and, best of all, it's totally free.

We've got two volunteers to help you join up at the beginning, recommend some books if you need it and help you make a BFG mask at our craft event.

There's also a special challenge for pre-school children while 11-18 year olds can let their imagination go wild with ideas for art, music, photography and poetry inspired by the books you



enjoy over the summer.

We will be launching the Big Friendly Read at Reepham Library on Wednesday 20 July, so come and see us after school and get reading.

www.bigfriendlyread.org.uk

Facebook page

Reepham Library's Facebook page has been up and running for about two months now and we have already reached 50 followers. This may not seem like an awful lot, but it's pretty good in Facebook terms.

Our most distant follower is all the way from Brazil; he must be finding it interesting, but he's probably not getting the full benefit of following a local library on Facebook – which is to find out what we're reading, what the rest of Reepham is reading and what's coming up at Reepham Library in the future.

To keep yourself up to date, go to www.facebook.com/reephamlib/ and

click "Like" – see you there.

Preschool story time

Do you have or look after pre-school children who like stories and singing? If so, would you like Reepham Library to run a regular story time for little ones?

We are keen to set up a story time (because we like being read to, too), but we need to know how many people might come and when they'd like to come.

■ If you are interested in this, please contact the library to let us know.

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digger's diary

A creature glimpsed but rarely seen

MAINTENANCE work in the Norwich Road disused cemetery last month was enlivened by the suspected presence of a hidebehind. These little animals come from British Columbia and, like muntjacs, escaped from parks many years ago.

They are hard to describe as few people have seen one, due to them spending their time hiding behind such things as gravestones and trees.

They are something like a cross between a small bear and an Orinoco hog, and are quite harmless, except if you get in their way when they are running, when you might trip over them.

They are evidenced by the circular depressions in the long grass and nettles

where they have slept for the night, waiting for the wandering chickens to lay more eggs and get these before Digger does (19 in May).

A local resident kindly lent us a Canadian Husky to encourage them to move on, but so far he has only eaten a rabbit and two moles, which he assured us was a mistake.

Many thanks to those of you who have donated to Ex-Strange. In addition to what was said last month, the clothing bins in the car park have labels saying "No Pillows or Duvets".

However, the Venture Farm Cats Home welcomes clean examples of these to put the cats on after they have had their bath.

They have a shop in Norwich Street, Dereham; if there is any difficulty getting there, Digger may be able to help.

Similarly, the Zoological Society of East Anglia (Banham and Kessingland zoos) would like any unwanted foreign currency – coins or notes – that they can use to fund conservation. You can take this to the zoos or let Digger have it (edwin.rose@btinternet.com); you must not send it by post, apparently.

If you go yourself you could see Digger's fossa at Kessingland or the new baboons at Banham. They are Gelaba baboons, and as the old English for baboon is Babywin, they must be Geli-babywins.

from the archive

Documents and photographs need recording

THERE were several visitors to the Archive last month, researching family and friends who lived in Reepham in the past. They bring in wonderful stories and new sources of information – and usually give us more than we can give them.

We have a large collection of documents and photographs that need to be sorted and recorded, and would welcome new volunteers with skills in researching family history – and those wishing to learn them – to come and help in the Archive so we can access this information quickly and easily whenever we have an enquiry.

We had a reply to our request for information on Granny Margo and recipe book from the article in the June edition of *Reepham Life*.

Thank you Rita Richardson for telling us that in 1939 Margaret Alice Goodfellow was living in Devon.

For this month's mystery can you tell us where this sign was illuminated in the Sun Inn and do you know why it is written as "GOODMAN SUNN INN REEPHAM"?



Pierced metal sign, which shows wording when illuminated from behind. Who made it and where was it in the pub?

■ The Reepham Archive is open to the public on the first Wednesday and Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12

noon, upstairs in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham.

Email: reephamarchive@gmail.com

Divorce case makes entertaining soap storyline

SOMETIMES I think legal cases would make fantastic plots for soap operas. Imagine this playing out on EastEnders:

As part of a divorce settlement, Hilary Randall had agreed that if she inherited more than £100,000 from her mother, anything over £100,000 would be split equally between her and her husband.

After the mother died, her will left £100,000 to Mrs Randall and the balance of the estate of around £150,000 was left to the wife's children. The former husband Mr Randall suspected the will was a fake and the mother's signature on it was a forgery.

The point of law in *Randall v Randall* is whether Mr Randall had "sufficient interest" in the will to allow him to bring a claim alleging that it had been forged in an attempt to defeat an order made in divorce proceedings.

Mrs Randall argued that the only people who could challenge a will were those who had the right to administer the estate and that Mr Randall was a

legal view

MARK FOLEY



"stranger to the estate" and therefore did not have sufficient interest to bring a claim.

The Court of Appeal ruled that "justice in the general sense requires the husband be allowed to bring a probate claim to set aside the will".

The overriding interest of the court is to deal with cases justly. If Mr Randall did not have an interest in the estate there would have been no other route by which he could challenge the validity of the will.

"It is obvious that [Mr Randall] would have a sufficient interest in the subject matter of this litigation to bring the claim. He is not a mere busybody. He has a real interest in challenging the validity of the will."

As a solicitor I have to say that it

doesn't look like a great deal that he got in the divorce and I wonder how he might have been protected better at that time?

His legal costs to take his case to the level of the Court of Appeal would have been very considerable, possibly more than the £75,000 he stood to gain.

By the time the case is concluded his costs may be two or three times what they are now. Will he get costs back if he wins?

He may get an order for Mrs Randall to pay his costs, but by then will she have any money to pay him?

■ To discuss these issues or for help with your legal affairs, contact **Mark Foley, Solicitor**. Tel: 07833 332055 or 01362 688946. Email: law@25am.co.uk



music

Annual summer festival looks for another sell-out



INDIE favourites Toploader will be rocking Rookery Meadow as the headline act at this year's Reepham Festival.

The *Dancing In The Moonlight* hit-makers will top the bill on the Hansells' stage on Saturday 13 August.

They will be joined on the bill by Dire Streets, the UK's leading Dire Straits tribute act, and rock outfit Walkway, who have enjoyed success as a support band for Status Quo.

For the past three years, the Reepham Festival has sold out and early indications are that the 2016 event will be another huge success.

The festival line-up boasts 17 acts so far, with more names to be announced. Performers include Buster James, who will headline the Sunday bill; reggae band Jeremiah Ferrari; rockers Chasin Vegas; folk group Morganway; melodic rocker

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Kingdom Keys; singer-songwriter Marina Florance; acoustic duo Phoebe and Jay; soul singer Harry Quinn; beatboxer Differential; and a host of other acts.

Reepham will come alive during the festival weekend (13-14 August), with Saturday performances also taking place at St Michael's church, where the Blythe String Quartet will headline.

On Sunday, everything moves to Whitwell Station, the main sponsors of the event, for an afternoon of music.

As well as providing the community with a musical extravaganza for all the family, the Reepham Festival also raises money for charity. This year, a guitar donated by *Reepham Life* and signed by Toploader will be auctioned and the

funds raised donated to the band's charity of choice, Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Meanwhile, most of the profits from the weekend will go to good causes, including donations to a range of local charities.

Weekend tickets for the Reepham Festival 2016 cost £24 per adult and £1 per child if bought in advance.

Camping pitches, booked directly from Whitwell Station, cost £21.50 for a medium pitch and £43 for a large pitch.

■ Tickets can be purchased at Whitwell Station, Very Nice Things in Reepham, Soundclash Norwich or on the festival website.

www.reephamfestival.co.uk/tickets

Rotary art exhibition

Reepham & District Rotary Club members are preparing for the art exhibition at the Aylsham Agricultural Show on August bank holiday (29 August), which is a great opportunity to see the work of many local artists and sculptors. More than 300 works are on show, most surprisingly affordable.

If you are going to the show, please call into the art exhibition; all takings go to our Rotary charities. If you are an artist who would like to show your work, you will find details on our website.

● Plans are progressing for the first Reepham Food Festival, which we are organising for 28 May next year. Many local organisations are joining in and we are now looking for the grants and sponsorship that will help us put on a first-class festival.

Richard Cooke

www.reephamrotary.co.uk

Quilt to be raffled for MacMillan Cancer Support



MEMBERS of the Reepham-based Busy Fingers Craft Group have been busy since January making another quilt (pictured) to be raffled to raise funds for MacMillan Cancer Support.

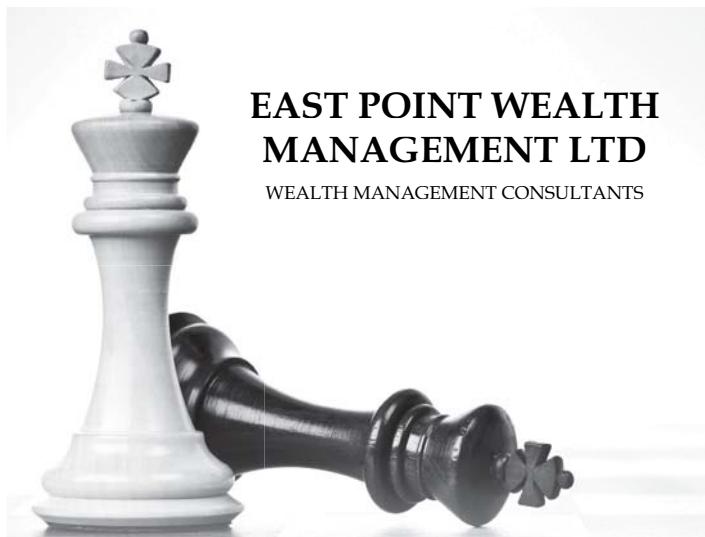
The 150 squares have all been sewn by hand and the quilt is a generously-sized single bed cover.

Tickets are £1 each and available from Joan Castell (01603 308070), Brenda Palmer (01603 871641) and Jean Thompson (01603 879660). The winning ticket will be drawn at the MacMillan Big Coffee Morning on Saturday 1 October.

We hope to help Pauline Cooper's fundraising efforts by selling lots of tickets, so do support this worthwhile cause. The prize really is a work of art.

Brenda R Palmer

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Have you ever thought about getting involved with your local NHS Trust as a way of helping to shape their services?

By becoming a member you can:

- find out more about mental health issues and the services the Trust provides;
- give information and comment on its services and plans;
- elect some of the governors of the Trust who play an even more active part.

You could even stand for election as a governor yourself. This is what I did a few months ago and I'm pleased to say I'm now one of seven "public governors" representing Norfolk in the Trust.

Membership is open to everyone living in Norfolk or Suffolk over 11 years of age. We are particularly keen to encourage membership by younger people – including those of high school age – to ensure we have good representation across the age range.

As a public governor, I am trying to provide information to local people and feed back their comments and views to the Trust. Governors try to ensure the Trust is providing effective and efficient services.

I want to hear about local experiences of mental health and NHS services. I am also happy to come and talk to groups about the work of a Trust governor and how you can become involved.

- Find out more about membership at www.nsft.nhs.uk and "Get Involved".
- Alternatively, contact membership and engagement officer Peter Haylett 01603 421468 or membership@nsft.nhs.uk
- If you want to know more about getting involved or provide information or comments, I can be contacted by email:



nbold@btinternet.com
*Nigel Boldero,
Governor, Norfolk and
Suffolk NHS
Foundation Trust*

New tennis club Clubspark website is live

Reepham Tennis Club (RTC) has a new website and online membership system. The club has migrated its website and booking system to the Lawn Tennis Association's free online management tool, Clubspark.

Using this new system RTC can manage its own membership, and members can join, book courts and sign-up for coaching – all online. All current and lapsed members have been invited to register for the new system.

www.reephamtennisclub.co.uk

Two years of good neighbours in Reepham

ONE of the joys of living in Reepham is that you are surrounded by good neighbours. It seems everyone has a cheery word or an offer of help when it is needed.

However, many people are reluctant to ask for help or, at least, to constantly ask the same willing neighbour, so a few years ago, Revd Gill Wells, a former curate of the town, and some like-minded residents decided to establish a Reepham Good Neighbour Scheme.

With the help of Henry Micklejohn from the Norfolk Rural Community Council (NRCC) and after a year of getting the administration and finances in place, the Reepham Good Neighbour Scheme was launched in June 2014 with 11 local volunteers.

The aim is to promote friendship within the town and to provide a group of volunteers who are willing to help with one-off tasks that any good neighbour would undertake.

Over the two years of its existence it has helped with more than 100 tasks, including help with physical tasks while

a resident is recovering from an operation, befriending newcomers and taking residents to surgery appointments.

What the Good Neighbours cannot undertake are tasks that require specialist help, nor can they respond to emergencies.

The volunteers are all busy people, several of whom work full-time, so a few days' notice is necessary to find the volunteer who is available at a particular time.

All the help is offered on a voluntary basis, but we do charge a minimal mileage fee for tasks involving transport – an amount laid down by NRCC (presently 45p per mile) – so no volunteer is out of pocket.

Personally, I have enjoyed my time with the scheme. I have made some good friends, had fun on the social events and got to know many people within the town. As with most volunteer roles, you get far more out of it than you put into it.

After two years we may need to do some fundraising to keep going and, as



the need for our services is growing, we certainly need more volunteers, but we are hopeful that we can continue for a few more years.

- If you think you could become a Good Neighbour and would like more information or if you need our help, please call our duty volunteer on 07936 576684 and, if necessary, leave a message and number for us to get back to you.

Linda Fullegar

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Kings Lynn (Shopping)	Tuesday 26th	Tuesday 23rd	9 - 3pm
Dereham (Tesco & Morrisons)	Thursday 28th	Thursday 25th	1 - 4pm
Wroxham Shopping (Roy's)	Saturday 30th	Saturday 27th	10 - 2pm
Reepham (Shopping)	Every Wednesday	Every Wednesday	9 - 10.30

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We are currently looking for additional drivers to drive the Rover. If you would like to help please leave your contact details on the above number and we will get back to you.

Schools

New head of school for Reepham Primary

CATHERINE Ogle (right) has been appointed to the permanent position of headteacher at Reepham Primary School. She was previously acting headteacher.



Having previously worked in management roles in the recruitment industry, Mrs Ogle entered teaching as her second career after having her family.

She started as a student teacher at Reepham Primary School in 2007, then was taken on as a newly qualified teacher in September 2008.

Mrs Ogle became a staff governor in 2011 to have more of a strategic involvement in running the school. "When my own children reached high-school age, I felt able to commit to a leadership role at school," she commented.

"After being appointed deputy headteacher in April 2015, I then spent half a term as acting head covering sick leave and was surprised at how much I enjoyed it. When the opportunity came to become the permanent head of

school, I jumped at the chance.

"I am incredibly excited to be taking on the head of school role, as I believe we have the best team of staff, governors and parents that I have ever known at Reepham Primary School.

"This, coupled with the new opportunities we will be able to provide as part of the Synergy Multi Academy Trust, means we can ensure our children are challenged and inspired every day. I hope to lead the school to 'good' then 'outstanding' over the coming years."

The school's governing body said Mrs Ogle had done a "fantastic job" over the past few months, stepping in after former headteacher Miriam Jones left.

"She has worked closely with the school staff and together they are dedicated to delivering the highest quality teaching and learning for all our children.

"She is committed to getting Reepham Primary back to 'good', and has the full support of the governing body in leading the school.

"We are delighted she has accepted the post and are looking forward to the coming months and years with her at the helm."



Head of school Catherine Ogle (left) pictured with Reepham Primary School Year 6 pupil Megan Bale and her framed front page story published in the April edition of Reepham Life

'Outstanding' sixth form praised by Ofsted inspectors

REEPHAM High School and College (RHSC) is a "good" school with an "outstanding" sixth form, according to Ofsted, the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

After inspecting the school in early May, the education watchdog's latest report showed that RHSC has retained the same rating it was given in 2013.

In a detailed letter to the school's principal, Mark Farrar, Ofsted inspector John Lucas said: "There is a distinctive ethos of respect that permeates almost all areas of the school.

"It is a harmonious place to learn. This is because you have established an atmosphere in which excellent relationships are the norm.

"Pupils move around the very well-maintained school site purposefully and with polite good humour.

"Many confidently and cheerfully greeted inspectors and explained how much they valued the work of their teachers."

He continued: "Pupils appreciate the range of additional activities provided.

These activities include trips abroad, sports clubs, trips to university and creative arts clubs."

Mr Lucas said the sixth form continues to "lead the way for other areas of the school in many aspects of its work.

"The highly effective sixth-form leader has high aspirations of what students can achieve. These aspirations are shared by teachers in the sixth form.

"Sixth-form students respond exceptionally well to the expectation that they should take responsibility for their own learning. They are adept at managing their time and organising their work. Students are proud of their sixth form."

The inspection further found that pupils at RHSC feel safe and the school has improved in many areas since the last inspection in 2013.

The report added that teaching is effectively monitored, governors are well informed, share Mr Farrar's high aspirations and are able to hold him to account where they feel things could be improved.

It added that pupils are "overwhelm-

ingly positive" about the education they receive at RHSC.

In a letter to parents/carers, Mr Farrar admitted he was a little disappointed that the school was not judged as "outstanding" at everything.

To become outstanding, Ofsted suggested that further actions need to be taken to identify why disadvantaged pupils' attendance and achievement are low.

Mr Farrar said: "Our disadvantaged pupils already achieve significantly higher than disadvantaged pupils in the country as a whole, but they do not achieve at the level of non-disadvantaged pupils. This is a demanding challenge, but one we are determined to meet.

"In addition, [Ofsted] suggested that we could better equip the knowledge and skills of some teachers to better meet the needs of pupils with special educational needs or disability. This we are already working on."

Overall, Mr Farrar said the school was pleased with the report, "but also determined to make our school even better".

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Multi-terrain course for Reepham 10k race

NOW in its 12th year the Reepham Runners Summer 10k race will take place on Sunday 21 August. Set across multi-terrain and taking in the quiet country lanes and Marriott's Way this 10-km course is suitable for all abilities.

The race starts at 10 am in Smugglers Lane, Reepham, and finishes at Stimpson's Piece.

This year the event has a main sponsor in Panther Brewery, along with a host of other local businesses, including Norfolk Country Cottages, Felthorpe Lawnmower Services, The Chimes Bed & Breakfast, The Kings Arms, Reepham Life, Sportlink and Duff Morgan.

This friendly local event is popular amongst runners, but also attracts people who want to experience multi-terrain for the first time or who just fancy a nice morning run with like-minded people.



Changing/shower facilities are available as are tea, cake and refreshments. All finishers will receive a medal and a

goody bag packed with treats.

Online entries at:

www.reephamrunners.co.uk

New members urgently required for Reepham Town Bowls Club

WE have recently lost a number of our members as they have moved away from the area and we are now desperate for new blood.

We welcome all ages, both women and men, and can arrange some one-to-one tuition if required.

The weather is now set to improve and there is no better way of spending a summer evening.

You can be involved in any way you wish, just playing for pleasure or joining

one of the leagues. We also have some social evenings and knockout competitions.

Just give me a ring and I can give you more details, or alternatively pop down to the club on a Saturday afternoon around 2.30 pm. Come on, give it a go; you'll be pleasantly surprised.

On the subject of people leaving, we would like to wish a fond farewell to Roy Lavery and Dave Cox, who have been stalwart members of the club and

have worked tirelessly to keep the green and machinery in excellent order and wish them all the best in the future. Good luck to you both.

Also farewell to Steve Bobbin, who only joined two years ago, but quickly became a key member in the leagues. He has now moved on to the delights of Cromer.

Barry Barker 01603 870337
barrydbarker@yahoo.co.uk

Busy first year for Rayzone youth worker

IT hardly seems a year since I became Rayzone's new youth worker and it has been an enjoyable first 12 months.

Over the year our Friday night youth club has started to meet every week during term time. We are open from 7.30 – 9 pm at Reepham Methodist Church for those in school years 5-13 with a small entry charge of £1 per member.

We do many things, including playing table tennis, pool, games consoles, crafts, board games, challenges as well as special themed evenings. As the end of the school year approaches we have 29 members who have attended at least one evening during the year with an average of six attending and

the highest being 10.

July sees the end of the school year and we plan to celebrate this with a BBQ and games night, where all our helpers and members who have attended are invited.

Another area in which I have been involved this year has been the schools' work, which has resulted in me attending the primary school on a regular basis to help lead the assemblies and at the high school attending the assemblies most weeks and being part of the Christian Union.

Although many children are looking forward to their summer break I am busy planning what we do from September

when the schools and clubs restart.

If you have any ideas for clubs for the young people of Reepham and the surrounding area or feel you might be able to help at any, please feel free to get in touch.

I am at Reepham Methodist Church most Wednesdays from 10.30 am – 12 noon, so why not come along for a drink and a chat? Or I can be contacted by telephone 07341 937685 or email rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com or via our website www.rayzone.org.uk



I hope you all have a relaxed and enjoyable summer.

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gardening

How much should you interfere?

FIVE years ago I skidded to a halt in the snow and ice outside a house in Marsham, where there was an old, brown Belfast sink for sale. A piece of soggy paper asked for £10 – and I bought it.

It was about 6 inches deep, 32 x 18 inches wide and across, and had unusual flowery patterns indented on the side, which is what drew me to it, perfect for an Alpine garden.

I filled it with John Innes No. 2, adding charcoal on the bottom layer to keep the soil sweet, which I got from the bonfire (my aim is always to spend as little as possible on the garden, keep all as low tech as possible), as once planted I wanted to leave the garden to develop and mature on its own.

I planted thyme, pretty and variegated,

thrift and a few sedums (pictured), all tolerant and obliging and willingly flowering plants.

I also left some attractive stones on the surface to provide contrast with the leaves and flowers.

Then I ignored the whole thing, perhaps a tiny bit of weeding, but I just left the plants to settle into their homes and



spread as they pleased – for five years.

What interests me is the way that mosses have come in and started to weld the stones to the surface, creating the most attractive mosaic.

Interlopers have been pasqueflower, a bit out of scale but so pretty, and Jacob's ladder, which again is a bit too big and I will remove, but haven't quite the heart to do so yet.

And daisies, the sort you get in the lawn and try to get rid of, but are in fact very pretty little things and in perfect scale.

How much to interfere? That to me is always the question. Why struggle to grow something difficult when something easy will look after itself and look lovely too, with no effort from me?

Handling holiday time on the allotment

JUST when most of the spring's hard work is coming to fruition with allotment vegetables and fruit cropping, many of us are planning to go away on holiday.

As holidays come around, anyone who keeps livestock on their allotment knows they need to ensure their birds' daily upkeep, and if you are going away for more than a few days it's worth getting a friend to water crops when the weather is dry. In particular, tomatoes that are irregularly watered will split nastily.

Crops like beans and peas need to be picked as soon as they mature to ensure the plant continues producing – nobody wants to see soft fruit rotting on the cane. Fragrant sweet peas and other allotment flowers must be cut before they go over or there will be no more flowers in the weeks to come.

Helpful friends can gain a basketful of delicious produce for their trouble. I even find that my friends, who don't

keep their own poultry, will treasure collecting themselves a week's worth of free-range eggs.

Summer is also the time when succession planting comes into its own. Resist the temptation to use the whole seed pack of salad at once, but instead sow little and often for a continuous supply of radishes, salad leaves and spring onions, with a minimal number bolting or going to seed.

Of course, many of our plants need to set seed to produce their crops. While sweet corn is wind pollinated and so best planted in a block, most allotment produce is insect pollinated.

We gardeners may curse certain insects as pests, including cabbage white butterfly, carrot

fly and cabbage root fly, but all the bees and most butterflies are our best friends. Without them, there would be no raspberries or plums, no courgettes, squashes, beans or peas.

Sarah Oates

■ To ask about renting an allotment, contact: Jo Boxall, Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

■ For information on joining RALGA, email: reephamalga@gmail.com or write via the allotment post box.



New football coaching sessions for youngsters from September

REEPHAM Town Football Club is launching coaching sessions for youngsters in the U6-U8 age group (as of 31 August 2016, i.e. school years 1, 2 and 3).

The sessions will be held from 10 – 11 am on Saturday mornings at Stimpson's Piece, Bartle Court, Reepham,

commencing 10 September.

They will be run by Reepham Town FC head of youth Mike Graver, a qualified level 1 Football Association coach.

The aim is to continue the weekly sessions through until late April 2017, excluding the normal holiday breaks.

Cost £1 per session for each player.

Reepham Town FC is an accredited FA Charter Standard Club.

■ For further information, contact Mike Graver 07717 760526 or email: manddgraver@tiscali.co.uk

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church life

Celebrate the joy of ‘being’

JUST before he left office in 2014, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, was invited by Pope Benedict XVI to address the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican on how to reach out to all people.

Dr Williams urged the Church to revive traditions of silent prayer and meditation as practised by monastic traditions. He said: “To learn contemplative practice is to learn what we need so as to live truthfully and honestly and lovingly.”

Dr Williams is an admirer of the Taizé community in France, which every week attracts thousands of young people as well as people of all ages to its retreats, where the contemplative silence, chants, music and words speak to the heart

and transform lives.

In our busy lives, it is difficult to let go of “doing” to allow ourselves to “be”: where can we find quietness and stillness to renew our spirit?

At this time of year, with the glory of new life and growth all around, it is easier to give ourselves permission to “be”, to admire the beauty in nature – flowers, woods, bird song – which can refresh us, offering a sense of peace, joy and thankfulness.

Lighting a candle in St Mary’s church or sitting in St Michael’s chapel can offer nourishment.

It is also possible to learn how to meditate daily, with benefits for mind, body and spirit. When we give ourselves

time to sit quietly, to draw closer to the “substance of our soul”, we can be refreshed by divine love.

As the 14th century mystic Lady Julian of Norwich said: “Peace and love are ever in us working in our very ground, yet we are not always in peace and love.”

The late Reverend Robert Llewelyn, former Julian chaplain, welcomed all to share silence with him.

He wrote: “The effect of contemplative prayer, as seen by St John of the Cross, is to ‘set the soul on fire with the spirit of love’. Love is the great healer... love is victorious over fear.”

Denise Treissman, literary executor of the late Rev. Robert Llewelyn and meditation teacher

The truth, the mole truth

I HAVE always had a sneaky respect for moles as they constantly manage to be one step ahead of the distraught gardener.

Our May speaker was Louise Chapman, Norfolk’s first female mole-catcher, who is currently wrestling crocodiles on TV and chasing Australian pests.

She described the lifestyle of the typical male mole: apart from having to find 40 worms a day this little creature has to dig a distance of up to one kilometre to find a mate – and after-

wards is chased away.

He is a little underground nomad, constantly searching for food or females. Not much “Wind in the Willows” lifestyle there!

While we were busy voting for resolutions, the Reepham WI ten-pin bowling team were playing in the final. Alas, they were well beaten, so needed to take solace in a glass of wine. Still runners-up is pretty good.

What comes next

- 21 July: Wiltshire Farm Foods talk



Drowning their sorrows: Reepham WI ten-pin bowling team with the runners-up salver (left to right): Vanessa Jones, Angela Briggs, Beth Boothroyd and Janet Haylett



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and tasting with Celia Notley;

- 18 August: Interactive Face Yoga with Jean Clarke;
- 15 September: Arthritis Self-Management with Chris Preston;
- 20 October: Interesting Jewellery with Claire Tuck of Bonhams;
- 17 November: AGM + Christmas Sparkle: (floral demo) with Crystal Dyball.

Don’t forget we meet on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in St Michael’s, Reepham.

All women are welcome. Join us for fun and friendship, lots of interesting discussions and plenty of tea, coffee and cake.

If you are new to Reepham or any of the villages around the town, we will be very pleased to welcome you to our meetings.

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Friday 1 – Saturday 2 July

Cawston Amateur Theatrical Society, "The Pinafore Pirates", Cawston Village Hall, High Street, Cawston, on Friday at 7.30 pm and on Saturday at 2 pm and 7.30 pm. Tickets £4 adults/£3 concessions. Contact: Paula 01603 866528/07443 953692 or liz.beard@btinternet.com

Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 July

Summer Market, St Peter's, Guestwick, 10 am – 4 pm. Craft stalls, cream teas, to raise funds for the church and the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Tel: 01362 683281

Saturday 2 July

Sparham Garden Party, Well Lane, in and around The Willows, the Old School Room and St Mary's Church, Sparham, starting at 2 pm. Test your putting skills, score a double top or win other sporting prizes; home-made cakes, plant stall, tombola, Grand Draw (£100 first prize); free entry, free parking and live music

Saturday 2 July

Reepham High School Reunion, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 7.30 pm – 12 midnight. Music from the original Rumour Has It roadshow. Tickets £5. Contact: Peter Sampson 01603 870869 or peter@reephamtown.co.uk

Sunday 3 July

Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4.30 pm. An opportunity to see and ride behind our steam engine Victory. BBQ, tea, coffee, etc. available from the Station Buffet and Sidings Bar. Drivers experience for £50 available, advance booking essential. Also Model Railway Exhibition, 11 am – 4.30 pm. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

Sunday 3 July

Iceni Choir Summer Concert – "Gloria", St Peter and St Paul, Salle, 4 pm. Tickets £10 available from Ann Askew 01603 868435 or askwit@icloud.com

Tuesday 5 July

Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP), Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 7 pm. The public will receive an update of the

preceding three months priorities and afford you the opportunity to voice your concerns for consideration for the following three months

Saturday 9 July

Lyng Fling, Lyng Primary School and Nursery, Wensum Road, Lyng, 12–3 pm. Featuring games, attractions, displays, stalls, food, bar and more to raise funds for the Friends of Lyng School, Wensum Valley Nursery School and the Lyng village hall project. Contact: Jenna Youngs 01603 872238 or fols@post.com

Saturday 9 July

Film: The Dressmaker (12A), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 7 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

Wednesday 13 July

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 13 July

Reepham Town Council meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamtowncouncil.org.uk

Saturday 16 July

Table-top sale, St Michael's, Reepham, 10 am – 12 noon. Items for sale, tombola, 20p lucky dip. Proceeds to Reepham Rover running costs and St Michael's. Tel: 01603 870426

Tuesday 19 July

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Joe Whitehead from Radio Norfolk's Saturday gardening show: Plants of the moment – expert advice as to what plants are looking good at this difficult time of the year. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

Wednesday 20 July

Age UK Norfolk Free Drop-in Session, Reepham Library, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 10 am – 12 noon. A benefits adviser will be available to offer advice on a range of issues, including: boosting your state pension; benefit entitlements; inheritance planning; employment rights and planning for retirement

Wednesday 20 July

Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016 launch, Reepham

Library, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 3.15–4.45 pm

Thursday 21 July

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Wiltshire Farm Foods tasting with Celia Notley. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 27 July

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

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 August

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Wednesday 10 August

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

Saturday 13 August

Film: Sunset Song (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 7 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm.

Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

Saturday 13 – Sunday 14 August

Reepham 16 Summer Music Festival. Saturday: Rookery Farm Meadow (12 noon – 8 pm), St Mary's (1.15–8.15 pm TBC). Sunday: Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 12 noon – 7 pm. Contact: Steve Jenkins 01603 870645

Sunday 14 – Friday 19 August

Big Jig Gig – help complete the world's biggest jigsaw puzzle, Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Bartle Court, Reepham, 10 am – 10 pm. Contact: Graham Andrew 01603 871562/07802 439654 or grahamandrew@funforce.com

Tuesday 16 August

Reepham & District Gardening

Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm.

Summer Show and Social Evening – light-hearted, slightly competitive evening with something for everyone. Featuring Tony Stimpson, who will give a brief talk on the Norfolk Garden Trust, followed by a quiz. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

Thursday 18 August

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Interactive Face Yoga with Jean Clarke. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

Sunday 21 August

Reepham Summer 10k, Stimpson's Piece, Bartle Court, Reepham, 10 am (race starts in Smugglers Lane). Contact: Jenni Egmore, Secretary, Reepham Runners 01603 308192 or secretary@reephamrunners.co.uk

Wednesday 24 August

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Friday 26 – Sunday 28 August

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Sunday 28 August

Bank Holiday Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4.30 pm. An opportunity to see and ride behind our steam engine Victory. BBQ, tea, coffee, etc. available from the Station Buffet and Sidings Bar. Drivers experience for £50 available, advance booking essential. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

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Reepham Town Council Chairman: Les Paterson 01603 871983 or les.paterson@yahoo.com

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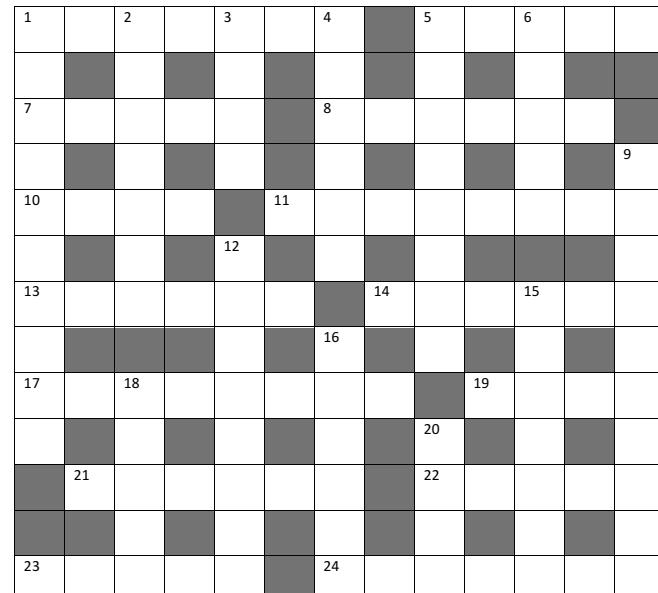
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police

What to do if you see a dog in a parked car

QUESTION: There is a dog in a vehicle that appears hot and distressed, what should I do? ANSWER: This does depend on the level of distress.

It is not advisable to force entry to the vehicle yourself in the first instance. Your first step should be to call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

If the police don't have time to get there, then you have to decide if you should take action.

Make sure you tell the police what you intend to do, why and, where possible, take images/footage of the dog and the names and numbers of witnesses to the incident.

The law (section 5(2)(a) Criminal Damage Act 1971) states that you have a lawful excuse to commit damage if "at the time of the act or acts alleged to

constitute the offence you believed that the person or persons whom you believe to be entitled to consent to the destruction of or damage to the property in question... would so consent to it if s/he... had known of the destruction or damage and its circumstances" (this legal reference is slightly modified for clarity).

Don't do this unless certain of your ground and are prepared to defend



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your actions in court in the unlikely event any action was taken.

The RSPCA can offer guidance on information on cruelty via their cruelty line at any time on 0300 1234 999. See further advice from the RSPCA on the website in related information.

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Please call 101 with any information you may have or if there is an emergency where you fear for someone's immediate safety or that of any property call 999.



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Bridge Club Meets 7.30 pm every Monday in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334

Busy Fingers Craft Group Meets 2–4 pm, every other Thursday at the Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham, £1.50 per session including refreshments. Tel: Rosina Harman 01603 871974, Brenda Palmer 01603 871641 or Jean Thomson 01603 879660

Cawston Amateur Theatrical Society Meets 7 pm every Monday at Cawston Village Hall during school term time, for members age 8 years and over. Contact: Liz Beard 01603 871941/07884 488642 or liz.beard@btinternet.com

Cawston Historical Society/Heritage Centre Open 10 am – 12 noon every fourth Tuesday in the month at Cawston Village Hall (excluding August and December) or by appointment. Contact: Des Cook 01603 872111

Citizens Advice Drop in for free advice 10 am – 12.30 pm every Wednesday at the Police Station, Market Place, Reepham

Craft Club Meets 9.30 am – 12 noon every Tuesday at the Ewing Close Community Centre, Ewing Close, Reepham. Knitting, embroidery, tapestry, card making and other crafts. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791 or dye.reepham@btopenworld.com

Family History Group Meets 2.30–4.30 pm every Monday at Reepham Library, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Start your family tree and learn to use Ancestry. Beginners and more advanced welcome. Contact: Rita Richardson 01603 873122 or rita@moog.freeserve.co.uk

Foulsham Meditation Group Meets 10 am every Monday at New Frost Hall, Claypit Road, Foulsham. Email: keviehowells@gmail.com

Iceni Choir Meets 7.30–9.30 pm every Wednesday at the Methodist Church, Station Road, Reepham. Contact: Ann Askew, Concert Manager 01603 868435 or askwit@icloud.com

Kurling Meets 2–4 pm every Tuesday in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. First session free, then £2 per session; tea/coffee/biscuits included. Contact: Gwenda Dove 01603 870598 or grandove@doves.eclipse.co.uk

Rayzone Youth Club Meets weekly

(term time) every Friday at Reepham Methodist Church, Station Road, Reepham, 7.30–9 pm. Open to school years 5–13; subs £1. Contact: Paddy Bennett 07341 937685 or rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com

Reepham Archive Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Open 10 am – 12 noon first Wednesday and Saturday of the month. Tel: 01603 879242. Email: reephamarchive@gmail.com

Reepham Badminton Club Meets 8–10 pm every Thursday evening at Reepham High School Sports Hall. Sessions are friendly and informal. Experienced, new players welcome. Contact: Diana 01603 873244 or David 01263 584221

Reepham Business Network Meets 7.30–9 am on alternate Thursdays 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 Laws 01603 871126 or 07933 149810. Email: info@reephambusinessnetwork.org.uk

Reepham Carpet Bowls Club Meets 1.30–4.30 pm and 7.30–10.30 pm every Monday 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.uk.com. Contact: Brenda Gostling 01603 870582 or reephamchamber@gmail.com

Reepham Country Market Held 8–11 am every Wednesday 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 9.30 am – 2.30 pm every Wednesday at St Michael's, Reepham. Coffee on arrival, home-cooked lunch and social time. Let us know in advance if you are joining us for lunch (12.30–1.30 pm) cost £5. Contact: Beth Rossetti 01603 870393 or Pauline Cooper 01603 871230

Reepham & District Gardening Club Meets on the third Tuesday in the month at 7.45 pm (except for the AGM, which starts at 7.30 pm) in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Visitors and new members welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

Reepham & District Photographic Club Meets 7.30 pm on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Sidings Marquee, Whitwell Station,

Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: Michael Battams 01603 870874 mickthemole9@hotmail.com or Rosie Taylor 01603 868247

Reepham & District Rotary Club Meets 6.45 pm for 7.15 pm every Monday at St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: John Tym 07760 272422 reservations@reephamrotary.org.uk or Robert Buxton 01603 870200

Reepham Good Companions Meets 2 pm every Friday 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 This free service 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, tel: 07936 576684

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

Reepham Ladies Hockey Club Meets for training 7–8 pm every Tuesday at Taverham High School. New players of all ages welcome. Contact: Graham Richardson 07778 890243 or hansie61@hotmail.co.uk

Reepham Methodist Church Station Road, Reepham. Sunday Worship at 10.30 am. Coffee morning/Traidcraft 9.30 am – 12 noon every Wednesday. Contact: The Minister 01263 732102

Reepham Over 60s Bingo Held 2–3.30 pm every other Wednesday at the 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, 2 pm in winter and 2.30 pm when the clocks go forward

Reepham Raiders Dodgeball club meets for training 6–7.30 pm every Wednesday at Reepham High School. New players aged 15 and over, male and female, are welcome. Contact: Henry Skinner henry.skinner@hotmail.co.uk

Reepham Runners Meet Sunday mornings 8.30 am; Tuesday evening sessions 6.30 pm (structured training sessions); and Thursdays 6.30 pm. Meet at Stimpson's Piece car park, Reepham. Contact: Jenni Egmore 01603 308192 or jenni@egmore.co.uk

Reepham Society Holds public meetings from February to November, on the second Tuesday in selected months at 7.30 pm at St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: Ann

Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

Reepham Tennis Club Members' club session Tuesdays 6–9 pm, women's team practice Mondays 6–8.30 pm, men's team practice Thursdays 6–9 pm. All members (16+) are welcome to any of these sessions. Email: info@reephamtennisclub.co.uk

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

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

Reepham Young Farmers Meet 7.30 pm every Tuesday at Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: Matthew Hipperson 07912 686642

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

Royal British Legion Women's Section Meets 2–4 pm on the first Thursday in the month 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

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

Wood Dalling Village Hall Coffee Morning Held 10.30 am – 12 noon on the first Saturday of the month, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling

Whitwell Station Players Meet 7–9 pm every Wednesday at the Sidings Bar, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Newcomers welcome. Over 18s only. Contact: Rowena Edwards 01603 870641 or rowenaed@gmail.com

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