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## Last chance to save the Reepham Society

AT its recent Annual General Meeting the Reepham Society, which was founded more than 30 years ago to protect, research and present the town's heritage, failed to elect new officers.

Normally, the existing officers are voted back on to the committee for a further term, but this year, most unusually, none of them wished to stand again.

Nichola Johnson, acting chair of the AGM explained: "Of course, they all had personal reasons for stepping down, but it is also the case that recent committee meetings were increasingly dominated by personal concerns, which the majority of the committee felt were distracting from its core responsibilities both to the Charity Commissioners and to the Society's wider membership's interests.

"Unfortunately, none of the new people nominated were elected at the AGM, which left the Society potentially without officers.

"Under such circumstances, the 'old' executive committee is required to call a Special General Meeting (SGM) so that additional nominations may be received and voted on by the membership or, failing this, that a motion to close the Society be tabled."

Ms Johnson said that since the Society's foundation an enormous amount has been achieved by successive members and officers. "Research has been conducted, publications produced, an impressive archive of photographs and related items



**The Reepham Society owns the land occupied by a small bowling green, acquired when the Sun public house closed in the late 1980s. See the article on page 18.**

has been amassed, and a consistently watchful and well-informed eye has been applied to hundreds of planning applications," she said.

"We cannot think that members who have supported and contributed to the Society for many years, or those who have moved to Reepham more recently and joined the Society through a genuine interest in our local heritage, would wish to see the Society disbanded."

Ms Johnson said the hope is that all members will help to ensure its survival by encouraging others to come forward as nominees for the officer positions at

the SGM to be held on 4 June, so there will be a wider "slate" of candidates to add to the names of those who stood at the AGM.

All nominees will be invited to speak briefly about their interest in the Society and about any particular skills and/or experience that they feel they can contribute, and asked to declare any vested interests they may have.

"Once we have successfully elected new officers, the Reepham Society can embark, re-energised, on the next phase of its existence," said Ms Johnson, who will also chair the SGM.

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## Neighbourhood plan back on the agenda

THE government has recently announced a two-year programme of funding and support for communities wishing to undertake a neighbourhood plan. Groups will be allowed to apply for up to £7,000 of the £9.5m pot to contribute towards the cost of preparing their proposal.

Neighbourhood planning was introduced through the Localism Act 2011, and the relevant legislation came into effect in April 2012.

It represents a new right for communities to help them decide the future of the places where they live and work. It allows them to choose where they want new development, such as houses, shops and offices, to be built.

Local communities can have their say on what those new buildings should look like and what facilities should be provided. However, neighbourhood plans have to conform to central and local government policy and plans for housing and development in the area.

Once a draft plan has been drawn up and consulted on locally, it undergoes independent examination and once passed is submitted to a local referendum. Plans

that are approved will form part of the development plan for the local authority area and will carry real legal weight in planning decisions.

In spring 2012, a working group was set up under the auspices of Reepham Town Council to co-ordinate the delivery of a neighbourhood plan for the town. However, Reepham's bid for almost £18,000 for funding to develop the plan was refused by Broadland District Council in July.

This was despite two projects (Hellesdon Parish Council and Thorpe St Andrew Town Council) withdrawing from the "front runner" scheme to develop six neighbourhood plans in the district, leaving an unallocated £40,000 in Broadland's coffers.

As a result, Reepham Town Council decided not to pursue a neighbourhood plan. It has also not committed to developing a town plan, which could be created more cheaply and quickly, but would not have the legal force and protection of an approved neighbourhood plan.

An agenda item at last month's Town Council meeting was deferred until the next meeting on 8 May.

## Tree planted to thank managers of Stimpson's Piece



A NORTHERN red oak tree (*Quercus rubra*) has been planted by the Trustees of Stimpson's Piece to mark the work that Jan and David Henry have put into managing Reepham's recreation ground and playing fields.

Purchased from the Town Council

chairman's fund, the tree was chosen by Mrs Henry as the most appropriate way of commemorating the couple's involvement over the past 20 years. "We have enjoyed most of our time on the management committee," she said, having retired as administrator at the end of last year.



## ART CLASSES

Continue throughout the summer term at Cawston, Hempton, Holt and Marsham. Summer Schools for occasional days will follow soon. At Easter we did Chinese Brush Painting and Felt Corsages, Nuno Felt Scarves and Lino Printing. What would you like to learn? Let me know please, Clementina Sutton 01603 872441

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**Pictured in Stimpson's Piece (left to right): Quercus rubra, Jan Henry, Cllr Anne Woollett, Town Council Chairman Les Paterson, Town Clerk Jo Boxall and David Henry**

The field, off Station Road, was leased by the Stimpson family to the town football club after the end of the Second World War and was given in trust to the town in the mid-1980s as a facility for the people of Reepham and the surrounding neighbourhood. It was extended a few years later when Reepham Town Council bought an adjoining field.

Management of Stimpson's Piece Charity was handed over to the Town Council in September 2012.

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# views

## Reporting parking problems

READING through Your Council Matters in the April issue of *Reepham Life*, I felt I had to comment on parking within Reepham.

The double yellow lines outside the Spar seem to be totally ignored and not enforced by the local police.

Many times recently I have driven down Ollands Road to be confronted by a car turning into the road from Church Hill and the road being blocked by cars parked on the double yellow lines.

Maybe the police do enforce them from time to time and maybe the culprits are only parked for five minutes, but it is selfish and causes danger to traffic turning in from Church Hill.

Recently a car was parked right on the corner causing a blockage. I parked up in the square and went to the police station; there was nobody there. Where are they when needed?

A deterrent is needed as this can only get worse with additional houses. I hope the two cyclists who fell off their bikes on the Spar corner (Comment column, *Reepham Life*, April 2013) didn't slip on oil left by the numerous cars parked up to the corner.

Very good informative Council report in *Reepham Life* – keep it up.  
*Simon Rayfield, New Road, Reepham*

### ■ Reepham Town Council replies:

MANY thanks for highlighting this issue. The Town Council has already taken action by asking for enforcement in Reepham by Parking Operations and illegally parked vehicles are being ticketed.

However, the following background information arising from this may be useful to everyone.

Since November 2011 when, "Norfolk (excluding Norwich City) became 'decriminalised' for the purposes of parking enforcement both on and off-street", the Police and Safer Neighbourhood Team have had limited powers over parking.

Responsibility for controlling illegal parking has largely been transferred to Parking Operations based in King's Lynn. Consequently, anyone who wishes to report illegal parking should now do so using the following guidance copied from the Norfolk County Council website:



"To report illegal parking on roads where there are parking restrictions (yellow lines, time limited waiting, etc.) you should contact the councils that manage enforcement (details below).

"Please note that cases of actual obstruction on roads (preventing the passage of vehicles) or footways (preventing the passage of wheelchairs or child pushchairs) should be referred to the police on 101.

"Report illegal parking in Breckland, Broadland, King's Lynn and West Norfolk, and North Norfolk to 01553 616222 or email: parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk (please use the email address if you wish for a response to your request/report)."

On this occasion, the Town Council has notified Parking Operations of the points raised by Mr Rayfield. However, future complaints about illegal parking should be made by individuals to either Parking Operations using the telephone number or email address above, or to the Police using the 101 number, as appropriate.

### More thoughts about parking

I REFER to the Your Council Matters report in *Reepham Life* (April 2013).

Car parking is a problem in Reepham. Perhaps the developer of the land off Dereham Road could be persuaded to provide a small car park near the doctors' surgery. This would have the dual purpose of an overspill park for the doctors (whose car park is often full and people park where they can on Smuggler's Lane) and a public park only a few steps from the town centre.

*Name and address supplied*

### ■ Your Council Matters replies:

MANY thanks for your response to our "If You Ask Me..." feature about traffic and transport in Reepham. One of the possible ideas put forward by the potential developers of the land off Dereham Road would be to extend the surgery. More information about the proposed development is available in the three excellent online articles on [www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk)

### Get-together on fundraising

FIRSTLY, may I say how nice it is to have an informative community newspaper for Reepham. Well done!

In response to Bryan Gostling's letter in the April issue about fundraising, several local villages have done this. It's a good idea for those wanting to have a drive or garage sale.

Would it be possible for charities to have stalls in the square with the co-operation of the Town Council? Per-

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## views

haps accompanied by the King's Arms jazz band if on a Sunday?

Other villages have produced small maps of locations for an entry fee, with profits, after expenses, going to local charities.

Is anyone interested in a get-together to take this further? Please contact me c/o *Reepham Life* or at 7 Chapel Close.

*Jan Stolworthy, Reepham*

### Fine follow-up

TO follow up a fine first issue with such a good second one is a great achievement. I have recently arrived in Reepham and my timing appears to have been impeccable. Well done!

*Michael Pender-Cudlip,  
Mill Road, Reepham*

### One of the best ever

I'VE signed up for *Reepham Life* online and I must say it is one of the best journals to come out of Reepham ever. Very informative. Keep up the good work.

*Simon and Silvia Rayfield, Reepham*

### Encouraging younger people

CONGRATULATIONS on your April issue and thanks for including Bawdeswell Village Cinema in your Events. One major difference this year is that we have dropped the ticket costs for 12-18 year olds to £2. We hope this will encourage a younger audience to join us. Keep up

## Gibbs' Ironmongers lorry

I AM restoring a 1946 Bedford that was once owned by Gibbs' Ironmongers of Reepham. This lorry was in a very poor state and has taken more than five years to get where it is today.

I would like to find out more about its life with the Gibbs family and wonder if your readers have any stories or, better still photos, of the lorry, which would have been around the 1950s or 1960s. It left the Gibbs family in the late 1960s for Dereham.

To the best of our knowledge the registration of the truck was DEW 917. We do know that it was an orange colour when the Gibbs family had it.

We have met the last commercial driver – he is now 92 years old and remembers collecting it from Edward Gibbs of Reepham.

*Paul Blanch, Taverham*



**The 1946 Bedford that was once owned by Gibbs' Ironmongers of Reepham, before (left) and after restoration by Paul Blanch of Taverham. Do any readers have any stories or photos of the lorry? Email: [letters@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:letters@reephamlife.co.uk)**

the great work.

*Alex Kirby, Bawdeswell Village Cinema*

Thanks for all the offers

HOW marvellous and heart-warming to have had five people come forward and

offer to take the lady I mentioned previously to Wroxham once a week to visit her husband in his care home (*Reepham Life*, April 2013, page 25). In a cynical, in-

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## Small claims level increase – good thing or bad thing?

WITH effect from 1 April 2013 the level of what are known as “small claims track” cases in the County Court was increased from £5,000 to £10,000.

This means that a successful claimant for any claim worth up to £10,000 will not be able to recover any of his or her legal costs (other than very limited set fixed costs) incurred in pursuing the claim. There are only very limited exceptions to that rule.

There are two sides to the coin. At times it may seem to be very unfair, for example, that a business that is owed, say, £9,000 cannot recover its legal fees incurred in having to chase and, if necessary, sue the offending party. People need to be able to get on with managing their businesses instead of having to worry about dealing with court proceedings

### legal view

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themselves.

In other cases though, it means that someone owed a similar amount by a large corporation, for example, can press on with their claim without fear of the risk of having to pay the other side's often high legal fees if things go wrong. In the past this has all too often put people off pursuing rightful claims.

As a result of this we will see many more cases going through the courts where people are acting without legal representation (the fact that it will clog up the court system is another issue). However, some people will still feel they

would like the comfort of at least having had some legal advice and perhaps a bit of a steer on the way as they pursue their claim for themselves.

It is frequently possible for a solicitor to provide limited guidance and advice to keep down those non-recoverable fees, but still giving the litigant in person the comfort of at least some professional legal support.

■ **To discuss any of the above or for help with your legal affairs, call David Laws – Solicitor on 01603 871126 or 07933 149810, or visit [www.davidlaws-solicitor.com](http://www.davidlaws-solicitor.com)**

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## If you ask me...

YOUR response to last month's request for views on transport and traffic was so good that this month we'll concentrate on printing some of your replies that don't appear elsewhere in the newspaper. Here are the seven questions we asked:

1. Public Transport – what's it like?

Answer: "Very poor."

2. Parking – how would you improve it?

Answers: "[Apply] parking restrictions/time limits in Market Place and Station Road car park (parking is not that much of a problem)."

"Public parking can be a problem on market days and, with the appearance of a traffic warden, could be off-putting for people coming into town trying to find somewhere to park."

3. Dangerous traffic spots – are there any?

Answers: "Townsend Corner, Church Hill/Ollands Road, Orchard Lane/Cawston Road."

"Immediately outside Reepham Surgery. Have witnessed several 'near misses' caused by overflow vehicles parking in Smuggler's Lane as car parking is no longer adequate and likely to worsen as town grows (Rumour has it that some people park in the surgery car park to do their shopping in the town). Have ascertained that the car park is responsibility of the surgery, not the NHS."

4. Speed control – should there be more?

Answers: "No."

"Some cars still drive much too fast from Dereham Road into and out of town and along Station Road. Perhaps Station Road should have a 20 mph restriction sign or one of those flashing signs."

"Speed humps or similar should be placed in School Road between Robins Lane and 200 metres past the high school. Even at school times motorists are still driving too fast along this stretch of road, putting children cycling or walking to school at risk, particularly those emerging from Rudd's Lane."

5. Pavements and footpaths – do we need more?

Answer: "Footpaths from town to Whitwell Station and to Upper Barn on Cawston Road."

6. Cycling ways – where do we need them?

There were no comments.

7. Street lighting – do you walk on the dark side?

Answers: "Still very dark in built-up areas; need at least double the number of street lights."

"Street lighting is fine. People should take a torch when it is dark. We don't want to end up like big towns or cities which are overloaded with lighting."

## A better place to live

THE dog poo problem is getting better but there are still some

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inconsiderate people. The public footpath between Marriott's Way and Orchard Lane is especially bad and there are poo bins at both ends, so no excuse.

Here's what one mother had to say: "I feel very strongly about the issue of dog poo in Reepham. It is particularly bad at the entrance to Marriott's Way and possibly up to the bridge (over Orchard Lane) and also on the footpath from the car park to the market square.

"I am paranoid about my little girls falling in all the dog muck that is scattered around. I even noticed on a walk the other day that somebody had just left their bag of dog poo on the ground. It's funny how you never catch these people leaving it; if I did I would say something! It would be great to see this issue resolved."

To find out how to report dog fouling in a public place, fines etc. go to: <http://www.broadland.gov.uk/dogfouling>

## What can't Reepham afford to lose?

Last month we explained how important a Community Asset List is and that creating one for Reepham would be the theme of this year's Annual Town Meeting. We asked for your Top 10 assets Reepham could not afford to lose. Here's the running order based on your answers so far:

<b>1= Doctors' surgery</b>	<b>Robertson's butcher</b>
<b>Post office</b>	<b>Reepham Town Hall</b>
<b>3= Mott's Chemist</b>	<b>14= Bus station/service</b>
<b>HSBC bank and ATM</b>	<b>First responders</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>Police station</b>
<b>Stimpson's Piece</b>	<b>Spar</b>
<b>Old Brewery House</b>	<b>Public car park</b>
<b>8 Crown public house</b>	<b>Diane's Pantry</b>
<b>9= Bircham Centre</b>	<b>Meloncaulie Rose</b>
<b>Fire station/brigade</b>	<b>Kerri's Pine</b>
<b>King's Arms</b>	

Does this list reflect your priorities? If not, give us your Top 10 and make your voice heard at the Annual Town Meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday 22 May at 7.30 pm.

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# business

## From New York fashion to Reepham flowers

REEPHAM resident Hilary Livsey has taken over the Lavenders Blue florist in Market Place after former proprietor Sue Johnston decided to retire and sell the business.

Now renamed Angelica, the shop will continue to offer flowers and plants sourced direct from the Netherlands, as well as Rococo chocolate, hand-made candles, antique botanical engravings and other complementary products.

Born in the USA, Ms Livsey, a fashion designer, has lived in the UK since the age of eight, when her family moved to London, although she spent the 1980s in New York, where she had her own shop under the Hilary Clark label. She has lived in Reepham for the past four years, and has five children at, or about to start at, Reepham High School & College.

With her background in fashion, Ms Livsey saw the retail opportunity in Reepham and decided to go for it. "It's something I've always wanted to do," she said. "Since our first day of trading as Angelica on 8 April we have had so many good wishes and there has been a steady flow of customers, with basically a seamless continuation of the Lavenders Blue business.

"There does seem to be a need for a florist in the Reepham area. Business has been good so far, and the prime location certainly helps," she explained from the rented premises in Ivy House. (The other Lavenders Blue shop, in Red Lion Street, Aylsham, remains as a separate business and is now totally independent from Reepham.)

Besides catering for weddings and funerals, Angelica will also offer styling services for events, such as celebrations and parties, where "creating an image" is required.

"I think the future is extremely good for specialist shops," said Ms Livsey. "We are primarily a florist that will also sell speciality chocolates, candles and other gifts, but with the ability to promote a certain 'look' for the occasion.

"We aim to create and sell beautiful flowers in lovely packaging, while gradually adding to our range and expanding into events. But we have no plans to change anything dramatically. It really is business as usual."

Ms Livsey noted that, although traditional flowers are still the favourites, some



**Above: Hilary Livsey outside Angelica, the 'specialist florist for all events' in Market Place**

customers are now looking for more exciting combinations of colours and arrangements, with hand-tied "aqua" bouquets becoming increasingly popular.

"You do need to have a creative eye to be able to combine colour and offer new things," she noted. "A background in art and fashion certainly helps."

Angelica's opening hours are 9 am – 5 pm Monday to Wednesday and Friday, and 9 am – 2 pm Thursday and Saturday.

An opening party is planned for the



evening of Saturday 8 June, when customers will be invited to come and have a look at what's on offer. Meanwhile, a new website should be online later this month.

[www.angelicanorfolk.co.uk](http://www.angelicanorfolk.co.uk)

## Network to discuss marketing for small businesses

THE Reepham Business Network is an informal group of small businesses and professional people working in and around the town. We meet fortnightly for breakfast (currently at V's Cafe,) to discuss issues of mutual interest and, on occasions, to hear from expert speakers.

Any business people in the area are welcome to attend. There are no obligations, no fees and no attendance requirements. You simply pay £6 for your breakfast when you attend.

As small organisations, we value the opportunity to learn what is going on in the world outside. We discuss how our businesses are going, things that might be of interest to others and things that are a problem for us. Often someone has an

idea or an answer – we have even had free advice from lawyers and accountants! By sharing our knowledge we can run our businesses better.

From time to time we have speakers on everything from being on The Apprentice to employment law. On 16 May we will focus on marketing for smaller businesses, led by three of our members involved in advertising, PR and internet marketing. You can hear short presentations on the state of the art, ask questions and bring your problems. The meeting will start at 7.30 am and finish by 9 am. The venue will depend on numbers.

**To be sure of your place, email [info@reephambusinessnetwork.org.uk](mailto:info@reephambusinessnetwork.org.uk) or call David Laws on 01603 871126**

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# business

## The voice for Reepham's businesses

*Brenda Gostling, secretary of the Reepham Chamber of Commerce, looks at the role the Chamber can play in helping local businesses*

REEPHAM has an abundance of organisations representing different aspects of the community, but the Chamber of Commerce is unique in that it exists to represent those who have trade or business interests here in our very special town.

Our aims are simple: promotion, communication and mutual support for not only our members but also the other traders and business owners in and around Reepham.

Our activities range from providing the small Christmas trees around the Market Place during December to helping reinforce Reepham's bid to get faster broadband.

Chamber members have joined the Town Team looking at Reepham's future economic strategy and will be making sure Reepham's business community's views are represented throughout this process.

Another key part of the Chamber's role is to act as a channel to share information about news and events that will impact

on businesses in the town.

We have emailed members about training opportunities offered by Broadland District Council, for example, as well as keeping members updated during the bank's closure last year.

We've let members know about events that might affect their trade such as the Tour of Britain visits both last summer and the year before.

As a group we certainly welcome new businesses to the town. While we have no way of influencing landlords' decisions regarding prospective tenants for their business premises, we do support increasing the diversity of what Reepham has to offer.

There are currently 28 member businesses – but there are more than 150 businesses in the Reepham area. Many of these are “one man (or woman) bands” working – as I do – from small home offices, although others are tradespeople and service providers. You only have to look at the advertising here in *Reepham*

### Get to know your Chamber

If you run a business in the Reepham area, or want to develop your business here, we would love to meet you. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 21 May 2013, 5.30pm at Hampton's Tea Parlour, Norwich Road, Reepham. It will be informal and relaxed; just an opportunity for you to meet Chamber members and share your experiences with other business owners.

*Life* to get the picture.

We would love to represent an even wider section of our business community, so I'd like to take this opportunity to canvass for new members.

Membership is just £25 for the year and that includes a listing on our website (see [www.reepham.uk.com](http://www.reepham.uk.com)).

Our next meeting is a “get to know your Chamber” open meeting (see above). If you're involved in an organisation that does business in Reepham, we'd love to see you there.

**For more information about Reepham Chamber of Commerce, please contact Brenda Gostling on 01603 870582 or [reephamchamber@gmail.com](mailto:reephamchamber@gmail.com)**

## New community wood fuel club seeks volunteers

FOR those who use logs on their fires and stoves during the winter, a new community interest company – Norfolk Wood Warm CIC – has been established to provide wood fuel on a not-for-profit basis.

The wood is obtained in bulk, seasoned and processed, mainly by volunteers, and supplied in convenient breathable bags that can be moved on a sack barrow and stored until the logs are needed.

Norfolk Wood Warm checks the weight and moisture content, and works out how much energy is contained in each bag of logs: customers pay a price per kWh unit.

The new community wood fuel club is looking for local people to come along to help to split, stack, barrow and bag the logs ready for delivery or collection. It is also looking for an enthusiastic person, or small team, to co-ordinate the activities of the group.

People who contribute their time and energy receive a small discount on the cost of logs.

What's involved? A few hours of fairly physical work, on a weekend, five or six



**A first meeting of the Norfolk Wood Warm CIC will be held at 10.30 am on Saturday 25 May at Whitwell Station cafe, Reepham**

cost (volunteers receive a discount).

Sessions run from 10.30 am to 4 pm at our site just outside Reepham.

There will be a first meeting at 10.30 am on Saturday 25 May at the

Whitwell & Reepham Station cafe, Whitwell Road, Reepham, where there will be an initial talk about the club, followed by some hearty splitting and bagging of logs. If you would like to come along please let us know.

Chopping dates are Saturday 25 May, Saturday 17 August and Saturday 14 September.

There is no binding commitment and if you have any suggestions or questions please let us know.

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# views

## Highways robbery

HOW many Reepham residents have had the unfair expense of having to buy new wheels and tyres this winter because of Norfolk County Council having failed to maintain the highways and repair the potholes on our local roads?

I am aware of at least five instances where cars have suffered serious damage in potholes on the Reepham to Norwich roads this winter.

Motorcyclists could have received serious injuries, or worse, if they had hit one of these potholes or struck by a car swerving to avoid them.

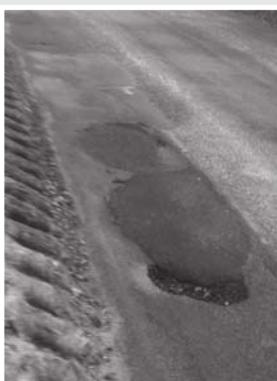
Having reported a 1.5 m x 1 m pothole (bottom photo) on 22 January and it supposedly being repaired after a few days, imagine my total disbelief when travelling to Norwich only a couple of weeks later to see another yet another pothole adjoining the edge of the old "repaired" one (inset photo, below).

I was totally amazed by Norfolk County Council's response in stating that the road had been inspected on 16 November and was denying all liability.

You see television programmes where private companies and individuals are harangued for shoddy workmanship. This is clearly a case of "one rule for one..."

Perhaps I am being unfair and should just pay out £250-300 of my own money for something that clearly wasn't my fault! After all, as it stated on the top of the letter denying me any compensation: Norfolk County Council "at your service".

*Steve Jenkins, Reepham*



## Road closure: Nowhere Lane, Whitwell Common, 7-9 May

NORFOLK County Council has made a Temporary Traffic Order affecting the C266 Whitwell Common from the junction with the C199 Nowhere Lane north-eastwards for a distance of 150 metres in Reepham because of new water connection work.

The road will be temporarily closed (except for access) from 7-9 May 2013 for the duration of the works, which is expected to be about three days. (If necessary the restriction could run for a maximum period of 18 months from the date of the Order).

Alternative route is via: C199 Nowhere

Lane, A1067 Fakenham Road, B1145 Norwich Road/Reepham Road/Dereham Road, C266 School Road/Whitwell Road and vice versa.

Penalty: £1,000 maximum fine on conviction and/or endorsement for contravention.

In the event of the start date being delayed, the new start date will be displayed on site in advance.

**The person dealing with enquiries at Norfolk County Council is Martin Dixon (Environment, Transport and Development). Tel: 0344 800 8009**

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creasingly self-centred world, it does a lot to restore your faith in human nature, so many thanks to those kind souls.

*Peter Gallon, Village Agent*

## Thanks from Hackford Vale

WE have greatly enjoyed the first two issues of *Reepham Life*. You kindly delivered to us in Hackford Vale, which may be awkward. We would be very happy to receive the newspaper by email.

*Susan Haisman, Hackford Vale*

**Readers living outside the town settlement limit can register to receive *Reepham Life* by email on the website: [www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk)**

## Professional and informative

WHAT a professional and informative local publication. I was very impressed and look forward to reading more.

*Mark Farrar, Principal, Reepham High School and College*

## Most popular news stories on [reephamlife.co.uk](http://reephamlife.co.uk) in April\*

- 1 Market town or commuters' car park?
- 2 Local artist's passion for books at Turn the Page
- 3 RHSC plans to build community sports facility
- 4 Further consultation planned for Dereham Road development
- 5 Award-winning brewery makes a refreshing change
- 6 Reepham Society given food for thought
- 7 Reepham Society's future to be decided at AGM
- 8 Save money on your energy bills
- 9 Bread stall hits the spot at market
- 10 Cawston Road housing plans to be announced 'soon'

\* to 24/04/13

## Reepham WI wins regional award

FIVE members of Reepham WI attended the Annual Federation Meeting in March and were delighted when Reepham WI was announced as winner of the Norfolk WI Advisors' Award for new WIs.

Reepham WI were praised for the variety and interesting content of their programme, the friendliness and liveliness of their meetings, and for a forward-looking approach to women's lives, which has resulted in an ever increasing membership.

*Sue Robinson*

# competition

## Reepham Car Club winners announced

THREE lucky winners have received their prizes from the Reepham Car Club, which is part of the not-for-profit Norfolk Car Club, following a competition promoted in the March edition of *Reepham Life*.

A young family and a curate at St Mary's Church each won a £100 prize comprising free membership and driving credit, while existing member Louisa Dreisin received £75 credit.

The car club welcomes the new members, helping them with an alternative transport option that suits their needs. It also announced that it has added three new cars to its fleet, making a total of 20 vehicles for people to use in Reepham, Aylsham and Norwich.

Family man Robin Stevens, who is married with two children and works in Norwich at Aviva, said: "We've been aware of the car club for a few years now and this gives us a perfect opportunity to try it out, which is great.

"We've just got rid of our second car as it sat on the drive most of the time and we wanted to see if we can manage without it. Even though we didn't use it that much, it was useful for trips to Norwich, family outings and also during holidays. So we're hoping that the Reepham Car Club is a way forward to help us with our changing lifestyle."

Like many other businesses, charities and not-for-profit organisations in Nor-



**Congratulations to Robin Stevens (left), Rev. Gill Wells and Louisa Dreisin (not pictured), winners of Reepham Car Club prizes in the competition promoted by Reepham Life**

folk, St Mary's Church in Reepham is interested in using the Reepham Car Club, particularly for giving people lifts.

Rev. Gill Wells, who is a curate in the Reepham Benefice, is looking to use her prize for the church, offering lifts to people who have difficulty getting to the church or visiting relatives.

"I think the car club is a fantastic idea. As a church we're committed to being green and this will help put that into action," she said.

The Reepham Car Club is celebrating

its fourth birthday next month and is looking forward to continue providing residents and businesses a service that reduces transport costs, offers better access to services, provides cars 24/7 at competitive rates, and helps improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions.

The car club is supported by Norfolk County Council to help make a difference to Reepham's community: environmentally, economically and socially.

**Visit [www.reephamcarclub.com](http://www.reephamcarclub.com) or check out the Facebook page**

## Reducing assessable income to save tax

IN his 2013 budget, the Chancellor lowered the annual income figure at which higher rate of income tax is applied, resulting in an increasing number of people falling into the higher rate income tax bracket. This follows the news in January that families with at least one high earner will lose some or all of their Child Benefit.

One way to potentially reduce the income figure that is used to assess your tax liabilities is to start making – or to increase – your pension contributions either via the salary sacrifice route or by simply making a personal contribution.

Using salary sacrifice, your personal pension contribution is paid directly by your employer rather than by you and you take the equivalent reduction in your



money matters  
**JANE ARMSTRONG**

salary. The more you decide to contribute to your pension scheme, the lower your "adjusted net income" will be, and this is what is used to assess your entitlement to Child Benefit.

Buying childcare vouchers is another way in which salary sacrifice can be used to reduce assessable income. Vouchers can be purchased under a salary sacrifice scheme (and you can buy them for use later if your child is too young yet to be left in childcare), reducing your taxable pay and potentially increasing your Child Benefit entitlement.

Finally, don't forget that if you make any donations to charities using Gift Aid, this also reduces your adjusted net income and, therefore, affects your entitlement to Child Benefit. This route allows you to choose who benefits from your money rather than leaving the decision to 11 Downing Street!

**Jane Armstrong is a Chartered Financial Planner at Almary Green Investments Ltd. To discuss any of the above or for help with your financial planning, call Jane on 01603 706740 or email [jane.armstrong@almargreen.com](mailto:jane.armstrong@almargreen.com)**

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# leisure

## A plea to let insects live

WHEN motoring in the 1950s it was often necessary to stop the vehicle and scrape the greasy gunge of dead insects from the windscreen so you could see where you were going. Even 20 or 30 years ago when washing the car I remember having difficulty removing the corpses.

The reason that insect corpse slime is seldom a problem now is not because insects have all become adept at avoiding moving motor cars. The fact is that there are now far fewer insects, including bees, about.

When did you last walk in the countryside through clouds of insects as some of us used to do?

You know where this is going don't you? It is a plea to let insects live.

Please think before you use chemicals. Think whether you can get round the problem some other way, and think of the profound effect on the world we



know if insects continue to decline as they have already.

The Royal Horticultural Society has advice on its website ([www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)) to help you encourage the wellbeing of bees, and this works for many other insects, too.

Plant simple flowers – not the posh doubles that might look pretty but are too complex a flower to allow bees easy access to the nectar and pollen they need – grouped in sunny positions.

Keep off the pesticides. Don't be too tidy. Check the lists of bee-friendly plants on the many websites available.

Luckily, I am ready for this year as I notice the first listing amongst desirable wild flowers is *Convolvulus arvensis* (field bindweed to you and me); I have some already.

Don't forget, the Reepham & District Gardening Club annual plant sale in Market Place, Reepham, from 8.30 am on Saturday 11 May. You might need to replace some of the plants you've lost during this ferocious winter or you might find something new and exciting you've never had before.

The next Gardening Club meeting is at 7.45 pm on 21 May in Reepham Town Hall, and is entitled "A crocus for all seasons". Will the speaker, Tony Goode, be mentioning Naked Ladies, I wonder?

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

# books

## The WRVS can bring the library to you

VISITING the library is a lovely outing, but if you or someone you know finds it hard to get out and about, the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) can bring the library to you.

All you need to do is contact the library and someone will pop round to talk to you about what sort of books you like to read and how many you think you can get through. From then on, one of our WRVS volunteers will come to see you and bring you your books every three weeks.

And it's not just books – if you prefer listening to reading, we can deliver books on tape and CD free of charge. We also have a lot of BBC radio shows on CD.

You don't have to stop coming to see us altogether. If you think that sometimes you might want to come into the library yourself, we'd be very happy to see you. Having a WRVS delivery just means that when you feel you can't easily get to the library, you can still have something to read.

If you're tech savvy and use the internet, you can even order your own

books. The library website lets you search through the library catalogue and reserve books to your card. If you have a "housebound" card and receive a book delivery, the reservations will be free of charge.

### The Woman in the Fifth reviews

*The Woman in the Fifth* by Douglas Kennedy was our Town Read over March and April. A mixture of thriller and fantasy story, the book had a bit of something for everyone, but not everyone found something to like. Here is a roundup of what our readers thought of the book:

"I was hooked and intrigued."

"Weird. Too many negative conversations. It doesn't make me want to read any more of his books."

"Far fetched!"

"Gripping, with good twists – quite

Faustian. Wonder how long such a situation can go on!"

"An excellent fast-moving read, which I found spellbinding until the fantasy started halfway through. I lost interest when Margit became a dead and alive person and able to do magic cruel things."

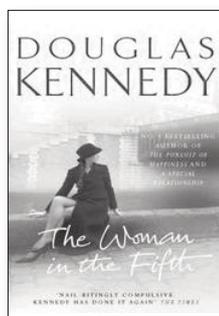
The Town Read ended on 30 April, but we always want to know what you think. If you have a book you'd like to recommend to the rest of Reepham (and beyond), please let a member of staff know and we will put it on our "Readers Recommend" display. If you'd like to write a short review you can, or you can let the book speak for itself.

### May at Reepham Library

Love books? Want to share your passion for reading with young people? We are looking for Challenge Champions aged 13-18 to help us run our Summer Reading Challenge through July and August.

So if you fancy trying something different this summer, speak to a member of staff or email the library:

[reepham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:reepham.lib@norfolk.gov.uk)



# planning

## Public exhibition for Cawston Road development plans

PLANS for a “low-density” housing development on Cawston Road will be shown to the public at a town centre venue this month.

The 8.77-hectare site known as “Reepham 1”, which is owned by the Salle Estate, has been identified by Broadland District Council as one of several on the edge of town that could be earmarked for housing development under the proposed Local Development Framework.

If selected, this site to the west of Cawston Road, comprising agricultural land and pasture, could see up to 200 new houses being built over the next 15 years.

However, Swaffham-based architects Parsons + Whittlely have come up with plans for 100 energy-efficient dwellings each of 1-4 bedrooms. These could include dwellings designed using the low-energy “Passivhaus” construction method.

A key feature will be a “bio-bed” system to treat sewage and surface run-off with effluent being piped under gravity to a natural treatment plant, which will incorporate a nature reserve with public access.

There will be two vehicle access points

– on Cawston Road and Wood Dalling Road. The plans also provide for the retention of the ancient hedged footpath that bisects the site.

Further information will be published on [www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk) as soon as it becomes available.

Broadland’s planners are understood to be currently finalising their preferred site allocations for the entire district, including Reepham. It is probable that another 12-

week public consultation will be held in summer.

The planners will likely be indicating their choice (or choices) out of the various sites that have been considered in previous consultations – Reepham 1 (Cawston Road), Reepham 2 (Dereham Road), Whitwell Road and Whitwell Street. Part of the Reepham 2 site is already the subject of development plans being proposed by Savills and Icen Development.

### What is the Town Team and who is on it?

AS part of a plan to support the economy of Reepham, a Town Team has been established comprising representatives from local community organisations to help produce an economic strategy for the town led by Ingham Pinnock Associates and funded by Broadland District Council.

The Reepham Town Team comprises a number of community groups and other organisations, including Reepham Business Network, Realistic Reepham, Reepham High School and College, St Mary’s Church, Reepham Chamber of Commerce,

Bircham Centre, Reepham Town Hall Management Committee, Reepham Society, Salle Estate, Reepham Green Team, Reepham Car Club, Reepham Town Council and Broadland District Council.

Ross Ingham noted: “Membership of the Town Team is deliberately flexible – we anticipate people and groups will come and go from time to time. If new groups want to join the Town Team, so long as they have some sort of connection to the local economy, they are always welcome.”

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# music

## Reepham Festival secures rising roots star for 2013

THE Reepham 13 Summer Music Festival organisers have secured a prestigious addition to this year's roster of artists, with the announcement that rising folk-roots star and BBC award-nominated Luke Jackson will be performing over the weekend of 10-11 August.

Just 18 years old but with a bold, show-stopping voice and honed guitar skills, Luke is a confident and captivating performer demonstrating an impressive maturity.

He has been making ripples on the thriving acoustic scene supporting such luminaries as Show of Hands, Paul Brady, Steve Knightley, Martyn Joseph and Boo Hewerdine, and he has played the prestigious folk and roots festivals at Sidmouth, Bristol, Shrewsbury and Trowbridge.

Championed by the likes of Bob Harris, Simon Mayo and Mike Harding, his debut album *More Than Boys* has received plaudits from critics and airplay on numerous radio stations.

Looking forward to the August weekend in Reepham, Luke said: "It's so much fun playing festivals because every one of them has its own vibe and feeling. I am very much looking forward to playing at Reepham Festival this year – let's hope the sun comes out!"

Reepham festival chairman Steve Jenkins added: "Each year we aim to provide a wide, eclectic and exciting range of music and entertainment, and 2013 is no exception.

"We're really pleased to welcome Luke to Reepham. It's good to be associated with a rising star and it looks as if this will be a case of 'remember where you saw him first!'"

Headlining the festival will be masters of rhythm and blues Dr Feelgood, that most perennially popular of the legendary R&B bands.

Monster of rock Buster James is back by popular demand and there will be around 15 hours of music for all tastes on the Saturday with a full afternoon's music on the Sunday.

The now-famous twin stage in the main arena minimises the time between bands so that the entertainment continues without a break from midday on the Saturday through to the evening. Hot and cold food and drink will be available throughout the day.



**Luke Jackson will be performing at the Reepham 13 Summer Music Festival**

The festival atmosphere continues on the Sunday afternoon when local heritage attraction and festival main sponsor, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, hosts the music at the station site.

As always, the weekend offers something for all the family, and for 2013 the organisers have held tickets at last year's prices. "That was a big decision," explained Mr Jenkins. "People tell us it's a good value-for-money day out.

"We never lose sight of the fact that we're raising funds for local charities and the festival is not run for personal profit, but even so, these are difficult times financially for many, and we felt we could do something to help."

Once again this year, under 15s can enjoy the fun for free when accompanied by a ticket-holding adult. Admission to the Sunday event is free to Saturday ticket holders.

Those wishing to make a weekend of it can stay at the festival campsite, which

is filling up fast with half the pitches already booked.

"Reepham Festival strikes the right balance between a family day out and a marathon treat for music fans," explains Mr Jenkins. "It's all easily accessible. People don't have to walk miles from their car to get to the music.

"It's a local festival with a big atmosphere and it brings visitors to the town who are often pleasantly surprised by this historic gem in the Norfolk countryside.

"Now that we're firmly established on the festival calendar we find we're getting people travelling from as far as Scotland, Manchester and the West Country. We must be doing something right!"

**More information can be found at [www.reephamfestival.co.uk](http://www.reephamfestival.co.uk) with new bands and attractions being added all the time. You can also follow updates on Twitter and Facebook. Tickets are available from 01603 508050 and [www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk](http://www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk)**

### Can you help us monitor Reepham Life distribution?

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problems.

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# environment

## Should the bowling green become a Field in Trust?

REEPHAM'S bowling green at Townsend Court was purchased by community fundraising and entrusted to the Reepham Society in 1989.

In late summer 2012, a member of the Reepham Society did some research about Fields in Trust having read about it in the newspaper.

She discussed it with others, and together eight people wrote in October to the Society's committee to ask if they would consider the bowling green being dedicated a Field in Trust.

They thought that it would have many benefits for the Society, the Reepham Town Bowls Club and the wider community. No decision has yet been received.

Founded in 1925, Fields in Trust is a charity that safeguards all kinds of outdoor spaces "to ensure they are still there for future generations to enjoy".

There are many benefits of land becoming a Field in Trust.

Legal officers of the Fields in Trust charity would complete the deed of dedication to achieve Field in Trust status for the land used by the Bowls Club at no cost to the Reepham Society.

Fields in Trust would then protect the land as a precious green open space, one

of very few in the centre of the town.

Registering the land would be beneficial to the Bowls Club as it would entitle them to apply for money from Sport England, among other organisations, for funding to help them maintain the grounds and make improvements; it could also mean that the council tax was reduced.

The Charity Commission had no objection to this dedication occurring.

The Reepham Society is an "amenity society" and has among its objects a commitment "to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvement of features of historical or public interest in the area of benefit". It is also a member of the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

Ensuring that the bowling green remained a green space would fit well with these objectives, as the land has been used for bowls since 1895 and is a wildlife habitat.

The Reepham Society would also be honouring the fact that the land used by the Bowls Club, as well as the clubhouse and toilets built on the site, was bought by donations from the community.

In 2011, more than 200 people signed

a petition to keep the land as a green space used by the Bowls Club.

The Fields in Trust charity would be sensitive to the needs of the local community should it need to raise capital: if circumstances changed in the future they would consider the sale of the land as long as the capital was used to enhance the local community by substituting land of equivalent size elsewhere.

The land would still remain in trust with the Reepham Society so it could continue to rent the land to the Bowls Club.

It seemed to those members of the Reepham Society who made the request that this was a win-win situation with everyone benefiting: it could bring money to the Bowls Club, it would still remain in the trust of the Society and it would be respecting the historical reason for its purchase in the 1980s.

As the person who negotiated the sale of the land by the brewery who owned it said: "It [the land] was purchased as an amenity for the people of Reepham, to prevent unwanted development and maintain an open green space in the town. Please do not forget why the [Reepham] Society was formed in the first place."

*Denise Treissman*

## We should encourage more people to shop locally

WHEN Hampton's Tea Parlour opened for business 12 weeks ago, I knew it would be successful, but nobody could have prepared us for its instant impact.

Not having had much in the way of spare time to stop and analyse the reasons behind this, one can only second guess and my assumption is the variety in the freshly prepared menu, which changes on a daily basis.

This could only be achieved by having suppliers on our doorstep and the convenience of being able to shop locally on a daily basis.

The day always starts with collection from the bakers in Lenwade, having rung through the order on the previous afternoon. The next stop is Geoff at Meloncaulie Rose, who looks after all our fresh veg, salad and fruit needs, with special requests catered for usually the very next day.

And finally Brian our butcher, who looks after all our meat and egg needs

### food & drink

#### ANNIE BENTON



(we have been known to rush out in the middle of a busy service for a quick top-up).

The whole "shop local" debate rears its head now and again, but for small market towns such as Reepham it is one we should get behind and firmly endorse when and where we can.

Out-of-town shops have done a good job in convincing us that sole traders equals "expensive", but the evidence does not back that up. If you factor in travel, parking fees and transporting larger items home, the overall cost is far greater.

However, while people don't like losing shops and services in small towns and villages, they don't equate this to

how they spend their money.

Shops will only survive if customers spend locally, so if they want a vibrant town centre where people can socialise as well as shop, we need to encourage more people to shop locally.

Another important factor in supporting local business is the employment of local people. Hampton's has gone from two members of staff to five, all of whom are local.

The evidence shows that for every £10 spent in an independent shop, £25 is generated for the local community, compared with £14 in multinationals.

We are lucky to have such a diverse and vibrant market town with many quality shops and eateries.

Sometimes we are all guilty of having purchases arrive in the post or shopping vans deliver our weekly needs, but every now and again a trip to our local provider is a win-win for everyone.

# sports

## Reepham & Salle Cricket Club juniors start training

REEPHAM & Salle Cricket Club started its 2013 season Junior Cricket training on Wednesday 17 April and these continue until Wednesday 24 July.

Young cricketers between the ages of 5-16 years are welcome to come along to learn, practice and play cricket, which will be taught by our England Cricket Board-qualified coaches.

We currently run groups for the following ages: U9, U11, U13 and U15.

Weather permitting, the training will be held every Wednesday evening at our ground in Salle and will run from 6.15 pm

sharp and finish around 7.45 pm.

For the U9, U11 and U13 groups, the training started on Wednesday 17 April and the last will be on Wednesday 24 July. The U15s training is held on a Thursday evening from Thursday 18 April to 26 July.

To register, simply come along on a Wednesday evening.

Please follow the link on the club's website ([www.reephamandsallecc.co.uk](http://www.reephamandsallecc.co.uk)) to download a form.

The cost for the entire season will be £30. This includes player insurance and

also helps towards the cost of new junior cricket equipment and coach training.

Places are limited to enable us to keep a good coach-to-player ratio, so please get in quick.

We are always on the lookout for parents to help run the junior section and we would appreciate any offers of assistance.

**If you would like more information, please call Paul Harwood on 01603 871371 or 0792 702 5326 or email [youthcricket@reephamandsallecc.co.uk](mailto:youthcricket@reephamandsallecc.co.uk)**

### Forthcoming cricket fixtures

#### Saturday 4 May

1st X1 vs. Frettenham, Norfolk League Div. 5, Home 14:00

#### Sunday 5 May

vs. Swaffham, Mid Norfolk League Challenge Cup, Home 14:00

#### Saturday 11 May

1st X1 vs. Felthorpe 'A', Norfolk League Div. 5, Home 14:00

2nd X1 vs. Hingham 'A', Norfolk League Div. 8, Away 14:00

#### Sunday 12 May

vs. Mattishall, Mid Norfolk League Div. 1, Home 14:00

#### Saturday 18 May

1st X1 vs. North Elmham, Norfolk League Div. 5, Home 14:00

2nd X1 vs. North Elmham 'A', Norfolk League Div. 8, Away 14:00

#### Sunday 19 May

vs. Dereham, Mid Norfolk League Div. 1, Away 14:00

#### Saturday 25 May

1st X1 vs. Cringleford Lodge 'A', Norfolk League Div. 5, Home 14:00

2nd X1 vs. Diss 'B', Norfolk League Div. 8, Away 14:00

#### Sunday 26 May

vs. Thetford, Mid Norfolk League Div. 1, Home 14:00

#### Friday 31 May

vs. Great Witchingham, Great Witchingham Invitational Cup

Final, Away 18:00

## Reepham Tennis Club officially opened by sports champion

REEPHAM Tennis Club's refurbished tennis courts and new clubhouse were officially opened on 20 April by Claudette Bannock, Broadland District Council's champion for sport.

The club also announced details of its new coaching programme run by Diana Carrington-Smith. This will be held on Mondays for six weeks from 17 June, and includes sessions for juniors and adults.

'Get Into' tennis sessions are also being run by Active Norfolk.

The refurbishment of the existing courts at Stimpson's Piece was made possible by funding from Sport England and Broadland District Council, said club chairman Tony Gurney-Read during the



**Cllr Claudette Bannock (left) and Tony Gurney-Read, Reepham Tennis Club chairman**

open days in April.

Membership of the tennis club, which opened last October, is open to all sections of the local community, regardless

of age or ability.

Members' club sessions run on Mondays from 10 am-12 noon, Tuesday evenings from 6-9 pm, Thursday from 2-4 pm and Sunday from 2-5 pm.

The club is also seeking to enter competitive teams in one of the Norwich or Norfolk leagues this year.

League matches start in May so if you're interested in playing competitively – in either a men's, women's or juniors' team – please get in touch.

**Full details about membership, booking courts, coaching and the latest news and events can be found at [www.reephamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.reephamtennisclub.co.uk) or email [info@reephamtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:info@reephamtennisclub.co.uk)**

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# arts & crafts

## Norfolk artists open their studios to the public

WELCOME to *Reepham Life's* new Arts and Crafts column especially for artists, crafts people and avid art lovers.

There is nothing like spring weather to awaken the artist in all of us, and with the advent of the fast approaching Norfolk & Norwich Festival and the wonderful Open Studios scheme we should be preparing to set off in search of all things hand-made, painted, printed, photographed and sculpted.

From Saturday 25 May to Sunday 9 June, artists around the county enthusiastically fling open their studio doors to share their creativity with all.

If you have ever spent a day or two following the art trails in previous years you will know there are exquisite *objets d'art* hiding around every corner, just begging to be admired or purchased.

Stunning paintings, sculpture, pottery and ceramics, jewellery and original prints are just some of the items that will be on offer in this inspiring artistic extrav-



aganza.

And you get to meet the artists and see the weird and wonderful places in which they create their work.

Visit [www.nnopenstudios.org.uk](http://www.nnopenstudios.org.uk) to find out more about which studios are open near you or telephone 01603 877750 to order an arts trail brochure. This is a most enjoyable and unique way to spend some leisure time.

In future editions of *Reepham Life*, we would like to feature local arts events and focus on the work of local artists, art

groups and craftspeople.

If you are planning an event or you are an artist who would like to give the townsfolk of Reepham an insight into your work, please contact me on 01603 879687 or [julesallen.arts@btinternet.com](mailto:julesallen.arts@btinternet.com)

*Jules Allen*

### Art for All exhibition

ART for All 2013 will be held in St Michael's and St Mary's churches, Reepham, on Saturday 29 June from 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday 30 June from 1 pm – 4 pm.

Visitors can buy an original work of art at the exhibition, and learn a new skill with the artists as they demonstrate their arts and crafts. Refreshments and a plant stall will also be available.

The event is being held in aid of the churches in Reepham.

Contact: *Gloria Davis 01603 873004*  
or [glogirlglo1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:glogirlglo1@tiscali.co.uk)

## digger's diary

### Grave situation in churchyard

MUCH alarm was caused recently by a mysterious hole that opened in St Michael's churchyard. Some said it was a collapsed drain; some said it was a collapsed tomb; some said it would get bigger and bigger until it swallowed the church. So the authorities did the wise thing: they called in Digger.

From the fill a number of bricks and pieces of stone were removed, which were identical to those that lie around the churchyard, together with loose soil. Once this was done it was apparent that it was not a drain nor a tomb, but a hole – one metre deep and slightly less square.

Whoever dug it had found that, as many have done before, the soil that came out was not enough to fill it again. So the bricks and rubble had gone in, but it was still not firm enough to prevent eventual sinkage.

Why someone should do such a thing, and not take the hole away with them, Digger does not know.

Perhaps they wanted to put up a very

large maypole? Or to find how deep the topsoil was? Or for practical investigation of eschatology? Perhaps someone out there knows.

So Digger brought a barrowful of soil from the Whitwell Road cemetery to ensure it was consecrated earth, and filled in the hole, and when the grass grows back nobody will know it was there. Until next time.

The mystery of the exploding cabbage ON Tuesday morning after the Easter Bank Holiday, Digger was alerted to a strange situation on the footpath that goes from Norwich Road to Bircham Road.

Scattered over the area were several pots of sauce and dips, a number of meat pies, sausages, spring onions (or gibbons as some call them) and a large cabbage that seemed to have exploded.

At first Digger thought somebody had been having a picnic, but close investigation found that none of the wrappings had been opened (except for the cab-



bage). They were all labelled "Reduced for Quick Sale".

Some rooks standing nearby about to play chess were questioned and admitted destroying the cabbage. But the origin of the comestibles remains unknown. Except perhaps to someone out there.

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# reepham past

## More about the Ollands Estate

BY the 1900s, The Ollands had become known as Reepham House. It was bought in 1920 by Edward Phillips Oppenheim.

After the First World War, in which he worked for the Ministry of Information, Oppenheim and his wife lived in various parts of the south of England before returning to Norfolk, where they had previously lived at Sheringham.

E.P. Oppenheim was a prolific author of more than 100 thriller romances in his lifetime and styled himself the "Prince of Storytellers". (Many of his titles are now available as e-books.)

After receiving a deputation of schoolboys, Oppenheim allowed part of the estate, a field known as Mill Hill, to be used for sports; however, this was rescinded by a subsequent owner of the estate. In the 1980s, Mill Hill became the housing development that includes Moorhouse Close and Irwin Close.

The Oppenheims moved to the French



**E.P. Oppenheim (1866-1946)**

Riviera in 1925. The house continued to be lived in by their daughter and son-in-law until 1928.

E.P. Oppenheim died aged 79 on Guernsey in 1946.

*Chris Peakome*

## Remains of third church uncovered

REEPHAM is unique in once having three churches in the churchyard. The third church – All Saints – was destroyed in the 1540s, probably in the "Great Fire of Reepham", which also destroyed most of the houses along Back Street.

All Saints was the church for the parish of Hackford, which was then combined with the parish of Whitwell, served by St Michael's church. The tower remained but was pulled down in 1790.

Eventually in the 1930s the three parishes of Whitwell, Hackford and Reepham were combined, with St Mary's serving as the parish church for all three parishes.

The remains of All Saints church were probably used to enlarge and repair the other two churches in the churchyard (stone was expensive, so no opportunity would be missed to recycle any surplus) and part of the church was incorporated into the burial ground.

All that now remains of All Saints is a section of wall that was covered in ivy and only visible if you knew what you were looking for.

This winter, Reepham Town Council worked with the Norfolk Community Payback Team\* to undertake work in

the churchyard: cutting back many of the overgrown shrubs; lifting some branches of trees; and clearing ivy from gravestones and from the wall of All Saints church.

So now for the first time in many years, the wall can be seen in its full glory. The Council is hoping in the next year or so to cut back an overhanging branch to further improve people's view of this unique part of our heritage.

A good place to find more information about Reepham's churches is [www.norfolkchurches.co.uk](http://www.norfolkchurches.co.uk), where Simon Knott has uploaded some wonderful photos of many churches in



## More old photos wanted for new Reepham calendar

REEPHAM Community Press plans to produce a "Reepham Then & Now" calendar for 2014.

Each month will feature an old photograph with information about where and when it was taken, together with a picture of the same scene in 2013.

These calendars will be attractive, interesting and worth keeping, and will also make great presents. Profits from their sale will go back into the community.

Do you have any photos taken in Reepham before 1990? The scenes don't need to be today's tourist views.

For example, pictures of the buildings that were there before the Spar or Townsend Corner in earlier days. What about Ollands Road years ago? Or Reepham Station?

If you do have any old photos, can we borrow them? We will give you a receipt for every photo, treat them with the greatest care and return them to you within two weeks after we have copied them.

If you know when and where they were taken, please write this and any other information on a sticky label on the back of the photo or enclose a note with the picture inside a stiff-backed envelope (marked DO NOT BEND). Please include your name, address and contact telephone number.

We can't pay you for using your photos, but we will give a free calendar to all those whose images are selected, and the owners' names will form part of the information on the calendar.

**Please send your photos to: Mike Cowdrey, c/o Reepham Life, Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham NR10 4LT**

Norfolk and some interesting commentary about them.

MJ Sayer published a booklet about the three churches in 1972, which can sometimes be obtained from second-hand book sources.

*Cllr Anne Woollett*

\* The Community Payback Team comprises offenders whose sentences require them to work in the community. This work is managed by Norfolk and Suffolk Probation Trust working with agencies such as Reepham Town Council. The Team has also completed work in Whitwell Road Cemetery, clearing rubbish and brambles, cutting back overgrown trees and shrubs, and planting a hedge.

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# news

## New town councillor for Reepham

ANN Middlemas has been co-opted onto Reepham Town Council.

She was brought up in Birmingham and worked as a secretary, then joined the family retail

business. She has lived in London, Surrey, Hampshire, Yorkshire and South Africa, and has three sons and two granddaughters who live in Leeds, Sydney and New York.

Mrs Middlemas moved to Reepham more than 20 years ago and was told it would take her 20 years to begin to understand the county. "I'm making a very slow start. When I came to Reepham I said I would never move away. I still can't believe how lucky I am to live in such a special place.

"During my time here I have been involved in farming, taken a degree at the University of East Anglia and worked for the Department of Work and Pensions.

"I have joined many associations, been a governor of Reepham High School and served on several committees including the Reepham Housing Trust, the Reep-



**Ann Middlemas**

ham Society, the Bircham Centre, the Bridge Club and the Reepham Allotments and Leisure Gardeners Association (RALGA).

"It was my involvement with RALGA that made me interested in the Town Council, as for two years I attended most of their meetings.

"I feel the Town Council is important to Reepham – little noticed when things are running well and in the firing line when issues arrive. I look forward to taking part in their discussions about the expected and the unexpected issues that are sure to arise."

● Edwin Rose resigned from the Town Council at the end of March.

## Website launched for WWI project

A NEW website has been set up to collect information on the 137 men listed on the First World War memorials in St Mary's and St Michael's, Reepham. The project, Putting the Face to the Name: Reepham Remembering 100 Years On, is gathering information on who these men were, where they came from and where they went after the War. It has also discovered men who moved to Canada and the USA.

**Contact: Ron Luton-Brown 01603 871726 or roninreepham@yahoo.co.uk**  
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**Deadline for the June issue:  
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## The future of Reepham Patient Care Fund

REEPHAM Patient Care Fund is a charity established in 1991 by Jeannette and Brian Overton to commemorate the life of their niece Nicky Waller, who died in her early teens.

The original object of the fund was to supply medical equipment to local people. Following a significant bequest, the fund later expanded to operating two minibuses for the community – the

Reepham Rovers.

The trustees have decided that they wish to end their tenure as the trust's administrators and plan to retire next year.

We are, therefore, appealing to anyone (or group) prepared to consider taking over the charity to contact me on 01603 870438 or hyren@btinternet.com

*David Henry, Chairman*

# police

## Possible rogue traders prompt warning

POLICE are reminding people across the county to exercise caution with doorstep sellers, following reports from concerned residents about possible rogue traders.

Inspector Brian Sweeney said: "We have been contacted by people in the Broadland and South Norfolk districts, worried about a person selling power tools and small plant items.

"While there are legitimate door-to-door traders, some do operate illegally and we would always encourage people to be cautious and make checks before agreeing to buy something from a cold caller. If it sounds too good to be true then it probably is – goods can be faulty or of poor quality and overpriced."

Doorstep sellers should provide written contact details and written quotes, and by

**Reepham SNT will be holding surgeries at Reepham police station on the following dates in May: Wednesday 1 May, Saturday 18 May and Wednesday 29 May from 10 am – 12 noon. This is your chance to talk to local officers in confidence about your neighbourhood concerns.**

law you have a seven-day cooling-off period so you can change your mind about any service offered by someone who arrives uninvited or by appointment.

Inspector Sweeney continued: "Keep your property secure at both the front and back and only answer the door to people you are happy to speak to.

"Safer Neighbourhood Teams have 'No Cold Calling' stickers you can display



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"We work with our partners at Trading Standards to deal with rogue traders who take advantage of vulnerable members of our community, and take action where any offences are being committed."

Anyone who is concerned about a cold caller or has information on rogue traders should contact their local Safer Neighbourhood Team or Operation RADAR, a specialist police team that tackles doorstep crime, on 101. Always dial 999 if a crime is in progress.

**Contact Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) by calling non-emergency number 101 or e-mail [sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)**

# outdoors

## Swannington in Bloom is coming

SWANNINGTON in Bloom will be held on Sunday 30 June 2013 from 11 am to 5 pm, where 10 beautiful gardens can be visited around the idyllic village of Swannington, four miles south-east of Reepham.



Photo: Jeremy Smith

**The Old Rectory, Swannington**

There is a fabulous variety of gardens, from the Manor with its 400-year-old yew hedge, thought to be unique in the country, to the contemporary design of Heath Farmhouse and the traditional cottage garden at Honeysuckle Cottage.

There will also be a barbecue by Farm to Fork and stalls on the Common from 12 noon, including plant and book sales, face-painting, a tombola and local beer from Panther Brewery.

Classic cars will meet at the Common from 12.30 pm, while home-made cakes and teas will be on sale in various gardens. The Romantic Garden Nursery will also be open.

All proceeds will be split between St

Margaret's Church and the village play area.

Tickets: £4 (under 16s free) or £3 in advance. Advance sales outlets to be confirmed during May (please check the website). Tickets on the day from the main car park at the Romantic Garden Nursery.

**Tel: 01603 861300. Email:**

**swannington@btinternet.com**

**Web: www.swanningtoninbloom.org**

## Whitwell Station top field approved as a camping site

THE top field at Whitwell Station has been approved as a camping site by the Camping and Caravanning Club. It is a Certificated Site, which is a small campsite that accepts just five caravans or motor-homes, caravans or tents.

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historic city of Norwich is only 30 minutes' drive away and it is less than 40 minutes to the coast.

A toilet block (toilets and wash basins) is available at the station (three-minute walk).

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# church news



## Our church is your church

I'VE just been watching Lady Thatcher's funeral, and thinking what a moving spectacle it all was – a wonderful mixture of military precision, spiritual input, and national and family grief.

Although not universally applauded, she was certainly given a spectacular send-off. As on so many other occasions, the church really "came into its own" and was the focal point for the last earthly journey of this famous woman.

St Mary's Reepham may not be St Paul's Cathedral, and not everyone will have their coffin draped in the union flag, but still our church provides a service to all its parishioners.

It is there for everyone, not just church-goers, and is a place where all parishioners have a right to be baptised, mar-

ried and buried (in our case, burials take place in the cemetery, but ashes may be buried in the churchyard).

The churches are by far the oldest and finest buildings in our community and give Reepham its distinctive character.

The building(s) actually belong to the Rector in shared partnership with all the people of the parish and, because of this, we all have a duty to care for it, so that the generations to come may enjoy it in the same way as we have.

In Reepham, the regular congregation worships every Sunday, and it is they who largely contribute to the running of the church.

They provide the active support that is essential to maintain the mission and ministry of the church, but these people are

not getting any younger. The church cannot exist on casual attendance – it needs commitment from more people.

On 19 May we celebrate Whitsunday, the traditional birthday of the Christian church. It would be encouraging on our "birthday" if more people resolved to start coming and joining in our regular weekly worship.

On Bank Holiday Monday 6 May, there will be a tea party in St Michael's from 3-5 pm.

Also that weekend will be the Rogation Walk on Sunday 5 May, when we will visit a number of key places in the town to give thanks and pray for them. The walk begins at the allotments in Stony Lane at 10.15 am.

*Rosie Footitt*

## WHAT'S ON GUIDE

### Saturday 4 May 2013

Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society. Outdoor meeting: Bayfield Walk & Glaven Valley. A three-mile circular walk around the Bayfield Estate. Meet at Cley Spy, Glandford, at 9 am. Contact: Liz Bridge publicity@wvbs.gmail.com

### Saturday 4 May 2013

Curtain Sale, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 9 am – 1 pm. All shapes and sizes of curtains from £2 a pair.

### Wednesday 8 May 2013

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

### Thursday 9 May 2013

Photography Exhibition, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 6 pm – 8 pm. Organised by Reepham High School Year 11 Creative and Media students.

### Saturday 11 May 2013

Reepham & District Gardening Club Annual Plant Sale, Market Place, Reepham, 8.30 am until sold out. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Saturday 11 May 2013

Film: The Sapphires (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Thursday 16 May 2013

Marketing for small businesses, Reepham Business Network, 7.30 am – 9 am. Venue: TBA. Contact: David Laws 01603 871126 or

info@reephambusinessnetwork.org.uk

### Thursday 16 May 2013

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham. Update on NFWI resolutions: discussion and voting, 7.30 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Saturday 18 May 2013

Reepham Quiz Night, Old Brewery House Hotel, Market Place, Reepham, 7 pm – 11 pm. Adults' and children's teams. Contact: Leslie Tooley, Group Scout Leader 01603 870701 (evenings)

### Saturday 18 May – Sunday 19 May 2013

Annual Charity Gardening Event, Woodgate Nursery, Cawston Road, Aylsham, 10 am to 5 pm. Free entry, but donations on the day to the Air Ambulance. Tel: 01263 731510 or enquiries@woodgatenursery.co.uk

### Tuesday 21 May 2013

Reepham Chamber of Commerce, Hampton's Tea Parlour, Norwich Road, Reepham, 5.30pm. Contact: Brenda Gostling 01603 870582 or reephamchamber@gmail.com

### Tuesday 21 May 2013

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Tony Goode – A crocus for all seasons. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Wednesday 22 May 2013

Annual Town Meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355 or clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk

### Thursday 23 May 2013

Cawston Historical Society, Cawston Village Hall, 7.15 pm – 9.15 pm, History of Deserted Villages in Norfolk, a talk by Mr Groves

### Saturday 25 May 2013

Norfolk Wood Warm CIC, first meeting, Whitwell Station cafe, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10.30 am. Tel: 07500 335230 or norfolkwoodwarm@outlook.com

### Saturday 25 May – Sunday 26 May 2013

Cheese & Wine Weekend, admission price; diesel trains, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871694 or info@whitwellstation.com

### Sunday 2 June 2013

Members' Day & Reunion; steam trains, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871694 or info@whitwellstation.com

### Tuesday 4 June 2013

Reepham Society, Special general meeting, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm.

### Saturday 8 June

Film: Lincoln (12A), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

### Tuesday 11 June 2013

Reepham Society, St Michael's, Reepham. Norfolk Record Office, Local history, 7.30 pm. Contact: Christine Powell 01603 879184 or contact@reepham.org.uk

### Thursday 13 June 2013

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

### Sunday 16 June 2013

Fathers' Day, steam trains, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871694 or info@whitwellstation.com

### Sunday 16 June 2013

Wood Dalling Open Gardens, 10 am – 5 pm, starting at Wood Dalling Village Hall, NR11 6RW. Coffee, lunches and cream teas, as well as plants, pots and accessory stalls. Email: ward-brown@grania3.orangehome.co.uk

### Thursday 20 June 2013

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham. Jarrolds, A Modern Department Store. Speaker: Susie Able, 7.30 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

### Sunday 30 June 2013

Swannington in Bloom, 11 am – 5 pm. Visit 10 beautiful gardens around Swannington. Barbecue and stalls on the Common from 12 noon; classic cars meet from 12.30 pm. Tickets: £4 (under 16s free) on the day from the main car park at the Romantic Garden Nursery, or £3 in advance. Tel: 01603 861300 or swannington@btinternet.com

**Deadline for June issue:  
20 May 2013**

## USEFUL INFO

### Emergency services

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Fire Station, School Road, Reepham 01328 862222 (office hours)

Police emergency only: 999, otherwise: 101 and ask for the Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) or email [sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)

Ambulance, emergency only: 999

### Local representatives

Member of Parliament: Keith Simpson 020 7219 4053 or 01603 865763 or email: [keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk)

Norfolk County Councillor: James Joyce 01263 587212 or email: [james.joyce@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:james.joyce@norfolk.gov.uk)

Broadland District Councillor: Chris Wheeler 01603 871799 or email: [cllr.chris.wheeler@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.chris.wheeler@broadland.gov.uk)

Town Council Chairman: Les Paterson 01603 871983 or email: [les.paterson@yahoo.com](mailto:les.paterson@yahoo.com)

### Shopping

Market Day: Wednesday

Early closing: Some shops Thursday and/or Saturday

### Public transport

Daily (Monday to Saturday) coach services to Norwich via Cawston. There is also a once a week service to Fakenham, Wroxham and Dereham. Timetables are displayed outside the side window of the Police Station. For information 8:30 am – 5 pm Monday – Saturday 0845 300 6116

### Local help

Reepham Patient Care Fund – Reepham Rover or general enquiries. Contact: Jeanette Overton 01603 870426

Citizens' Advice Bureau, Girton House, Market Place, Reepham. Wednesdays 10 am – 12.30 pm only, otherwise telephone Norwich office 01603 765783 for advice or 01603 660857 to make an appointment. Full information on services available at <http://www.ncab.org.uk>

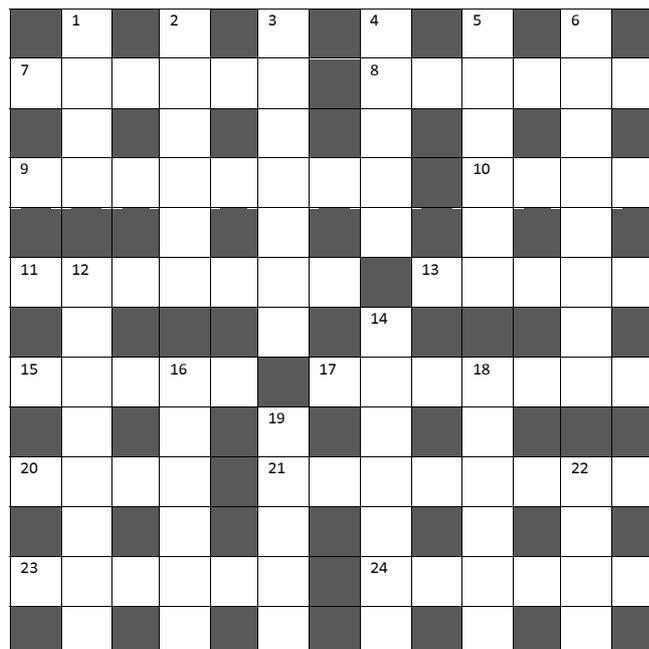
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2 Thin journalist tilted (6)  
3 Sounds of tensions (6)  
4 Sharp note sweet (5)  
5 Came in around film place (6)  
6 Trace tee about the rest (8)  
12 Confused pair keeps in sects (8)  
14 Forward loan (7)  
16 Nag Sam to sort your heating (6)  
18 Meaning in campsite (6)  
19 Stood in on stage (5)  
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## REGULAR EVENTS

**The Bircham Centre Shop** Market Place, Reepham. Shop opening hours 9 am – 1 pm, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, plus tea shop open at these times. Tel: 01603 879242. Email: birchamcentre@yahoo.co.uk

**The Bircham Under 5s Music Group** Meets every Monday from 1.45 pm – 2.30 pm (term time only) upstairs in The Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. All under 5s and their adult welcome for lively fun. Only £1 per child. Contact: Louisa Dreisin 01603 879466. Email: louisa.dreisin@hotmail.co.uk

**Bridge Club** Meets every Monday from 7.30 pm in The Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham.

**British Legion, Men's Section** Meets first Thursday in the month from 2 pm – 4 pm in The Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Bernard Dye 01603 871791. Email: dye.reepham@btopenworld.com

**British Legion, Women's Section** Meets first Thursday in the month at 2.30 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791. Email: dye.reepham@btopenworld.com

**Cawston Historical Society** Meets fourth Thursday in the month from 7.15 pm – 9.15 pm at Cawston Village Hall.

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

**The Craft Club** Meets every Tuesday from 9.30 am – 12 noon in The Old Brewery House, Market Place, Reepham. Knitting, embroidering, tapestry, card making and other crafts. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791. Email: dye.reepham@btopenworld.com

**Decibells Handbell Ringers** Meets every Thursday from 10 am – 12 noon in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. We are available to play for events, groups and concerts. Newcomers welcome. Contact: Tamara Goulding 01603 870249. Email: playford1@btinternet.com

**Kurling** Meets every Tuesday from 2 pm – 4 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. First session no charge, but if you do decide to join us it will only cost you £2 per session, with tea/coffee/biscuits included. Equipment

provided. Contact: Gwenda Dove 01603 870598. Email: grandove@doves.eclipse.co.uk

**Line Dance with the Wednesday Weavers** Meet every Wednesdays from 1 pm – 2 pm beginners, 2 pm – 4 pm beginners and improvers, in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Learn to dance and exercise at the same time. All ages, easily paced, casual dress. Tea/squash break. Country music-based 60s/70s golden oldies/pop. £2 per session, first taster free. Contact: Sandra Williams 01603 872102

**Reepham Badminton Club** Meets at the Reepham High School Sports Hall every Thursday evening during autumn and spring terms. Junior session (for Year 7 upwards) from 7.00 pm – 8.15 pm. Adult session from 8.15 pm – 10 pm. Tel: 01603 873244 or 01263 584221

**Reepham Business Network** Meets on alternate Thursdays from 7.30 am – 9 am at V's Café, Townsend Corner, Reepham. There is 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 every Monday from 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm and Monday evenings 7.30 pm – 10.30 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Membership is £1 per year and £1.50 each session, including tea and biscuits. Children half price. Contact: Eve Webber 01603 871943, or Doris Frost 01603 870845

**Reepham Chamber of Commerce** Meets every other month, normally the last Tuesday in the month at 7.30 pm in the Kings Arms, Market Place, Reepham. The Chamber exists to promote businesses in and around Reepham and to act as a channel for sharing information about what's going on in the town. New members are always welcome. Contact: Brenda Gostling 01603 870582. Email: reephamchamber@gmail.com

**Reepham Cluster Area Sure Start Bumps to 5s** Meets every Friday from 1.15 pm – 3 pm (term time only) at Stimpson's Piece, Reepham. Play, chat and snacks including toy library every third week. No charge

**Reepham Country Market** Held every Wednesday from 8 am – 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 am – 2.30 pm. Welcome coffee on arrival, home cooked lunch and social time. 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 Rotary Club** Meets 7 pm every Monday in The Old Brewery House, Reepham. Contact: Gareth Homfray-Davies 07771 683133

**Reepham Golf Society** Meets monthly at various courses around Norfolk and Suffolk. Contact: Mark Smith 07824 849397, or Dean Mears 07825 299634/01603 870814 (day time)

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

**Reepham Methodist Church**, Station Road, Reepham. Sunday Worship at 10.30 am. Coffee morning/Traidcraft every Wednesday from 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Contact: The Minister 01263 732102

**Reepham Runners** Meet Sunday mornings 8.30 am start; Tuesday evening sessions 6.30 pm start, (which offers more structured training sessions with a coach and is suitable for all standards, including beginners); Friday mornings 9 am for a slower run; and Thursdays 6.30 pm. Meet at car park of Stimpson's Piece recreation ground, Reepham. Contact: Jenni Egmore 01603 308192. Email: jenni@egmore.co.uk

**Reepham Singers** Meet every Thursday (term times) at 8 pm in The Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. We are a small, female

voice choir. Contact: Louisa Dreisin 01603 879466. Email: louisa.dreisin@hotmail.co.uk

**The Reepham Society** Holds five public meetings a year from February to November, on the second Tuesday in selected months at 7.30 pm at St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: Christine Powell 01603 879184. Email: contact@reepham.org.uk

**Reepham Toddler Club** Meets every Wednesday (term times) from 9.15 am – 11.15 am at Stimpson's Piece, Reepham. Pregnant mums and parent/carers with children from new-born to nursery age welcome. Toys, crafts and activities and a snack time (with a cup of coffee or tea for you too!). £2.50 per first child and 50p per additional sibling. Health visitor is also present at each session.

**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. Email: email.clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk

**Reepham 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. Email: suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

**St Mary's Sunday Worship** at 10.30 am, followed by refreshments in St Michael's. For details of this and other services, see the church notice-board. Contact: Revd. Margaret Dean 01603 879275

**Yoga Classes** Held Monday 6.15 pm – 7.45 pm (£6) and Tuesday 10.30 am – 12 noon (£5). Also chair-based exercises for mobility, flexibility and strength, breathing exercises and relaxation, Tuesday 1.30 pm – 2.30 pm (no charge, donations only). St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: Angela Thompson 01603 870800. Email: ken\_thompson@lineone.net

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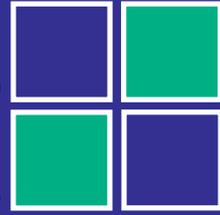
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