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## Hazardous car parking adds to traffic chaos

by **BILL ROSE**

OUR local highways came into existence long before the first commercial motor car was built in the late 19th century, and since then much of this network has failed to keep pace with ever-increasing modern demands.

In many parts of Norfolk, public transport remains far from satisfactory, and this is one of the reasons why the private motor vehicle will remain an essential part of our lives for the foreseeable future.

Many people agree that traffic problems are becoming worse in towns and villages, with the streets never intended to accommodate much more than a modest number of horse-drawn vehicles.

Obviously, the location of buildings restricts change, but congestion and the risk of accidents are steadily rising owing to higher vehicle usage, inappropriate parking and the inability of our local authorities to control things properly.

On most days in Reepham, it is possible to find examples of badly parked cars and vans that take up half the road, cause hold-ups and create potentially dangerous situations.

In addition, the number of vehicles completely blocking important stretches of pavement seems to have increased considerably. This means that pedestrians are often forced to walk out into an exposed area of road, which is the last thing you want if disabled, confined to a wheelchair, elderly, carrying a load of shopping or pushing a baby in a buggy.



**As you enter Reepham, an unwelcome line of parked vehicles tells you something about the town and the lack of local traffic management. Photo © Bill Rose**

In Reepham, there are several parking hot spots that urgently need attention. While the Spar provides a valuable and important service, the location of this store is far from ideal and it is hard to ignore parking problems created in the immediate area. Further, obstructive parking in parts of Station Road seems to be on the increase.

Of more concern is the line of vehicles almost permanently parked along a lengthy stretch of Norwich Road that often extends from the Bircham Road junction to outside Virginia's Workbox.

The situation has become steadily worse over the past couple of years and it encourages drivers to race past this narrow bottleneck as quickly as possible. Who can blame them when there are no

gaps to pull into?

A little intelligent thought might solve this problem, but in the meantime, the whole stretch of road urgently needs double yellow lines and parking restrictions enforced.

One place in Reepham that has the potential for a serious accident owing to dangerous parking is the bend where New Road joins The Moor. Vehicles are regularly parked on the outside of this blind corner, creating the need for traffic to swing across the road in one of the most dangerous spots imaginable.

I do not know if there have been any bad accidents at this location, but it can only be a matter of time and we should

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# news

## Another twist in The Crown saga

AFTER appealing against Broadland District Council's decision to refuse a planning application for a change of use of The Crown from a public house to residential, the applicants have now submitted a new planning application.

Reepham residents Garron and Helen Monk, who want to buy the property, are now arguing for a change of use from public house to mixed use residential and business (office).

In February, Broadland said allowing a change of use of The Crown would result in the loss of a community facility, reduce customer choice and mean the loss of several jobs, which would have a direct impact on the local economy.

The Monks had originally sought to convert the Ollands Road pub into a five-bedroom residential dwelling. The Planning Inspectorate is currently determining the appeal based on written evidence.

In the new application, it is proposed to convert part of the building to an office for Mrs Monk to operate her established architectural practice, with claims that three people will be employed full-time.

In a letter to Broadland's planning department, Mrs Monk said The Crown has been on the market for more than two years (for "offers in the region of £300,000") and that no enquiries to retain the building as a public house have been received.

She added that the owner, Punch Taverns, has confirmed that "the use [as a public house] will have to cease as it is not viable for it to remain operating".

"It is fully appreciated that the closure

of local pubs is unfortunate and every attempt should be made to support their future," Mrs Monk stated. "However, the emotion of the subject should not cloud the inevitable facts that if a business is not viable it cannot continue. Every attempt has been made for the building to be retained as a public house, but without success."

A report submitted by the Monks to Broadland in support of their new planning application states that trade at The Crown has consistently declined in recent years and that the customer base has now dwindled to an unsustainable level, with the consumption of beer and cider at less than 30 barrels in the 2012 financial year.

The report prepared by a chartered planning and development surveyor concludes that the building would require significant refurbishment and financial expenditure, which makes its use as a public house "no longer economically viable".

It added that Punch Taverns has subsidised the pub in recent years and that without this financial support The Crown "could have closed many years ago".

■ At its meeting on 13 June, Reepham Town Council agreed to set up a Community Asset Register. It was proposed The Crown be listed on this Register immediately and that other community assets be added as soon as possible.

A listing on the Community Asset Register gives parish/town councils and eligible community groups time in which to organise a bid to save the asset. However, it does not remove the owner's right to sell to anyone and at any price at the

dancing, the dance school, Little Clever Clogs children's group, the gardening club and kurling all use the hall on a regular basis. The building also houses the Town Clerk's office.

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end of a six-month period.

Also at the meeting, a member of the public handed over more than 100 letters of objection to a change of use for The Crown, which the Town Council undertook to pass on to Broadland District Council.

## Your Town Hall needs you!

FOLLOWING refurbishment to Reepham Town Hall last year and the Open Day which followed, the renovated venue is doing well as far as regular bookings are concerned.

Carpet bowls, line dancing, British Legion Women's Section, Good Companions, The Village Screen, sequence

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# views

## Support for Crown asset

I SUPPORT The Crown public house remaining as a licensed premises and totally reject the application to turn it into a private residential dwelling, or dwellings.

As an owner of a small business operating in Reepham, I fully appreciate the hard work required, plus the necessity of local support, to make any business viable.

The Crown, under the existing management, has not only stabilised the revenue turnover of the pub, but has managed to increase it over the past 12 months. This is no small feat.

Any argument by the private potential buyers of the pub that the business is not sustainable is incorrect and can be factually proven by studying the pub's profit and loss accounts and the barrel usage of the business.

Situated where it is at the top of the village, the pub serves a local community. Reepham is a town with a diverse geodemographic population. Those people that frequent the other two licensed premises are not the same as those frequenting The Crown. This is down to the unique nature of the pub and its physical location, being separate from the town square.

Any suggestion that the customers of The Crown will easily migrate to the other two licensed premises is incorrect. This can easily be proven by polling the customers of the King's Arms to see if they would frequent The Crown.

The Crown provides multiple public services: it provides fully sustainable employment for six Reepham-based people; it provides a local service to the local residents; it provides economic stimulation for the local area; it contributes to charities, having raised more than £1,400 in the past 12 months; and it has an historic value.

The Crown serves the community and the community gains from its presence. Turning a public house into a private dwelling benefits only one person: the buyer. The rest of the community lose a local amenity.

As far as I am aware, the property has only been marketed by one commercial estate agent during the time it has been for sale, so any argument that no interest has been shown, or that it has been ex-



tensively marketed by multiple agents is incorrect.

At the end of the day, the main question is: who benefits more, the employees and customers of The Crown, or the person attempting to turn it into a single dwelling?

*Ian McGregor, Director, Moda2Ride, Reepham*

## An idea for business

I HAVE an idea for business in Reepham. It was recently stated (*Reepham Life*, April 2103) that there was a lack of available employment space in the town centre.

Not too far away (just a short walk to where Kerri's Pine is situated) there is space enough for my idea, should any forward-looking businesspeople be interested. It would require some building work.

There are many people in Reepham and surrounding area who enjoy arts and crafts (some earning their living this way). However, there is nowhere in Reepham to buy materials or tools; nowhere adequate to have pottery fired.

Wouldn't it be great if such a business could open up, built on the land which used to be Reepham Station?

The shop should be large enough to stock items for sewing, knitting, drawing, painting (watercolours and oils), basketwork, beadwork, clay-work (pottery, sculpting, etc.), wood carving – the list is extensive.

Above the shop should be a couple of well-equipped studios to be used by people coming for courses (week-long sessions?) in arts and crafts. A proper kiln would be needed.

Participants could be offered accommodation within Reepham (B&Bs, for example, or the Old Brewery House Hotel). Meals could be had at Kerri's Pine, Hampton's or the pubs, increasing those trades. Shop staff would obviously be needed.

Instead of approving planning permission for a Co-op supermarket (Reepham doesn't need any more food shops) the authorities might consider planning permission for this idea.

Somebody out there, please give this serious consideration.

*Jean Thomson, Ollands Road, Reepham*

## Providing a vital service

IN reply to the letter from Jill Davies (*Reepham Life*, June 2013), I am a volunteer driver for the Norfolk County Council "Wellbeing" and East of England NHS Ambulance Trust (EENHSAT) that transport people to and from hospital/doctor's/consultant's appointments in and around the East of England.

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The customers using the Wellbeing sys-

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tem pay the driver direct and the journey can be for any reason; for EENHSAT customers the Trust pays the drivers once a month.

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The Trust supplies a standard letter for insurance companies, explaining what and how we do things. I have not had any problem with insurance after having supplied them with this letter and my premiums have not been affected.

I hope by giving this information Jill will see that we can safely carry individuals – and we do provide a vital service for people unable to get themselves to appointments, etc., all at a very reasonable cost.

In fact, if you think about it we are saving the NHS a great deal of money by doing what we do, which enables them to put this money into more

## Happy days on the back of Gibbs' lorry

I READ with interest the article on the lorry being restored that formerly belonged to Edward Gibbs (*Reepham Life*, May 2013).

When I was at primary school in the 1950s I spent many happy days on the back of this lorry with my friend Jimmy Kendall. He was one of the sons of the then shop manager Dick Kendall.

The lorry driver was Stanley Woods, who lived in Reepham and after his retirement used to work for me, helping me prepare for my furniture sales I held in the Town Hall.

Stanley would load the lorry with a whole host of items from the shop to be delivered to local farms and small-holdings. We always had a tank of paraffin on board and Stanley would fill small containers for the customers. There were such items as seed corn, timber, roofing felt, nails and hand tools.

Jimmy and I would ride on the back of the lorry – no health and safety rules in those days! It was great driving along with the wind blowing through our hair, although we probably did not go much over 20 miles an hour.

Stanley never went past a pub without calling in – and there were quite a few then! (I do not think he would have passed a breathalyser test now.) When we arrived back in Reepham he would always pop over to the Sun public house for another.

It would be lovely to see the old lorry again.

*Ken Ewing, Ewings Rentals, Market Place, Reepham*

frontline services.

If anyone living in the Reepham area needs this type of service, you can ask

for details or contact numbers at the doctors' surgery.

*Terry Nevard, Whitwell Road, Reepham*

## Traffic chaos

FROM PAGE 1

remember that there are many visitors to this part of the world who are unfamiliar with our narrow highways.

Other parking hot spots exist in the town. Worryingly, Reepham is not the only place in our immediate area with serious parking hazards, as almost everyone travelling through Bawdes-

well, Cawston or parts of Aylsham and Dereham will tell you.

Unfortunately, it seems nobody wants to stand up and address these problems, despite complaints from residents dating back years. If you've contacted the Town Council, Broadland District Council or the police, it's normal for the buck to be passed along the line and you wonder if any-

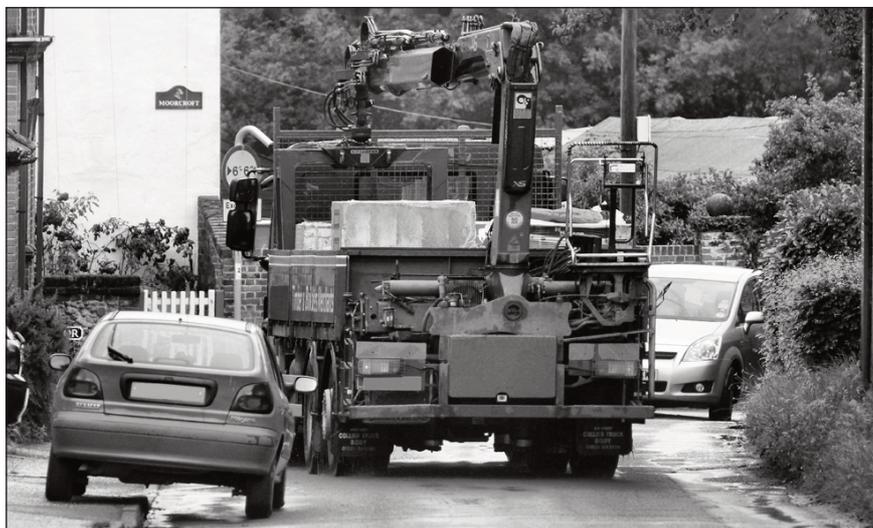
body actually cares!

It's time the authorities got off their backsides and stopped making excuses. It doesn't take a huge amount of money to put some of these things right, just the application of a little common sense and a genuine concern for efficient traffic management and road safety.

The most recent Norfolk County Council statistics available indicate a general reduction in fatal road accidents. This is obviously welcome, but shouldn't be used as an excuse to avoid dealing with parking hazards, which cause considerable inconvenience and have the potential to produce major and minor mishaps. This situation will become progressively worse as the local population expands during the coming years.

Currently, there are plans to construct hundreds of new homes in Reepham and I see little benefit to local residents.

Our services are already operating at full capacity and our traffic problems will continue to worsen until a series of long-overdue improvements are made.



**I briefly visited the bend joining New Road and The Moor on two separate occasions with the intention of gathering material to illustrate my concerns about parking in this part of Reepham. As the photograph shows, I came close to recording a collision on my second trip there. Photo © Bill Rose**

# environment

## Whitwell Common management plan moves forward

THE trustees of Whitwell Common are planning two further events to outline plans for managing this Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

A large number of people attended the public meeting about managing the Common in March, most of whom were supportive of the plan to fence and graze part of the area.

Since then, the Baling for Biodiversity Project, an initiative of the Hawk and Owl Trust based at Sculthorpe Moor, has offered help.

This project aims to use the management techniques and equipment that have been successfully developed at Sculthorpe to improve the condition of about a dozen sites in Norfolk, including Whitwell Common.

A new baling machine that can be used on wet ground will be a considerable help in removing the vegetation – an operation that is vital for maintaining the rich and diverse flora of the site.

This will form part of the trustees' plan for the Common, which includes fencing and grazing, as well as mowing.

One of the objectives of the project is to engage local people in the work involved – this is a good opportunity to give practical support to this hidden gem of Reepham's heritage.



**A new baling machine that can be used on wet ground will be a considerable help in removing the vegetation on Whitwell Common**

There will be another open meeting in St Michael's, Reepham, on Thursday 25 July at 7 pm, when project manager Neil Chadwick will explain the plan.

There will also be an open day at the Common on Saturday 31 August from 11 am – 3 pm, when everyone is invited to come and see the work in progress.

Meanwhile, do contact any of the

trustees via email if you have any questions or would like further information.

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## Removal of client choice – access to justice?

WHAT if you should find yourself at the wrong end of an unjust criminal charge of some kind? It can easily happen.

Current government proposals for cuts in the criminal legal aid system will not only restrict funds, but will bring an end to there even being any effective choice of solicitor unless you have the means to pay.

Individual solicitors will help you as best they can, as Mark Foley rightly pointed out in his "Legal View" column in the April edition of *Reepham Life* regarding family law, but often those caught up in the criminal system include the more vulnerable in our society.

The nature of my work does not involve me in the criminal legal aid system (it did historically), but when 10 of our most senior judges were recently publicly sharply critical of these proposals and

### legal view

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thousands of solicitors, barristers and court workers have gone on strike over the issue, we would all be wise to pay heed to the reasons why.

This is not about so-called "fat cat" lawyers looking to protect their cosy existence, but has much more to do with our fundamental legal rights and the right to equality under the law. Despite what the government and media sources generally would have you believe, the average legal aid lawyer earns about £25,000 a year – hardly "fat cat".

The current proposals are that the work should be dealt with by way of "price competitive tendering". The main

contenders for running our criminal legal aid system appear to be "supermarket" style (rumours include Eddie Stobart and Tesco).

An individual charged with a crime they did not commit would no longer be in a position to exercise any real choice as to the solicitor they wish to have represent them – nor does it take a mastermind to realise that the quality of such service as they may get must inevitably be compromised.

■ **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... development in Reepham

Last month, based on the 2003 "Reepham's Future" questionnaire, we asked about housing needs in Reepham with the basic question, "What type/s of home/s is/are needed in Reepham?" We didn't receive a single reply!

This is an important subject because, by the time you receive this, Broadland District Council's public consultation on its Preferred Options for development in Reepham will have started and will finish on 2 September.

It's vital for Reepham's future that all of us use our citizen's right and take this one-off opportunity to tell Broadland what we think about development in our town. This should include what type of houses we believe we do and don't need.

Broadland will give a presentation on the Preferred Options on Thursday 11 July from 1 pm – 7 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham.

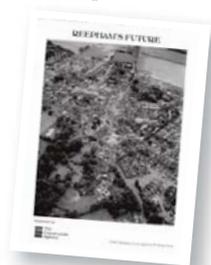
### Stimpson's Piece needs your ideas

Stimpson's Piece has been Reepham's major recreational area since at least 1948. Now covering about 13 acres (a little over five hectares), it is held in trust on behalf of the residents of Reepham.

Over the years it has been extended and additional facilities provided, and it now offers a pavilion with a large hall, kitchen, bar and sports changing rooms, two full-size football pitches with room for smaller junior and practice pitches, tennis/multi-sport courts with a separate club house, a skate-park and a well-equipped children's play area.

Community groups currently using the facilities include Reepham Town Football Club, Reepham Tennis Club, the nursery, Surestart, the baby clinic and the indoor bowls club. The pavilion is also being hired for private functions and for Zumba, Chilsong, slimming and keep-fit classes.

However, for a variety of reasons, the patterns of use of the facilities have changed over the years. Standards demanded by various official bodies change and, in some instances,



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Stimpson's Piece has been unable to offer up-to-date facilities to enable groups to continue using the venue.

As a consequence far fewer groups are now using Stimpson's Piece than in the past and the reduced income necessary to maintain and improve the amenity has become a matter of concern.

The trustees of Stimpson's Piece are actively looking for opportunities to increase the use of the recreation facilities, particularly by local community groups, and are also looking for ways in which the existing facilities can be improved to meet more modern requirements.

If you are a member of a local group or an individual who might be interested in using the facilities, or if you have any suggestions how we can make Stimpson's Piece more attractive to users, please contact either the Town Clerk or any of the Town Councillors, or Your Council Matters using any of the contact methods below.

Alternatively, why not get directly involved and join the Stimpson's Piece Working Group? You don't need any special skills, just common sense.

### Seconds from the minutes

The Council Meeting on 8 May confirmed the following councillor champions: David Patience – Allotments; Anne Woollett – cemeteries; Les Paterson – Stimpson's Piece; Sara Birtles – Whitwell Common; Mike Cowdrey – Your Council Matters.

The minutes from the Annual Town Meeting held on 22 May and a huge amount of other useful information can be found at:

<http://reephamtc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/category/meetings/minutes>

### Community Asset Register

At its meeting on 13 June the Town Council agreed to establish a list of community assets for Reepham. The process of nominating eligible assets for approval by Broadland District Council will begin as soon as possible, making use of the information that you have provided over recent months.

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# planning

## Broadland announces preferred sites for housing

BROADLAND District Council has announced three sites as “preferred options” for development in Reepham. The decision could mean around 160 new homes for the town being proposed up to 2026.

The sites selected are

- part of the “Reepham 2” site to the south of Dereham Road (90 homes);
- land to the east of Whitwell Road opposite the High School (50 homes); and
- land at the former station yard on Station Road, where a mixed development of residential and employment would see around 20 new homes being built.

These three sites were among those on the original shortlist and additional alternatives proposed, as well as some recent sites put forward.

However, both the land next to the primary school and the “Reepham 1” site on Cawston Road have not been included as preferred options.

Broadland says the three preferred sites “have been selected because they are believed to be the most appropriate way of meeting the requirement for new homes and other forms of development being preferable to other alternatives”.

Broadland intends to produce brief “concept statements” setting out how proposed development may be carried out. In particular, all the preferred sites in Reepham come with the requirement that a sustainable drainage system be provided.

Further, the site to the east of Whitwell Road has 2.1 hectares allocated for residential development and a further 1.7 hectares of land to the south allocated for open space and landscaping.

Several years ago, Broadland identified Reepham as a Key Service Centre in its Joint Core Strategy, allocating around 100-200 new houses “with the encouragement of appropriate local job growth”.

The Council recognises that improvements to the social and physical infrastructure will be needed, including the schools, highways and recreational provision, as well as the sewerage system. Funding towards this may be required from the developer directly or indirectly through the Community Infrastructure Levy that is paid by the developer.

It is expected that the three sites will progress to full planning permission within two years from the adoption of the Development Plan Document, with development expected to commence within



**Land to the south of Dereham Road is proposed to accommodate 90 new homes**

a further 3-5 years, otherwise alternative sites may be considered.

In Cawston, land east of Gayford Road has been allocated for around 20 dwellings, while Aylsham could see some 550 new houses being built up to 2026.

Broadland District Council will now undertake a public consultation of its Preferred Options document, which will last

for nine weeks from 1 July 2013. An exhibition of the plans will be held on Thursday 11 July at the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, from 1 pm – 7 pm.

At part of the public consultation, Reepham Town Council will also hold a special meeting on 17 July to discuss Broadland’s Preferred Options at the Town Hall at 7.30 pm.

## Salle Estate to press ahead with plans

DESPITE failing to be listed as a Preferred Option for development, the Salle Estate says it will continue with its plans to build around 100 houses on the Reepham 1/Cawston Road site.

At the Reepham Town Council meeting on 13 June, representatives of the landowner, Sir John White, claimed the reed beds that would be employed to treat sewage and surface water would not freeze “if they are installed properly” and that they are working with Cress Water Solutions to specify a vertical reed bed.

Chris Parsons of Swaffham-based architects Parsons+Whitley added that the proposal included a settlement tank rather than a septic tank, and that this would be moved further back from Cawston Road and nearby dwellings into the adjacent field.

However, it was acknowledged that the main transport route to Norwich would not be via Cawston, as originally claimed, but via New Road, The Moor and then the C-class direct route.

There were also no clear answers when questions were raised about whether Broadland District Council would “allow” Salle Estate to build “only” 100 homes on

the 8.77-hectare site, given that planners have stated they expect such large sites to be developed at overall net densities in excess of 30 dwellings per hectare.

The representatives said Sir John was determined the development would be high quality and would insist on a “106 clause” to ensure it could not deviate from the green features or number of houses proposed. However, they were unable to say whether they would pursue the development if Broadland rejected their proposed “low density”.

During the meeting, Town Councillors expressed concern that Reepham was being strangled by development and also questioned whether the type of new housing proposed was appropriate to the long-term needs.

■ At the meeting, the Town Council also voted against pursuing a Neighbourhood Plan. The main concerns were the cost and unwieldiness of the process, and the acceptance of new housing numbers under the proposed Local Development Framework. It was also suggested that that any consultants engaged must be wholly independent of any local interests.



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# business

## Using our collective 'muscle' to raise Reepham's profile

*Brenda Gostling of Reepham's Chamber of Commerce takes an oblique look at our business community*

ONE of the great things about Reepham is its diversity. We have people of all ages, backgrounds and occupations, and buildings old and new (and sometimes a bit of both).

Perhaps the greatest diversity lies in the range of businesses that call Reepham home – we have retail traders, service providers, caterers, personal care professionals, artists and creatives, mechanical experts and specialists in virtual wizardry – you name it, someone is probably doing it here in Reepham.

However, my impression is that each one of these businesses is working on their own development, in their own way and at their own rate – each has their

own "fitness regime".

What we're not so good at is doing some bodybuilding as a single entity – the Reepham Business Community. Our collective muscles are in danger of getting flabby, which means we may struggle to use our combined strength to combat challenges, such as the economic downturn or competition from other local centres.

So, my appeal to all business owners and managers this summer is to flex your business community muscles by talking to other business leaders about the issues you face and what you think Reepham should be doing.

This can be done informally, of course, but there are more structured routes you

can use. The Chamber of Commerce is one of these – you can email us at: reephamchamber@gmail.com

With projects like the Reepham Economic Strategy consultation happening around us, we have an opportunity to use our collective muscles to raise Reepham's profile and, ultimately, take our business community to greater strengths. We just need to work together to create the Reepham body beautiful!

If you would like your company or business featured in *Reepham Life*, please contact the editor, Geoff Fisher, on 01603 308158 or email [gfisher@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:gfisher@reephamlife.co.uk)

## Reepham waits for roll-out of faster broadband

IN 2011, Reepham Chamber of Commerce received overwhelming support from local residents for the campaign to improve the town's broadband service as part of a Norfolk County Council project.

During this project, we learnt of some cases where a lack of broadband was causing real hardship, affecting both business prospects and children's education. It is amazing that in less than a generation the internet has affected every corner of our lives.

In September 2012, Norfolk County Council signed an agreement with BT, which was made possible by £41m of funding from the County, central govern-

ment and industry.

The commitment is to deliver a minimum service of 2 Mb/s with 80% of the population getting 20 Mb/s or better by June 2015. By the time the service is delivered, it is likely that it will be much faster in some places.

Norfolk County Council recently announced the first group of communities to get an improved service. I am sure I was not the only one disappointed not to see Reepham on the list.

Those in this first group are close to super-exchanges already equipped to deliver the higher capacity.

The main part of the roll-out will hap-

pen over the next two years, although the date for Reepham has not yet been published.

Meanwhile, mobile phone coverage is still an issue. One possibility is to install a number of femto cells around Reepham. These are small devices the size of a paperback that create a hotspot with a radius of 15-20 metres and use a standard internet connection for the link back to the exchange.

This would avoid the installation of expensive masts, which have an impact on the landscape. Vodafone have a pilot programme to roll this out in rural locations.

*Jeremy Brockman*

## Help map mobile phone coverage

IT is well known that mobile phone coverage is poor in Reepham, where the absence of a phone signal has an impact on the town's ability to conduct business.

But mobile phone users are now being asked to help map reception rates across rural Britain.

Rural businesses and communities receive a far poorer service than urban users – despite paying the same rates to use their mobile phones, according to the Countryside Alliance.

Executive chairman Barney White-Spunner said: "We all know how much phone reception can vary in the countryside and we feel households and busi-

nesses based there are at a disadvantage."

*Reepham Life* is now asking people to download a free RootMetrics app and use it while they are at home, as well as while they are out and about. This will help us get a better understanding of the extent of mobile phone coverage in Reepham.

The app tests the strength of their signal and automatically records the result. It can

Where are the mobile hotspots (and "not spots") in Reepham? What is the best – and worst – network? Email us on: [info@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:info@reephamlife.co.uk) or write to: Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham NR10 4LT (probably best if you don't try to phone!).

also check which company provides the best service in a given area.

Information collected will be used to lobby phone companies and the government to improve rural reception.

For further information on how to use the app and to see results so far, visit [www.rootmetrics.com/uk](http://www.rootmetrics.com/uk)

The RootMetrics app is available for both Android and iPhone smart phones (unfortunately, you cannot download it onto a Blackberry). Note that the app will use some of your monthly data allocation.

If a significant number of people install this app, we will report back in a later issue of *Reepham Life*.

# gardens

## A profusion of information is cluttering our countryside

I ENJOYED a fascinating talk on Lost Villages in Norfolk at a recent Cawston Historical Society meeting, where reference was made to Oliver Rackham, a Norwich man and famous landscape expert.

He categorised the area into which our lovely Norfolk fits as ancient countryside (as opposed to highland or planned), and as such its evolution has left us with the rich range of rambling footpaths and bridleways we now enjoy.

Research shows that the average "walker" drives to, say, the Marriott's Way, walks 150 yards, turns around and goes home! And yet Norfolk County Council insists on placing extensive maps in expensive wood and plastic viewing boxes in designated "leisure" areas. I have to wonder why?

If you look at these maps you will see footpaths and byways helpfully marked, but if you set off across the fields to explore these paths, will you remember the way? I wouldn't and I bet you wouldn't either.

So, you need your own map, and if you have your own map, does it not make the



Council display maps redundant?

Am I alone in thinking our countryside would look better without the boards?

We enjoyed the Reepham & District Gardening Club talk on crocuses, and learned lots about these plants and that the Naked Lady is not a true crocus, so they must be an example of fairly recent re-classification, as often happens, since my old faithful Readers Digest Encyclopaedia lists them in the crocus category.

It was dahlias next in June. Are they named after Roald Dahl, the famous chocophile? Did you know that he was a real expert on chocolate, and that every meal in the Dahl household ended with chocolate?

### More volunteers wanted to explore Reepham's footpaths

THERE are still spaces for a few more volunteers from Reepham to get involved in Connecting Threads: Exploring Our Footpaths. The co-ordinators of this Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) project would love to hear from anyone who would like to join the group to help to organise and record a series of public guided walks and creative activities over the summer and autumn of 2013.

It is hoped that during the course of the project, many Reepham residents will play a part in teasing out the stories that lie within the rich tapestry of "threads" that criss-cross Reepham and its surrounding countryside.

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# music

## Law firm celebrates anniversary with festival sponsorship

HANSELLS Solicitors and Financial Advisers celebrated the first anniversary of its Reepham office opening by confirming it will again be sponsoring the town's summer music festival.

As last year, the North Norfolk law practice will provide wristband tickets for thousands of Reepham13 festival-goers and safety tabards for the team of stewards and officials.

"We at Hansells are thrilled by the warmth of the welcome we have been given in Reepham over the past 12 months," said managing partner Roger Holden. "Hansells delights in supporting community ventures in the area where we practise and we are pleased to continue backing a wonderful event like the Reepham Festival.

"So many people put so much hard work into making it a success and it is one of those occasions that can truly boast it has something for all the family to enjoy, from the youngest to the oldest."

Reepham13 takes place on Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 August. It has a multi-genre programme of music including rock, blues, folk, jazz, reggae and classical.

The music festival will host at least 15 different bands and music acts performing 20 concerts at the three main venues in Reepham and Whitwell Station.

Acts include Dr Feelgood, Buster James, Tattooed Lies, The Kaiser Thiefs, The Vagaband, Stranger Culture, Bad Touch, Inlay, Luke Jackson, the Imperial Vienna Orchestra, Marina Florance and Xenia Horne.

Norwich-based Epic Studios are supporting one of the outdoor stages and will



**Left to right: Reepham13 festival director Steve Jenkins with sponsors from Hansells Solicitors and Financial Advisers, Roger Holden, managing partner, and Mari Vallgren**

be offering special festival-only discounts for gigs at their Magdalen Street venue.

The organisers have held tickets at last year's prices, while under-15s can enjoy the fun for free when accompanied by a ticket-holding adult.

Tickets are available through the University of East Anglia Box Office on 01603

508050 or [www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk](http://www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk) and in person from Very Nice Things in Reepham.

■ 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.

## Music in Country Churches

ON the last two days of July, Music in Country Churches will be giving three concerts in Salle Church.

At 7.30 pm on Tuesday 30 July, the English Chamber Orchestra under Gianluca Marciano with pianist Mario João Pires will perform Beethoven's Coriolan Overture and his Piano Concerto No. 3

and Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony.

At 11 am on Wednesday 31 July, Mario João Pires will give a Chopin piano recital and at 7.30 pm the Skampa Quartet will play Schubert's String Quartet in G D887 and Beethoven's String Quartet in B flat Op 130.

■ Proceeds are to help the Church at Reepham. Tickets available from Prelude Records, Norwich (01603 628319).

*Jolyon Booth*

## Informative meetings for Reepham WI

BY the time you read this, our members will have spent an evening with Suzie Abel from the Perfumery Department at Jarrolds, finding out what goes on behind the scenes of an independent department store (more about this in September's issue).

Meanwhile, small groups of crafty people will have been putting together our entries for the Royal Norfolk Show WI Competitions. (I never realised it was so fiddly trying to make a saddle for a tiny toy horse. Don't ask why! Maybe I'll have

room to tell you next time.) We are entering two categories and results might be posted if we are lucky.

That brings us to the next three months of our programme. Our Craft Meeting on Thursday 18 July has been cancelled, so Liz Gaymer will at last be telling us all about the part she played in hospitality for the 2012 Olympic Games. She has been patiently waiting for a slot since bad weather scuttled our January meeting and it will be lovely to have one of our own members recounting her experiences.

Our August and September meetings promise to be both interesting and informative.

In August, Denise Treissman will be giving us an insight into the life of a Tibetan monk and in September, Ann Coker will be giving us the low-down on her life as a registrar.

Please remember for your diary: Friday 4 October, Reepham WI quiz at Reepham College, teams of six. More details to follow: look out for the posters.

*Sue Robinson 01603 261771*

# news

## Reepham Society elects new executive committee

THE Reepham Society elected a new executive committee and officers at a Special General Meeting on 4 June.

The meeting was called after the Annual General Meeting in May failed to vote in new executive officers and faced being wound up under Charity Commission rules.

Mike Cowdrey was elected chairman of the Society, Jan Henry as vice chair and Jo Tym as secretary, while Ian Boldero will continue as treasurer.

Nichola Johnson, who chaired the SGM, Ann Middlemas and Kevin Penney were also elected as committee members.

The Reepham Society was founded more than 30 years ago to protect, research and present the town's heritage.

Mr Cowdrey, who is also a Town Councillor, said: "I'm very privileged to have been elected as chairman of the Reepham Society and very reassured by having such an outstanding committee to work with.

"I'm also grateful to the previous chairmen and committees for the extraordinary foundation in understanding and promot-



**Mike Cowdrey**

ing Reepham's heritage that they have laid down to the benefit not just of Society members, but of all residents of our town.

"Ross Ingham, one of the expert consultants driving the Reepham Economic Strategy study, believes that the achievements of the Society have been truly remarkable.

"I'd like the Society to continue to reach out to everyone in Reepham; to those who were born and bred here and have a story to tell, and to newcomers like me who have much to learn.

"We're all of us woven into the fabric of this special town and the more we know about its heritage the more we'll all share a common sense of belonging and pride.

"The Society's role in our community is vital because an understanding of the past helps explain where we are now and can guide us in the future.

"I'd encourage anyone who cares about our town to join the Society or, even if they don't become members, to come along to the regular talks by excellent speakers and learn a bit more about where we live.

"The Society has started a blog in the *Reepham Life* newspaper online and we shall post news and information about forthcoming events on it."

### The Mardler

WHAT'S that? As well as a Norfolk word for a gossip, it's a weekly 80-90 minute sound recording of local news, as printed in the *North Norfolk News*, sent free, to blind and partially sighted people in the North Norfolk area.

If you know anybody who would be interested in receiving *The Mardler*, please contact Jack Chapman on 01263 732863.

### Classic Car Rally

ON Saturday 3 August, a Classic Car Rally starts at Norwich Cathedral and meanders round various churches for the day.

This year they have included Salle and Wood Dalling on the schedule. Around 65 cars are expected to start arriving at Salle from 11 am onwards.

**September issue editorial/  
advertisement booking deadline:**  
19 August 2013

## Tax-efficient investments for children

BUILDING up savings and investments for children or grandchildren is something that many of us would like to do. The first question is often "when will the child have control over the money?"

If you're happy for the youngster to have full access from age 18, the good news is that there are investment vehicles designed specifically for this purpose. If you'd prefer to maintain control until the "child" is more mature, a more creative approach is required.

The Junior ISA (JISA) offers a tax-efficient return and can be set up and managed by anyone with parental responsibility for an eligible child. The maximum investment in a JISA in the current tax year (2013-14) is £3,720. A wide range of investments may be held.

The JISA is managed by the person with parental responsibility until the



money matters  
**JANE ARMSTRONG**

child reaches age 16. At this point, the child has the right to manage the JISA for him or herself, but not to make withdrawals. Once the child turns 18 the JISA is effectively converted into an adult ISA.

Any children with Child Trust Funds – which were automatically set up for those born between 1 September 2002 and 2 January 2011 – cannot currently hold a JISA, although this is under review. Like the JISA, withdrawals from Child Trust Funds are allowed once the child is 18.

If you are looking at an access age of, say, 21 or 25 you might want to consider establishing a purpose-made trust. Although this is more costly and, generally,

less tax efficient, it may be preferable for larger sums.

It is also possible to establish pension funds for children as young as newborn. These offer good tax efficiency, but no access until at least age 55!

For more modest amounts, National Savings (NS&I) offer Children's Bonds, which can be bought for a minimum investment of £25.

■ **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@almarygreen.com](mailto:jane.armstrong@almarygreen.com)**

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# reepham past

## Even more about the Ollands Estate

AFTER Mr and Mrs E.P. Oppenheim (who bought The Ollands in 1920) left Reepham for the French Riviera (*Reepham Life*, May 2013), their daughter and son-in-law continued to live in what was now known as Reepham House until 1928.

Norwich clothing manufacturer T.C. Harmer then bought the house. It was Mr Harmer who put a stop to sports activities on Mill Hill so that he could exercise his two riding horses.

(There was an attempt at some point by Harmer to open a clothing factory in Reepham.)

In 1950, the house was bought by Mr and Mrs F.J. Irwin. Mr Irwin was involved with the Norwich shoe industry. The Irwins lived there until the late 1960s; the contents of the property were auctioned off in 1968.

A *Reepham Life* reader remembers seeing a house in Medina, Malta, named "Reepham House". Did the Irwins move

there after selling the Reepham "Reepham House"?

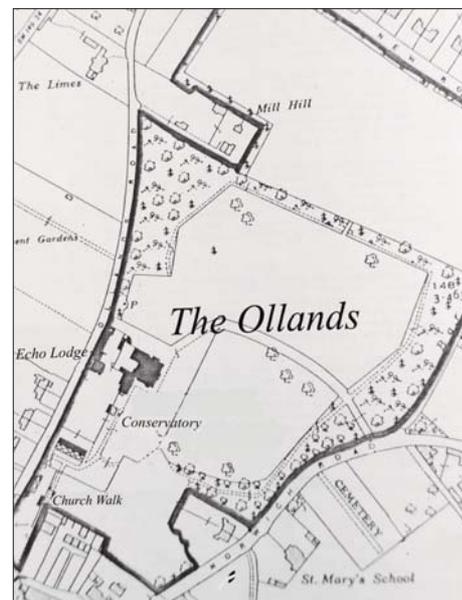
The building became neglected and suffered vandalism until it was finally demolished. The house had been noted for its fine internal furnishings, fireplace surrounds and doors.

Were these recycled and if so where did they go?

The site was acquired by Frank Boswell of West Runton, where at the West Runton Pavilion he promoted concerts by legendary pop rock and punk artists from Chuck Berry and T Rex, to the Sex Pistols and The Clash. (The Pavilion was demolished in 1986.)

The subsequent development of the site was named Ollands Park with Bircham Road named after William Bircham, the builder of the original house, and the eventual development of Mill Hill preserved the Irwin name in Irwin Close.

What memories do you have of The Ollands? Perhaps you know what happened



to the remains of the house after it was demolished?

Write and tell *Reepham Life*.

*Chris Peakome*

## books

### Creepy House Summer Reading Challenge

*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman

When Coraline finds a mysterious door in her new house, she can't help stepping through it. What she finds on the other side is almost exactly the same as home – almost, but not quite. A really spine-tingling book – it made the hairs on the back of my neck stand on end! *Wolves of Willoughby Chase* by Joan Aiken

Willoughby Chase is a really creepy house! With the wicked Miss Slighcarp inside and wolves in the forests outside, Sylvia and Bonnie aren't safe anywhere. But they must escape from Willoughby Chase and this exciting story tells you how they manage it.



*Stitch Head* by Guy Bass

Funny AND creepy! *Stitch Head*, a miniature Frankenstein's monster, has

been totally forgotten by his creator. But he's about to escape from Castle Grotteskew and into a hair-raising adventure. Lots of crazy characters and really good illustrations.

*The Wolves in the Walls* by Neil Gaiman

Nobody believes Lucy when she says she hears wolves in the walls – until the wolves start to come out. This is a picture book for older readers and the story plus the amazing pictures make for a really, really spooky read.

■ Join in the Creepy House Summer Reading Challenge at Reepham Library and tell us about your favourite books.

*Helen Johnson*

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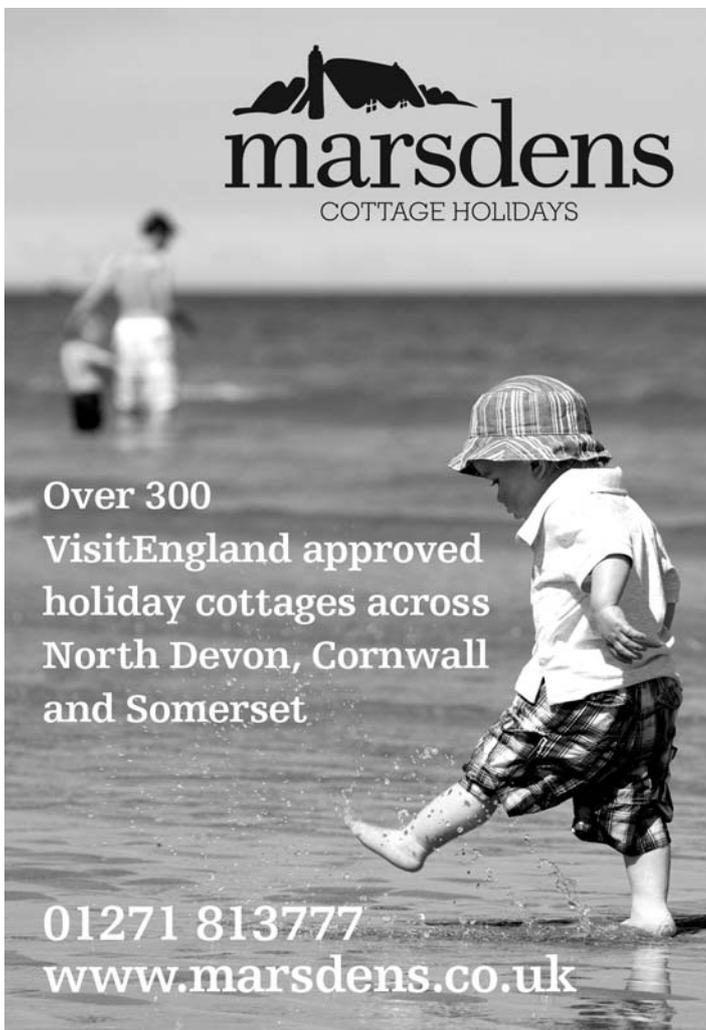
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# arts & crafts

## Focus on... The Reepham Gallery

TUCKED away behind the Georgian façade of the Bircham Centre is one of Reepham's best kept secrets, "The Reepham Gallery". Housed in one of the building's grand high-ceilinged rooms just inside the entrance, the Gallery is an unexpected delight for locals and tourists alike.

It was started three years ago by Jill Phipps following requests from artists at her annual Art & Craft Festival for permanent exhibition space in the town. Permission was subsequently granted by the Trustees of the Bircham Centre, and soon five artists were on board and ready for the grand opening.

This was followed by four exhibitions throughout the year, one of which showed the artistic talents of students from Reepham High School and drew a large crowd of parents, friends and admirers.

Now run by photographer Sandy Nevard, the Gallery is gradually attracting

Artists and craftspeople who would like their work or art-related events to be featured in future editions of *Reepham Life* can contact Jules Allen on 1603 879687 or email [julesallen.arts@btinternet.com](mailto:julesallen.arts@btinternet.com)



artists from around the region, with the opportunity to exhibit at reasonable rates. Sandy is also the organiser of the annual Reepham Art & Craft Festival, having taken over from Jill in April 2011, and somehow manages to juggle the demands of organising exhibitions, alongside her part-time work as a seamstress.

Working in tandem with other groups that have use of the building, the Bircham Centre is seen as the heart of the Reep-

ham community. With its sales of fresh produce the Wednesday Country Market strikes a fine contrast between art and life.

Presently on display at the Gallery is a variety of work including watercolours, photography, oil paintings and prints by Gloria Davis, Sue Johnston, Chris Peakome, Lorna Gray and Daniel Fromings, together with a small selection of pottery.

Future plans and fundraising efforts are presently under way to convert one of the recesses in the room into a shelved, glass-fronted cabinet to allow the display of sculptural work, jewellery and ceramics. A percentage of all sales made from the Gallery is donated to the Bircham Centre Trust.

Although the Bircham Centre is currently undergoing restoration work, the Gallery can still be accessed through the delightful garden at the rear of the building.

■ If you would like information about exhibiting or to help with fundraising, please contact Sandy Nevard on 01603 871600 or email:

[sandy.nevard@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.nevard@btinternet.com)

*Jules Allen*

## Cawston artist paints gorilla sculptures with mixed emotions

NORFOLK-based wildlife artist Phil Daniels is one of the lead artists in the GoGoGorrillas! project. This has involved painting several sponsored, life-size gorillas for a trail that will take place over the summer across Norwich in aid of Break and the Born Free Foundation.

More than 100 gorilla sculptures will be paraded around the city for 10 weeks from 25 June. Each has been decorated in a variety of colourful and exciting artwork, and created by schools, community groups and professional artists.

Mr Daniels is an internationally acclaimed artist, who creates wildlife, landscapes and other varied works. His art has been displayed in prestigious galleries, such as the Mall Galleries in London, and featured on national television, in books and on DVDs. In recent years, his work has also been shown at the Ratcatchers Inn in Eastgate.

In addition to paintings, Mr Daniels offers fine art prints for purchase online through the Maverick Gallery, which is

located in a former shop building off High Street in Cawston.

In his open studio, he creates wildlife, landscapes and other varied works. His gallery features pieces on permanent display in various media, from pastels and acrylics to Chroma paints and graphite.

Mr Daniels has works in some of the largest private collections around the world with sales in excess of 700 original paintings and thousands of prints..

Born in the early 1960s, he grew up with a love of nature and initially became a gamekeeper.

Upon turning professional as an artist, he concentrated mainly on wildlife art, and has worked with the Wildlife Trusts and contributed to various charities involved in this area.

His latest series of work in progress is entitled Emotional Connections, in which he aims to convey a range of core human emotions through studies of facial expressions.

"The aim of the collection is to effect



**Phil Daniels**

people in some way, to get you to remember or talk about the work, to see how each work connects with you, or how it might connect you with an event in your past," he explained.

Mr Daniels hopes to produce around a dozen pieces in the final collection, all drawn in black or grey Conté sticks. He is currently trying to find a suitable local venue for showing these provocative works when completed.

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# church news



## Parishioners anxious about paying the parson

THE people of the local Anglican churches are currently anxious about money. This is particularly distressing because we really want to be concentrating on our church life, caring for each other and the whole community around us.

It's all to do with what is called the Parish Share.

The Anglican Diocese of Norwich calculates that it costs an average of £57,303 a year to provide a clergyman/woman in each benefice or group of parishes.

Now, before you rush to get ordained, only part of that is the cleric's pay. It also has to pay for pension, housing, training, support and a contribution to ministry, mission and education across the Diocese.

This money has to come, somehow or other, from churchgoers through the Parish Share. How to calculate that for each parish in a way that is perceived as fair is delicate and difficult.

Until recently, each church was assessed on a combination of how much was paid in the past and how many people attended church and participated in

its affairs.

A new system is proposed for 2014. Parish churches are grouped into Benefices or Group Ministries in which one or more clergy work within all the parishes in the Group.

The proposal is that each Benefice or Group will be asked to find the £57,303 a year per cleric in that Group. It will be up to the parishes to decide between them how to share that obligation.

The Reepham Benefice consists of Reepham, Salle, Thurning and Wood Dalling, and employs one person, the Rector, Margaret Dean

Reepham church has by far the biggest congregation and will, as in the past, have to bear the greatest share of the cost, but exactly how much the other parishes will be asked to contribute has yet to be worked out and agreed upon. Increases will be graduated over a year or two.

Of course, we also have to pay for the running costs of our churches and maintaining the, usually listed, buildings.

We look forward to a lively debate!

*Jolyon Booth*

## Emergency food for local people in crisis

THE Mid-Norfolk Food Bank is asking for emergency food items for people in need. Donations can be left in the marked box at the back of St Mary's Church, Reepham.

The food is sorted by volunteers at a central warehouse, packed into boxes and stored. It is then taken to food-bank centres, where it is made up into nutritionally balanced food parcels.

Care professionals identify people in crisis and issue them with a food-bank voucher. Clients bring their voucher to a food-bank centre, where it can be exchanged for three days' supply of emergency food. Some food-banks also run a delivery service to rural areas.

Only items on the following "shopping list" can be used: milk (UHT or powdered); sugar (500 g); fruit juice (carton); soup; pasta sauces; cereals; tomatoes (tinned); jam; rice pudding (tinned); rice/pasta; sponge pudding (tinned); tinned fruit; tinned meat/fish; biscuits/snack bar; instant mash potato; tinned vegetables; tea bags; instant coffee.

## All age worship and 'Messy Chapel'

A LARGE congregation attended all age worship at Reepham Methodist Church on 9 June led by Corrine Houlden.

The service was all about growing and Corrine used the growth of sunflowers to illustrate the way in which we can all grow in the Christian faith.

Thank you to the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and others who brought their sunflower seedlings. They were transplanted into larger pots during the service and will grow up the sunny side of the Chapel along Station Road. Watch this space as there are prizes for the tallest and biggest sunflowers.

Noah's Ark is the story for the next all age worship at the Chapel on Sunday 7 July. Please bring and lend to the Chapel as many toy animals as you can. Furry, wooden and stuffed – but no live animals!

The pulpit is being converted into the ark and we want the animal queue to get into the ark to be as long as possible.

Youth work during the week is organised by Rayzone (Reepham Area Youth), a charity supported by the Parish and the Methodist Churches. The youth club



held during term time on Friday nights at the Chapel attracts increasing numbers and new members are always welcome – a new table tennis table has just arrived.

The Methodist Church is very conscious of safeguarding issues, and all church officers and those who might be in contact

with vulnerable adults or children have been on a safeguarding course.

What happens on Wednesdays at the Chapel? Find out in the next issue of *Reepham Life*.

*Michael Price, Church Steward*

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# schools

## Open Studio shows off pupils' real creativity

REEPHAM Primary School pupils have had their work displayed as part of the Open Studios event held across Norfolk.

Parents, families, friends and the community were invited into school to share the brilliant art created by the children, and there have been some dazzling comments.

One visitor said: "The Open Studio was brilliant. The displays, [the] superb booklet [were all] a real credit to the school. A really diverse selection of art too – showing real creativity."

The event had an international theme, and pieces varied from Japanese masks to Tinga Tinga Tales pictures and African drumming to a real "Carnival" parade from Year 6.

Headteacher Miriam Jones said: "Children get so much from the creative opportunities and experiences that are interwoven into our curriculum."

Pupils reinforced this by saying: "Art is beautiful to your heart like a best friend" (Reception), "Art brings joy to people" (Year 3) and "We can let out our emotions with art" (Year 6).

The children at Reepham have also had the opportunity to design and paint one of the gorillas going on display in and around Norwich this July.

The school named him Dave, and he's already been transported to City College



**Above and right: Children, parents and visitors enjoying the artwork on display during the Open Studios event at Reepham Primary School**

and will be taken to his spot in the city centre soon (we believe that this will be near The Belgian Monk if you'd like to keep an eye out for him).

The children (and staff) were excited to be part of something that is Norfolk-wide. Open Studios and Wild In Art (the gorilla project) really let them show off their creativity.

*Amanda Bell*



## digger's diary

### Pay attention when an old deer is barking

ANYONE foolhardy enough to walk the road between Reepham and Booton will know that by the Fishery there is a bridge over the stream that forms the parish boundary – you know, the place where traffic coming into the town is supposed to give way to that coming out.

The bridge has a plaque, which is only faintly legible now, to safeguard anyone who might try to read it; Digger will tell you that it says "Erected by Subscription 1825".

Perhaps we should revive the idea of subscription for improvements needed nowadays?

Wildlife is active at this time of year,

particularly birds. A rook dropped an apple and nearly hit Digger on the head (hope that was nothing to do with the exploding cabbage).

Sea birds have been landing on the school field and giving people quite a tern, while Mr Janacek said a barn owl had complained about overgrown footpaths. So, Digger went to clear them and met the local deer.

We have two types of deer round here, muntjac and roe. They are easy to tell apart because muntjac bark (they come from Formosa, where there are no dogs to bark to tell the sun to come up so they have to do it for them), whereas roe deer mutter to them-

selves, saying "roedeeroedeerodeeromee".

(Not many Norfolk people know that deer can talk, but people up north know a lot about deers-talking.) "C'est a dire, c'est a deer", as they say in France.

Indeed there was once a Norfolk clergyman well known for writing hymns who kept a tame deer, but the silly thing kept trying to squeeze between the park palings to get at the neighbour's tulips and always got stuck.

Eventually, the reverend gentleman hit upon the idea of rubbing the animal with butter, so it could squeeze through. He made a reference to this in one of his hymns: "Butter this Foolish Hart of Mine".

# police

## Senior officer in car crime warning

POLICE in Broadland and North Norfolk are urging motorists to think twice about leaving valuables in cars while visiting beauty spots.

The warning comes as police aim to raise awareness of crime prevention in rural car parks in a bid to combat theft, which tends to rise at this time of year.

Broadland and North Norfolk Policing Commander, Superintendent Stuart Gunn, said: "This is a seasonal crime which we start to see an increase of when the good weather appears and people start parking their cars in rural beauty spots.

### New bus service to Aylsham

WITH effect from 28 July, Sanders Coaches has added a new bus service – no. 43 – which will run from Reepham and Cawston to Aylsham, with connections to Sheringham, Cromer, Norwich and other destinations. Contact: Sanders Coaches 01263 712800.

"Victims in these cases are often local, so it's not just tourists who are affected by these kinds of crime.

"Always think twice about what you really need to take with you if you are parking somewhere remote, and never leave anything in your car. Even if you think it's well hidden, thieves know where to look.

"If you see someone paying attention to vehicles within car parks or acting suspiciously then please record the vehicle registration number or description and call us on 101."

Supt Gunn added: "Broadland and North Norfolk benefit from low crime levels and those offences which are committed in the area are not sophisticated, but committed by thieves who take advantage of lapses in security. Simple steps such as locking doors and keeping valuables out of sight put obstacles in the way of thieves."

He also urged residents not to think twice about alerting police to incidents of suspicious activity.



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### Dates for your diary

Reepham SNT will be holding surgeries at Reepham police station on: Wednesday 3 July, 11 am – 1 pm; Wednesday 10 July, 10 am – 12 pm; Saturday 13 July, 11 am – 1 pm; Wednesday 17 July, 10 am – 12 pm; Saturday 20 July, 10 am – 12 pm; Wednesday 24 July, 5 pm – 7 pm; Saturday 27 July, 10 am – 12 pm; Wednesday 31 July, 5 pm – 7 pm

Supt Gunn said: "You know your communities better than anyone else so you will be best placed to know if something or someone is out of place.

"It's always better to get a call and dispatch officers to a scene to investigate rather than no call at all."

To report suspicious activity call 101 or if you believe a crime is in progress always dial 999.

**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)**

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# WHAT'S ON GUIDE

## Tuesday 2 July

Reepham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association (RALGA), AGM, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Seedling swap, raffle and refreshments.

## Thursday 4 July

Lyng Pre-School Open Evening, Wensum Valley Nursery, Wensum Road, Lyng, 7.30 pm. An opportunity for new parents and the general public to view our setting and have a chat with staff, committee and other parents. We'll also be revealing plans of our new outdoor refurbishment. Followed by our Annual General Meeting for those that wish to stay. Tel: 01603 872252

## Saturday 6 July

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

## Saturday 6 July – Sunday 7 July

Model Club exhibition, admission price; diesel and steam trains, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

## Sunday 7 July

Reepham & District Gardening Club visit to the Beth Chatto Gardens, Colchester. Leaving Station Road car park, Reepham, at 9 am. For further information, contact: Celia Else 01603 308101. Email: celielse@mac.com

## Sunday 7 July

Jazz at the Kinger – Dixie Mix, King's Arms, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2.30 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Tel: 01603 870345

## Wednesday 10 July

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

## Thursday 11 July

Presentation on Broadland District Council's Preferred Options for development, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 1 pm – 7 pm. Tel: 01603 431133

## Friday 12 July – Sunday 14 July

Bawdeswell Flower Festival, All Saints Church, Bawdeswell, 10 am – 4 pm; Heritage Exhibition, Bawdeswell Village Hall, 10 am – 4 pm; 20 Open Gardens; A Midsummer Night's Dream (The Festival Players) on Saturday 13 July, in front of the church, 6 pm. For further details, email: 2013festival@bawdeswell.net or www.bawdeswell2013festival.org

## Saturday 13 July

Foulsham Gateway Project, enrolment day, 10 am – 1 pm. Contact: Sandie Athow 01603 308133 or 07796 698127 or email rlc@reephamhigh.com

## Saturday 13 July

Reepham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association (RALGA) Summer Social, Stony Lane allotments, 3.30 pm, bring food and drink.

## Sunday 14 July

Jazz at the Kinger – Vintage Hot Orchestra, King's Arms, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2.30 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Tel: 01603 870345

## Tuesday 16 July

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Propagation – Barry Gayton, master of plant propagation whose practical advice is indispensable. Barry's talk includes seeds, cuttings, division and grafting. New members and visitors always welcome. Tel: Judy Holland 01603 308158

## Wednesday 17 July

Reepham Town Council meeting to discuss Broadland District Council's Preferred Options public consultation, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Town Clerk 01603 873355. Email: clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk

## Thursday 18 July

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Hospitality for the 2012 Olympic Games. Speaker: Liz Gaymer. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771. Email: suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

## Friday 19 July

Reepham & District Rotary Club, Music For a Summer's Evening, a performance by Jayne May-Sysum (soprano) with Jocelyn Cooper (contralto) and Andrew Mildinhal (piano), St Peter and St Paul's Church, Salle, 7.30 pm. Bar and interval refreshments. Tickets £10 on sale at Very Nice Things, from members of Reepham Rotary or by sending a cheque (payable to Reepham Rotary Club) to: Rotary Concert, 7 Lawns Loke, Reepham, Norwich NR10 4QN

## Sunday 21 July

Jazz at the Kinger – Nene Valley, King's Arms, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2.30 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Tel: 01603 870345

## Thursday 25 July

Whitwell Common open meeting, St Michael's, Reepham, 7 pm. Project manager Neil Chadwick will explain the Baling for Biodiversity Project, which has helped improve the condition of several sites in Norfolk, including Whitwell Common. Contact: Tony Footitt, Chairman, Whitwell Common Trustees Committee. Email: acfootitt@hotmail.com

## Friday 26 July

Film: Life of Pi (PG), Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Doors open at 7.15 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Presented by Reepham Town

Hall Management Committee. Tickets (£4 each) available from Reepham Post Office or the King's Arms

## Saturday 27 July

Bawdeswell Badgers are hosting a Race Night at Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7 pm, first race at 7.30 pm. Tickets on the door £3 per person. Licensed bar will be available (please bring own nibbles) No children permitted. Horses available for £5 (deadline to buy is 8 July). Contact: Sam James samjames@yahoo.co.uk

## Sunday 28 July

Jazz at the Kinger – Norfolk Jazz, King's Arms, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2.30 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Tel: 01603 870345

## Tuesday 30 July

Music in Country Churches, Salle Church, 7.30 pm. The English Chamber Orchestra under Gianluca Marciano with pianist Mario João Pires will perform Beethoven's Coriolan Overture and his Piano Concerto No. 3 and Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony. Tickets from Prelude Records, Norwich. Tel: 01603 628319

## Wednesday 31 July

Music in Country Churches, Salle Church, 11 am. Mario João Pires will give a Chopin piano recital. Tickets from Prelude Records, Norwich. Tel: 01603 628319

## Wednesday 31 July

Music in Country Churches, Salle Church, 7.30 pm. The Skampa Quartet will play Schubert's String Quartet in G D887 and Beethoven's String Quartet in B flat Op 130. Tickets from Prelude Records, Norwich. Tel: 01603 628319

## Sunday 4 August

Jazz at the Kinger – Climax Jazz Band, King's Arms, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2.30 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Tel: 01603 870345

## Saturday 10 August

Film: Hyde Park on the Hudson (12A), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Bar/café. Contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or email: bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

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## Sunday 18 August

Reepham Summer Sunday Run, 10 km, starting at 10 am, Stimpson's Piece Recreation Ground, Reepham. Entries online at www.runnersworld.co.uk Application forms from www.reephamrunners.webs.com or entries on day – please arrive by 9.15 am. Contact: Jenni Egmore 01603 308192 or email: jenni@egmore.co.uk

## Sunday 18 August

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## Saturday 31 August

Open Day, Whitwell Common, 11 am – 3 pm. Contact: Tony Footitt, Chairman, Whitwell Common Trustees Committee. Email: acfootitt@hotmail.com

## Sunday 1 September

Jazz at the Kinger – Dixie Mix, King's Arms, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2.30 pm in the courtyard (weather permitting). Tel: 01603 870345

## Sunday 8 September

RALGA summer social, Fiddler's Lane allotments

## Tuesday 17 September

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Biology of Fungi – The Good the Bad & the Ugly, an illustrated talk by Tony Leach. Describes the diversity of fungal forms and relates them to the biology of fungi. Some "horticultural" aspects include mycorrhizas, fairy rings and woodchips. New members and visitors always welcome. Tel: Judy Holland 01603 308158

## Friday 4 October

Reepham WI quiz, Reepham College, teams of six. More details to follow: look out for the posters. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771. Email: suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

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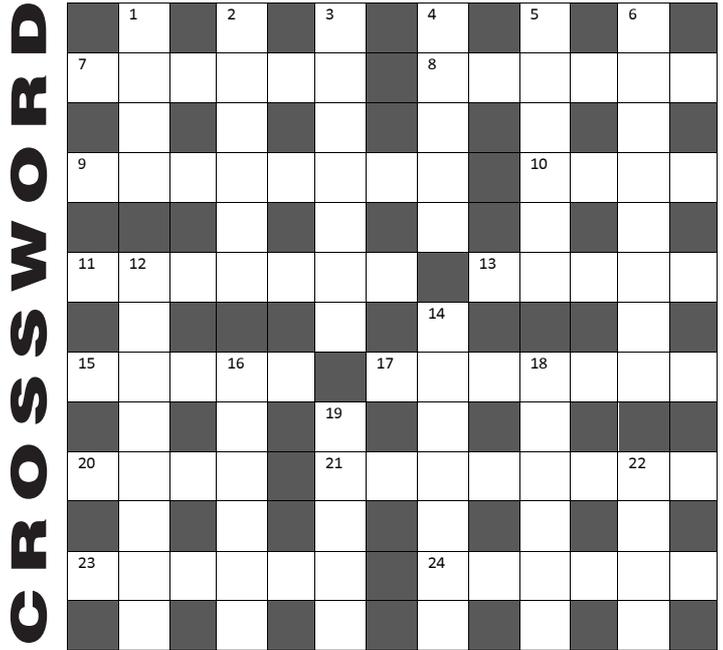
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- 8 A top to make a vegetable
- 9 Slow to get behind political division
- 10 Need about garden
- 11 Beam me up little dog
- 13 Dusty about room for work
- 15 Entertain inspiration
- 17 Bite deb could be receding
- 20 Paddington came from copper utensil
- 21 Learners mix Tees rain
- 23 Close thing – big apple about hearing learner
- 24 Electronically ran – got away

### DOWN

- 1 In Spar each has a space
- 2,16 Master Quaker confused about good place to shop on Wednesday
- 3 Cram ice for pottery
- 4 Digger on the cards
- 5 Steer about model for road
- 6 Dated ten were at meeting
- 12 Challenges when cops meet
- 14 Rubbed about bad read
- 16 See 2
- 18 Rotten donkey conceals attachment to bone
- 19 River in ship remains
- 22 Level end of day

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**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 Amateur Theatrical Society** Meets every Monday at 7 pm at Cawston Village Hall during school term time. We stage two productions per year and welcome members age 8 years and over from Cawston, Reepham and surrounding villages. Contact Liz Beard 07884 488642. Email: liz.beard@btinternet.com or mail@catsdramagroup.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

**Rayzone Youth Club** Meets every Friday at Reepham Methodist Church, 7.30 – 9 pm (unless notified otherwise). Open to all Year 5 and 6 and High School students. Subs 50p. Games, chat, tuck... The summer term has a mixture of regular sessions (with a choice of activities) and themed evenings (all the group take part in the same activity). Contact: Claire Mead, Rayzone Youth Worker 07748 502603. Email: rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com

**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 £2 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 Photographic Club** Meets on the third Thursday of each month from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm in The Sidings Marquee, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: M.R. Battams 01603 870874

**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 Egmores 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

**Rock Solid**, one of Rayzone's (Reepham Area Youth Project) Friday clubs, meets alternate Fridays at St Michael's, Reepham, from 6 – 7 pm. All Year 5-9 students are welcome to come along for games, challenges and discussion on life issues. Subs 50p. Contact: Claire Mead, Rayzone Youth Worker 07748 502603. Email: rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com

**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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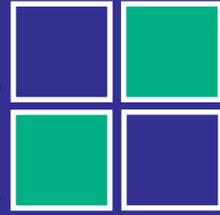
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