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## Economic strategy to support market towns

AS PART of a plan to support the economy of Reepham, a consultation event held on Saturday 2 February at the Bircham Centre was judged a "great success".

Cambridge-based Ingham Pinnock Associates, who have been appointed to prepare the Reepham Economic Strategy, backed by Broadland District Council's Recession Mitigation Fund, said: "We were delighted with the level of interest in the event and estimate that between 150 and 200 people attended throughout the morning."

The economic development and regeneration consultancy has now collated all of the comments received, which are being fed into an analysis of economic and community issues in Reepham.

"The interest in the event and the creativity of ideas put forward on the day speaks volumes about residents' love for their town," the consultants continued. "There was a clear passion to support and preserve what is best about Reepham and a recognition that any changes need to add to what is special about the town."

Broadland's Recession Mitigation Fund was created at the height of the financial crisis and has been supporting businesses and communities across the district by developing projects to help drive local economic growth and combat the national downturn.

Ingham Pinnock's brief is to take a fresh look at the economy of Reepham, a tra-



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ditional rural market town, and identify small-scale projects and programmes that can help the town sustain its important role while retaining its character.

Ross Ingham said the fund will be used to give practical advice to support the local economy: "While recognising that Reepham is successful, there are challenges ahead, particularly for the independent business sector, which contributes so much to the town."

On a national level, traditional town centres are vulnerable due to increased competition from the internet and supermarkets, which has been exacerbated by the double-dip recession and contracting disposable income.

This fragility was demonstrated in Reepham last year by the impact of the temporary closure of the HSBC bank on

local traders.

"These issues and many others are even more acute in rural areas that lack infrastructure and services and are often overlooked in favour of larger towns and cities," said Mr Ingham. "Reepham is still a thriving market town with a real sense of community. But there are real trends out there."

Kate Pinnock added: "There are genuine mechanisms, funds and tools available that we can highlight."

A Town Team has been established comprising representatives from local community organisations to help produce a strategy over the coming months. The consultants are in the process of detailed research and consultation, and spending time in the town meeting local people, businesses and groups.

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# A community newspaper is reborn

WELCOME to the first edition of *Reepham Life*, the new community newspaper for Reepham and district.

Building on the foundation of the *Aylsham & Reepham Times*, which ceased publication almost 12 months ago, and its predecessors, this newspaper aims to fill a gap in the market and become a truly local newspaper for the local community by local people.

We promise an independent, unbiased presentation of the news affecting the town – the good and not so good.

Published by Reepham Community Press, this free monthly newspaper (10 issues a year) is being distributed to more than 1,200 homes throughout Reepham with additional distribution points within the town and in outlying villages, circulating to as many as 3,500 readers.

As a not-for-profit social enterprise, we are seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of publishing.

You can contribute an article or a report; write a letter to the editor; provide photographs, past or present; design advertisements; help out with the delivery of the newspaper to remote households; or just suggest ideas for stories or other publishing activities.

With so much happening in and around the town at present, it is now crucial to keep the whole community better informed: *Reepham Life* will be an important part of that process.

If you are connected to the internet, please visit our brand new website – [www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk) – which has all the news as it happens, as well as details of forthcoming events and listings of community groups and local businesses. You can even sign up to receive an electronic copy of *Reepham Life* every issue in addition to regular email updates.

Particular thanks go to Reepham Town Council for their foresight and generous first-year funding to help get this project off the ground. We also thank Broadland District Council's Small Grant Fund for financial support for the launch.

Of course, printing and door-to-door distribution is a costly exercise, and with-



from the editor  
**GEOFF FISHER**

out the fantastic support of businesses, the newspaper would not have happened at all, so do support all these advertisers.

If your business would like to showcase its products or services in future editions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Meanwhile, community, social and sporting groups are invited to contribute news and information about their regular activities and events.

The launch of *Reepham Life* has certainly created a buzz within the town, and we have been inundated with messages of good wishes and offers of assistance for this exciting venture. We look forward to exceeding your expectations.

■ **Geoff Fisher, Editor. Tel: 01603 308158**  
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## Beaver Scouts leader wanted

OWING to a large increase in the number of young members in our Beaver Scouts, we are looking for an adult that could join us as a leader in this section. All training is given free, and all we ask for is a few hours of your time each week to help our young people enjoy the fun and friendship offered in scouting.

■ **Contact Leslie Tooley, 2nd Reepham Scout Group, 01603 870701.**

## MP visits Reepham High School and College

NORMAN Lamb, MP for North Norfolk and Minister of State at the Department of Health, visited Reepham High School and College on 8 February.

During his visit, Mr Lamb made a tour of the school and college, popping into several lessons, including A-level English (right).

He also took part in a "questions and answers" session, facing what he described as "impressive" questions from a panel of students comprising members of

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the Principal's Council, including the newly appointed head boy and head girl.

**EARLY SUMMER SCHOOLS: Experts offer nuno and corsage felt making days, Chinese brush painting and lino printing workshops in March and April**  
**And of course my regular art classes continue in Cawston, Marsham, Holt and Hempton from 15 April, where you can learn drawing and painting, mixed media and oil painting. I teach skills and techniques; these are taught lessons, packed with information**

**All details from me, CLEMENTINA SUTTON, 01603 872441**

## Refurbishment work to start at GP surgeries

THE Reepham and Aylsham surgeries of Dr B Kelly & Partners will be undergoing some refurbishment works over the next few weeks. This will involve new flooring and sinks for treatment, prep and some consulting rooms.

Understandably, there will be some disruption to services during this time: the phlebotomy service may not be available for the first week of work, 25 February to 4 March at the Reepham surgery and 25 February to 11 March at the Aylsham surgery.

Forms will be given to patients who are happy to go to Cromer or the Norfolk & Norwich hospital phlebotomy service (the INR clinics will still be provided).

For Aylsham surgery patients, the healthcare assistant has been moved to the ACT building in St Michaels Avenue so that patients can be seen there.

The reception areas at both surgeries are also being refurbished and although there may be times when the reception desk is located elsewhere from the front lobby, staff will be on hand to help and advise patients during this busy process.

The refurbishment work has recently



been agreed by the Norfolk Primary Care Trust with an end date of 31 March 2013.

According to a message from the practice: "We do apologise for any inconven-

ience that may be caused during this time, but hope you will agree with us that it will all be worthwhile when the work is completed."

## New Spring stock washed down with Tea and cake!



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# comment

## Congratulations from the Town Council

ON behalf of Reepham Town Council, I would like to congratulate all concerned on the publication of this, the first issue of the new community newspaper *Reepham Life*.

Ever since the demise of the *Aylsham & Reepham Times* the residents of Reepham have lacked a means of keeping in touch with local organisations and events, of keeping abreast of local developments and of expressing their views on local matters. This new publication should more than fill that gap.

The next few months, or even years, will see changes in and around Reepham from, amongst other things, the recommendations for economic development from the Town Team, the proposed development of the old Reepham station site and possible housing developments elsewhere, and we, at the Town Council, will be keeping you abreast of these, and other changes, through the pages of *Reepham Life*.

But this should not be just a one-way flow of information because you will be able to use these pages to express your views, canvass support for your local initiatives and raise issues that you think the Town Council could, or should, be supporting you with.

I can only wish the publishers all the success for the future of this community newspaper and I look forward to the next and subsequent issues.

**L. J. Paterson, Chairman  
Reepham Town Council**

## Businesses need to change

ON behalf of the Reepham Chamber of Commerce I would like to thank you and your team and tell you how much I welcome the launch of this newspaper.

This is an excellent initiative to improve communications in the town, to showcase what is happening in Reepham and all of the best bits about what makes this place where we live and work so special.

While there are many challenges affecting market towns like ours, I firmly believe that Reepham is well placed to take advantage of all of the opportunities out there, too.



## Campervans take up so much parking space

WHY are there always so many campervans parked in the Station Road car park? I counted four the other day. They are left there all day and overnight for days on end. There is not enough parking space at certain times during the week as it is.

Do the owners think they can just use the car park as free long-term storage? Why don't they park them in their own drives or outside their own houses? There should be a time limit or they should be clamped. I hope the council will do something about this.

**Reepham Resident (name and address supplied)**

■ Station Road car park is looked after by Reepham Town Council on behalf of Broadland District Council. It is the Town Council's understanding that at least one of the vehicles, and possibly more, parked in this car park belong to residents who live in the town centre who don't have the advantage of off-road parking. Reepham Town Council have not received any complaints about parking problems in the Station Road car park and have now contacted Broadland District Council for advice.

**Jo Boxall, Reepham Town Clerk**

As a business community we must recognise the need for change, adapt what we do to meet those changes and therefore survive.

Publications like this will help us to showcase our businesses and spread the word about the amazing products and services being created in Reepham – often behind closed doors.

I have been amazed during my tenure to find the breadth and quality of businesses operating around our community, and also the level to which many are prepared to get involved in helping with the many aspects of community life.

I firmly believe that you cannot have communities without businesses and you cannot have businesses without the community around them.

I hope that this community venture will help to solidify those links and bring positive change.

**James Ellis, Chairman  
Reepham Chamber of Commerce**

## Website looks great

YOUR community website looks great! You often take it for granted how much can be happening in the local area, so it's good to see it all collated in one place. By the way, the snow man/bear you've got on there is fantastic. I'm hoping for more snow now so I can give one a go myself!

**Tom Gatenby, Squashed Pixel,  
Wilsden, Bradford, West Yorkshire**

## So much information

MAY I just say that if the *Reepham Life* newspaper is as informative as the website, you are certain of success. I cannot believe how much information I found out within a short time!

**Barry Barker  
Reepham Town Bowls Club**



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# news

## Proposal for up to ninety new houses on Dereham Road

A FULL planning application is expected to be made within the next few months for building up to 90 new houses in Reepham on land either side of the B1145 Dereham Road on the main, western approach to the town.

Addressing the Reepham Town Council Planning Committee meeting on 29 January, James Rennie, director – urban design & masterplanning, Savills UK, said the development would provide a range of housing types and will include a proportion of “affordable” housing.

Iceni Developments of Norwich has been engaged as the property developer, while Fielden+Mawson, also of Norwich, have been appointed as the architects.

The proposal could include the provision of land for possible expansion of the doctors’ surgery on Smuggler’s Lane. Another idea being floated is to create a new recreation area for Reepham, in an area of woodland off Kerdiston Road. Discussions are also ongoing with Broadland District Council’s planning department.

As part of the consultation and engagement process, Iceni Developments will hold a public consultation event at the Old Brewery House Hotel from 4 pm to 9 pm on Thursday 7 March.

This will provide an update on the plans and aim to get people’s views on



**Existing vehicular access to the proposed development site on Dereham Road**

the proposed site in terms of overall design, layout, access, amount and position of open space, etc.

“We want people to come along and be involved in this project; it will not necessarily mean they support development,” said Mr Rennie. He added that, having analysed the opinions expressed and making any changes to the scheme, a one-day public exhibition would also be held.

After any further alterations, it is proposed that the final plans will be presented to the Town Council prior to formal submission of a detailed planning application, which is provisionally targeted for July, “although this is still subject to change”, Mr Rennie pointed out.

“Our client, a resident of Reepham, is committed to continuing to undertake meaningful consultation and engagement

throughout the design and planning process. We can’t be any more open about our discussions,” he said.

With a total area of 3.91 hectares, the land, which is owned by Michael Buxton, forms part of “Reepham 2”, one of Broadland District Council’s shortlisted sites under the proposed Local Development Framework. However, a series of delays could mean that the LDF may not be finalised until late 2014.

In its December 2011 submission to Broadland’s LDF consultation process, Reepham Town Council objected to any development on both the Reepham 1 (Cawston Road/Wood Dalling Road) and Reepham 2 (B1145 Dereham Road) shortlisted sites, which it argued would result in “a detrimental impact upon the town and are unsustainable”.

## Are verbal contracts legally binding?

IT’S often thought that a contract has to be in writing – this is not so (unless it is dealing with land).

A recent Court of Appeal decision concerning a popular sauce known as Reggae Reggae Sauce was a reminder of some of the issues surrounding oral contracts. One party claimed to have invented the product and another claimed under a verbal contract that the recipe was his. As it happened the latter lost through a lack of credible evidence, but this would not always be the case.

The film producer Samuel Goldwyn once said: “an oral contract is as good as the paper it’s written on” – a cynical view maybe, but a contract does not have to be in writing. As long as there is enough evidence to support the existence and terms of a verbal contract, it will be just as legally binding.

### legal view DAVID LAWS



A few years ago I represented a company client who had unwittingly entered into a multi-million pound oral contract. I say “unwittingly” because a written contract had been drafted, but was never approved by the parties and never signed. Because of the pressure on everyone to get on with things, they’d carried on regardless without anyone realising there was no written contract governing the situation.

All would probably have been fine if not for the fact that an expensive piece of equipment became damaged during operations causing things to go seriously wrong. That led to substantial losses that

my client needed to claim under the terms of the contract.

Court proceedings and plenty of legal arguments followed based on the evidence (including the draft written contract). It was proved that an oral contract existed and ultimately matters were resolved by agreement through mediation.

In summary, the terms of a written contract are easier to prove (even if it’s just an exchange of letters), but a verbal contract can also be proved – but usually with more difficulty and cost.

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As your councillors, we are no exception. However, to serve you well we need you to tell us what you want for Reepham. That's why the Council is supporting *Reepham Life* by contributing the "Your Council Matters" page each month.

It's our chance to tell you what we're doing and why, and it's your chance to tell us what you think. Tell us bluntly by text, tweet, email or on the back of a cigarette packet if need be (contact details at the bottom of this page).

## Ten years after

In 2003 Reepham Town Council sent a questionnaire to every household "to determine issues of concern to the residents of Reepham and an action plan for the future". The results were published in the *Report of the Town Appraisal 2003*.

In the 10 years after that appraisal there have been many changes and many more are being considered, so it is right that we ask you again what you want for your town so that we can truly represent your wishes.

This time we shall not conduct a one-off survey; we'll use *Reepham Life* to have an ongoing public debate on what our town does and doesn't need. We'll use the 2003 appraisal as a starting point to put a different issue to you each month under the heading "If you ask me", and we'll report your arguments, ideas and opinions on each topic.

The 2003 survey asked questions on the following topics: tourism, transport, traffic, the need for affordable housing, shopping, recreational facilities, facilities for children and young people, crime and anti-social behaviour, provision for disabled people, and whether Reepham should have a wind turbine.

If you think that there are new topics that we should ask the community's views on, let us know.

## If you ask me...

The 2003 survey asked whether tourism should be encouraged and, if so, what kind of accommodation and facilities should be developed and for what activities. What do you think in 2013?

- 1. Do we need more tourists?**
- 2. How would you attract tourists?**
- 3. What puts tourists off visiting Reepham?**

We'll report the points you make in the next issue of *Reepham Life*.

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It has 12 councillors, elected or co-opted to the Council and employs a Town Clerk to administer RTC business, and a Finance Officer to run the accounts; both provide expert advice. RTC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, except August, and all decisions must be made at these meetings.

RTC's responsibilities include commenting on planning applications, maintaining the cemeteries, the public toilets and services such as dog and litter bins, notice-boards, etc. RTC also owns or controls assets for the community, including: the Town Hall; Stimpson's Piece; three allotment sites; the Market Place, which the Council owns; street lighting; and Overton Way green space and play equipment.

If you need to contact the Council about any of the above (e.g. to report a defect), or would like do your bit for Reepham as a councillor (there is currently one vacancy), please write or telephone the Town Clerk at: Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4JW. Tel: 01603 873355. Email: [clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk) Web: <http://reephamtc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>

## A better place to live

This is where we ask you to help us make our town a better place to live. The first request is to dog-walkers. The Council provides a lot of "dog poo" bins and has them emptied regularly at the community's expense.

If your dog poos where people walk, please "bag it and bin it". If you don't, you are committing an offence, wasting everyone's hard-earned council tax and spoiling other people's enjoyment.

If you don't have a poo-bag (of course, it happens sometimes), please take a few seconds to find a stick and flick the poo under a hedge, into a field or where someone else won't tread in it.

If you can't "Bag & Bin", please "Stick & Flick"!

## Thank you

Finally, the Council would like to thank all the volunteers at Reepham Community Press, and in particular Judy Holland and Geoff Fisher, for their huge personal commitment in getting *Reepham Life* off the ground as a service to our community.

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**Textile Workshops with Dianne Randle - 10am-4pm £35 per person**

**Patchwork - Sat 9 March** - You will be taught basic patchwork skills to create a geometric patchwork cushion. Examples will be provided to give inspiration and a material list will be sent to you upon booking.

**Bunting - Sat 23 March** - Learn how to make bunting, including applique and embellishment to customise your bunting. Examples will be available to inspire you and a material list will be sent upon booking.

No prior experience is required for these workshops.

**Digital Photography Workshop with Simon Pocklington 10am-3pm £35 per person**

**Portrait - Sat 23 March** Take the opportunity to photograph a portrait subject in the morning and in the afternoon download your photos in the IT suite and learn retouching and enhancement techniques to edit and enhance them.

# news

## Dr Feelgood to headline Reepham Music Festival

NOW in its sixth year, Reepham Music Festival is ringing the changes to its August weekend timetable to offer even more value to festival-goers.

In past years, a fringe feature has been craft and food stalls in the Market Place during the day, followed by free bands in the evening after events on the main stages have come to a close.

Last year the organisers invited the Town Council to take on the running of events in the Market Place, with the festival still funding the operating costs.

The Council did so, but this year, has decided it could not agree to the request to run and pay for these events owing to the lack of volunteers and the large shortfall of income to cover the total costs.

As a result of this decision, 2013 will see an even greater emphasis on the main weekend festival (10-11 August) with the Saturday night "freebie" being dropped from the schedule.

"Traditionally, we've presented three bands in the square on the Saturday night," explained festival director Steve Jenkins (right). "The town square stage costs a good deal of money to set up, but because it generates no income it is very much a loss leader.



"And the festival is very much a non-profit making, community-based venture, with net proceeds going to local charities and costs being met out of local sponsorship and ticket sales."

Mr Jenkins said this outcome means that more resources, time and effort can now go towards making the main elements of the festival even bigger and better.

### Masters of rhythm and blues

An early coup for this year's festival has been announced with the confirmation that masters of rhythm and blues Dr Feelgood will be taking to the main Rookery Meadow stage. Perennial crowd-pleasers Buster James will also be returning in what has proved, by popular demand, to be a festival residency each year.

Further acts will be announced shortly, combining to offer a multi-genre programme of rock, blues, folk, jazz, reggae and classical for all the family, through the afternoon of Saturday and the afternoon and early evening of Sunday.

Reepham Music Festival receives no



**Dr Feelgood will be headlining this year's Reepham 13 Music Festival**

public money and relies upon the support of sponsorship from local businesses, including new principal sponsors Whitwell & Reepham Railway, and Hansells Solicitors, with car parking provided by Reepham High School and College.

The festival team are justly proud of the direct association between town and festival. "It's Reepham's largest annual event, bringing thousands of pounds into the local economy each year," Mr Jenkins pointed out.

"The event honours the town and reflects the spirit within the community, and it's supported by local businesses and organisations.

"But at the same time, it reaches out, bringing visitors from across the country – we know that festival-goers travel from as far afield as the West Midlands

and even Scotland to be here. And that's quite a tribute to a small market town in the middle of Norfolk."

### Ticket price levels held

Reepham Festival has decided to hold ticket prices at last year's level, including "early-bird" offers up to 14 March.

Tickets are available from Very Nice Things in Market Place, Reepham, and Whitwell Station (no booking fee), as well as from [www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk](http://www.ueaticketbookings.co.uk) (subject to booking fee). More information on ticket prices, line-up, camping, etc., is available on the festival website [www.reephamfestival.co.uk](http://www.reephamfestival.co.uk)

**■ Anybody or any organisation interested in managing and running the events in the Market Place should contact Reepham Town Council on 01603 873355, or email: [clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov](mailto:clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov)**

## Bowls Club on the lookout for new players

WITH the bowls season re-commencing in April, Reepham Town Bowls Club is on the lookout for new players.

If you would like to register your interest, please get in touch and we will let you know when we are having our first roll-up, so you can see if you would like to join us for the forthcoming season. We are a small friendly club and welcome both beginners and more experienced players.

We are involved in three leagues, which means that everybody gets a game if they want to play.

We also have friendly games within the club, as well as other social events. Come

along and give it a go.

The Bowls Club would also like to thank the following for their sponsorship donations for the coming season: The King's Arms; Blakemore Foundation (via Spar); Bennetts Electrical; and Clive Hall, House and Garden Maintenance.

We are always looking for sponsorship, so if anybody else would like to contribute, please contact me. We are also looking for raffle prizes, so if you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, etc., I can find a good home for them.

**■ Contact: Barry Barker 01603 870337. Email: [barrydbarker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:barrydbarker@yahoo.co.uk)**

# competition

Win a £100  
car club prize

## Car Club celebrates four years in the driving seat

THE Reepham Car Club, part of the Norfolk Car Club, is celebrating its fourth anniversary and offers readers of *Reepham Life* the chance to win a prize worth £100.

The club has gone from strength to strength since its launch in 2009 and continues to grow rapidly. The pay-as-you-go service operates in Reepham, Aylsham and Norwich, and now has 17 cars and nearly 300 members. It is easy to use – simply book online or call and use a smart card to unlock the car and drive away.

People use the car club in many different ways, including for going to sports, work, and meeting up with family and friends. Club member Louisa Dreisin likes using it for work: “The car club is wonderful, convenient, green and helpful,” she says. “I really don’t know how we did without. For a trip of 280 miles, I can save around £100.”

The main benefits are that it reduces transport costs; enables access to facilities, training, education and employment; offers easy use of cars 24/7 at rates between £1.50 and £5.10 an hour; and helps



**Ever needed a car but don't want the hassle of owning one? This may be your opportunity**

improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions. The Norfolk Car Club also takes care of the insurance, maintenance, servicing and cleaning.

The not-for-profit club receives funding from Norfolk County Council to continue to make a difference to Reepham’s community – environmentally, economically and socially.

#### How to enter

At least three lucky readers can win a prize worth £100 comprising the £25 joining fee and £75 driving credit. Simply an-

swer the following question:

**How many cars does the Norfolk Car Club currently have?**

- A. 5
- B. 9
- C. 17

To enter, send your answer, name, address, e-mail address and daytime telephone number to:

competition@reephamlife.co.uk, or by post to: Reepham Car Club Competition, c/o Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4LT.

The competition closes on 31 March 2013. The winners will be announced in the May issue of *Reepham Life*.

To join the Norfolk Car Club, visit [www.norfolkcarclub.com](http://www.norfolkcarclub.com) or call Co-wheels on 0845 602 8030. The car club is also on Facebook and if you “Like” it, you will receive news updates, promotions and event information.

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# news

## Open meeting to discuss Whitwell Common proposals

Photo: Chris Wheeler

AN open meeting to discuss future plans for Whitwell Common will be held in St Michael's, Reepham, on Saturday 9 March from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

The event will provide the opportunity to talk about the management proposals with the trustees, together with a representative from Natural England and ecologists from Norfolk County Council, which are involved in the management of this Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Whitwell Common is one of the last remaining fragments of spring-fed valley fen in Norfolk and is highly valued for its rare and interesting flora as well as a wide range of habitats, which attract a large number of mammals, birds and invertebrates.

The trustees are keen to provide the careful management required to conserve and protect this precious site for the benefit of all.

In recent years the most species-rich area of the fen (the southern portion) has been mowed every year in late summer after the flowering season, and the cuttings removed to prevent soil enrichment. This prevents scrub encroachment, but it is expensive and does not encourage the range of herbage heights that is important for wildlife.

Further, the present funding scheme for the mowing will cease in 2018. The alternative is to revert to the original method of vegetation control, i.e. grazing. This is now a frequent choice for maintaining these types of habitats, but requires fencing of the area to be grazed.



**Whitwell Common is one of the last remaining fragments of spring-fed valley fen in Norfolk**

Natural England and Norfolk County Council both recommend this method as a long-term sustainable approach and the trustees are keen to support them. There would be no reduction to the current pedestrian access to the Common, which would ensure it remains a local resource for all to enjoy.

Fencing common land requires permission from the Department of Environ-

ment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and involves submitting a lengthy and detailed application.

Before embarking on this process, the trustees would like to discuss these plans with all parties interested in the common at the open meeting on 9 March.

■ **Contact: Tony Foottit, Chairman, Whitwell Common Trustees Committee. Email: acfoottit@hotmail.com**

## WWI exhibition aims to put faces to names

AN exhibition honouring local men who enlisted in the First World War, will be held in St Michael's, Reepham, on Saturday 16 March from 10 am to 2 pm.

To commemorate those listed on the two memorials in St Mary's and St Michael's, Ron Luton-Brown has started to gather pictures and details of these

men, and so far has collected more than 70 pieces of information.

The project is still looking for more information about the men, where they went after the War, and the effect the War had on them and their families.

■ **Contact: Ron Luton-Brown 01603 871726. Email: roninreepham@yahoo.co.uk**

## Don't miss out on this year's tax breaks

WITH the end of the tax year looming on 5 April, it's worth giving your finances a quick check to ensure you've made the most of the tax breaks available. In this month's column, we look at some of the opportunities not to be missed.

Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs) remain a key ingredient of any tax-efficient investment portfolio. The maximum that can be put into an ISA during the 2012/13 tax year is £11,280 (of which up to £5,640 can be saved in a Cash ISA).

Gifts are a useful way of reducing your potential Inheritance Tax liability. Each person can make gifts of up to a total of £3,000 per year without incurring an In-



money matters  
**JANE ARMSTRONG**

heritance Tax charge. Any unused annual gift allowance can be carried forward for one year as long as you use up the current year's exemption first.

Now may be a good time to consider transferring income-producing assets between spouses to ensure that you make the best use of your personal tax allowances or lower tax bands.

Worthwhile tax savings can be made by considering in whose name certain invest-

ments should be held.

Finally, look at making additional contributions to your pension scheme. Depending upon your earnings, you could obtain full tax relief on contributions up to £50,000 in the current tax year.

■ **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**

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# news

## Hampton's Tea Parlour opens on Norwich Road



**Below: Staff at Hampton's Home & Garden and Tea Parlour (left to right): Angela Nelson, Annie Benton and Suzanne Stainton**



A NEW tea parlour has opened at Hampton's Home & Garden on Norwich Road, Reepham.

Around 60 people enjoyed a selection of food and drinks on the first day of trading on Monday, 14 January.

Proprietor Annie Benton, who launched the interiors and gift shop in Beaver House in September 2011 to sell an eclectic mix of "beautiful things for the home and garden", said she wanted to open a traditional tea room.

"We aim to cater to a different market compared with other establishments in the area," she said. "It will offer a 'step back in time' to a very traditional way of enjoying afternoon tea. And by being different we will definitely add to the mix of businesses in Reepham."

After many months of planning and preparation, Hampton's Tea Parlour is now housed in an extension to the rear of the property – a Grade II listed building – providing jobs to three local people: one full-time and two part-time.

An existing outbuilding has been converted to a kitchen, while the tastefully decorated interior offers spacious yet cosy dining.

Use of the garden and inner courtyard in the warmer months will provide seating for a maximum of 30 people.

Mrs Benton has no doubt that this venture will succeed, pointing out that Reepham once had four coffee shops in the town.

Hampton's Tea Parlour is open from 10 am to 5 pm, Monday to Saturday, matching the opening hours of the shop. However, there are no plans to open in the

evening or on Sunday, she said.

The tea room offers a simple selection of toasted muffins, croissants, light dishes and baps, as well as traditional afternoon tea and cream tea.

All sandwiches are made to order, with cakes and scones made daily on the premises.

Brunch is served from 11.30 am to 2

pm, with a daily specials board offering a varying selection of tempting treats. Beverages include tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cold drinks, beer, wine and champagne.

And for the more indulgent or for those special occasions, a "pink champagne afternoon tea" is available – a real must for "girly" days out.

## Reepham WI – looking after your heart

WHEN we plan our programme for the year we always try to have a good balance of subjects for our talks.

For March we are really getting to the heart of the matter! Cardiovascular nurse Ruth Wix will be coming to talk to us about "Looking After Your Heart".

We hear now that more women are suffering from strokes and heart attacks than ever before and I know from personal experience how vitally important it is to get

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checked out regularly.

As women, we tend to say "it's nothing" and go on multi-tasking with gritted teeth. Please come along to our meeting on Thursday 21 March in St Michael's at 7.30

pm, whatever your age and even if you don't think WI is quite your scene. It could help save your life.

We meet the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in St Michael's.

■ **Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771. Email: suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk**

## Reepham Village Screen to show film set in Cromer

*In Love with Alma Cogan* (12A), an independent British feature film set on and around Cromer Pier and starring Roger Lloyd-Pack, will be shown on Good Friday, 29 March, at Reepham Town Hall.

*Skyfall* (12A), the latest James Bond blockbuster, will be screened on Friday 26 April.

Presented by Reepham Town Hall Management Committee, the films are part of Village Screen, a rural and community touring cinema scheme supported by Creative Arts East.

■ **Doors open at 7.15 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets (£4 each) are available from Reepham Post Office or the King's Arms.**

# news

## Bread stall hits the spot at market

ONE of the latest additions to Reepham's weekly market is proving there is a distinct hunger for artisan products.

Bread Source, a new wholesale bakery with "bread quarters" at Horsham St Faith, has been trading at the Wednesday market in Reepham since early January and trade has been nothing short of brisk, with a loyal customer base already building.

The business started in November 2012, initially supplying bread wholesale. But it has quickly expanded by taking stalls at markets in mid and north Norfolk, including Dereham (Tuesday and Friday), Fakenham (Thursday) and Sheringham (Friday).

Owner Steven Winter said: "We never had a plan to go into markets; they just evolved. And Reepham is definitely one of our favourites."

Assisted by Joe Trewellard, Mr Winter had previously run the Union Yard café in Norwich city centre.

"As well as having a far lower cost base,



**Steven Winter (left) and Joe Trewellard of Bread Source: "our lifelong pursuit is to prove that all bakers are genetically linked and bakeries are in fact asylums with flour"**

running a market stall is certainly a great way to talk with customers," he said.

Bread Source bakes and sells a full range of products from sourdoughs through to traditional British tin loafs, as well as French, Italian and German-style breads, Chelsea buns, fruit loafs, baguettes, croissants, pizzas and focaccias.

"Hopefully, the interest we seem to have generated will encourage other market traders. This in turn will bring more people into the Market Place, which can only benefit local shops," said Mr Winter, who is now looking at the possibility of renting small retail units in market towns such as Reepham.



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# news

## Plans for former station yard to be developed

A FULL planning application is expected to be submitted soon for development of the former station yard on Station Road/Stony Lane, Reepham. The plans, on behalf of HEB Properties of Hethersett, call for a mixture of retail, commercial and residential development.

According to Ian Malton of CAM Architects, Norwich, the application will include a 4,500 square foot (420 square metre) Anglia Co-operative supermarket with 15-20 car parking spaces for the front of the site on Station Road/Cawston Road, a veterinary surgery and a single-storey 60-bed care home in the middle, and up to 24 houses at the rear of the site, of which one third will be "affordable" housing units.

It is estimated that such development of this brownfield site could create around 130 new jobs, of which the specialist care home would account for around 100 full-time equivalent positions and 30 for the supermarket.

The 2.8-hectare former station yard site has been unused and redundant for many years. However, the former station buildings immediately adjacent the site are currently used for a variety of retail/workshop and catering uses, including Kerri's Farmhouse Pine and tea rooms.

The site has been subject to various



**The proposed entrance to the retail unit is at the beginning of Cawston Road**

planning applications over the past decade. HEB Properties currently has outline planning approval for the site, which was granted in 2010 and expires in August 2013. However, this proposal included three separate single-storey office blocks with a total floor-space of just

under 500 square metres instead of the retail unit that is now being suggested.

It is generally acknowledged that Reepham is in great need of a residential care home owing to the large number of elderly residents in the area, and the fact that there is no other opportunity for them to stay in the town should they require specialist care.

Reepham has also been without a veterinary surgery for many years, with the nearest located at Taverham or Aylsham.

The town does have a small supermarket – the Spar at the bottom of Ollands Road – although this unit does not have any off-street parking and is located on a difficult corner with Church Hill.

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# books

## Great Big Read goes to the movies – oh là là

JOIN Norfolk County Council's Library and Information Service during March and April to celebrate books that have been adapted as films.

Library staff and members of the public have helped choose 10 titles, and in the spring, libraries across the county will be encouraging people to pick these and other books up, discuss them with friends and simply enjoy reading.

The 10 books chosen to be featured in this year's Great Big Read are:

- *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier
- *The Hobbit* by JRR Tolkien
- *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- *Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy* by John Le Carré

- *Brighton Rock* by Graham Green
- *Breakfast at Tiffany's* by Truman Capote
- *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton
- *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
- *We Need to Talk About Kevin* by Lionel Shriver
- *Dracula* by Bram Stoker

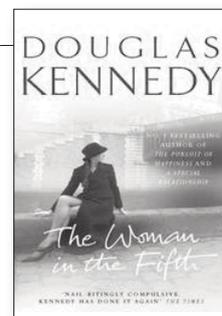
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As part of the Big Read, Reepham Library is calling on all readers to read, review and talk about Douglas Kennedy's *The Woman in the Fifth*, a best-seller set

in Paris. According to *The Times*, the book is "a thriller for people who don't like thrillers; a romance for people who don't like romances; a philosophical enquiry into the nature of truth and a thumping good read", so it should have something for everyone.

Reepham Library launched its Town Read at a French-style coffee morning on 1 March.

■ **For further details of events, visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries) Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter or pop in and see us**



# news

## Fate of The Crown to be decided by planning committee

THE Crown's destiny was due to be decided at a Broadland District Council Planning Committee meeting on 27 February – after this edition of *Reepham Life* had gone to press.

The Committee was scheduled to discuss a planning application to change the use of the public house in Ollands Road, Reepham, to a five-bedroom residence.

The building was originally three cottages that were converted into a single two-storey dwelling in the 19th century. It opened as a public house in 1861.

At a packed Council meeting on 9 January, Reepham Town Council strongly objected to the change of use application.

The meeting was attended by more than 50 residents, who voiced their concern about losing a valued community facility as well as a source of local employment. Many customers spoke passionately in support for The Crown, arguing that it is "the only traditional pub in the town".



Norfolk County Councillor James Joyce explained that the proposed planning application relating to the change of use would have to prove that the business is not sustainable as it is.

However, according to the landlord, Philip Shaw, The Crown is a viable business. "The pub is making money," he told the Town Council meeting. "And it is the only pub in Reepham with a beer garden and facilities for families."

It is understood the owner, Punch Taverns, wants to sell The Crown because it is trying to reduce its large debt.

Mr Shaw also pointed out that the Ollands Road pub is used by various sports and social clubs, as well as cyclists and walkers using the nearby Marriott's Way.

Town Council chairman Les Paterson said the timing of the application was unfortunate in view of the economic strategy project that has just started. He pointed out that The Crown is one of only three establishments open in the evening. "Closure would mean the loss of employment and affect the social cohesion of the town," he said.

Broadland District Councillor and Town Council vice chairman Chris Wheeler commented: "This is all about a community pub, which is part of the lifeblood of people in Reepham. The change of use for The Crown is wrong for so many reasons."

■ **Full details on the planning decision can be found on [www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk) as soon as it becomes available and in the April edition of *Reepham Life*.**

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# schools

## Cambridge success for Reepham College students

THREE Reepham College students have been offered places at Cambridge University, a first for the College, which has only been open for four years.

College director John Randall described them as an inspiration to future generations of students, proving admission to the world's top universities is within the grasp of children from rural Norfolk villages.

While the College has previously sent one student to Oxford, producing three Cambridge candidates from a group of 80 is quite an achievement.

The three are Hester Fox, who received an unconditional offer to study biological and natural sciences at Girton College; Jessica Cameron-Heffer, who will study natural sciences at Downing College; and Maria Seago, who will study medicine at Gonville and Caius College.

Hester is currently working at the school helping pupils with English and maths during her gap year. She said her



**The three successful Cambridge candidates (left to right): Hester Fox, Jessica Cameron-Heffer and Maria Seago**

letter of acceptance was a pleasant surprise: "I think I had to re-read it quite a few times before I believed it.

"I was genuinely expecting a 'no' so it was a massive surprise, but I was unbelievably happy."

# police

## Safer Neighbourhood Team listens to local issues

THE Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) covers 18 parishes with a residential population of approximately 9,000, with a high percentage of elderly and people who have retired to the area.

The team, led by Inspector Brian Sweeney, covers a large rural area including the small town of Reepham and larger villages of Cawston, Foulsham and Felthorpe. The rest of the district comprises numerous small villages and scattered farms.

In addition to the Beat Managers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), the neighbourhood is covered by five teams of SNT patrol officers, who respond to calls for service 24 hours a day, investigate crimes in the area and work with lo-

cal officers to deliver priorities.

Inspector Sweeney said: "We are listening to your issues and concerns and working with our partners to improve the quality of life, making you our priority.

"We are working hard to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and keep Reepham as one of the safest places to live in the country.

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Come and meet the team at one of the surgeries held at Reepham Police Station from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday 9 March and Wednesday 20 March.

■ **For details on surgeries and to find out more about the team visit [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)**  
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# church



## Lent soup lunches support people of Uganda

THE church congregation are pleased to be able to support *Reepham Life* because we are, of course, an integral part of the community. What would Reepham be without its two magnificent buildings, the juxtaposition of which is almost unique in Europe!

Two years ago, St Michael's was transformed from the cold, dowdy building it was, into the warm, bright and welcoming building it is today. It is there for the whole community to use, so do consider it when thinking of somewhere to hold an event – it's great for meetings, children's parties, classes, etc., and there are full kitchen facilities available.

The church exists to serve the community, and here in Reepham we try and do just that. Not only does some form of worship take place nearly every day, with the main service in St Mary's on Sunday at 10.30 am, but there are also many sup-



Photo: John Tym

**Burns Night was recently celebrated in St Michael's**

port organisations that cater for everyone, young and old. Please look on the church notice-board and on posters for further details.

We are now well and truly into the season of Lent. This is a rather solemn and reflective time for the church, and this year we are particularly focusing on helping the people of Uganda.

Every Friday during Lent, church members will provide simple soup lunches in St Michael's, and any donations received will be given to the Diocesan Lent Appeal. Everybody is welcome, so do please come along and bring your friends – there is no need to book.

On Sunday 10 March, we celebrate Mothering Sunday, when we encourage everyone to remember their mothers – and grandmothers!

Three weeks later on 31 March we celebrate the great festival of Easter, when the church will be transformed from its Lenten dourness into a wonderful display of risen life. Do come along and join us.

*Rosie Foottit*

## WHAT'S ON GUIDE

### March 2013

#### Saturday 9 March 2013

Reepham SNT surgery, Police Station, Market Place, Reepham, 10 am – 1 pm. Contact: Reepham SNT. Tel: 101.  
sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

#### Saturday 9 March 2013

Open meeting with Whitwell Common trustees, St Michael's, Reepham, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Contact: Tony Foottit  
acfoottit@hotmail.com

#### Saturday 9 March 2013

Film: *Argo* (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. For tickets or further information, contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749.  
bawdeswell@gmail.com

#### Sunday 10 March 2013

Mothering Sunday service, St Mary's, Reepham, 10.30 am, all welcome. Contact: Rev. Margaret Dean 01603 879275.

#### Wednesday 13 March 2013

Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) meeting, The Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 7 pm. Contact: Reepham SNT. Tel: 101.  
sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

#### Wednesday 13 March 2013

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

#### Saturday 16 March 2013

WWI Exhibition: Putting a Face to the Name – Reepham Remembering 100 years on, St Michael's, Reepham, 10 am – 2 pm. Contact: Ron Luton-Brown 01603 871726.  
roninreepham@yahoo.co.uk

#### Tuesday 19 March 2013

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. "Easy Exotics", a talk by Elizabeth Browne from the Urban Jungle Nursery, 7.45 pm. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158.

#### Wednesday 20 March 2013

Reepham SNT surgery, Reepham Police Station, Market Place, Reepham, 10 am – 1 pm. Contact: Reepham SNT. Tel: 101.  
sntreepham@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

#### Thursday 21 March 2013

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham. Treating Cardiovascular Diseases, speaker Ruth Wix, 7.30 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771.  
suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

#### Thursday 28 March 2013

Cawston Historical Society, Cawston Village Hall, 7.15 pm – 9.15 pm, A Shopping Spree of Yesteryear, talk by Neil Storey.

#### Friday 29 March 2013

Film: *In Love with Alma Cogan* (12A), Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Doors open at 7.15 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets (£4 each) available from Reepham Post

Office or the Kings Arms.

#### Sunday 31 March 2013

Easter Day service, St Mary's, Reepham, 10.30 am, all welcome. Contact: Rev. Margaret Dean 01603 879275.

#### Sunday 31 March 2013

Easter Egg Hunt, admission price; diesel trains, Whitwell & Reepham Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871694.  
richard@whitwellstation.com

#### April 2013

##### Tuesday 9 April 2013

The Reepham Society, St Michael's, Reepham. Inside Norfolk Churches, speaker: Richard Barham, 7.30 pm; the AGM will also take place at this meeting. Contact: Christine Powell 01603 879184.  
contact@reepham.org.uk

##### Wednesday 10 April 2013

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

##### Saturday 13 April 2013

Film: *Quartet* (12A), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. For tickets or further information, contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749.  
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##### Sunday 14 April 2013

Auto Jumble & MG Cars Visit; diesel trains, Whitwell & Reepham Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham 01603 871694.

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#### Tuesday 16 April 2013

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. AGM at 7.30 pm followed at 7.45 pm by "Bees in your Garden" – a talk by two of our members, Alvan Parker and Tony Myhill, with more than 60 years of beekeeping between them. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158.

#### Thursday 18 April 2013

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham. Miss Savage Moves House, speaker Christine Adams, 7.30 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771.  
suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

#### Saturday 20 April – Sunday 21 April 2013

1940s Weekend (Steam), Whitwell & Reepham Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871694.  
richard@whitwellstation.com

#### Thursday 25 April 2013

Cawston Historical Society, Cawston Village Hall, 7.15 pm – 9.15 pm, History of the Royal Air Force at Swanton Morley, talk by Stephen Pope.

#### Friday 26 April 2013

Film: *Skyfall* (12A), Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Doors open at 7.15 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets (£4 each) available from Reepham Post Office or the Kings Arms.

**Deadline for April issue:  
19 March 2013**

## USEFUL INFO

### Emergency services

Fire, emergency only: 999  
 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: [cldr.chris.wheeler@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:cldr.chris.wheeler@broadland.gov.uk)  
 Town Council Chairman: Les Paterson 01603 871983 or email: [les.paterson@yahoo.com](mailto:les.paterson@yahoo.com)

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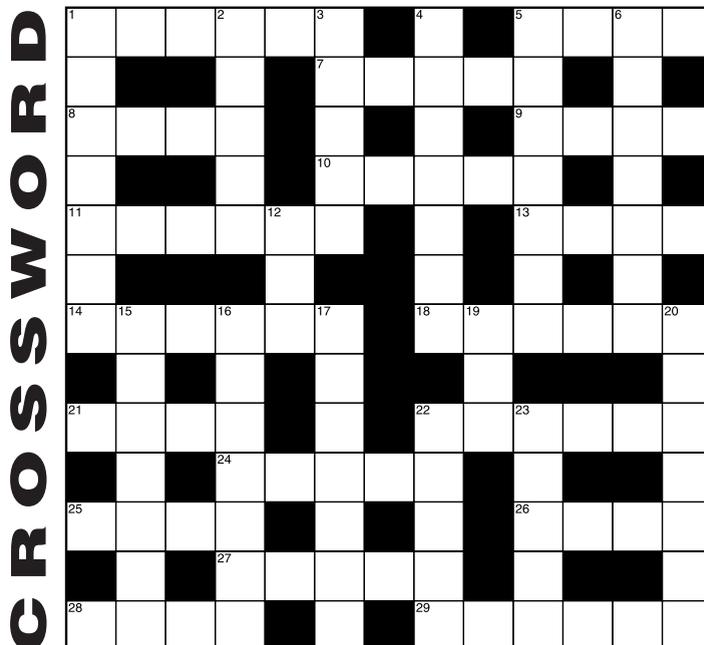
Market Day: Wednesday  
 Early closing: Some shops Thursday and/or Saturday

### Public transport

Daily coach services to Norwich. Weekday services to Cawston, Holt, Fakenham. Services once or twice a week to Aylsham, Wroxham, Wells, East Dereham. Timetables displayed outside the Bircham Centre; leaflets in the Library and the Town Office. 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>



### ACROSS

1. Obtained by begging
5. Corpse
7. Stupid (remark)
8. Cable
9. At a distance
10. Improper
11. Hubbub
13. Told falsehood
14. North African desert
18. Available at premises (2-4)
21. Prompts (memory)
22. Phases
24. Fashionable fad
25. Indolent
26. Genuine, ... fide
27. Slithery reptile

28. Contributes

29. Word comparison

### DOWN

1. Scaredy-cats
2. Athenian
3. Numeral
4. Fiery pepper sauce
5. Fab Four group
6. Local lingo
12. Misjudge
15. Kept clear of
16. Pus-filled sore
17. Woolly llama relatives
19. Few, ... many
20. Entrap
22. Genders
23. Photo book

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## New town councillor co-opted

PETTYWELL resident Sara Birtles (right) has been co-opted onto Reepham Town Council. Originally from the USA, Dr Birtles has been living in the UK since 1986 and in Reepham since 1993.

After receiving a PhD in landscape history from the UEA on the history of common land in Norfolk, she worked as a li-



brarian at the Norwich School, both in the main library and as keeper of the special collections.

Married with three children, Dr Birtles said: "As a family, we have benefited hugely from our time in Reepham. I feel it is time to give something back to the community, but I am equally looking forward to 'making a contribution'."

**April issue advertisement deadline: 26 March**  
**Please contact: Judy Holland on 01603 308158**  
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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 Dreisen 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 Group** Meets every Thursday from 2 pm – 4 pm in The Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Contact: Tamara Goulding 01603 870249.

**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 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. Homemade 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

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**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 on Sunday mornings at 8.20 am for an 8.30 am start at The Old Brewery House leisure centre car park. Tuesday evening sessions offer more structured training sessions with a coach and are suitable for all standards, 6.30 pm start on Stimpson's Piece, near the tennis courts. Email: reephamrunners@btinternet.com

**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 Dreisen 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 newborn 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: Rev. 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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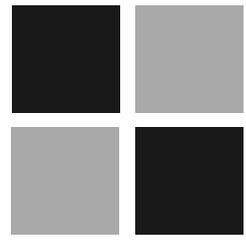
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