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Giant jigsaw completed as missing pieces added



Above: Graham Andrew with the completed jungle scene jigsaw, which measures 5.7 metres wide by 1.5 metres high and is now on display at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital. Below: Joining the sections of the jigsaw

THE world's biggest jigsaw has finally been completed by a Reepham-based team of enthusiasts and presented to the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital, where it will go on display for four weeks.

However, completion of the vibrant jungle scene puzzle was not without its challenges with several volunteers failing to turn up and a number of pieces mysteriously disappearing.

Co-ordinated by local entertainer Graham Andrew, the "Wildlife" jigsaw with 33,600 pieces was completed by around 200 helpers aged from three to 90, taking 120 hours over several weeks in August at Stimpson's Piece pavilion in Reepham.

However, a number of pieces had inadvertently fallen into volunteers' shop-

ping bags or handbags as they were working on the enormous puzzle, and these were returned, but Mr. Andrew was still four pieces short.

As a precaution he had bought a £160 replica jigsaw in case pieces were lost. But when he tried to use pieces from the second puzzle to fill in gaps they did not match as each puzzle is uniquely cut.

The four missing pieces were hastily ordered from puzzle manufacturer Educa Borrás in Barcelona Spain, where they had to be specially cut to match the surrounding pieces.

These were delivered in early September and the whole jigsaw, which measures 5.7 metres wide by 1.5 metres high and built in several sections, was finally glued together, mounted and

presented on 15 September to the hospital.

Sponsorship was raised to fund the project, with profits being split between Reepham Nursery School and the Aylsham-based Holding Hands With Our Courageous Children charity.

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news

Third beer festival raises more than £500 for charity

THE third Reepham Beer Festival was held at Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Reepham, over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Organised by Panther Brewery, the three-day event showcased some of the best beers from Norfolk, Sussex, Suffolk and Essex from award-winning micro-breweries.

One of the Norfolk ales available had just won the Best Beer in Britain awarded by CAMRA in London.

There was fantastic music over the festival featuring nine bands – Panther head brewer Martin James thought Eye of the Panther were outstanding.

Many people were so impressed with Almost Elton with his sparkly outfits that they thought he must be a professional. Thanks to all the bands who played, with most waiving their fees for this charitable event.

There was plenty of tasty food to soak up the beer, including freshly baked pizza cooked in a wood-fired oven, curries to die for and ice cream to cool us down.

Thanks also to the supporters of this event, including Reepham Life, Norfolk Country Cottages and Cookes Pianos



(who supplied the piano for Elton).

The event could not have taken place without the volunteers who worked hard throughout the weekend, providing everyone with ale, as well as setting up and cleaning away.

The continental bar was again a great success and many thanks to Cheryl and Mark of Thirst Consultants for running the bar.

This year's event raised more than £500, which will be split between Reepham Scouts and Stimpson's Piece charity.

Next year we will be letting the grass grow again at Stimpson's Piece, but look out for a Panther Brewery Beer Festival in the future.

The Panther Crew

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Please do let us know if you are not receiving a regular copy or if you know of anyone who isn't. Thank you.

Judy Holland, Reepham Life

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Become a member of your local community centre

THE Bircham Centre building was donated in trust by Samuel Bircham in 1919 shortly after the end of the First World War. During the war, the main building was used as a Red Cross Hospital.

The building is unique, with parts dating back to the 16th century. It is held in trust by the people of Reepham for the people of Reepham and was donated "for use as a reading room and community meeting place".

The building now houses a charity shop, library, art gallery, book store

and the Reepham Archive, and is used by many local groups and businesses for activities and meetings; it also has a large walled garden for use by the public and available for hire.

Without public support and donations, the Centre would not be able to maintain this wonderful old building.

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number and placed in a draw each month for £25 (first prize), £15 (second prize) and £10 (third prize).

Please join and support us to keep the Centre open and running for the benefit of all.

■ For more information or for a membership form: please contact the administrator, Gill Wheatley 01603 879242 or thebirchamcentre@gmail.com

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Retail opportunity

YOUR correspondent Gerald Rowe (Reepham Life, September) asks whether the Dial House is good for Reepham and whether shopkeepers are suffering.

The answer is that the Dial House brings people to Reepham who would not otherwise be there – and that must be an opportunity for retailers.

On a recent Monday I brought my family to the Dial House for lunch, which I do from time to time. I had no problem in parking in the square.

As we left the restaurant we had some shopping to do, but most of the shops were shut.

I understood from a local shop owner that the square was dead that morning, with just five cars before visitors started arriving at the Dial House.

It is hardly the problem of the Dial House if its success brings more people to the town.

And any retailer who cannot increase their trade with more traffic needs to take a long, hard look at their business. Having more visitors is a problem that

many other small towns would love.

More car parking may well be needed, but complaining about one of the potential engines of growth is hardly sensible.

Richard Cooke, Hammond Place, Lyng

Whingeing brigade

WHENEVER I read a letter that says “I have lived in Reepham since I was born” or “I live in Australia, but I wouldn’t want a takeaway in Reepham” my heart sinks.

Iain Wilson has regenerated a large area of the town. The buildings are drastically improved. We have a good hotel. We have a restaurant. We have a coffee shop. There is a new hairdressing salon

There are 16 new homes with their own off-road parking. This has all been done with minimum disruption to the neighbourhood.

People visiting the hotel won’t necessarily come to buy their groceries, but they may go to the King’s Arms for a

pint or they may buy presents in the gift shop.

People living in the new houses will probably go to the Spar, the butchers, the DIY and the greengrocers, and everyone uses Mott’s Pharmacy.

People come into town to use the library, and the Bircham Centre charity shop is thriving.

Did Mr Wilson take on this project for the benefit of the town? Voting for whether his development is a good idea is fatuous.

He is a businessman; he is not responsible for the fortunes of other businesses. He needs to make a profit on his investments.

We live in a changing world and anecdotal evidence about parking and empty shops is pointless.

Many people shop online; several shops have closed.

If anyone wants to raise their hands

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or point their finger then they should start with HSBC.

Many people came to town to use the bank and used the shops in passing. If someone is forced to go to Dereham, Aylsham or Norwich [to use the bank] then that is where they will shop.

Closing the bank has had a detrimental impact on both businesses and residents.

Fortunately, the post office is doing its best to fill in the gaps (until the whingeing brigade decide that a cash machine will cause litter, bad smells or parking problems).

It seems that the people who complain about the town dying are the same people who complain about new enterprises. We do not live in a museum.

*Jill Burton, Old Brewery Lane,
Reepham*

Business lost to doggy do

WHILE enjoying the lovely weather at the end of August, I decided to take a walk along the Marriott's Way from Reepham in the direction of Aylsham. What a lovely stroll through woods and past open fields.

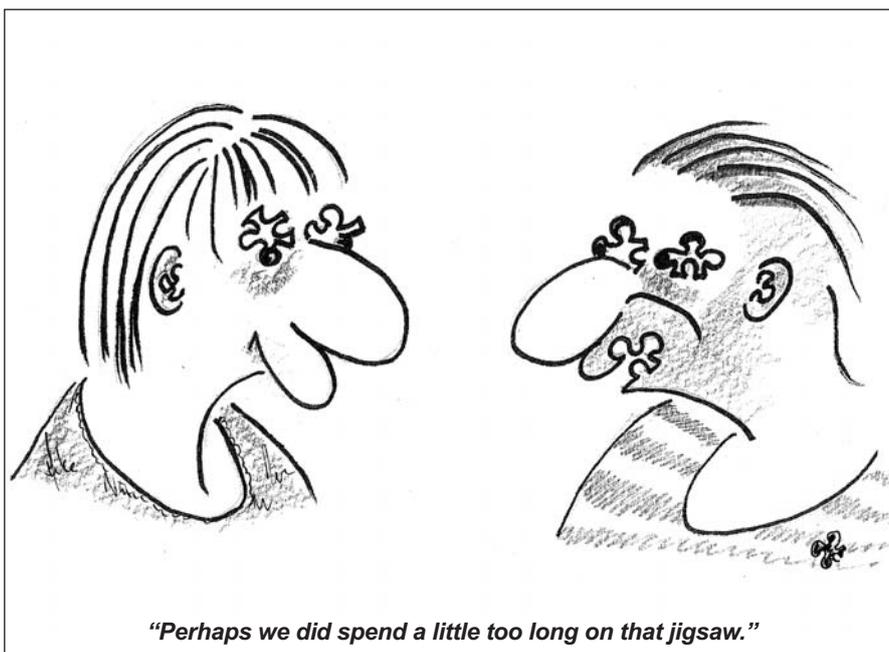
However, approaching the road bridge at Cawston I began to see not one or two, but literally dozens of piles of dog droppings festering away in the heat. How disgusting – and a health hazard to both adults and children.

It seems that many irresponsible dog-owners are happy to take their animals down the steps from the bridge into the cutting and let their dogs do their business without even attempting to pick up the mess – all because they can't be seen and can't be bothered.

Now I can't prove it is Cawston residents only who are responsible, but given the lack of nearby parking and the hidden nature of the access leads me to believe that they are the most likely culprits, giving all dog-owners a bad name.

I was so disgusted that I turned around and went back to Reepham. I had heard there was a nice deli in Cawston, but, unfortunately, they lost my business. Thanks a bunch, Cawston.

Name and address supplied



A railway, not a footpath

IT would appear that both sides have adequate reasons to either support or oppose the proposals to re-lay railway track at Whitwell & Reepham Station.

Unfortunately, railway tracks are not very flexible, but surely the footpath/bridleway can be diverted and the track re-laid on what after all is the old railway track-bed and not a footpath/bridleway.

John Mason, Wood Hill, Taverham

No right of way

I SUPPORT Whitwell Station's plans and want to see the track re-laid.

"Although it is acknowledged that Marriott's Way is not a public right of way..." is sufficient to indicate there is no right of way.

*Alan Taylor, La Chapelle,
Foulognes, France*

Special memories

I RECEIVE a copy of Reepham Life via email, and I so much enjoy reading about the families and businesses in this lovely little town where I hold many special memories.

Some readers may remember me as the secretary of the primary school, where I worked for many years, so it is of great interest to me to read about the continuing lives of many of the people I used to know.

(You may remember that Reepham Life was kind enough to print an

article on my published books last year.)

I was interested to see that the lovely Robertson family still run their butcher's shop, and to read familiar names on the letters pages and in group activities.

The people in Reepham are indeed very fortunate to have such a wonderfully informative and professional publication at their disposal, and I congratulate the whole team on their achievement.

Shirley Dawson, Llíber, Spain

Intoxicated classifieds

TO whoever edits the free ads section in Reepham Life, if there are not enough ads to fill it, please don't make up spoof ones; it gives a bad impression of an otherwise good publication.

They are not clever or even remotely funny, particularly the three ridiculous rigmaroles in the last edition.

Was the person responsible for them drunk when they wrote them?

*Hilary Gostling, Bircham Road,
Reepham*

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The enforceability of oral contracts

CAN you rely on an oral agreement? A better question perhaps is should you rely on an oral agreement?

The recent Court of Appeal ruling in *Ely v Robson* involved a dispute between a former couple, Mr Ely and Miss Robson, who had two children and had lived together in the home purchased solely by Mr Ely in 1987 and registered in his name. In time, Robson's elderly aunt and mother also came to live at the property.

After the couple's separation in 2007, the parties met informally to try and resolve matters. Following the discussions, Ely's solicitor wrote setting out the terms of the oral agreement.

legal view

MARK FOLEY



So this was an oral agreement, but there was some evidence of the contents of this oral agreement in a letter, but it was not a written agreement. (I hope this is clear...)

When it reached court, Robson disputed any oral agreement had been reached and argued that she would not have accepted anything less than a half of the property.

The Court of Appeal dismissed Robson's appeal and ruled that the oral agreement was binding. The informal meeting occurred seven years before the matter came to court and the parties had acted in accordance with the "agreement".

There seems to be an ever increasing demand in family cases for the parties to agree and there is an incentive to-

wards mediation.

While mediation can work, a good mediator will recommend that parties should get legal advice; family lawyers' experience is that frequently legal advice is not sought.

In any event, advice is best taken at the start and as the negotiations progress – not once the broad terms are agreed because by then it may be impossible, or very expensive, to undo.

Solicitors invariably advise to have agreements committed to writing as evidence of what was agreed.

To have the Court decide that an oral agreement is binding is possibly unhelpful; will people be tempted to merely rely on an oral agreement?

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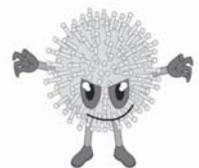
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Thanks for efforts of long-serving councillor

COUNCILLOR Andrea Wilson (right) resigned from the Town Council in August because she and her husband Jeff have moved and are now living in Kent.



Andrea has been the longest serving of our current councillors, having been with us for some 10 years.

She has also been instrumental in driving forward all the recent improvements to the Town Hall.

It is thanks to her that the clerk's office was relocated to the Town Hall, that we now have an up-to-date kitchen, that a cinema system has been installed and that the main hall was thoroughly insulated to the highest standards.

More recently, the last of Andrea's projects – the refurbishment of the toilets – was completed, again to a very high standard.

It is fair to say that, without her drive and persistence, much of this work could not have been done.

As it is, with the exception of some minor developments that still need attention, we now have a Town Hall that we can all be justifiably proud of.

But it was not only in her role as councillor that Andrea was involved in the Town Hall.

The Town Hall is managed on behalf of the Town Council by an independent management committee in which Andrea and Jeff played active roles as secretary and treasurer respectively.

We would like to express our thanks for all the work Andrea has done on behalf of the residents of Reepham and wish her and Jeff happiness in their new life in Kent.

Prospective councillors

Reepham Town Council is at the

first level of local government, working in conjunction with Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council, to ensure that local services are provided and local needs met within the framework set out by central government.

The Town Council should comprise 12 councillors who make decisions at meetings, which are usually held on the second Wednesday of each month, except August.

Councillors are notified of agenda items for all meetings in advance. Financial reports are circulated to all councillors before each meeting by the finance officer.

As far as possible any queries that a councillor may have on agenda items should be raised with the town clerk (who is responsible for ensuring the Council operates in accordance with Standing Orders) or the finance officer before the meeting to prevent any undue delays in progressing Council business at the meeting.

It is not anticipated that any councillor should, on average, expect to attend more than about 11 formal meetings a year, but inevitably there may be periods when there are additional calls on councillors' time.

The Council will, wherever possible, conduct all its correspondence electronically.

To enable councillors to undertake their duties responsibly a training session will be offered.

Reepham Town Council has statutory obligations or functions delegated from other bodies that it must fulfil on a continuing basis.

These include responsibility for maintaining the cemeteries, the churchyard and the public toilets, and overseeing items such as dog and litter bins, noticeboards, etc.

Your Town Council

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Janet Pender-Cudlip

Michael Pender-Cudlip

John Rawlinson

Anne Woollett

(six vacancies)

Town Clerk: Jo Boxall

Finance Officer: Sally Gill

In addition, the Town Council either owns or controls assets on behalf of the community, including the Town Hall.

Stimpson's Piece was donated to, and is held in trust on behalf of, the people of Reepham, the sole trustee being Reepham Town Council.

There are meetings of the trustee, which are usually held on the same evenings as the full Town Council meetings.

Stimpson's Piece should be managed by a management committee, but a lack of volunteers in recent years has prevented this.

The maintenance of the green open space and the play equipment in Overton Way is also the responsibility of the Town Council.

There are three allotment sites – on Norwich Road, Stony Lane and Fiddler's Field – and the Council is responsible for the maintenance of the communal areas, fences and hedges.

The Market Place is owned by the Town Council, which currently holds an events licence for the Market Place to enable community groups to use the area for events or entertainments.

The Council is also responsible for the upkeep and replacement, where necessary, of the street lighting.

■ There are still several vacancies so if you would like further information about being a Councillor, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Council Office or speak to one of the existing councillors. Reepham needs you!

Contact us – we can only do what you want if we know what you want

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from the archive

Can you identify these young band players?

THE Reepham Archive is looking for any information on the young people in this photo. Is it you investigating an instrument that's almost as big as you?

All the pictures in this series seem to be of the Reepham Juniors & Reepham Primary Band, the younger sections of the Reepham Band, which developed during and after the Second World War, encouraged and trained by Gordon Frankland, as well as their main conductor E T Ruffles.

The pictures were grouped together, so we assume it is the same occasion, and notes on these photographs suggest they were taken at a brass band contest sponsored by the Daily Herald and held at St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, in 1946.

Do any readers have a memory of this day or can you help identify some more of these young faces? Visit the Reepham Archive website to see all 12 photographs from this set.

Also in 1946 Reepham Juniors took part in a band contest held at Reepham House under the auspices of the East Anglian Brass Band Association. Ten bands took part with E T Ruffles conducting Reepham Juniors and Fakenham Town.

Tommy Ruffles had a long and successful connection with the Reepham Band from its early days in the 1930s as the Reepham Temperance Band.

He also conducted other bands in the area, such as Fakenham (his home town), Aylsham, Hindolveston and Hilgay Excelsior. He first suggested a "Boys' Band" in about 1934 to train up younger players.

Janet Archer

■ The Reepham Archive is open to the public on the first Wednesday and Saturday of the month from 10 am to 12 noon (or by appointment), upstairs in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham.



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schools

'Exceptional' exam results for Reepham students

FOR the sixth successive year Reepham High School & College A-level students achieved exceptional examination results: 100% of A-level examinations were passed at grades A*-E with 86% passed at grades A*-C.

Even more impressive was the progress students made between the ages of 16 and 18. By this measure Reepham College is in the top 5% of post-16 institutions in the country.

Given the success of the sixth form it is no surprise that it attracts students from as far afield as Wells-next-the-Sea, Norwich, Fakenham, East Dereham, Litcham, Holt and Aylsham.

The theoretical capacity of the college is 225 students, but this September it attracted 240 students, with nearly half of these from outside the RHSC catchment area.

This year's GCSE results were equally impressive. Nationally, a new measure called Progress 8 has been introduced this summer. This measures the progress every pupil makes between the ages of 11 and 16 in eight key GCSE subjects.

If a school scores 0 this means that on average every pupil achieved the same GCSE grade as the national average pupil of the same ability.

Our data indicate that our Progress 8



score will be +0.6 – this means that on average every RHSC pupil gained more than half a grade higher in each of their eight GCSEs than they would have done had they attended an "average" school.

This is a remarkable figure and, we believe, likely to be one of the top three schools in Norfolk. (The official Progress 8 figures will be issued in October.)

Within the big picture there were many cases of wonderful individual suc-

cess. Given that 23% of all GCSEs were at A* or A grade it might be no surprise that 13 pupils gained at least 10 GCSEs at A*/A grade.

Our highest achieving pupil was Emily Gilbert (inset, above), who gained a remarkable 12 GCSEs at A* grade.

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

Junior members welcome at Broadland Chess Club

THE 2016/17 season has begun and Broadland Chess Club has five teams in the Norfolk league: two in division 1 and three in division 3. There will also be teams in all of the cup competitions.

Over the summer a strong tournament was contested by six of Broadland's county players, including junior international Karthik Saravanan. The convincing winner was Henry Duncanson, who joined the club as a seven-year-old and is now ranked number one in Norfolk.

The in-house club championship has grown and will now be run in two sections. In addition, a junior championship will be held. One of Broadland's current juniors, Ieysaa Bin-Suhayl, has just played in the European under-12 championship.

The club is always keen to welcome and encourage new junior members. Tuition, encouragement and support is offered by the more experienced members and a chance to play in the club championships.

The game of chess involves strategic thinking and can help increase problem solving skills, concentration, memory, reading and mathematical ability.

Membership of the club for under 18s is currently only £5 per year.

■ More information and contact details can be found on the Broadland Chess Club website or Facebook page. It meets every Monday and Wednesday at 7.30 pm at the King's Head, Wroxham Road, Coltishall.

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Celebrate the Marriott's Way in October

A WEEK of events celebrating the Marriott's Way takes place from 1 October in Broadland to tie in with the Marriott's Way 10k race on Sunday 9 October.

The Marriott's Way Celebration Art Exhibition will showcase the wildlife, nature and heritage of this 26-mile footpath, bridleway and cycle route, through art from local artists.

Visitors to Reepham on Saturday 8 October and Sunday 9 October can visit Rushlight Gallery (Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm), the Bircham Centre (Saturday and Sunday, 10 am – 3 pm) and St Michael's church (Saturday 10 am – 3 pm, Sunday 12 noon – 3 pm) to discover artwork inspired by the Marriott's Way, one of the popular Norfolk Trails paths that follows the route of two disused railway lines.

Families walking the route are also encouraged to take part in a stamp scheme as part of the celebrations. Pick up a stamp card and collect five or



more stamps from participating venues in Aylsham, Cawston and Reepham from 1-9 October and receive a free train ride at Whitwell Station at the next Steam Sunday event.

This year, places in the popular Mar-

riott's Way 10k sold out two months before the event.

The race, which is now in its eighth year, runs along a 10-km section of the Marriott's Way between Aylsham and Reepham, which is mostly off-road and generally quite flat.

The race, sponsored by Whitwell Station, McCarthys and SweatShop, will finish from 11.15 am onwards in Reepham Market Place.

Race supporters include Woodgate Nursery, Norfolk & Suffolk 4X4 Response, Reepham Runners, Norfolk Civil Protection Volunteers and Reepham Spar.

If you can no longer run, or would like to go on the waiting list, email sport@broadland.gov.uk

Please note that, in line with race terms and conditions, there are no refunds or name changes.

■ Organisers are keen to hear runners' Marriott's Way stories, whether their journey from couch to 10k, a tale of personal challenges to get fit for the race or fundraising for a local charity, by sharing using the hashtag #MarriottsOffFire on Facebook or Twitter.

■ For more information on the race, visit www.broadland.gov.uk/MW10k or email: sport@broadland.gov.uk

Marriott's Way Celebration
Art exhibition
Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 October

A celebration through art of all things Marriott's Way, to tie in with the Marriott's Way 10k race held on 9 October.

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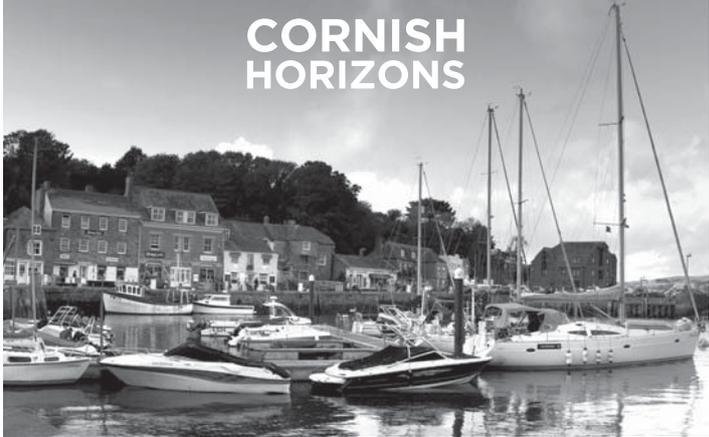
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Stay well this winter – book your flu vaccination

GP practices in North Norfolk and rural Broadland are urging people to help themselves stay well this winter by booking in for a free NHS flu vaccination.

Flu clinics have been taking place from mid-September so now is the time to ask at your GP practice if you think you are eligible. Don't put it off, take up the offer from your GP as soon as you can. Free flu vaccinations may also be offered by your local pharmacy.

Flu is not like a bad cold; it is a debilitating condition that affects the whole body. It can increase the risk of developing more serious illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia, and it can also make existing conditions worse.

Serious cases of flu can result in being admitted to hospital and in some instances could be fatal.

During the clinics, many practices also check patients aged over 65 for atrial fibrillation, looking for any signs that their



heart may be starting to beat irregularly.

If you're aged 65 or over you are eligible for the pneumococcal vaccine, which will help protect you from pneumococcal diseases.

The flu jab for adults – and nasal spray for children – is safe and it cannot give you flu because it does not contain live viruses.

Adults are eligible to receive a free flu jab from the NHS if they: are 65 years of age or over; are pregnant; have certain medical conditions; are very overweight; are living in a long-stay

residential care home or other long-stay care facility; receive a carer's allowance or are the main carer for an elderly or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill; are a front-line health and social care worker (it is your employer's responsibility to arrange vaccination for you).

The flu vaccine is recommended for: children over the age of six months with a long-term health condition; children aged two, three and four plus those in school years one, two or three; children aged between six months and two years who are eligible for the flu vaccine (this group should have the flu jab); children eligible for the flu vaccine aged between two and 17 (this group usually have the flu vaccine nasal spray).

Your GP practice, pharmacist, health visitor or school nurse can provide more information, or there is more detailed guidance available online.



digger's diary

Working to put right the damage

AUTUMN is now here; and speaking of things ancient and modern, let us consider the disused Norwich Road cemetery.

In spring 2011, this cemetery experienced a severe attack of vandalism. Many of the crosses were broken off their bases (this does not include the tall marble crosses that had fallen before); other graves were smashed.

Most poignant of these were the tall headstone to Mary Anne Barber and her four children who did not live long enough to receive names – this was broken into pieces – and the grave of a one-year-old child inscribed only "Joan; a little child shall lead them". In addition,

large sheets of cardboard and other rubbish were strewn around.

The damage took place after February, the date when the Norfolk Family History Society made a record of all the inscriptions, and the damaged monuments were then complete, and it was July when Digger first noticed it.

It was clear that there had been no attempt to even tidy up the damage, let alone remove the litter. So Digger enquired of the Town Council whether anything would be done and was told that the Reepham Society looked after the cemetery – to be followed by another message within a week that the Society

said they no longer had the means to do so, and would be very grateful if Digger could take over.

So Digger worked all that autumn and winter placing the fallen crosses back by their bases (for only the family of the deceased are allowed actually to repair a grave, and they are mostly unknown now) and reassembling the broken headstones lying flat.

Digger would find it interesting to learn why the people who have written letters to this publication criticising the way he manages the cemetery had not themselves done anything to put right the damage.



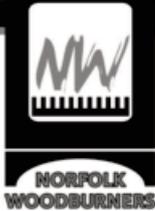
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Stop going weak at the knees

I USED to laugh at advertisements for cures, supplements and ointment for joint pain, but now I find I have developed a deep interest in them.

I have been told that I will need knee replacements eventually, and in my mind the operation will be smooth and mechanical, like getting the car mended at the garage and being returned to me as good as new.

However, I have discovered the operation is much trickier than that, and a doctor relative tells me that risk of infection in the bone is possible, and at worst could result in amputation, and posed the question: "Would you be in a better or worse position if that were to happen?"

No doubt there since, if I am careful, my knees are generally not so bad and I'm much better off with two legs than one.

A different story recently when I would gladly have had one leg removed as the pain was terrible: piercing, sharp continuous agony in the knee joint and the only relief brought by a number of pills.

A cure for this? My fellow knee sufferer "experts" suggest an arthroscopy to wash out the pain-causing broken bits, but my doctor relative tells me a reliable study shows the placebo effect of sticking a scalpel in the knee and making splashing sounds with a bowl of water (of course, the surgeon would have to pretend to do the operation) is just as ef-



fective. In my case, the pain was gone in two days anyway.

By coincidence I have just met someone who practises Chinese healing methods, and I have been shown how to use acupuncture and given various exercises to keep all joints mobile.

Interestingly, this is working for me; I have much less pain and know that my posture is much better than it has been for a long while because when one bit of you hurts you tend to "save" that bit and put too much pressure elsewhere.

I am now optimistic that I can stave off the dreaded new knees for, hopefully, a long time.

Just don't set your shed on fire

OCTOBER brings in the autumn gales and colder weather. Some annuals and dahlias will keep flowering until the first frosts blacken the plants, so enjoy them while they last.

Dahlias, once frosted, are best dug up and stored in slightly damp, but not wet, compost in a dark, cool but frost-free place. Old annuals and dying vegetable plants can be cleared and discarded, composted or burnt.

Burning leaves and other allotment rubbish is permitted, but only in a contained incinerator and you must be present while it burns – you don't want to set your shed on fire.

Also remember to check for hedgehogs and other wildlife before setting anything alight.

Hardy broad bean seeds, such as Aquadulce, planted now will grow through the winter to produce an early



crop next year. If the winter weather turns particularly hard, the seedlings can be protected with cloches.

Garlic cloves can be planted in their own well-draining bed or, if you've a mouse problem, amongst the bean seeds where that garlic scent should deter foragers.

There should still be time to dig up the last of the potato crop before the

first frosts.

Large clods of soil can be left to be broken down by the cold winter weather, but now is a good time to add plenty of organic matter to my sandy Norfolk soil.

There's no need for further digging. Heap generous amounts of manure or compost on top of the soil and let the worms pull it under the surface for you.

I always manage to miss a few tiny spuds, but that just means there'll be surprise potatoes growing in unexpected places next year.

One day I will do some digging on my allotment and not find the odd potato, but that day has not come yet.

Sarah Oates

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

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

Art success for Rotary Club at 'brilliant' Aylsham Show

BRILLIANT weather at the annual Aylsham Show helped Reepham & District Rotary Club to a successful and profitable art exhibition on the August Bank Holiday.

Despite a reduction in the number of exhibits, the art sales, raffle and catering delivered what may turn out to be the most profitable year in the club's history, with profits in excess of £4,500.

By agreement with the show organisers, this will benefit our charities for the

year: Norfolk & Waveney Prostate Support Group, Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide, and Mind's Support Line.

The Rotary Club would like to thank all the artists, visitors and helpers who made it a very successful day.

Food Festival progress

Plans are continuing for the Reepham Food Festival, which the club is organising for 27-28 May 2017. We have been going to other festivals to see how

things are done and meeting many of the local food producers. We are now looking for the sponsorship needed to fund the festival.

There will be public meetings and displays in the town soon to let you know our plans.

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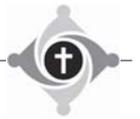
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Rector appointed an Honorary Canon

WE were all delighted to hear that our Rector, Margaret Dean (right), has been appointed an Honorary Canon of Norwich Cathedral.



Revd Margaret Dean

She will be installed in the Cathedral by Bishop Graham on 16 October at 3.30 pm.

The addition of "Honorary" to the title is because she will not be paid for this responsibility.

The Church doesn't go in for competitive and elimination games to find the best minister, like Masterchef or Strictly Come Dancing.

It is left to the Bishop to bestow the title of Canon as a token of thanks and recognition to clergy who have given distinguished service to the church and wider community.

The word "canon" is interesting; it is not a gun, which is spelt "cannon".

A canon is literally a straight piece of wood used as a ruler. It has come to mean a rule of community life, or a person living under rule as in a monastic community, or an authorised set of books like the Bible, or a prescribed form of prayer.

In the Church of England the title is

given to those who share responsibility with the Dean for the oversight of the Cathedral.

These include, as well as the Residentiary Canons, a number of clergy whom the Bishop wishes to associate with his Cathedral in gratitude and appreciation of their ministry.

Margaret's appointment comes at a time when she is being asked to undertake extended responsibilities, although her appointment as a Canon is entirely separate to this.

Proposals are under way for our Deanery of Sparham to be divided into two team ministries. One of these will be formed by uniting Reepham, Salle, Thurning and Wood Dalling with Alderford with Attlebridge, Bylaugh, Elsing, Lyng, Great with Little Witchingham, Sparham, Swannington and Weston Longville.

Margaret will become the Team Rector of this team ministry, probably to be called the Reepham and Wensum Valley Team Ministry; she will work in partnership with a Team Vicar, yet to be appointed.

This all sounds rather complicated, but the essence of it is co-operation and mutual support between clergy and parishes across a wider area.

It is only right that we should express our delight and rejoice in Margaret's appointment as a Canon.

We are blessed by her ministry among us, and that of Tim, her husband and Associate Minister, who is also our Rural Dean, and thank them for all they do.

Bishop Tony Footitt

Planning news

● A planning application for the installation of a 24-hour cash machine outside Johnsons of Reepham in Market Place has been approved. Approval has also been granted for the installation of security bollards in front of the ATM, as well as non-illuminated signs.

● A planning application (no. 20161486) has been submitted to Broadland District Council for a change of use of the former Euronics electrical store at 18 School Road, Reepham, to a dog grooming salon. Lindsay Fitzhugh, who runs MutzKutz Professional Dog Groomers & Pawtique, hopes to open in early October. The proposed opening times are 9.30 am – 5 pm, Monday to Saturday.

The secret of making funny faces

OUR August meeting was a most stimulating experience. Jean Clarke, full of energy and enthusiasm, explained how face yoga can help to ease headaches and tired eyes. It also helps tighten the jaw line and energise the face.

Everyone joined in, following her demonstrations. Most of us looked like competitors in a gurning contest.

I have kept up the exercises every

day since and I'm sure my double chin is shrinking. It was a fun evening.

Coming soon

● 20 October: Focus on Jewellery with Claire Tuck of Bonhams;

● 17 November: Christmas Flower Arrangement with Cystal Dyball and annual general meeting;

● 15 December: Christmas celebrations (more later).

There will be a Christmas meal this year, but arrangements have still to be finalised.

We meet on the third Thursday in the month at 7.30 pm in St Michael's, Reepham. All women are welcome to join us.

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YOUR TWEETS

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

- Good luck to all our ex-students starting their new adventures at work or uni! Let us know how you are getting on. Reepham College @ReephamCollege
- Remembering Reg Fisher born 1897 Reepham, died 1954 Norwich, fought in the first tank battle 100 years ago. Ron Luton-Brown @RonTheCleaner
- Work has now started on re-laying a

section of granite setts on the Whitwell East platform. Whitwell Railway @WhitwellReepham

● The club are delighted to announce the signing of Danny Lloyd, one of the best goalkeepers in the Anglian Combination Premier Division. Welcome aboard, Danny. Reepham Town FC @Reepham_Town_FC

● A huge well done to Great Witchingham Primary and Reepham Primary for your School Games Gold Award. Congratulations. WNDSSP @WNDSSP

● Amazing team at Country Salon in the Dial House. Fantastic haircut and such great customer service. Heydon's loss is Reepham's gain! Judy Wayman @HorizonJude

● Puzzle makers in Reepham frustrated after losing final four pieces in attempt to build world's biggest jigsaw. Norwich Journal @norwichjournal

● Reepham Life could have been Reepham Death when farm bales collapsed onto Marriott Way! Ian D Wakefield @landwakefield



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Friday 7 – Sunday 9 October

Beer Festival, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, Friday 5–10 pm, Saturday 10 am – 10 pm, Sunday 10 am – 8 pm. A variety of real ales on offer; normal bar facilities, wines, ciders and lagers also available, together with BBQ and cakes, etc. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

Saturday 8 – Sunday 9 October

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Saturday 8 October

Film: Golden Years – Grand Theft OAP (12A), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

Sunday 9 October

Marriott's Way 10k – a 10-km race along the Marriott's Way from Aylsham to Reepham. There will be three waves of runners starting at 11 am, 11.10 am and 11.20 am. More details: www.broadland.gov.uk/mw10k

Tuesday 11 October

Behind the Scenes at Ickworth, Reepham Society visit to Ickworth Hall, near Bury St Edmunds, full

day. Numbers are limited. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

Wednesday 12 October

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

Tuesday 18 October

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Tony Leech, Norfolk Wildlife Trust trustee and county fungus recorder: Witches and Devils (the Darker Side of Fungi). Plus: Autumn Bag Sale – please bring surplus plants in bags to be sold at 50p per bag. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

Thursday 20 October

Oddfellows coffee/tea morning to celebrate Friendship month, Reepham Station Tearoom, Station Road, Reepham, 11 am. All welcome. First cup free

Thursday 20 October

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Interesting Jewellery with Claire Tuck of Bonhams. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

Friday 21 October

Auction of Promises, St Michael's, Reepham, 7 pm. Proceeds to the Three Churches Project. Tickets £5 to include a glass of wine and canapés; cash bar. Tickets on sale from Very Nice Things, Market Place, Reepham, Sue Page 01603 870886 or John Vertigan 01603 870281

Friday 28 October

Film: A Hologram for the King (12A), Sparham Old School Room, Well Lane, Sparham. Doors open at 7 pm, film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Drinks and snacks available. Contact: Sparham Village Cinema – Janet Bolderston 01362 688984 or Adam/Judith Pryke 01362 688426

Sunday 6 November

The Reepham Women's section of the Royal British Legion is running a coach to Springfields Outlet Shopping in Spalding, Lincolnshire, cost £15 (to be paid by 6 October). Picking up at Aylsham 9 am, Cawston 9.15 am and Station Road car park, Reepham 9.30 am. To book, contact Moira Dye 01603 871791 or stoneywood38@sky.com, or any member of the Women's Section

Sunday 6 November

Steam Sunday, Whitwell Station, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 10 am – 4 pm. An opportunity to see and ride behind our steam engine Victory. BBQ, tea, coffee, etc. available from the Station Buffet and Sidings Bar. Drivers experience for £50 available, advance booking essential. Tel: 01603 871694. Email: info@whitwellstation.com

Tuesday 8 November

Reepham Society meeting, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Norfolk Before the Romans: Age Gold and Boudica's Rebellion – Natasha Hutcheson. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

Wednesday 9 November

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

Friday 11 November

Film: Florence Foster Jenkins (PG), Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Doors open 7.30 pm, film starts 8 pm. Tickets £4, available from Reepham Post Office or on the door. Contact: Reepham Village Cinema cb@cblk.co.uk

Saturday 12 November

Film: Learning to Drive (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

Tuesday 15 November

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Peter Skeggs-Gooch, owner of Thorncroft

Clematis: A complete guide to clematis – an overview on clematis for every season and the different ways in which they can be used. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

Thursday 17 November

Reepham WI, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. AGM + Christmas Sparkle: flower arrangement with Crystal Dyball. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk

Saturday 19 November

Reepham Town Football Club Race Night, Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Bartle Court, Reepham, first race 7.30 pm, tickets £2 per person

Friday 25 November

Film: Money Monsters (15), Sparham Old School Room, Well Lane, Sparham. Doors open at 7 pm, film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 on the door. Drinks and snacks available. Contact: Sparham Village Cinema – Janet Bolderston 01362 688984 or Adam/Judith Pryke 01362 688426

Saturday 26 November

Reepham Craft Makers Market, St Michael's Reepham, 9 am – 3 pm. Contact: Sue Johnston 01603 879639 or suejohnston303@yahoo.com, or Gloria Davis 01603 873004 or glorigirlo1@tiscali.co.uk

Thursday 8 December

Festival of Light, Market Place, Reepham, 5–8 pm

Saturday 10 December

Film: Love & Friendship (U), Bawdeswell Village Hall, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell. Doors and bar/café open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm. Contact: Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com

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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
 Ambulance, emergency only: 999

Local representatives

Member of Parliament: Keith Simpson 020 7219 4053 or 01603 865763 or keith.simpson.mp@parliament.uk
 Norfolk County Councillor: James Joyce 01263 587212 or james.joyce@norfolk.gov.uk
 Broadland District Councillor: Graham Everett 01603 868332 or cllr.graham.everett@broadland.gov.uk
 Reepham Town Council Chairman: Les Paterson 01603 871983 or les.paterson@yahoo.com

Shopping

Market Day: Wednesday; early closing: some shops Thursday and/or Saturday

Public transport

Daily (Monday to Saturday) coach services to Aylsham and Norwich via Cawston. There is also a once a week service to Fakenham, Wroxham and Dereham. Timetables are displayed outside the side window of the Police Station. For information Monday to Saturday 8.30 am – 5 pm 0845 300 6116

Local help

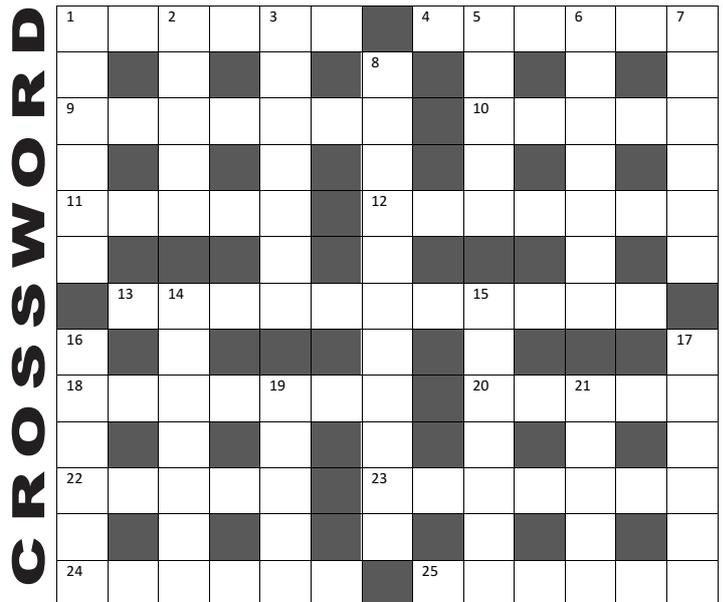
Reepham Rover user group bookings. Contact: Michael Black 07765 321458

Transport Plus (local voluntary transport service) booking requests can be made Monday to Friday 9 am – 5 pm 0344 800 8020

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

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- 1 South be prejudiced (6)
- 4 Has mat created condition (6)
- 9 Commonplace officer (7)
- 10 America is 'in' city back to normal (5)
- 11 Get up about north to remove soap (5)
- 12 Driver's place. At risk of free kick (7)
- 13 I count clown for ruling body (4,7)
- 18 IRA made drink (7)
- 20 In sea, German is keen (5)
- 22 Stones form soap learner (5)
- 23 King leaves art places for ships (7)
- 24 I quit military man for fixing (6)
- 25 Said on finding good looker (6)

DOWN

- 1 Short chap up a line is sweet (6)
- 2 Gas confused cross with none (5)
- 3 Egg on in boy for expert (7)
- 5 Cram in things (5)
- 6 I hound, I am out for magician (7)
- 7 Got together as a learner told a porkie (6)
- 8 Vital fluid colour for fruit (5-6)
- 14 1,3,5 in over (7)
- 15 Essential went ahead and annoyed (7)
- 16 Measure top man to make stand out (6)
- 17 Credit god with causing upset (6)
- 19 Is girl a magazine? (5)
- 21 Agree newt has funny colour (5)

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police



Warnings issued about bogus callers

POLICE are urging residents to be vigilant following a number of suspected bogus caller incidents in recent weeks.

Officers have received reports of incidents in the Norwich, Blakeney, Great Yarmouth, Horning, Poringland and Costessey areas.

In each case a man has knocked at the door claiming to be there to either read a gas or electricity meter, or to check the boiler.

Police are reminding householders to be vigilant when dealing with cold callers and offer the following advice:

- Close and lock the back door before answering the front door.
- Use a spy hole or window to look at the caller before answering the door.
- If you do not recognise the caller, speak to them through the closed door.

- If the caller is selling something or offering work on your home, tell them you are not interested and ask them to leave.
- If they do not leave or you need assistance then call the police.
- If the caller is valid still always ask for proof of identity. Phone the company or organisation the caller claims to be from while the caller waits outside.
- Tell someone you trust about the un-

invited callers to your home.

- If necessary, report it to police with a description of the people involved and details of their vehicle if possible.

To report suspicious activity call Norfolk Constabulary on 101. In an emergency always dial 999.

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

Royal British Legion Women's Section to close

After 70 years, the Reepham branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section is to close. Chairman Moira Dye and the committee invite all past and present members of the Reepham branch to its very last afternoon tea to be held on Thursday 6 October in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, at 2 pm. "Please let us finish on a high," said Mrs Dye. "This is a very sad time for us as the branch will be closed from that meeting. A very great disappointment for us all."

REGULAR EVENTS

Bircham Centre Shop Market Place, Reepham. Opening hours: Monday and Friday 9 am – 4 pm; Wednesday and Saturday 9 am – 1 pm; tea shop open at these times. Tel: 01603 879242. Email: thebirchamcentre@gmail.com

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rayzone Youth Club Meets weekly

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Reepham Society Holds public meetings from February to November, on the second Tuesday in selected months at 7.30 pm at St Michael's, Reepham. Contact: Ann Middlemas 01603 870334 or membership@reephamsociety.org.uk

Reepham Tennis Club Members' club session Tuesdays 6–9 pm, women's team practice Mondays 6–8.30 pm, men's team practice Thursdays 6–9 pm. All members

(16+) are welcome to any of these sessions. Email: info@reephamtennisclub.co.uk

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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