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## Diane retires, but her Pantry continues

DIANE Turner has retired after 34 years as proprietor of Diane's Pantry, one of Reepham's iconic shops in the Market Place. She has sold the business to Debbie Abel and Sarah Chapman, who plan to maintain the shop's independent tradition and retain the "Diane's Pantry" name.

Diane, who is Reepham born and bred, opened her first shop in 1979 in the thatched cottage on Church Hill; needing bigger premises, she moved to the existing shop in the market square three years later.

The kitchen was originally in the cellar, where the stockroom is now located, and a room to the right of the store was set up as a coffee shop.

However, health and safety regulations saw the kitchen being moved upstairs (where Diane was often to be seen making much of the freshly baked products sold daily) and the coffee shop closing owing to the lack of disability access in the building, which was formerly an antiques shop.

Diane's Pantry has long championed "health foods" and "local products" even before such retail concepts became fashionable.

"We simply could not compete with supermarkets on price, so we had to offer other things that are a bit different or special – as well as basic items that people might buy as part of their weekly shop," Diane explained.

Having previously worked at Bonds café (now John Lewis) in Norwich, she had always wanted to run her own business: "It's been more of a lifestyle – and it has given me a living over all these years.



Photo: John Tynn

**Diane Turner (centre) has retired and hands over the keys to Diane's Pantry, a long-standing business in Reepham, to Sarah Chapman (left) and Debbie Abel (right)**

"Reepham is such a lovely community," she continued. "But you do have to be a people person and look after your customers, going out of your way to get bits and pieces for your regulars. And you always have to try selling different things."

Diane has also given sterling service to Reepham for more than three decades, having been involved in the local WI, Chamber of Commerce and Town Council, among other organisations.

"I've been privileged to have employed lots of local girls – and some boys – over the years. I've even had some of my family work here at times, although one daughter did try making pies using bak-

ing powder instead of flour.

"I've also tried to source locally where possible, to offer organic products, and to use ethical wholesalers and products for people with special dietary requirements.

"I have enjoyed the past 34 years, but sometimes the rules and regulations stopped me from doing certain things."

New owners Debbie and Sarah said they have no plans to make drastic changes to Diane's Pantry in the immediate future.

"This is such a good little business, and we didn't want Reepham to lose such a

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# news

## Another consultation on housing

BROADLAND District Council is giving residents an opportunity to comment on two new proposed sites for housing development in Reepham.

The six-week public consultation – “Site Allocations – New potential sites put forward by promoters of development” – will end at 5 pm on Monday 25 November.

Broadland said a number of potential development sites have been promoted by landowners/agents in reply to the recent Preferred Options consultation exercise.

“Many of these sites have been considered previously, but some of the proposals received are new sites or are materially different to those previously considered,” Broadland said in a statement. “The Council is therefore seeking views on a number of new/modified sites.”

The new sites in Reepham are on Whitwell Street and off Broomhill Lane, which are now Reepham Town Council’s preferred site options.

An outline scheme for 22 new homes on Whitwell Street/Mill Road now in-

cludes 0.5 hectares adjacent to the primary school to safeguard an area of land for future expansion of the school.

Meanwhile, the 12.5-hectare site off Broomhill Lane includes a concept to build 100-120 new homes on 4 hectares of the site, while on the remaining 8.5 hectares it is proposed to build a new sports hall for Reepham High School, along with improvements to the management of school traffic and the extension and enhancement of school grounds.

Following this latest consultation, Broadland will assess all of the comments that have been made before developing a proposed submission version of the Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

It is intended that this will be published in early 2014 and then submitted for examination later that year.

■ An information display regarding the proposed housing development site off Broomhill Lane will be held at Reepham High School on 11 November from 4.45 pm to 6.45 pm.

## Jeanette Overton named as finalist in hero award

JEANETTE Overton of Reepham was one of the finalists for the Unsung Hero of the Year in the 2013 Stars of Norfolk Awards held on Friday 18 October at St Andrews Hall, Norwich.

With her late husband Brian, Jeanette established the Reepham Patient Care Fund in 1991 to provide equipment for

the elderly and disabled in Reepham.

Jeanette has helped raise more than £315,000 through the fund. She also takes people on weekly outings and regular shopping trips to Reepham, Aylsham and Dereham.

The winner of the Unsung Hero of the Year award was Joyce Hammond, who

## Opening of the Bircham Centre Archive Rooms

THE Bircham Centre officially opened its Archive Rooms on 30 October. Three rooms, in the oldest part of the building in Market Place, Reepham, have been carefully restored over recent months to house a collection of memorabilia and artefacts for Reepham and surrounding parishes.

This collection has been held in trust

by the Bircham Centre over many years.

The collection has now been consolidated, some of which dates back to Roman and Anglo-Saxon times, into Archive Rooms that can be visited by the public and used for local historical research and information purposes.

The Archive consists of three rooms: the first houses a computer and informa-

tion retrieval facility; the second, a paper room for reading and research; and the third displays exhibitions, memorabilia and artefacts.

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has been a member of the Dickleburgh Royal British Legion women’s section for 60 years. She also won the Overall Star of Norfolk award.

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# views

Please clear up after your dogs  
THANK you for including a piece about Reepham Nursery School in your last issue and highlighting our continuing need for a purpose-built building.

At the moment, the nursery is located at the pavilion on Stimpson's Piece, and recently we wanted to take the children for an autumn walk. We have so many great things to see there: conkers, acorns, leaves of every colour – and a whole lot of dog mess, which one child stood in.

Please, dog owners, clear up after your dogs, wherever they poo! Just because you're on grass and not on a pavement does not mean that little feet won't be walking there.

Obviously, the nursery staff went out and cleaned it up. But we shouldn't have to put "clean up" dog mess on our risk assessment before we take children out to enjoy and explore such a lovely space.

*Rachael Jones,  
Crown Meadow, Reepham*

## Sparham contact wanted

AS St Thomas à Becket trained at Mer-ton Priory, London, and having remained close to the canons all his life, I am interested in any reference to him.

I have noted that the remains of the rood screen at Sparham Church has a depiction of him. Do any of your readers know anyone I could contact by email from that church?

P.S. The people of Sparham may be interested to know that David Austin Roses has a new rose dedicated to Thomas à Becket.

*S Fairbank, Friend of Merton  
Priory, c/o 15 Rossiter Road,  
Balham, London SW12 9RY. Email:  
friendsofmertpri@aol.com*

## Reepham development

The articles in the September issue of *Reepham Life* were read with interest, especially the letter by Alison Hovesen.

In my work as a valuer and surveyor, I have seen small market towns either grow or wither away, especially those remote from main centres of activity. Reepham is not one of those.



However, it is essential to remember that Reepham developed as a market town in the days when farmers walked their livestock to market and thus had a catchment area of around 7-8 miles.

Further, the road system and original town were controlled by the requirements of earlier periods, when the churches were at the hub of activity.

From a development aspect one has to take into account the following:

- the geology/lie of the land: Reepham is built in a small valley and expanded uphill on three of four sides;
- the road layout: the spine road running through the Market Place enjoys distinctive features, namely: (from Bawdeswell) Dereham Road – two right-angled turns into a narrow road between high banks and without verges running uphill into the town; a dangerous crossing at the Station Road junction, where old buildings have their flank walls forming the kerb and it is not possible to have proper visibility splays; after the Market Place the road narrows to barely two car widths, has two right-angled turns by the post office and then a Z bend by the Church Lane junction before leading into the main Norwich Road, which is virtually single lane owing to parked cars; (west – east) part of Station Road is one car width with no footpaths; residents have to park their vehicles on the road, which makes it dangerous to heavy traffic; also Cawston Road has a dangerous and narrow Z bend

by the electricity substation;

- restricted car parking areas with no spare land to use for that purpose in or near the town centre;
- services: the water supply is said to be inadequate for future expansion and the drainage/sewage issues are pertinent as the lie of the land presents problems.

The above issues restrict the development on spare land within the town. The proposed developments near the school and off Dereham Road are wrong; in both cases, there is an inadequate and dangerously overloaded road system.

One has also to calculate that in a rural community with no transport services there will at least two cars per house: how can 280 cars park to shop in Reepham? The space for parking is already inadequate.

Further, can adequate sewage and water facilities be provided? Information so far provided indicates they cannot without incurring great expense.

I therefore agree with Mrs Hovesen that a strategic consideration about Reepham is needed and not a penny-pinching approach by infilling. At the same time, Realistic Reepham have their feet firmly on the ground with regard to the present situation.

Broadland District Council and interested parties need to consider the possibility of incorporating a small new town located between Reepham and the Fakenham Road, which would also provide good vehicle access to

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## views

the “old” Reepham.

The Town Council should also consider the best means of offering through-traffic an alternative route from the Holt Road to the Fakenham Road.

The land on the approach from the Holt Road is not thought to be suitable as Cawston High Street is virtually one-way and that, in conjunction with the acute bend by the substation, would necessitate a long and expensive bypass and the need to provide a ring road around Reepham – again an expensive exercise.

In fairness, since 1989 Broadland District Council has turned into a tax collector for the Department of the Environment to whom all non-domestic rates have to be sent and which are then allocated to local authorities at the whim of this department.

Included in the responsibilities of that Department is the Ministry for Town Planning, and they do not understand the problems of rural areas.

*D H Ardern, The Street, Salle*

### Pedestrian access provisions

AS agent for the preferred site (PO48-02) opposite Reepham High School & Col-

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### Flood defences required for Smuggler's Lane

THIS is a photograph of Smuggler's Lane taken outside our bungalow on Sunday 13 October. I have written to Norfolk County Council to ask what they intend to do about the state of this road because the flooding is getting worse every time we have heavy rain.

Smuggler's Lane is widely used as a shortcut, which is not helping the problem. The surface is in a bad state of repair and needs resurfacing sooner rather than later. My husband uses a mobility scooter and is finding that the condition of the surface of the road is unsafe for this mode of transport.

The photograph clearly shows that the camber leans towards the bungalows. It won't be long now before we will be asking the Council for flood defences.

May I request, through your excellent publication, that readers write to Norfolk County Council to ask, as I have, what is going to be done about the road.

*Betty Uffindell, Smuggler's Lane, Reepham*



lege, I read your report “Town Council backs two new sites for housing” (*Reepham Life*, October 2013) with interest.

However, I would like to point out that at the earlier Alternative Sites consultation of July 2012, Reepham Town Council submitted the following comment about this site to Broadland District Council: “Although there are still reservations about pedestrian access, it is felt that with the provision of such access

this site could work.”

*Hugh Ivins,  
Planning Consultant, Whitwell*

Tuddenham information wanted  
CAN anyone provide information on a Stephen Tuddenham, who with his sister and wife left Reepham/Booton circa 1859 to settle in Ventnor, Isle of Wight?

*Peter Pye, Zig Zag Road, Ventnor, Isle of Wight. Email: dynevor@tiscali.co.uk*

## Releasing capital from your home

SOURCING capital or income through equity release is not a decision that should be taken lightly and should, ideally, involve all your family and your legal adviser so everyone understands the implications. It's not always suitable and, frankly, we often advise against this route if other solutions are available.

Having said this, equity release plans can prove to be excellent solutions in certain circumstances. For example, it is becoming increasingly common for people at the point of retirement to find themselves needing to pay off interest-only mortgages and having little in the way of resources to do so.

We also see a number of people who find themselves short of money later into retirement although they have significant wealth represented by their homes.



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**JANE ARMSTRONG**

In these types of circumstances moving to a smaller house is often an option, but not everyone wants to “trade down” and, for those who don't, an equity release plan, which allows you to raise money from your home, can be an alternative.

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It is also important to ensure that the plan

contains a “no negative equity” guarantee.

If you do go down this route, please make sure that any plan you sign up to is from a provider who adheres to the Equity Release Council Code of Conduct.

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# YOUR COUNCIL MATTERS

## New consultation by Broadland

BROADLAND District Council has begun a new public consultation on proposed developments that appeared on the front cover and inside the last edition of *Reepham Life*.

However, in case any readers missed that, it is worth re-capping the main points of the two proposals, which have the conditional support of Reepham Town Council.

One, designated Z48-01, is sited between Whitwell Street and Reepham Primary School. The proposal is for 20-30 houses and includes an extension to the land occupied by the primary school. This extension is considered to be highly desirable and might in future offer the possibility of collocating the primary and nursery schools.

The other, designated Z48-02, is sited north and south of Broomhill Lane adjacent to the high school. The proposal is for 100-120 houses and offers the prospect of a new sports hall for the school, which would be available for public use out of school hours, a badly needed extension to the cemetery, and open space. The high school's management have been fully involved in drawing up this proposal and are very keen that it should happen.

It is worth explaining briefly how the planning process works, where we are now and why it is vitally important for all of us to give clear guidance to Broadland on the wishes of the people of Reepham.

Planning starts with central government policy and descends through different levels until it reaches local level. At all levels, planning must conform to the rules set by the authorities above it.

In Reepham's case, the top local planning level is the Joint Core Strategy (JCS) set by the Greater Norwich Development Partnership, which comprises Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council, working with Norfolk County Council.

By law, Broadland District Council must deliver a Local Development Framework (LDF) that conforms to the JCS and it must do so in the timescale set. Time is running out and it is absolutely vital to understand that if there is no LDF in place, central government policy is that "when deciding planning applications a presumption in favour of sustainable development should apply".

Put another way, it is open season for developers until Broadland fixes and delivers its final development plans and Reepham could end up with, perhaps, double the original proposals for 100-200 houses.

So where are we now? In spite of dedicated and determined campaigning by Realistic Reepham, the original allocation of 100-200 houses for Reepham between now and 2026 still stands and will not change without a shift in central government policy.

The combination of a rapidly growing population, a major housing shortage and a struggling economy makes it unlikely

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that any government will reduce the number of new houses demanded of councils.

So, like it or not, it seems inevitable that 100-200 new houses in Reepham will be included in the planning because these national factors will override valid local objections on the grounds of infrastructure and services deficiencies.

Before the beginning of September a number of proposals for housing developments in Reepham had been put forward. They all had in common that they offered substantial profits to landowners, developers and agents, but nothing by way of fair exchange to the people of our town.

That situation has changed significantly with the introduction of the two "preferred option" proposals that are now open for consultation and your comment. They do not quite offer, in Churchill's phrase, "from the cradle to the grave" benefits, but they do offer important advantages to children, sports and those needing a place to be buried. Those were very important reasons in the Town Council's decision to conditionally support the proposals.

However, what really matters is what you as the community want. As your Town Council we, therefore, urge you to have your say on the town's future, whether or not you support these proposals, by taking time to take part in the consultation.

Give Broadland District Council guidance by telling it clearly what you want because the longer Broadland takes to finalise its plans, the longer Reepham is vulnerable to almost every development application. The deadline for your comment is 25 November, but the sooner the better. You can do it online through the following link:

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or by printing off your own forms from:

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or by contacting:

Spatial Planning Team, Spatial Planning, Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich NR7 0DU and asking for Consultation Response forms, or by collecting forms from the Reepham Town Council office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 9 am and 2 pm, but please telephone 01603 873355 beforehand to check that the town clerk will be in.

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# heritage

## Reepham in launch of Heritage at Risk Register

REEPHAM was selected to help promote last month's launch of the Heritage at Risk Register, receiving news coverage from the national and regional media.

On Monday 7 October, a senior figure from English Heritage, Ingham Pinnock Associates and volunteers spent the day with the BBC, the *Eastern Daily Press* and English Heritage photographers, film crew and interviewers at the Bircham Centre and elsewhere in Reepham.

English Heritage is the government body responsible for conservation, giving advice, registering and protecting the historic environment.

One of its major jobs is maintaining the Heritage at Risk Register, which records listed buildings that are considered to be "at risk" – that is, if nothing is done about them they will be lost.

In the past, the register has only recorded the most important properties, designated Grade I and Grade II\*. However, in England there are about 375,000 listed properties and only about 30,000 are Grade I and Grade II\*; the other 345,000 are Grade II – these have not formed part of the register because there were too many to examine and assess for the professional resources available.

The only way English Heritage thought it possible to assess all these buildings would be to engage volunteers. It set up 19 pilot trials looking at 5,000 Grade II buildings from Tyneside to Dorset using different approaches and methods of training volunteers to be able to assess a building's condition and judge how much risk it was at.



Photo: English Heritage

**Volunteers in Broadland have been successfully surveying and identifying Grade II buildings at risk: pictured in Back Street, Reepham are (left to right) Mike Cowdrey, Tim Prail, Judith Havens, Ann Buck and Tony Shaw**

Broadland District Council was selected as one of the 19 organisations involved, and decided to employ Ingham Pinnock Associates, who had already carried out significant economic strategy and other community initiatives for the Council and were familiar with the district.

In February, volunteers were sought to work on the Broadland Buildings at Risk Pilot Project and about 100 people responded. Of these, some 50 attended the training day in April, including Denise Treissman, Chris Peakome and Mike Cowdrey from Reepham.

This brought together experts in conservation and risk assessment to pass on the basic skills needed. Volunteers were paired off, allocated a mentor and given

several Grade II properties to assess over the following couple of months.

In early August, the volunteers and experts came together again for a "wash-up" and we got the first inkling that we had done rather well. In fact, the Broadland Pilot had been among the most successful in the country, probably because management had been clear, the methodology simple and the training effective.

As a result, English Heritage selected the Broadland Pilot as a central feature in the launch of the Heritage at Risk Register on 10 October in London and Reepham was selected as the venue for filming and interviews to promote the launch.

Mike Cowdrey and Ann Buck, who had worked with Denise Treissman as a volunteer, travelled to London to meet Simon Thurley, chief executive of English Heritage, and to speak at the launch about their experiences and why they believed the work was important.

As a result of the success of the Buildings at Risk Pilot, English Heritage intends to expand the scheme. If you would like to add to your knowledge, to make a difference to our heritage, and to meet and work with new people, please consider volunteering for next year's survey.

*Mike Cowdrey*

■ To find out more, contact: English Heritage, East of England, Brooklands, 24 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge CB2 8BU. Tel: 01223 582700.

## Tennis coaching continues throughout November

REEPHAM Tennis Club's coaching programme continues throughout November and the next block of six-weekly sessions start on Monday 4 November.

The times are:

- 10 am – 2 pm, individual coaching available;
- 2-3 pm, women's coaching;
- 3-4 pm, break or individual coaching;
- 4-5 pm, 4-7 years;
- 5-6 pm, 8-11 years;
- 6-7 pm, 12-17 years;
- 7-8 pm, cardio tennis – suitable for adults and teenagers.

If you are already participating in our

coaching programme, just let Diana Carrington-Smith know if you wish to continue. If you haven't tried our coaching yet but would like to book, please contact Diana at [coaching@reephamtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:coaching@reephamtennisclub.co.uk) or see the website for further details.

Group sessions cost £24 for the six-week period (£4 per session). Individual coaching sessions are £15 per hour (non-members also pay a court hire fee of £10).

■ The website also features details of free tennis taster sessions every Saturday morning, for five weeks, for adults.

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[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

# farm life

## Reepham Young Farmers: not just for farmers

REEPHAM Young Farmers Club (YFC) is a fairly small club with a big future. You don't have to be a farmer to be a young farmer: while our feet are firmly set in the countryside and many of our members are involved in rural industries, the rest of us have a variety of careers and interests, ranging from childcare to steam engines.

We would like to invite anyone aged between 14 and 26 to come along and meet us. Our meetings sometimes involve a speaker, sometimes a visit to an interesting business and sometimes an evening of fun doing things like bowling or paintball.

We get involved in the wider Young Farmer community, too, and our social life includes events throughout Norfolk and beyond. Whatever we do, we have fun together – why not come and see what it's all about?

As well as our regular meetings, we have many exciting things coming up in the next year including: a Plough Day on 17 November at Hall Farm, Little Witchingham; our second Dinner Dance in February; the Sainsbury's Sport Relief Mile 2014 in March; and our Annual Tractor Road Run in June.

We pride ourselves on having a club with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. We have background support from a number of older, more experienced heads (our advisory committee) who are ex-members, parents or just community members keen to help.

Our new programme has many exciting



**Reepham YFC members at a recent visit to agricultural engineering company Dave Bunning Engineering of Gressenhall, with David Bunning (far left) and John Bunning (far right)**

things planned from team building, a Christmas meal, carol singing, public speaking, pumpkin carving and a bonfire.

The club is entering Farm Scrap Father Christmas at the Winter Competitions day alongside decorating a Christmas cake. Building the Father Christmas will definitely be a club effort with many laughs along the way.

Our charity for the year is Marie Curie

Cancer Care in memory of Bob Atherton, a strong influence on many members of the club. We hope to raise as much money as possible for this good cause.

■ Reepham YFC meets at Whitwell Station, Reepham, on Tuesday evenings. For further information, please contact Bruce Pomfret on 07443 571993 or Mary Jones on 07917 154879.

*Mary Jones*

### Reepham Society 'bring and share' social event

THE Reepham Society will hold its end of year "bring and share" social event in Reepham Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12 November. The evening will include local heritage activities and a photographic quiz on Reepham; the planned programme for 2014 will also be announced. All current and new members are welcome. Please bring a bottle and some food to share. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided free.

## Death – the unspeakable conversation

HAVE you been accused of having a mid-life crisis?

When I am accused of it (revisiting 1970s prog rock comes to mind), I point out that I am 52; therefore, if one does the maths it isn't so much a mid-life crisis but a 2/3-life crisis.

Lawyers try and avoid the word "death", so they try and talk to clients about "later life" or "third age" or "end of life", or worst of all, "private client", which is completely meaningless to all clients.

The fact is we all die and as we all get older we all have issues: Do we have a will? What happens if we don't have a

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**MARK FOLEY**



will? What happens if we need to go into care? What happens if we lose our mental faculties and can't make decisions for ourselves? How do we avoid paying lots of money to the taxman? How will the spouse and children who are left behind manage financially?

Come and have an honest talk about death sometime. It's likely that I won't have all the answers and you'll need to speak to others – financial advisors, your

family – but you can do yourself a lot of good by starting the conversation.

■ To discuss these issues or for help with your legal affairs, contact **Mark Foley, Solicitor, One Church Farms Barns, Well Lane, Sparham, Norfolk NR9 5PY. Tel: 07833 332055 or 01362 688946. Email: law@25am.co.uk Twitter: @lawyerfoley**

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# food & drink

## Panther Brewery stages 'foodie' event

REEPHAM'S Panther Brewery held a brewery tour and local produce pairing event on 28 September as part of this year's Norfolk Food & Drink Festival.

Brewery owner Martin James said: "I was keen to be involved in this festival, now in its third year, and decided to stage an event to include a BBQ, tour and beer tasting at the brewery.

"We already participate in various farmers' markets throughout the county and I wanted to invite some of the fabulous producers to be involved in our event by making ale-infused bread, pork pies and chutneys for our BBQ.

"Joe Trewellard of Bread Source, Candi Robertson of Candi's Chutney and Sarah Pettegree of Bray's Cottage Pork Pies all said yes. And Andrew and Claire Elliott of South Fork Farm, Hockering, who feed their rare breed animals with my waste malt, agreed to bring along some meat for the BBQ."

Visitors from Norwich were brought to

Panther Brewery in a vintage 1959 Bristol MW5G coach driven by Richard Dixon of the Eastern Transport Collection.

"I was pleased that the Bell Hotel in Norwich was keen to sell tickets for the event and we had more than 30 people come on the coach – everyone had a great time," said Mr James. "The weather, food and, yes, the beer, was enjoyed by all."

The Norfolk Food & Drink Festival 2013 took place from Saturday 31 August to Sunday 6 October during which hundreds of foodie events took place all over the county.

The festival has become the largest event of its kind in the UK – a celebration of local food and drink, Norfolk producers and healthy eating featur-



**Sarah Pettegree of Bray's Cottage Pork Pies with her pies and a selection of products from Candi's Chutney, including a Black Panther-infused apple chutney**

ing delicious food experiences, lively debate and fun food-related activities.

Panther Brewery said it would like to do a similar event in Reepham next year. "Perhaps we could involve more local businesses," Mr James added, "possibly something to work alongside the Aylsham Food Festival.

"This could include cookery demonstrations in the market square, brewery trips, local farmers exhibiting their produce, an archive of Reepham as an historic centre of food and beverage production, cookery for children in conjunction with the schools, and the involvement of the allotments and the WI (competition for cakes, largest marrow, etc.), and the Norfolk Beer Festival. Maybe this could be called the 'Reepham Food and Drink Fest?'"

■ If you would like to get involved, please contact Martin James at Panther Brewery on 07766 558215 or email [martin@pantherbrewery.co.uk](mailto:martin@pantherbrewery.co.uk)

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



**The Panther Brewery team in front of the 1959 Bristol coach that brought visitors from Norwich to the Norfolk Food & Drink Festival event held in Reepham at the end of September. Left to right: Alex Simpson, Claire and Andrew Elliott of South Fork Farm, Martin James, Diana James, Ian Lowe and Martin Clapton**

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# gardening

## Allotments, ancient and modern; rewarding and addictive

ON a bright Sunday morning in May, Reepham church began its rogation at the Stony Lane allotment site, and was joined by many of the allotment holders.

A rogation is an ancient custom dating back to Anglo-Saxon times, processing round the parish and asking for God's blessing on important places along the way.

While allotments might not date back to the Anglo-Saxons, Reepham in 1830 had some of the earliest allotment gardens in the country.

A single plot would be large enough to provide vegetables to feed a family of four over the year.

The location of the original site has been lost and by the end of the 20th century Reepham allotments had all but disappeared, with only the small Norwich Road site remaining.

Now, as modern gardens shrink and the enthusiasm for allotments is renewed, Reepham Town Council provides three sites for residents to garden, at Norwich Road, Stony Lane and Fiddler's Lane.

Meanwhile, the Reepham Allotment & Leisure Gardeners' Association (RALGA) offers a voice for members as well as organising social events and benefits such as reduced price seeds.



Photo: Gloria Davis

If you like the idea of getting out in the fresh air and growing your own, but the thought of growing enough vegetables for a family of four is intimidating, there are half-size plots available.

And allotments are not just for vegetables – plot holders grow fruit, herbs and flowers for cutting. Hens kept on allotments, with their diet supplemented

with unwanted pests and weeds, lay deliciously rich eggs. Each plot is made individual and unique by its gardener.

As a new generation of Reepham allotment holders can tell you, having an allotment might be hard work, but it can also be rewarding and almost addictive. ■ If you would like to rent an allotment, please contact the Town Clerk, Jo Boxall.

## Wild mushrooms may result in bad behaviour

THERE was yet another fascinating talk at the Reepham & District Gardening Club in September, this time on "fungi" (which you can pronounce as you choose) by Dr Tony Leech.

He is the Norfolk county fungus recorder (there is a recorder for insects, butterflies, everything in fact). The slides were excellent, and the whole evening most informative.

But here is some more information for you: the fly agaric, the pretty bright red fungus with delicate white speckles, the sort of thing you might see in an illustration with gnomes and fairies, is very poisonous.

But did you know that Vikings used to "take" this mushroom because it sent them "berserk", and they then became the furious and untiring fighting force, the Norse beserkers?

They were used like mercenaries,



fighting like automata, and expiring in a heap when the effects of the drug wore off.

Need I say, "don't try this at home"?

Many local place names ending in "ham", "by", "thorpe" and "ton" derive from Old Norse: Reepham, Tyby, Themelthorpe and Cawston, for instance.

Could this still be the explanation for bad behaviour on a Saturday night in these villages?

## Marriott's Way 10k race

THE latest Marriott's Way 10k race was held on 13 October. Sponsored by Whitwell & Reepham Railway, the event was the fifth of its kind – and the biggest and best so far.

The 10-km race along the Marriott's Way started at Aylsham and finished in Reepham Market Place.

The overall winner was Edward Foster with a time of 37:15. The leading female was Kate Ruffell with a time of 45:49.



**Right to left: Marriott's Way 10k race winner Edward Foster; Mike Urry of Whitwell & Reepham Railway; and Broadland District Council chairman Cllr Stuart Dunn. (Photo: John Tym)**



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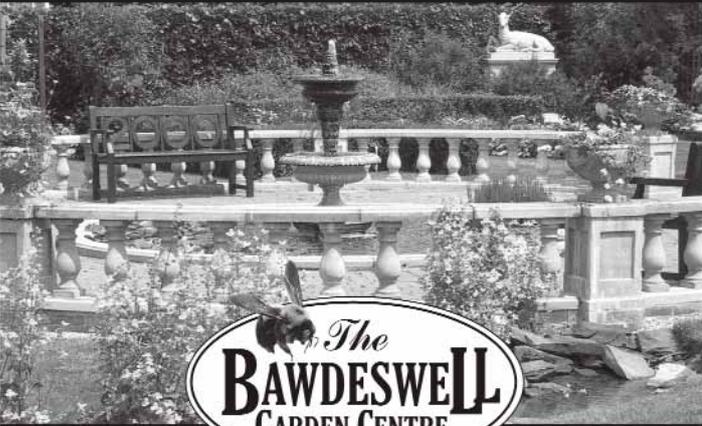
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## arts & crafts

### Artist finds relaxation in the love of nature

CAROL Evans is hesitant to call herself an artist; instead she sees her new occupation as redefining herself following retirement.

Having been headteacher at Woodfields School for students with special needs, she now finds relaxation through her lifelong love of art and by tending the beautiful cottage garden that surrounds her home in Spratts Green near Aylsham.

Although she travelled widely with her parents as a child, Carol also has fond memories of the times she spent at her grandmother's Suffolk home, where she was introduced to the delights of sewing, knitting and how to garden by the woman she describes as "marvellous" and from whom some of the plants in Carol's own garden were grown from cuttings taken there many years before.

This year has been the first full year that she has been able to pursue her art, and having access to open countryside, she often draws from the local landscape and wildlife and has a special passion for the hares that she often used to see on her way to work.

Her partner Gordon (her greatest ally), encourages her at every turn as well as being a devoted conservationist and falconer. The couple's love of birds is reflected in their present brood of rescued chicks, resident ducklings and a goose.



Carol Evans

Carol's garden studio is located in a flower-filled courtyard, where her cats languish in the sun. This she owes to her son Matthew, who converted what was known as the "Rat-shed" into an intimate studio space that is now adorned with her recent work.

Her process is largely experimental, which allows the freedom to mix media and cross boundaries between textiles and fine art.

It is here that Carol's love for nature is evident: the walls and table are adorned with semi-abstract painted silk panels and textiles, punctuated with sculptures of boxing hares, delicate dragonflies and hu-

man figures that dance or pose with poise and grace and have a distinct bronze appearance.

All of her work is original and most unique – so much so that she has recently been accepted as a member by the Norfolk Craft Guild and had been exhibiting with them at Blickling Hall until recently.

Carol also often exhibits locally at art and craft fairs, and can also be seen by appointment at her studio.

■ If you would like to view her work or make a commission, please contact her on 01263 733326 or [cae.fern@btinternet.com](mailto:cae.fern@btinternet.com)

Jules Allen



## digger's diary

### It's bring-your-secateurs time again

DIGGER is continuing to work on the Norwich Road cemetery, trying to balance the clearance with its designation as a county wildlife site.

It appeared all remaining monuments had been exposed, but one more was found last month, hidden in a bush, to Thomas Alderton, a surgeon who died in 1875.

Does anybody know anything about him? Perhaps some of our older readers remember him, after all Digger is only a young thing.

Sitting in the cemetery afterwards in the dusk, Digger was playing his diggery-du, and local residents were making pointed

comments about preferring a diggery-don't, when a Zulu gentleman who happened to be passing commented that in Africa they have spears called M'digger-diggers.

This sounded a useful thing to have, so Digger asked where they were made, and was told, in a spear mint. But Digger is not sure if the gentleman was being serious.

Digger is often amused to see how people deal with the brambles that grow across footpaths overnight. He has found them tied in loops, knots and curlews, no doubt at great risk to the fingers.

It is possible to buy a pair of secateurs cheaply, small enough to fit in a pocket

and to be carried whenever you go out in the country.

The time for Christmas presents is coming up, so here is a good idea to avoid cutting remarks.

Digger is pleased to announce that a *Reepham Life* reader came forward to strim the path off Smugglers Lane as we discussed last time, and just in time too as the rain in late October flooded the road, the same drain blocked as in the past three years.

Another person suggested that a team to clear blocked footpaths is set up and called the Vigilant Aunties. But Digger is not sure if the lady was being serious.

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# schools

## You've always got a friend behind you

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Becoming a Buddy is voluntary, and it's a huge commitment as it means sitting with the new children while they eat their lunches in the canteen, helping look after them at play and lunch time, and coming to join them in class if there's ever an in-door play or lunch time due to rain.

The Sports Leaders are also a wonderful group of children. They volunteer and are trained to use their team and leadership skills to provide a whole host of sporting activities for children throughout the school during lunch times.

The activities range from obstacle courses to parachute games and their ses-



**Buddying up at Reepham Primary School**

sions are always very popular.

As staff we are all very proud of your children for growing up to become such kind and generous young adults. Their hard work is truly appreciated by

staff and other pupils, and we frequently reflect on how lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful school and community – thank you!

*Amanda Bell*

# books

## Library offers resources for carers

MORE than six million people in the UK are caring for ill or disabled loved ones and thousands of them live in Norfolk. The library may not be the first place you think of, but we've got lots of resources to make life a little bit easier for carers and the people they look after.

Memory boxes can be used to assist communication with people who find it difficult to find the words to express their meaning, especially where a stroke or one of the dementias has affected speech and/or understanding.

They can also be used to stimulate discussion when someone has become depressed, or just for the sheer pleasure of remembering the past.

Although reminiscence is not a therapy, it can have a wide range of beneficial effects for participants, for care staff, and for friends and relatives.

The library has a large number of memory boxes on all sorts of topics from “pub culture”, “childhood memories” to “the Royal Family”.

We also carry a number of books offering advice and support to carers, as well as information about council services for carers. So if you're in need of more practical help and aren't sure where to turn, pop in to see us or give us a ring.

Reading may also help the people you're caring for. We work with the Royal Voluntary Service to deliver books to housebound borrowers. The borrower can tell us exactly what sort of books they want to read and how many, and they will receive a monthly delivery of books. We can provide large print, spoken word and even braille books.

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“research shows that reading improves mental wellbeing and reduces stress levels by 67%” (MindLab International, 2009). So stealing a few minutes in the day to read a chapter of a library book could do carers the world of good.

If you feel you haven't got the time to put your feet up and read, the library also offers books on CD, tape or “playaway” so you can do the washing up or make the beds and escape into a book at the same time.

*Helen Johnson, Library Manager*

### November at Reepham Library

- Bounce & Rhyme Time: every Friday from 2 – 2.30 pm.
- Family history/computer buddy: every Monday from 2.30 – 4 pm; please book a place.

# sports

## Strong team of helpers for cricket club

LAST month I reported on the successes of our players, but we are all fully aware that success on the field has to be accompanied by a strong team of helpers off the field.

Reepham & Salle Cricket Club has been incredibly lucky that so many people have been prepared to give up their spare time in order to help the club.

First, the coaches who have sacrificed not only their Wednesday evenings to coach about 50 youngsters aged from six to 14, but also to arrange, transport and generally administer the two teams that have taken part in local youth league cricket.

We have seven qualified coaches, more than most clubs, and many additional helpers who are happy to give up their time. We know that next year some of the elder Colts will be available for the senior teams and we look forward to this.

The administration of any club depends

on the hours put in by the committee and we are again lucky in this regard. Our secretary, Stephanie Harris, has worked tirelessly throughout the year, as has her husband Trevor.

We have obtained Clubmark, which is an indication of the high quality of a club's administration, and we almost certainly would not have managed this without these two.

Others who have contributed include Paul Harwood, who is also youth development officer, and George Wright, who has been involved in so much, despite his tender years.

As usual, the ground staff, led by ground manager Joe Hollis, have produced wickets as good as or better than any others that we play on elsewhere. Any team not reaching 250 in an afternoon has problems.

What is more, the ground team has now been invited to take over the maintenance of the wicket at Reepham High

School and are already preparing it for cricket in 2014.

Finally, Sue Wright has organised the tea rota faultlessly and it is normal to hear from opposing teams that our teas are the envy of many.

And all this without a pavilion of our own. The next two stages are to confirm a lease on the ground from the Salle Estate, and then to plan, build and finance a new pavilion.

A draft lease has been produced and we hope that it will be confirmed within the next few months. Then we shall be in a position to apply for full planning permission and start raising money.

We know that this is not impossible and look forward to the future with enthusiasm.

*Jim Everton, President*

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# church life

## Meeting Rev Seung-Wook Jung

REV Seung-Wook Jung is the minister responsible for six of the Methodist Churches in and around the Aylsham area, including Reepham.

He was born in South Korea, but has lived in England for more than a decade now, with his wife Eun-Hee and children So Lee, So Yun and Yungsang.

Seung-Wook is a familiar face to the congregation in Reepham Chapel, as he comes once a month to lead Holy Communion.

He often comes along to the social activities that take place regularly in the chapel; he put his knowledge to the test at the recent Quiz and Chips evening and when a musical event is planned, Seung-Wook and his whole family take part.

Eun-Hee is an accomplished pianist, and daughters So Lee and So Yun are talented instrumentalists.



**Rev Seung-Wook Jung (right) and family (left to right): wife Eun-Hee, daughters So Yun and So Lee, and son Yungsang**

The youngest, son Yungsang, has yet to settle on a favourite instrument (but I have a feeling he would make a good drummer).

Seung-Wook's family are all heavily in-

involved in church life: his two brothers are both pastors.

He will often share stories during his lively, meaningful sermons about his family, his life in Korea and his experiences there. Seung-Wook speaks English fluently (much better than any of my attempts at Korean) and always adds his own humorous anecdotes to his message.

He is clearly dedicated to sharing God's love, which shows in his respect for all people, his willingness to listen, his openness and honesty, and his infectious sense of humour.

Seung-Wook is an interesting person to meet, but don't just take my word for it – call in to the Chapel to hear him preach.

He's there once a month – check the board at the front of the chapel to see when he is there next.

*Stephanie Chapman*

## Taizé worship in Reepham

SINCE 2000 the Taizé Service has been celebrated in St Michael's several times a year. But what on earth is "Taizé"?

The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France.

It is composed of more than 100 monks or brothers, from Protestant and Catholic traditions, who originate from some 30 countries worldwide. It was founded in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz, a Protestant.

The community has become one of the world's most important sites of Christian pilgrimage. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make pilgrimages to Taizé each year for prayer, Bible study, sharing and communal worship.

Sue Page, the late Steve Rashid and a few others from Reepham have visited the Taizé Community in France regularly, staying in simple dormitory accommodation or camping, and joining with the huge numbers of mostly young people of many different nationalities.

Owing to the large number of languages a distinctive kind of worship has evolved over the years. These two Reepham people were key in bringing the



**The Cross of Taizé**

Taizé tradition to our church, and these prayerful gatherings are regularly attended by people in Reepham and across the county.

Taizé prayer is based on sung and silent participatory prayer designed to achieve a contemplative state through music, song and silence. There are few spoken words, no sermon and long periods of silence.

The simple songs are repetitive chants, usually repeating a phrase from a psalm or other Bible reading. These contribute to the deep feeling of comfort and peace, and are easy to remember and sing.

The surroundings, which are carefully and thoughtfully arranged, include dozens of lighted candles, a crucifix and icons.

Several participants kneel on prayer stools or rugs on the floor; most sit in stillness on chairs. There is a deep silence.

The simplicity of this peaceful style of worship attracts worshippers from all over Norfolk. Last month once again we met in silence and song in our beautiful, spacious St Michael's Church.

The next Taizé service takes place on 19 January. Look out for the posters. You might wish to join us.

*Sylvia Rayfield*

## Sponsored walk

MY son Jack aged 7 walked 16 miles on Sunday 27 October for BBC Children in Need.

He is very aware of helping others less fortunate than himself and for the past two years has set himself a challenge for the charity.

Aged 5 he climbed Stickle Tarn in the Lake District and last year he walked 11.5 miles from Cromer to Cley next the Sea along the North Norfolk Coast Path.

This year he walked from Reepham to Norwich along the Marriott's Way. It would be great if Reepham could get behind him.

He attends Reepham Primary School (we moved into the town in December last year).

I have set up a "JustGiving" page so it's easy for people to donate towards his walk:

[www.justgiving.com/emily-greves1](http://www.justgiving.com/emily-greves1)

*Emily Greves*



**Jack Greves at the start of his 2011 ascent of Stickle Tarn in the Lake District to raise money for BBC Children in Need**

# reepham past

## Launch of the Reepham Life Calendar 2014

REEPHAM Community Press has announced the publication of the Reepham Life Calendar 2014.

This first-ever calendar project for the publishers of *Reepham Life* community newspaper has involved many hours of sifting through hundreds of old photographs and postcards generously supplied by readers.

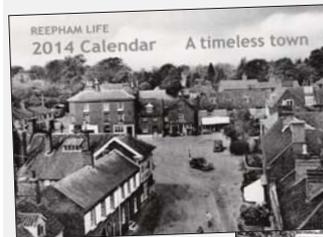
A total of 12 pictures as well as a cover photo were chosen for the inaugural calendar, ranging from the early 1900s to the mid-1950s. The *Reepham Life* team, including local photographer John Tym, then went out to capture the same pictures as they are today, providing a unique insight into how the town has changed over the past century.

The calendar is priced at £8 and will be available at selected retail outlets in Reepham. Copies can also be ordered online at [www.reephamlife.co.uk](http://www.reephamlife.co.uk) (for mail orders, postage and package will be extra).

If the 2014 calendar proves popular it is hoped to produce another for 2015, so if you have any old photographs of Reepham and the surrounding villages up to about 1990 that you think would be interesting and you would be happy to lend to the calendar team for a few days, please contact us.

■ Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4LT. Tel: 01603 308158. Email: [info@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:info@reephamlife.co.uk)

## Reepham Life Calendar 2014



Featuring 12 nostalgic photographs capturing Reepham's history over the past century. The calendar also includes modern-day images of each scene



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Residents who are most at risk from catching flu are being urged to protect themselves by getting their free flu jabs. Flu vaccinations are now available at Motts Pharmacy, Market Place, Reepham. See their advertisement on page 12 for details.

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# reepham WI

## Members urged to vote at AGM

IT'S that time again, the "season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" – and the Reepham WI Annual General Meeting, which will be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 21 November at St Michael's, Reepham. It is really important for all members to attend because it gives you the chance to vote for who you want as members of your committee.

Our Christmas meal will take place at the Marsham Arms at 7 pm on 12 December. If you need transport, please let the committee know. The Christmas Fun Evening will be held on Thursday 19 December at St Michael's. This will be a "bring a bite buffet" with entertainment (more details at the AGM).

Our September meeting gave members the chance to find out about life as a registrar from Ann Coker and Toni Fisher of the North Walsham Registration Office. It was interesting to learn how much more there is to the job than marrying people.

At the October meeting, we heard about homelessness in Norwich and what is being done to help people who find themselves "sleeping rough".

Derek Player talked about the work of the St Martin's Housing Trust in not only providing a bed for the night, but also a sympathetic ear and practical support in cases of emotional and physical need.

The WI is currently collecting warm clothing (mainly hats, scarves and gloves) that can be given to residents by the Trust. We presented Derek with our first collection after his talk. (Please contact us if you would like more information.)

Members were also given a preview of next year's programme. A wide range of activities are in store for us, from "self-massage for stress" to "driving a steam train"; thanks to Angela for putting it all together.

Reepham WI is pleased to announce that the beautiful tapestry that used to hang in the Town Hall will be moving into the waiting room of the doctors' surgery at a date to be announced soon.

A large number of residents will now be able to see all the hard work that previous members of Reepham WI put into it.

*Sue Robinson 01603 261771*

## Reepham Life grants for community projects

*Reepham Life* is inviting applications from voluntary organisations and community groups to help fund local projects.

Thanks to the fantastic support we have received from all our advertisers, publisher Reepham Community Press will end its first calendar year with a small profit. For 2013, we will have covered all our costs for printing and distribution, and we plan to make the publication bigger, better and even more widely circulated.

As we are a not-for-profit social enterprise, we will reinvest any profits we make this year into worthy community projects and good causes.

If you are involved in a community organisation or association, and need funds for a specific project, write to us and tell us how much you need and why. The closing date is 31 December 2013. The awards will be announced in the February 2014 edition of *Reepham Life*.

■ Please email your application to [info@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:info@reephamlife.co.uk) or send to Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4LT.

# police



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## Introducing the Beat Sergeant for the Reepham policing area

I AM Police Sergeant Nathan Hodgson. Since June 2013 I have had the pleasure of being the Beat Sergeant for the Reepham policing area, which includes Lenwade, Cawston, Foulsham and everything in between.

I started my policing in Portsmouth, Hampshire, where I cut my teeth as a response officer within the city, initially in the north and then the south, covering diverse community groups and needs. I was then promoted within that role, managing a large team of officers and dealing with the often more unpleasant side of life.

An opportunity arose to manage a Beat team, again within the city boundaries. I learned a lot of engagement and community skills that are not required within the response policing role, managing a smaller team with different expectations and responsibilities.

Following a transfer into the Norfolk

Constabulary at the beginning of 2010, returning "home" I commenced my Norfolk career within Great Yarmouth, moving on to North Norfolk and now into Broadland.

Being new to the area I have had to learn the Beat quickly, but have become aware that it is a privileged role I hold in the most beautiful area of the county.

I have inherited a brilliant team of police community support officers (PCSOs), who are well equipped with the local knowledge and skills required to meet the needs of the community we serve.

My time is divided between response patrol management and the Beat needs, which affords me the knowledge of what is happening in your community around the clock.

There have been a number of changes within the team recently with the addition of an experienced PCSO, Chris Rolph, to add to the diverse strengths that were al-

ready at the heart of the Safer Neighbourhood team, with PCSOs Stephen Bridges and Paul Webb being established members of the community.

The future is looking bright, with a lot of positive community engagement, education and problem-solving on the horizon, all of which I look forward to being a part of.

I am proud to be the manager of this team and know that with public support and co-operation we will make a difference to the community, your community.

I am also proud of the low crime rates across the area, and while there are pockets of anti-social behaviour, it is undoubtedly a safe and peaceful place to live and work.

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

# environment

## Energy Babble will help Reepham reduce energy

REEPHAM is one of the UK's first towns to trial a prototype of new technology designed to engage communities in reducing energy consumption. The project addresses how to achieve an 80% reduction of the country's carbon emissions by 2050.

The "Energy Babble" has already been installed at both schools in Reepham, and units are planned for other venues in the town.

Designed by Professor Bill Gaver and his project team at Goldsmiths, University of London, the Energy Babble collects information relating to energy issues from an extensive network. A server process aggregates and transforms input sources into audio files that are broadcast by each device.

The idea is to open and promote constructive debate and involvement on energy reduction issues. Anyone with access to a Babble can send information to it, either verbally using the microphone or remotely via texting or the internet. The information is then logged, checked, stored and broadcast within a few minutes.

Goldsmiths was awarded a £795,000 grant to fund the Energy Babble over a three and a half year period.

Prof. Gaver said: "The most fundamental achievements will be the Babble on the one hand, and people's engagements with it and reactions to it on the other.

"The Babble itself explores technical



**Matthew Plummer-Fernandez of Goldsmiths, University of London, with one of four Energy Babbles being installed in Reepham**

possibilities, but also summarises, in a sense, the situation of people who are trying to make progress on environmental action at a community level.

"The reactions don't just tell us whether people like the Babble, but also – we hope – will reveal a lot of their knowledge, concerns and beliefs about environmental issues, as the many different ways people minimise their energy consumption."

He continued: "The Babble is not a blank slate like Twitter and other social media, but is far more centred on environmental issues. Also, because the Bab-

ble is a physical device it has a presence, and a social one, that on-screen systems like Twitter, etc., may not have.

"Using audio output means it is more pervasive; you don't have to look at it to engage with it. It is designed to highlight the ways people talk about environmental issues, and that is more or less all it does, all the time."

As a winner of the Low Carbon Communities Challenge, the Reepham Green Team were introduced to Goldsmiths two years ago to help develop the Energy Babble.

In total, 35 prototypes have been made available to trial nationwide, of which four units have come to Reepham, two of which are already installed in the schools.

*Judy Holland*

■ The Green Team would like *Reepham Life* readers' help in deciding where the other units should be installed. Please send your suggestions to: [info@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:info@reephamlife.co.uk), or in writing to Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham, Norfolk NR10 4LT, or left at Very Nice Things in the Market Place.

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# Through the screen at Bawdeswell Village Cinema

THERE was a great turnout for *Summer in February* shown in October at Bawdeswell Village Cinema (although it was more like "Winter in March"). Thanks to all who attended.

This was a beautiful film showing Cornwall at its seascape best. Looks like my next holiday will have to contain metamorphic cliffs, so a trip to the west.

The story is based on the first marriage of A J Munnings to Florence Carter-Wood, her lover Gilbert Evans and their lives with other "Newlyn" artists before the First World War.

Apparently, Munnings never spoke of this marriage, which ended with the suicide of Florence and her unborn child fathered by Evans. And you thought modern lives were complicated.

This picture of Florence painted by



Munnings was given to Evans after her death. I'm making it sound a very sad film, but it had lighter moments showing the freedoms that came after Queen Victoria's reign and certainly showed how a great love and friendship can be. All three relied on each other certainly as close friends.

Our next film *Promised Land* (15) on

9 November is in a similar vein to *Erin Brockovic*, but with fracking for gas. Here we have Matt Damon and Frances McDormand trying to make the most financial gain from a declining town and the town fighting back.

Missed any of our films? For a £5 returnable deposit you can borrow them if we have them in our library (we don't have them all) and watch them at home.

■ For further information, call David or Janet on 01362 688749 or email [bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswellvillagecinema@gmail.com)

Alex Kirby

**December/January issue editorial/  
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**18 November 2013**

Contact: Judy Holland on 01603 308158  
or email: [jholland@reephamlife.co.uk](mailto:jholland@reephamlife.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON GUIDE

### Monday 4 November

Reepham Good Neighbours Scheme meeting, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Henry Meiklejohn, Norfolk RCC 01362 698216 or [henry@norfolkrc.org.uk](mailto:henry@norfolkrc.org.uk)

### Saturday 9 November

Coffee morning, Wood Dalling Village Hall, 10 am

### Saturday 9 November

Exploring Our Footpaths. Meet in Reepham Station car park at 10.30 am for a rambling walk through northern Reepham, Salle Moor and Kerdiston. Numbers limited to around 30 people. Contact: Imogen and Trevor Ashwin 01603 870523. or [footpaths@world-tree.co.uk](mailto:footpaths@world-tree.co.uk)

### Saturday 9 November

Film: *Promised Land* (15), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm; bar/café. For further information, contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or [bawdeswell@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswell@gmail.com)

### Monday 11 November

Information display regarding the proposed housing development site off Broomhill Lane, Reepham High School, 4.45 pm – 6.45 pm. Contact: Ian Malton, CAM Architects 01603 666151 or [info@camarchitects.co.uk](mailto:info@camarchitects.co.uk)

### Tuesday 12 November

Reepham Society, end of year "bring and share" social event, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.30 pm. The evening will include local heritage activities and a photographic quiz on Reepham; the planned programme for 2014 will also be announced. All current and new members are welcome. Please bring a bottle and some food to

share. Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided free

### Wednesday 13 November

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

### Saturday 16 November

Exploring Our Footpaths. Meet in the car park outside Salle church at 10.30 am for an exploration of the hidden prehistory of Salle and Heydon. This walk will take in footpaths and green roads. It will include some activities in which you can take part, so numbers will be limited to 10. Contact: Imogen and Trevor Ashwin 01603 870523 or [footpaths@world-tree.co.uk](mailto:footpaths@world-tree.co.uk)

### Tuesday 19 November

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Georgina Angel talks about Fairhaven Garden: an eclectic mix of native and cultivated plantings with a network of dyke systems and a private broad. Tel: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Thursday 21 November

Reepham WI, Annual General Meeting, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or [suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk)

### Sunday 1 December

Reepham Art Gallery Open Day, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 12 noon – 2 pm. The artists of the Reepham Art Gallery have pleasure in inviting you to view their work. The five local resident artists exhibit a multitude of artistic styles and talents. All fees from the Gallery are donated to the running of the Bircham Centre. For further

details, contact Sandy Nevard on 01603 871600 or [sandy.nevard@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.nevard@btinternet.com)

### Saturday 7 December

Reepham Art & Craft Fair, St Michael's, Reepham, 9 am – 3 pm. Come along for your Christmas presents: 20 art and craft stalls with a variety of special goods. Light refreshments available. Free entry/parking. For further details, contact Sandy Nevard on 01603 871600 or [sandy.nevard@btinternet.com](mailto:sandy.nevard@btinternet.com)

### Wednesday 11 December

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

### Thursday 12 December

Reepham WI, Christmas meal, Marsham Arms, 7 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or [suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk)

### Saturday 14 December

Film: *Scrooge* (U), Bawdeswell Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm; bar/café. Come and join us for mulled wine, mince pies and a mardle from 6.30 pm. If you have the need to dress to bring "spirit" to the evening, please do so, but it's not compulsory. For further information, contact Bawdeswell Village Cinema 01362 688749 or [bawdeswell@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswell@gmail.com)

### Monday 16 December

Christmas Concert, St Mary's, Reepham, 7.30 pm, given by Norwich Cathedral Choir and friends. A festive evening of Advent and Christmas music for choir, organ, strings and percussion. Tickets £9, includes a glass of wine, available from 01603 872686 or on the door. In aid of the Malawi Association for Christian Support.

Contact: Kristina Bartlette [kristina.bartlette@gmail.com](mailto:kristina.bartlette@gmail.com)

### Tuesday 17 December

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Christmas Social Evening, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7 pm (please note change of time and date). An evening to relax and enjoy food provided by members and drink bought by the club. All welcome to join in with the washing up afterwards. Tel: Judy Holland 01603 308158

### Thursday 19 December

Reepham WI, Christmas Fun Evening, St Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Contact: Sue Robinson 01603 261771 or [suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk)

### Wednesday 8 January

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

### Tuesday 21 January

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7.45 pm. Dave Brady, Blickling Hall Estate Manager: Some historical background about Blickling and the work of the National Trust, in particular the management of the landscape and woodland and changes brought about by landscape design and the influence of two world wars. Tel: Judy Holland 01603 308158

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### Local representatives

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

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

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

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

### Shopping

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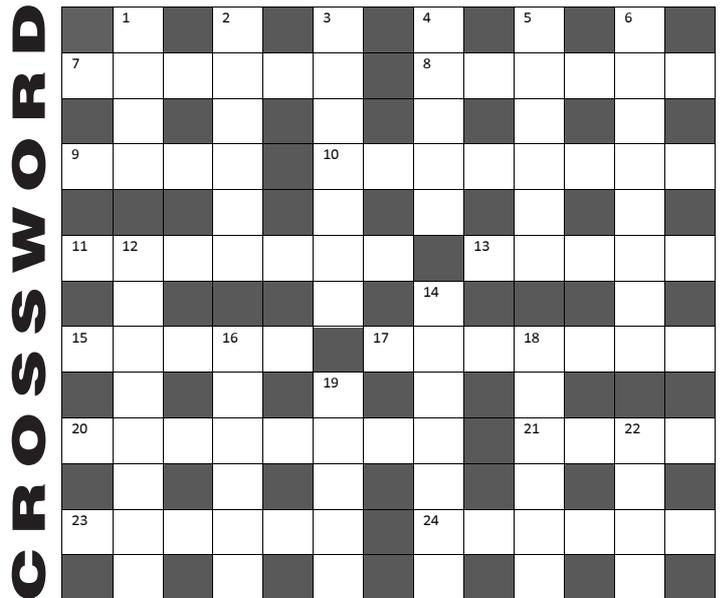
### Local help

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### DOWN

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## Diane Turner retires, but Diane's Pantry continues

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big part of the town," said Sarah, who is a homeopath and plans to extend the complementary medicine side of the product range.

Debbie, who has worked at Diane's for the past seven years, said that, when the opportunity arose to buy Diane's Pantry, "it helped that Sarah and I knew each other – and knew we could work together: there's quite a lot that goes on for us to get to grips with at the moment.

"We will start ordering supplies online and perhaps try to use a few more local producers, but we plan to run the shop for a few months before we even think about changing anything."

Following a surprise retirement party at Whitwell Station on Sunday 20 October, when around 130 people wished her well, Diane plans to relax on a three-



Some of the 130 well-wishers at Diane Turner's retirement party held at Whitwell Station in October

week cruise to Madeira in November.

She said: "I would like to thank all my staff, customers, friends and family for their generous gifts and good wishes for my retirement. I have received more than 100 cards and lots of lovely gifts and flowers.

"I would especially like to thank my staff for their loyalty over the years and for the amazing party they organised for me at Whitwell Station. It was a shock

and surprise, and I'm still on cloud nine!

"The messages from everyone have been so generous in their content and have made me feel so glad I have done this job for so long. One in particular told me they came to Diane's Pantry on their first date and

the memory will always be there (they are still customers).

"My biggest wish was that the shop carried on and, thanks to Debbie and Sarah, this is going to happen.

"Reepham, please support them as you have me. I wish them every success and hope they enjoy it as much as I have."

■ Diane's Pantry, 8 Market Place, Reepham. Tel: 01603 871075

## REGULAR EVENTS

**Bawdeswell Village Cinema** Held second Saturday of each month in Bawdeswell Village Hall; doors open at 7.00 pm; film starts at 7.30 pm; the bar/café will be open for refreshments for all films. Tel: 01362 688749. Email [bawdeswell@gmail.com](mailto:bawdeswell@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

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

**The Craft Club** Meets every Tuesday from 9.30 am – 12 noon at The Annexe, Oak Farm, Park Lane, Reepham. Knitting, embroidering, tapestry, card making and other crafts. Contact: Moira Dye 01603 871791 or [dye.reepham@btopenworld.com](mailto:dye.reepham@btopenworld.com)

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

**Kurling** Meets every Tuesday from

2 pm – 4 pm in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. First session no charge, but if you do decide to join us it will only cost you £2 per session, with tea/coffee/biscuits included. Equipment provided. Contact: Gwenda Dove 01603 870598 or [grandove@doves.eclipse.co.uk](mailto: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. All ages, easily paced, casual dress. Tea/squash break. Country music-based 60s/70s golden oldies/pop. £2 per session, first taster free. Contact: Sandra Williams 01603 872102

**Rayzone Youth Club** Meets every Friday at Reepham Methodist Church, 7.30 – 9 pm (unless notified otherwise). Open to all Year 5-11 students. Subs 50p. Games, chat, tuck... The autumn term will have a mixture of regular sessions (with a choice of activities) and themed evenings. Contact: Claire Mead, Rayzone Youth Worker 07748 502603 or [rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com](mailto:rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**Reepham Chamber of Commerce** Meets every month – for the date and venue of the next meeting see the Chamber website at [www.reepham.uk.com](http://www.reepham.uk.com). The Chamber exists to promote businesses in and around Reepham and to act as a channel for sharing information. New members are always welcome. Contact: Brenda Gostling 01603 870582 or [reephamchamber@gmail.com](mailto:reephamchamber@gmail.com)

**Reepham Cluster Area Sure Start Bumps to 5s** Meets every Friday from 1.15 pm – 3 pm (term time only) at Stimpson's Piece,

Reepham. Play, chat and snacks including toy library every third week. No charge

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

**Reepham & District Day Centre** Meets every Wednesday from 9.30 am – 2.30 pm. Welcome coffee on arrival, home cooked lunch and social time. Contact: Beth Rossetti 01603 870393 or Pauline Cooper 01603 871230

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

**Reepham & District Photographic Club** Meets on the third Thursday of each month from 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm in The Sidings Marquee, Whitwell & Reepham Railway, Whitwell Road, Reepham. Contact: M.R. Battams 01603 870874 or [mickthemole9@hotmail.com](mailto:mickthemole9@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto:reservations@reephamrotary.org.uk) or Robert Buxton, President 01603 870200

**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 Raiders** Dodgeball club meets for training every Wednesday from 6.00–7.30 pm at Reepham High School. New players aged 15 and over, both male and female, are welcome. Contact: Henry Skinner [henry.skinner@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:henry.skinner@hotmail.co.uk)

**Reepham Runners** Meet Sunday mornings 8.30 am start; Tuesday evening sessions 6.30 pm start, (which offers more structured

training sessions with a coach and is suitable for all standards, including beginners); Friday mornings 9 am for a slower run; and Thursdays 6.30 pm. Meet at car park of Stimpson's Piece, Reepham. Contact: Jenni Egmore 01603 308192 or [jenni@egmore.co.uk](mailto:jenni@egmore.co.uk)

**Reepham Singers** Meet every Thursday (term times) at 8 pm in the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. We are a small, female voice choir. Contact: Louisa Dreisin 01603 879466 or [louisa.dreisin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louisa.dreisin@hotmail.co.uk)

**The 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: Christine Powell 01603 879184 or [contact@reepham.org.uk](mailto: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 or [clerk@reephamnorfolk-tc.gov.uk](mailto: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 or [suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:suzierobbo@hotmail.co.uk)

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

**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 or [ken\\_thompson@lineone.net](mailto:ken_thompson@lineone.net)

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