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## New pizza restaurant opens in Market Place

A NEW fast-food restaurant in Reepham has finally been granted planning permission, with the business having opened at the end of September.

Offering a range of burgers, pizzas, grilled chicken and lamb, chips, desserts and drinks, Reepham Pizza House is open six days a week, Thursday to Tuesday, from 3–11 pm at Unit 1, Sun House, Market Place, on Townsend Corner.

The business employs three people full time, as well as several part-time students from Reepham High School & College.

“Since we started on Friday 23 September we have been very busy. The first three nights saw queues out the door,” explained owner Mehmet Bener of Norwich.

He said there is nothing in Reepham that offers this sort of food, with the nearest fast-food outlet being 7-8 miles away. “On the whole, everything has been positive and we have been overwhelmed by the good wishes of the people of Reepham. Everyone has said it is something the town has really needed.”

Reepham Pizza House prepares food daily and fresh on the premises. “We use good English ingredients and all the pizzas are made in-house from fresh dough,” said Mr Bener, who ran a similar shop in St Vedast Street, off Prince of Wales Road, in Norwich from 2003 until March this year, and also had a shop in Fakenham, which he ran for six years.

He explained that he was attracted by Reepham, which offered a quieter work



Mehmet Bener (second from left) and staff at Reepham Pizza House, Unit 1, Sun House, Market Place, Reepham

environment compared with Norwich and the chance to operate shorter opening hours.

“Everything on the menu is selling well,” said Mr Bener, who took the lease on the unit nearly 18 months ago. The food offering is aimed mainly at families and younger customers, with Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday being the busiest evenings. Most customers are choosing to buy takeaway food.

The planning permission for a change of use from A1/A3 (shop and restaurant) to A3 (restaurant) is subject to several conditions, including the chimney of the ventilation system being constructed and painted to match the colourwash of the Sun House building.

Broadland District Council’s Planning Enforcement team said it is aware that the premises are being used for takeaway

and expects a retrospective planning application to be submitted by the establishment.

Mr Bener said he was confident that any future conditions for operating a takeaway business would be met. He added that the pizza restaurant has complementary opening hours to V’s Café across the road, which incidentally allows customers to take food away.

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# news

## Farewell to Legion's women

WITH great sadness, the final meeting of the Royal British Legion Women's Section for Reepham was held in October in the Town Hall.

This was not so much a meeting but rather a chance for all members past and present, women and men, to come together on one last occasion for a final "hurrah", with all members given an enamel poppy brooch for remembrance.

Thanks for the food that was laid on by the committee and also to Janet Archer, who played many wartime



Moira Dye

favourites on the piano.

An enormous thank you, too, to Moira Dye: joining initially to be the standard bearer and later becoming chair, she has worked tirelessly for many years for the Legion and has also represented us at county level.

Thank you ladies, Poppy Days will not be the same anymore.

*Sandra Williams*

## Rotary club to plant crocus in the 'pound'

REEPHAM & District Rotary Club is planting 10,000 purple flowering crocus corms in and around the old pound, which is situated in front of St Michael's church tower, to support the Rotary Purple 4 Polio public awareness campaign. (Purple is the colour of the dye used to mark a finger of the child who has been immunised.)

So far, Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland have donated more than £20 million to "End Polio Now", which has been nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Donations can be made through Reepham Rotary Club or via the national campaign at: [www.rotarygbi.org/donate](http://www.rotarygbi.org/donate) Meanwhile, the club has sent a further



Paul Martin (left) of the Matthew Project accepting a cheque from Reepham & District Rotary Club president The Ven. Arthur Hawes. Photo: John Tym

donation of £1,200 to the Aquabox charity, which we have supported for many years.

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Aquaboxes are in the frontline in global emergencies like floods or earthquakes, such as the recent hurricane in Haiti.

Each box treats water to give essential clean drinking water to a family and contains other survival essentials. Rotary contributions are funded by our monthly 100 Club, which can be joined by contacting any Rotarian.

In August, we marked three years of donations to the Matthew Project by handing over a cheque for £1,500 to Paul Martin, who came to update us on the work of this charity.

*Richard Cooke*

## Reepham Life 2017 Calendar coming soon

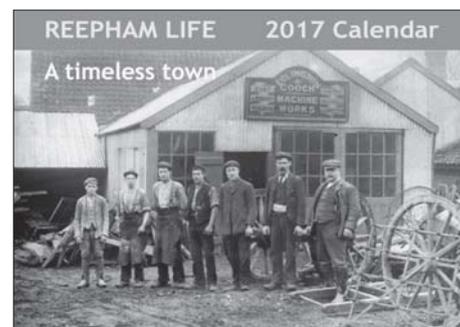
THE Reepham Life 2017 Calendar is again being published by Reepham Community Press in association with the Reepham Archive and will soon be available at selected retail outlets.

Featuring 13 photographs capturing the town's history over the past century, the calendar also includes modern-day images, mostly by local photographer John Tym.

The limited-edition calendar costs just £8 and can be purchased from Johnson's

Newsagents, Reepham Library, Bircham Centre charity shop, Robertson's Family Butchers, Rushlight Gallery, Very Nice Things, Kerri's Farmhouse Pine, St Mary's Reepham and Hampton's @ the Barn.

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# letters, emails, comments

## Looking after our town



I'VE just read Digger's Diary ["Working to put right the damage", Reepham Life, October] and want to thank Edwin Rose (left) for being such an amazing

part of Reepham's fabric.

Unstintingly, he works to look after our town and we should take our cue from him and join in.

When we first moved here nearly 11 years ago, there were regular litter picks organised. Even then not many people turned out, but at least the town was picked regularly.

There hasn't been one for many years and there is quite a bit of litter dropped by inconsiderate people, despite the many bins available.

Perhaps it is time for a town of nearly 2,500 people to turn out twice a year for a spring and autumn clean, pick up litter and tend to the more neglected public spaces and get the children involved.

It's not just Digger's responsibility; it's all of ours.

*Louisa Dreisin, Chimes Way, Reepham*

## Funds for cancer charity

THANK you for continuing to place my free ad in Reepham Life, which has brought forth quite a bit of business for me.

I would also like to pass on my thanks to everyone who has contacted me and given me work to do to raise money for the Big C cancer charity.

Although our beloved son has now lost his battle with cancer I would like everyone to know that I intend to continue raising money for this charity so that hopefully one day we can find a cure for this horrible disease.

So far this year I have given Big C two cheques for £500 and have received very grateful letters from them.



"One had so hoped La Casa di Pizze di Rivamo would offer gourmet nights."

Many thanks for your support.

*Edna Fowler, Pightle Way, Reepham*

## Beautiful flower baskets

THANKS to Geoff Deal and Dominique Rudd and everyone who sponsored the hanging baskets in the Market Place for the sensational display of flowers that visitors and residents have enjoyed all this summer.

They are the most beautiful baskets of flowers and this cannot happen without hours of planning, preparation, planting, watering and care.

I hear from Geoff that he will be prepared to water baskets again each morning next year if enough people will sponsor them.

Where can contributions for next year's flowers be sent?

*Ann Middlemas, Station Road, Reepham*

## Keep 'em going

REGARDING the letter about the free ads section [Reepham Life, October], I don't think the comment did the advertisements any justice.

If I am to be honest, this section is

where I first start when reading this newspaper. As the made-up ads are funny, they always put a smile on my face and that's all that matters.

Yes, they are made up and random, but all the people that I have talked to love them as well.

So to whoever does the ads section, keep doing what you are doing.

*Isabella Higgins, Sun Barn Road, Reepham*

## Christmas lights display

WE will be organising our Christmas lights display again this year to raise money for the Big C Centre Norwich and the Reepham Rovers. We hope we can have your support again this year.

The lights will be switched on from 1 December until 6 January, every night from 5-9 pm at the entrance of Richmond Rise, Reepham.

Many of us know someone that uses the Reepham Rovers or who has had treatment for cancer or are going through this at the moment.

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*Ian Tooley, Richmond Rise, Reepham*

## Family support volunteers

FOLLOWING the article published in the September edition of Reepham Life and online, I'm pleased to say that our Volunteer Training Course started in Aylsham on 22 September with 12 women, two of whom contacted me as a direct result of the articles and several more also read them after seeing our posters.

Hopefully, all these volunteers will be supporting families in the area by the end of the year.

Many thanks for helping to make this a success.

*Emma Thompson, North Norfolk Co-ordinator, Home-Start Norwich*

## Dog poo bag tree blight

FOLLOWING on from the correspondent in the October issue of Reepham Life, dog fouling does seem to be becoming a problem again on the pavements and footpaths around Reepham. Ollands Road, Bar Lane and the Marriott's Way are particularly bad at the moment.

But what point are dog owners trying to make by hanging their filled dog poo bags from trees and bushes along their way, as seen recently on the footpath between Whitwell Street and



Whitwell Road?

Would they like them hung on the bushes in their gardens?

*Hilary Gostling, Bircham Road, Reepham*

## Council vacancies

I WAS surprised and disappointed to see Reepham Town Council has had to co-opt members and still has vacancies.

Have they not advertised, as they are required to, for residents to choose an election? And if they have, is the apathy in Reepham as bad as it is here in Lyng?

We had a casual vacancy and I was the only one to request an election. Sad world, is it not?

*Richard Woods, The Street, Lyng*

## Staggering support

A HUGE thank you to everyone who came and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 1 October.

This is the third I have done this year and we made a staggering £750 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thanks to all who brought cakes and raffle prizes, and more importantly to those that ate the cakes and stayed to make the morning a very sociable event.

Special thanks to my family for their continued support. Hopefully see you all next year.

*Sue Wright, Elizabeth Close, Reepham*

## End of an era

IT was the end of an era on Sunday 16 October, when we had our final social afternoon at the Ewing Close Community Centre.

Thanks to everyone who has supported me over the many years we have held these events.

Five of my Radio Norfolk friends came, travelling from Carbrook, Long Stratton and Burnham Norton; they will be friends forever.

I must thank everyone for the lovely card and garden centre voucher I was presented with. I am sure I will purchase something that will remind me of our lovely times together.

*Jeannette Overton, Sun Barn Road, Reepham*

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## YOUR POSTS

● On the news that Broadland Police are working alongside Broadland District Council and Norfolk County Council Highways to address the problem of inconsiderate and illegal parking outside schools: How do they plan on addressing the situation? Will it be

finer or looking at why it's a problem? *Karle Parnell via Twitter*

● On the news that Reepham Pizza House has been awarded grade 5 food hygiene standard: Good to know! Pleased to have a new business in town, great to have more options and bringing more customers to the town as well. *Patience Boggis via Facebook*

● The lovely bees at Eves Hill just won a first prize for their honey at the Norfolk Beekeepers event. Well done beekeeper Alvan. *Eves Hill Farm via Twitter*

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## Support your Christmas Scout Post

THIS year the 2nd Reepham Scout Group will be delivering Christmas post over the weekend of 17–18 December. This will be the second year in which it is hoped even more local people use this service (see our ad, page 10).

Last year more than 100 cards were delivered within the Reepham area and saw Beavers, Cubs and Scouts walking the streets, putting the leaders to shame with their local knowledge and earning badges for their skills as they went.

It has been a very successful year for

the Reepham Scout Group. The scouts went on a hillwalking trip to Derbyshire and took part in many camps across the county.

The Cubs section celebrated 100 years with a variety of events including a very wet wacky races day. A national thank-you party is being organised for previous Cub leaders in December.

Finally, the Beavers, the youngest members of the Scout Group, enjoyed wild days out at Bewilderwood and generally having fun and laughter wher-

ever they went.

The continued support of local people enables the Reepham Scout Group to give children these experiences – and a whole lot more besides.

Leaders, young leaders and parent helpers give their time voluntarily to help the scout group on a daily basis. It is, however, always on the lookout for extra volunteers, particularly executive committee members.

■ If you can help, please contact: Neil Sainty, Cub Leader, 2nd Reepham Scout Group 07714 703734 or [neil.sainty@sky.com](mailto:neil.sainty@sky.com)

# YOUR COUNCIL MATTERS

## New councillors are formally welcomed

AT the October meeting of the Town Council we had the pleasure of welcoming Cathy Miller and Michael Pinchin as your new councillors. No doubt it will take them a little while to find their feet, but we are sure they will find their new roles rewarding.

Unfortunately, at the same meeting our vice-chairman, Jack Mortimer, resigned. At the time of his election Jack was probably the youngest vice-chairman of a town or parish council in Norfolk, if not in the country, and his absence from the Council will be a loss to us all.

At the risk of repeating ourselves, there are still a number of vacancies for councillors so if anybody is interested in joining us in serving the community please do not hesitate to contact either the town clerk or any of the councillors.

### ATM permission

It was also announced at the meeting that Broadland District Council had granted planning permission for an ATM to be installed at Johnson's newsagents in the Market Place. It is hoped the cash machine will be installed before Christmas.

The Town Council would like to express their thanks to District Councillor Graham Everett, ably supported by the Chamber of Commerce, for his untiring efforts in supporting this application.

### Improved signage

Following representations from local residents experiencing difficulty in crossing Dereham Road near the junction with Park Lane, the Town Council has agreed to fund improvements to signage at the junction warning drivers of pedestrians crossing.

### Street lighting

One of the Council's responsibilities is to ensure the street lights are working and in good order. Some four or five

years ago many of our street lamps were replaced with low-energy LED lamps. These have provided an improved level of lighting while at the same time resulting in a significant reduction in the town's carbon footprint.

The Council is considering whether it is necessary to replace or update any of the remaining older lights and we would like your comments. If you know of a light that is not working, does not provide sufficient light or perhaps is causing a nuisance please let us know. Our intention is, wherever possible, to provide a better service and to reduce our carbon footprint.

### Pound maintenance

The Pound is the fenced-off area in front of Reepham's churches, opposite the Post Office, and is owned and managed by the Town Council. It was originally established as a secure area in which stray animals would be kept until their owners collected them, after paying a fine.

Maintenance of the area has been low key for some years, amounting to cutting the grass and planting shrubs and bulbs. We intend to improve the Pound by renovating the iron railings and rebuilding the walls, but this will need the approval of Broadland District Council.

In the meantime, the Reepham & District Rotary Club has offered to plant the area with crocus bulbs and support the Town Council in keeping the Pound tidy and attractive.

### Internal auditor

For some years now, Jonathan Powell has acted as the internal auditor for the Town Council. His role has been to go through the Council's accounts at the end of each financial year, making observations and suggestions where necessary, before these are sent to the external auditor.

### Your Town Council

**Chairman:** Les Paterson  
Cathy Miller  
Janet Pender-Cudlip  
Michael Pender-Cudlip  
Michael Pinchin  
John Rawlinson  
Anne Woollett  
(five vacancies)

**Town Clerk:** Jo Boxall  
**Finance Officer:** Sally Gill

We would like to express our appreciation to Jonathan for all the work he has done on our behalf over the years. In line with our policy of employing local people and businesses wherever possible we have asked Claudia Lowe to be our internal auditor.

### Stimpson's Piece security

As many of you may be aware Stimpson's Piece was given to the people of Reepham for their recreation and leisure and it is held in trust on their behalf, the sole trustee being the Town Council.

The trustees have been looking for support from the community in the day-to-day running of this popular amenity for some years and recently a working group of volunteers was organised with a view to taking over its management.

However, despite their best efforts, they were unable to attract sufficient support from the community. The trustees are therefore in the position of having to take over the running of Stimpson's Piece.

Unfortunately, security of the site has become an issue and we are under pressure from the police to ensure the car park gate is locked every night.

In the absence of volunteers the trustees are having to look at the possibility of employing caretakers to ensure the pavilion is secure and the gates locked at night, and they will be discussing the matter further at the next trustee meeting on 9 November.

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# business news

## Dog grooming venture unleashed

A NEW dog grooming salon has started up in Reepham with MutzKutz Professional Dog Groomers opening its doors on Saturday 15 October in the former Bennetts electrical goods store on School Road.

Services include nail trimming, bathing and drying, styling/clipping, ear cleaning and plucking, hand stripping, micro-chipping and puppy introduction sessions.

The grooming salon is light, spacious and fully equipped with all the latest products and apparatus. Here the highly trained and experienced groomers are able to cut, clip and scissor their way through any unwanted coat and reveal a pampered pet fit for the parade ring.

Owner Lindsay Fitzhugh, who grew up in Ockbrook, Derbyshire, and now lives in Bawdeswell, said she had a “brilliant” first day, being made to feel at home in Reepham and already a part of the local community.

“MutzKutz had been operating from a ‘shed’ in Beetley near Dereham for the past 18 months, initially providing dog grooming for friends and family,” she revealed.

However, leasing the premises in Reepham offered the opportunity to expand the business, particularly to feature the growing “Pawtique” range, as well as employ two part-time staff.

Pawtique offers a diverse array of handmade dog mats and beds, locally sourced pet collars, leads, toys, fashion accessories, clothing, tasty organic treats, shampoos, spritzers, oral care, brushes



Above from left: Lindsay Fitzhugh with Elsa the dog and Kaylee Wooton at newly-opened MutzKutz Professional Dog Groomers in Reepham and nail clippers.

Ms Fitzhugh had already established a loyal client base with customers across a wide area as far as Cromer and even Bury St Edmunds. She hopes to retain these and gain new clients in the Reepham district through both social media and more traditional marketing – as well as word of mouth.

From an early age, Ms Fitzhugh, who comes from a farming background, always knew she would one day work with animals, having been surrounded by dogs from an early age.

She explained that pet grooming is currently an unregulated profession in the UK, with many people working from home – anyone, regardless of experience, training or qualifications, can set themselves up as a groomer.

However, Ms Fitzhugh has set her sights on maintaining high standards and already has a number of professional qualifications to her name, including certificates from the Pet Industry Federation and British Dog Groomers’ Associ-



ation, and is currently undertaking a City & Guilds Level 3 vocational course.

As well as being a physically demanding job, patience and a genuine love of dogs are essential to be a groomer – and MutzKutz offers that in abundance.

■ MutzKutz Professional Dog Groomers are open Tuesday–Saturday 9.30 am – 5 pm. Tel: 01603 870684. Email: mutzkutzprofessional@outlook.com

[www.mutzkutzprofessional.com](http://www.mutzkutzprofessional.com)

### Last night at The Crown

Phil and Bev Shaw have left The Crown, Ollands Road, Reepham, after six years as landlords. To see them off in style, Simon Wilkinson (No Frills) played live throughout the evening of Saturday 8 October, offering a night of rock, punk and new wave, and a chance to cele-

brate their times at The Crown.

The Shaws last day (and night) as pub tenants was on Sunday 9 October, when all loyal customers and friends old and new were invited to “come along and help drink the pub dry”.

The Shaws said: “Thank you all for your support over the past six years.

We all fought hard to save our pub and now we have to hope someone else will carry it on.”

■ The Crown, which has operated as a public house since 1861 and is now owned by NewRiver Retail, was registered with Broadland District Council as a community asset in August 2013.

# food & drink

## Sponsorship available for inaugural food festival

COMMERCIAL sponsorship opportunities are still available for local businesses and organisations that want to get involved in the first Reepham Food Festival, which will be held on the weekend of 27-28 May 2017.

Food festival organisers Reepham & District Rotary Club recently hosted an evening at St Michael's for potential participants (pictured), with club president The Ven. Arthur Hawes welcoming around 20 guests from the town and surrounding district.

Co-chairman of the organising committee Richard Cooke noted that there are a growing number of food-related events, but that Reepham is particularly good at festivals and aims to make this one different by involving everyone in the community.

The meeting included representatives of the Town Council, the Chamber of Commerce, Reepham schools, the WI, the Scouts and the Young Farmers, as well as several food and drink-related businesses.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear what these organisations want from the festival and to build these ideas into



the event planning. Many useful ideas were put forward, said Mr Cooke.

The festival will provide a range of opportunities for community get-together, with plans including an opening cocktail party, a breakfast, a picnic area and a closing supper.

The organisers are particularly keen to involve young people. A team is working with the local schools to look at many aspects of food and the opportunities for students in further education and employment; they are also aiming to involve young people in the delivery of events.

Another aim of the festival is to create opportunities for local businesses and organisations – and not just the food-related ones.

The event represents a chance to let

the people of Norfolk – and visitors from further afield – know where Reepham is. There is an aggressive plan for promotion and the festival is tapped into Norfolk Food & Drink, which works to publicise local food events.

Fundraising is going well and the food festival has already received grants from Reepham Town Council and Broadland District Council, as well as sponsorship from Holden Motors, Poultext and Ben Burgess.

There are other discussions in progress and still more opportunities for businesses who want to make a name for themselves.

For those who would like to know about plans for the food festival, Rotary club representatives will be at the Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham from 9 am – 12 noon on Wednesday 9 November and Saturday 12 November.

There will be displays of the plans for the festival, leaflets to take away and people available to listen to any ideas.

■ For further information, contact Richard Cooke 07889 036852 or [info@reephamfoodfestival.org.uk](mailto:info@reephamfoodfestival.org.uk)

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## Sign up for veg bags from local market garden project

SINCE starting in April last year, Eves Hill Veg Co. has harvested more than a tonne of vegetables from its one-acre market garden (on two acres of land) in Booton.

The project is now supplying the Dial House in Reepham, the Walpole Arms in Iteringham and All Things Nice in Cawston, as well as Norwich FarmShare – a weekly vegetable share scheme that collects on a Thursday from Norwich Men's Shed.

Fresh produce can also be collected weekly from the farm via a veg bag scheme.

Eves Hill Veg Co. is primarily a market

garden, growing vegetable staples using traditional gardening and organic growing techniques.

The project is part of a wider movement to establish community growing sites that benefit the local community.

Eves Hill Veg Co. is currently run by volunteers, but the aim is to create livelihoods through local distribution of produce and running social participation programmes that is hoped will be funded by grants (or longer term through any profit made by the organisation).

"Recently, we hosted an apple day at the Kerdiston orchard," said the social enterprise's founder Hannah Claxton.

"The older generation knew all the varieties and were excited to be reunited with them from back when the orchard was pick-your-own.

"The younger generation knew only Granny Smith and Braeburn (neither found in this orchard of English traditionals) – they delighted in the experience of picking, eating and tasting what is an important part of our heritage. Over financial reward, this is at the heart of Eves Hill Veg Co.'s principles."

■ For further information, contact Hannah Claxton 07876 354363 or [hannahclaxton@googlemail.com](mailto:hannahclaxton@googlemail.com)

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Art classes



# eating out

## Hamptons @ the Barn – highly recommended

WE had been intending to visit Hamptons @ the Barn in Bawdeswell for a while as we had enjoyed our visits when Hamptons was based in Reepham, and as we had friends visiting it seemed an ideal opportunity.

As it was a sunny day we requested an outside table. It's a very pleasant set-

ting whether you eat inside or out with a very relaxed atmosphere.

We decided to look at the specials board, which had something for all tastes. I went for the chilli and tacos, which was very good, and the girls both had lasagne which was excellent.

The only let down was the cauliflower and potato fritters, which I believe had been started off in cold oil and were therefore soggy – a shame as the flavour was good.

All the main courses came with a side salad, which was superb and far superior to most places that offer it, with a nice variety of items.



There is also an excellent cake selection and lighter lunch items if you prefer.

All in all a very enjoyable meal and if the conversation slows down you can always be entertained by listening to the “ladies who do lunch” all trying to outdo each other.

*Le Roux*

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# schools

## 'Friends' raise funds for high school activities

THE Friends of Reepham High School and College are looking for more volunteers to help raise funds to benefit the children at the school.

Mell Jones, chair, says joining the Friends "does not mean you will be sucked into a black hole of volunteering – just that you are willing to give a little time where you can".

There are many ways to help without having to come along to meetings. Help is needed with events, such as selling refreshments, or with branding, advertising or baking, or for those who have links with companies that may like to support or sponsor these events.

Over the past year the Friends have



raised funds to support many different projects, such as purchasing picnic benches, a polytunnel for the school allotment and beekeeping suits for the children. They are now in the process of buying rugby kits, an outside permanent table-tennis table and a microphone for the music department.

The Friends of RHSC are again holding a Christmas craft fair this year on Saturday 26 November, from 11 am – 3 pm in the college. There will be a range of stalls with homemade craft and gifts for sale, hot and cold refreshments and a raffle.

Last year's craft fair raised enough money to be able to fund the reupholstering of the library chairs.

Anyone interested in having a stall at this next event should contact the organisers for details and a booking form (table prices from £5).

■ If you can help or would like more details about the Friends or the craft fair, contact via the Facebook page or email Mell Jones: [mellandspencer@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mellandspencer@tiscali.co.uk)

## Kilimanjaro challenge for cancer charity

THE chair of Reepham-based Synergy Multi Academy Trust has been giving talks on how he climbed Africa's highest mountain earlier this year.

Tony Williams (pictured), who is also a member of the Reepham & District Rotary Club, reached the peak of Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania shortly before 7 am on 3 March, having completed the final 4,000-foot ascent in just seven hours.

The six-day trek involved five nights under canvas in temperatures as low as -17°C. As there was so little oxygen at the 19,341-foot (5,895-metre) summit, he was not encouraged to stay for too

long and his party returned with their guide to base camp after just 10 minutes for photographs.

Eight of the nine-strong group completed the ascent and Mr Williams, who was at least 20 years older than the rest of the climbers, said he thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

■ Mr Williams is now giving talks on his trek for donations to the Big C cancer charity. So far he has raised around £2,400, including gift aid and can be contacted via: [kilimanjaro@reephamrotary.org.uk](mailto:kilimanjaro@reephamrotary.org.uk)

Donations can also be made at: [www.justgiving.com/tony-williams21](http://www.justgiving.com/tony-williams21)



The Synergy Multi Academy Trust incorporates Reepham High School and College and Reepham Primary School.

## Minibus for Whitwell & Reepham Station

WHITWELL & Reepham Station has recently acquired an 11-seater minibus. "We have been told many times that our facilities are great, but the downside is we are just located slightly too much out of town for comfort," said spokesperson Chrissy Payne.

"Considering this, and the fact that



the winter months are now upon us, we have taken the decision to purchase

the minibus so we can now offer a pick-up and drop-off service in and around Reepham."

Initially, Whitwell Station will be offering this service on its event days/nights with a shuttle run in place, picking up from the top of New Road and the Market Place.

"We appreciate very much the fact that we are supported locally and feel this service will reflect our commitment to the local community," she said.

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# sport & leisure

## Cricket club talks up prospects for next season

THE last game of the season for Reepham & Salle Cricket Club has been played, the grounds at both Salle and Reepham High School have had their final roll and talks now centre on winter nets, the annual general meeting and prospects for next season.

Although we didn't quite reach the dizzy, promotional heights of 2015, both Saturday teams equipped themselves well, with our second side finishing a tantalising third and the firsts comfortably mid-table.

Our Sunday team had a mixed season overall and unfortunately found themselves relegated. However, the club always looks for the positives and playing in a lower league next year will give us the opportunity to promote and develop our younger members.

As usual, our youth training nights proved popular with Paul Harwood & Co rising to the task with, on occasions,

more than 30 enthusiastic youngsters on Monday evenings.

As an experiment, coaching sessions were extended for some over the school holidays and, as these proved popular, there are plans to develop further sessions next summer.

Moving forward, we have our AGM on 16 November and George Wright is currently sorting out winter nets.

The club is also looking for a new treasurer as Simon (Spider) Wilkinson, who has done a sterling job for the club over the years, is intending to step down. If anyone is interested, please get in touch (an interest in cricket is not a requirement).

There are so many people involved on and off the pitch and the club wouldn't function without them. To pick out a few is almost impossible, but George Wright, Joe Hollis, Paul Harwood and Billy Beales all deserve a mention,

as well as the Allen family, who deservedly won the clubperson(s) of the year.

Thanks again to Peter Salisbury of the Kings Arms for his continued (and much appreciated) support and Jim Everton, our president, a constant beacon of encouragement.

Finally, we have had to say farewell to Rajiv Choudhary, who has decided to step down as second Saturday team captain and join a club nearer home to spend more time with his family. He has been a wonderful player and an inspiration to the club over the years; he will be missed.

*Stephanie Harris, Club Secretary*

■ For further information regarding the post of treasurer, please contact Stephanie Harris [stephie29@gmail.com](mailto:stephie29@gmail.com) or for winter nets George Wright [georgew23@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:georgew23@hotmail.co.uk)

## Another bowls season gone (just like that)

IT does not seem possible that another season has finished for Reepham Town Bowls Club. It must be something to do with age as they go quicker every year. (I must remember to check with Martin Clapton who has had more experience with age than most.)

Last season was another successful year with the club remaining in Division 1 in both the Elmham and Dereham leagues, and gaining promotion to Division 1 in the County League.

However, as with most clubs in the area we do struggle for players. We are always looking for fresh blood and although the new season does not commence until April, feel free to register an interest at any time. Just give me a call or email for any further information.

On that note, we were pleased to welcome Jamie, Paul and Les to the

club this year, and we also had the return of the Jedi (sorry, I meant Roy) – good to see you back.

Even though the season is complete we still have things going on, such as a cheese and port party courtesy of Janet and Baz which, if lasts year's is anything to go by, should be an excellent night. (I was going to ask John Page's opinion, but I'm not sure if he remembers attending last year.)

We then have the AGM and in December the Christmas dinner, so there is plenty to look forward to.

Finally, a big thank you to Ian and his able assistant Sandy for organising an excellent closing day. Fun and games were enjoyed by all and that is exactly what Reepham Town Bowls Club stands for.

*Barry Barker 01603 870337  
barrydbarker@yahoo.co.uk*



### More members sought for local theatre group

The Whitwell & Reepham Station Players are looking for more members to join the cast of Grimm Tales, which will be performed on 25 February. Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays.

"This is a great play for those new to treading the boards or a production for expanding creative experience," explained the group's founder, Rowena Edwards.

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# health & well-being

## Doctors' surgery will 'expand with local needs'

WITH the likelihood of more housing in Reepham over the coming years, bringing with it a rise in population, the town's doctors' surgery says it will continue to expand its range of healthcare services in line with the growing needs of local patients.

"We will always be proactive in providing the services that patients may need in the future," explained Reepham Surgery's practice manager Sue Chapman.

More consulting rooms are being planned on the ground floor of the Smugglers Lane building, the practice is currently advertising for another nurse practitioner and additional services such as physiotherapy and well-being clinics are in the pipeline, with other services like chiropody and podiatry also under consideration.

The surgery is part of the Reepham & Aylsham Medical Practice, which has around 9,100 patients, with some 5,000 registered in Reepham, which has a catchment area that covers as far as Foulsham, Corpusty, Cawston, Attlebridge and Lyng. The four-partner GP practice also has a surgery in Hungate Street, Aylsham.

Reepham Surgery's opening hours are 8.30 am – 6 pm Monday to Friday with telephone access from 8 am – 6.30 pm; the surgery is closed from 1–2 pm weekdays and closed on Saturday, Sunday and bank holidays.

The practice also holds an extended hours surgery on Monday (alternate weeks at each surgery) from 7–8 am and 6.30–7.30 pm.

### Appointment system

The surgery operates a triage system from 8–10 am for patients who need urgent medical attention. Patients too unwell to attend the surgery are asked to telephone before 10 am to discuss their situation with the triage doctor.

Patients with non-urgent appointment requests are urged to telephone after 10.30 am.

"For urgent care, patients will always be able to see a doctor or nurse on the day," Ms Chapman stressed.

With the surgery seeing more than 100 patients a day, "no-shows" are a constant problem. She revealed that over a recent two-day period 19 patients



were recorded as "DNA" (Did Not Attend).

And in the month of September, 26 hours of consultation time was lost to DNAs – the equivalent of four days – most of which could not be reallocated at such short notice.

"We are constantly trying to reduce the number of DNAs – even a small reduction in this figure would make a significant difference," said assistant practice manager Wendy Dicks.

"Although we understand that some patients may simply forget appointments, or there are work or family commitments, if they let us know well in advance that they are unable to make an appointment we will always try to accommodate them."

### Online services

An online appointment and booking and cancellation service is also available, although the practice admits the uptake has been disappointing to date. This service also enables repeat prescriptions to be ordered, and patient records may also become available in future.

With around 30 staff comprising doctors,

nursing staff and a practice team that includes administration secretaries, receptionists and dispensers, Reepham & Aylsham Medical Practice is always looking to improve and streamline its services.

As part of this process to encourage constructive feedback, the practice has established a Virtual Patient Participation Group, which

currently has around 160 members, comprising a cross-section of the local population to provide input on patient services and practice development. Group members are contacted periodically by email.

"We do get a lot of compliments about our work," Ms Chapman explained. "The fact that both Reepham and Aylsham are growing is fantastic. Both towns are vibrant and expanding and their facilities will improve over time."

"Government funding for NHS services will eventually trickle through. For the time being, we can just monitor changes in the population and try to plan how we can expand piece by piece while making sure the funds are there as we go along."

"We have the capacity to grow and the flexibility to add on clinics in line with demand. While there is a shortage of staff nationally we have a strong clinical background and are working hard to recruit staff."

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## Community concerns as average waiting times rise

- The Reepham Economic Strategy published in 2013 indicated that the town's current population is around 2,700. However, Reepham acts as a service centre for a much larger rural hinterland that encompasses many small villages and hamlets.
- The population of Reepham is notable for the above-average proportion of residents aged between 40 and 60, many of which, it is suggested, have moved to the town from elsewhere because of its charm, access to the countryside and Norwich, and a strongly performing secondary school.
- While a strong sense of community exists in Reepham, there are concerns about a lack of certain community facilities, including access to GPs surgeries.
- The ageing, growing and, in some ways, increasingly unhealthy population means more patients want or need to be seen than surgeries can easily accommodate.
- In England, the average waiting time for a routine GP appointment is almost two weeks, a recent survey has revealed. It found that the average waiting time for an appointment was just under 13 days – an increase from 10 days last year.

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## from the archive

### Reepham connection sought for Norfolk ‘vagrants’

THE characters in this photograph have long been a mystery in Reepham and for a time it was thought the name on the cart was “Hester Banmer”, that they were called Jimmy, Hester and Mary Banmer, and that all three lived somewhere in the Reepham area.

Recent research has uncovered a little about their possible background (look at the “r” in Hester and compare it with the third letter of the second name).

Their names were possibly James Barnes, his wife Hester Barnes and Ann Mary Burroughs (or Burrows), who were registered on the 1901 England Census as the last entry for Burnham Westgate.

They are not listed in a house or dwelling, but are grouped together and entered as “vagrants” and were “All layed out Thorpe Road all night” – it appears they had spent the night in the open somewhere along Thorpe Road on the edge of Burnham Westgate.

Other details on the census show that James was born in South Creake, Hester in Sedgford and Ann Mary in Wells.

In the 1911 census Hester and Ann are both inmates of Docking Workhouse. We assume James had died since Hester is described as a widow. (The date of James’s death is uncertain because there are several deaths recorded for a James Barnes between 1901 and 1911 in the Docking area.)

It is difficult to see how the tricycle in this photo works. The driving wheel spokes are clearly wooden, so the wheel rim should be wooden as well. However, the cart seems to have bare metal wheels.

The pedals are recognisable, but what is the long spike behind the wheel? Is it a braking mechanism? And did the two women take turns in the cart or did Ann Mary always have to walk?

The look on James’s face suggests he was concentrating



hard, maybe to keep still while the photograph was taken. Perhaps the Reepham connection was to do with the photographer rather than the people themselves?

Many thanks to the readers who gave us answers to the location of the house in the September issue: this is in the row of cottages in Station Road, nearest to town before the Methodist Chapel.

However, the identity of the two servicemen outside Gibbs shop remains a mystery.

*Janet Archer*

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## digger's diary

### Witty boat names tack the mickey

WELL, here we aarrrr again, as Long John Silver used to say to Jim Lad, with the embers of the dying year (Nov-ember, Dec-ember).

And talking of dying things, many thanks to whoever found Digger’s bow saw fallen off the wheelbarrow in the Norwich Road cemetery. Maybe putting it ten feet up a tree wedged into a branch was a little extreme, but for safety’s sake perhaps not.

Now turning to the Whitwell Road cemetery, there is an obelisk here to the Leamon family of Whitwell Hall. It is surrounded by rough concrete slabs within iron railings, but the slabs are beginning to sink. Does anyone know if there are vaults beneath the slabs? There seems no indication, except that a metal pipe goes in one end.

Soon we shall be at the season where three ships come sailing in, and Digger’s nautical friend Michael Rodebowt-

Asher comments that he recently saw a yacht on the Yare named Mistoffelees.

This reminded Digger of odd boats he had known; one was a canal boat called Ronraw Obat (work it out for yourself); another was Miss T Blue; both paling before Thai Tanic, after seeing which Digger had to go and sit down for a while.

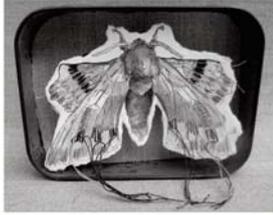
House and street names are just as bad. There is a house in Castle Acre called Ranrevir, no doubt belonging to a somewhat backward riverman (wherry likely).

In Croxton by Thetford a new estate has been called Earl Warren – at least they did not spell it Warenne, about which one could rabbit on. Hare today, gone tomorrow.

But nothing can excuse whoever built a new road in Upwell and named it Bide-A-Wee Close. Possibly the same person who once put an advertisement in Tesco: “set of bowels for sale”. One is amazed they had the guts.

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# gardening

## Encouraging reproduction

I AM always interested to see, when garden tidying at this time of year, which plants have thrived and reproduced because they are happy in their situation – and which haven't.

And I have been busy trying to encourage reproduction where I can so I now have the long, quick-growing summer stems of my willingly flowering wisteria (I mention that it is a willing flowering sort, purchased from outside someone's house, so I don't know the variety, but the point is that there would be no point in reproducing a poor flowering sort) pinned down with bent wires into pots of compost.

Likewise my Virginia Creeper (mine has winding tendrils, not the little hands) and tayberry.

Jasmine, both summer and winter flowering, have their stray, rambling stems pinned down into pots.

This method – layering – is so easy and simple to do. Thin stems just need to be bent into the soil or compost enough to be covered and not to dry out in a dry spell, then pegged or pinned with a hairpin-shaped piece of wire. Thicker stems will root quicker if you make a cut where soil contact is to be.

You can also use hormone rooting powder, but some experts say its only advantage is to act as a fungicide, which could of course be worthwhile to deter rot, but won't necessarily promote rooting, despite what it says on the tub.

The reason I mention this method is



that the new plant that will hopefully grow from your "layer" has the support of its parent while it forms roots and therefore has a high chance of success.

When the new plant looks happy and growing you obviously sever the stem to make it independent.

And if you have done as I suggest here, you don't even need to repot when it is time to take the plant to next year's Reepham & District Gardening Club plant sale on Saturday 13 May. How labour-saving is that?

If my plants haven't rooted in time for next year's sale they can carry on growing for the following year. No point being a gardener and expecting instant results.

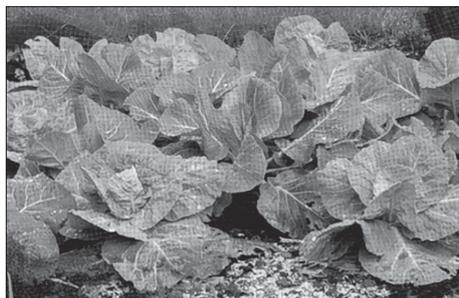
## Old tights recycled on the allotment

THE clocks have gone back, mornings and nights have drawn in, and time on the allotment may be limited, but there's still plenty to do.

With rain falling, water butts will be filling up. To keep the water fresh and clear, it's worth putting a filter on the bottom of the downpipe – old tights are perfect. Just remember to check and empty the filter regularly.

Now the soil is softened by rain, it's easier to dig over and hand-weed the allotment. There are, sadly, many perennial weeds on our plots and the best way to keep them under control is to remove as much of both plant and root as possible. It's hard work, but worth it.

If you've been organised over the summer, there should be iron-rich winter cabbages and kale to begin harvesting.



Personally, I prefer my cabbage gently stir-fried with onion and garlic, although I'm certainly not going to turn my nose up at some braised cabbage with apple on a chilly day.

For those of us who like them, Brussels sprouts are sweeter after they've been frosted, as are parsnips, so best to leave them until the weather turns wintery.

And if you haven't been so organised,

it's not too late to plant some hardy broad bean seeds, as long as the weather is still mild. Remember to rotate your crops and don't plant the broad beans where beans or peas grew this year.

However, if you are still clearing ground where beans grew, try to leave the roots in place as they contain valuable nitrogen for the next year's crop rotation.

November is also the perfect month for planting tulip bulbs for cutting flowers in the spring. On dark grey days it's good to dream of next year's delicious vegetables and fiery flowers.

*Sarah Oates*

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

## Grant to help reintroduce grazing on Whitwell Common

THE trustees of Whitwell Common near Reepham have been successful with their application for a Biffa Award for a biodiversity improvement project, which is understood to be worth more than £25,000.

The grant will be used to carry out the work needed to restore the rare fen habitat and reintroduce grazing to this Site of Special Scientific Interest, said Lin Garland, chairman of the trustees.

It is hoped the improved drainage, along with a carefully planned grazing programme, will help to expand the wildflower meadows and increase the biodiversity of the site.

The funds will also make it possible to reinstate the three ponds, creating a haven for frogs, toads, newts and many other species.

Ecologist Ed Stocker of Norfolk County Council, which, along with Natural Eng-

land, oversees the site, said: "The Biffa Award grant will help us to move forward with the management and conservation of Whitwell Common at a time when future funding is uncertain and may be difficult to secure."

Reepham Town Council provided more than £2,570 as a contribution to enable the trustees to complete their application for the Biffa Award grant for the conservation fencing project.

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# church life



## Local church reorganisation

THE churches right across the Sparham Deanery are being reorganised. The changes involve 28 churches in 26 parishes stretching across the middle of Norfolk from Alderford to Thurning and Stibbard to Elsing.

One paid clergy has been taking care of each of the former parish groups: Elmham, Flebbs, Foulsham, Reepham and Wensum; there have also been one or two assistant clergy in some of the groups.

These five groups are being replaced by two team ministries of two clergy in each. The scheme will mean more work for fewer clergy, including Reepham's Rector, Margaret Dean, who, with help from a team vicar, will have the care of 12 parishes instead of four.

The changes have been driven by a need to reduce the cost of running the deanery's churches. Each parish has to find the money to look after its building and to provide the services it offers to its local community.

In addition, each parish has to pay the diocese a share of the pay and pensions of the ministering clergy. This bill has been increasing relentlessly over past years and church members are finding it increasingly hard to raise the money.

In the reshuffle, a team rector to lead each team has been appointed from the existing clergy and two new team vicars will be needed to assist them. Applications have been invited and we hope to be interviewing candidates this month.

The process was started in March last year and proposals, consultations and revisions have been going on ever since. Much paper has been used and many PowerPoint presentations prepared and screened and there has been a great deal of talk.

Of course, some people will find the changes uncomfortable, but the whole new scheme will require much closer collaboration and mutual help between the people in the individual parishes.

This has already begun. Many of us have been meeting people in other parishes and getting to understand each other better. We can share the challenges facing us and enjoy our different inventive responses to them.

*Jolyon Booth*

## Website launched for Three Churches Project

A NEW website has been launched for Reepham's Three Churches Project. The site was designed and created by local firms Steve Jenkins Design and Alec Moss of Business Webpage.

The Heritage Lottery Fund grant awarded to the Parochial Church Council of Reepham Benefice for the project included provision for the website.

The incorporation of the Town Team's colour scheme reflects the desire for the church and its buildings to remain a focus for the spiritual and community life of Reepham, and to firmly link town and church for visitors.

All the services for the existing four parishes in the benefice are listed, along

with community events and activities. There is also a separate page for Messy Church, which Rachel Richmond will update.

The latest news about the Three Churches Project is featured, as well as links to previous articles published in Reepham Life.

A brief description of the refurbishment of St Michael's can also be found under "Projects" and in due course the imaginative Detective Trail leaflet for All Saints, which is being designed by Saul Penfold with the children of Reepham Primary School, will be uploaded.

The website will be expanded in future and all the pages will be regularly



updated with photos uploaded to the photo gallery.

*Judith Jackson*

■ Please provide any feedback to [judithjacksonqc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:judithjacksonqc@hotmail.co.uk)

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

## 'Challenging' time for Rayzone

SINCE returning after the summer break Rayzone has met a few times on a Friday night and has just finished a two-week session from Stuart Patterson, who came along to show how to make cartoons and comic strips.

There has also been a 12-hour overnight lock-in at Norwich Cathedral, which saw 200 young people from across Norfolk attend.

Rayzone has started a new group that takes place once a month: Challenge Zone is held every third Friday during term time at 6.30 pm at the Methodist

Church and features games and discussion on things that affect young people's lives. This lasts for an hour and then leads into the regular youth club from 7.30 pm.

At the end of the session the young people, who can come to either both or just one of the groups on that night, are left with a challenge to go away and think about.

A reminder of the groups that Rayzone operates:

● Friday night youth club (during term time) 7.30–9 pm;

● Challenge Zone (third Friday of the month) 6.30–7.30 pm.

Rayzone meets at Reepham Methodist Church, Station Road, Reepham. Entry is just £1 per evening and is open to any student in school years 5-13 (age 10-18).

Future meeting dates for Challenge Zone are 18 November (In The Beginning) and 16 December (All I Want For Christmas).

■ For more details on any of these events or the work of Rayzone, contact: Paddy Bennett, Rayzone Youth Worker 07341 937685 (Wednesday–Friday) or [rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com](mailto:rayzoneyouthworker@gmail.com)

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### 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@cbk.co.uk

### Saturday 12 November

Beetle Drive, Wood Dalling Village Hall, Prospect Lane, Wood Dalling,

4 pm. Adults £10, children under 16 free, price includes supper and beetle drive. Tickets available on the night or in advance, tel: 01263 587907 or email: louisedoyle18@live.co.uk. All money raised will be in support of Wood Dalling Village Hall

### 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

### Wednesday 16 November

Crime Prevention Day, Police Station, Market Place, Reepham, 9 am – 3 pm. Members of the Reepham Safer Neighbourhood Team will be on hand to discuss any issues and concerns you may have

### Wednesday 16 November

Reepham & Salle Cricket Club AGM, Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham, 7.30 pm. Anyone welcome to attend. Contact: Stephanie Harris (club secretary) stephie29@gmail.com

### 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

### 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 glogirlglo1@tiscali.co.uk

### Saturday 26 November

Christmas Craft Fair, Reepham College, Whitwell Road, Reepham, 11 am – 3 pm. A range of stalls with homemade craft and gifts for sale, hot and cold refreshments and a raffle. Contact: Friends of Reepham High School and College mellandspencer@tiscali.co.uk

### Saturday 26 November

Reepham Town Football Club Race Night, Stimpson's Piece pavilion, Bartle Court, Reepham, 1st race 7.30 pm, tickets £2 per person

### Wednesday 30 November

Searching for All Saints: The Re-emergence of Reepham's Third Church, a talk by Dr Natasha Hutcheson, St. Michael's, Reepham, 7.30 pm. This talk follows the recent community excavation in the churchyard, undertaken as part of the Heritage Lottery Funded "Three Churches Project"

### Saturday 3 December

Table Top Sale, St Michael's,

Reepham, 10 am – 12 noon. Items for sale, tombola, 20p lucky dip. Proceeds to St Michael's and Reepham Day Care Centre

### Sunday 4 December

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

### Thursday 8 December

Festival of Light, Market Place, Reepham, 4.30–8.30 pm

### Saturday 10 December

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### Sunday 11 December

Film: The BFG (PG), Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Doors open 2 pm, film starts 2.30 pm. Tickets £3, available from Reepham Post Office or on the door. Contact: Reepham Village Cinema cb@cbk.co.uk

### Tuesday 13 December

Reepham & District Gardening Club, Reepham Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham, 7 pm. Christmas Party. Simon Nataris of Peter Beales Roses: Demonstration on holly wreath making. New members and visitors welcome. Contact: Judy Holland 01603 308158

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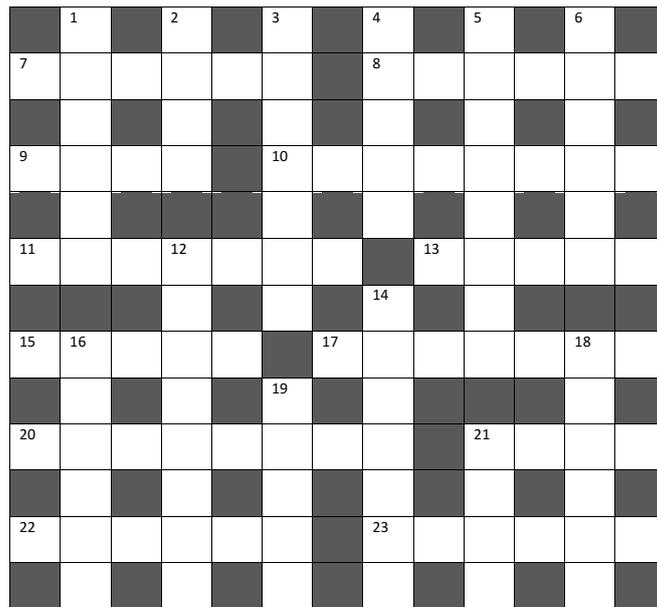
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- 2 Boast about card game (4)
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## Tackling rural crime

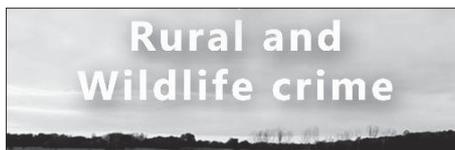
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The weekend was a success, show-



casing the police quad bike and the Special Constabulary Horse Unit. The team disrupted a number of hare coursers and continues to work with the rural community to identify the offenders.

Spokesman Sgt Mark Askham said: "It is critical that we engage with our rural community and are able to facilitate bespoke methods to tackle concerns of rural crime.

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## 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 stoneywood38@sky.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.freeseerve.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 grandove@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 7.30–10.30 pm every Monday in the Town Hall, Church Street, Reepham. Yearly membership £1; £2 per session. All equipment provided and all ages welcome. Contact: 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 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** 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 6.30–8 pm every Thursday at Taverham High School. New players of all ages welcome. Contact: Graham Richardson 07464 429586 or hansie61@hotmail.co.uk

**Reepham Library** Bircham Centre, Market Place, Reepham. Opening hours: Monday 2–7 pm; Wednesday 9.30 am – 1 pm, 2–5 pm; Friday 10 am – 1 pm, 2–5 pm; Saturday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Tel: 01603 870474. Email: reepham.lib@norfolk.gov.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 Egmore 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

**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

**Community, non-profit and non-commercial events only. We cannot accept event details or corrections by telephone. Please send to: Reepham Community Press, Homerton House, 74 Cawston Road, Reepham NR10 4LT or email: info@reephamlife.co.uk**

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A woman in the flats off Back Street reported that someone must have stolen her post because she did not receive birthday cards from some of her friends

home found a man hiding 15 plastic bags of cocaine in his buttocks

Police received a report of a report of a newborn infant found in a garbage can outside the supermarket. Upon investigation, police officers discovered it was only a burrito

Wanted: The Reepham Archive needs a map box, chest or upright container for large documents and maps, 100 x 80 (max.) x 50 cm, i.e. single box max. 80 cm deep or chest of drawers, max. six drawers, must be solid but lightweight. Tel: 01603 870334 or email: reephamarchive@gmail.com

For sale: rowing machine, £10. Garden shredder, hardly used, £20. Tel: 01603 870476

Fish need water, government agency says

Owing to incorrect information received from the Clerk of Courts Office, Mrs XXXX XXXX was incorrectly listed as being fined for prostitution in last month's newspaper. The charge should have been failure to stop at a railway crossing. We apologise for the error

A caller responded at 7.14 pm that someone was at the front door yelling "help" outside a house in Back Street. Police officers responded and learned the person was calling a cat that is named "Help"

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