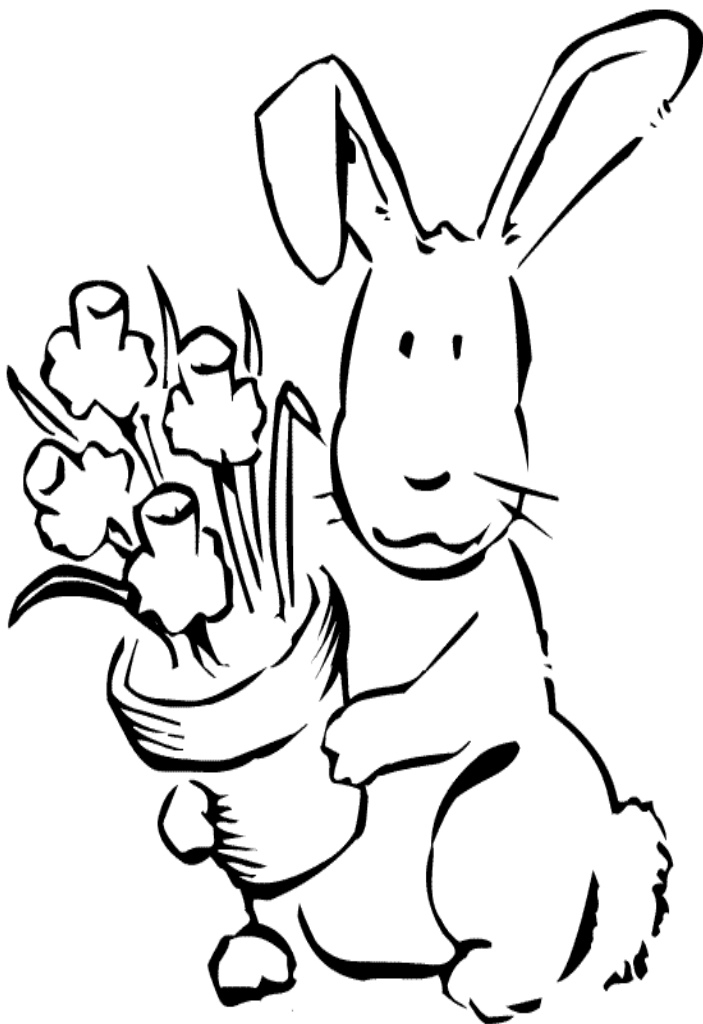


Out of Reach



Reach Community Magazine February / March 2005

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Editorial



Again I have to start the editorial with a sad announcement. It is with deep regret we announce the death of Major General Crookenden who sadly passed away on January 11th. Our deepest sympathy go out to all his family and to all those close to him.

On a much happier note I can welcome a second grandchild to the Summers' family born on January 26th Sophie Grace Cooper, for those who wish to know. We welcome to the village all new comers and hope you will all have a good time here and of course the fair committee awaits.

You have probably heard of Anti-Social Behaviour, and how the police are going to deal with it. We in Reach are involved as is everyone else and to that end, East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership have created an Incident Referral Form for Anti-Social Behaviour a copy of which is in your Out of Reach. If you feel an incident merits the use of the form please use it and send it to one of the agencies noted on the top of the form. I hope there is no need to use the form but if you do I can obtain more for you.

You will notice again how empty this issue of Out of Reach is, I am going to be asking questions very soon as to whether it is worth my time producing it. At present we could produce a newsletter with the council notes on it and leave it there. It becomes very disheartening when you see what arrives in your E-mail inbox or through your door for an issue of Out of Reach, which takes a good 16 hours to put together, and all you have are minutes of meetings, or the church services diary. Surely someone out there must have some input, I keep repeating it every issue I need input. If I don't get it soon then that will be it, I will not bother wasting my time in producing Out of Reach., I have plenty of other things I could be doing. (Got that of my chest).

I have continued the article on drugs and alcohol, and more will follow in the next issue, until I have completed the booklet, I hope this is helpful to some of you at least.

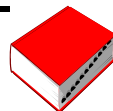
Well that's about me finished again, I have now got a quiz to do for Sunday Night in the pub, so I will leave you awaiting your input and wishing you all a very happy Easter break, at the end of March

Dave

Searching A Cabby should carry out a thorough search of his vehicle before allowing a fare to go on his way. It is the Cabby's responsibility, not the passenger's to see that nothing is left behind.

Mind the nose bag A Cabby is still required to carry a nose-bag on the side of his vehicle, just as he is supposed to have 'adequate food stuffs for the horse' - Is a tank of diesel adequate food stuff for the horses under the bonnet ?!

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Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we are initiating a 100 club. Ticket at just £10.00 each per year.

The 100 club has 10 draws a year.

8 draws of £20.00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

2 draws of £50.00

July and December

Please contact Joyce Harrison as soon as possible



**Please support your
Village Hall
by buying a ticket**

Swinging from the yard-arm The idea that if a condemned man survived three attempts to hang him sentence was automatically commuted to life imprisonment is no myth.

John Lee, for example, a footman who had been found guilty of murdering his employer, was sentenced to death in 1865 and survived three attempts by the executioner John Benny to execute him at Exeter Gaol. He served his sentence and emigrated to America in 1917 where he married and lived until 1933.

Dates For Your Diary



February

Tue Feb 11	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Feb 2	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Feb 3	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Feb 4	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Feb 8	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Feb 9	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Feb 10	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Feb 11	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Feb 11	Half term Starts		3.00 pm
Tue Feb 15	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Feb 16	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Mon Feb 21	Back To School		8.30 am
Tue Feb 22	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Feb 24	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Feb 25	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Feb 27	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

March

Tue Mar 1	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Mar 2	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Mar 3	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 4	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Mar 8	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
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Thu Mar 10	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 11	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Mar 15	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Mar 16	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Mar 17	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 18	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Mar 22	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Thu Mar 24	End of Term		3.30 pm
Fri Mar 25	Bank Holiday (Easter)		
Sun Mar 27	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Mon Mar 28	Bank Holiday (Easter)		
Tue Mar 29	Re-Cycling Lorry in Reach		

Notices



Cubs now URGENTLY needs an assistant each Wednesday evening 6 to 7.30 at school to help Jemima South, the Akela, run the evening. Jemima has started college and is under pressure in terms of her time. It is not fair that she should have soldier all the responsibility for the Cubs on her own and needs someone each week to help. The parent rota is good but an assistant Cub leader is now urgently needed.

Age and sex not an issue - just a willingness to help and be able to work with 8 to 10 year olds for just 90 minutes a week. Otherwise I fear Jemima will pack it in and that would be bad news for there is no one else to fill her shoes.

Contact me in the first instance [01638 743864](tel:01638743864)

Thanks

Andrew Noyes

Chair for Exec for Scouts and Cubs in SP.

Reach Village Centre

One Hundred Club

It is time to renew your ticket for the 2005 draws.

It is time to buy a ticket for the 2005 draws

Tickets still cost £10 for the year.

The 100 club will have 10 draws a year. (Mar—Dec).

8 draws of £20.00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

2 draws of £50.00 (July and December)

Please contact Joyce Harrison as soon as possible

Please support your
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REACH CHURCH

SHROVE TUESDAY, February 8th

Pancakes will be served from 7pm in the Village Centre. There will also be coffee and soft drinks. Eat as many pancakes as you can (reasonably) for £3. Children £1. Special rates for families. No need to book.

Come and join your neighbours for your dessert course!

Reach Ladies 12th Night Dinner

An enjoyable evening was had by 15 ladies of the village on Thursday 6th January 2005 at the Dykes end Public house. Sympathy to those ladies 3 in all who were unable to attend at the last moment due to ill health or unforeseen circumstances.

Hopefully there are other ladies who had wanted to attend but were unable and those who wished they had . Good food good wine and good conversation.

We hope to repeat the experience on 6th January 2006 so ladies write the date in your forward planner now!

An idea was mooted to hold a ladies function in the summer. One idea which seemed popular was a strawberry and champagne picnic for an evening in late June. Good idea?

Any other ideas and suggestions for venues please let Hilary (01638 741 853) or Karen (01638 742 814) know and we will see what we can do.

THE DYKE'S END

VILLAGE PUB OF THE YEAR 2003

Simon, Frank & Banger at the Dyke's End extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

Bar

*Open 7 days a week
(Except Monday Lunch)
12.00 pm until 3.00 pm
6.00 pm until 11.00 pm*

Bar Snacks Available

Dining Rooms

Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm
Tuesday - Sunday 12.00 pm until 2.00 pm

Folk Nights alternate Sundays starting at 7.30 pm

Quiz Nights last Sunday in the Month starting at 7.30 pm

For further information contact Simon on 01638 743816

**Would you like to have some
fun?**

Watch demonstrations?

Stay for Lunch?

All free of charge.

**If you are over 60, come along to our event,
at The Pavilion, on the Recreation Ground,
Fountain Lane, Soham on Wednesday 2nd
March 2005.**

10.00 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

**To find out more information and to book
your lunch please contact:**

***Hilary Conner: Crime Reduction Officer
Tel: 01223 823479***

Or Kate Kent at Ely Police Station on 01223 358966

Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB



local network fund
for children and young people

Boost for youth groups as funding is increased!

Youth and Community groups throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough can still benefit from approximately £120,000 of government funding between December 2004 and March 2005. The Local Network Fund at Cambridgeshire ACRE has secured extra funding for their current financial year as well as a third year's funding of approximately £366,000 to enable groups to apply for projects from £250 to £7,000.

Last year the Local Network Fund awarded a total of over £320,000 to deserving groups throughout the county. This money went towards a range of projects including starting up mother and toddler groups, karate groups and youth cricket teams. Also to benefit from last year's pot were drama training projects, art workshops, museums, pre-schools and skate clubs.

Any voluntary group, charity, association or self-help group working with children or young people who are disadvantaged in some way can apply to the Fund, for imaginative projects that fit into the four main themes; aspiration and experiences, economic disadvantage, isolation and access and children's voices.

Local Network Fund Co-ordinator Corrina Nicholson said, "So far this has been a really positive experience that has benefited various communities all over Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. We are so pleased that our funding has been increased for this year and that we are able to continue this work forward to what will hopefully be another successful year!"

"Our fund is very people friendly, Development Officer Jenny Roberts is on hand every step of the way to talk over project ideas, give help with filling in forms, or any other background information groups may need. Workshops are provided throughout the year on filling out the forms as well as one-to-one meetings."

Any groups interested in applying for a grant should contact the Local Network Fund Call Centre on 0845 113 0161 for a form or contact Development Officer Jenny Roberts on 01353 860850 or email jenny.roberts@cambsacre.org.uk for further information.

Village Centre News

Many thanks to Hilary Almond for playing for the Carol Evening in December. A good number turned up and we had a good start to the Christmas festivities. Thanks also to all contributing mince pies.

We have not had any Committee meetings since the last report but the Fair Committee met on January 12th. Malcolm Perrett attended, giving us an opportunity to discuss sitings for Fairground rides and stalls. We are aware that time seems to go very quickly once the New Year begins. There are several areas where we need more help from the Village at large.

- 1 The Cake Stall. A freezer has been installed in the Village Centre and so we can all start making cakes now and avoid a last minute rush! Please contact committee members as soon as possible if you can help with this .
- 2 The Barbeque.
- 3 Programme selling in the car park.
- 4 Manning road closures. Could be half hour shifts if enough people are available.
- 5 Tea Tent. Contact Joyce Harrison.

If you are available for any other job please let us know now so we can plan well ahead. Better still, join us for the next Fair Committee meeting. We really do welcome more contributions and ideas.

Next Fair Meeting March 9th at 8pm

Next Committee Meeting March 16th at 8pm

The bookseller's bequest Charles Parker, a bookseller of New Bond Street, London, who died in 1785, also had something to say about his wife in his will. But unlike the solicitous Governor Blackett, Mr Parker was positively vindictive. He left his wife Elizabeth only £50 and complained: 'Through my foolish fondness I made her my wife, without regard to family, fame or fortune; in return, she has not spared, most unjustly, to accuse me of every crime regarding human nature, save highway robbery.'

Right-hand man Philip Thicknesse, soldier, author and patron and discoverer of the painter Gainsborough, died near Boulogne in France in 1793. He left his son, Lord Audley, a very odd legacy. He ordered that his right hand be cut off and sent to the young man in hopes that such a sight may remind him of his duty to God, after having so long abandoned the duty he owed to a father who once affectionately loved him'.

Bus Timetable



Effective the 25 July 2004

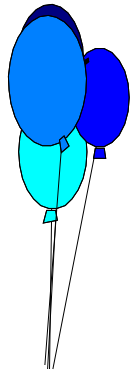
Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 111 & Bus 122

Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10 [^] , 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40 [^] , 17.40 [^] ,
[^] Not Saturday	18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40,
	21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 22.40
Bus 111 Reach to Isleham:	17.16
Bus 111 Newmarket to Reach:	06.31, 09.55, 11.55, 13.55, 15.55, 17.55, 19.10, 21.10,
Bus 111 Isleham to Reach:	07.23 [^] Not Saturday
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	19.08, 21.08
Bus 111 Reach to Cambridge:	06.55, 07.49(*), 10.30, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30,
* Continues to Long Rd 6th Fm	19.33, 20.33, 21.33, 22.33

Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 122

Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach:	10.10, 14.10, 18.10
Bus 122 Reach to Ely:	10.40, 14.40, 18.40
Bus 122 Ely to Reach:	11.40, 16.10
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	08.50
Bus 122 Reach to Cambridge:	09.15, 12.30, 17.00

Birthdays



February	March
4th Daniel Blocksage	1st Philly Bateman
	1st Holly Preston
	2nd Megan Lewis
	22nd Megan Sidery
	28th William Hasleham
	30th Emma Preston

And A Very Happy Birthday to anyone else who has been missed off young and old alike.

Your County Councillor

James Fitch

01223 811425



COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

Mid Dec / Jan 2005

EARLY DECEMBER 2004

It does not take a political genius to see a connection between a more generous Government grant and the probability of a General Election in 2005. Nevertheless, "don't look a gift box in the mouth", the increase given from the Government side is over 11 %, raising Cambridgeshire's portion from £305m in 04 / 05 to £339m for the year 2005 / 6. Since inflation is lower than these amounts we may be able to keep threatened services going and even recover some recently lost ground. These are early days, so a lot more will be revealed in the next month.

All very well, but you will want to know what effect this will have on Council Tax. My councillor colleagues will want to be cautious, but I'll gamble that it is not more than 5% on the County portion. Let's see if I am anywhere near my forecast.

In association with the revenue increases mentioned above, we have been told that the Government will give us almost £26m for transport improvement. This means more money for maintenance (e.g. resurfacing and pothole mending), some more money for, as yet unspecified, projects and just less than £5m to complete the Fordham bypass. The section from Fordham Road north to the roundabout in south Soham should be open in the Spring. The section south towards Newmarket will come in a couple of months later when delays connected with public service pipework allow.

Early in 2005 I hope to tell you how the village bids for jointly funded schemes fares. I spent two days recently as the only elected member helping officers to judge their merit. As we had over 30 bids there will be, inevitably, some disappointment.

This month I have supported Bottisham and Lode parish council pleas for higher traffic control, diverted footpaths and in the case of Burwell Museum a sponsorship of their bid for Lottery help.

As a pensioner myself I was interested in a press article which explained that Gordon Brown was adding £50 to the over 70's winter fuel payment. He omitted to mention in Parliament that he was abolishing a £100 council tax allowance. Thus older pensioners will be £50 worse off next year compared with this one. The cut will not be experienced until later next year - after any election in the meantime!

MID JANUARY 2005

We received encouraging news last month of the County Financial Settlement. We now have the "excellent" rating awarded by the Government's public sector watchdog the Audit Commission to Cambridgeshire for the services it provides.

This is a step forward on last year when the County was given a "good" rating. Since last year the County staff have performed even more effectively and their reward is the improved rating. "Excellent " status relieves the Council of some of the audit costs Council Tax payers have to meet, as well as making it more likely that the Council will qualify for discretionary Government funding for new initiatives.

Hence, apart from the natural pride that goes with being among the best (only eight other county councils have the same status) there should be a small financial benefit for tax payers.

The third major piece of recent good news is that teachers and pupils have been praised following a further improvement in exam results last summer. Provisional figures show that results have risen at all 3 Key Stages, GCSE and A-levels, and continue to be better than the national picture. Those of us with children or grandchildren already know that our local schools and the two village colleges are above Cambridgeshire's average. No wonder people with education in mind want to move into our Bottisham / Burwell area.

Icy roads

Drivers in Cambridgeshire have, as usual, cause to be grateful to the public-spirited men who take out the 35 gritters to spray salt slurry on the main roads to protect them from ice. On every full outing, after a frost warning, the gritters cover 40% of the county's roads, around 1.100 miles at a time. spreading 250 tonnes of rock salt slurry at a cost of around £20.000.. However, bear in mind the lower the freezing temperature the less effective the salt, especially in extreme sub-zero levels. Driving with caution is obviously sensible particularly recently qualified people.

James Fitch

Old maids

The celebrated English eccentric James Hirst, known as 'Jemmy', who was 91 when he died in 1829, left some characteristically bizarre instructions about his funeral. His will directed that his pall-bearers should be 12 old maids, accompanied by a fiddler and a piper.

In the event, Jemmy's dying wishes were thwarted. Only two elderly women could be found who were ready to swear solemnly to their maidenly status. The local vicar refused to allow a fiddler. The piper was admitted, but only on condition that he played funereal music.

Drugs & Alcohol

Talking with young people about drugs and alcohol

"There's only a 20-odd year age gap between me and my kids, but that's like a lifetime to them. It's very difficult to talk about something that I'm not involved in."

Although many parents may feel comfortable talking to their children about alcohol, they may feel that they don't know enough about drugs to tackle the subject properly. Also, they may be concerned that raising the subject of drugs will lead to their child experimenting with them, but there is no evidence to support this. When parents are worried that their child is taking drugs or drinking a lot of alcohol, they are often unsure about how to react. Conversations can turn into lectures, accusations or rows.

Some children may not feel comfortable talking to their parents about drugs because of the 'generation gap'. For example, they may worry that showing they know something about drugs will make their parents suspicious. If they admit to trying drugs, they may think they'll be punished. Sometimes, children can feel that they have nothing to gain from discussing this subject with their parents.

There's no doubt that talking with young people about drugs and alcohol can be a challenge. Often parents avoid the subject, or try to get the message across by telling their children shock horror stories. However parents and children can both gain from having calm discussions. Although this might not be easy, it is important to try to understand each others' point of view. This approach will help you to deal with difficult situations if they arise

Discussions will be easier if you:

- show that your main concern is for their health, safety and well-being;
 - listen carefully to their views and feelings;
 - try to explain your feelings. This will help them understand your point of view;
 - talk with them, rather than to, or at them.

The guidance in this booklet on how to talk about drugs and alcohol with your child is very general. Every family is different, and the way you relate to your child is special to you. Think about the suggestions given, and consider how you could use them to help you talk about drugs and alcohol with your child.

Discussing drugs and alcohol with primary school age children

"You want to protect your child. You don't think they should know these things yet, but they have to nowadays, don't they...?"

To many parents, it seems too early to talk with 7 and 8 year olds about drugs and alcohol, but the benefits for the future are clear:

- you can make sure the information they have is accurate;
- they will know what your views are and will understand why you hold them;
- if an opportunity arises to try drugs or drink alcohol, they will be more likely to come to you to talk about it;
- if they get into difficulties, they are more likely to tell you about it.

Before children leave primary school they are likely to be familiar with the subject of drugs because they become aware of stories in the media. At this age, children are less likely to question authority and will probably share their thoughts with you. They are likely to be against the use of drugs, but may well have tried alcohol, perhaps at a family party.

Here are some suggestions for bringing up the subject with your child.

Discussing drugs:

- when you give your child some medicine or take some yourself, make sure they know that they should only take medicine if it is given to them by a responsible adult such as their teacher or the family GP;
- if the subject of drugs is mentioned on TV or in the newspaper, use the opportunity to have a discussion. Ask them what they know about drugs and explain why drugs can be dangerous.

Discussing alcohol

- If your child is curious about alcohol, talk about it. Tell them about the negative side of drinking too much as well as the social side. Try not to make it sound too glamorous.
- Talk about your experiences if you drink alcohol, tell them about the times you restricted the amount you drank (because of :-driving for example)

Find out what drug and alcohol education is provided in your child's school and show interest in their work.

Moving on to Secondary School

“For all his moods, he still thinks Mum and Dad are right most of the time”

Starting secondary school is a big change. Some children find it difficult and this can make them vulnerable. Although many children will not become interested in trying drugs, some may start to drink enough alcohol to get drunk, and some are now more likely to try gases, glues and aerosols.

If possible, try to build on the open and supportive approach suggested for younger children. If you can keep discussion going, it will help you later on when your child reaches adolescence.

- It's not always easy, but it will help if you can make time to talk. Encouraging your child to talk about their day, and chatting with them about yours, will be helping to strengthen your relationship as well as making it easier to tackle more difficult subjects.
- Treat your child's anxieties seriously - even if they seem minor to you, they could be very important to them.
- Ask them what the school rules are about drugs and alcohol, and what they have covered in drug education lessons.
- Remind them of your views and explain why you hold them. Discuss home rules about drugs and alcohol and make sure they understand the reasons for these rules.
- It is important that they know that you will always be there to support and help them.

Secondary School Students

"They feel that you're lecturing them, and they always say you don't know what you're talking about."

As children get older, what their friends think, do and say, becomes more important and they are likely to be less open with their parents. At this age, many young people will experiment with alcohol, and some will try illegal drugs, gases, glues and aerosols. But if they do, it is likely to be a passing phase.

Before you discuss drugs and alcohol with your child, decide what you want to say. Think about the best way of getting your message across. Try to put yourself in their shoes. Think about the way your parents used to talk with you and how it made you feel. Remember the following.

- Your child will be expecting more freedom. When you decide the time is right to make some changes, make sure they understand the responsibilities that come with more freedom.
- Most parents try to influence their child's choice of friends - usually for good reasons. However, this can sometimes create more problems than it solves. If you can, try to treat your child's friends like any other guest in your home. This will mean your child will be more likely to respect you and your views.
- Offer yourself as a listening ear, or a sounding board when they have problems. But if you give them advice, don't always expect them to follow it!
- If you become suspicious, the natural reaction is to panic. It isn't easy, but it will help if you can ask direct questions without losing your temper.
- Many parents believe that telling their child shock-horror stories is a good strategy. Although scare tactics may have a short-term effect, when *your* child gets older they will tend not to believe these stories anymore. This will make them more likely to question any other advice you have given them.

- Each school year, ask your child what drug and alcohol education they are doing, and discuss it with them.

Young people over 16 years

"Sometimes I say, 'You're too lenient with them'. My husband says, 'Well, that's the only way you're going to find out what's really going on - if you take a friendly approach.'"

Your child is now a young adult so your relationship with them will be changing. This can be a difficult adjustment to make. You might find the following guidelines helpful to continue strengthening your relationship, making it easier to discuss subjects like drugs and alcohol with them.

Always try to make sure that your child understands that it is their health and welfare you are interested in and that you are there to help and support them..

It's not always easy, but it will be helpful if you try to:

- accept their need for privacy;
- show them that they are trusted - but also show your disappointment if that trust is abused;
- accept that you do not need to know everything about their life;
- ask gently, showing interest, rather than prying or probing if you want to know something. This way you are probably more likely to get the answers you are looking for;
- accept that some things you might prefer them not to do, are actually legal (drinking too much for example);
- discuss your views on drugs and alcohol with them, so that they know where you stand.

More next issue

Men's Darts In Reach League Table as of 30/01/05

	Pld	Won	Lost	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Mildenhall Maids Head	9	9	0	59	22	37	18
Freckenham Boar	10	7	3	55	35	20	14
Dyke's End Reach	10	7	3	49	41	8	14
Soham Cherry Tree	9	4	5	41	40	1	8
Live & Let Live Herringswell	9	4	5	38	43	-5	8
Exning Road Social Club	9	3	7	35	46	-11	6
Studlands Park SC	10	2	8	33	47	-14	4
Burwell Ex Service	10	2	8	32	58	-26	4

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Our Spring Term has started off well. Miss Simson has joined Class 3, taking on the Deputy Head teacher's post. On the January gym based training day (yes, that's what teachers get up to on closure days), she impressed all teachers with her head-stand and will be starting our very first gym club after half term. This will add to the existing sporting clubs of basket ball, football, and tag rugby.

The recent skipping workshop saw 12 children improve their skills dramatically in 2 hours of training. After their impressive display, there was a general workshop open to all children after school. It's great to see so many children skipping during play-times; with more training on playground games happening when Class 3 join in the playground partnership project after half term, we hope to bring back an enthusiasm for many more traditional activities and games. If you would like to contact the school with your favourite memories of playground games, write to Class 3 or email the office on office@swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk.

With the weather beginning to perk up (we hope), environment club will be planting and tending to potatoes. Children hope to grow the largest potato for a National competition.

Later in the term we have our science day on recycling. This focus starts the school off on our quest to be awarded with an eco schools bronze flag. Mrs Johnstone, our science co-ordinator, will be organising the recycling of mobile phones, so please drop any unwanted phones in w/c 14th March. Further details will be published in the next edition of The Crier.

Wishing You All A Happy New Year

Joanna Lakey
Head Teacher

Community Based Dates For March

Tues 1st Friends of Swaffham Prior School meeting 8pm mobile

Friday 18th 6pm Easter Egg Bingo

Wednesday 23rd 2pm Easter Service

Thursday 24th 1.45 pm End of term assembly

Parish Council Meeting



Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st December 2004

Present

Chairman Cllr Robinson, V/Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Summers, Harrison, Pearson, Moseley, and Hill; also C/Cllr Fitch and D/Cllr Alderson.

Visit

James Fisher, the Devil's Dyke Project Officer, updated councillors on the progress of the project. Scrub clearing was to take place from the railway cutting to Reach village, to help improve the chalk grass and habitat. James said that if vegetation were cut back then more light would encourage the grass to grow, which would help hold the soil. Wild flowers would benefit and, in turn, butterflies etc. The path along the top of the Dyke was to be improved; the archeology team were to give suggestions for stabilising footpaths and banks.

New information boards showing how the Dyke used to look were to be put up. Details could be seen on the project's new website www.devilsdykeprojects.org.uk.

Working with Burwell House, a school's pack had been developed detailing the history of wildlife in the area etc.

Reports

County Council

General

- A new library for Burwell was to be finished by August 2005.
- It was hoped that a Lottery grant could be obtained for Burwell museum.

Social services

Many people (mostly elderly or single parents) were not claiming benefits they were entitled to. The County Council were keen to encourage people to claim, as the council could then claim a bigger grant from central government; therefore it was hoped all such claimants would be visited by someone from CCC in the near future.

Fire service

A survey would be carried out to see if putting fire sprinklers in schools could be justified. It might be limited to schools where people sleep over, e.g. Burwell House. The Fire Service was desperately short of men, said Cllr Fitch.

Transport/environment

- Traffic calming was taking place in Burwell.
- The Fordham to Soham section of the Fordham by-pass was opening in March 2005; there had been problems with the gas main in the section from Fordham to Newmarket.
- Road works were taking place from Soham to Stuntley (A142). Cllr Fitch said drivers should use the fen route.

- Cyclists must use lights. There was a drive on to protect motorcyclists.
- A study of birds had shown proof of climate change.

District Council

- The licensing committee had met to discuss a new consultation document on fee levels. Events with visitors in excess of 6000 might attract an additional fee of £5k. Councillors discussed, saying that as the Reach Fair is a charitable event it should be exempt. Clerk to write and object.
- The landowner of the property on the crossroads of Burwell Road and The Weirs had been asked to cut his hedge back. Councillor Alderson wondered if conditions attached to the planning permission had addressed this issue (the property is in Burwell parish).
- Planning permission had been granted for new landscaping of the Burwell to Horningsea electricity line.
- Travellers were camped in Reach fen. Five caravans were making a lot of mess, which the District Council were clearing up. Cllr Alderson had been in contact with Jessica Miller, the Travellers Liaison Officer at County.
- Lorry tyres had been dumped in the fen. Cllr Robinson commented that dumping had increased since the landfill tax had come into force.

Village Hall Committee

- The committee had applied for lottery funding for the new extension.
- As there appeared to be some vague areas regarding the amenity fund, Cllr Pearson suggested a form be produced for signature by both the Chair of the Parish Council and the Chair of The Village Hall Committee when decisions were taken over spending.

Swaffham Prior PCC

Cllr Robinson reported that the committee was to lose its Secretary, Sydney Hewitt. He urged councillors to tell him if they knew of anyone eligible for the £30 Christmas gift.

Discussion of work at Reach sewage treatment plant, The Hythe

Residents of The Hythe were concerned about contractor's HGVs, going to the sewage works, mounting the verge close to houses in order to pass parked cars, especially as work on the new extension to the sewage treatment plant was to last for another 11 months. Cllr Robinson outlined the history of similar problems, pointing out that the verge had been strengthened when it was last repaired. It was agreed that double yellow lines might be needed (these can be more discreet if in a conservation area) but as time was pressing some 'no waiting' bollards be put in place to deter daytime parking. The contractors had agreed to surface the verge outside White Roses to provide parking for about three cars. Long-term parking still needed to be resolved, however, and residents were not keen on the idea of a car park at the bottom of The Hythe.

•Environment and transport

- A joint meeting with the District Council would discuss the forthcoming Highways minor improvement scheme. Reach had not submitted a scheme this year.
- The Fordham by-pass was to be finished by next Spring. The Newmarket end of the new road was slow moving as utilities were being moved.

District Council

- ECDC were to receive an extra £465k from central government. The council was capped, unlike County.

ECDC were to get a grant that would provide one extra fenced pitch for gypsies in Burwell.

- There were now 38 plastic bottle recycling banks. There was to be one in Swaffham Bulbeck and possibly one in Swaffham Prior.
- Councillors discussed the hedging on the property at the junction of Weirs Road and Burwell Road, which caused visual obstruction. Cllr Alderson said planning permission regulations regarding landscaping could not be enforced in this instance, as the house was 're-build' not 'new build'. He would pursue Highways for help in solving the problem. Cllr Alderson had also been following up on the signage of the bends on Burwell Road. Clerk said it been agreed some months ago with Highways that there would be a new 'Z' band sign and 'SLOW' painted on the road.
- An order to move the travellers on Headlake Drove would be served shortly. Horse manure had been dumped on the drove, as had lorry tyres.
- Clerk asked if rubbish left near the ECDC rubbish bin at the bottom of The Hythe could be cleared away.

Matters arising

- Work being done on the Reach section of the Devil's Dyke refurbishment scheme was discussed. Some councillors thought it was not as had been agreed at the onset, whilst others thought it was helping the erosion of the banks. It was agreed to invite the Project Officer James Fisher back to a further meeting to discuss.
- Following reports of new licensing laws Cllr Pearson said it would not affect Reach Fair.

Several quotes had been obtained for re-surfacing of the play area at the top of Fair Green. As all were expensive, Cllr Hill agreed to contact the companies to see if the price could be lowered. It was agreed to see if a grant could be obtained via the landfill site scheme.

Parking on The Hythe

Residents of The Hythe submitted a scheme to help with parking on the narrow part of the road, which had become a greater problem while the work was being done at the sewage treatment plant.

Matters arising

- East Cambridgeshire District Council had agreed to give a grant towards both the surfacing of the play area at the top of Fair Green and new goalposts/replacement nets. ESPO (Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation) were arranging quotes for the surfacing.
- The decision on ECDC's office accommodation had been deferred. The final decision would now be made on 22nd February 2005.

Correspondence

- ECDC were now running a graffiti removing service. A form to fill out had been forwarded to the Clerk.
- An incident reporting form for antisocial behaviour had also been emailed to the clerk. Councillors agreed to have it published in *Out of Reach*.

Reach matters

Clerk asked to report a tree overhanging the lode at the bottom of The Hythe.

Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2005

Present

Chairman Cllr Robinson, Cllrs Summers, Harrison, Pearson, and Hill; also C/Cllr Fitch and D/Cllr Alderson.

Reports

County Council

General

- The County Council had been rated 'excellent' by the Audit Commission.
- There was to be an election in May; 10 more council members would be elected.
- The number of administrative officers had been cut from 36 to 24.
- Ian Stewart was now the Head of the CCC; he would be assisted by Mike Parsons (money and resources) and Brian Smith (legal services).
- The government grant for Cambridgeshire was slightly better than had been expected. The ceiling had been abolished.
- Re possible increments on council tax for the CCC: 3% would mean definite cuts, 4% would see services 'scrape through', and 5% would see room for improvement to services. A meeting would be held in February to finalise.

Fire service

Fire fighters had received a better-than-expected settlement, which would cost about £1 an elector. The existing council tax payment for the service was the fourth lowest in the shire counties, said Cllr Fitch.

Correspondence

- The deeds for the freehold of The Dyke’s End had been sent to the Parish Council. It was agreed that a small document safe should be bought to house these and other deeds.
- Alex Gee, County’s Passenger Transport Development Manager, had written to say that bus service tenders would be completed in April. Comments received from Parish Councils in September 2004 had been (where possible) incorporated into the tenders.

Reach matters

Councillors discussed the following planning applications; comments were to be forwarded to the East Cambridgeshire District planning department:



Detached garage, 40 Swaffham Road

Councillors considered that this could be in front of the building line. Access onto Swaffham Road was thought to be dangerous as it was on a blind bend and close to the Ditchfield turning.

Detached house, 1 Ditchfield

Councillors wanted confirmation that the roofline was not higher than surrounding houses. Parking also needed to be clarified and the ability to enter, turn, and leave in a forward gear. It was noted that there was no garage on the site.

Penny Lang

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Monthly Charge from £20
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<p>Please fill in this form if you require Broadband and return it to</p> <p>Dave Summers @ 32 Great Lane.</p> <p>For further details contact Dave on 01638 742884.</p>

Church Services February



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 6th Sunday before Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
Wednesday 9th Ash Wednesday	No 10.00 am Service 7.30 pm Holy Communion	No Service
Sunday 13th Lent 1	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
Sunday 20th Lent 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
Sunday 27th Lent 3	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Family Service

Sundays

6.30 pm Informal Evening Services (Quarterly) and other specials at Reach normally

6.30 pm Services of Healing (Quarterly) at Burwell

At Burwell whenever there is a 9.30 am Holy Communion service during term time.

Junior Church (3's - 11's) meets in the Guildhall at 9.25 am

Pathfinders (12's - 17's) meets in the Vicarage at 9.25 am

Weekdays

10.00 am Holy Communion At Burwell St. Mary's on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays

10.30 am Holy Communion At Burwell (Ness Court) on 3rd Wednesdays

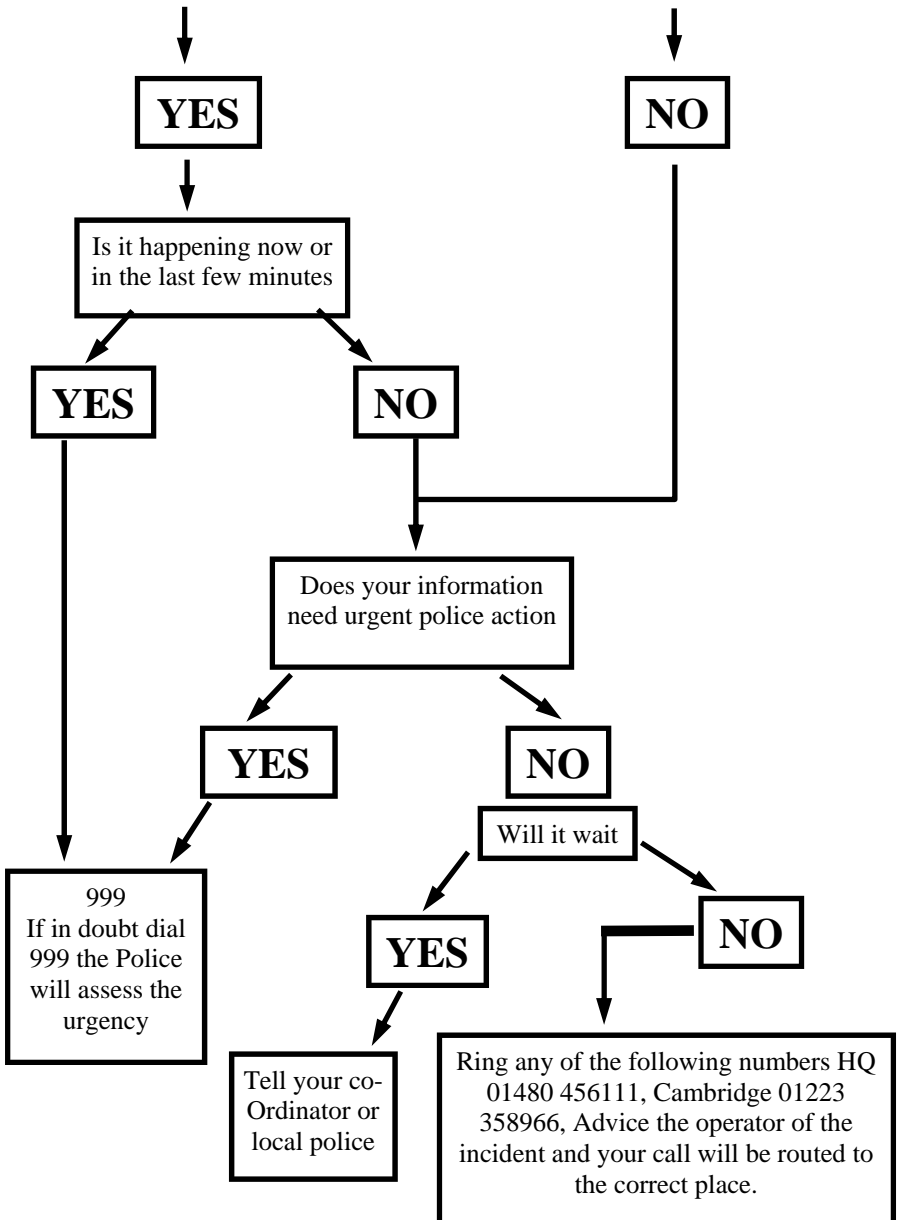
10.00 am Toddlers' Service At Burwell on 1st Thursdays (excl January & August)

Church Services March



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 6th Lent 4 Moth- ering Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
Sunday 13th Lent 5 Pas- sion Sunday	9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm deanery Devotional Passiontide Concert	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 20th Palm Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
Holy Week Mon 21st Tues 22nd Wed 23rd Thurs 24th Maundy Fri 25th Good Friday	7.30 pm Holy Communion 8.45- 10.00 pm Night Watch 12.00 pm All age service	7.00 pm Night Prayer 7.00 pm Night Prayer 7.00 pm Night Prayer 2.00 pm Devotional Ser- vice
Sunday 27th Easter Day	6.00 am Sunrise Service on Castle Mound behind Church 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Communion	8.11.00 am Church Fam- ily Worship

ARE YOU WITNESSING A CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT



REACH

Welcome to the ancient kingdom of Reach,
Cambridgeshire, England



The ancient Township of REACH, or RECHE, has been inhabited for 2,000 years. Local legend says that it was once a city boasting seven churches! Situated at the termination of the great earthwork known as the Devil's Dyke, with Reach Lode giving direct access to the sea, it survived the Conquest as an inland port. It was the centre of considerable trade in mediaeval times, being granted a charter to hold an annual fair at Rogationtide by King John. Later, as the activity on its hythes decreased and its maritime importance declined, Reach, with its great fair dwindling to the proportions of a village 'feast' and its many inns closing one by one, gradually lapsed into a purely agricultural community. Reche the port has gone, only Reach the hamlet remains.