

REACH

Out of 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.



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 Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

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Church Services Sept 07



Services at Burwell and Reach		
Sept 07	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach
2 nd Trinity 13	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
9 th Trinity 14	<u>Patronal Festival</u> 9.30am Parish Communion with the Bishop of Huntingdon Rt Revd Dr J.Inge	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" informal contemporary worship
16 th Trinity 15	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
23 rd Trinity 16	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	<u>Reach Harvest Festival</u> 11.00am Family Worship
- Trinity 17	6.30pm Service of Healing	9.30am United (5 th Sunday) Parish Communion

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12th Trinity 10	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
19th Trinity 11	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
26th Trinity 12	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 28	2.30pm Baptism of Katherine (Katie) Cameron

Editor's Notes



The purpose of Out of Reach is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household in Reach. Issues are published bi-monthly with cover dates of Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov. Items for inclusion should reach the editor two weeks before the 1st day of the first month on the cover. Inclusion date for Oct/Nov issue will be 15th September

From the Editor

As the Summer holidays approach we are all looking forward to some time to relax, soak up some sun and catch up with all the jobs we have been unable to tackle up till now. Let's hope the weather improves.

In this issue we have the amended bus timetable from April —apologies for not updating before—and the amended, and hopefully final, figures for the 2007 Reach Fair, on page 25.

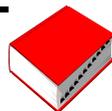
Don't forget that the re-cycling day has changed and is now Fridays not Tuesdays.

Have a good summer!

Grahame Radford

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Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we have initiated 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 742405

Forthcoming Events

August

Sunday 26th: 2.30pm Baptism of Katie Cameron at St Etheldreda's

September

Thurs 6th: 10.00 am. Toddlers Service at St Mary's, Burwell

Sunday 9th: 9.30 am. Patronal Festival at St Mary's, Burwell with the Bishop of Huntingdon

Sunday 23rd: 11.00 am. Harvest Festival family Service at Reach. Gifts of non-perishable produce requested for the Cambridge Foodbank, who support several local charities, and for the Burwell Refuge

Saturday 29th: 2.00pm Marriage of Rhisiart Lomas and Elizabeth (Libby) Jennings at St Ethelreda's, Reach.

Sunday 30th: 6.30 pm Service of Healing at St Mary's Burwell.

REACH CHURCH

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER at 7PM CAMBRIDGE VOICES IN REACH

You are invited to

A concert marking the choir's twentieth anniversary.

Comprising excerpts from The Messiah, popular songs from the 20's to the 60's, folksongs as well as entertaining pieces from Ian de Massini at the organ and keyboard. Something for everyone! Children welcome!

Beginning in the Church then moving to the Village Centre for celebratory refreshments with wine and soft drinks and the second half of the programme.

There will be a retiring collection in support of Reach Church



Dear Friends

As I write this I'm looking at a painting by the artist Francisco de Zurbaran, it's "St Francis in Meditation", the original in the National Gallery.

It has so little...yet so much. A superficial look at it shows St Francis almost completely concealed within his brown habit and cowl. But look again, longer and deeper, and you see an enormous depth of meaning in expression, his hands, pose, the texture and condition of the garb covering him and so on.

There is the very minimum of detail, but what an enormous invitation to fill in the rest of the scene in your mind's eye. The more you look the more opportunities you find to enter into the picture, into the scene, into the action, as little as there is of that.

I always think a good book should be like that, not telling you everything but leaving you to fill in gaps, to exert your imagination and to bring your own experience and wisdom to bear on the plot. And not only pictures and books, but people and life itself, our every day activities and thoughts and meeting with other people, because God gave us free will to useand don't let us forget it is free will for all human beings as well. I suspect even the terrorists have a painful reason for their atrocious activities which we should listen to.

Using our free will needs wisdom and charity because it includes that other freedom, freedom for my neighbour to act wisely and fairly to enjoy the goodness of the earth every bit as much as I do. "Aha ", some people think, "they only have free will at my behest because my will goes". Well they may not actually say it but they do often act it. And it's then that wisdom and humility go out of the window.

King Solomon prayed to God: " Give me a discerning heart to govern the people wisely and so distinguish between right and wrong". Perhaps those words should be read out as every new Government is appointed, every President is elected, every person in authority, in whatever role, is chosen, and what applies to them equally applies to every man, woman and child of us.

There is a saying that every picture tells a story, but we have to "listen" to it. Everyone we meet is a picture...with a story to "listen" to...if only we'd listen. When you meet someone do you listen to what they DON'T tell you as well as what they do ? Will you tell me your "picture" when we meet ?

DAVID BUSH Hon. Assistant Priest in the Parish.

PS We are having a Quiet Day, of imagination, relaxation and dreaming , at Reach Church and Village Centre, on Saturday 1st December 2007,

Approx. 10-00 am to 4-00 pm but open for whole or half day (that's free will !) ... watch out for details.

PPS "Hungry Pigs dream of Acorns". (Hungarian proverb) Our dreams will be related !

Dates For Your Diary



**DON'T FORGET THE RE-CYCLING DAYS
IT IS NOW FRIDAYS FROM JULY 13th**

Aug

Weds 1	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 10	Re-Cycling Day		
Tues 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 24	Recycling Day		
Tues 28	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm

Sept

Wed 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 7	Re-Cycling Day		
Tues 11	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 13	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 20	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	
Fri 21	Recycling Day		
Tues 25	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 27	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 30	Pub Quiz Night	Dykes End	8.00 pm



REACH CARPET BOWLS CLUB

**We bowl on Monday Nights
in the Village Hall from 7:30pm
starting from August 6th.
For further details contact :**

Gary on 01353 720113

New Members Welcome

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

Previous Winners

Ron Dunnett

Lesley Boyle

REMEMBER – To win it you've got to be in it

REACH FAIR 2007—Final

Commercial Stalls	2007	Village Stalls	2007
Fair - A Perrett	£1,000.00	Programme Sales	£541.09
Bar	£500.00	Tea Tent	£459.43
Go Karts/Assault Course	£73.00	BBQ	£314.87
Kings Ice Creams	£120.00	Bottle Stall	£400.21
Hoggies	£150.00	Cake Stall	£308.09
Jack's Kitchen - Jack Ringer	£20.00	Salad Stall	£406.60
Marshalls Land Rover	£100.00	Coconuts	£253.50
Fish and Chips	£35.00	Cream Teas	£502.00
Ronaldos Ice Cream	£34.10	Football	£131.20
Plant Stall - Janet Hall	£60.00	Creche	£28.63
Paul Hedges - Giant Slide	£0.00		£0.00
Beekeepers	£70.00		£0.00
Friends of Swaffham Prior School	£63.50		
	£0.00	Total	£3,345.62
Emma Mitchell	£20.00		
Johns Fish	£50.00	General Expenses	2007
Snake Hall Trust	£20.00	Traction Engine	£0.00
	-	Grass Cutting	£0.00
	-	St Johns Ambulance	£75.00
P Harlow One World	£20.00	General Expenses	£300.00
Katherine Fairey	£20.00	Car Park	£900.00
Revamps	£40.00		£0.00
Thelma Harris - Tombola	£25.00	Wicken Brass Band	£200.00
Doughnuts Lisa Hedges	£102.00	P Hunt PA System	£323.13
Taylor's Magnets	£35.00	Puppets/POZ Magic Show	£180.00
Crepes - C Verrecchia	£60.00	Patchwork Circus	£210.00
Isobel Hill/Sally Pearson	£20.00	Advertising	£0.00
Sue Green Forever Living	£30.00	Latta Loo Hire	£646.25
John Vickery	£30.00		£0.00
		Swords of Chivalry	£400.00
Sam Raithatha Stir Fry	£60.00	Straw Bales	
Olivia Coles - Pheonix Trading	£40.00		
Total	£2,797.60	Total	£3,234.38

Summary			
Commercial Stalls	£2,797.60		
Village Stalls	£3,345.62		
Total Income	£6,143.22		
less Expenses	£3,234.38	Share to Village Hall	£2,181.63
Profit	£2,908.84	Share to Amenity Fund	£727.21

Village Hall Committee

The AGM took place on 20th June at the Village Centre. Our Chairman for many years, Tony Jordan, has decided to step down and take a well deserved break from the Committee. We all thank Tony most sincerely for his sterling efforts over the years and hope that he will still be involved in future events.

The new Committee Chairman is Andrew Towers, with Jan Tabecki as Vice-Chairman. Rita Dunnett has agreed to remain as Secretary and Grahame Radford as Treasurer. The other Committee members all put themselves up for re-election and were unanimously re-elected.

Following the AGM the new Committee discussed the situation regarding the new windows for the Centre and it was agreed that these would be supplied in PVCu due to being better value for money and the ease of maintenance. The order will be placed soon and work is hoped to be completed by the end of the Summer.

REACH FAIR 2007

The final figures for 2007 are shown opposite. Despite the weather the results are quite good, although provision has had to be made for the preparation of the new car park on the Burwell Road for 2008.

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquee £80.00
this includes erection by
experienced personnel

Large BBQ £20.00 deposit
£10.00 returned if the BBQ is returned fully
cleaned

If you are interested please contact Andrew Hall
on 01638 743737



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"It runs in the family"

By Ray Cooney

A rip roaring comedy is what everyone needs to start the summer fun. We can deliver thanks to the clever writing of Ray Cooney.

Dr. David Mortimore finds himself in a position that may lead to a knighthood. What could possibly happen to put paid to that!!!

Well an old flame with surprising news that needs to be hidden from his wife and the hospital authorities. What does he find out and how does he deal with it?

Take your seat and come and find out. You will need a hankie because you will "laugh until you cry"

Performances will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 4^h, 5th & 6th October 2007 in the Main Hall at Bottisham Village College.

Tickets £7 those entitled to a concession (O.A.P's , children under 16 and anyone over 16 who can produce a Student card) will be charged £5. No concession on Saturday 12th May, available from Lushers News, Bottisham for personal bookings. Alternatively ring our separate advance booking line on 01223 811033.

Tickets must be paid for and collected prior to the show. Tickets may be available on the door

The format will be a standard Auditorium with drinks available from the dinner hall in the interval..

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Ely Ouse Lodes Strategy – Draft Scoping Report Consultation

A petition was now up and running protesting against the Lodes Strategy and publicity in the local press has been very good.

Swaffham Prior Playscheme

A letter Rebecca Pitt of the Swaffham Prior Playscheme had been received asking if the Parish Council could donate any money to them. All were in favour and a cheque for £25 will be sent to them.

Reach Road, Burwell

Concern was expressed over the hazards along the road near the new housing estates opposite the cricket ground. Numerous cars are being parked along the roadside causing enormous danger. The clerk would write to Burwell Parish Council and also Highways.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wed 4th July 2007 at 7.30pm.

A message from your District Councillor

I would like to thank all those who supported me in the recent East Cambs District Council election, and for your trust in allowing me the privilege of being your voice on the District Council.

However, let me assure all those who voted for my opponents that I am just as much their spokesman and will strive to act on their behalf also.

For the last four years we have had a hung council consisting of equal representation of Liberals and Conservatives with the six Independents holding the balance of power. This often resulted in proposals being drawn out, with some not reaching fruition. Following the elections the Conservatives are the largest parts with an overall majority of nine. The new composition of the Council should result in a clearer sense of direction. This in turn will hopefully help the Council officers by knowing that will be easier to deal with the many issues that confront our district.

50% of the workers in East Cambs commute out of the District to work, resulting in more vehicles on our all ready overcrowded roads.

We must therefore do all we can to increase local employment prospects and attract additional retail services to support the needs of the residence of the District.

There will be many other challenges on things such as transport, recycling, housing, then leisure and sport.

Our Conservative group will and endeavour to meet those challenges.

Swaffham Parochial Charities

John Robinson came to the meeting to talk about Swaffham Prior PCC. They meet 3 – 4 times a year and are able to give money to various projects, such as helping one parent families ie with school trips, books for youngsters going to university. They provide a Christmas bonus for people over 65. The present committee comprises of four members from Swaffham Prior and 1 member from Reach.

Village Hall Committee

Tony Jordan gave a report on the Village Hall Committee. The extension has been completed but there is still work to be carried out with new windows and curtains. The Reach Village Fair had gone well and was fairly well attended. Tony asked the Parish Council if they would be willing to donate £2000 from the Reach Amenity Fund towards the new windows. All were in agreement with this and Tony would contact the Parish Council when the money was required.

Items Discussed:

Swings

Cllr Wood and Cllr Aves agreed to make the necessary repairs to the swings as soon as possible.

Recycling

It has been reported by residents that some of their recycling is not being taken away during the fortnightly collections. The clerk would be a notice in OOR to informing residents that if this occurs to them, then they should call 01353 616093/616335 to put in a complaint.

St Etheldreda's Arch

Penny Lang stated that St Etheldreda's Arch at the back of Reach Church is crumbling rapidly and has been causing damage. She has contacted the Conservation Officer and a building inspector is involved. Apparently this is not a listed monument and it should be registered with English Heritage. Cllr Lang agreed to follow this up.

Telephone Box

The glass has been smashed in the phone box again. BT would be contacted to replace the glass.

Cemetery

Complaints from members of the public have been received about the state of the cemetery being so overgrown. Problems are still being experienced with the cutting of the cemetery grass. Cllr Aves to explain in detail about what is required to present contactors.

Straight Drove (beside Lode)

A copy of a letter that Dominic Doble of the County Council had sent to the National Trust was read out at the meeting, and all ~~20~~ agreed that he had portrayed the severe concerns of residents in the area.

REACH FAIR

WHEN WE HOLD OUR ANNUAL FAIR
IT'S ALWAYS OPENED BY THE MAYOR
BEING MAYOR OF CAMBRIDGE, A FEW MILES AWAY
HE ARRIVES IN CONVOY ON THAT DAY

THE MAYOR THROWS OUT NEW MINTED PENNIES
PEOPLE COME TO SEE IF THEY CAN GET MANY
KING JOHN GRANTED A ROYAL CHARTER ON THE FAIR IN 1201
WHY NOT COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE FUN?

WITH EVER CHANGING ATTRACTIONS OVER THE YEARS
IT STILL PULLS IN THE CROWDS, SO IT APPEARS
NOW ONE OF THE OLDEST FESTIVALS IN ENGLAND
THE EVENT IN REACH IS VERY WELL PLANNED

THE FAIR IS HELD ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY
AND NO-ONE CAN FORGET THAT WONDERFUL DAY
CHILDREN DANCE ROUND THE MAYPOLE ON THE GREEN
AFTER THEY'VE PLAYED "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN"

PLENTY OF REFRESHMENTS – ROLLS, BEER TENT, BBQ
AND MANY OTHER THINGS TO ENTERTAIN YOU
IT STARTED AS A HORSE FAIR, SO THEY SAY
BUT IS QUITE DIFFERENT AT THE PRESENT DAY

DENNIS MILLARD

Addenbrooke's volunteers celebrate seven centuries of giving

Addenbrooke's will pay tribute to its hundreds of volunteers this National Volunteers' Week as the hospital says 'thank you' to its longest serving volunteers. Wednesday 6 June will see the Trust's volunteers honoured for long-term service ranging from five to 31 years, a total of 696 years between them.

Volunteers help us make life easier for both our patients and their families by supporting our staff or helping out behind the scenes. They perform many tasks, from tending patients' flowers to visiting patients in want of company. Each year, 700 volunteers give up their free time on a regular basis to help patients throughout Addenbrooke's.

This veritable army of volunteers will enjoy drinks and live music at the reception before awards are handed out by the Chief Executive, Dr Gareth Goodier and the Chairman, Dr Mary Archer.

Perhaps the most distinguished honour of the night will go to 90-year-old Gladys Wilkin for an amazing 31 years service. She retired from her post as a volunteer guide in the main hospital this year and will miss everything about it:

"I've been volunteering at Addenbrooke's from the very start of the service and I've loved every minute. When I started I used to love watching the elderly patients who had arrived in a wheelchair walk out on their own two feet, and now I'm ninety myself! I've been so happy guiding and helping people in the hospital - it's what I was made for."

- Since September 2006 over 100 volunteers applied and have been placed in volunteer positions that enhance the patient experience. The Young Person Programme started in January 2007, and has so far seen 45 teenagers (16 - 19) volunteer in clinical areas on a regular basis.

Andrea MacAlister

Voluntary Services Manager

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ing 12 months.

Employment

The use of redundant farm buildings should be encouraged in suitable locations for light commercial use. In Ely 80% of residents on the new developments commute out of the district to work.

Post Offices

In the eastern region, 400 post offices closed during the last eight years. 200 more are scheduled to close by 2011. We have an excellent post office in Swaffham Bulbeck. The more it is used, the less likely it will be on the list for closure.

Looking forward

- ECDC now has a conservative majority instead of a hung council. This should give a clearer direction of policy for council officers. Certain pledges were made in the manifesto – these were – to keep council tax increases at or below the level of increase in the Retail Prices Index.
- Concentrate spending tax payers money on services, no on overheads
- Pursue policies on housing, leisure and sport for the benefit of all throughout the District.
- Increase local employment prospects and attract additional retail services to support the needs of the residents in the district.
- Challenge government services on health and policing to meet the needs of all communities across the district.

On this last point, the new administration has established an external review committee. Its powers will only be advisory, but will call on various organizations whose policies are impacting on the district to attend a meeting at which their policies can be explained and discussed.

The new Chairman of the Council is Councillor Fred Brown, the Vice Chairman is Councillor Peter Cresswell.

Police Liaison Committee

East Cambs have had 583 more crimes committed than the previous year. These included, Burglary, vehicle crime, criminal damage. However, the crime rate in East Cambs remains low compared to other areas.

Fire Authority has produced its Integrated Risk Management Plan to indicate how it intends to allocate its resources, to manage identified risks more effectively and improve community safety. Cllr Williams will continue to monitor the situation regarding Swaffham. Bulbeck and Burwell retained stations for any possible changes.

Cllr Williams had asked the question about the fact that all primary schools in the area are at capacity for Reception children. She has been given assurances by the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People's Services that she will investigate the situation, particularly with reference to September 2008 entry.

Another question about the Lodes and the Cabinet member for the Environment has said he is not in favour of any suggestion that the lodes should be downgraded and Cllr Williams has asked for a policy decision from the County Council.

District Councillor's Report

For the third year running, ECDC has kept the Council Tax increase to 2.5%.

The Audit Commission's latest inspection report gave ECDC a rating of 'good'. This is the second highest of five categories, the top being excellent. Only 28 councils received an excellent rating.

There has been a streamlining of top officers at East Cambs, we have reduced the number of Executive officers from five to three. Cecelia Tredget, also our Deputy Chief Executive Officer, has been seconded to South Cambs District Council to assist them. South Cambs are paying Cecelia's salary.

Parking in Ely

The new 180 space commuter car park at Angel Drove is due to open in the Autumn. This should free up vital parking space in Ely's car parks for shoppers and long stay. On Saturdays it will be used as a park and ride site for shoppers.

New affordable housing

219 were completed in 2006/7, 119 were social rent and 100 shared ownership. Scheduled for 2007/8 were 220 on the list to date, of which 91 are for renting. They are looking at a scheme called Community Land Trusts as a way of providing affordable housing. It would be operated by a charitable trust rather than a housing association. Its advantage is that it would be run by local people for local people.

Tourism

It has been a very interesting year for tourism in Ely and East Cambridgeshire. Although there has been a mixture of increases and decreases in the visitor numbers reported by the attractions in our district, the area has remained very high profile and much of the work undertaken this year will hopefully reap benefits in the follow

Burwell Surgery

Sponsored Walk

On Sunday 24th June, seventeen members of surgery staff including doctors, nurses, dispensary and administration staff took part in the Kidney Research UK London Bridges sponsored walk. The walk was approximately seven miles long and the route followed along the Thames path and across the bridges between Tower Bridge and Hammersmith Bridge. It was amazing to see a long line of people in purple t-shirts, sporting purple balloons, stretched out along the route. Despite the weather, which varied from drizzling to downpour at times, everyone enjoyed the walk, the sights along the river and especially the picnic afterwards, underneath our own personal gazebo in Greenwich Park. We would like to thank all those patients who have very kindly sponsored our team. We are in the process of collecting all the donations at the moment and will let you know the grand total of team and individual sponsorships as soon as the figure is available.

Missed Appointments

Unfortunately, we are experiencing a higher level than usual of missed appointments at the surgery. Last month there were 70 appointments that were not kept by patients. If you have made an appointment and then find that you are unable to keep it, please would you let the surgery know as soon as possible so that the appointments are available for rebooking

Bus Timetable



Effective 16 April 2007

Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 10A

Bus 10

Reach to Newmarket: **07.35; 09.35; 12.35; 16.35; 17.35.**

Bus 10

Reach to Cambridge **06.54; 07.39; 09.54; 12.54; 16.54, 17.54; 18.24.**

Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 10

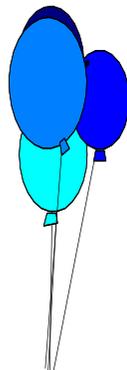
Sorry, there are no buses in or out of Reach on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Birthdays

I need more dates for birthdays – please

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Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 6 June 2007

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Dunnett, Platt, Wood and Clark; also C/Cllr Williams, D/Cllr Alderson and 3 members of the public

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 May 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Parish Council co-opted Penny Lang to fill the last vacancy for parish councillor.

Bank Mandates

New Bank Mandates were signed and parish councillors should present their personal i.d. to the Burwell Barclays Bank to complete the process.

Reports

County Councillor's Report

Council tax increase for the county share was 5%.
Redundancies and reorganisation of senior posts to save money.
Some service cuts e.g. highways maintenance
Guided bus voted through and work has begun.
PFI contact for waste disposal (to Donarbon) and some new household waste recycling sites agreed.
Free bus passes for over 60s able to be provided with funding help from the county.
An extra bus via Reach in the evening to enable those who get the bus to work to be able to return.
Waste and minerals plan out for consultation. Sewage treatment works nearest contentious item for this area.
Speed policy review being consulted upon.
Scrutiny committees look at many issues including the budget, the contact centre, adult social care, Hinchingsbrooke hospital consultation, office accommodation, street lighting etc.

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Know your Parish Council

Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:

Michael Aves – Chairman 742800

Jenny Moseley – Vice-Chairman 741425

Joyce Harrison - 742405

Rita Dunnett - 742943

Helen Platt

Ross Clark

Robert Wood

Penny Lang (co-opted)

The Clerk is Claire Denniss. Her telephone number (for street lights not working, Burial Ground enquiries, etc.) is **01638 604405**.

Councillors are also elected to various sub-committees.

For the year 2006–2007, the following Officers have been elected and any inquiries about the various committees can be made through them:

Village Hall Committee Ross Clark/Joyce Harrison

Police Liaison Committee

Swaffham Prior Primary School tbc

Honorary posts:

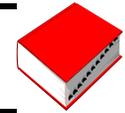
Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities

Jenny Moseley

Tree Officer

John Reed 742140

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor

Don't Ditch Our Lodes

Since I wrote to you regarding the above an on-line E-Petition has been started and has already been signed by many people including Mr James Paice, M.P., several County and District Councillors, and the Chairmen of some local Parish Councils. If your readers wish to sign it and have access to the Internet they should go to -

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/ourLODES>

I believe that the E-petition will carry a lot of weight, certainly so if even more people sign it!

Yours faithfully

Geoffrey Woollard, Chapel Farm, River Bank, Nr. Upware.

“Adult & Community Education is facing a new set of challenges in 2007/8 with another year of substantial budget cuts in some areas of our funding which has had to be reflected in our fees this coming year. However, we are proud that we have managed to continue our rich range of courses as well as keeping fee increases to a minimum. We have 165 courses on offer with some leading to a qualification, others purely for enjoyment, relaxation, well-being and friendship. We have made efforts to ensure that there is something for everyone and warmly welcome the continued encouragement from our local communities in the support for Adult and Community provision.

Our brochure will be delivered to your door over the coming weeks, please do spend some time looking through it, our office teams will be delighted to provide you with further information and enrol you on your chosen programme. Classes are held at Bottisham, Burwell, Soham, please contact the relevant Community Office for more information. Bottisham 01223 811372, Burwell 01638 741901 or Soham 01353 722297.”

**Many thanks,
Susannah Lewis**

**Adult Education Manager
Bottisham, Burwell & Soham**

THE LODES

Many villagers will already have heard of the Environment Agency's proposals to lower, or to remove entirely, Reach lode, together with the lodes at Burwell, Swaffham Bulbeck and Bottisham. It seems that, unknown to most of us, the agency has been in discussions with the National Trust for some months over the future of drainage in this part of the fens. But it does seem now as if we have a brief opportunity to protest over what would be a severe change to the fenland landscape, with possible repercussions for boating, fishing and walking.

To put the issues simply, the Environment Agency argues that the business of repairing the lode banks has become too great. There have been several leaks in recent years which have necessitated the banks to be rebuilt in parts. To this end it has commissioned a report from consultants Halcrow, which establishes a series of proposals. One of them would involve the entire removal of the lode; another would see the banks bulldozed and the lode recreated at ground level. The report does not rule out leaving things as they are. The National Trust has enthusiastically endorsed the proposal to remove the lodes, seeing in them an opportunity to advance its 'Wicken vision': its 100 year project to return 13 square miles of fenland between Wicken and Anglesey Abbey to a semi-wild inland wetland. Removing the lodes would lessen the effectiveness of the drainage, thus raising the water table on the fen, promoting the flora and fauna which grew there before the fens were drained in the first place.

There are divergent views on the desirability of the National Trust's general scheme to rewild the fen. But there are many reasons why the lodes should be retained, whether the surrounding fen becomes a nature reserve or not. The lodes are historic structures which add greatly to the character of the fens. It is hard to see why an organisation such as the National Trust, which is committed to preserving the national heritage, should be keen to see them bulldozed. Inherent in the National Trust's Wicken Vision is the desire for it to become place for people as well as nature. Removing the lodes would destroy an historic navigation, lessen the opportunities for fishing and detract from the experience of walking in the fen. Moreover, we have just had a large sewage treatment works constructed in the village: quite what will happen to the discharge from these works if it is not quickly transferred to the River Cam the Environment Agency does not explain.

The Parish Council has already registered its objections. Anyone else who wishes to comment can do so by emailing rowneyk@halcrow.com. I have asked for the document – known as the Ely Ouse Lodes Strategy – to be put online so that everyone can read it. Further developments will be reported here.

Ross Clark

LADIES OF REACH ASSOCIATION – L.O.R.A.

On 29th June twenty of us enjoyed a very interesting talk by Lindsay Davies. She gave a very graphic description, complete with photographs, of an adventure trip she had taken last July and August to Mongolia. She had such an interesting time on her walking holiday that some of us felt like packing our bags there and then and setting off to experience snow in August, washing in glacial streams and crossing rivers on camels. And much more besides.

Afterwards we enjoyed wine and strawberries and cream and lots of social chit chat and a good opportunity to meet and make new friends. A collection also raised £40 towards Lindsay's chosen charity, the Horningsea Church Roof Fund.

During the conversations some further ideas were mooted for future events and included a visit to Chelsea Flower Show, local theatre trip, a "Pamper" evening and other speakers.

We now have a list of "members" but more are always welcome.

If you would like another evening arranged for late September/early October please let us know. In the meantime we will start to plan the Christmas Dinner for the last Friday in November depending on venue availability. Numbers will be limited to 25 so we will need names and £5 deposit as soon as possible.

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gnk@reach-village.co.uk

Hilary Almond
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741853
hilary.almond@reach-village.co.uk

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

Little Windmills Playgroup.

June 2007.

The children and staff of the Playgroup have almost completed another happy school year at Reach Village Centre.

Regular study walks around Reach village have been enjoyed in all weathers and the delight of the children as they observe the changing pattern of nature has been a privilege to see.

The improvements made to the Hall facilities, in the great building programme of last Autumn, has been helpful for the staff and has enabled them to provide the ever widening range of activities our young children require from a pre school setting.

After many years as leader of our playgroup Maxine Carvell is leaving us to further her work with older children. Not just children but parents past and present have benefited from Maxine's understanding and devotion to young children. We are having a grand Teddy Bears Picnic to celebrate Maxine's time at Little Windmills Playgroup.

We are delighted that Debbie Lingley will continue to be our Playgroup Leader in September 2007 assisted by Susan, Clare, Sue, Catherine and Ruth.

Little Windmills Playgroup is a parent managed pre school setting so without the valued support given by the parents of the children using this group there would be no playgroup here. Many playgroups like ours have closed during recent years from lack of parent support and an inability to recruit staff.

It is important to emphasise the role of the parents and the community in the form of the Village Hall Committee in keeping a playgroup such as ours available for the young pre school child in the delightful rural setting of Reach.

REACH CHURCH

HARVEST SUPPER

**FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER
7pm in VILLAGE CENTRE**

TICKETS Adult £7, Child £3, Family £19

From Jan Robinson: 743563, Joyce Harrison: 742405
& Jen Holmwood: 742969

**No licence so bring own beer & wine
Soft Drinks & Glasses provided**