

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.



Reach Community Magazine June/July 2008

Information

Parish Council Chairman Michael Aves 742800
Parish Clerk To be decided
Village Hall Committee Ross Clark
Village Hall Bookings Joyce Harrison, 742405
County Councillor Hazel Williams
District Councillor Allen Alderson 01638 741744
Neighbourhood Watch Joyce Harrison 742405
Vicar Revd Canon Stephen Earl 741262
Hon.Assistant Priest Revd David Bush 741839
Asst.Curate Revd Gill Smith 743589
Licensed Lay Minister John Hooper 742026
Priest in Retirement (Reach) Revd David King 742924

Editor Grahame Radford 742814
 e-mail: reach14@sky.com
Advertising Freda Lloyd. 742368
Distribution Joyce Harrison. 742405

Doctors (The Burwell Surgery, Newmarket Road, Burwell, CB5 0AE)

Appointments/Emergencies 741234

Doctors Dr Anne Shneerson, Dr Andrew Wills,
 Dr A Manning, Dr James Parry, Dr Maureen Birch
Surgery Hours
 Mon 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
 Tues. 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
 Wed 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
 Thu 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
 Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

Community Nurses 742382 11 - 11.30 am, 1.00 - 1.30 pm & 4 - 4.30 pm
Ante Natal Wed. 4.30 - 5.30 pm, Run by Midwife
Child Health Surveillance 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 2.00 - 4.00 pm

Emergencies

Eastern Electric 01223 440221
Anglian Water 01603 225000
Police 999 Non Emergencies 0845 4564564

Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach		
July 08	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach</i>
6 th Trinity 7	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
13 th Trinity 8	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Contemporary worship
20 th Trinity 9	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
27 th Trinity 10	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	

Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach		
June 08	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach
1st Trinity 2	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
8th Trinity 3	9.30am Parish Communion Lutheran liturgy With Pastor Peter Nieber From Bansin in Germany	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Contemporary worship
15th Trinity 4	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 3.00pm Deanery Service for all involved as Carers. At Bot- tisham Holy Trinity Parish Church	
22nd Trinity 5	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
29th Trinity 6 (5th Sunday)	<u>No</u> 8.00 am Service	9.30 am Parish Communion Celebrating St Etheldreda With Archdeacon of Cambridge The Venerable John Beer

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 Aug/Sept issue will be 14th July due to the summer recess.

From the Editor

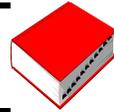
What a fantastic Fair we had this year. The weather was absolutely perfect and the visitors came in their thousands—about 6,500 according to the Police! See report on page 22 for more details.

The Peacocks are now getting a real nuisance and I am hearing complaints about the noise, the mess and the fact that they are eating garden plants. Please let me know if you have experienced any problems.

Grahame Radford

01638 742814
reach14@sky.com

Contents



Editors Notes	3
Dates for Your Diary	5
Notices	6
Swaffham Prior School News	8
NEW Bus Timetable	12
Ladies of Reach Association	16
Letters to the editor	17
Parish Council Minutes	20
County Councillor's Message	21
Reach Fair News	22
Church News	25

Church News



Unfortunately no Pastoral letter was available at time of going to press.

Reach Village Centre



To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we have a 100 club. Tickets are just £10.00 each.

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 ⁴Joyce Harrison 742405

Reach Fair 2008—Interim results

Dates For Your Diary



DATES for your DIARY

June

Weds 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 10	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 13	Recycling Day		
Weds 18	Hall Committee	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 24	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 27	Recycling Day		
Sun 29	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	8.00 pm

July

Weds 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 8	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 11	Recycling day		
Weds 16	Hall Committee		7.30 pm
Tues 22	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 25	Recycling Day		
Sun 27	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	8.00 pm

Commercial Stalls	2008	2007	Village Stalls	2008	2007
Perrett - Fair	£1,500.00	£1,000.00	Car Park/Programmes	£3,225.65	£541.09
Bar	£750.00	£500.00	Tea Tent	£893.84	£459.43
Go Karts/Assault Course	£102.00	£73.00	BBQ	£859.19	£314.87
Kings Ice Creams	£250.00	£120.00	Bottle Stall	£346.79	£400.21
Hoggies		£150.00	Cake Stall	£221.03	£308.09
Jack's Kitchen - Jack Ringer	£40.00	£20.00	Salad Stall	£513.92	£406.60
Marshalls Land Rover	£0.00	£100.00	Coconuts	£181.89	£253.50
Fish and Chips	£70.00	£35.00	Cream Teas	£555.89	£502.00
Ronaldos Ice Cream	£137.19	£34.10	Football	£155.75	£131.20
Plant Stall - Janet Hall	£100.00	£60.00	Creche	£0.00	£28.63
Paul Hedges - Giant Slide	£75.00	£0.00	Village Games	£393.87	
Beekeepers		£70.00	Toss Welly/Bale	£92.70	
Friends of Swaffham Prior School		£63.50	Grand Draw	£149.47	
Cheryl Brighty	£26.00		Total	£7,589.99	£3,345.62
Emma Mitchell	£45.00	£20.00			
Johns Fish	£50.00	£50.00	Expenses	2008	2007
Prospect Trust	£50.00	£20.00	Traction Engine	£80.00	£0.00
Little Gems	£40.00	-	Grass Cutting		£0.00
Inner Lather	£38.00	-	St Johns Ambulance		£75.00
P Harlow One World	£40.00	£20.00	General Expenses	£79.31	£300.00
Katherine Fairey	£0.00	£20.00	Car Park	£1,800.00	£900.00
Revamps	£0.00	£40.00	Parking	£250.00	
Thelma Harris - Tombola	£20.00	£25.00	Wicken Brass Band	£0.00	£200.00
Lisa Hedges-Sharman	£111.00	£102.00	P Hunt PA System	£387.75	£323.13
Taylor's Magnets	£30.00	£35.00	Puppets/POZ Magic Show	£195.00	£180.00
Crepes - C Verrecchia	£90.00	£60.00	Patchwork Circus	£210.00	£210.00
Isobel Hill/Sally Pearson	£0.00	£20.00	Advertising	£0.00	£0.00
Sue Green Forever Living	£20.00	£30.00	Latta Loo Hire	£652.12	£646.25
John Vickery	£0.00	£30.00			
Grandads Clothing	£40.00	£0.00	Swords of Chivalry	£0.00	£400.00
Sam Raithatha Stir Fry	£0.00	£60.00	Straw Bales	£50.00	
Olivia Coles - Pheonix Trading	£38.00	£40.00			
Mrs Head	£40.00		Village Games/Prizes	£820.42	
Astra Hart-Marsh	£40.00				
Samamba	£36.00				
Judy Love Antiques	£20.00				
Barbara Russell	£40.00				
Lynn MacDonald Knitwear	£80.00				
Jules' Jewels	£40.00				
Peter Fears (Coffee Quest)	£55.00				
Native American	£20.00	£0.00			
Something Different	£20.00				
Kate Child	£20.00	£0.00			
Mirrors	£20.00				
Bric a Brac (Kirkpatrick)	£20.00				
Total	£4,113.19	£2,797.60	Total	£4,524.60	£3,234.38

Summary

Commercial Stalls	£4,113.19	£2,797.60			
Village Stalls	£7,589.99	£3,345.62			
Total Income	£11,703.18	£6,143.22			
less Expenses	£4,524.60	£3,234.38	Share to Village Hall	£5,383.94	£2,181.63
Profit	£7,178.58	£2,908.84	Share to Amenity Fund	£1,794.64	£727.21

Notices



REACH VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

Latest Winners :-

March - Mandy Manchett
April - TBA

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



Grasscutters Wanted

Would you like the chance to ride up and down on a John Deere tractor on Fair Green cutting the grass? We need help to mow the Playing Field as well.

So any Mum, Dad, Grandparent or resident of Reach that could help would be most welcome. It's fun and relaxing and a cut only takes about an hour, so it's not a big commitment.

The machine is not too complicated and full training will be given. You'll need your own sun hats as we only mow when the weather is good!

Please contact David Elliott on 742268 or Bryan Pearson on 743966

Of course, the Fair can only survive thanks to the hard work and dedication of all those people who give up their time to help, both on the day and beforehand.

The Committee would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those who helped in any way, because without you the Fair would not be the success it is.

Reach Fair 2008

At last this year's Fair had the weather we had all been hoping for to ensure a fantastic result

However, the weekend did not start too encouragingly with a very poor turnout for the Dance at the Village Hall. Perhaps a live band is not to everyone's liking, but those who attended had a good time. Our thanks to Glen Newman for arranging the music.

The Sunday evening quiz turned out to be a major event with no less than 17 teams taking part. Apologies to those teams who had to sit outside the marquee and share some question sheets. I will make sure that sufficient paperwork is available next year! The winning team, the "Pub Landlords" have requested that the proceeds of the evening, some £106, go to the Milton Hospice.

This year the Committee were trying some new ideas in order to become a little more traditional. Some of the usual attractions were replaced by more pro-active events and family fun activities which seemed to have been a great success. They have invested money in providing some very interesting games that will more than pay for themselves over the next few years. Also, we had the new car parking arrangements using John Coles' field which seems to have been a great success although for the first time a charge was being made for parking. With over 1100 cars using the car park it can be said that this has not put off visitors. At one stage the queue stretched back into Burwell!

The children's Fancy Dress proved extremely popular and we hope that this will be an annual event. Well done to all those who took part.

Because of the good weather and the high number of visitors most of the stalls reported good business, especially the food stalls, and this is reflected in the figures for this year's event. The provisional figures are shown overleaf and this is likely to increase slightly when all monies are received.

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquees - £80.00
(includes erection by
experienced personnel)

10' x 10' Gazebos - £20

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

Please contact Andrew Hall on 01638 743737



Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Broadband



Your local internet / e-mail provider
(Before going to BT contact us)
£20 per calendar month

Name.....

Address

.....

Tel No.....

Please fill in this form if you require Broadband and return it to
Paul Catling, 10 Adams Road, Swaffham Prior

For further details contact Paul on 07005 800 991



**News from
Swaffham Prior
Church of England
Primary School**

Thank you so much for the fabulous response we have had for our swimming pool fund raising door drop envelopes. With your help we have managed to raise just over £1500 from this alone! Other fundraising ideas are going well. Our fantastic seven parents have completed their sponsored cycle ride from St. Austell to Swaffham Prior and managed to raise over £4000 doing this. We have currently raised about £10,000, so we are almost half way there. Thank you once again for your continued support.

The children are all taking part in a sponsored swim on 26th June to raise further funds. This will take place at Bottisham pool and should be great fun. We also have our annual Summer Fair on 5th July and hope you will be able to come along.

We started off this term with an INSET day involving members of the whole school community; staff, children, governors and parents. The aim was to re-write our school vision and write a new motto, and here they are:

Our School Vision: Swaffham Prior C of E Primary School promotes a sustainable, challenging and Christian ethos which is at the heart of the community. All adults and children are responsible, caring and friendly. We communicate and work together effectively, showing respect for each other and our environment. Everyone is encouraged to be motivated, happy, confident and independent learners able to meet future challenges.

Our new motto: Learning, working and growing together.

All children have had 1:1 Learning Meetings with their class teacher this term. Each child had a special 10 minutes with their teacher to discuss their learning, what is going well and what their next steps should be. This new venture has gone really well and the children really valued being the centre of attention for a whole 10 minutes, so we are going to do it each term.

Class 4 have just completed a Personalised Learning Week. The children were given the opportunity to choose what they wanted to learn about for a week, but they had to plan and organise it all themselves! The topics varied from Fashion Design, Photography, Being a Flying Groom, Stunts, Go-kart building and Chemical Reactions. The children organised visits to Cambridge Regional College

Cambridge County Council Report February 2008

Council Tax

The following council tax increases have been agreed for next year.

County Council 5%

Police Authority 5%

Fire Authority 4%

District Council 3.7%

The county part of the council tax will be £979.11 for a band D property but when combined with the district (£125.82), parish (£41.22), police (£156.87) and fire (£54.45) a band D property will pay £1357.47 for council tax in 2008/9 in Reach

RTPI National Planning Award success

At the annual award ceremony earlier this month, the Cambridge Waste Management Park at Waterbeach won the Climate Change category for 2007. The County Council worked closely with Donarbon to bring forward innovative proposals for the management of waste. By much reducing the methane produced in landfill, the new Mechanical and Biological Treatment plant will have a highly beneficial effect on global warming.

Concessionary Bus Fare Scheme

The new scheme will be countywide and a reimbursement rate has been agreed with the operators. The scheme is on track to begin on 1st April 2008.

Park & Ride

Off-Bus Ticketing

Ticket machines are now working at 4 of the 5 sites (Cowley will not have machines fitted).

Addenbrookes Access Road/Milton Park and Ride

These two major schemes are progressing but have suffered slight delays due to the bad weather in January and February. Completion dates may need to be revised, possibly to Autumn 2008 and September 2008 respectively depending on weather.

Sewage works move to Honey Hill

We heard in presentations on the Minerals & Waste Plan that the move of Anglian Water to Honey Hill, Horningsea, is now less likely. A consultants' feasibility report is due at the end of this month.

Surgeries

County Councillor Surgeries will be on the 2nd Saturday in the month (12th April, 10th May, 14th June) at Centre Peace on The Causeway from 10.30am - noon

HAZEL WILLIAMS

01638 743897

REACH PARISH COUNCIL

REACH WOOD

NOTICE OF MEETING

Jonathan Plow from The Woodland Trust will be speaking about Reach Wood and will be answering questions from members of the public on

WEDNESDAY 4th June 2008 at 7.30pm at Reach Village Centre

ALL WELCOME

REACH PARISH COUNCIL

Vacancy for Clerk

Would you be interested in part-time work (approximately 17 hours per month) working from home?

You will need basic computer skills (Word, use of e-mail): ownership of a computer would be an advantage although one could be provided.

If interested, please phone Claire Denniss on 01638 604405 or email claire.denniss@ntlworld.com for more details.

28

Fashion and Photography departments, Darley Stud and Wicken Fen. They also worked with specialists from the stunt world and chemistry teachers. The week was great fun and we all learnt a huge amount.

Rehearsals are currently under way for the Key Stage 2 summer production, Robin Hood. The children are busy learning their songs and words for the show which is being held on 15th July @ 1.30pm (dress rehearsal), 16th July @ 7pm and 17th July @ 7pm. Please call into school if you would like to see a performance.

Emma Vincent
Headteacher

Reunion Party

Were you a pupil in the year group 1975-1980 at Bottisham Village College? There will be a Reunion Party for ex-pupils and teachers on Saturday 7th June 2008 at Bottisham Village College, 8 – 12pm. Please contact Karin Fitch if you wish to come on 01954 251700 or karin.murphy@hotmail.co.uk.

We hope to keep entry cost down to £5 per person (depending on final numbers coming). Please bring a bottle and a few nibbles

Come and revisit old times and old faces; the more, the merrier!

Grand Draw Reach Fair 2008 - Prize List

1 st	Mrs S.Garner
2 nd	Ms N Case
3 rd	Mrs S Williams
4 th	Mrs Tucker
5 th	Mrs J Holmwood
6 th	Mr Barker
7 th	Mrs S Harrison
8 th	Mr D Pell
9 th	Mrs Perry
10 th	Mrs Vries
11 th	Mrs J Riches
12 th	Mr Ketteridge
13 th	Mrs Towers
14 th	Mrs Hardy
15 th	Mr Cameron
16 th	Mrs Hiby
17 th	Miss Delph
18 th	Mr Clutton- Brock
19 th	Mr D Parr
20 th	Mrs J Holmwood
21 st	Mr T Hailstone
22 nd	Ms J Kirkpatrick

CCC Integrated Plan Document

The above document has been received from CCC. Parish Councillors will peruse it over the next month.

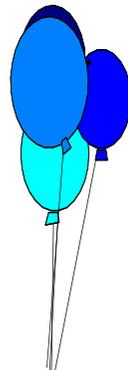
The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 7.30pm.

S Glasdon UK Limited	£148.05
Eastern Tree Surgery	£499.38
Cambridgeshire County Council (lighting)	£227.50
East Cambs District Council	£ 47.85
The Wildlife Trust	£ 36.00
CPALC Affiliation Fee	£102.48
Browns of Burwell	£ 21.10
Ben Burgess	£120.58
Ron Greenhill (playground repairs)	£ 30.00

Birthdays

Congratulations to Stefan Bjork who celebrates his 17th birthday on 30th July

10



Playground Inspection

The playground inspection has taken place and no major problems were reported. This will be put on next months agenda.

Parking problem

It has been reported that people are parking their car on the junction near the pub so that buses/lorries are having to drive over the grass. This is a conservation area so it is a shame to see the verges damaged. The clerk agreed to send a letter to the owners of the car.

Tree Work around Reach

Eastern Tree Surgery have carried out tree work around Reach.

We are still awaiting the County Council to attend to the trees and brambles at the back of the last house on the Hythe. The Clerk will contact them again to find out when they intend to do it.

Election of Police Liaison Contact

Ross Clark will be the new police liaison contact for Reach. All were in agreement.

Election of New Parish Councillor

Following notices of the parish councillor vacancy, one application was received from Mrs Angela King. The Parish Council were all in agreement that Mrs King should fill this position. The clerk will ask Mrs King to sign the necessary documents at next months meeting.

Salt Bin for Ditchfield

The salt bin has been delivered and is being stored by Cllr Platt. The County Council will visit Ditchfields to suggest a suitable site for it. This will be in the Autumn prior to making their grit deliveries.

Audit Commission

A letter had been received from the Audit Commission stating the Moore Stephens had again been appointed as External Auditors.

Insurance

The annual insurance renewal has been received from Allianz Cornhill. This will be looked at in detail at the next meeting. The clerk will contact Ben Burgess to check the value of the village mower.

CALC Affiliation Fee

The Parish Council agreed to renew the CALC Affiliation Fee - £102.48



Bringing Recycling Closer to home



Refuse and Recycling Times



New Recycling Services coming to a Street near You from 31st March 2008

East Cambridgeshire District Council will be entering into a new Waste contract with Veolia Environmental Services, which starts on **Monday 31st March 2008**. The service includes refuse, recycling and street cleansing

- The Council is remaining with a weekly black sack refuse collection. Residents should restrict the number of black refuse sacks they put out for collection to 5. Contact the Council if you need advice on how to **REDUCE** your Waste

The following changes will be implemented:-

- We will limit the number of free replacement paper sacks to 4, you may of course place more bags out even using cardboard boxes for grass cuttings. Remember the weight of the box or sacks, if it's too heavy for you, then its too heavy for us! You can purchase extra sacks through various outlets, please contact Veolia on 01353 863864 for your nearest stockist.
- We are introducing a new Kerbside plastic **bottle** collection (without the lids) using a **clear** plastic bag. Remember wash and squash all bottles, these will be collected at the same time as your black box. All householders will receive 1 free replacement plastic bag on the day of collection.
- Plastic bottle banks will be removed from the bring sites.
- 100% coverage of Recycling district wide
- **Recycling sites district wide with more planned**
- **Advice on waste minimisation and prevention, composting**

Tel: 01353 665555



Bus Timetable



We are indebted to **Ian Massini** who has kindly volunteered to provide and maintain an up-to-date timetable in "Out of Reach" for the residents.

Mondays to Fridays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.22	06.54	06.57	07.38	10
	07.39	07.42	08.36	10
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk 12.22	Then .27 & .57 past each hour 12.57	Then .05 & .35 past each hour 13.35	10/10A 10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk 16.22	Then .27 & .57 past each hour 16.57	Then .05 & .35 past each hour 17.35	10/10A 10
17.22	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
17.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
18.52	Walk	19.27	20.05	10
	Walk	21.52	22.30	10

Cambridge Drummer Street	Swaffham Prior	Reach	Newmarket Rookery	Bus-
07.00	07.32	07.35	08.11	10
09.00	09.32	09.35	10.08	10
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
12.00	12.32	12.35	13.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
16.00	16.32	16.35	17.08	10
17.00	17.32	17.35	18.08	10
18.00	18.32	18.35	19.08	10
18.30	19.08	(Walk)	19.38	10A
19.00	19.38	(Walk)	20.08	10
21.00	21.38	(walk)	—	10
23.00	23.38	(walk)	23.08 (Tesco)	10

12

County Council Report

The County Council have commenced consultation on the appointment of a new senior lead officer for adult social services. It is hoped that the position will be filled by May.

Cambridgeshire and Northampton County Councils have signed an agreement with Fujitsu for back office services. This will make services more efficient and it is likely that other councils will wish to buy into the service.

Guided Bus – Trials of buses have begun along the only section of the route that is completed. There is likely to be some severe disruption when work begins at the Hills Road Bridge. Phase one of the Addenbrookes access road is nearly complete. Phase two is to be funded by developers and this means that the £800,000 that was allocated for this can now be used on other projects.

Waste – The County Council has signed a 28 years contract for waste disposal with Donarbon. This will include an educational centre that will hopefully encourage future recycling.

The Scrutiny committee have looked at the way that the County Council receive petitions. This is to be improved as it is not seen as good community engagement.

Bus Subsidies – The new scoring system for those routes that are subsidised will now include social needs as well as numbers using the bus.

Fire Service – Tony Raine a fireman from March Fire Station has won a national award. Despite being paralysed in one leg he wished to remain in the service and has been supported in this by the Fire Service and he now works as a watch manager at March Fire Station.

Village Hall Report

A letter had been received from Rita Dunnett on behalf of the VH Committee asking for permission to close roads around Reach on Monday 5th May for Reach Fair, as detailed in her letter. The Parish Council granted their permission.

Items Discussed

Cemetery

The clerk would contact the contractor to ask if they could finish painting the cemetery fence before the Fair on 5th May.

All were in agreement that Debbie Blocksage should be asked to cut the cemetery grass again as last year.

Mrs Almond also expressed her concern that Straight Drove is being churned up by 4 wheel drive vehicles, who are apparently using the area at high speed (as a sport) at weekends down the grassy drove near Robinson's farm. She also expressed her concern over the abuse of Reach Wood by certain horseriders. It was agreed that the clerk should ask Jonathan Plow of the Woodland Trust to come to a public meeting as soon as possible so that negotiations can be made and hopefully a compromise will be reached.

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 05 March 2008 were confirmed and signed.

Reports

District Council Report

New Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme

This new fares scheme went live on April 1st and over 8,000 applications have been received in E Cambs for the new 'Smart' enabled bus passes, which represents any increase in pass holders of 6%. It is anticipated the overall increase will rise to 20% by the end of the year. Previous pass holders were able to travel free throughout the country, but from April free travel will be possible throughout England on local bus services, including London.

Cecelia Tredget Deputy Chief Executive at East Cambs as accepted the post of Regional Director of the Improvement and Efficiency Partnership hosted by the East of England Regional Assembly.

New appointment at Waste Management – East Cambs

Dave White has been appointed as a replacement for Gerald Tickner who left some time ago. He will be undertaking part of Martin Stacey's work along with Ian Thompson.

Ely Master Plan

The Councils Strategic Development Committee have agreed that the recently produced Masterplan should be published as a document for formal public consultation. Public consultation will take place during April and May.

Neighbourhood Panel – South Area

The latest meeting was on April 1st at Newmarket. An advantage of this meeting is the involvement of the local police and being able to hold them to account. At the meeting, they report on actions taken on problems highlighted at the previous meeting.

Saturdays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
12.22	12.54	12.57	13.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
16.22	16.54	16.57	17.35	10
17.22	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
17.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
18.52	Walk	19.27	20.05	10
————	Walk	21.52	22.30	10

Cambridge Drummer Street	Swaffham	Reach Prior	Newmarket Rookery	Bus
07.30	08.02	(walk)	08.38	10A
08.30	09.02	(walk)	09.38	10A
09.0	09.32	09.35	10.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
12.00	12.32	12.35	13.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
16.00	16.32	16.35	17.08	10
17.00	17.32	17.35	18.08	10
18.00	18.32	18.35	19.08	10
18.30	19.08	(Walk)	19.38	10A
19.00	19.38	(Walk)	20.08	10
21.00	21.38	(walk)	————	10
23.00	23.38	(walk)	23.08 (Tesco)	10

Sundays and Bank Holidays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
————	(walk)	09.09	09.39	10
————	(walk)	11.09	11.39	10
————	(walk)	13.09	13.39	10
————	(walk)	16.09	16.39	10

Cambridge Drummer Street	Swaffham	Reach Prior	Newmarket Rookery	Bus
10.25	10.52	(walk)	————	10
12.25	12.52	(walk)	————	10
15.25	15.52	(walk)	————	10
17.55	18.22	(walk)	————	10

**Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 9th April 2008**



Relay for Life is a unique event which honours Cancer Survivors, remembers those lives taken away by cancer and educates the community into cancer prevention.

We have Relays taking place in the local area this summer

For more information please visit www.cancerresearchuk.org/relay/ or telephone 01223 404195

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Platt, Clark, Dunnett and Lang, D/Cllr Alderson, C/Cllr Williams - also 41 members of the public for the National Trust Update at the beginning.

National Trust Update.

Two representatives from the National Trust gave an update on the current plans and developments for the local area. 41 members of the public attended giving lots of opposing opinions about the Wicken Fen Vision.

Public comments such as:

“What about the 15,000 acres of land that could be used for producing food for 3rd World countries?”

“What about those that live in the middle of the water area - what if they want to pass on their land to generations to come”?

The National Trust representative stated that although there are certain areas of land that the NT own, they have no rights to compulsory purchase. There are no negotiations going on at present as nobody wants to sell their land.

The National Trust have no desire to see the Reach Lode disappear. It is of no benefit to the NT to lose the Lode.

Other recent issues with the local area (such as Straight Drove, gating and fencing problems) where their County Council refused to give them permission, has made the National Trust realise that they need to speak to local people – they have learned their lesson.

Members of the public also expressed concern over the possible bridge over the Lode - what about car parking – would Reach become a car park for non-National Trust members? Cars would swamp the villages. What about the Hide at Mere Fen – where would the car park be? The NT replied that if necessary some land may be able to be used at Tubney Fen if that became an issue.

Forum for Members of the Public

Hilary Almond expressed her concern over Roe deer around the area, especially out to Swaffham Prior Fen and Upware. Accidents are waiting to happen and she felt that some warning signs should be put up at the entrance to these roads to remind drivers to slow down.

Cemetery Grass cutting

Quotes will be requested for the new season of grass cutting.

Rubbish Bags

There have been complaints that some residents in Burwell Road are leaving their rubbish bags out on a Sunday night, ready for the Thursday collection, Residents should be reminded that there can be a £75 fine for doing this! A notice will be put in OOR.

Out of Reach Magazine.

Parish Council Meeting minutes were not published in the last issue of OOR, despite the clerk having forwarded the minutes before the deadline date for printing to the editor.

National Trust

A proposal to erect a bridge over the Reach Lode (Hurdle Hall area) has been put forward. This could either be an arch (high level) or a swing bridge so that boats can let themselves through. The clerk will ask John Megginson of the National Trust to come to a public meeting and update local residents on National Trust proposals. It is hoped that this could be on 9th April.

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 April 2008 at 7.30pm.



You are cordially invited to the

Friends of

Bottisham Village College

‘HIGH SOCIETY BALL’

SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2008

Starting 7pm, carriages at midnight

Reception drink on arrival

Sit down three course meal

Dance the night away to the music from ‘Shredded Beat

Entertainment throughout the evening!!

Tickets £40

Tickets purchased before the end of March will be entered into an early bird prize draw!

Please contact:

Claudine Bateman for tickets and information

Telephone: 07743009290 or 01223 811250 Ext 275

Email: friends@bottishamvc.org

L.O.R.A

Craft Evening – 25th April

Hello ladies. Just to let you know 10 of us had an exceptional evening on the 25th April. (We should have been 11 but unfortunately one lady had sick children and was unable to attend).

We split into two groups and either first made a bracelet with Emma Mitchell or received a splendid talk and demonstration about chocolate and its history from Cheryl Brighty. We then swapped after about an hour.

With wine and nibbles to complete the package, it was an absolutely splendid way to spend a Friday evening.

For those who were unable to attend you missed a fun and informative evening.

Christmas Dinner

Hilary and I are going to arrange the usual Christmas dinner. Same format as last year. Subject to availability it will be the last Friday in November, 28th. We already have the beginnings of a list of names. We will again be restricted to 24.

More news in the next edition.

If anyone has any ideas for an evening please let us know. We are always happy to arrange but we really would like to find a subject(s) that will attract more than 10 of us !!!

Karen Carpenter
742814

Hilary Fielding
741853

Items Discussed

Horses In Reach Wood

Horses are still being ridden through Reach Wood early in the mornings. Jonathan Plough of The Woodland Trust suggested putting fencing up to prevent this, but it was felt that this would spoil the wood. The Parish Council agreed to monitor the situation. It was suggested that the entrance could be made narrow by planting, posts or style? A notice will be put in Out of Reach reminding horse owners that they should not be riding in the wood.

Prospects Trust

The Prospects Trust had spoken with Cllr Dunnett asking for further clarification of 'exactly what type' of bus shelter the parish council would be happy with. It was agreed that it should be wooden like the ones in Reach in order for it to be in keeping with the surrounding countryside.

Audit of Parish Council Accounts

The completed Audit of Accounts for the Year ending March 2007 were inspected and approved.

Playground

A playground inspection will be booked with Wicksteed for sometime in March.

EDF Energy

In response to the complaints regarding electricity supply on Burwell Road, Reach, these are the comments received from EDF Energy.

"We are sorry to learn of the recent short power cuts last year affecting residents on this road. They have been due to the operation of an automatic switch on our overhead network.

These devices form part of our protection equipment, and automatically cut off the power if a transient fault is detected.

Wind-borne debris, trees or birds coming into contact with the lines can cause this to happen. They can also operate due to the effects of lightning storms. Once the fault has cleared, the power is automatically reconnected. This operation usually lasts a few seconds.

We do understand the inconvenience these cause, but we believe that these devices offer better customer service as there is no need for an engineer to attend site to restore power. Without them, should a fault occur, it would inevitably result in a much longer power cut.

To keep these power cuts to a minimum, we have a rolling programme of tree trimming to maintain an adequate clearance from the overhead lines. We also undertake regular patrols to identify and remove any potential problems on the network.

We are not aware of any inherent problems on this part of the network and if residents are still experiencing a problem with their power supply please ask them to contact our fault department directly on 0800 7 838 838 and we will investigate their specific problem."

Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 March 2008

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Platt, Clark, Dunnett and Lang

Apologies

Cllr Wood,

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 06 February 2008 were confirmed with one amendment and signed.

Reports

District Council Report

Weekly Refuse Collections

The liberal leader on East Cambs Council recently called for fortnightly refuse collections. This was widely reported in the local papers and has alarmed many of the Swaffhams ward residents. I can confirm that there are no proposals to change from the weekly collection of refuse.

Recyclable Collection

As from April, plastics will be collected on the fortnightly round.

The Wicken Fen Vision

The National Trust are holding a series of presentations to update residents on the Wicken Vision, Dates in the area are as follows:- 5th March, Swaffham Prior Village Hall 7pm, 7th March, Wicken Fen Village Hall 7pm, March 17th Lode Social Club 7pm, 18th March Gardiner Memorial Hall at 7.45pm.

Environmental Services Contact

Martin Stacey, the East Cambs Council contact at environment services for such things as refuse collection, and fly tipping will be leaving at the end of March. The contact person will then be Ian Thompson, until a replacement is appointed.

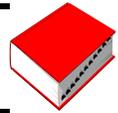
Oliver Cromwell's House

Oliver Cromwell's House will be closed for refurbishment for 2 weeks from Sunday 2nd March.

Village Hall Report

The car parking for Reach Fair was going to be handled by the Army cadets. This has fallen through and a team from Swaffham Prior school will do this to help raise money for the swimming pool. Burwell Cricket club will run a burger bar.

Letters to the Editor



No letters this edition

Ed

Know your Parish Council

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre, now in its 27th year, will be performing Gilbert and Sullivan's **Yeomen of the Guard** from Wednesday 4th to Saturday 7th June 2008 at Downing Farm, Swaffham Bulbeck. Evening performances start at 7.30pm and on Saturday there is a matinee at 2.30pm. There is a licensed bar at evening performances and tea, coffee and soft drinks are provided at the matinee. Ticket prices are £7 for Wednesday and Thursday evenings, £8 for Friday and Saturday evenings and £4 for the matinee. Tickets will be available from Kari Karolia, 133 High Street, Swaffham Bulbeck, Cambridge CB25 0LX, tel: 01223 813655, e-mail: kari.karolia@gmail.com from 28th April 2008 and from the Country Stores, Swaffham Bulbeck from 12th May. See also our website www.sbstgands.co.uk

Yeomen of the Guard Synopsis (Short version)

This operetta, first performed in 1888 and set in the Tower of London in Tudor times asks the audience to believe that the condemned prisoner Colonel Fairfax can be unrecognisably transformed into Sergeant Meryll's son Leonard, merely by shaving off his beard and dressing in a Tower warder's uniform. Elsie, the travelling jester Jack Point's merrymaid marries Fairfax for a purse of money with Jack Point's approval, on the assurance that he will be dead in half an hour. Elsie, believing that Wilfred the gaoler, goaded on by Jack Point, has shot Fairfax dead while escaping, in turn falls for the wooing of Leonard (alias Fairfax). In the end Fairfax is reprieved to everyone's satisfaction, except for poor Jack Point, who has nurtured a lifetime of love for his travelling partner Elsie.

Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:

Michael Aves – Chairman 742800
Robert Wood - Vice Chairman 742562
Joyce Harrison - 742405
Rita Dunnett - 742943
Helen Platt - 742331
Ross Clark - Represents Village Hall Committee
Penny Lang

The current 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:

<i>Village Hall Committee</i>	Ross Clark/Joyce Harrison
<i>Police Liaison Committee</i>	Robert Wood
<i>Swaffham Prior Primary School</i>	tbc

Honorary posts:

Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities
John Robinson - 74563

Tree Officer

John Reed - 742140