

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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Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach		
Mar 09	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach</i>
1st Lent 1	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
8th Lent 2	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
15th Lent 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
22nd Mothering Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	11.00am Family Service
29th Passion Sun- day <u>Clocks</u> <u>Change</u>	5th Sunday at Reach	9.30am United Parish Communion

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8th 3rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
15th 2nd Sunday before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
22nd Sunday before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
25th Ash Wenesday	7.30pm Holy Communion (with "ashing" – optional)	

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 14th September.

From the Editor

Welcome to 2009 and the first edition of the New Year.

The Wicken Vision seems to be stirring the emotions at the present time and I welcome lots more comment from residents as to their views, whether for or against.

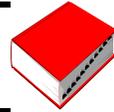
I understand that there is a vacancy on the Parish Council and if anyone is interested please contact the Clerk, Dave Parr.

More articles on any unusual hobbies, sports or holidays or information on village activities would be very much appreciated.

Grahame Radford

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“ So many Gods, so many Creeds,
so many paths that wind and wind,
while just the act of being kind
is all this sad world needs.”

Do you believe it ? Try.

David Bush

PS (Answers to the quiz are on page 38)

Village Centre



To help raise money to run the Village Centre 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

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Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405

Forthcoming Events

February

Thurs 5th 10.00am Toddler's Service St Mary's, Burwell.

March

Thurs 5th 10.00am Toddler's Service St Mary's, Burwell.

Sat 14th 10.00am Annual Gift Aid Day at St Mary's Burwell.

Mon 30th 7.00pm Night Prayer at CentrePeace, The Causeway, Burwell.

Tues 31st 7.00pm Night Prayer at CentrePeace, The Causeway, Burwell.

Weds 1st April 7.00pm Night Prayer at CentrePeace, The Causeway, Burwell.

Church News



GOOD NEWS from a Church Pew.

Dear Friends All,

We have finished celebrating Christmas, as you read though not as I write.....and somehow ,this year, the Cheerfulness of the Season of Goodwill has had a knock and gained a more sombre feel to it....not unlike, I remember, the first Christmas of the Second World War. But at least it WAS delightfully white that year.

The media is showering us with bad and depressing news; why can't we have a newspaper of Good News sometimes ? Because there is always some good news if you look for it. But we have been having some interesting broadcasts over the last few days of 2008, and I thought it might be a good idea to set a New Year Quiz, guessing who said what. So here goes. The five speakers were :

- 1 HM The Queen
- 2 The Archbishop of York, John Sentamu
- 3 The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Cormac Murphy O'Connor
- 4 The Iranian President Ahmadinejad
- 5 A weather forecaster,

and muddled up in a different order this is what they said :

A We need to rediscover that spirit of togetherness that helped the British people during WW2 to stand together in the face of food rationing and the Blitz.

B The ills in the world have come about through nations failing to follow teachings of Jesus. There must be a return to human values.

C There are tantalising signs that the outlook will be brighter in 2009.

D Over the years those who have seemed to me to be the most happy, contented and fulfilled have always been the people who have lived the most outgoing

and unselfish lives; the kind of people who are generous with their talents or their time.

E We need a society rooted in care and compassion.

Well, it doesn't really matter whether ~~32~~ you got any right or none at all. What does matter is that we try this year, each one of us, to remember those words of Jesus Christ.....love God and your neighbour. The poet Ella Wheeler Wilcox wrote :

Diary Dates



DATES for your DIARY

February

Wed 4	Parish Council Meeting *	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Tues 10	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 13	Recycling Day		
Weds 18	Village Hall Committee	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Sun 22	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	7.30 pm
Tues 24	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 27	Recycling Day		

March

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

Reach Village Centre 100 club

Remember to get your 100 club ticket to be in with a chance of the monthly draw. Only £10 for the year!

tel Joyce Harrison on 742405

December £50 winner - J Collins

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

Notices



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

Village Games for Hire

Following this year's Fair we have a number of stall Games for hire.

These include:-

Feed the Frog, Drop the Dice, Splat the Rat and Hoopla.

Ideal for private parties, fund raising etc.

Interested?

Then telephone Jan Tabecki on 01638 742552
(Deposit required)

If you feel that traditional church services aren't quite your scene, but you would like to hear more about the Christian view of some of the issues that are important in the world today, why not try Sunday @ 7? It's held in St Etheldreda's Church in Reach on the second Sunday of the month during 'term time' (ie not April, August or December). It starts at 7.00pm (obviously!) and lasts about an hour, but often most of those attending move on to a suitable hostelry for refreshment.

So, what happens at Sunday @ 7? Well, it is led by Janine Stewart (together with Bridget Hickish, Robin Slowe and Andy Batterham) and centres round a talk, which is often given by an invited guest speaker. The evening starts with some contemporary Christian worship songs. Although you may not know them at first, you'll soon pick them up, as the tunes tend to be very simple and if you don't like singing yourself, you are welcome to just listen. To set the scene for the talk, we then have a short bible reading. The talks themselves vary tremendously, but always provide plenty of food for thought. After the talk, our thoughts are gathered together in prayer.

About 30-40 people of all ages come to Sunday @ 7 each month, so if you'd like to give it a try, you'd be most welcome. To find out more, do give me a ring on 01638 742006, or e:mail me at pat@patchtcs.co.uk

These other church events might also interest you.

**A Concert of Gospel Music
By
Ridley Hall Gospel Choir
On
March 14th 2009
At 7.00pm
In St Mary's Church, Burwell**

When this choir came to St Etheldreda's they raised the roof, singing everything from spirituals to jazz!

Refreshments provided.

Mothering Sunday Family Service

St Etheldreda's Church Reach

11.00am on Sunday 22nd March

Why not bring your mum for coffee and cake before the service, from 10.40am onwards?

Tracey Harding, Tourism Team Leader at East Cambs District Council, said "In these difficult economic times we know how important it is to get the most from your money and your leisure time. This is why we are reminding people about our resident pass at Oliver Cromwell's House. All you have to do is present proof that you are an East Cambridgeshire resident and then purchase the ticket—nothing could be simpler. The House is full of incredibly interesting features which you don't often see on just one visit so this ticket will be ideal for anyone who wants to get a bit more out of the House. We are not the only ones who offer such a great deal— lots of attractions do in Ely— which means you don't have to go far to broaden your horizons".

For more information on the resident pass at Oliver Cromwell House contact the Tourist Information Centre on 01353 662062. Prices start at £4.30 per adult (concession £3.85), £3.00 per child and £12.50 for a family ticket. Resident's passes are also available for Ely Cathedral, Ely Museum and Stained Glass Museum. For further information enquire at the individual attraction.

Allen Alderson

St Mary's Concert

dedicated to the memory of

Dr Mark Towriss

Saturday 7th February 2009

at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church Swaffham Bulbeck

St Mary's Singers and Players

directed by Matthew Rudd

Handel: Chandos	Anthem No. 9 <i>O praise the Lord with one consent</i>
JS Bach:	Concerto for Oboe and Violin in D minor
Handel:	Concerto Grosso Op. 6 No. 5 in D major and music by Mozart and Purcell

Interval refreshments

Retiring collection

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Proceeds for St Mary's Church Restoration Fund and a charity

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)

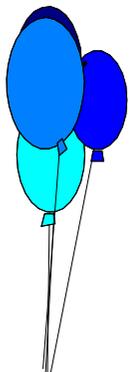
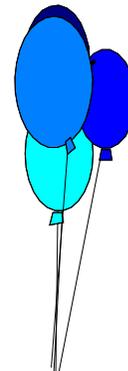
Please contact Andrew Hall on 01638 743737

Birthdays

Congratulations to :-

**Rian Bjork who will be 20 on
16th February**

**And the Editor (who will be very old
on the 13th) !**



News from Swaffham Prior Church of England Primary School



The new term has started well and all of the children have new topics they are learning about. The children in Mercury and Mars Class have the topic title, 'Eureka!' They are going to be looking at Inventors and Inventions from the past 100 years. They started off the term with a visit from Denny Abbey, where they learned all about Washdays 100 years ago. They all agreed that it is much easier now! Saturn and Neptune Class are studying, 'Glad to be Me!' As part of our involvement in the Cambridgeshire Safer Routes to Schools programme, they started off their project with a visit from the Road Safety Team who challenged them to use the Carbometer to see whether walking or driving to school was better for them and the environment.

There are lots of sporting activities taking place this half term. The Year 4 children have taken part in a Racket Festival at Bottisham Village College and the Year 5/6 boys did extremely well at the Football Festival. We are also working with Cambridge United Football Club at the moment, they are coming in to give the Year 5/6 girls extra football lessons. We have a Tag Rugby specialist working with Saturn Class as well. Our very popular High 5s (netball) team are taking part in some league matches later this month, so we wish them well for that.

We have definitely got a date for the installation of the new swimming pool; it is going to be put in at Easter. We would not have been able to have the pool put in so early without the hard work of FoSPS and the generous nature of the local community, so thank you once again. We were also very pleased to have our application for a lottery Awards For All grant accepted at the end of last year. This means we will be able to offer swimming lessons to those children from more disadvantaged backgrounds and also pay for a lifeguard to enable the pool to be used more by the local community on selected weekends.

As it is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin this year, we will be celebrating with a Darwin day in the Summer term. We have it on good authority that he used to come looking for samples on Swaffham Prior Fen when he was a student at the University. If anyone has any information about Charles Darwin and his connection to Swaffham Prior we would love to hear from you.

The CC Café continues to be held at the school once every half term. All members of the local community are very welcome to come and join us for a coffee and slice of homemade cake. The next two dates are: Friday 23rd January and Friday 20th March from 2.30-3.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Emma Vincent
Head Teacher

A Message from your District Councillor

Tell us if your collection is up to standard

From January residents in East Cambs only need one number to call about their rubbish and recycling collections.

The District Council is using it's most recognisable number, **01353 665555**, as a helpline for anyone who has a query, comment or complaint about their waste collections. Whether it be the date of their next collection, the fact that a brown sack hadn't been left or a compliment about the service, there will be specially trained officers on hand to help. The helpline is staffed from 8.45 am to 5 pm Monday to Thursday and 4.30 pm on Fridays. The Council is committed to responding to queries as soon as it can.

The Credit Crunch

On 8th January the Council held an important Members Seminar on the impact of the credit crunch on the Council and the local economy. This event followed the publication of a special review by the Chief Executive of East Cambs Council that was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee last December. The Seminar, which also included representatives from neighbouring South Cambs, focused on what the Council could do to minimise the impact of the economic downturn on our local community. Many of the contributions focused on the provision of affordable housing, transport and support for Citizens Advice Bureaux and other voluntary groups offering help and guidance. All of these, plus other ideas, will be incorporated into an Action Plan which will be presented to the Policy and Resources Committee on 3rd February.

Pay once to catch up with Oliver whenever you like

This year, local East Cambridgeshire residents calling into Oliver Cromwell's House can take advantage of a great special offer.

For a one-off Adult admission price of £3.40, residents can buy a yearly pass to let them visit Cromwell's House as often as they like.

As well as being ideal when family and friends are visiting, there are other benefits to the pass. These include receiving details in advance on Oliver Cromwell and other family events, Heritage Month information and monthly newsletters.



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY

20th March 2009

7.30PM START

At

Bottisham Village College

With Quizmaster Greg Alvey

TEAMS OF UP TO EIGHT

Tickets £8.00 each

Including supper

Advance tickets only

Tickets available from

01638 730169

01638 508133

Or

email: friends@bottishamvc.org

Village Centre Committee

The new curtains have now been installed in the Village Centre with the grateful help of a donation of £1,500 from the Amenity Fund. They make a fine finish to the extension work carried out over the past two years.

Also, the plaques have been erected following the "Pledge-a-Pane" Appeal and all those who sponsored a pane for the new windows are shown there.

Some new tables and a new hob have been purchased for the Hall and the shed has been completely emptied, sorted and tidied with proper storage units. This should make the job of locating and handling items a lot easier.

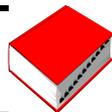
There have been some problems with the heating system over the winter but these have now been resolved and all is now functioning satisfactorily.

Reach Fair 2009

Plans for this year's Fair on 4th May are well underway and the majority of stallholders have paid their pitch fees already. We are hoping to retain the traditional feel of last year with Children's Fancy Dress, Wellie Throwing and lots more. The main topic to be discussed and agreed is the traffic system to try and avoid the long queues of last year and the Committee are working with the Police to come up with a solution.

We will again require lots of volunteers to man stalls and act as marshals on the day so please make a note in your diaries to come along and help on Monday 4th. Further reminders will be made in the next edition.

Letters to the Editor



From Philip Lewis, Fair Green Cottage, 21 Fair Green, Reach. CB25 0JD

Dear Editor,

Geoffrey Woollard has done this village a great service by highlighting issues concerning the development of Wicken Fen which some of us at any rate might otherwise have missed.

I have to say, first, however that I do not find the word 'conservation' in this context at all helpful and I am not sure that the National Trust do use this term at any rate very much in connection with this project. If they are using the term they should stop it fast for it does not begin to express what is envisaged. The more descriptive term is I think 'wilding', recently used in a number of newspaper articles, and indeed the National Trust do themselves use the phrase 'Going Wild on the Fen'. Myself, I can see no reason to question the National Trust's own description of the intended area as 'a mosaic of different habitats for wildlife... wetland especially in the lower lying areas around the existing Wicken Fen .. grassland that is wetter in the winter and drier in the summer ... and large areas of new scrubland and woodland. That, of course, is a far cry from Geoffrey Woollard's description.

But he is surely right to raise the issue of the desirability of that development. The main argument against is the loss of food production – an argument which Geoffrey does not deploy - and the alleged substantial influx of vehicles to the villages to which Geoffrey does allude. I think we can dispose of the food production argument quite quickly – there are already large areas of agricultural land set aside by the EU's asinine Common Agricultural Policy many of which could and should be brought back into use by adjustment or abolition of that policy and which would compensate many times over for any loss from the development of Wicken Fen.

The argument about the influx of vehicles etc demands more extensive consideration. The argument for allowing that is that it seems clear that there is to be extensive further urbanisation of the Cambridge area as is apparent from the Cambridge Development Plan and the truly awful development now taking place alongside the A14 between the A10 junction and the Histon exit. Does one have some responsibility to the people of Cambridge and surroundings to create a wildlife area which, absent any hills or forests, might provide an area for true relaxation as well as for the preservation of the various rare species that subsist in this unusual area? I suggest that we do and on those grounds would on balance support the Wicken Fen Development as proposed.

The issues are complex and none of us should oversimplify them. But I hope that following Geoffrey's lead, others will also join in this discussion so that we might form a collective view which could well influence substantially the pace and direction of any development,

Yours sincerely,

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Philip Lewis

A note from Emergency Services about their new Initiative

ICE – In Case Of Emergency

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign. The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. Please forward this. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc Please forward this e mail to as many people as possible as this can help in an emergency.

Friends of Swaffham Prior School (FOSPS) Are holding a

“Pamper Evening”

Friday 6th March 7.30—930 pm at Reach Village Centre.

£6 per ticket, includes glass of wine and mini treatment

Please call 01638 742671 to reserve a ticket

or find out further information. (Limited spaces)

All proceeds to Swaffham Prior School

BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE
CLEANING STAFF REQUIRED



Hours of work available:
Term Time plus training days
6am – 9.00am
(Mon – Fri)

£6.37 per hour
(April 2008)
Uniform & training provided

Please contact:
Mrs Claudine Bateman
On
01223 811250 Ext 275
For an application pack.

“Bottisham Village College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment

Dear Editor,

The Wicken Fen Vision – a personal view

For hundreds of years the fens have changed as the people who managed them have responded to the needs of the time. They have passed through cycles of drainage, abandonment and drainage again, as demands for their products have waxed and waned. In recent times, agriculture has intensified on the fens, as farmers have responded, rationally, to prices and incentives (most recently influenced by the Common Agricultural Policy of the EU). But the increased productivity on the fens and elsewhere has not been without cost. In the last 25 years, numbers of lapwings in England have declined by 43%. Skylarks are down by 51% and are now a threatened species. Similar declines have been recorded for other common bird species. In the last 44 years, cereal production worldwide has nearly trebled. It's not food production we need now, but a recovery of some of Britain's wildlife.

Personally I welcome the National Trust's Wicken Fen Vision, as a bold attempt to return to us some of the rich natural heritage that has been lost, and feel privileged that this is happening on my doorstep. To be able to walk out of my door and in a few minutes be in a fen alive with the sound of calling greylag geese as I watch the stealthy glide of a marsh harrier over reed beds is an exciting prospect. In a congested, over-crowded and wildlife-poor part of England I welcome the chance to escape into a rich and unique environment.

I am grateful to have the (on-going) opportunity to comment on the proposed changes – I haven't previously been consulted by local landowners planning to change the use of their fields. And the Trust has been helpful in providing me with information and responding to my concerns. Alarmed at some of the things I had heard and read about the project I contacted the Trust to find out more. It has been reassuring to learn, for example, that any raising of the water table will be managed so as to avoid any damage to property (which would be illegal) and to be told that re-flooding is being planned in consultation with the Environment Agency and the Internal Drainage Board in order to ensure that the lode banks are not undermined.

It would be great to read in our magazine what others who live in Reach feel about the Wicken Fen Vision. Are there older people who can remember the fenland landscape before the latest cycle of drainage, or children who are excited at the prospect of hearing a bittern's boom on a summer's evening?

Yours sincerely,

David Thomas

The Wicken Fen Vision marks its 10th anniversary in 2009, a good opportunity to take stock of what has been achieved during the past decade. Land under conservation management has more than doubled to 755 hectares with significant progress being made to the re-creation of a mosaic of fenland habitats for wildlife and people to enjoy. Public access to the countryside has been significantly enhanced and the development of a spine route linking Waterbeach and Anglesey Abbey to Wicken Fen is on course to be completed in the next year or so. Wildlife highlights include return of Otter, Water Vole and Bittern's one of the UK's most elusive wetland birds breeding at Wicken Fen, the first time since the 1930's. Whilst much has been achieved it must be remembered that the Vision is a long term project and is expected to take at least another 90 years to implement in full.

The inaugural meeting of the Wicken Fen Vision User Forum was held in early December. The forum is an advisory group made up of representatives of User groups such as walkers, cyclists, horse riders, bird watcher's and anglers. The forum will look at plans and proposals from the User's perspective to help make sure that new facilities and infrastructure, such as way marked walks, bridges, gates, meets the needs and requirements of as many different users as possible. Subjects discussed at the first meeting included, the provision of additional gateways to Tubney Fen, the design for a new bird hide on Tubney Fen, the design and provision of mounting blocks for horse riders and access across Guinea Hall Farm. The Trust is keen to hear from the public and would welcome suggestions for items to be considered by the forum. Suggestions should be submitted to David Dench, Countryside and Community Manager at Wicken Fen – Tel 01353 720274 or e-mail david.dench@nationaltrust.org.uk

The wonder of Wicken Fen has recently been captured on six short video films which can be found on the Wicken Fen website www.wicken.org.uk The films cover topics such as the Wicken Fen Vision, management of the Fen, the extensive grazing project and the wildlife of Wicken Fen. The videos can be viewed by clicking the link on the Wicken Fen homepage.

The team at Wicken Fen are always available to give illustrated talks on Wicken Fen and the Vision. If you would like to arrange a speaker please call in or telephone the Visitor Centre 01353 720274.

It maybe cold but it's a great time to wrap-up warm and enjoy the wonderful walks and wildlife Wicken Fen can offer at this time of year. Don't forget to call in at the Visitor Centre for Trail Guides and reports on the latest wildlife sightings.

Hope to see you at the Fen soon.

Howard Cooper

National Trust – Wicken Fen

8. Cemetery Fence

Ron Greenhill will carry out the work, based on an estimate of £80.

9. Haulage Activities of John Cole

There have been complaints regarding these activities based on the size of the vehicles involved, their leaving and arriving schedules, parking issues and potential pollution problems. One complainant has escalated their complaint to ECDC. The investigation continues and the Parish Council will be informed of the outcome in due course.

10. Overgrown Footpaths

There are a number of footpaths within Reach and [the Clerk](#) will document these and make contact with the Rights of Way office at the County Council, specifically Simeon Carroll, to establish their responsibilities.

11. Salt Bin

The salt bin near Ditchfields will be installed and filled over the coming two weeks.

12. Willow Tree on the Hythe

There is concern regarding a willow tree which appears to be in a dangerous state. The Parish Council has asked [the Clerk](#) to conduct a Land Registry search, at its reasonable expense, to establish ownership of the land on which the tree is situated. Should it be common land, it was felt that the Parish Council should take ownership. Such a course of action was also proposed for the Drying Ground.

13. Wicksteed Complaint Letter

One of the legs of the swings was, in the view of the Parish Council, not satisfactorily dealt with by the contractor when work was last carried out. The Clerk has written to the contractor to ask them to remedy this particular fault at their cost. The Contractor had responded with further questions which will be addressed by [the Clerk](#).

14. Car Park

It was pointed out that the car park near to the playground was in need of repair. [The Clerk](#) was asked to contact Paul Butcher to establish responsibility for this repair work.

15. Payments

These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

100854	Debbie Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing	£65.00
100018	Village Hall Committee	Village Hall Curtains	
		£1,500.00	Amenity Fund

16. Planning Applications

The planning application for 4 Chapel Lane was discussed and no objections raised.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th January at 7.30pm. The Agenda will be issued on Tuesday 30th December.

Maria Green is our local Police Liaison Officer and can be contacted on 07710 994972. [Ross Clark](#) will invite Maria to a Parish Council meeting.

Village Hall Committee Report

There was significant discussion regarding the curtains for the Village Hall. A request for a £1,500 contribution from the Amenity Fund had been rejected by the Parish Council. Following exchanges of views, the Village Hall Committee decided to resubmit their request.

Matters Arising

1. Traffic in Reach

Reach has signed up for Speedwatch – an initiative which has residents volunteering to check the speeds of vehicles in other local villages, using equipment supplied by ECDC. Angela King and Helen Platt volunteered from Reach and it is understood that there will be a training session for them and other volunteers in January 2009. Volunteers from other local villages will monitor the speed of traffic coming through Reach.

2. Bus Service Quality Update

[Ross Clark](#) will provide an analysis at the January Parish Council meeting.

3. Pollution in Agricultural Land

The Parish Council has been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer took place on Friday 7th November with Helen Platt in attendance. The Scientific Officer recognized that there was a problem and has had subsequent meetings with the landowner and the person farming the land. The proposed solution is that the worst affected land at the western end will be grassed over and not farmed. The Scientific Officer will keep the Parish Council informed of progress in resolving this issue.

4. Peacocks Nuisance

The Parish Council has received a complaint regarding the presence of a number of peacocks in the village. [Allen Alderson](#) will discuss the issue with ECDC to see what process needs to be followed to overcome the problem.

5. Telephone Box

The Clerk has contacted BT regarding the dilapidated state of the red phone box in the village. BT will send out an inspection officer who will report back to the Parish Council in due course. It is hoped that a repaint will be carried out, probably in the next financial year, starting April 2009.

6. Bollards in Quy

Kate Watts, Clerk for Quy Parish Council, comments that Highways are aware of some deficiencies in the current scheme and that Quy Parish Council continues to seek a 30mph speed limit. Discussions and reviews continue. It was decided to remove this issue from the Reach Parish Council agenda.

7. Proposed Bus Service Changes

These relate to the 10/10A service. Pleasingly the radical changes proposed have not been implemented (see the County Council Report above).

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	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 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

Saturdays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour		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		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		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

Adult Social Support Services provided by Cambridgeshire County Council and its partners have been given a two star rating by Government inspectors – up from the previous year's one star rating.

Fiona Whelan, Liberal Democrat, has won the County Council seat for Hardwick at a recent by-election.

The new **Milton Road Park and Ride** is located south of Butt Lane just off the A10. The new site provides customers with improved facilities including over 500 car parking spaces with room to expand to 1,000 at a later date. The Cowley road site is now closed. The buses will depart every 10 minutes on weekdays. For all route and timetable information for Milton Park & Ride, log onto www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/parkride or call 01223 845561.

Home to School Transport charges are due to go up on September 1st. Parents and students will be advised of the eligibility criteria when making choices about post 16 transport. This is because Stagecoach have put up their charges by 10% so the current rate won't cover the Authority's costs for 2009/10.

District Council Report

The 10 and 10a buses have been successfully saved (see the County Council report for further details).

Speedwatch progresses – there will be training for volunteers in January.

There has been an increase in abandoned vehicles in the district. If anyone knows of any such cases, please contact either Allen Alderson on 01638 741744 or Environmental Services at ECDC.

ECDC's Strategic Development Committee received a presentation on the Wicken Vision from the National Trust. Although there are advantages to the Wicken Vision it has become increasingly apparent that there is significant local concern in the area envisaged for the Vision. ECDC has a duty to consider that concern on behalf of local people. The committee passed the following recommendation "It reserves this council's support for the development of the Wicken Vision subject to further detailed consultation of interested parties, including local residents, the farming community and countryside user groups and continuing community engagement and involvement in shaping this vision, together with any detailed comments that councilors make in the context of the outcome of the recent consultation by the National Trust".

Financial Report

The Parish Council's bank account is in a satisfactory state. It is forecast that the Parish Council will overspend its income in the year to 2009 by approximately £300. [The Clerk](#) continues to seek a higher rate of interest for both the Amenity Fund and the Parish Council accounts.

Police Liaison Committee Report

There is currently a scam whereby "PDS Parcels", a fictitious company, leaves a note for householders that they have a parcel to be delivered. A premium rate phone number is given to be phoned and by using this number, the householder spends £15 which is then transferred to the scammers.

**Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 1st December 2008**

Attendance

Michael Aves	Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Vice Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Not Present
Penny Lang	Councillor	Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Hazel Williams	County Councillor	Not Present

Forum for Members of the Public

There was no input from members of the Public.

Amenity Fund Applications

The request from the Village Hall Committee for £1,500 contribution to the Village Hall curtains was approved.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th November 2008 were reviewed and signed.

County Council Report

Local representations were successful in the decision of the County Council to retain the evening and Sunday buses (10 and 10A) in this area of the county. They will however be looking again at the Sunday buses in the summer. The 6.30 and 7pm buses will become a commercial route (i.e. not subsidised). The reason that the direct service (12) from Cambridge to Newmarket, which has now been cut, was not consulted upon is because this was a Stagecoach commercial service and not a subsidised one. Cambridgeshire – the fastest growing county in the country - will receive an increase of 1.9% (£1.71 per person) in Government Grant next year compared to a county council average of 4.2%. As a result Cambridgeshire County Council will need to find savings of around £19 million. This compares with Essex receiving £3.47, Suffolk which will get £8.87 and Norfolk who benefit by £12.88 per person.

Cambridgeshire's below inflation increase will have to meet the cost of any increases in road maintenance, social care, respite care for children and libraries at a time of rising unemployment, when spending in the public sector is being expected to support the economy.

CHANGING TIMES

How things have changed since I was young, when we had to make do and mend, We did not live in a throw away world, there was no spare money to spend, So all our clothes and shoes had to last, and we rarely had new, And mum would darn our socks, when the toes and heels poked through, She also mended our pullovers when the elbows got worn and bare, and Dad had a old pair of clippers so he used to cut all our hair, He also had a cobblers last, on witch our shoes he would mend, using a large piece of leather he soaked, to make it easer to cut and bend, Now Dad was full of fun, and he liked to mess about, he told us the holes in our shoes was to let the water out, He also mended the kettle and pots, when they began to leak, using a washer he got from the shop, he did this very neat, Now we had a use for our old socks, when their job was done, we used them as mittens with a hole for the thumb, Now Mum would unpick our old pullovers and use the wool again, she never threw away anything this was plain, Now we had a use for the old news papers, now this is perfectly true, we would cut them up in six inch squares, and hang them in the loo, We also rolled them up in small tubes, so dad could light his pipe, he also used them when the oil lamp he had to light, Even our old coats and trousers, that could not be mended any more, we would cut them up in three by one inch strips, and peg a rug for the floor, We never went hungry, although roast dinners were very few, Mum used to make rabbit pie, and in the week we had neck of mutton stew, with suet dumplings and home grown veg, now this had to last a week, but sometimes we had a meat pudding, now this was a nice treat, with rice pudding for afters, or suet pudding with jam, apple pie for Sundays Mum never used anything from a can, Now there were no super stores in my days, only our own village shop, where you could buy anything, from paraffin to a spinning top now these are some of the things that have changed, since I was a lad, and the only thing I can say, things have gone from good to bad, But we cant turn the clock back, what ever will be will be , and I have still got my happy thoughts of yester year within my memory

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KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The council has 7 Councillors;

Michael Aves	Chairman	742800
Ross Clark	Vice Chairman	743725
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	742943
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	742405
Angela King	Councillor	742266
Helen Platt	Councillor	742331
Vacancy	Councillor	

The 2009 council meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays;

January	7th	July	1st
February	4th	August	5th
March	4th	September	2nd
April	1st	October	7th
May	6th	November	4th
June	3rd	December	2nd

In Reach Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

There is a Forum for Members of the Public at the beginning of the Meeting.

Proposed agenda items should be sent to any of the Councillors or to the Clerk to Reach Parish Council whose contact details are;

David Parr - 20 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD
Tel: 01638 744081, Email: reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Other useful contacts;

Village Hall Committee	Joyce Harrison	742405
Police Liaison Committee	Ross Clark	743725
Tree Officer	John Reed	742140
Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities	John Robinson	743563

16. Wicksteed Complaint Letter

One of the legs of the swings was, in the view of the Parish Council, not satisfactorily dealt with by the contractor when work was last carried out. The Clerk has written to the contractor to ask them to remedy this particular fault at their cost. The Contractor had responded with further questions which have been responded to and further communication is awaited.

17. Telephone Box

It was pointed out that the village telephone box (which is a listed building) is in need of refurbishment. [The Clerk](#) will contact BT to remind them of their responsibilities.

18. Wireless Router

Adding a wireless router to the Village Hall network is not permitted.

19. Salt Bin

The salt bin near Ditchfields needs to be commissioned. [The Clerk](#) will contact ECDC to arrange for this to happen.

20. Payments

These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

No payments were made.

21. Planning Applications

There were no planning applications for consideration.

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 1st December at 7.30pm. The Agenda will be issued on Tuesday 25th November.

7.

Water has not been available at the cemetery since March 2006. However, the Parish Council continues to pay for unconsumed water, based on estimated bills from Anglian Water. It was decided that [the Clerk](#) will request Anglian Water to formally discontinue the supply and endeavour to obtain a rebate on payments made since March 2006.

8. **Banking Arrangements**

It is planned to open Barclays instant access savings accounts for both the Parish Council and the Amenity Fund. These accounts currently pay 3.15% interest.

9. **Bollards in Quy**

Discussions continue between the Quy Parish Council and the Highways department. Richard Preston from Highways felt there was no progress to report at this time. Kate Watts, Clerk for Quy Parish Council, comments that Highways are aware of some deficiencies in the current scheme and that Quy Parish Council continues to seek a 30mph speed limit.

10. **Proposed Bus Service Changes**

These relate to the 10/10A service. There has been significant resistance to the changes – a decision is promised in November.

11. **Cemetery Fence**

Ron Greenhill will carry out the work, based on an estimate of £80, by the end of November 2008.

12. **Haulage Activities of John Cole**

There have been complaints regarding these activities based on the size of the vehicles involved, their leaving and arriving schedules, parking issues and potential pollution problems. One complainant has escalated their complaint to ECDC. The investigation continues and the Parish Council will be informed of the outcome in due course.

13. **Overgrown Footpaths**

There are a number of footpaths within Reach and [the Clerk](#) will document these and make contact with the Rights of Way office at the County Council, specifically Simeon Carroll, to establish their responsibilities.

14. **Pollution in Agricultural Land**

The Parish Council has been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer takes place on Friday 7th November with Helen Platt in attendance.

15. **Willow Tree on the Hythe**

There is concern regarding a willow tree which appears to be in a dangerous state. [The Clerk](#), with help from [Ross Clark](#), is trying to establish ownership of the problem. Anglian Water has been contacted but the tree is not on any land owned by them so the County Council will now be contacted.

Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th November 2008

Attendance

Michael Aves	Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Vice Chairman	Not Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Present
Penny Lang	Councillor	Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
Hazel Williams	County Councillor	Present

Forum for Members of the Public

There was no input from members of the Public.

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on the 3rd September 2008 and the 6th October 2008 were reviewed and signed.

County Council Report

Another petition about the possible cuts to 10/10A bus has been handed in to the appropriate Cabinet member. There is some optimism that the case to retain the current service will be considered favourably.

Shredded used car tyres are being used for part of the base of the guided busway to help provide good drainage between the rails.

For the first time for ten years the weather was freezing in October and gritters were sent out on the roads on four nights.

The Cambridgeshire Compact is a countywide partnership agreement between statutory bodies such as councils and the voluntary and community sector. It is designed to improve relationships and provide a framework within which there is an understanding of what to expect from each other. Events are scheduled to raise awareness and encourage volunteering.

Views are still being sought about the forthcoming priorities, budget and level of Council Tax. Individuals can have their say by completing the survey on the County Council web site.

A list of cycling improvements costing around £7.2M will be delivered over three years in Cambridge and surrounding villages in Cambridgeshire.

The new Deputy Chief Fire Officer is Chris Strickland and he started on November 1st.

On Monday 10th November a meeting will take place in Ely to explain the importance of the Local Area Agreement. The LAA is a way for local authorities and partner agencies to work together to improve services in the area. The board is called Cambridgeshire Together.

The Prospects Trust has been shortlisted to appear on the People's Millions on ITV on Thursday 27th November. They want to buy a new dual control tractor.

District Council Report

Examples of fly tipping within the ward have been identified and such instances have been passed to the ECDC for action to be taken.

ECDC does not have funds invested in Icelandic Banks.

The recession will doubtless have an impact on ECDC receipts. The Finance Director is working hard to negate any impact on the Council's budget.

It has been proposed to issue all residents with a year's supply of black plastic sacks for refuse collection plus a bulk supply of clear sacks for plastic bottles.

Over the next 2.5 years (to March 2011) a series of grants (£250 to £5,000) are being made available to "grassroots" community groups in East Cambs, administered by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). More details can be found at www.cambscf.org.uk or by phoning the CCF on 01223 421588.

Financial Report

The Parish Council's bank account is in a satisfactory state. It is forecast that the Parish Council will overspend its income in the year to 2009 by approximately £300.

[The Clerk](#) is liaising with Barclays to seek a higher rate of interest for both the Amenity Fund and the Parish Council accounts.

A rate rebate has been agreed for the cemetery and a refund is due.

Police Liaison Committee Report

None presented.

Village Hall Committee Report

Preparations for Reach Fair 2009 are underway.

Repairs have taken place to the entrance area of the Village Hall.

A Carol Evening has been scheduled for Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm.

Matters Arising

1. Precept Proposal for Year 2009-2010

This was discussed and agreed to be £6,900. [The Clerk](#) will submit the necessary documents to the ECDC.

2. Traffic in Reach

A complaint regarding the movement of heavy lorries through Reach from Upware was investigated. Since there is signage in place deterring such vehicles and physical width restrictions would preclude legitimate vehicles from using this route, it was agreed that no more could be achieved.

Reach has signed up for Speedwatch – an initiative which has residents volunteering to check the speeds of vehicles in other local villages, using equipment supplied by ECDC. Angela King and Helen Platt volunteered from Reach and [the Clerk](#) will inform Speedwatch of this and give contact details. Volunteers from other local villages will monitor the speed of traffic coming through Reach.

3. Bus Shelter at Snakehall Farm

Snakehall Farm has requested a bus stop to be placed outside their premises. They have requested a grant from Cambridgeshire County Council. In order for this to proceed, the Parish Council needs to support the proposal and following discussion, this support was given. [The Clerk](#) will complete the necessary paperwork.

4. Amenity Fund Document

A document describing the Amenity Fund and how it might be accessed was reviewed. It was seen to be work in progress and will be reviewed again prior to inclusion in the December/January edition of Out of Reach magazine.

5. Amenity Fund Applications

The Village Hall committee requested £1,500 from the Amenity Fund for the making up of new curtains for the Village Hall. Following discussions, a vote was taken on the application, the result of which was one councillor in favour, four against and one abstention. It was agreed that should the Village Hall committee submit an updated application with further substantiating documentation including details of the tendering process and reasons for the selection of the final supplier, then it would be reconsidered by the Parish Council. [Rita Dunnett](#) will inform the Village Hall committee of the decision and what would be required for a resubmitted application.

The Village Hall committee requested £150 from the Amenity Fund as a contribution to the cost of a Brass Band to play at the Carol Evening in December. It was agreed that the Amenity Fund would pay all costs for a Brass Band up to a maximum of £150 following receipt of an invoice or written request for donation from the Brass Band.

6. Fly Tipping

This continues to be a problem but the clearance aspect is being dealt with by the District Council, as detailed in their report. It was agreed that [the Clerk](#) would produce a document for inclusion in the next issue of Out of Reach magazine, making it clear that fly tipping is illegal and unacceptable.