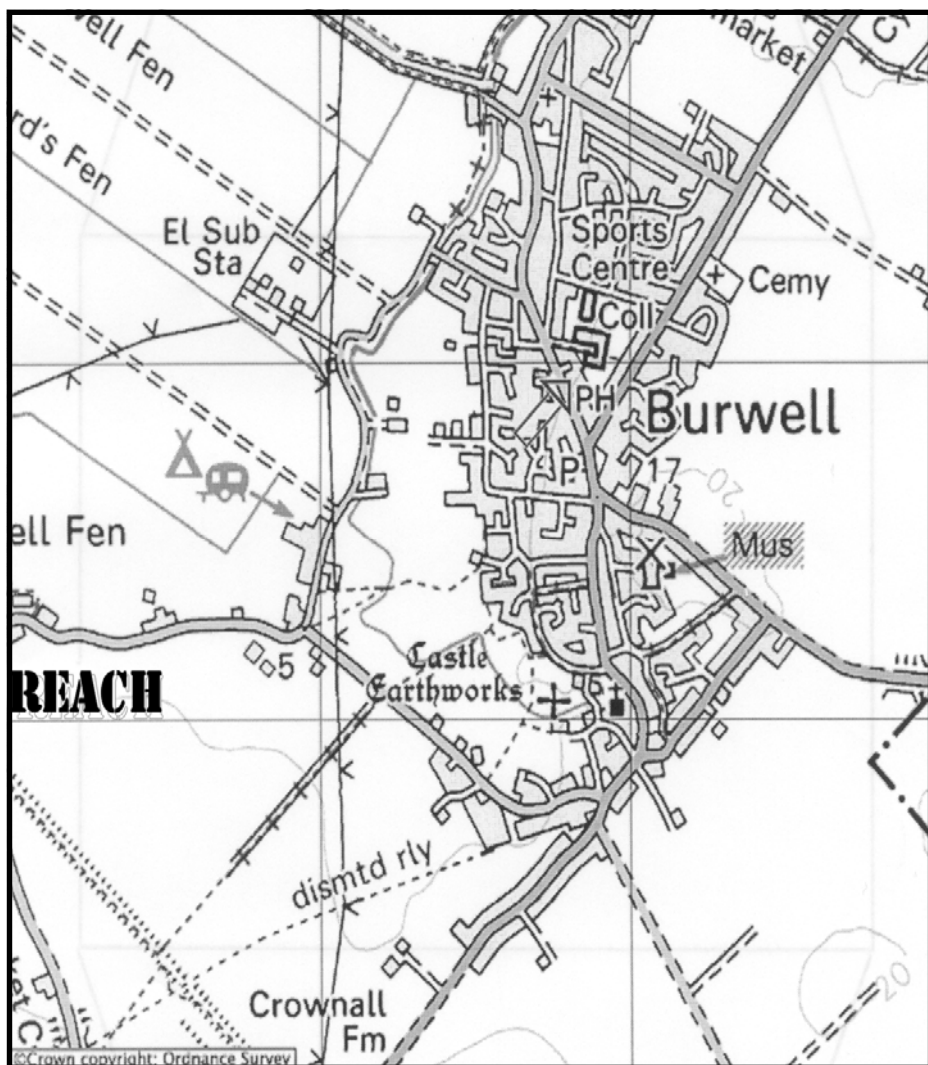


# Out of Reach



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# Information

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Parish Clerk	Penny Lang, 743302
Village Hall Committee	Tony Jordan, 743408
Village Hall Bookings	Joyce Harrison, 742405
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Neighbourhood Watch	Dave Summers, 742884
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## **Doctors (The Burwell Surgery, Newmarket Road, Burwell, CB5 0AE)**

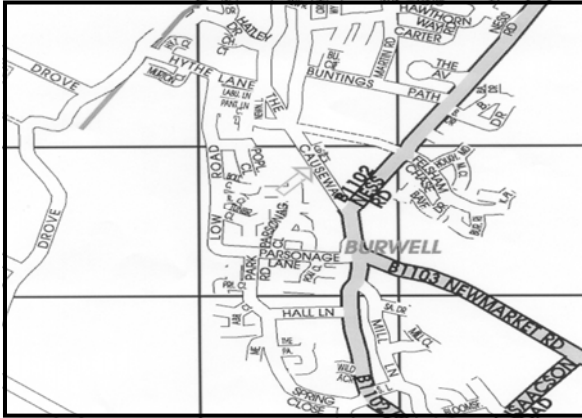
Appointments/Emergencies	741234
Enquires/Repeat Prescriptions	743602

Doctors	Dr Anne Shneerson, Dr Andrew Wills, Dr A Manning, Dr James Parry
Surgery Hours	Mon 9.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 6.30 pm Tues. 9.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00 - 6.30 pm Wed 9.00 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm Thu 9.00 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm Fri 9.00 - 11.30 am, 4.00- 6.30 pm Sat 9.00 - 10.00 am (emergencies only)
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	01223 358966

# Editorial



A more detailed map of Burwell to be used in conjunction with the front cover. This is to help one to get back from Burwell to Reach after that afternoon stroll. I never thought anyone would need this but I was mistaken so for anyone who needs them here they are. (See I don't mention names, unless I need to. You and others know who you are) .

Ok now that is out of the way I can continue with the editorial before I go for a good hearty meal at the Dyke's End.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year I of course was abroad seeing our daughter who lives in the states, and had a great time. Although we did have a few large hiccups in getting there. Still not to worry it was worth it.

Many thanks to Grahame Radford for stepping in for me on the Christmas Quiz night, I hear it went very well, except for the sound system, training required here Grahame.!. Be prepared this may well happen again as sitting on a veranda drinking beer, dressed only in shorts and a tee shirt on New Years Eve is very enticing and sets you up for the rest of the British winter.

Again some people were turning up late with notices and articles for the Out of Reach, OK this month I have managed to get everything in (I had to add 4 pages at the last minute). This cannot continue especially for the next issue, it will either come out just before April 1 or after the schools go back April 22. So I suggest you all get writing now and push all articles through my door as soon as you have them. I will be putting the next issue together as articles arrive so I can get it printed before the schools break up for Easter. (Absolute deadline March 15)

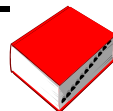
**Reach Fair** I have been asked to mention those words again—yes it's time for all volunteers to come out of the wood work and volunteer their services for an hour or two on Fair day (May 3rd). Please contact a member of the committee as soon as possible if you can spare some time to help.

Tony Jordan 743408, Sue Summers 742884, Rita Dunnett 742943, Andrew Hall 743737, Jen Holmwood 742969 or Joyce Harrison 742405.. Thank you

Well I now have a quiz to finish for Quiz night in The Dyke's End so I will conclude by again asking for a new editor. I expect I will be back next issue though.

*Dave*

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## Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we are initiating a 100 club. We are looking for a 100 people who would like to buy a ticket at £10.00 each.

The 100 club will have 10 draws a year.  
8 draws of £20.00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month  
2 draws of £50.00  
July and December

**Please contact Joyce Harrison as soon  
as possible**

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



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# Dates For Your Diary

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## February

Tue Feb 3	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Feb 4	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Feb 5	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Feb 6	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Feb 10	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Feb 11	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Feb 12	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Feb 13	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Mon Feb 16	Half Term starts in schools		
Tue Feb 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Feb 18	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Mon Feb 23	Back to School		
Tue Feb 24	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Thu Feb 26	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Feb 27	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Feb 29	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

## March

Tue Mar 2	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Mar 3	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Mar 4	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 5	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Mar 9	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Mar 10	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Mar 11	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 12	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Mar 16	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Mar 17	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Mar 18	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 19	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Mar 21	Mothering Sunday		
Tue Mar 23	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Thu Mar 25	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Mar 26	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Mar 28	Clocks go forward 1 hour		2.00 am
Sun Mar 28	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Tue Mar 30	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm

# Notices



**Reach Church's Moveable Feast, when diners move about the village to different venues for each course, is to be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**This is a very sociable occasion; a three- course meal plus wine and coffee in relaxed settings and excellent company!**

**We start at 7.00pm at the Village Centre where you will be directed to the first course.**

**Tickets are £12.50 each and can be obtained from Jen Holmwood at the Moon and Sixpence, Chapel Lane, phone no.742969, Joyce Harrison at 40 Great Lane, phone no.742405.**

**Work Out**

**Stretch & Tone your body**

**THURSDAYS**  
**REACH VILLAGE HALL**  
**CONTACT SUE SUMMERS**  
**742884**

A graphic advertisement for a fitness class. It features three cartoon-style illustrations of people in athletic wear: a woman on the left in a blue t-shirt and pink pants, a woman in the center in a pink top and shorts, and a man on the right in a white hoodie and blue pants. The text 'Work Out' is arched over the top, and 'Stretch & Tone your body' is arched across the middle. At the bottom, the details of the class are listed in bold, black, uppercase letters.

**Enjoy singing?  
Want to do something different - and not have  
to travel miles to do it?**

**Come and Sing 'Stainer's `Crucifixion'**

Bottisham Church is holding a choral workshop at the church on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2004 from 10.00 am until the performance at 7.30 pm (with plenty of refreshment breaks in between).

We shall be singing Stainer's `Crucifixion' as a preparation for Easter but it is fun to sing and, under the expert tuition of Roger Bond we shall be ready to perform it before an audience that evening. An enthusiasm for singing is the basic requirement but we hope that more experienced singers will join us also for a truly wonderful sound.

Don't be shy, come and surprise yourself. We need to engage an organist and soloists, so don't delay. It will be useful to have some idea of potential numbers. Please give me a call on 01223 812432 and I will be delighted to send you an application form and give you further information. To cover our expenses and, hopefully, raise some money for the Church Fabric Fund a charge of £8.00 per person will be required (concessions will be available).

Looking forward to seeing you there ..... **Lynda Ibbitt 01223 812432**

***Made a New Year Resolution Yet ?***

Why not Make Time for Health and think seriously about applying to join a Patient and Public Forum?

A community based Forum is being established for every one of the 574 English NHS and Primary Care Trusts whose primary roles are to

- Obtain views from local communities about health services and make recommendations and reports
- Examine, report and make recommendations on the range and day to day delivery of health services
- Influence the design of and access to NHS services
- Provide advice and information to patients and carers about services

Forums will work together to share experiences and to address common issues. They will be supported by Forum Support Organisations, independent of the NHS, who will use their considerable knowledge, experience and existing contacts within the communities. Locally, the FSO for the areas of East Cambridgeshire, Fenland, Huntingdon, King's Lynn, Peterborough and West Norfolk is CambridgeshireACRE. The FSO Team is based at E-space North, 181 Wisbech Road, Littleport, Ely, CB6 1RA telephone 01353-865351

If you really can Make Time for Health why not give them a call and, whilst they cannot sign you up direct, they know someone who can. Go on, Be a Voice for Health.

# NOTICE

## APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PREMISES PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

**I Rita Dunnett HEARBY GIVE NOTICE that an application has been made for a community premises Public entertainment licence at REACH VILLAGE CENTRE**

**Anyone who wishes to make observations about this application should write to:**

Stephen Clements  
Executive Director (Environmental Services)  
East Cambridgeshire District Council  
The Grange  
Nutholt Lane  
Ely, Cambs  
CB7 4PL

*All observations should be received within 28 days of this notice.*

## CUBS AND SCOUTS

IN SWAFFHAM PRIOR

CUBS - FOR 8 - 10 1/2 YEAR OLDS  
SCHOOL HALL, WEDNESDAYS 6-7.30pm  
CONTACT JEMIMA ON 07816 984457

SCOUTS - FOR 10 1/2 - 14 YEAR OLDS  
SCHOOL HALL, WEDNESDAYS 7.45 - 9.15pm  
CONTACT TIM DOE ON 01638 743656



# RACE NIGHT

WITH  
**FISH & CHIP SUPPER**

**FRIDAY 27TH  
FEBRUARY**

Gates open 7.30pm

**FIRST RACE 8PM  
WITH RACING WORLD  
CELEBRITY GUEST!**

AT  
**BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE**

**TICKETS £6.00 EACH  
(including supper)**

**TEL: 01638 742317  
01223 811895**

**BAR  
AVAILABLE**

*Raising funds for Specialist Studies supported by  
Friends of Bottisham Village College*

**ENTRANCE BY TICKET ONLY  
LIMITED NUMBERS!**

**St Peter & St Mary Magdalene, Fordham  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm**

## Music in Lent

**Joanna Debenham (soprano)      Simon Clulow (alto)  
David Warham (organ)**

Organised by St Peter's with the support of the FoSPF

Unreserved Tickets £5 [Concessions £4] from:

Artists' Corner, Ely \* Soham Books

Discus Music, Newmarket \* D N Jenkins, Fordham

# Music in the Church

A programme of twelve concerts at St James' Church, Lode

Friday 5 March 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>David Bass: String quartet</b>
Friday 2 April 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Peter Britton and Margaret Copestock: Piano duet</b>
Friday 7 May 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Amadeus Boldwicket Red Hot Peppers Jazz Band</b>
Friday 4 June 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Helen-Louise Baker: Flute and guitar</b>
Friday 2 July 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Jane Hawking &amp; Jonathan Hellyer Jones: Soprano and organ</b>
Friday 6 August 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Organ recital</b>
Friday 3 September 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Cambridge Camerata Wind Quintet</b>
Friday 1 October 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>musicians from Cambridge University</b>
Friday 5 November 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>Jack Henson Pop Group</b>
Friday 3 December 2004, 7.30p.m.	<b>musicians from Cambridge University</b>
Friday 7 January 2005, 7.30p.m.	<b>Baroque Group</b>
Friday 4 February 2005, 7.30p.m.	<b>Magdalen College Choir</b>

***Tickets:***

**£8 for one concert**

**£50 season ticket for the 12 concerts**

***Tickets from:***

**Post Office, Lode**

**The Barn, Station Court, Lode  
or telephone 813070**

**Special event: Jazz in the Farm**

Saturday 26 June 2004, 7.30p.m.

**Amadeus Boldwicket Red Hot Peppers Jazz Band**  
at Station Farm, Lode



**‘Heart Beat’ health  
walks  
Information Evening  
at the  
Cathedral Centre,  
Ely  
Thursday 22nd  
January  
7-9pm**

**(Tea and coffee will be provided)**

The ‘Heart Beat’ health walks are short (30-40minutes) brisk walks in and around your local area to improve your health.

The walks are led by trained volunteers and the information evening is an invitation to anyone who would like to register as a leader or walker.

The first led walk in Ely will be  
Tuesday 24th February 2pm

**Healthy Lifestyle Team  
01353 654219/ 654208**



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# Your County Councillor

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**James Fitch**

**01223 811425**



## **COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER**

### **Mid December / January 2004**

#### **December**

I make no apologies to you for reverting to a topic I introduced in my last article, namely Council Tax (CT). I warned then that the County Council Leader was standing by his six percent increase forecast but was likely to have to rethink when the level of central grant was revealed.

I now have to tell you that, as I feared, the level of Government assistance is likely to be low, indeed, much worse than expected. Although Cambridgeshire will get some more grant, we are caught again by the artificial Government imposed "ceiling" (set at 6.2% for Cambs), which means we lose £12 1/2m cash grant 2004 / 5. This is the second year in succession that we have suffered a cut to what we should have had. Inevitably, this will have an impact on the level of CT and the County Council's ability to meet the cost of providing services -primarily Education, Social Services and Transport / Roads. £12 1/2m. in itself would add an 8% rise in CT which ought to be added to the 6% increase already forecast earlier this year. That said, the Cabinet is reviewing its proposed spending plans to see what economies can be made...

You should note that Cambridgeshire's CT was the third lowest of all County Councils in 2003 / 4. However it has increased around 9% per year over the last five years. The CT Band D for 2003 / 4 would go up £7.60 per one percent of increase. The other bands would move in line with this as appropriate.

An unusual change this coming year is that the Cambs. Fire & Rescue Service (CF&RS) will become its own precepting body (similar to Police) from next April. This will mean that County part of CT will reduce and the Fire & Rescue Service will start with the same sum but adjusted for any inflationary or other increase needed to keep it up to standard in the coming year. Next year the CF&RS will come directly to you to ask for a similar sum (plus any inflation / cost increases) I will come back to this later at the next meeting of the CF&RS to give you the proposals. As a generalisation I believe we receive a wonderfully economic return for the modest sums needed to cope with fires and to rescue anyone in need, particularly after road accidents.

Harriet and I send our best wishes to you for a good and happy New Year, in spite of the gloomy tone of this newsletter.

## JANUARY

With little going on at Shire Hall over the last month, we remain in limbo regarding Council Tax. It seems that the Government could not make up its mind over how much grant to give to local councils, Since my last newsletter Grant has been increased, in our case, by £1 – 2 m which will help to keep down the Tax or save a service cut.

Anyway, you all have a chance to take part in public consultations to query the County's intention to spend around £450m on its services - primarily schools, transport network and caring for elderly and vulnerable children.

As I have warned you before the Leader and Cabinet still want to peg the County's increase to 6% (88p / week for average households). However, there will still have to be cuts to many services to match funds arising from Government, business rates and the Council Tax proposal mentioned above.

The public consultation will also allow you to air your views on alternative Council Tax of 8% and 10%. If a clear majority of opinion chose one of these two higher figures in order to save some of the services cuts, then the Cabinet has "pledged" to listen and amend its plans.

So, the options are:

1. CT increase of 6% (88p. / week average household). Result schools in Cams £2m short of what is needed and £3m cuts to other services.
2. CT increase 8% (£1.17 / week average household). This would raise additional £3m all of which would go to schools.
3. CT increase 10% (£1.46 / week average household). This would raise a further £3m, half of which would go to schools and the other towards improving levels of care and highway maintenance. Some other cuts would still be necessary.

A leaflet explaining all these matters has been sent to your parish council clerk as well as other community groups (e.g. Hereward Housing) and schools.

A telephone survey of about 700 individuals will be carried out.

The Council leaders will attend as follows:

13 Jan. public at Shire Hall 7.30pm

17 Jan. public at Cambridge Central Library 2- 4 pm

22 Jan. public at Ely Library 5.30 – 7pm

I shall mention all this to parish Councils during this month when I attend their meetings.

*James Fitch*

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# **BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE**

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## **BOTTISHAM SPEAKS OUT!**

Bottisham Village College pupils have been taking part in the public speaking competitions organised by the Rotary Club.

The Junior Competition, held in Newmarket, was won by a Bottisham team made up of Year 8 pupils Ailsa Martin, Emma Olley, Caitlin Ramsey speaking on the subject of Trees. Caitlin also won the award for the best speaker of the day, a marvellous achievement.

A month later, the Senior Competition, held at the Welding Institute, Abington, was also won by pupils from the College. The team was made up of David Towriss, Jemima Bowers, Pippa Pye speaking on the subject of The Meaning of Christmas.

Congratulations to these pupils and to the teachers who prepared them for the competitions. We are also very grateful to the Rotary Club for organising these competitions because we believe that public speaking is an important skill for our pupils to develop.

## **HUMANITIES COLLEGE BID**

At the moment we are in the process of applying to become a Specialist Humanities College with a strong focus on Geography, History and Citizenship. If we are successful we will receive a much greater funding from the government and we will be able to do a lot to improve the facilities at the College and to enrich the curriculum for all pupils.

Because of our strong history as a village college fully involved in our community we felt that humanities is an ideal choice because it is the study of people and how they interact with each other and their environment. We really look forward to working on a number of new projects with our partner primary schools and with the Windmill Special School as the new status develops.

## **Fundraising**

Pupils, parents and staff will be involved in a lot of activities over the next few months in order to raise money for our new status. The government requires us to show willing by raising £50,000 ourselves and if we manage to do this we will receive an additional £600,000 in the school budget. If any readers of this magazine would like to help us in our fundraising we will be very glad to hear from you. Please contact me directly.

***Peter Hains***  
***Warden***

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# Bus Timetable

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Effective the 9th June 2002

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

Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10, 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40, 17.40, 18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40, 21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 22.40
Bus 111 Reach to Isleham:	17.16
Bus 111 Newmarket to Reach:	06.31, 09.55, 11.55, 13.55, 15.55, 17.55, 19.10, 21.10,
Bus 111 Isleham to Reach:	07.23
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	19.08, 21.08
Bus 111 Reach to Cambridge:	06.55, 07.49(*), 10.30, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30,
* Continues to Long Rd 6th Fm	19.33, 20.33, 21.33, 22.33

## Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 122

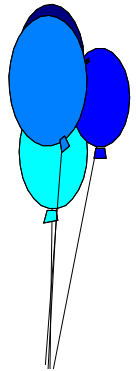
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach:	10.10, 14.10, 18.10
Bus 122 Reach to Ely:	10.40, 14.40, 18.40
Bus 122 Ely to Reach:	11.40, 16.10
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	08.50
Bus 122 Reach to Cambridge:	09.15, 12.30, 17.00

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# Birthdays

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February		March	
4	Daniel Blocksage	1	Holly Preston
		2	Megan Lewis
		22	Megan Sidery
		28	William Hasleham
		30	Emma Preston



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

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# Parish Council Meeting

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## Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2003

### Present

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

### Visit

John Selby, conservation officer from East Cambridgeshire District Council, came to talk about the enhancement scheme in Reach. Replacement street-lights had been installed on the village hall side of Fair Green under phase two of the enhancement scheme. John said that there had been a drop in funding for conservation and to replace the lights and put in underground cabling on the other side of the green would be expensive.

He said it would lower the cost to increase the space between the lights, but the county council street lighting department would be unlikely to agree to this and, therefore, would not adopt the lights if they were not up to agreed modern electrical standards. Clerk agreed to contact the chief lighting engineer at CCC to discuss possibilities.

### Reports

District Council

#### ***Draft budget***

The government had effectively given no increase in funds for this year. Staff salaries at ECDC were lower than neighbouring district councils resulting in some good people leaving. Conservation areas would be low on the list of priorities for the coming year.

#### Conservation performance assessment

Internal audits had taken place. All reviews had said that not enough was being spent. Cllr Cane said it was 'a challenge'. Government auditors were inspecting in March 2004.

#### Council tax

A discussion took place regarding council tax. Cllr Cane agreed it was difficult for people on a fixed income to afford. It was 'not a fair tax' she said.

#### ***Swaffham Prior Primary School***

The financial side of the running of the school looked bleak, said Cllr Pearson. The area cost adjustment appeared to be reducing not increasing, with a 2% cut on all school budgets. This was particularly worrying to small schools and particularly unfortunate for Swaffham Prior primary school, which had worked hard to attain a glowing OFSTED report. Cllr Cane said that the Cambs County Council actually spent more on education than the government guidelines.



### ***Village hall committee***

Cllr Harrison said the building of the proposed extension would be put out to tender again, but this time it was agreed that the hall would be shut during the building works, as this would cut costs.

### **Swaffham Prior PCC**

Regarding the constitution of the charity: when representation went down from seven to six some years ago a second Reach representative was lost. It was agreed to ask if an alternative councillor could attend PCC meetings if Cllr Robinson was unavailable.

### ***Police liaison committee***

The travellers who had recently camped on Blackberry Drove had left.

### **Matters arising**

#### ***Old Railway Bridge***

Patrick Joyce, the County Cycling Projects Officer, had replied to a letter from the PC suggesting that the Old Railway Bridge be lowered for safety reasons. He said he would be surveying the area as some services were thought to be buried there and this would have an impact on any decision.

#### ***Police community support officers***

Councillors agreed to find out more about the new scheme, although it was agreed that the precept would not allow for any funding from the PC.

### ***National Trust***

In reply to a letter from Helen Platt, Philip Broadbent-Yale (NT's Area Manager) outlined maintenance and access of the land acquired at Burwell Fen Farm. He said that there was no bridleway access to the paths but they were happy for 'permissive access for horses'. Gates were unlocked at present but when stock were introduced they would be locked, with keys obtainable from the Property Manager at Wicken Fen or the Fenland Bridleway Association.

### **Correspondence**

Helen Platt had asked for road signs saying 'Please slow down for horse', saying local people drove with no thought for other road users. Clerk had contacted highways department; a spokesman had declined the suggestion, saying such signs were only considered appropriate in areas with a large number of horses on the road (such as Newmarket) or where a bridleway cuts across a main road.

ECDC had given consent for tree works to be carried out at 48a Great Lane. The Audit Commission was to reduce the audit fee for small councils.

County's Countryside Services were to close the Tree and Hedge Scheme from July 2004.

The Rural Housing Enabler, who visited the PC in July, had written asking if any decision had been made with regard to areas for affordable housing. Councillors agreed that the only appropriate land might be that owned by County Farms.

The County Council Records Service had drawn the PC's attention to the fact that the land known as the Drying Ground in The Hythe had mistakenly been mapped as being common land on access land maps. Clerk to contact the department to find out who owned the land.

County had invited the PC to take part in the Parish Path Partnership for 2004/2005. Councillors declined.

## **Reach matters**

### **Planning application – High Cloud Stud (second submission)**

The site had been moved nearer the road after a previous application had been rejected as being in 'open countryside' and outside the village envelope. Councillors approved the new siting but thought the house was far too big and constituted an over-development of the site. Materials were thought not to be in keeping with other houses in the area.

#### *Horningsea/Burwell overhead electricity cabling*

Chairman asked Cllr Aves about reports that 18metre-wide belts of trees and hedges were to be planted on farmland to screen the cabling. Cllr Aves (who declared an interest) confirmed the information.

## **Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004**

### **Present**

Chairman Cllr Robinson, Cllrs Harrison, Summers, Moseley, Hill, and Pearson.

### **Reports**

#### ***District Council***

##### **Budget/council tax**

The budget was to be discussed at the forthcoming ECDC Parish Forum. Although the government had given extra funding to District Councils it was not enough, said Cllr Cane.

##### **High Cloud Stud**

Planning application was going to mediation shortly, with a recommendation for approval. Certain conditions would be enforced re the materials to be used. Councillors discussed and suggested that the planning department at ECDC be asked for clarification of the current planning process.

#### *Swaffham Prior Primary School*

Cllr Pearson said many meetings had been held re finances. Although the government budget statement showed an area cost adjustment in Cambridgeshire's favour it was unclear how it would be spent.

### ***Police liaison committee***

Cllr Summers had recently visited the US. He compared policing practices there with those in the UK.

### **Matters arising**

#### **Burwell/Horningsea overhead electricity cabling**

24Seven were appealing to the Secretary of State to be allowed to install the cabling as per their submitted plans. They argued that the present route was less disrupting to housing. Councillors were told the company was planning on planting indigenous trees along the cabling route and would care for them for the next 50 years.

### **Correspondence**

- Ely Police Sector had sent telephone number contacts for non-emergencies.
- The Democratic Services Officer at ECDC had written reminding councillors that they must notify any amendments to the Parish Councillor's Declarations of Interest.
- The Parks and Open Spaces Department at ECDC had a few benches surplus to requirements. PC agreed to ask for one.
- Planning permission had been given for an oil tank to be installed at the rear of Needholy, Fair Green.

### **Reach matters**

#### ***Reach burial ground***

Cllr Robinson and Ron Greenhill had begun tidying up the cemetery. The shed was to be made into a porch, the bier renovated (and kept there), and a bench installed.

#### ***Reach village sign***

The village sign was in need of renovation. Cllr Harrison had spoken to Ron Morris about this.

#### ***Reach road sign***

The enamelled sign at the Burwell Road entrance to the village had gone missing.

*Penny Lang*

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## **Local Music Groups**

**Hi! Basically I am a keen musician who has recently move into the area and am missing playing and singing in my local windbands, orchestras, choirs etc. I am trying to find out if there are any local groups i could join or whether there is anyone out there who would be willing to help me set up a new group.**

**Thank you**

*Jackie Smith*

**E Mail: [Milkybars\\_r\\_on\\_me@btopenworld.co.uk](mailto:Milkybars_r_on_me@btopenworld.co.uk)  
or please contact the editor.**

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# The Morphology of Reach (cont)

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The enclosure act changed the settlement as well as the social pattern. The Commissioners abandoned the old fen roads to Burwell and Swaffham in favour of more direct ones of regulation width. They were undoubtedly an improvement. The building of the Swaffham road, in particular, drew folk away from Delph End and further away from the water. Indeed Reach seems to have gone through a minor population boom at this time, there was clearly a shortage of building land, for previously unoccupied sites were built over and the drying green was encroached on by at least two houses. The old centre seems to have become very densely populated, as one would expect, for only here is spring water easily obtained.

## The Railway

What canals had been to the first industrial revolution railways were second. Fast, cheap. Efficient means of moving large quantities of goods were profitable to the owners and the producers of the goods, Our railway was built late in the century to link the agricultural areas towards Mildenhall with the main line to London. But the railway virtually killed Reach as a viable economic unit.

All over England the railways had ousted the canals as bulk carriers, except in the fens, where the subsoil is so unstable that railway building was for a long time though impossible. Reach was still an important port in the late nineteenth century, and the logical place to put a railway station was as near the canal head as possible, but the squire of Swaffham, Mr, Mix, used his influence to get the station sited on what was his land at thee bottom of his park, he had his private entrance to it, and planted a avenue of trees leading to it, very convenient. But it meant Reach was over two miles by the most direct route from a railhead, and the port began its decline forthwith. Reach's prosperity declined sharply, one interesting clue to this that there is virtually no new building in the village, between 1860 and 1950. The old economic hinterland of the village, which had served its growth since the earliest times, was completely cut off from it, its economic functions were halved, and it degenerated into a small hamlet, remarkably only for its yearly fair.

This is the end of The Morphology of Reach as written by Mr Charles Moseley in 1977

*Bill Estall 2003*

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# LOVE

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True love does not fade with age, no time can break  
The bond  
True love comes to everyone, a strong foundation to  
Build upon  
The bond of true love lasts forever, no matter what  
Life may bring  
As surely as night will turn to day, and summer will  
Follow spring  
Love is something we cannot explain, there are no  
Words to describe  
This strange and wonderful feeling, that we cannot  
Hide  
True love can scale the highest mountain, and calm  
The wildest sea  
And brings the wonder of love to all the world, where  
Everyone is free  
True love does not always run smoothly, there are  
Pitfalls every day  
But all these things can be overcome, love always  
Shows the way  
Love can blossom in so many ways, a shy smile  
Across a crowded room  
Or perhaps just strolling hand in hand, in the park  
Beneath a shining moon  
And when you hold each other closely, on a dim lit  
Dance floor  
The magic of these moments, you hope will last for  
Evermore  
Now for you all time stands still, no others do you  
See  
As you glide around the floor, your hearts beating  
In harmony  
So when love finds you, just listewwhat your heart  
Say  
As love cannot be brought or sold, so keep it, and  
Make it stay  
This is a wonderful gift from life, and it makes the  
World go round  
So you must hang on tightly to your love, when a  
True one is found

*Bill Estall 2004*

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## Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

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# Your District Councillor

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**Charlotte Cane**

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District Council Notes (Jan / Feb 2003)

**Happy New Year. I hope you and your families had a happy and relaxing Christmas holiday.**

Would you like to cut your fuel bills and keep warmer, as well as help the environment? If so, you will find our 'Stay Warm Surgeries' useful. For people who live in private accommodation, whether you own your home or rent it, we can help you find discounts on insulation materials and in some cases help you get grants towards the costs of insulating your home. Anyone can come to the surgeries and you will be given a free energy efficient light bulb (which can save you up to £10 on your annual electricity bill) and asked to fill out a home energy check about the insulation in your home. Our Home Energy Conservation Officer will then use this home energy check to help you find ways to save on your fuel bills and to keep warm. Unfortunately, these grants and discounts are not available to Housing Association tenants. I shall be joining Ian Bowers, our Home Energy Conservation Officer, at the Stay Warm Surgery in Swaffham Prior Village Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 3.00-6.00pm. Care & Repair will also be there to discuss whether they can help with low cost installation of heating in your home. For young families, there will be a competition for primary school children with an energy saving prize for their home. If you can't come then, but would like energy saving advice, please ring Ian Bowers on 01353 616251.

East Cambs has joined with SportsDeC to provide an online sports club directory. The site, at [www.sportsdec.org.uk](http://www.sportsdec.org.uk), provides a comprehensive list of local sports clubs and information on the range and whereabouts of the sporting opportunities in or around East Cambs. The new user friendly website has been created by the Council's Leisure and Tourism Services department to ensure as many people as possible have access to information about sporting opportunities within the district. The secondary aim of developing this site is to start working towards the government's objective of ensuring that 70% of the population is reasonably active by the year 2020.

The Government issued its provisional Revenue Support Grant (RSG) projections for 2004/05 in November. From the information supplied it seemed East Cambs would get almost £300,000 less to fund our services than we had budgeted for (equal to about 12% on East Cambs' share of your Council tax). But in December the Chancellor used his interim budget statement to announce a further £340 million for Local Government. East Cambs will get £143,000 of this. But we are still short of what we were budgeting for. And it is short of what the Government agrees they should be giving us, by £311,000.



This is because although they agree that we need more money, they will not increase the total given to all local authorities. If we were to get everything we need straight away other authorities would have to have a cut in their grant. So our increase is to be phased in over an unspecified time. In the meantime we have to struggle to balance our budget. During January we will be consulting on the options, and we will decide our budget, and therefore the district's share of your Council Tax in February.

Last year we ran a course called "How to Come up With an Idea for a Business". It was so popular that we will run some more on the 1st and 2nd April and 8th and 9th July. Several of the people who went on the course have joined together to form a Business Start-Up Club to provide members with the opportunity to keep in contact with others who share an interest in starting a business and to give each other encouragement and mutual support. If you are interested in attending one of these courses, or joining the Business Start-Up Club, please contact Darren Hill on 01353 616387.

Healthy Living East Cambridgeshire has launched a dedicated Stop Smoking Service. Experience of people who have given up smoking is that you are four times more likely to succeed if you are helped by a Stop Smoking Service. If you want to give up smoking contact your local Surgery or ring 0800 018 4304 and you will get help to quit. After just 24 hours of not smoking your body will be free of carbon monoxide and your lungs will start to clear the debris caused by smoking. After 5 years you will have halved the risk of heart attack compared to a smoker. If you want to find out what else Healthy Living East Cambridgeshire can do for you visit their stand at Ely Market on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

The Government is transferring responsibility for licensing pubs and clubs to sell alcohol from Magistrates Courts to district councils. We are supposed to take on this responsibility from July this year. In deciding whether or not to issue a license we will have to consider the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. We are still waiting for guidance from the Government. Once we have this guidance, we will consult locally and draft our Licensing Policy Statement.

*Charlotte Cane* (Liberal Democrat Councillor for the Swaffhams and Reach)

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If you travel due north from Belem, near the mouth of the Amazon, you will not reach land until you arrive at the coast of Greenland.

A hole dug straight through the earth from Shanghai would come out on the other side of the globe near Buenos Aires.

Spain is named after the Carthaginian word meaning 'land of Rabbits'

The British Government offered a reward of £5000 in 1776 to anyone who could discover the north West Passage.

Eighty percent of all the species of freshwater fish that live on earth are found in the Amazon

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# Church News

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We are still enjoying using our newly refurbished church, which was dedicated at a joyous service on November 30<sup>th</sup>, with the Archdeacon, Jeff Watson, officiating. Do go and have a look if you have not yet seen the new central entrance with its glazed doors letting light in and giving a more dignified entrance for wedding and funeral processions. We think that more people are being attracted to come to the church, because of its more welcoming aspect. Also, the services at 11.00 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month are intended to be for young families and for those who do not particularly want a Eucharistic service, and there are signs that this makes the church more attractive for those who have hitherto felt disinclined to come to services. Certainly there was a good turn-out for the Family Carol Service on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December and we hope that those children and their parents who attended that happy occasion, so ably run by Alasdair and Olivia Coles, would like to come more regularly.

On the Burwell and Reach Parish Awayday held at Reach Village Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> November a great many ideas were put forward for engaging with new opportunities for the church as well as thoughts on how current activities, including services, might be changed and improved. Reach Church, which has recently been given this new life in joining with Burwell, has become aware of changes that have to be made in order to keep the word of God alive in the village. However, we do not want to discourage the committed churchgoers by too much change, so we have maintained the Communion service in Traditional language at 8.00 am. on the second Sunday of the month, which is now regularly attended by over 20 Burwell and Reach people, and there is a 9.30 a.m. United Parish Communion in Modern language at Reach on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, also attended by a goodly congregation. We are therefore, we feel, doing the right thing in encouraging more people to fill the pews, and hope that more of you will now feel more comfortable about coming to services. If we could find some willing Mums to supervise this, it might be possible to use Reach Village Centre for a crèche during part of some services. Please come forward to the churchwardens Norah Smith and Dan Tucker if you would like to do this for us. There are also some toys and colouring books available at the back of the church for young children, and we would be grateful for donations of such material for occupying children who come with their parents to church.

On the Fabric side, the refurbishment is now complete, and we are now awaiting the commencement of repairs to the downpipes and gutters, and the roof, by Peter Saunders, but the weather has been too inclement to start work in December and January.

There will be no more social occasions in February, but there will be a Moveable Feast on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>, which will start at the Village Hall and progress to different venues round the village for each course. Tickets will be available from Jan Robinson (743563) or Jen Holmwood (742969).

*Jenny Moseley*

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# Letter From The Vicar

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**Rev Stephen Earl**

**The Vicarage Tel 741262**

**ROLE OF RURAL DEAN**

**2 PART VERSION**

**~ Part ONE ~**

Dear Friends,

At the meeting of the Parochial Church Council last November, I reported back on a 3-day conference I'd recently attended for newly appointed Rural Deans from 6 dioceses in Eastern England. It was a valuable and worthwhile time, meeting at the Chelmsford Diocesan Retreat House at Pleshey. After relaying how much was learned from the various speakers and from each other, one of the PCC members asked me *"Can you explain in one minute what a Rural Dean does?"* I did my best, and I think most were surprised at how much the role entails. I was then asked if I could write about this in our parish magazines, so others who might be interested could be informed too. So here goes, with the 5 minute version in 2 instalments (to be continued in the next issue)...

It was explained at the outset that the role of Rural Dean had come about in the days when the Bishop, whose jurisdiction extended throughout the diocese, found it difficult to stamp his authority in areas furthest from the seat of power. Rural Deans were thus deployed to ensure episcopal control and good order.

There are vestiges of this still in the present-day role of Rural Dean, which remains an episcopal appointment. I dislike the often-used description of the Rural Dean as "the ears and eyes of the bishop", as it sounds rather like "the roaring lion seeking who he may devour" - or at least being ready to blow the whistle on fellow clergy for the merest misdemeanour. Yes of course if there is a serious problem the Rural Dean is expected to bring this to the attention of the Bishop or Archdeacon, but the Rural Dean's responsibility for fellow clergy and their parishes covers a much wider brief, and I think may be better likened to the role of a shop steward than that of a foreman; it is definitely not one of line management.

He/she (our own diocese has several female Rural Deans) is expected to be a support, and not a threat, to fellow clergy. Through regular meetings and other informal contact, the Rural Dean should know how colleagues are faring - support them in their efforts, help them in their struggles and offer practical help when needed. If fellow clergy are finding it difficult, for example, to take their holiday entitlement - the Rural Dean should encourage them to do so, making suggestions for who might take services in absentia. If clergy face difficult domestic situations - such as children in need of special care, financial or health worries, the Rural Dean may be able to suggest who best to turn to.

A family bereavement may mean being away from the parish with no prior notice - and so the Rural Dean would be the person to turn to. As well as offering pastoral support for colleagues, the Rural Dean may be able to help with legal and practical queries - for example, concerning marriages, funerals, churchyard regulations, and faculty applications; and if he/she cannot help, will contact the Archdeacon who is usually a mine of information on such matters (ours most certainly is!).

Because the Rural Dean is in contact from time to time with laity throughout the deanery (eg churchwardens, treasurers, Deanery Synod members, Mothers' Union representatives), so pastoral concern is extended to these people as well - letters of sympathy, hospital visits, expressions of concern over ill health etc, are often appreciated by parish officers from the Rural Dean where this seems appropriate. Links with laity are especially forged during an interregnum when the Rural Dean has considerable responsibility for the parishes concerned.

In an interregnum, it is the churchwardens strictly speaking who organise cover for services, but inevitably the Rural Dean gets involved helping when they get stuck; often by taking some of the funerals, weddings and baptisms. The Rural Dean usually meets with PCCs at the outset to discuss the logistics of the interregnum, and some Rural Deans chair Annual Meetings - though I decline such invitations (unless there's a special reason) thinking it best for those who know parish situations to run their own meetings. Rural Deans are sometimes involved in the process of new appointments, and are instrumental in organising the service of induction / institution / licensing - liaising with many people in the process, preparing the special service sheet, and leading a rehearsal. Since becoming Rural Dean just over a year ago, I have been helping with interregna in EVERY parish of the former Quy Deanery, now part of the Fordham and Quy Deanery: Reach, the 2 Swafhams, the Anglesey Group (comprising Bottisham, Lode & Quy), Fen Ditton & Horningsea, the Fulbourn Group (including the 2 Wilbrahams & Six Mile Bottom), and now Teversham!

I should add that society has changed considerably since the introduction of Rural Deans, and there are many places where they function now that are far from rural! In cities and large towns they are mostly known as Area Deans - exactly the same role, but in a different context with a different title.

You may think this alone will have kept me busy and taken up every available hour, but there's plenty more to come. Next time you can read about the Deanery Chapter, Deanery Pastoral Committee, Deanery Synod, Deanery Standing Committee, the Deanery Directory and Deanery Calendar - and of course the Parish Share! The Archdeacon gets a look in too; and I'll address the all important question "*where does the time come from to be a Rural Dean?*".

*Meanwhile, every blessing,  
Revd Stephen Earl*

# Church Services February



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
<b>Sunday 1st</b> Epiphany 4	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Services
<b>Sunday 8th</b> 3rd before Lent	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
<b>Sunday 15th</b> 2nd before Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Services
<b>Sunday 22nd</b> Sunday before Lent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Service of Healing	11.00 am Church Family Service
<b>Weds 25th</b> Ash Wednesday	<i>No 10.00 am Service</i> 7.30 pm Holy Communion	
<b>Sunday 29th</b> Lent 1	<i>No 8.00 am Service</i>	9.30 am United Parish Communion

# Church Services March



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
<b>Sunday 7th</b> Lent 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am, Family Service	6.30 pm Informal Evening Service
<b>Sunday 14th</b> Lent 3	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
<b>Sunday 21st</b> Mothering Sunday Lent 4	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
<b>Sunday 28th</b> Passion Sunday Lent 5	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Church Family Worship

## Sundays

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

**6.30 pm Services of Healing (Quarterly)** at Burwell

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

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

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

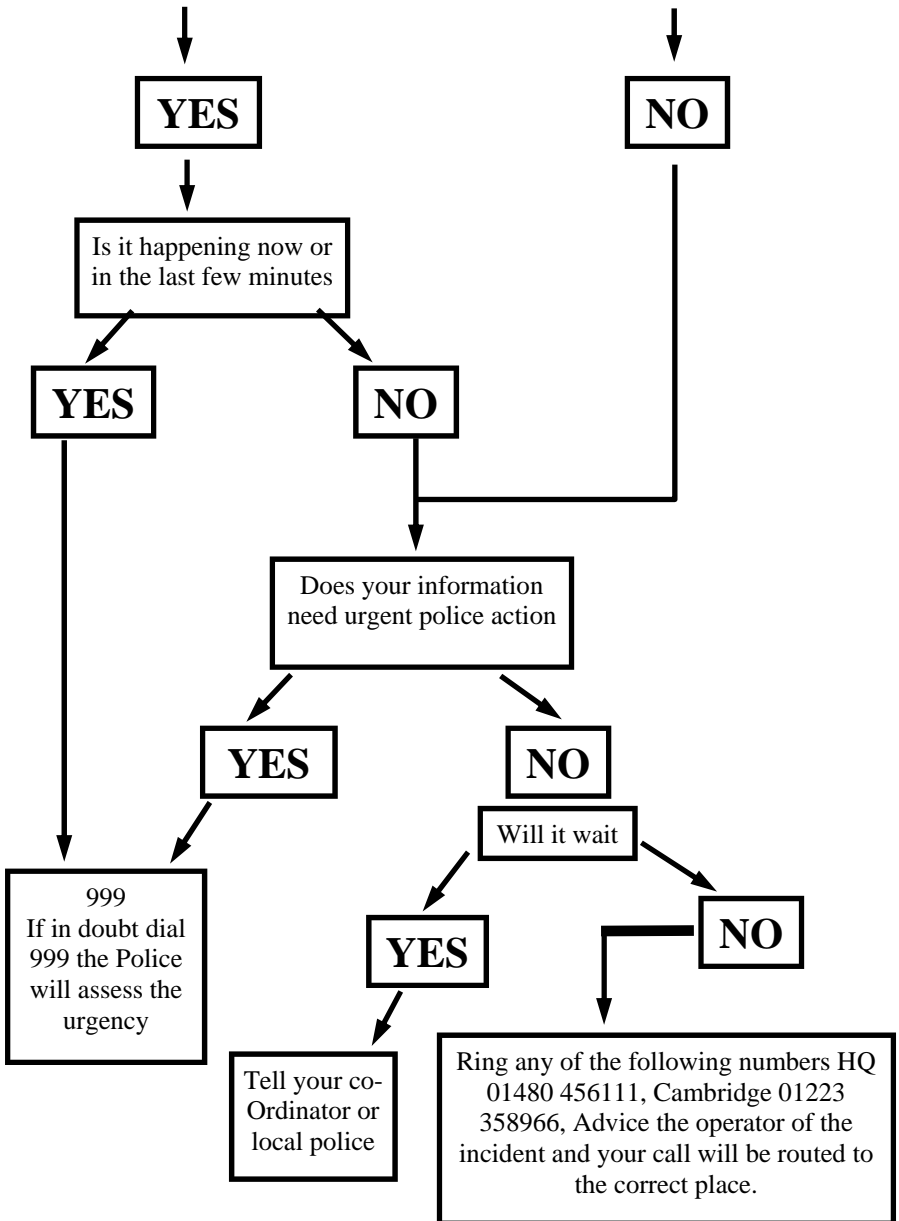
## Weekdays

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

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

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

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