

Out of Reach



Devil's Dyke Restoration Project—Steps

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Editorial



I did end up with enough bits for this issue so it will be produced on time. Again we welcome the new comers to the village, we hope you will have a pleasant time here, the village hall committee are still looking for members!

I see the sports day went well as usual, well done Tony, don't forget to get your rounders team together for Sunday September 5th yet another exciting event in Reach's calendar, and make a note in your diary for the Harvest Festival family service on Sunday the 26th September at 11.00 am.

Holiday time is here again and as usual I must remind one and all that burglars are still around and this time of year is good for them. If you are going away let your neighbours know, ask them to check on your property and make sure mail, papers and milk are not visibly left on display, an obvious tell tale sign you are away.

I cannot think of anything to say this issue at all I have been sat here for the last hour just trying to think of something. So the best I can do is to wish you all very happy holidays, remind you the next issue is the penultimate issue before Christmas. So any Christmas / New Year parties anyone wishes to advertise get them in the next issue or you may find everyone has booked up to go elsewhere.

Have a good One.— see you soon

Dave

**Don't forget our new E-mail address is
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***100 Club Winner
June - Tony Jordan***

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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**

Dates For Your Diary



August

Tue Aug 3	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Aug 3	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Aug 4	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tue Aug 17	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Aug 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Aug 18	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Sun Aug 29	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Mon Aug 30	Bank Holiday (Last before Xmas)		
Tue Aug 31	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm

September

Wed Sep 1	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Sep 1	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Sep 2	School Summer Holidays End	Back to School	8.45 am
Fri Sep 3	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed Sep 8	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Tue Sep 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Sep 14	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Sep 15	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Fri Sep 17	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Thu Sep 23	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Sep 24	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Sep 24	MacMillian Coffee Morning	Reach Village Hall	10.00 am
Sun Sep 26	Harvest Festival	Village Church	11.00 am
Sun Sep 26	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Tue Sep 28	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Sep 28	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Thu Sep 30	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm

MacMillian Coffee Morning

Friday September 24
10.00 am - 12.30pm

Any gifts of cakes, preserves or raffle prizes gratefully accepted
J. Harrison 40 Great Lane



Ely's Summer of Music 2004

For the fourth year music will play an important part to your visit to Ely this summer. Whether you are in the town centre or down by the riverside in Jubilee Gardens we have music to suit all ages. All the Saturdays throughout July and August will bring a different flavour of music from Flamenco to Jazz, from Rock and Pop to Folk. We have the usual mixture of local talent including some youth bands. We are very pleased to welcome to the programme this year one of the region's best loved Pop bands: Freestyle. A four-piece, high-tech outfit playing anything from Stones to Tina Turner, Celine Dion to Sinatra. The band is fronted by Sue Marchant from BBC's Radio Cambridgeshire's *Nighshift*.

For the first year Jubilee Gardens is hosting their first free Musical evening when a group of drama enthusiasts from the area will perform *Godspell*. Headed by Andy Bailey the cast is a mixture of dedicated and highly talented actors, singers, dancers and musicians who will be present in the fully staged show starting at 7.45 pm on Saturday 7th August.

Godspell, a musical based on the *Godspel* according to St Matthew with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz tells the story of a group of bright, crazy young people who by gradually giving their faith and love to the One that shows them the way to be and to each other, gain in strength, until they are ready to love enough to realise the final truth of what they have been shown.

With a stunning score that includes the soaring aspiration of 'Day by Day' the emotion of absolute innocence in 'All Good Gifts' and the pulsating frantic pleading of 'We Beseech Thee' to name but a few. *Godspell* mixes a great deal of humour with pure joy and intense emotion.

Bring a picnic to the Gardens and make this a fun, family evening out.

For a leaflet detailing all the acts contact Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616377 or e-mail tracey.harding@eastcams.gov.uk.

ELY'S SUMMER OF MUSIC

**Join us in the Town Centre and Jubilee Gardens
for Music and Entertainment throughout the
Summer**

**Saturday 24th July – KEYBOARDS
The Witchford Keys
Jubilee Gardens – 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm**

***Saturday 31st July – CAMARGUE FLAMENCO
Los Gitanos
Town Centre – 11.30 am to 1.30 pm***

***Saturday 7th August – ROCK/POP
B4s
Jubilee Gardens – 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm
*Free Open Air Musical Godspell starts at 7.45 pm**

***Saturday 14th August – POP
A4TEEN
Jubilee Gardens – 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm***

**Saturday 21st August – PAN-PIPES
Inkray
Town Centre – 11.30 am to 1.30 pm**

***Saturday 28th August – POP
Freestyle
Jubilee Gardens – 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm***

For further details contact: Tracey Harding, East Cambridgeshire
District Council on 01353 616377

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Midday Supervisor: Term Time Position

Do you like working with children; do you want to work during term time only? We have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to care for our children during their lunchtime. For information regarding duties and pay, please contact the school. This post is ideal for those wanting to gain some work experience with primary aged children or for those wanting to work in a local community setting.

REACH CHURCH HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Our Church Harvest Festival Celebration will be the 11 am Family Service on Sunday September 26th when all ages are welcome to come and bring harvest gifts. These will later be taken to the Cambridge Food Fund and the Burwell Women's Refuge.

The Harvest Supper will be held the following Friday, October 1st in the Village Centre at 7pm. Tickets for this event are £7 adult, £3 schoolchild and £17 family. Please ring Joyce Harrison, 742405, Jan Robinson, 743563 or Jen Holmwood, 742969 for tickets and information. We hope to have great entertainment as well as a convivial home cooked hot meal. We will provide soft drinks and coffee but as we do not have a license please bring your own beer and wine.

Ely Museum

August & September 2004

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 7th August 10.30am - 4pm

'Roman Life in Britain' with Venta Icenorum

Become a Roman for the day and see what they ate, how they slept and what they wore in battle! A fun day for all the family. Normal Admission charges apply-.

Bank Holiday Weekend Sat 28th, Sun 29th Mon 30th August 10.30am - 5pm

Sizzling Summer Trail

See if you can find the objects around the Museum in this summer sun trail - suitable for children of all ages. Normal admission charges apply.

Saturday 11th September

Heritage Open Day

Come along for a Free guided tour of the Museum in its fantastic 13th century building, Free admission to Museum.

Telephone 01353 666655 for further details and booking.

Saturday 18th September 10.30am - 4pm

Ask the Archaeologist

Bring your objects along for Chris Montague, County Finds Liaison Officer to identify.

Saturday 25th September 2-3pm

Pickwick's Ely Soapbook Talk by Mike Petty.

A most entertaining look at the hardships of life in the Ely area in the 1830's as described by Samuel Pickwick in his "Fenland Scrapbook" from 1838.

Admission £1.50-non-members £1.00 members.

**Find Ely Museum on the corner
of Market Street and Lynn Road
in the centre of Ely.**

Sunday September 5th 2004

Reach Rounders

2pm on the Playing Field

A family event for all ages.

Teams consist of 9 players including one under 12.

Teams can be organised in advance but anyone who turns up will be put into a team on the afternoon.

Start the autumn with a chance to meet your friends and neighbours after the holidays.

Contact : Tony Jordan 743408

THE FRIENDS OF BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE

CRAFT FAYRE

NOVEMBER 28TH 2004

The Friends of Bottisham Village College will be holding their annual Craft Fayre at the College on Sunday November 28th 2004.

**Application forms to reserve a pitch from
SANDIE WILSON on 01638 507542**

Reach Community Network

Advance Warning

**The Annual AGM will be held in
September date to be confirmed**

Reach Sports Day 2004



Despite the rain during the preceding week and the ever present threat of a shower this year's sports day was a pleasantly warm day without the need for too much sun cream.

There seemed to be far more mothers and fathers willing to take part in the races and for the first time for many years there were more competitors than lanes available. I hope this indicates a reviving interest in the day and bodes well for the future.

The children's races were as enjoyable as ever even if there were fewer competitors in smaller groups. Despite this we had to rerun one of the egg and spoon races as the judges were unable to decide the finishing order. This race proved that slow and steady can win. The children threw themselves (sometime literally) into the races and all seem keen to take part and show their prowess.

The rain shower during the second of the slow bicycle races meant the BBQ could be enjoyed before the marathons (once round the top green and playing field). This shower was short and sharp but for those cycling or judging it seemed to rain for hours.

I hope all those who came enjoyed this family afternoon out and I would like to offer my congratulations to everyone who took part and especially to the judges, to Rita Dunnet for stepping into the unenviable job of keeping score, Jan for the BBQ and all the parents who came along to support.

Lastly I should like to thank Juliet Vickery for her support and innovation of medals for all the children who took part and agreeing to take on the organisation of next years Sports Day.

Results	Slow bicycle race :	Michael (from Waterhall cottage)
	Junior Slow bicycle	Rupert Neave
	Junior Marathon	Jamie Pearson
	Junior Girls Marathon	Charlotte Gilliard
	Ladies Marathon	Juliet Vickery
	Open Marathon	William Jordan
	John Robinson Cup for overall best Performance	
	1 st	Matthew Hill
	2 nd Equal	Charlotte Gilliard Rupert Neave

Tony Jordan

Bus Timetable



Effective the 25 July 2004

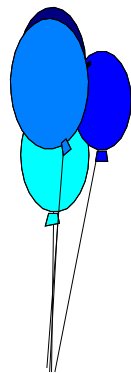
Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 111 & Bus 122

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

Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 122

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

Birthdays



August		September	
4	Lara Dennis	1	Madeline Pearson
14	Pia Rolfe	20	Toby Hasleham
25	Joel Dennis	21	Alexander Coles

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

Your County Councillor

James Fitch

01223 811425



COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

Mid June / July 2004

MID JUNE 2004

During the last month all six parishes within my present County Division had their annual Parish Meetings. In each case I summarised what had happened over the previous twelve months and looked forward to the next year. Unfortunately, apart from parish councillors fewer than one percent of the 8400 electors bothered to attend. So what follows is an adapted version of what I said.

The first topic of interest to most people is tax and spending. The County Council agreed a budget of 466 million in February, half going to the county's schools and a quarter to Social Services. The rest covers a wide range of services such as libraries, roads and transport, trading standards, environmental and waste disposal - all increasing because of population growth.

The resulting Council Tax increase over 2003/4 was 6.9 % (equivalent to just over a pound a week for a Band D payer). Apart from Council Tax Government grant and business rates cover the rest of the County Council's needs. The County's share of Council Tax is three quarters of your total bill; the remainder is shared by District, Police, Fire & Rescue, and parish councils.

All of the above was set out in the explanatory leaflet that accompanied the tax demand. The County administration's Leader was hoping for 6 % this year but had to agree 6.9 %. The hope for next year is that it will be significantly lower but nobody wants to hazard a guess further than that.

Because of the rapid growth of population in Cambridgeshire, not only do we have to respond to the demand for new schools, roads, day care and so on, but supervise where the main areas of new housing should go. Hence Cambourne and, in the near future, Northstow (between Oakington and Longstanton) should go a long way to meet the great pressure for more affordable homes. On a smaller scale there is significant building in Ely, Littleport, Burwell and even Swaffham Bulbeck to supplement the main areas of growth.

In spite of shortages of money Education within the County continued to produce excellent results at all levels. Bottisham Village College had another good year, and with your help has bid for specialist status in humanities. If successful a government grant will come to help pay for the resulting enhanced status.

Although Bottisham Community Library was one of ten closed throughout the County to help fund the rest, the community responded by creating an equally good voluntary replacement. I am assured by county officers that Bottisham is at the top of the league for the service it offers.

The main change in Social Services is the hiving off of the old people's sector to join with the Primary Care Trusts to form a combined

EARLY JULY 2004

In last month's article I summarized part of the 2003 / 4 Report which I gave to your Annual Parish Meeting. For reasons of space I left over the last part which was mainly about Environment, Transport, Fire and Rescue and smaller matters.

I'll now complete that record, starting with Environmental matters. The good news is that river water and air quality have been checked and found to be "good". Let's hope that continues to improve as more and more effort is put into reducing carbon dioxide emissions which have risen throughout the country in three out of the last four years.

For the last six months I have been serving on a small group of councillors looking into the effects of climate change. Our report is due out soon and I will tell you about some of our findings in future magazine articles. At this stage all that needs to be said is that our world climate is changing far faster than anyone foresaw just a few years ago.

Still on environmental matters, the county is facing long term problems related to where to put rubbish collected by the District Councils. Holes in the ground are rapidly filling despite heroic efforts to find new ones acceptable to those living nearby, and a great and successful effort to expand recycling. Cambridgeshire's record on recycling is good, and we are aiming to reach Government imposed severe targets. Locally, our big challenge is what to do when Milton landfill is finished.

Last year's progress on roads cleared the way for the changes you will have noticed lately. The Fordham by-pass is now being constructed (finished next summer) and at last the missing cycleway link between the Swaffhams is nearing completion. I wish more cyclists would use our cycle paths and at the same time wear protective / reflective clothing.

Other changes completed last year or in view include the resurfacing of the "washboard" fen road from Swaffham Prior to Upware (caused by last year's hot summer weather).

The Longmeadow to Swaffham Bulbeck road re-alignment, the new junction of Bell Road, Bottisham with the A1 303, the new traffic calming measures on all three of Burwell's main roads should all help to reduce speed and hence accidents.

Road problems still unsolved include Reach / Prior railway bridge, the missing cycleway link from Anglesea Abbey to Quy roundabout and speeding along internal Burwell village roads of North Street and Toyse Lane. Park and Ride at Newmarket Road continues to flourish and has, along with the other eye-catcher sites, reduced car congestion in Cambridge central area. Lastly, our Fire and Rescue (CFR) service continues to protect us from fire and to pick up the pieces after road accidents. We get their services for a very small expense, as you will have noticed from the combined Council Tax demand where the CFR has now split away from the County and is independent like the Police. Big changes, consequent on the coming redevelopment plans at Huntingdon HQ and Cambridge Parkside do not seem to threaten our two local fire stations at Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell. I hope they will be left alone for the present.

James Fitch

Cambridgeshire LINK SCHEME

Carers urgently needed in your village!

**GIVE A LITTLE TIME
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE**

Have fun and make a real difference to the lives of disabled children and their families. Become a short break carer providing care in your home for a weekend each month, or a few hours, on a regular basis

You could be working, retired or unemployed, with or without children, single or with a partner. You do not need any particular experience or qualifications as training, support and allowances are provided.

A shortage of carers is putting pressure on the parents of severely disabled and or autistic children. It is a round-the-clock responsibility—can you provide an opportunity for both family and child to have a regular break?

PHONE TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONTACT: Freephone 0800 052 0078

Or e-mail to: link.enqulre@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Swaffham Prior School



After a long wait and gathering of funds the development of our outdoor area is set for the summer holidays. The bike shed, sand pit and oil tank will be relocated, opening up the area for it to be resurfaced with a variety of paving and safer surfacing. A gazebo will provide a sheltered area so that children can be outdoors throughout the year.

This term there are lots of events planned for the classes. At the start of term Class 3 and 4 went to Duxford Air Museum.

This is a report from Duncan and Ben from Class 3.

We went on a double decker bus; Class 4 were on the top deck and Class 3 were on the bottom. I was sitting at the front and we had a little table. The journey was about forty five minutes. When we arrived we went in a big hall and there were lots of experiments to do.

My favourite activity was the hover craft.

1. Get two polystyrene chip trays and cut them in half
2. Make a hole in the middle
3. Push the engine into the hole
4. Tape it in and put the propeller on

Attach the wire to a battery

It hovered off the ground because the propeller spins around and the air moves, pushing the tray up.

We had to make a marble run with straight runs, sharp turns, tunnels and bridges. It was made out of coloured card. We had to use a ruler to fold the sides so that the marble didn't fall out. Abbie made a stair case and we succeeded because the marble travelled down.

All the experiments were fun. We were in groups of 3 and each group did 2 experiments. We brought some of the experiments back to school.

Sporting Events

Well done to our hockey team who came third in the area final and the kwik cricket team who got through to the final.

Our annual open evening is being held on Thursday 15th July between 5pm-7pm. All are welcome to celebrate end of year achievements.

Good luck to all our Year 6 children moving to their secondary schools in September.

Term starts Thursday 2nd September

Joanna Lakey

Parish Council Meeting



Reach Annual Parish meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2004

Present

Chairman Cllr Robinson', Vice Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Pearson, Moseley and Hill; also C/Cllr Fitch and D/Cllr Alderson and members of the public.

Apology

Apology received from Cllr Summers.

Reports

County Council

General

Cllr Fitch said next year County Council boundaries would be changed (if the Audit Commission agreed) and his division would include Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, and Swaffham Prior, with 6100 electors. There had been an enormous rate of growth within the county, which was reflected in the creation of 10 extra councillors.

Planning

Cambourne was a growing area with many planning applications. South Cambridgeshire District Council and the Trading Standards Department were to move there. Northstow was about to start development. There was a considerable amount of housing development elsewhere, especially in Ely.

Finance

All council tax payers had received a four-party brochure giving a breakdown of their bills. The county section had risen by 6.9%, although this was the fourth lowest in the shires.

Education

Over half the 70% of the total £234 million budget had been spent already. The Ofsted report on the LEA had received a 'good'.

Bottisham Village College had excellent above average results in last year's GCSE results, with two-thirds of pupils attaining grades A⁺-C. The college had applied for special status in humanities studies; £50k had been raised towards it.

A 'sensory' garden had been planted in the college grounds which was selling produce.

Library service

Bottisham community library had been closed but later re-opened and run very successfully by volunteers. Burwell library was to be re-built.

Social services

This had a budget of £129 million. There was now a joint service for older people between the Primary Care Trusts and the Social Services Department. This had reduced 'bed blocking' by 70% in the county.

Environment

Cllr Fitch spoke about climate change generally, which had caused floods and higher

temperatures etc., leading to road damage. River water and air quality was now high but noise pollution had risen, especially on main roads.

Landfill sites were becoming full. Warboys had had an application to open a hazardous waste site turned down.

Hare coursing was an on-going problem locally.

Police

Headquarters for the area had moved from Histon to Ely. Community Support Officers had been introduced. At a cost of £18k a year it was not feasible to budget for one in Reach.

PC Tony Payne was the local policeman for the area, working with PC Bonnington from the Cheveley beat. St Adam Gallop and Kate Kent were the contacts at Ely HQ.

Fire and rescue service

Fire workers were now back at work after the pay dispute; the second half of their 7% settlement was due soon.

Arson and hoax calls were double the problem of 1990.

The service was now a separate body from the County Council and therefore precepted separately for council tax purposes. Cllr Fitch said he stood on the committee.

Transport

Cambridgeshire traffic was up by 30% in the last 10 years (UK average 19%); the A14 traffic had increased by 40%. Trunk 'A' roads were 74% above the UK average and other 'A' roads by 43%.

Work on the Fordham by-pass had begun. There was a proposal to widen the A14 at Fen Ditton.

The 'double-bend' road at Swaffham Bulbeck had been improved to lessen the dangers of ice on the road in the winter.

Bottisham and Burwell had undergone extensive traffic calming.

The Old Railway Bridge between Reach and Swaffham Prior was the subject of a study. Services running under the bridge were likely to cause problems if it were to be lowered.

The Park and Ride service had been a huge success; Cllr Fitch said he hoped the opening hours would be extended.

Questions

Cllr Hill asked Cllr Fitch about reports suggesting that Cambridgeshire was the poorest performing police force in the UK and that there had been calls for the resignation of Tom Lloyd, the Chief Constable. Cllr Fitch responded that he was aware of this situation and there were major problems with vehicle associated crime and burglary locally. There were, however, fewer assaults and 'con-men' in the county.

A resident of Reach spoke about the small choice of residential homes for old people locally. Patients were often transferred from Addenbrooke's hospital to care homes some distance from relatives. Cllr Fitch said changes had been made recently in the social services department, which he hoped would help the situation. He commented that home carers were not paid adequately.

Cllr Pearson asked where rubbish would go when the present landfill sites, e.g. Milton were full. Cllr Fitch said there were moves to stop unnecessary packaging, particularly in the retail trade. Incinerators were not popular.

District Council

Chairman, Cur Robinson, welcomed Allen Alderson who had been elected District Councillor for the Swaffhams Ward in a recent election.

Housing Ely was to continue with its large building programme, said Cllr Alderson. Some 7300 new homes were needed in the East Cambridgeshire district. £65.5million would be spent on housing in the next 2 years, including sheltered housing. A proposal for eight low-cost houses on Dencora Field, Rogers Road, Swaffham Prior was being considered. Green waste

The paper bag scheme had not been totally successful as many parishioners were unsure how to use the bags. At present the scheme only ran within 30mph areas. Queries on the scheme (and Cleanaway in general) should be addressed to Gerald Tickner at ECDC.

Burwell Road/Weirs Drove junction

Burwell Parish Council and the Highways Department were aware of complaints about the danger of this junction since the planting of hedging very close to the road. Cllr Allen said he would keep in touch with the situation;

Clerk to contact Burwell Parish Council.

Traffic speeding in Reach

Cllr Alderson said he had received many complaints about traffic speeding through the village. He asked if traffic 'calming' was required, e.g. signage or some form of gateway at village entrances. It was agreed that drivers were at fault but traffic monitoring had failed to show it as a big problem generally.

Swaffham Prior School

(Written report for summer term 2004 submitted by Isabel Hill, Minor Authorities Governor).

The school currently has 100 children on its role; two traveller families have moved on, 14 children will be starting reception in September and they have started their induction visits. Fifteen children will be leaving at the end of term to go to secondary school.

Due to the Government's budget earlier this year additional funding has been found for the school this current year, this significantly eases the tight pressures on the school's budget.

All children from year 2 to 6 have now taken their internal and external SAT exams. Various exciting activities for the children are taking place this term from a visit from the Fire Service for class 1 and 2, trip to Mepal Outdoor Centre for class four and Duxford Museum for classes 3 and 4.

The new play area for the younger children is on track for the summer, this will be located on the area by the field outside class 1. The school pool is also having some repairs before summer use.

The Governing Body has proposed a new Constitution to be instigated in September 2004, this will bring the Governing Body up to 15 members, there will now be two Community Governors. I will no longer be continuing as a Governor from the end of this term, so the school is looking to fill this vacancy.

The school also has vacancies for two midday supervisors.'

Cllr Pearson said that under the new constitution the parish council would be asked to nominate a governor for the school (not necessarily a parish councillor). He spoke about the welcome extra funding from the County Council and said travellers' children had been of benefit as they had boosted the school role.

Village Hall Committee

In spite of appalling weather the 2004 Reach Fair had made £1 k profit. The committee had received complaints about visitors to the fair parking along local roads on the outskirts to the village.

Swaffham Prior PCC

Cllr Robinson explained how the PCC donated some £5k each year, e.g. £30 to each pensioner at Christmas. This might drop in the future, he said, as investments were not working as well as in the past and there was now a shortage of funds.

Swaffham Prior Youth Club had been given £2k for a new floor.

Police Liaison Committee

No report had been submitted as Cllr Summers was absent.

Chairman

Cllr Robinson reminded those present that the Parish Council was 50 years old and asked for suggestions as to how this might be celebrated.

The Chairman thanked Ron Greenhill for help in renovating the shed and weather vane at the cemetery and John Holmwood for renovating the bier.

Bryan Pearson and John Holmwood were thanked for cutting the grass on Fair Green and the playing field. Cllr Robinson said offers of help from other parishioners would be welcomed.

The Parish Council had developed a system for dealing with planning applications where two councillors visited the site before the monthly meeting. This seemed to be going well and the Chairman thanked councillors for doing this in their spare time.

The Dyke's End pub had been sold. Although the legalities had not yet been finalised it was hoped that a draft document for the Parish Council to take over the freehold would be ready soon.

Cllr Robinson thanked Cllr Summers for editing *Out of Reach*.

Thanks were given to Charlotte Cane for her time as a District Councillor; Allen Alderson was welcomed to the post.

The Chairman finally thanked his councillors, the clerk, and members of the public who attended meetings.

Reach Matters

The mower had broken again. Councillors agreed that it was important to get it repaired as soon as possible.

Public forum

Travellers

Councillors were asked if there were any contingency plans for unwanted travellers in the area. It was suggested that the District Council should look at the recent situation in Cottenham (where residents had refused to pay their council tax as travellers on a large

site there appeared to be outside the law), and consider what they would do in a similar situation. It was agreed that there was often a 'knock-on' situation with travellers fly-tipping and speeding through villages.

Cllr Fitch said the problem was indirectly a County Council matter as traveller sites were owned by the County Council although run by the District Council. A new traveller liaison officer had been appointed by the County Council and Cllr Fitch thought this would help a great deal. He praised Brian Hicks, the traveller liaison officer at ECDC for his work with travellers.

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June 2004

Present

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

Apology

Apology received from Cllr Summers.

Minutes

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting were agreed and signed.

Matters arising

- It was agreed to ask the Woodland Trust for suggestions to dissuade travellers from entering and possibly setting up camp in Reach Wood.
- Clerk asked to find out how much bark was used in the play area, as it is in need of replacement, and also the cost of cushion floor (as used under the swings on Fair Green). The goalposts are also in need of replacement.

Correspondence

- East Cambridgeshire District Council had written outlining the consultation which was to take place with parish councils and councillors regarding its medium and long-term office accommodation. A Parish Forum to discuss had been arranged for 18th August.
- The Countryside Services Team had sent a questionnaire about the Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- ECDC and Trilogy Telecom Ltd had combined to make broadband services available on 12 selected exchanges covering over 40 communities in the District. The majority of funding for the project was to come from the East of England Development Agency as a result of their Connecting Communities Competition. Cllr Hill pointed out that that this service would not reach very rural areas such as Swaffham Prior Fen.
- Councillors were reminded by ECDC's Democratic Services Officer and the Monitoring Officer that any amendments to their Declaration of Interest should be reported to the District Council's Monitoring Officer Eleanor Hoggart.
- Mr and Mrs Holmwood had been given a listed building consent to have an additional window to the front elevation of their house in Chapel Lane.

Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th July 2004

Present

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

A short meeting was held to discuss the transfer of freehold of Dyke's End pub from Reach for a Pint Limited to the Parish Council.

Reports

County Council

General

The new Chief Executive was planning to reorganise the County Council.

Household rubbish

There had been a 40% increase in household rubbish; 28.5 thousand tons of rubbish were recycled. There was little room for burying rubbish and incineration was not popular, said Cllr Fitch.

Social services

Benefits advisors were to visit people entitled to benefits to persuade them to apply. This would benefit the County as £370 for every person on benefit was given back by the government.

Police

The police committee would be meeting soon to discuss Sir Michael Bichard's independent inquiry into the Soham murderers. The Chief Constable's job was not at risk, but there was room for improvement.

Animal Rights had a high profile in the County with problem areas such as Huntingdon Life Sciences.

Question

Councillors raised the problem of overgrown hedges in all areas of Reach, particularly at the approaches to the Old Railway Bridge. Clerk had already queried this with the Highways department; Cllr Fitch to follow up.

District Council

General

The District Council had attained a 'good' in a recent Comprehensive Performance Assessment. This reflected the good quality of local services, said Cllr Alderson; some 87% of respondents were satisfied with ECDC's services.

Tourism

Souvenir sales and admissions to Oliver Cromwell's house in Ely were up on last year. A French market held in Ely recently had proved a great success; it was hoped it would encourage people to attend Ely market.

Bus services

The 0723, 1710, and 1640 Saturday services from Cambridge to Ely were to be withdrawn at the end of July.

Waste collection

There was no profit in the recent green waste paper bag collection but it had to be carried out to meet targets. Extra bags could be collected from The Dyke's End pub for 50p each.

Village hall committee

The committee had not progressed with the extension to the village hall as it had not yet had three quotes tendered.

Matters arising

The hedge at the junction of Weirs Road and Burwell Road had been cut back improving visibility.

A representative of the Woodland Trust had visited Reach Wood. He was looking into the possibility of installing wooden bollards across access points.

Correspondence

Mr and Mrs Knight of Fairview Cottage, 2C Burwell Road, had been given planning permission to build an extension.

Reach matters

Travellers' horses were still tethered on Blackberry drove near the fishing pit. Clerk to contact the traveller's liaison officer at ECDC.

Penny Lang



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Devil's Dyke Restoration Project

The Devil's Dyke is a 7th century Anglo-Saxon earthwork that stretches from the edge of the fens at Reach, across the open landscape by Newmarket towards the more wooded clay ridges, ending at Ditton Green. It is the largest monument of its kind in England and in places the Dyke's ditch and bank still rise up to 14 metres from bottom to top, where a public footpath runs.

Over the centuries the Dyke has developed into a valuable strip of species-rich chalk grassland and supports many plants and insects which are now extremely rare in the county such as Pasque Flower and Chalkhill Blue butterfly. Because of its wildlife and archaeological importance the Dyke is protected by English Heritage as a Scheduled Ancient Monument and by English Nature as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

However, much of the Dyke is being over-run by scrub that shades out the grassland and damages the archaeological fabric of the monument. The Devil's Dyke Restoration Project was formed to safeguard the earthwork. The partnership comprises English Nature, English Heritage, Cambridgeshire Wildlife Trust, Cambridgeshire County Council and the owners and occupiers along the length of the Dyke.

The plan is to remove much of the invasive scrub from the slopes of the Dyke. This will once again reveal the size and shape of the monument and ensure that future generations are able to appreciate the dyke. Where the dense scrub has completely shaded out any grass, we intend to restore the sward through hydro-seeding – spraying a mixture of grass seed, water and jute to make the seed bind to the steep banks long enough for it to germinate. Some areas of scrub are to be retained as bird habitat and hedgerows either side of the dyke will provide a wildlife corridor and buffer to surrounding arable land. Traditional sheep grazing will then be able to take place along the majority of the dyke.

Access improvements are a vital aspect of the project and so far we have installed a series of ladder steps on the steeper, slippery slopes and renewed the footpath fingerposts. New interpretation panels will be installed along the dyke shortly and a leaflet has recently been produced for people to find out more about the Dyke and the work of the Restoration Project. This is available from the village pub, the Dykes End, as well as all libraries and Tourist Information Centres in the area. (See Front Cover)

There is also now a web site available that provides plenty of information about the history & wildlife of the dyke, as well as forthcoming events. Please visit www.devilsdykeproject.org.uk.

Please feel free to contact Devil's Dyke Project Officer James Fisher on 01954 713532 to discuss any aspects of the project.

Your District Councillor

Allen Alderson

Tel. 01638 741744



**A Message from Councillor Allen Alderson
Rose Cottage, 30 Great Lane, Reach, CB5 0JF**

East Cambs District Council are to be congratulated on two counts. Firstly, the Council has received the draft CPA score from the Audit Commission, the Council was assessed as 'Good'. This rightly reflects the quality of the local services to our community. The members and staff are to be congratulated on this significant achievement.

Secondly, the results of the latest 'Satisfaction of the Councils Benefits Applicants' have recorded an excellent 87% of respondents satisfied with the service overall. The survey is conducted every three years under the Best Value legislation.

I am pleased to report that Oliver Cromwell 's House, which is owned by East Cambs Council, has had a terrific start to the new financial year. Souvenir sales are up by 79% on last year, a real reflection on the quality goods they stock. Admissions are also on the increase, up by 36% on the same period.

As from July 25th there are to be some changes to the 111bus service. Saturdays 07.23 journey from Iselam will be withdrawn, as will Saturdays 07.10, 16.40 and 17.40 journeys from Cambridge.

If you require more information on Stagecoach bus changes, contact Phillip Norwell on 01223 423578.

With regard to the green waste collection. Cleanaway will deliver three paper sacks per household per week for collection. They will collect more than three, but extra sacks must be purchased .

Simon at the Dyke's End pub has kindly agreed to have a stock of paper sacks that can be purchased at 50p each. But please only call for the sacks during pub opening hours.

*Allen Alderson
District Councillor*

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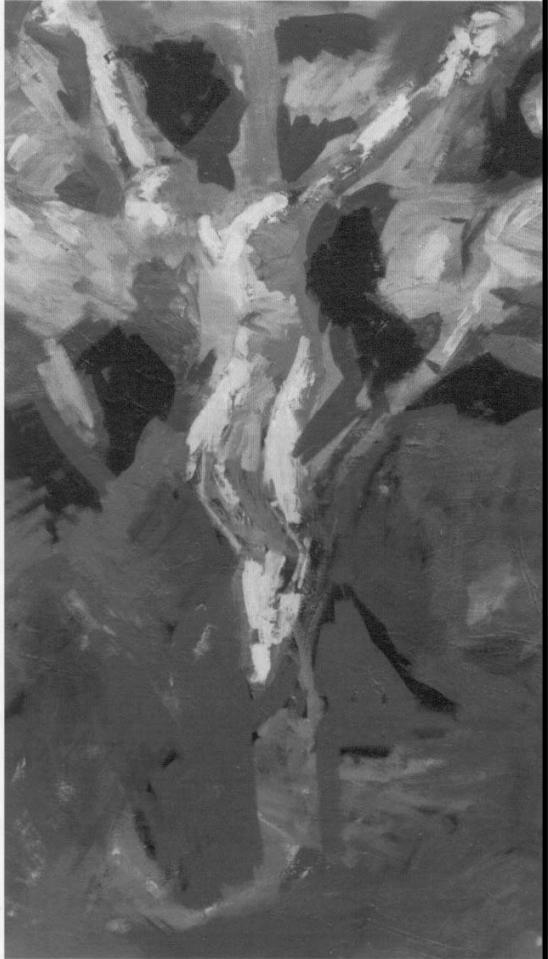
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Letter From The Church



Rev Stephen Earl

The Vicarage Tel 741262

Dear Friends,

In recent weeks we have seen some harrowing pictures in the newspapers and on television of the bulldozing of several hundred Palestinian homes in the West Bank. At the time of writing, hardly a day goes by without yet more reports of fatalities – Palestinian and Israeli, the former usually outnumbering the latter, significantly. By the time you read this, the military exercise may be over and “forgotten”; or else, who knows, the situation may be far worse. Following harrowing pictures too of coalition detainees in Iraq, with the transference of power scheduled for June, a similar uncertainty hangs over yet another beleaguered man-man war zone. Sadly there are many other places around the world where armed conflict continues daily, though not all make the headlines. Recently the Radio Times dedicated a double-page spread to no less than 16 separate bloody conflicts going on simultaneously around the world – many of them running for decades.

Humanity seems to make an awful mess of things, and rarely do we heed the lesson born out of experience that it's much easier to get into conflict than to get out of it. These conflicts exact an enormous toll of human suffering and misery, stir up bitterness and hatred that lasts for generations, and consume mega-resources which if used positively instead could achieve so much in making the world a better place. In an imperfect world I guess there will always be times when countries need to act defensively for the sake of security, but the “power of the gun” is sadly all too often employed offensively.

There are no easy solutions to the many intractable problems that arise from our flawed humanity, but as humans and Christians we must make it our business to do all we can to encourage peaceable co-existence among God's people around the globe. Prayer is something we can all engage in, and seizing whatever other opportunities present themselves to us should be priority.

The Holocaust was one of the grimmest episodes in history (and recently the Justice Minister for Israel was publicly criticised for his outspoken comments about how pictures of a Palestinian woman suffering in Gaza reminded him of his grandmother killed in the holocaust). This combined with the declaration of the state of Israel which followed in 1948 prompted Christians the world over, of all denominations, to take a fresh look at how Christianity relates to those among whom the Word of God in Jesus was born.

After a further decade of reflection came the first formal response, significantly from the German Protestants, early in the 1960's; and then followed an extraordinary ground-breaking document from The Vatican in 1965 called *Nostra Aetate* (meaning "in our age") in which, for the first time in history "*mutual understanding and appreciation*" between Christians and people of other faiths was encouraged; "*the spiritual ties which link the people of the New Covenant to the stock of Abraham*" were affirmed; and the idea that Jews should be "*spoken of or rejected as accursed as if this followed from Holy Scripture*" was condemned. Adding to this were supplementary documents from the Roman Catholic Church 1974 and 1985, and eventually the Anglican Church produced its own statement at Lambeth in 1988 entitled *The Truth shall make you free* - though sadly I can't recall it being given much prominence then or subsequently. Follow-up reports in the Anglican Church appeared in 1994 entitled *Christians and Jews: A New Way of Thinking*, and another in 2001 entitled *Sharing one Hope* with Bishop Richard Harries (Oxford) as one of its main contributors.

In 1998 from the Roman Catholic Church, came a formal apology for the past: "*We pray that our sorrow for the tragedy which the Jewish people has suffered in our century will lead to a new relationship with the Jewish people. We wish to turn awareness for past sins into a firm resolve to build a new future in which there will be no more anti-Judaism among Christians or anti-Christian sentiment among Jews, but rather a shared mutual respect*". This came just two year's ahead of Pope John Paul II's historic pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine, during which he echoed this same sentiment: "*We are deeply saddened by the behaviour of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer, and asking your forgiveness we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the covenant*".

The response from the Jewish side to this unprecedented counter to antisemitism has understandably been cautious, and appeared in print for the first time in 2001, historically, in a document entitled *Dabru Emet* (meaning "speak truth") which, as summarised by Dr Edward Kessler, embraces "*a Jewish willingness not to forget, but to put behind the tragic past that plagued the Jewish-Christian relationship and to look forward to a fruitful theological interaction in the future*", recognising "*that Christianity is not only no longer principally a threat to Judaism, but is in fact substantially an ally*".

So now both sides are in dialogue: not all Jews and all Christians, but a significant and growing number – and many in positions of influence to help untangle generations of deeply entrenched prejudice, as in the recent dialogue locally between Canon Naim Ateek of St George's Cathedral Jerusalem and Dr Edward Kessler Director of the Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations in Cambridge.

The Anglican document of 2001 *Sharing one hope* sets out a list of things, as Jews and Christians, we may share in common - including our common vision of the realisation of God's Kingdom on earth one day. Quoting from Lambeth 1988, it says: *"Together we wait for it, pray for it and prepare for it. The Kingdom is nothing less than human life and society transformed, transfigured and transparent to the glory of God"*. Okay, but then we come to a point of difference since *"Christians believe this has already shone in the face of Jesus Christ"* and that *"in his life, death and resurrection the Kingdom of God... has already broken into the affairs of this world"* – which Judaism is not able to accept. At once we see the dilemma we face in dialogue! The essence of the 2001 document is this: what we can share in common, let's celebrate; and what we can't let's at least show respect for. And on what we can share in common, the Vatican's 1985 document proposed that Jews and Christians work together *"for social justice, respect for the rights of persons and nations, and social and international reconciliation"*. The 2001 document goes much further and refers to other religions as well, suggesting that *"Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs and members of other faith communities, as well as other people of good will, can in many situations be partners in this work"*.

In consultations over the 1988 Lambeth text, the seeds of this wider inclusive approach were sown by the then Bishop of Jerusalem, Bishop Samir Kafity, who insisted Christian-Jewish dialogue could not be considered without including Islam as well! So an appendix to the Lambeth document was added entitled *Jews, Christians and Muslims: The way of Dialogue*, seeking to draw together all three Abrahamic faiths in conversation. The subject of my study-leave project later this year, *"Exodus – the Journey to Freedom"*, is common to these three faiths, and I'm hoping among other things to explore what might be learned from it concerning inter-faith dialogue today.

Perhaps from this burgeoning theological dialogue there's a lesson to be learned politically... that dialogue is essential, whatever the context, for achieving positive progress – for becoming better informed of one's own and others' positions, for trying to understand deeply held views, and for treating those who are different from ourselves with due respect. Respect even and especially where there is disagreement, as acknowledged in *Dabru Emet*: *"The humanly irreconcilable differences between Jews and Christians will not be settled until God redeems the entire world as promised in Scripture"*. Notwithstanding, where there is dialogue there is hope: not always of a resolution of difficulties, but at least of avoiding sinking into the abyss of prejudice, polarisation, conflict, hatred and at worst destruction.

Let us "pray for the peace of Jerusalem" (from Psalm 122) and for the whole of God's world.

With every blessing,

Revd Stephen Earl

Church Services August



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 1st Trinity 8	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
Sunday 8th Trinity 9	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 15th Trinity 10	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
Sunday 22nd Trinity 11	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00am Church Family Worship
Sunday 29th Trinity 12		9.30 am United Parish Communion

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Church Services September



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 5th Trinity 13	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	6.30 pm Informal Evening Worship
Sunday 12th Trinity 14	<i>Patronal Festival</i> 9.30am Parish Communion with Bishop of Huntingdon 6.30pm Deanery Evensong at Fordham	7.00 pm Sunday @ 7 Informal Service
Sunday 19th Trinity 15	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	6.30 pm Service of Healing
Sunday 26th Trinity 16	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Church Family Worship <i>Harvest Festival</i>

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.

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

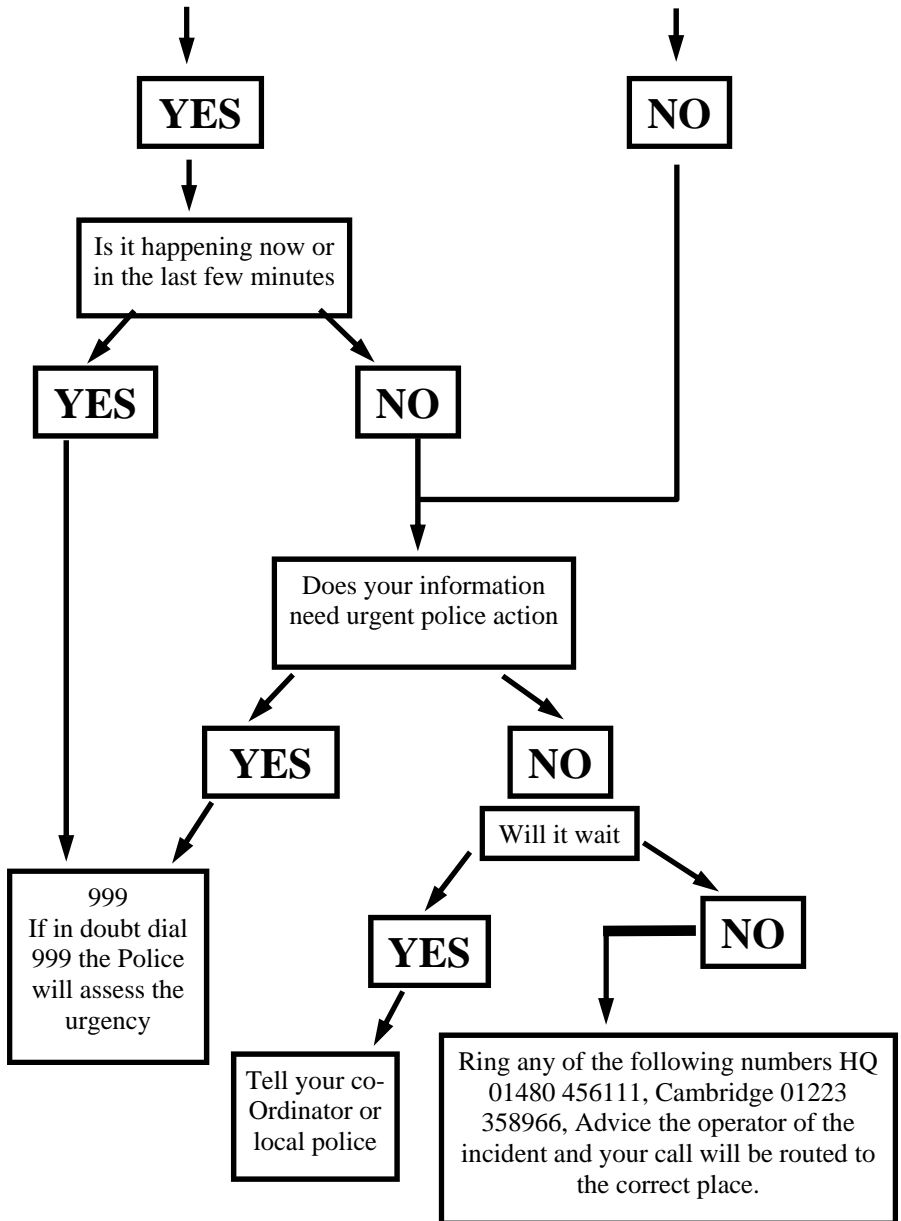
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