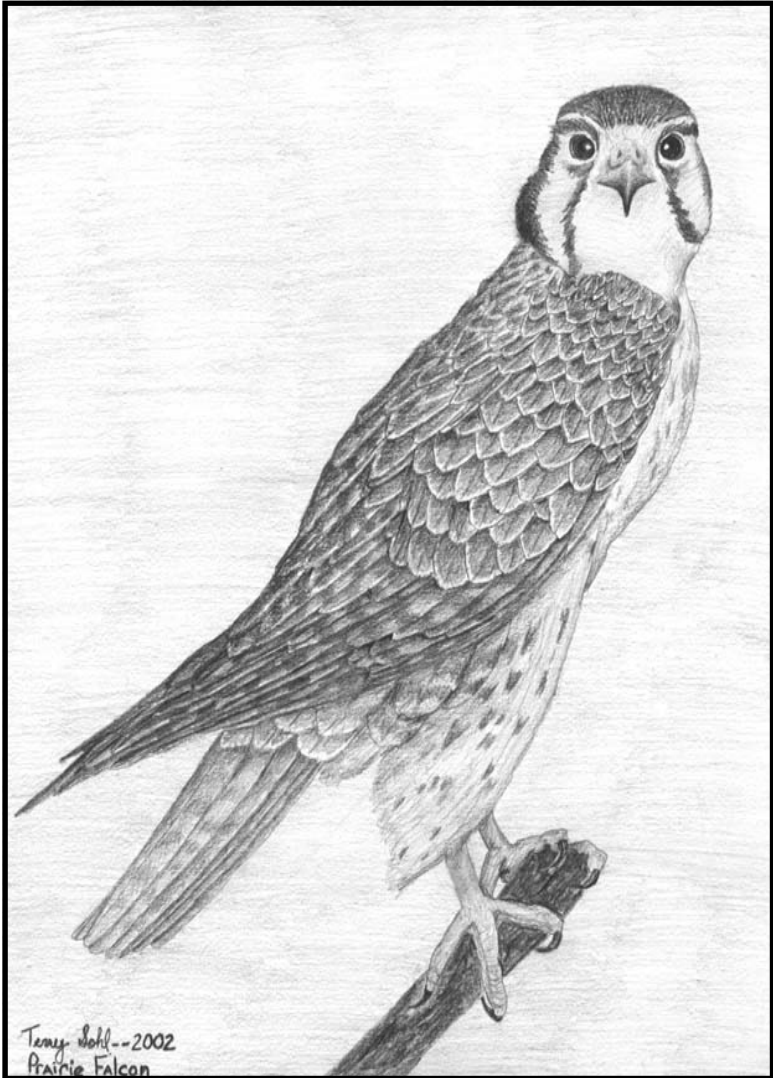


Out of Reach



Reach Community Magazine October / November 2003

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Editorial



I start this editorial with some sad news, our deepest sympathies go to Neil and Sue Wenborn of Francis Barn, Great Lane on the death of their son, Henry, aged 9 who died on August 14th after a long fight against leukaemia.

For those of you who are unaware the first AGM took place early in September of The Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Network. (Been nicknamed RASP already). Thirty six members have joined and it is a great success. We do however urgently require three more members to make the maths add up, so if anyone is thinking about it please let me know as soon as possible so we can get you rolling and cover our costs. (742884). A committee has now been formed and the constitution written, with a member agreement to boot. All is now in place for a successful community project. Well done to all involved.

I was a little flabbergasted when I was putting in the Church services for the next two months, why you might say, well it's easy I wrote the word Advent, not already you say, yes, I'm afraid so it's on it's way again what we have all been waiting for Christmas. Speaking of Christmas if anyone wishes to do a Christmas quiz down the pub please let me know as I am going to be unavailable during that period. I can do the questions for you if you require but will not be able to stand and deliver..

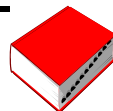
A warm welcome goes yet again to the newcomers to the village, I'm afraid though if you join us on quiz night you will not be able to call your team the newcomers, as the last arrivals have done just that.. I believe they have spaces for two more team members though. Quiz nights are the last Sunday in the month down the Dyke's End. 7.30 pm come and join us, for a great night out. On every other Sunday evening apparently the pub will be having a folk group from Burwell playing and singing. Last Sunday evening when I popped in and found them there I had to stay a little longer to hear more they were to me very good. I was extremely interested in a very odd looking violin?, well maybe it was, but the gentleman playing it was turning a handle and pressing keys, but it had strings. Oh I don't know go take a look when they are their again and let me know what the instrument is called. (Just found out it was a Hurdy Gurdy)

You will notice in the centre of this issue is a small but large typed article about our Village Centre, a meeting will be held on Wednesday October the 22nd to try to resolve the issues of ensuring that this great amenity will continue to exist beyond the year 2004. Please come along and support the village hall committee.

This issue is my 41st Out of Reach which means the next issue I will have been editing the Out of Reach for seven years, I feel I can no longer take it any further and have decided that the time has come to pass the editorship over to another, who has new ideas and enthusiasm. Many of you out there will be complaining about the way the Out of Reach is put together so now it is time to give one of you the chance. Please contact me at home, by e-mail, by phone or however you like, so we can discuss a gentle handover and retirement for me. Thanks.

Dave

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Swaffham Prior Village



CHRISTMAS



MARKET

Saturday, 22nd November

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm
in the Village Hall



Gifts ☉ Produce ☉ Tombola
Raffle ☉ Children's Corner ☉ Refreshments

Admission: 50p ☉ Children under 12: free

Proceeds to St. Mary's Church

Dates For Your Diary



October

Wed Oct 1	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Oct 2	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 3	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Oct 7	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Oct 8	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Oct 9	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 10	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Oct 14	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Oct 15	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Oct 16	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 17	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Oct 21	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Oct 22	Save Our Village Centre	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Oct 23	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 24	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Oct 24	School Half Term Begins		3.00 pm
Sun Oct 26	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Mon Oct 27	Back To School		
Tue Oct 28	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Thu Oct 30	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 31	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am

November

Tue Nov 4	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Nov 5	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Nov 6	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 7	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Nov 11	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Nov 12	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Nov 13	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 14	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Nov 18	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Nov 19	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Nov 20	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 21	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Nov 25	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Thu Nov 27	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 28	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Nov 30	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

Notices



REACH CHURCH HARVEST SUPPER

will be held on Friday, 3rd October at 7pm in the Village Centre. Tickets are £6 adults; £3 school child and £17 for a family. We won't have a licence so please bring your own wine and beer. Soft drinks, glasses and coffee will be provided. This has always been a well attended relaxed occasion with the opportunity to enjoy good home cooked food, excellent company and some entertainment -so book early!

Tickets from Joyce Harrison, 742405, Jan Robinson,743563

REACH CHURCH GIFT DAY & COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS SERVED IN

THE VILLAGE CENTRE

10am TO 12 noon

**ALSO BRING & BUY, PRODUCE, CHRIST-
MAS GOODS AND MORE.**



**BOTTISHAM
PLAYERS**

A CLASS ACT TO FOLLOW

Bottisham player's Autumn production is a comedy by the very popular Alan Ayckbourn called "Round and Round the Garden", to be directed by Rosemary Jolley.

This play is the third in the well known "Norman Conquests trilogy" which describes the events over one weekend seen from the dining room (in Table Manners) the living room (in Living Together) and the garden as shown in the current production. Although the play will be performed inside the drama studio at Bottisham Village college, our props team have already begun nurturing and growing special pots of weeds to help make the set look more authentically like a neglected garden !

The characters in the play are Annie, (Lesley Pilgrim) who is the younger sister to Reg (David Fisher) and Ruth (Lynda Ibbitt). Annie is the long suffering carer of their elderly Mother. Reg is married to Sarah (Pam Daish) who likes to think she can organise everyone and Ruth is married to Norman (Graham Waterhouse) who thinks he can charm any woman. Tom (John Hartley) is the vet "who lives next door" to Annie and carries a "torch" for her, although he finds it easier to communicate with animals than people !

Disaster strikes one weekend. Annie is organising to have "a weekend away" by the sea. She has arranged for Sarah and Reg to "look after" mother but Sarah discovers Annie will not be going alone, she sees to it that the plans get changed ! A very funny and classic Ayckbourn comedy.

Please book your seats and join us. The performances are from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18th October 2003. Bottisham Drama Studio from 8.00 p.m. Tickets will be on sale from late September from Lushers News if booking in person or from our direct order line on 01223 812779 (not Lusher's). The prices are £6.00 and £4.00. Any tickets ordered must be paid for prior to the night of performance. Tickets will be for sale on the door, subject to availability.

APPLE FESTIVAL 2003

East Cambridgeshire District Council is holding its third Apple Festival on Saturday 25th October on Palace Green and St Mary's Green, Ely in celebration of the great British Apple.

Running throughout the day will be apple related stalls selling everything from apple chutney to apple juice. The popular Apple Café is back where you can sit and relax in the Cathedral Centre and enjoy a variety of apple related refreshments. Also in the Cathedral Centre will be a display of apples and foliage by Ely' Flower Arranging Club. In the upper room there will be a variety of activities for children such as colouring, making apple crumbles and planting your own apple seed in a self decorated pot.

We have several competitions and activities running throughout the day including the longest apple peeling competition, guess the weight of the apple, apple and spoon races as well as an apple shy. The competitions are being manned by Ely Lions and Leos with the small entry fees being donated to local charities within the district.

Information stalls, sales of apples, a woodturner demonstration and folk music all add to the fun of the day which runs from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm.

We are running a competition with Watergull Orchards who are growers of a vast variety of apples and produce a full range of apple juices. Based in Sutton they are regulars to Ely's Farmers Market. They also produce a very dry cider and we are on the search to find the best hot cider recipe in East Cambridgeshire. The rules are simple – the only alcohol allowed in the recipe is dry cider other than that, any other edible ingredient can be added to make a beverage that can be enjoyed warm on a crisp autumn day. We do suggest however that one of the ingredients should be a sweetener such as sugar or honey so that the taste can appeal to a wide majority. All the recipes will be made up and tasted by local cuisine expert Monica Askay from Wilburton using cider from Watergull Orchards. The best tasting one will be on sale by the glass at the Apple Festival along with Watergull's original non-alcohol warmed punch which they sell at the Farmers Market. So if you feel you've got the winning recipe and want to taste your version on the day along with everyone else send your entry in to Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Oliver Cromwell's House, 29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4HF or e-mail tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk by 6th October 2003.



Chill out and save money!

East Cambridgeshire District Council and npower, the national energy provider, have teamed up to offer East Cambridgeshire residents the chance to trade in their old fridge for a brand new, energy efficient model at a very reduced rate. Called Fridgesavers, the scheme is funded by npower and is available to low-income households.

Fridges and fridge-freezers can be the biggest consumers of energy in the home. Old or damaged appliances have to work especially hard to keep food and drinks cold and therefore use more energy.

“It is often the most disadvantaged people who are running old inefficient appliances, but are not in a financial position to solve the problem. This is where the Fridgesavers scheme can help,” commented Mike Lock, npower’s Energy Services Manager.

Fridgesavers offers low-income households the opportunity to replace their old inefficient appliance for a new A-rated refrigerator for just £35 or fridge-freezer for as little as £60. An A-rated fridge-freezer can also save up to £690* on electricity bills over the life of the appliance.

East Cambridgeshire District Council are delighted to be working with npower to offer Fridgesavers to householders in the East Cambridgeshire region...” said **Ian Bowers, the Home Energy Conservation Officer**.

To qualify for the scheme householders must be using a damaged or faulty appliance (therefore using excess energy) and be in receipt of one or more qualifying benefits or tax credits**. Fridgesavers works on a ‘like for like’ basis – a new fridge for an old fridge and a new fridge-freezer for an old fridge-freezer. Applicants need not be npower customers in order to be eligible for the scheme.

The old inefficient fridge or fridge-freezer is decommissioned to prevent re-use, and householders are advised to contact their Local Authority to arrange disposal .For more information and to request an application form, please contact Ian Bowers on 01353 616251. Application forms are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Food for Thought

This may be entirely innocent but we had a caller the other day & I felt unsettled after. It didn't occur to me to mention it when I saw you in the afternoon but later I thought it was the thing to do in case it tied in with any other events.

About 2.15 a man possibly mid twenties or older drove down Chapel Lane with another in a red 4x4, diesel but we didn't note the make. They turned round & on the way back up he got out and knocked on our door and asked if we were thinking of selling the car in our drive. We don't use it much and sometimes talk of selling it so I went to fetch my husband, leaving the man on the outside having only half opened my front door. The dog was barking as usual.. My husband appeared fairly quickly and said we weren't selling the car and they drove off.

It just seemed a bit strange and I feel unsettled. He just saw into the kitchen and knows we have a noisy dog! It's not as if Chapel Lane goes anywhere. What also bothers me is that I didn't at the time think anything could be amiss. He was polite and I even apologised for keeping him in the road but the dog is such a pain with visitors it is easier not to open the whole door.



Work out

Stretch & Tone your body

THURSDAYS
REACH VILLAGE HALL
CONTACT SUE SUMMERS
742884

Bus Timetable



Effective the 9th June 2002

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

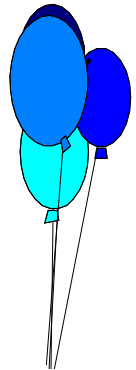
Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10, 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40, 17.40, 18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40, 21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 22.40
Bus 111 Reach to Isleham:	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

Birthdays

October		November	
1	Francis Acklam	5	Joni Webb
18	Alice Lingley	15	Sarah Bluck
		15	Adam Tarasewicz
		30	Matthew Garner



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

Parish Council Meeting



Notes on Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th August 2003

Present

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

Reports

County Council

General

Cllr Fitch reported that a range of 'smart cards' were to be issued for a range of services, e.g. school meals, public transport etc. This would require a huge amount of administrating, he commented.

Finance

This was not in good order at County, mostly due to Social Services 'unravelling' owing to the high cost of looking after the young and the elderly. Some situations had been both predicable and unavoidable, said Cllr Fitch. The county was expanding so new schools etc. had to be provided. Last year's budget saw a £3.2m overspend; it was possible that by next April this would have risen to £4m. Foster parents were being paid more and much money was spent on trying to avoid 'bed blocking', not helped by many old peoples' homes closing. Cllr Fitch said that this year's council tax should have been higher as more money was needed.

Education

Adult education had received a bad OFSTED report. The education itself was good but the administration bad. CCC was over-reacting by closing many adult education courses. Education for qualifications would continue, but many recreation classes, e.g. judo, line dancing, would be scrapped. Bottisham village college adult education was a target for future cuts unfortunately.

Environment and transport

Burwell Heath Road was a continuous dumping ground for abandoned cars and used tyres, said Cllr Fitch.

Many local roadworks were being carried out at the moment. Cllr Fitch reminded the PC about the Highways Minor Improvement bids in the autumn. Councillors asked if it was worth asking for a footpath around the old railway bridge as the PC had been unsuccessful in previous years. Cllr Fitch suggested contacting David Groom from the Highways department for his advice on the matter.

Fire service

Thieves had got into Burwell fire station and stolen heavy cutting equipment.

Police service

There was currently a lot of burglary taking place in Burwell. Cllr Fitch warned about distraction burglary, particularly for old people.

Award

Cllr Aves, who was chairing the meeting, congratulated Cllr Fitch on his recent long-service award from the District Council.

District Council

Police response

Cllr Cane had reported that the lack of police response to the car being driven wildly in Reach one evening recently was because all police had been requested to be in Oakington. Councillors discussed the police generally.

Computer in Dyke's End pub

It had been reported that the landlord of the Dyke's End was concerned that the pub might not be the best place for the computer. It was suggested that it might be favourable to install the computer in the village hall.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

Cllr Moseley reported on an enjoyable open evening held at the school at the end of term. Many people, at present not connected with the school, had attended, which was encouraging.

Village Hall Committee

The committee had been elected. A Chairman would be elected at the next meeting. There was still a shortage of funds for the proposed extension to the village hall.

Correspondence

- The East Cambs Parish Forum was to be held on 16th October. Councillors agreed to attend.
- Correspondence was received about a public inquiry regarding a claimed public right of way at Harrison's Drove/Wicken Lode and Underbank Drove, Burwell.
- The Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils had requested nominations for a President and vice-President. None was put forward by Reach councillors.
- The East Cambs Community Safety Partnership was to held a board meeting in Ely. Councillors regretted they could not attend as it was to be held during the working day and no-one would be available.
- East Cambs Best Value Performance Plan 2003 had been published and was available to view on the council's website (www.eastcambs.gov.uk).
- Amended plans had been received for an approved extension and roof conversion at Rose Cottage, Blackberry Drove.

Reach matters

Planning permission applications

Councillors supported an application for outline planning permission for a 3/4 detached house at 1, Ditchfield, and for an application to convert 12A and 12B The Hythe into one house.

Obscured sign

A resident had drawn councillors' attention to the 'z-bend' sign on Burwell Road, which she said was almost entirely obscured by tree branches. Clerk to contact Highways Dept.

Broadband

It had been reported that Swaffham Prior was now joining Reach Community Broadband project. Cllr Aves asked Cllr Summers if their PC would be contributing to the Reach Amenity Fund, pointing out that the Reach Amenity Fund (a joint account held by Reach parish council and the village hall committee) had donated quite a sizeable sum to the project. Cllr Summers replied that he hoped some funds would be made available.

Public forum

It was reported that a local farmer had cut several hedges back recently, causing some concern to a neighbour.

Notes on Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th September 2003

Present

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

Reports

County Council

Education

Bottisham village college had achieved excellent GCSE results, said Cllr Fitch, with 96% passing five GCSE across the range, and 67% passing with grades A–C. The college's SATs results were the best ever.

General

Cambridgeshire County Council had been given beacon status. Cllr Fitch said its Information Technology skills were 'better than some' and so it had offered help to ECDC and Huntingdonshire CC in this sphere. Following a comparative performance assessment (CPA) of CCC it was hoped the County would receive government funding for the next 3 years and not have to re-apply every year.

A website had been set up where people could swap or sell household goods (www.recap.co.uk)

Environment and transport

Local newspapers had reported a dedicated two-man team which had been set up for fast response to repairing holes in the road, clearing unwanted rubbish etc., should these problems not be picked up by the routine authority.

Fordham by-pass should be completed by 2005.

Work on the dangerous bend at Swaffham Bulbeck had been completed, although trees were still to be cut back. Cllr Fitch said the signage here was unique and pointed out that there was now a 35 mph speed limit on this stretch of the road.

New lights had been installed on the B1303 at Bell Road, Bottisham.

District Council

Replacement lights on Fair Green

Cllr Cane had reported that the Conservation Officer at ECDC, John Selby, had voiced support for replacing the remaining lights on Fair Green. She pointed out, however, that the Ditchfield end of Fair Green would need more lights than at present to meet new highways regulations. Money would not be as much as granted for the first stage of the lighting scheme and would not be forthcoming for some time. A contribution from Reach PC would be expected.

Computer in Dyke's End pub

The District Council had decided (for a variety of reasons) that, if the village hall committee agreed, it would be preferable to have their computer in the village hall, rather than the Dyke's End pub.

Waste collection

There were no plans to start a green waste scheme as funding was not available for the foreseeable future.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

Cllr Pearson reported that the new school year had seen 105 pupils on the school roll

Swaffham Prior PCC

Cllr Robinson told the PC that a copy of the charity's constitution had been obtained from the Charities Commission. He explained that the PCC had nothing to do with the church, although the Vicar was on the council. In answer to questions he said that monies were raised from land investments. The annual Christmas grants were to be reviewed, as at present every parishioner over 65 was getting them and some were felt to not be badly off financially.

Matters arising

Bonfires

At the request of a parishioner the Clerk had inquired into by-laws concerning bonfires. There were no by-laws, although if the burning happened regularly and was causing a nuisance the issue would be dealt with under the Environmental Protection Act.

Hedge cutting

Clerk had contacted the Rights of Way Department at CCC after complaints about a local farmer slashing the hedges. It was reported that this was done as there is a requirement for landowners to control rabbits, as compensation for loss of yield can be claimed by neighbouring farmers.

Harrison's drove

Cllr Robinson had been attending the public inquiry regarding a claimed public right of way at Harrison's Drove/Wicken Lode and Underbank Drove, Burwell. Cllr Fitch expressed surprise that the CCC was supporting closure. Councillors discussed and agreed that it appeared that a lot of money was being spent by the council to do the opposite of what was usual, i.e. to keep public rights of way open.

Correspondence

Minor highways scheme

CCC had written requesting bids for the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements budget for the next financial year. It was agreed to ask for a foot/cyclepath to go around the Old Railway Bridge, although this had not been successful last year. Clerk had asked for assistance from Eastern Highways Dept. and it was agreed that if councillors were available they could meet with the highways officer to discuss at the site.

Fridgesavers scheme

ECDC and npower, the national energy provider, had teamed up to offer residents the chance to trade in their old fridge for a new model at a reduced rate.

Parish planting scheme

CCC were offering trees or hedgerows. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that there are no suitable sites in the village.

Advice line

The Cambridge Independent Advice Service had launched a new telephone advice line.

Guidance on housing

The Government had issued two consultation papers in which they were proposing key changes to national planning Policy Guidance on Housing. The documents are available on the website at www.odpm.gov.uk.

Tree work

The Tree officer at ECDC had written informing the PC about tree pruning at Hobsdyke End House, Fair Green.

Planning permission

Permission had been given for work on 12A and 12B The Hythe.

Poppy appeal

It was agreed to donate to this year's poppy appeal for a wreath to go on the war memorial.

Reach matters

Annual accounts

Owing to new regulations by the Audit Commission the Clerk had enlisted the help of a chartered account to supervise the accounts. These were shown to councillors before being sent to the auditor. Cllr Aves proposed that they be accepted and submitted and this was seconded by Cllr Pearson.

Trees overhanging signs

Cllr Harrison said that the trees obstructing the 'bends' sign in Burwell Road still hadn't been trimmed. Clerk to follow up.

Village sign

Cllr Harrison said that the village sign was in need of some attention.

Penny Lang

BURWELL MUSIC CIRCLE

Janet Cooper presented a most enjoyable programme of Summer Music at the Music Circle in August. We heard from Fats Waller, Chris Barber, through Bernstein and Strauss and on to Beethoven and Mozart with many more in between.

If you like listening to music why not join us. We meet in the Day Centre in Parsonage Close, Burwell on the 2nd Friday of each month, 7.30 to 9.30 and it costs just £1 including refreshments.

Each month a member presents a programme of music, either by a chosen composer or on a set theme or just favourite pieces they enjoy listening to. There is a great deal of variety and we never know what it will be, but it is always a very pleasant evening.

Betty Prime.

S WAFFHAM PRIOR PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

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Once again I have to anticipate the festive season to remind all who consider themselves eligible for our Christmas grant that they should apply as soon as possible.

As usual, the majority of these applications will come from our pensioners, particularly those who have to manage on the basic state pension, but if you are in particular need, or know of anybody who may be in difficulty, but is unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me, or to any Trustee, and I stress that this assistance is available at all times, not merely at Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

*S.G. Hewitt
Clerk to the Trustees.*

MY GARDEN

Just to sit quietly in my garden, at the end
Of the day
And to lay back and relax, while the evening
Slips away
Just to smell the sweet scent of the roses, now
Full bloom
And to see the pansies smiling, and the rising
Of the new moon
Just to feel the grass beneath my feet, and the
Kiss of a breeze
And to hear the sigh of the trees, as it gently
Blows the leaves
Watch the swallows twist and turn, in the
Clear sky
Catching many insects on the wing, as they
Swoop by
And watch our many garden birds, as they
Hop here and there
Looking for their supper, in the cool evening
Air
See the graceful dragonfly, as he darts to and
Fro
And hear the call of a pheasant, as off to his
Roost he go
Just to watch our evening sunset, as it retires
To bed
Sinking slowly down in the west, with a blaze
Of fiery red
Now this gives me so much pleasure, in the
Land of my birth
For I am nearer to my God in my garden, than
Any place on earth

BILL ESTALL 2003

THE DYKE'S END

VILLAGE PUB OF THE YEAR 2003

Simon, Frank & Banger at the Dyke's End extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

Is it only three months?

I (Frank, and Banger) thank you for making us feel so welcome in the village.

We have started the redecoration and now have the 'Blue Room' dining room ready for evening meals.

We have a new lunch menu based on locally sourced ingredients and a choice of evening menus from a 'prix fixe' bistro selection to a short but beautifully constructed dinner menu that changes every few weeks.

The summer months may be finished but to compensate for evening drinks on the village green we can guarantee a blazing fire and a warm welcome to all.

The Dyke's End deserves the recognition of 'Village Pub of the Year', and it is our ambition to take up your baton and carry the pub through to the next stage of its story.

Thank you all again for what you have done with the pub and how wonderful you have been about our stewardship so far. (And Banger would like to say a special thank you for all of the tickles on the tum).

Bless You

Simon

Bar

***Open 7 days a week (Except Monday Lunch)
12.00 pm until 3.00 pm and 6.00 pm until 11.00 pm***

Bar Snacks Available

Restaurant

Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm

Tuesday - Sunday 12.00 pm until 2.00 pm

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For further information contact Simon on 01638 743816



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Prior**

Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

Swaffham Prior School



News from Swaffham Prior Church of England Primary School

This year sees the 75th anniversary of the school on this site and the Autumn term has started off happily with ten new families joining our school, as well as new siblings starting school for the first time. We welcome them all to their classes.

Thank you to play scheme who have brightened up the far end of the school with an entertaining mural for the children. This feature will help play time when the weather becomes too wet to use the back field. We hope the skipping continues over the Winter months, as following last term's skipping workshop, many children caught the skipping bug. Do you have memories of skipping at school? Let us know your rhymes.

Well done to class Two, submitting their lovely school grown pumpkins to the garden show and thanks to Janet Lee for encouraging pupils to take part.

This term Class four is looking into the history of Swaffham Prior village so if you have any anecdotes to share, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Members of the community are welcome into school at any time. If you wish to help out in any way on a regular basis, such as hearing children read, or on a one off basis by sharing a particular hobby or talent do let us know.

Community Events

School Community Dates –

School Harvest Festival 14th October 2pm St Mary's

*Disco – primary aged children accompanied by adults. Village hall
7.00 -9.30pm Friday 17th October. Tickets available on the door.*

Wednesday 22nd October 10am Class 4 assembly

Joanna Lakey

Your County Councillor

James Fitch

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COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

Mid September 2003

EDUCATION

Summer holidays and exam results always co-incide. This year's Bottisham Village College GCSE record was excellent - the second best ever, with two thirds of pupils passing with 5 grades or more A (star) to C. The BVC's in depth education shows up with a nearly complete sweep for the A (star) to G grade. Congratulations to the pupils, parents and staff concerned.

The future also must be bright after the best SAT's results ever at the lower level.

That was the good news; the Cambs Director of Education has just reported that shortage of money is expected to cause problems this year as usual. To do all that the Government would like - the usual direct school obligations but also expanding nursery and youth service and reducing teachers' workloads would force us to spend 10 per cent more. Cambridgeshire has not got this large sum so it is lobbying the Government to be a good deal more realistic in its grant award in December for the year 2004/5.

ENVIRONMENT

The latest Assessment of Air Quality in the county came to my Environment Development Group just after my last magazine report. Fortunately, the news is fairly good in that all air quality objectives were likely to be met except, locally, in parts of Cambridge, e.g. Drummer Street.

Extra monitoring equipment will be added to existing A14 installations. Nitrogen dioxide levels are still higher than desired in the City and will remain so till 2010. The County Council will do what it can to restrict inessential traffic which is a major contributor. Park & Ride has helped already. There are some temporary problems with Sulphur dioxide but these will be eliminated as old fashioned boilers are replaced.

On the roads subject most people will, I expect, appreciate the installation of lights at the Bell Road, Bottisham / A1303 junction. After seeing how this affects drivers' behaviours a bollard will probably be installed in such a position that it will dissuade drivers from overtaking vehicles slowing to turn left into Bell Road.

The bend between Longmeadow and Swaffham Bulbeck (B1102) has now been reconstructed to reduce the incidence of accidents. Reports so far indicate locals consider it is an improvement. That said, I understand there are some idiots who are trying to see how fast they can drive round it! The slab wall built on- the Swaffham Bulbeck Park End part of the High Street will improve the footway for walkers. The main point of the change is to prevent slumping of the field edge and to push back vegetation encroachment. Not beautiful but practical.

Tidying up the awful mess from unofficial rubbish dumping in Heath Road, Burwell, has been achieved with the help of East Cambs. District Council. I support the idea of a restrictive "bund" on the bend.

Lastly, we now have a 2-man gang of rapid road menders in East Cambs. to fill pot holes, cut back overgrowing vegetation and taking down illegal signs. I hope the system works better than hitherto.

James Fitch

**Staine One Hundred And
Local History Society
Programme for 2003/2004**

**All meetings in the Lecture Room of the
Bottisham Village College
AT 7:30PM**

2003

Oct 8 Steve Cassidy, Rattee & Kett - Stone & Restoration
Nov 12 Cloe Cockerill - 1000 years of English Churches
Dec 10 Local Talent - Quiz - Readings - Displays

2004

Jan 14 John Durrant - Cambridge Part II
Feb 11 John Sutton - Charles II in Newmarket
Mar 10 Ms Twigs Way - John Loudon and the Histon Road
Apr 21 Donna Martin - Soham and its Abbey
May Local Outing
June Day Outing

For further details contact Maureen Rogers 01223 812146

The Morphology of Reach (cont)

It can be fairly safely assumed that the economic buoyance of the region that led to the Romans cutting of the canal had collapsed by the 5th century under the stress of disease, plague? Influenza, certainly something of the scale of the Black Death, inflation, recession, and invasion. The economic unit of the villa estate had been broken, and the commerce had died. Thus the Dyke may have broken no village, ruined no lives, for Reach then was probably quite deserted. The remains I have seen from this village, as distinct from Burwell and Swaffham, shows little evidence of early Anglo Saxon occupation. But when we begin to find written and archaeological records again, something odd has happened, Swaffham and Burwell, as parishes, are using the Dyke as a boundary, and in the Middle Ages there were two distinct hamlets of Reach, East Reach, and West Reach, split by the Dyke and owning no common fields of their own, clearly these are out liners of the main nucleated settlements, established as the Roman one probably was, to use the water transport, this split of parishes in the village lasted into living memory, settlement at this time did not extend far back from water, and was concentrated along the fen edge. The road from Burwell to Swafham skirted the fen edge all the way , it can be traced today in the drove behind Manor Farm, crossing the Hythe to the drying green, the original village green, and then along Little Lane, to Great Lane and Barston Drove. All along that track are old settlement sites and old Docks, many of them medieval, the name of Barston Drove itself is recorded in the thirteenth century, indeed a ground plan of the whole of mediaeval East Reach is recoverable, for before the meadows behind the church were ploughed, at certain times of the year one could see the outlines of the old village in the grass, the hedge ran along the 700 year old line of the backs of the tofts, if anyone is interested, I can show them East Reach s horse and duck ponds today. These fields are possibly one of the most interesting unexcavated mediaeval site in the county, clearly the growing importance of Reach clunch and the need to export surpluses of wool and corn was once again making Reach an important port.

At its maximum mediaeval development, then the village lay mostly along the fen edge, East Reach extended back as far as the chapel of ease of St Mary, Burwell, whose chancel arch is all that remains of the fifteenth century structure dedicated to St Richard, West Reach spread up the side of the Dyke a little, along the present line of the street, but was concentrated along the Lode its chief industry was the cutting of clunch, a vast amount of Church Hill has been simply carted away, docks extended as far as Water Hall, there was a chapel dedicated to St Etheldreda in the fourteenth century, but where it stood is debatable the key lies in White Roses, but the indications are confusing, certainly White Roses was Church property for a long time, and one would expect any Chapel to be as near as possible to the focus of the village, the Drying Green, but the records are , as far as I know, silent, however, the late Colin Washtell found in the garden a broken medieval cross shaft and several voussoirs of Barnack ragstone that could have come from an arched building such as a Chapel, the erection of a substantial timber framed house in the late 15 century might be accounted for if a curate had to be housed.

To be continued

BILL ESTALL

Your District Councillor

Charlotte Cane

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District Council Notes (Sept / October 2003)

Planning issues often cause concern, so I thought I'd outline how the system works. Anyone can make a planning application, even if there are restrictions on how the land can be used or if the applicant does not own the land. All they have to do is deposit the right paperwork, with their fee, at East Cambs Planning Department. The application is checked for completeness, logged and allocated to a Planning Officer. Details are sent to the Parish Council and anyone with land next to the site for which planning permission is sought, asking for their comments within 21 days. Other government bodies are also consulted where relevant, eg the Environment Agency, the County Council Highways Department and the Police. If the application is in a Conservation Area, a notice is put up and the application is advertised in a local newspaper. Anyone is welcome to comment on a Planning Application. Any correspondence, whether by letter or e-mail is a public document. I get a weekly list of planning applications which gives a short description of every application across East Cambs. And every 6 weeks I get a list of all the Planning decisions. Most Planning decisions are taken by the officer, some automatically go to Committee, eg if the officer is recommending an application which is against the Local Plan. Others can go to Committee if the Parish Council and/or the District Councillor ask that it should and give good reasons. Less controversial cases may go to mediation where senior officers and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee take the decision. All comments are considered before deciding an application, if the case goes to mediation or Committee the officer summarises the comments in their paper. At Planning Committee the applicant, the Parish council and a representative of the objectors can each have 3 minutes to put their case. The Committee is made up of members of the Council who have to decide the case at the meeting. You can write to them with your views but they are advised not to attend meetings with applicants or objectors and they cannot give a view before the meeting, as the law describes that as 'fettering their decision' and requires them not to take part in the discussion or the vote on that application. Once a decision is made on an application, only the applicant can appeal to have the decision changed. If they appeal, the application is considered by an Inspector appointed by central government. S/he will contact everyone who commented on the application and invite them to comment further. S/he will normally visit the site and will then make the final decision. S/he can overturn the Council's decision and award costs against the council and fine them if s/he feels the decision was unreasonable.)

Objectors can complain to the Local Government Ombudsman if they feel the process was not followed properly. S/he can fine the Council if s/he finds against it and award payment to the objector. The only way for objectors to change the decision is Judicial Review which can find that the Council made the wrong decision. They can overturn the decision and the Council then has to pay damages to the objectors and the applicants. If you want to comment on an application is it helpful if you copy me in on your comments. If I feel there is sufficient local concern I will ask for the application to be considered by Committee. I can also ensure that other relevant people are asked to comment on any specific concerns, eg County Highways on traffic safety concerns.

As one of the UK's fastest growing Districts, we are receiving an increasing number of planning applications. In 2000 we received 1,000 planning applications. This year we expect to receive 1,400 applications - that's nearly 6 new applications every working day. Despite this increasing workload, there has been an improvement in the number of applications which we decide within the time set by Central Government. Since April this year we have decided 74% of major applications in 13 weeks, 69% of minor applications in 8 weeks and 90% of all other cases, including householder, in 8 weeks. My concern is that the pressure to meet government targets may sometimes lead to less time for proper public consultation. But if we don't meet government targets we will lose funding, and we could see central government intervening directly in how we manage development control.

The Council has joined the Government's national planning website, the "Planning Portal". This allows people to complete a planning application on their computer then print it off and post it, along with their plans, to the Authority. The Portal also offers a wide range of information about planning, both nationally and relating specifically to our district. We will develop this further so that planning applications can be completed and submitted electronically. And our weekly lists of planning applications etc. will be available together with the full details of all planning applications, on our website. This will allow you to view an application and comment on line. The Portal can be visited at

["http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/wps/portal"](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/wps/portal).

In August I said that I hoped that we would have a Green Waste collection in Reach by the end of September. Unfortunately, we will not. At a recent meeting to discuss next year's budget no funds were included for the Green Waste collection, which will not continue into next year unless other services are cut to provide the funding. Because of this uncertainty, officers have decided not to extend the scheme to parts of the District which do not already have the service.

Charlotte Cane
(Liberal Democrat Councillor for the Swaffhams and Reach

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It is our wish to make this service available to any parents of a child with a learning and/or physical disability aged 0 to 19 years in the city and the rural areas around Cambridge and Ely - parents who would like a night out and be able to relax in the knowledge that their child is being well cared for at home.

Anyone over sixteen can apply to become a sitter. Their suitability will be assessed and references taken up. After appropriate preparation they are carefully matched with a family in their own vicinity. On-going support and training is available to volunteers and expenses are reimbursed.

If you feel that you can offer at least one evening a month and commit to building up a trusting relationship we would be delighted to hear from you. Please telephone the office on 01223 519220 or email office@goodnight.org.uk

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MODIFICATION TO THE PORCH AND VESTRY SCREENS IN THE CHURCH OF ST ETHELDREDA AND THE HOLY TRINITY

The original Faculty for these works has now been amended and approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee. It is still proposed that the vestry partition should be moved from its present position to be in line with the organ; in the entrance porch it is now proposed to remove the central partition, to close off the side doors of the lobby, to provide new double entrance doors from the lobby into the nave and to re-hang the outer doors. This will provide a much more convenient entrance to the church for wedding and funeral processions. This second scheme is also much cheaper than the original plan to make an entirely new entrance vestibule, so we shall not have to squander all the legacy money, some of which can be left invested to pay for other needs of the church. We now hope that the work will start soon, as there will be a dedication of the new screens at a special service at 9.30 a.m. on Advent Sunday, November 30th, at which the Archdeacon will officiate. The Church Architects have commissioned Peter Saunders to undertake the work, and it is hoped that he will finish in time. There should not be much disruption in the church, and services should be able to continue as usual.

Jenny Moseley

An adult human contains enough carbon to fill 9000 pencils; enough water to fill a 45 litre barrel; enough fat to make seven bars of soap; enough salt to fill seven salt cellars; enough phosphorus to make 2000 matches and enough iron to make a five centimetre nail.....

The human kidney contains millions of little tubes. Stretched out, they would extend 40 mile.....

If an adult's lungs were stretched out they would cover the area of a tennis court.....

If you skinned an average adult, the skin would weigh three kilos and cover an area of six square metres.

Church Services October



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 5th Trinity 16	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am, Harvest Family Service	No Services
Sunday 12th Trinity 17	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 19th Trinity 18	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Services
Sunday 26th Last After Trinity	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

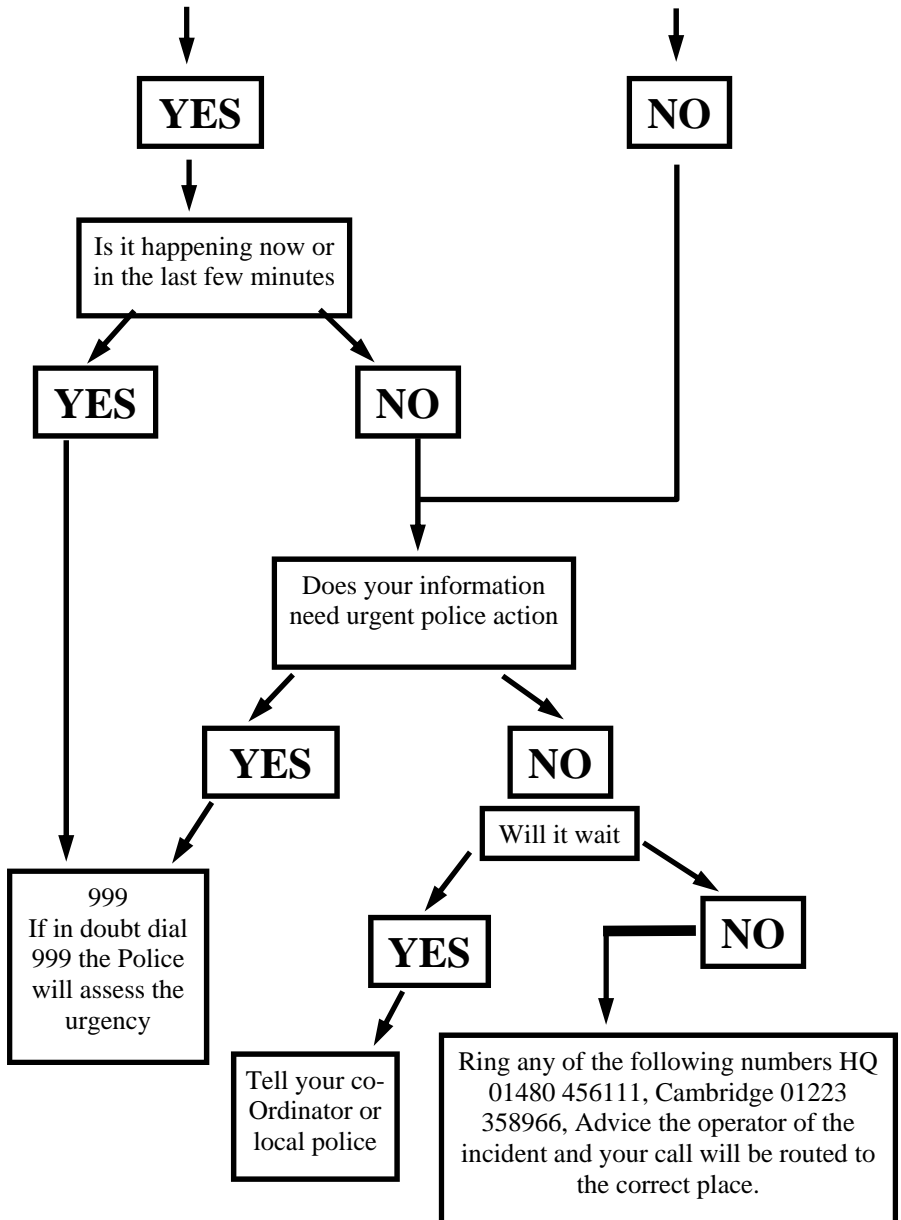
10.00 am Toddlers' Service At Burwell on 1st Thursdays (excl January & August)

Church Services November



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 2nd 4th Before Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am, Family Service	6.30 pm Informal Evening Worship
Sunday 9th 3rd Before Advent	9.30 am Parish Communion 2.30 pm Act of Rem, at War Memorial 6.30 pm Service of Healing	11.00 am Remembrance Service
Sunday 16th 2nd Before Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Service of Healing	No Service
Sunday 23rd Christ the King	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Church Family Worship + Dedication by Archdeacon of Ely of the Porch and Vestry Re- Ordering
Sunday 30th Advent	9.30 am United Parish Communion	No Service

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