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The Reach website has now been updated and can be visited at;
www.reach-village.co.uk

There is information on the **HISTORY** of the village as well as current day issues and opportunities.

In the **PARISH COUNCIL** area you can download the Minutes of previous meetings and see the Agenda for the next one.

Older issues of this magazine can also be downloaded from the **MAGAZINE** page.

The **NEWS** page is constantly updated to show happenings in the village.

If you have any comments or items to be included on the website then just let me know.

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Out of Reach



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Information

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Village Hall Bookings	Joyce Harrison,	742405
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District Councillor	Allen Alderson	741744
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Vicar	Revd Canon Stephen Earl	741262
Hon.Assistant Priest	Revd David Bush	741839
Curate		
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Doctors (The Burwell Surgery, Newmarket Road, Burwell, CB5 0AE)

Appointments/Emergencies 741234

Doctors Dr Anne Shneerson, Dr Andrew Wills,
Dr A Manning, Dr James Parry, Dr Maureen Birch

Surgery Hours
Mon 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
Tues. 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
Wed 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
Thu 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm
Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

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

Emergencies

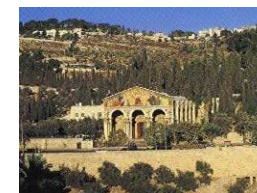
Eastern Electric **0800 783 8838.**
Anglian Water **08457 145 145.**
Police **999** Non Emergencies **0345 4564564**

**You are invited to join me -
on a truly memorable and exciting pilgrimage visiting Biblical and other ancient sites of antiquity, meeting those who inhabit a remarkable land of stunning and varied beauty:**

“the land of milk and honey”

Bask in, and marvel at, the lush green slopes of Galilee, the rugged hills around “Jerusalem - the golden”

**the barren, sun-baked desert of Judea the fertile “bread-basket” of the Jezreel Valley,
the awesome rift valley, Masada & the Dead Sea,**



**To facilitate teachers and students who may wish to participate,
this Pilgrimage will overlap Spring half-term
which is 21st-26th February 2011.**

**The tour will last between 10-12 days, and will overlap some days
either before or after these dates.**

Firm dates and prices will be available by Easter 2010.

I am interested... What should I do now?

**► Register your interest with me as soon as possible.
Canon Stephen Earl 01638 741262 searl@toucansurf.com**

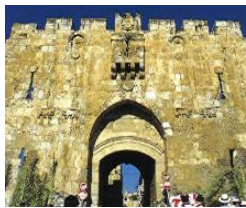
As soon as full details are available, I will send these to you.



**Consider a Pilgrimage
to the Holy Land!**

And discover the thrill of the Bible coming to life!

With Canon Stephen Earl, in February 2011



**Follow in the steps of the Patriarchs, the Prophets,
of Jesus and his disciples,
and of countless Christian pilgrims over the ages!**

Visit the land of the “living stones” today, and meet those who, despite hardships, fan the flame of the Christian faith in the land of Christ’s birth.

Meet those of the other Abrahamic faiths in a land sacred to Christians, Jews and Muslims.

Editor's Notes



The purpose of Out of Reach is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household in Reach. Issues are published bi-monthly with cover dates of Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov.

Items for inclusion should reach the editor two weeks before the 1st day of the first month on the cover. Inclusion date for April/May issue will be 18th March

From the Editor

As you will see from the picture on this edition's cover we had a pretty harsh few weeks. I have shown some more village scenes inside. Although we made the most of it at first I, like I daresay a lot of you, were a little miffed that no gritting lorries were seen around Reach at all in the six or seven weeks that the snow was around. We seem to have been the “forgotten village”. But I expect we were not alone.

In the last issue I mentioned that I was looking to pass the Editor's job over to a new incumbent and I am in discussions at present with a willing volunteer. So, as this may be my last edition as Editor I would like to thank all of you for your support, your patience and your contributions. I hope you will continue to support the new Editor as much.

Best wishes

Grahame Radford

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Village Centre



To help raise money to run the Village Centre we have a 100 club. Tickets are just £10.00 each.

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

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Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405

Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach

Mar 2010	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Reach</i>
7th Lent 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion (Family Service <u>next</u> Sunday)	
14th Mothering Sunday Lent 4	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service (Changed from 1st Sunday)	11.00 Family Service 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Worship
21st Passion Sunday Lent 5	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion (with Passion Gospel)	
Clocks Change! 28th Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 2.30 pm. Walk of Witness from Co-op to Trinity Church <i>Churches Together in Burwell</i>	
Mon 29th Tues 30th Weds 31st	7.00 pm Night Prayers at Centre Peace 7.00 pm Night Prayers at Centre Peace 7.00 pm Holy Week "Prayers for the Community (WOW!) at StMary's	
1st April Maundy Thursday	7.30 pm Holy Communion 8.45—10.00 pm The Watch (vigil)	
2nd April Good Friday	12.00 pm All-age Service	2.00 pm Devotional Service
5th April Easter Sunday	6.00 am Sunrise Service on Castle Mound (behind Guildhall) 9.30 pm Family Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)

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Services at Burwell and Reach

Feb 2010	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Reach</i>
7th 2nd Sunday Before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	6.30 pm. "Sunday Serenity" Service of Reflection/Healing
14th Sunday next Before Lent	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Worship
17th Ash Wednesday	7.30 pm Holy Communion (with "ashing" - Optional)	
21st Lent 1	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
28th Lent 2	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	

Diary Dates



DATES for your DIARY

Feb

Tues 2	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Thurs 4	Recycling Day		
Tues 16	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 17	Village Centre Committee	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thurs 18	Recycling Day		7.30 pm
Sun 28	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	7.30 pm

March

Tues 2	Mobile Library	Fair Green	1.10 pm
Weds 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Thurs 4	Recycling Day		
Tues 16	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 17	Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thur 18	Recycling Day		
Sun 28	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	7.30 pm

Reach Village Centre 100 club

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

December £50 winner— Mr Ison

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



FOUND ! Better Broadband



from RaSP - your local broadband provider
no longer the only broadband in the village but still the best

- ✓ Soon to be even faster (up to 10Mb/s in both directions)
- ✓ No increase in price for the extra speed, and no download limits
- ✓ Local service: by people you know, not an overseas call centre

For more details
website: <http://www.rasnet.co.uk/news>
email: support@swaffham-prior.co.uk
phone: 07005 800 991 (not an 0845 in sight!)

Forthcoming Events

February

Thur 4th 10.00 am Toddlers Service at St Mary's, Burwell.
(All with babies and young children are most welcome for this informal gathering with refreshments & crafts afterwards)

Thur 25th 7.30 pm Lent Course (1) All at Trinity Church, Burwell
Speaker on Christian experiences in South Africa or Nepal

Sat 27th 10.00am—12.00pm Gift Day at St Mary's Burwell
With displays and refreshments in Church

March

Mon 1st 6.45—7.00 pm. St Ethelreda's and St Mary's Burwell Annual
Parochial Church Meeting in the Guildhall, Burwell

Thurs 4th 10.00 am Toddlers Service at St Mary's, Burwell.

Thurs 4th 7.30pm Lent Course (2) Speaker on Malawi

Thurs 11th 7.30pm Lent Course (3) Speaker on Moldova

Thurs 18th 7.30pm Lent Course (4) Speaker on South Africa or Nepal

Thurs 25th 7.30pm Lent Course (5) A celebration of Christianity abroad



CHOICES

The Nineteenth Century Poet James W Riley wrote in one of his poems :

**It haint no use to grumble and complane
Its just as cheap and easy to rejoice;
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain
W'y rain's my choice.**

What a lovely feeling of peace of mind in which to approach 2010...each day ! Yes, I know it's rather uncomfortable to get wet, or to be stuck in the snow....but the attitude of having our cup half full rather half empty must surely be the best way to go through life ?

There are so many choices we have to make each week, each day, and I find it is very rarely a choice between "black" and "white" but the need to pick a middle course among the "greys", which are usually so numerous that quick decisions can often be difficult or make for bad choices.

As we read again the Nativity Story at Christmas time we find that so many people had to make choices.....the Innkeeper to refuse entry for Mary and Joseph to stay at the inn....the shepherds to stir their stumps and follow the star to Bethlehem rather than gossip round their camp-fire....the three wise men to return home "another way". And it's another way that society, which means everyone of us, should be choosing in this coming year.

World wide we have to choose to do all we can to tackle poverty and global warming and both large and small efforts all count. Nationally we have to decide to "tighten our belts". And locally and personally we have some hard choices to make....in our way of life, yes, but also in the way we love and help our neighbour, the aged, homeless, the out-of-work and all those in need for whatever reason.

The over-eating, over-spending, over-indulgence which go hand-in-hand with Christmas these days are ending. Christmastide merges into the period of Lent. And Candlemas, which we celebrate on February 2nd provides a change of tempo. It's a time when winter slowly gives way to spring. Over many years gone by Candlemas, with all its light and candles and brightness, was marked by snowdrops or Candlemas Bells or February Fairmaids, which St Francis of Assisi called Symbols of Hope. The candles were then blessed for the coming year.

Jesus the Light of the World, and the Hope for the Future, are all themes for this day. At our Family Service at St Marys Church we are going to celebrate all this at 9-30 on Sunday, February 7th....do come and join us and share the mystery and the joy, and ,like Mary, the Mother of Jesus, contemplate it all in your heart. Will this be your choice ?

David Bush.

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

**Marquees - £80.00
(includes erection by
experienced personnel)**

10' x 10' Gazebos - £20

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

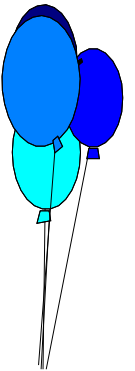
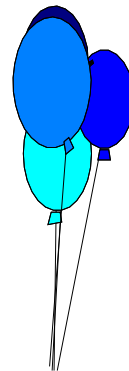
Please contact Andrew Hall on 01638 743737

Birthdays

Congratulations to :-

**Rian Bjork 16th February
Happy 21st Rian and Congratulations**

Simon Jarvis (Jarvo) - 27th February



Letters to the Editor



The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd February 2010 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

All muck and magic! Manure wanted!

The Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm needs more horse manure to use on its organic market garden in Reach. For those readers who do not know about us, the Prospects Trust is a registered charity working with people with learning difficulties and those experiencing mental ill health, providing work experience and training in horticulture. There is further information on our website at www.prospectstrust.org.uk

Snakehall Farm has Soil Association Organic status and we are only able to use manure from horses that have been fed exclusively on a diet free from genetically modified organisms (GMOs). The main producers of this feed are Allen and Page, Baileys, Dodson and Horrell. There are some other suppliers too – and if you think you may be able to help we have a detailed list at our office. Any donors must be willing to sign a non-GMO declaration and also be able to deliver to our site.

If you think you may be able to help, please call Jill on 01638 741551

10 (5) War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk has received three quotations and has been asked to enter into negotiations with the chosen supplier to get the work carried out. The Clerk will seek grant money from the War Memorials Trust and also ask for a contribution from the Amenity Fund.

10 (6) Amenity Fund Committee

It was felt that the current arrangement whereby two organisations, who have no regular meetings together, have to jointly approve Amenity Fund applications, should be reviewed. Ross Clark has taken up this issue with the Chairman of the Village Centre Committee with a view to implementing a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement. A draft constitution has been compiled and the Parish Council awaits the outcome of this discussion at the next Village Centre meeting after which Ross Clark will conclude discussions on this with the Chairman of the Village Centre Committee. The Clerk will ask that this item be added to the agenda for the next Village Centre meeting.

10 (7) Cemetery Trees Pruning

This has been started and will be concluded during the month of January.

10 (8) Exclusive Rights of Burial

It appears that some Exclusive Rights of Burial documents may not have been properly issued for the cemetery. The Clerk is in the process of generating these and will distribute them appropriately in due course.

10 (9) Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with Ross Clark, will endeavour to give them Common Land status when the window of opportunity arrives later this year, to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

10 (10) RaSP Mast

The granted retrospective planning permission required that work be undertaken to improve the aesthetic appearance of the mast. This has not happened within the time allowed but discretion has been granted based on the very cold weather we have been facing. An enforcement officer is working with the resident to ensure that the work is carried out as soon as is practicable.

11. Planning Applications

There were none.

12. Information Items

The Clerk confirmed that a summary of resident's responsibilities in keeping their hedges and boundaries under control has been added to the village website and will be included in the next issue of Out of Reach magazine. The Parish Council will review the situation at the next Parish Council meeting.

13. Payments

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

100899	Burwell Parish Council	Training	£120.00
100900	D M Parr	28 Clerk's pay Oct/Nov/Dec	£433.50
100901	D M Parr	Clerk's expenses (6 months)	£79.40
100902	H M Customs & Excise	VAT repayment	£124.26

Bottisham Village College Community Education

We are offering the following one day workshops in the Spring Term:

Saturday 6th March

Dressmaking 9.30 – 4.00 £35

Japanese Cookery 10.00 – 4.00 £35

Pick and Mix Patchwork 10.00 – 4.00 £35

Woodturning 10.00 – 4.00 £55

Saturday 13th March

Photoshop (digital photography) 10.00 – 4.00 £35

**If you would like to enrol, or receive further information, please contact the
Community Office**

**Tel: 01223 811372, email: commed@bottishamvc.org or visit our website
www.bottishamvc.org/commed**

Bus Timetable



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

Mondays to Fridays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.22	06.54	06.57	07.38	10
07.22	07.39	07.42	08.36	10
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
12.22	12.54	12.57	13.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
16.22	16.54	16.57	17.35	10
17.22	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
17.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
18.52	Walk	19.27	20.05	10
	Walk	21.52	22.30	10

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

Illegal hare coursing is more prevalent at this time of year. If you suspect anyone of hare coursing, dial 999.

The new “Off Road” police motorcycle team has now completed its training and will be routinely deployed in dealing with rural crime such as hare coursing, farm thefts and the misuse of motorcycles in the countryside.

In an attempt to deter burglars this Christmas, Police Force Christmas cards were hand delivered to known suspects. These were worded as follows:

“Just to remind you that if you offend this Christmas, you may well miss out on all the festivities. Cambridgeshire Police would like to warn you to keep out of trouble. The Burglary Squad are working over the Christmas period. Have a merry Christmas! From your Burglary Squad Team”.

Cannabis resin and herbal cannabis to the estimated street value of £196,000 was seized from a property in Burwell. £15,000 cash was also seized from the occupant. A local man has been charged with possession of drugs with intent to supply.

9 (7) Speedwatch

There was no activity in December.

9 (8) Village Centre Committee Report

The Christmas Carol Evening was a great success.

For discussion

10 (1) National Trust

The Parish Council had received a complaint regarding the National Trust’s large grazing animal policy which appears to deter people using Tubney Fen when the animals are there. The Clerk was asked to invite a representative from the National Trust to attend a subsequent Parish Council meeting so that a mutually acceptable solution to this problem might be found.

10 (2) Playing Field Hedges

These need to be reduced in height and trimmed. The Clerk will get 3 quotations for consideration and will place the order appropriately.

10 (3) Reach in Winter

December was snowy and cold and highlighted a number of areas where the Parish Council felt improvements could be made.

The Clerk was asked to acquire three extra salt bins with at least one being located in Great Lane. **The Clerk** will also remind villagers via the website and Out of Reach magazine how they should make best use of this facility.

The Clerk will endeavour to get Reach on the County Council’s gritting route.

10 (4) Rights of Way

These have become overgrown and arrangements were made for a number of people on probation to come along on a regular (Thursday) basis to carry out the necessary work. The first visit took place on Thursday 29th October and they have continued each week since then with good progress being made. The opportunity exists for Reach to join the Parish Paths partnership and the Clerk was asked to invite Karen Whymark, Rights of Way and P3 Officer, to come along to the February meeting to discuss this.

The full County Council met on 8 December. Amongst announcements made were that Cambridgeshire is one of the top Waste Disposal Authorities in terms of re-use, recycling and composting at 52% and also that the County Council had been named Transport Authority of the Year at the prestigious UK Bus Awards – this was tempered by the on-going delays and discussions with contractors over the Cambridge Guided Bus.

We had a lengthy debate on changes to the constitution following the decision by the Leader of the Council to cancel briefing meetings involving opposition spokesmen, a decision brought about by the leaking of sensitive information. We also had a debate regarding the forthcoming work programme for Scrutiny Committees. A number of questions were also dealt with, including the recent High Court Case surrounding the disagreement between CCC and Orkney's Council over the costs of care for a child in care in Cambridgeshire.

9 (2) District Council Report

The Christmas Eve refuse collection did not take place due to weather conditions and a request for an interim collection was rejected. The District Councillor asked the waste management team to look at ways of improving the system over subsequent Christmas/New Year periods.

The Parish Council asked the Clerk to write to ECDC expressing their concerns regarding the lack of refuse collection on Christmas Eve.

The District Councillor checked salt bins in the ward and on his instructions, all were topped up on Christmas Eve. ECDC relies upon the public informing them of the need to top up the bins by phoning 0345 045 5212.

The plastic bottle banks are normally emptied during the recycling round but this has not been happening. The District Councillor has asked Veolia to improve their procedures.

There continues to be incidences of fly tipping. The District Councillor has once again asked for these to be attended to. The Clerk was asked to enquire about a previous specific incidence of fly tipping where incriminating evidence was found at the scene.

The District Councillor will be attending a number of meetings in January.

9 (3) Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to reserves. The Clerk will circulate his report via email prior to subsequent meetings.

9 (4) Parish Council Members

No reports provided.

9 (5) Play Spaces Officer Report

No report provided.

9 (6) Police Liaison Committee Report

There was a report by one of our villagers of a red Ford Fiesta reg. P865 PLE being driven erratically around the village by youngsters on 26th November. The police were informed and will have a word with the driver.

There has been a huge increase in thefts from vehicles in this area. The item most at risk is your Sat Nav - do not leave any items of value on view in your car.

Saturdays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
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Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
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17.00	17.32	17.35	18.08	10
18.00	18.32	18.35	19.08	10
18.30	19.08	(Walk)	19.38	10A
19.00	19.38	(Walk)	20.08	10
21.00	21.38	(walk)	_____	10
23.00	23.38	(walk)	23.08 (Tesco)	10

Sundays and Bank Holidays

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

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



QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY

26 MARCH

2010

7.30PM START

At

Bottisham Village College

TEAMS OF UP TO EIGHT

Tickets £5.00 each

(Bring your own nibbles, drink and glasses)

Advance Tickets Only

QUIZ MASTER

GREG ALVEY

Tickets available from
01223 811250 EXT 223

Or

email: adm.1@virgin.net

Please note – Supper is not provided

5. Fair Green Verge Erosion

There is verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green which creates safety and environmental issues due to the mud that is produced during rainfall or discharge of water into the road. Funding from the JFMHI scheme was unsuccessfully applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil. The Clerk will now approach Highways maintenance as agreed in item 4.

6. Great Lane Verge Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 17 and 19 Great Lane. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department. Funding from the JFMHI scheme was unsuccessfully applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil. The Clerk will now approach Highways maintenance as agreed in item 4.

7. Amenity Fund Applications

There are currently 2 applications ongoing;

1. Cricket Net

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8. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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9 (1) County Council Report

December has been a relatively quiet month, meeting-wise at the County Council, although I have also been dealing with a number of queries relating to highways issues, including pavements, gritting schedules and safety concerns regarding the old railway bridge between Swaffham Prior and Reach.

Discussions on the forthcoming budget and Council Tax setting have also continued apace, set in the context of the derisory 2.2% grant offered by Central Government. These discussions have included meetings with Service Directors to consider spending plans for the coming years.

DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 6th January 2010

Attendance

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Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Not Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Part-time
David Brown	County Councillor	Part-time

1. Forum for Members of the Public

Members of the public attended and commented on the Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access issue.

2. Declaration of Interests

Councillor Aves declared an interest in the Great Lane – Fair Green Large Vehicle Access issue but exercised his right to speak during the discussions.

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It was finally agreed that a Traffic Restriction Order, based on vehicle length and funded by an application to the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvement scheme, would be applied for which, if successful, would be implemented during the period 2011-2012.

It was also agreed that Allen Alderson would discuss with Veolia the possibility of restricting the size of their vehicles which endeavour to negotiate the bend.

4. Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvement (JFMHI) Scheme

The Parish Council made two applications for funds to overcome issues 5 and 6 below. These were both unsuccessful and Mr Hall was able to explain why and suggested that an approach to Highways maintenance would be the next step. The Clerk will take the necessary actions.

There have been numerous sightings of Bittern, one of Britain's most elusive and endangered wetland species at the fen in recent weeks. Although we have Bitterns at the fen it is believed that some of the birds have most probably migrated from mainland Europe to escape the harsh conditions being experienced there this winter.

Our highland cattle and konik ponies thrived in the recent arctic conditions, including the latest arrivals, Auyara, a konik pony foal born on 9 December, and Norman, a highland calf born on 17 December. The highland calf was only hours old when the temperatures plunged as the first snows of winter arrived on 17 December. The mother hid the calf in the undergrowth to protect it from the freezing temperatures and biting winds and he is now doing well and roaming with the rest of the herd.

Admission to Wicken Fen will be free on Tuesday 2 February as we mark World Wetlands Day with a joint celebration with the Great Fen Project, near Peterborough. The programme of free activities include Bird Ringing Demonstration (1000 -1200) guided walks around Adventurer's Fen (1100) Sedge Fen (1430), talks on the Wicken Fen Vision (1100), Great Fen Project (1145) and the Wicken Fen / Great Fen monitoring project being conducted by Anglia Ruskin University (1330) and Hen Harriers at dusk (1600 onwards)

We are holding a series of Community Tree Planting Days on White Fen, near Lode, on Sundays 31 January, 28 February and 28 March (1000 – 1400). The plan is to create a woodland habitat of native species such as hawthorn and field maple. All you need to bring is some stout shoes or wellies and gloves, we will provide tools and instruction and most importantly trees. White Fen can easily be reached on foot or bike from Lode via Fen Road and White Fen Drove or from the North on foot or bike via the new Swaffham Bulbeck Lode Bridge. Limited parking is available on site. For further information please call Community Warden, Emma Shepherd on 01353 720274.

We have a number of activities over the forthcoming February half term holidays. **Make a Natural Birdfeeder** on Mon / Tues 15 & 16 (drop-in anytime from 1200 -1500) £1.75 per feeder; **Arty Party** Wed 17th 1030 or 1400 £4.50 and **Messy Monsters** Fri 19th 1030 or 1400 £4.50. In March there is the **Toddle and Waddle Story Trail**, painting and craft for pre-schoolers on Thurs 4th 1030; treat your mum to a **Mothering Sunday High Tea** on Sun 14th from 1430 onwards, adults £10, children £6; or experience the magic of the fen as it bursts into life on a **Spring Walk with the Warden**, Sun 21 adults £6.50 children £3.25. Tickets and information available from the Wicken Fen Visitor Centre on 01353 720274. Please book early as spaces are limited.

If you're visiting the fen, February onwards is normally a good time to see grey herons nesting. The heronry is located in trees and bushes close to the mere and can easily be seen from the Tower Hide alongside Wicken Lode.

Howard Cooper
National Trust Wicken Fen



The Dyke's End

In an age when pubs have been ruined by chilled-food suppliers and “trendy” alco-pops, we are pleased to offer what we regard as a traditional English pub.

A ticking clock, a real fire, candles on scrubbed tables, excellent food and a brewery to boot.

	Opening Hours	Kitchen Open
Monday	6pm to 11pm	Kitchen closed
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We don't ask for much in life, just love, and a
Good home
Somewhere we can rest our heads, and a place
To call my own
Just a walk every day, down our fen, or around
The wood

And to be a part of the family, now this would
Be very good

We will be here when you need us, when you
Are unhappy and sad

And if we can cheer you up again, this would
Make us glad

We would be always be glad to see you, when
You get home

And be your constant companion, when you
Want to roam

So if you want someone to love, and who you
Can trust

And will return all the love you give, mans best
Friend is a must

So give a dog a home, love it, so much pleasure
It can give

Just to share your home and life with, as long as
They may live

Now every dog is different, some large some small
So rules you might have to bend

But whatever you do you cannot deny, that a dog
Is mans best friend

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KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The council has 7 Councillors;

Ross Clark	Chairman	743725
Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	742800
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	742943
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Parish Council meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

January	6th	2010	July	7th	2010
February	3rd	2010	August	4th	2010
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May	5th	2010	November	3rd	2010
June	2nd	2010	December	1st	2010

in Reach Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

*There is a Forum for Members of the Public at the beginning of the Meeting. Proposed agenda items should be sent to any of the Councillors or to the **Clerk**;*

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

Minutes of previous meetings and the agenda for the next meeting can be found on the **PARISH COUNCIL** page of the **Reach website** at;

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Other useful contacts;

Play Spaces Officer	Rita Dunnett	742943
Police Liaison Officer	Hilary Fielding	741853
Tree Officer	John Reed	742140
Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities Officer	John Robinson	743563
Village Hall Officers	Joyce Harrison	742405
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10. Great Lane Verge Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 17 and 19 Great Lane. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department. Funding from the JFMHI scheme was applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion. It was learnt that this application was unsuccessful and how to proceed on this will be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with Ross Clark, will endeavour to give them Village Green status (as Fair Green has) or Common Land status if this is not possible, to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

12. RaSP Mast

The granted retrospective planning permission required that work be undertaken to improve the aesthetic appearance of the mast. A proposal for this improvement has now belatedly been received by ECDC and the Parish Council asked to comment. Following input from a local resident affected by the appearance of the mast, the Parish Council asked the Clerk to confirm to ECDC that the remedial action was acceptable to them but that should it not prove to be effective, the Parish Council would wish for further remedial action to be required and implemented.

13. Rights of Way

These have become overgrown and arrangements were made for a number of people on probation to come along on a regular (Thursday) basis to carry out the necessary work. The first visit took place on Thursday 29th October and they have continued each week since then with good progress being made.

Planning Applications

There were none.

Information Items

There were none.

Payments

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

100896	Moore Stephens	Annual External Audit	£155.25
100897	D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing	£ 65.00
100898	C R Contracting	Mowing of Fair Green	£ 40.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 6th January 2010 at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website (www.reach-village.co.uk).

3. Mowing in the Village

Contracts have now been signed with C R Contracting (Craig Reader) to mow our green spaces and Within Reach (Debbie Blocksage) to mow the cemetery for the period until 31st March 2011.

4. Overgrown Hedges and Trees in the Cemetery

The Clerk had reminded a resident of their responsibility in keeping hedges and boundaries under control and remedial work was satisfactorily carried out. A summary of these responsibilities will be added to the website and Out of Reach magazine by the Clerk.

Three quotations will be sought by the Clerk to cut back the hedges on the playing field.

The state of the hedges in the cemetery was also a topic of discussion which will be considered further at the next meeting.

Trees in the cemetery require some pruning and the Clerk will organise a small working party to carry this out.

5. Standing Orders

These provide procedures and controls for the management of the Parish Council business and are an aid to proper and effective governance. A draft set of Standing Orders, produced by the Clerk with help from other local Parish Clerks, has been provided to Parish Councillors and will be discussed at a special meeting of the Parish Council to take place on the 27th January, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Centre.

6. War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk has received two quotations and awaits a third at which point a decision will be made by the Parish Council as to what will be done.

7. Amenity Fund Committee

It was felt that the current arrangement whereby two organisations, who have no regular meetings together, have to jointly approve Amenity Fund applications, should be reviewed. Ross Clark has taken up this issue with the Chairman of the Village Centre Committee with a view to implementing a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement. A draft constitution has been compiled and was discussed. Ross Clark will conclude discussions on this with the Chairman of the Village Centre Committee.

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Members of the public attended and commented on the Reach Wood review and the Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access issue.

Reach Wood review with Jonathan Plowe of the Woodland Trust

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County Council Report

I attended a Joint CCC Teaching Unions Panel, which gives the teachers' unions an opportunity to raise any issues of concern. The main issue raised related to the employment of teachers for children with special needs. I also attended a consultation meeting regarding future provision of secondary education in East Cambs. The main conclusions seemed to be to build a new secondary school in Littleport and expand 6th Form provision in Ely. Following the meeting I also met with the Head of Burwell Village College.

Environment and Communities Scrutiny committee met, with the main agenda item being to scrutinise performance of the Highways Contract. Officers and contractors were questioned closely on whether we are getting value for money from the contract and a number of areas for improvement/cost control were identified.

The Adult and Communities Policy Development Group met to consider a number of issues including the ongoing community engagement strategy.

I have been asked to participate in a member-led review into the provision of "affordable housing" in the County and we had the first meeting to agree the terms of reference for the review.

I attended an East Cambs "In Your Patch" meeting hosted by Soham Children's Centre who outlined the work they do with 0-5 year olds and their families. We also had a presentation on the work of locality teams in East Cambs as well as a discussion on the forthcoming consultation paper regarding recommended routes for HCVs.

There has also been a number of meetings and a seminar regarding the forthcoming budget setting.

I also represented CCC at the AGM of Cambridgeshire Young Farmers Clubs.

District Council Report

ECDC are looking at ways to continue to provide core services and plan for future growth whilst facing a funding shortfall of in excess of £1.5M over the next 3 years.

The consultation on the Ely Masterplan has ended. 100 questionnaires were received with another 50 people writing in. The responses will be included in a report to the Strategic Development Committee in January.

The Waterbeach Mechanical Biological Treatment Plant will be visited on the 3rd of December.

Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to reserves. The year ending 31st March 2009 accounts have been approved.

Play Spaces Officer Report

All OK – no issues.

Police Liaison Committee Report

No report provided.

Speedwatch

There were two sessions undertaken and out of 90 drivers recorded, 6 were exceeding the speed limit.

Village Centre Committee Report

Progress continues to be made on Reach Fair arrangements.

Redecoration of the small hall and fixing the vandalised roof will take place in the short term.

The VCC has funds available currently of some £8,500.

There was agreement for the Amenity Fund to support the proposed tennis court to the level of £1,000.

Matters Arising

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