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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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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

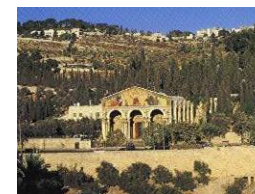
Eastern Electric **0800 783 8838.**
Anglian Water **08457 145 145.**
Police **999** Non Emergencies **0345 4564564**

**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**

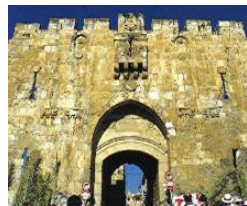
As soon as full details are available, I will send these to you.



**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 hard-
ships, 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 June/July issue will be 18th May

From the Editor

This is the Fair Edition so catch up with the latest information on page 24.

Our cover picture for this edition has been provided by Anya Tabecka, aged 10 from Chapel Lane, who was runner-up in the art competition based around the Reach Fair. Congratulations to Anya and also to our deserving overall winner. Their picture will be on the front cover of this year's Reach Fair programme.

I understand that a small “committee” of volunteers will be taking over the editing of Out of Reach from the next edition. I wish them every success and look forward to seeing the new look magazine. Please do support them and provide some articles for publication.

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



May 2010	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Reach</i>
2nd Easter 5	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am <u>Parish Communion</u>	6.00pm Songs of Praise Eve of Reach Fair
9th Easter 6 Christian Aid Week	10.00am Christian Aid Family Svce At Trinity Church	8.00 am. Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
16th Easter 7 (Sunday before Ascension)	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30 pm. "Sunday Serenity" Service of Healing	
23rd Pentecost Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
30th Trinity Sunday	(5th Sunday at Reach)	9.30 am. United Parish Communion

Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach

April 2010	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Reach
1st Maundy Thursday	7.30 am Holy Communion 8.45 pm The Watch	
2nd Good Friday	10.00 am Children's Workshop in the Guildhall. 12.00 noon. All Age Worship	2.00pm Devotional Service
4th Easter Sunday	6.00am. Sunrise Service on Castle Mound, behind Guildhall. 9.30 pm <u>Family</u> Communion	8.00 am. Holy Communion (said)
11th Easter 2	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00 am. Holy Communion (said) (No Sunday @7" this month)
Sat 17th	5.00 pm. Fordham & Quy Deanery Confirmation Service at Chippenham with Bishop David Thompson	
18th Easter 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion	
25th Easter 4	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Communion	

Diary Dates



DATES for your DIARY

April

Thur 1	Recycling Day		
Tues 6	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.10 pm
Weds 7	Parish Council AGM	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Thurs 15	Recycling Day		
Tues 20	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.10 pm
Weds 21	Village Centre Committee	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thurs 29	Recycling Day		7.30 pm

May

Sun 2	Reach Fair Quiz	Fair Green	7.30 pm
Mon 3	Reach Fair	Fair Green	12.00 pm
Tues 4	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.10 pm
Weds 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Thur 13	Recycling Day		
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.10 pm
Weds 19	Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thur 27	Recycling Day		
Sun 30	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!

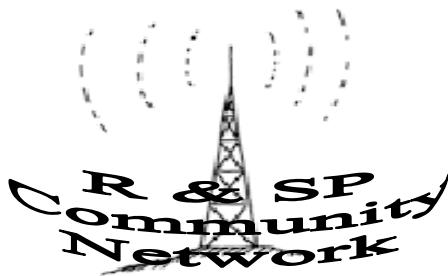
March £20 winner— Mandy Manchett

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

Notices



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.raspnet.co.uk/news>
email: support@swaffham-prior.co.uk
phone: 07005 800 991 (not an 0845 in sight!)

Church Services

Easter Services at Reach

The full range of services for Holy Week and Easter are shown separately, but I would like to draw your attention particularly to the two services that are held in St in Reach.

On Good Friday (April 2nd) at 2pm there will be a Devotional Service in St Etheldreda's. This is a reflective service of readings, meditations and prayers and usually lasts about 1 hour.

On Easter Sunday (April 4th) there is our usual said Holy Communion service at 8.00am. If you can't make the Easter Sunrise service at 6.00am on Castle Mound Burwell, (or even if you can!) this is a lovely early-morning Easter celebration.

Sunday 2nd May 6.00pm Songs of Praise Eve of Reach Fair

The traditional 'Eve of Reach Fair Songs of Praise' will take place again this year and will be inside St Etheldreda's church, as it was last year. In the past, these services sometimes took place on the green itself, but it's warmer and drier inside the church and the ability to use the organ is also an advantage. If you would like to request a particular hymn to be included in the service, please tell Pam King or Jan Robinson of your choice by Mid April and we'll try to include it.

CentrePeace comes to Reach.

Many Reach people are customers of CentrePeace, the small shop and information centre run by St Mary's Church in The Causeway in Burwell, and enjoy browsing for second hand books or simply having a cup of tea. We're delighted to say that CentrePeace will now be coming to Reach, so that more people can see what we have to offer.

The back of St Etheldreda's church (and in fine weather, the garden) will be transformed into a 'mini-CentrePeace', with good quality second hand books for sale, together with greetings cards and Traidcraft items – including the famous ginger biscuits and chocolate! Of course, you'll be welcome to stay for a complimentary cup of tea or coffee. Finally, on most occasions Sue Evans will be there in her capacity as Parish Nurse to offer advice and support on matters relating to health and well-being.

Initially, we'll be open one afternoon a month, starting 21st April 2010 from 2pm – 4pm, but hopefully this may increase if there is enough support. We look forward to seeing you there.

I hope and pray this Easter will be for you a most joyful celebration of *our Lord's* risen life, and of the renewal he seeks *within the hearts of us all*.

Do come and join our worship on Easter Sunday at Reach or Burwell!

With every blessing.
Stephen.

Forthcoming Events

APRIL

- Thur 1st** 10.00 am Toddlers Service at St Mary's, Burwell.
- Good Friday 2nd** 10.00 am—12.30. Children's Fun Workshop in Guildhall
Incl. short service in Church at Midday.
2.00pm Mediation Service at St Etheldreda's, Reach led by David King
- Easter Sunday** 6.00am Sunrise Service on castle Mound, Burwell & breakfast
In the Guildhall.
8.00am Holy Communion at St Etheldreda's, Reach
9.30 am. Family Communion Service at St Mary's Burwell.
- Sunday 11th** 4.00 pm. Songs of Praise at Ness Court, Burwell.
All are welcome!
- Friday 16th** 5.00 pm. Phoenix Chorale Concert at St Mary's, Burwell.

MAY

- Sunday 2nd** 6.00pm Songs of Praise (Eve of Fair) at St Etheldreda's,
Reach. Everyone welcome!
- Mon 3rd** 12.30 pm Bellringers Service with Archdeacon of Cambridge
at St Mary's
- Thurs 6th** 10.00 am Toddlers Service at St Mary's Burwell.
- Sunday 9th** Family Service for the start of "Christian Aid Week at Trinity Church
- Sunday 16th** 6.30 pm. "Sunday Serenities" Service of Healing at St Mary's Burwell.

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquees - £80.00
(includes erection by
experienced personnel)

10' x 10' Gazebos - £20

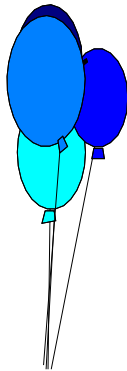
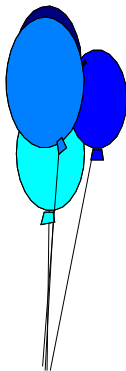
Large BBQ - £20.00 deposit
(£10.00 refunded if the BBQ is returned fully cleaned)

Please contact Andrew Hall on 01638 743737

Birthdays

Congratulations to :-

Nil for this edition!



Letters to the Editor



A BIG THANK YOU

What a lovely surprise I had on 7th March when I was 'Wined and Dined' and then dragged to a supposed 'leak' at the Village Centre, where I was faced with a room full of friends, old and new, and all my family!

I was totally shocked but so very grateful for all the planning and hard work that went into my "Surprise Party". My heartfelt thanks go to everyone, especially the 'instigators' and all the helpers on the day.

It will be an occasion that I will always remember and is a lovely memory that I will always treasure.

Many thanks again

Joyce Harrison



CentrePeace Comes to Reach!

April 21st 2010

2pm-4pm

St Etheldreda's Church, Reach

Second hand books, greetings cards,
Traidcraft items

Do drop in for a cup of tea or coffee.

Church News



Dear Friends,

My topic this month may seem a bit of a commercial, but I think not inappropriate as we think of Easter hope... in our lives, in the world, and especially in the troubled land of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection.

Back in January I was fortunate to spend some days in the Holy land planning for a Parish Pilgrimage in February 2011. It was wonderful to be there - before the weather gets too hot and before pilgrims arrive in droves - to visit the very places where Jesus was born, was brought to the Temple (the Presentation), was tempted in the wilderness, where he called his disciples and later commissioned them, where he performed all kinds of miracles and healed the sick and restored people to life as signs of the Kingdom, where he taught the crowds that flocked to him, where he agonised in prayer before his arrest and trial, where he hung on the cross and three days later rose from the grave. And more!

There were political, religious and social conflicts in Jesus' time; there have been throughout history and still there are today. It's heart-breaking to see divisions deepening, to see no possible satisfactory resolution to so many intractable problems, to see the truly monstrous "security" wall that makes life impossibly difficult for the Palestinians (Christians and Moslems) hemmed in by it and other security fences.

An Arab Lutheran Pastor I met in Bethlehem said that whilst he saw no grounds for hope, he nonetheless remained "optimistic" as this was a gospel imperative for all who believe in the resurrection of Christ and what that stands for.

And, in truth, there were some genuine signs of optimism in all the mess... To mention just a few: a world class maternity hospital funded by Christians from around the world in among all the rough and tumble Palestinian dwellings, Bethlehem Bible College training priests to keep alive the Church's mission in the very place where it all began, the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation helping those who have lost limbs and find themselves severely disabled as a result of the armed conflict with Israel, and the Bethlehem International Centre for Culture which seeks to refocus traumatised lives through art, craft, music, and counselling including psychotherapy and anger management. At the latter, one department specialises in training those who would otherwise be unemployed to make beautiful artistic stained glass creations from the myriad pieces of broken glass arising from the bombings and shellings of their homes and villages. The fragments are picked from the rubble and re-created by some of the poorest in Bethlehem in their workshops: they speak of *"the hopes and fears of all the years"* and the purpose of the birth of Jesus in this very place... to transform the brokenness of the world and individual lives into what is beautiful and whole... and to bring new life and hope, as evidenced by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. The glass creations are made into angels, crosses, doves etc as messengers of peace, justice and dignity in the brokenness of the world. (You can view, and purchase, some of these by visiting their website:

<http://cave.annadwa.org>

So Easter is a time for rejoicing and hope - as we allow God to make good the broken and shattered pieces of our lives - that we may share in Christ's victory over the dark forces of this world, and be transformed by the new life he unconditionally offers to us all.

7 (6) Overgrown Hedges in the Village

The Parish Council wishes to remind villagers of their responsibilities in keeping their hedges and boundaries under control. This information has been added to the village website but did not get included in the current issue of Out of Reach magazine. It will be included in the next issue of the magazine and the Parish Council will review the situation at the April Parish Council meeting.

7 (7) RaSP Mast

The granted retrospective planning permission required that work be undertaken to improve the aesthetic appearance of the mast and this has now been carried out.

7 (8) Reach Fair Car Park

The Clerk outlined the current status of the land that is used for car parking for Reach Fair. This will be further updated in April.

7 (9) Verge Erosions on Great Lane and Fair green

There is verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green and 17 and 19 Great Lane 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 roads and contain the soil. The Clerk emailed Highways to see what the remaining options were. The response was that remedial action for the Great Lane erosion would not qualify for funding. On Fair Green, the area outside 28 Fair Green may qualify, we wait to hear further information after a site visit. The Clerk has let Highways know that we would wish to pursue remedial action outside 28 Fair Green.

7 (10) War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk has received three quotations and will seek grant money from the War Memorials Trust and also ask for a contribution from the Amenity Fund following a visit to a War Memorials Trust meeting in Cambridge on the 4th of March.

8. Planning Applications

None.

9. Information Items

Printed copies of our Standing Orders were issued to Councillors.

The Clerk will arrange a meeting of Councillors who are interested in volunteering for the Parish Paths Partnership.

10. Payments

100903	Cambridgeshire CC	Street Light Maintenance	£242.45
100904	Countryside Services	Playing field hedge cutting	£646.25

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7th April 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).

Dear Residents!

Most of you will recognise Kat and Alistair who has been your local Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) for the past 18 months and 8 months respectively. However, I would now like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all, as your new Police Community Support Officer - Annie Austin. Some of you may have already met me, whilst others may recognise me as the newcomer, who has recently been out and about in Reach and the surrounding villages introducing myself to everyone I meet!

As part of my role, I shall continue to hold the weekly/monthly police surgeries, for those of you who would like to come along and meet me and discuss any of your concerns, at the following locations:

Bottisham

First Thursday of the month at Queens Court,
3:00pm -4:00pm

Lode

Every Wednesday morning at Lode Sports and Social Club
10:30am - 12:00pm

The Swaffhams

First Friday of every month, Swaffham Bulbeck fire Station
3:00pm- 4:00pm

However, I am hopeful that a new and regular surgery especially devoted to the residents of Reach will be arranged in the near future. More details to follow. In the meantime, why not pop along to one of the other surgeries for a chat, as I would love to meet you! For those of you with computers, Cambridgeshire Constabulary offers an interactive e-mail scheme called "E-cops", which complements Neighbourhood Watch by keeping you up to date with community news and policing in your neighbourhood, in the form of free e-mail newsletters. These newsletters are written and sent weekly by Kat, Alistair and myself and offer a much more personal view of the work we do directly in Reach, rather than a general overview of the Constabulary's work, which may not always be relevant to your particular Neighbourhood. Another benefit of the scheme is the option for you to let us know your own thoughts and issues, by replying to "E-cops" e-mails - so why not sign up at www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops and have your say?

Kind Regards

PCSO Annie Austin

Southern Neighbourhood Policing Team
Ely Sector
0345 456 456 4

SWAFFHAM PRIOR PAROCHIAL CHARITIES

We would like to hear from anyone within the village who feels it may be helpful to provide or arrange some kind of transport for trips to Newmarket, for example to do weekly shopping.

We feel this could benefit people who at present find it difficult using public transport.

If you are interested please write or telephone me so that I can forward your views to the trustees at our next meeting.

May we also remind you that we are here to help where possible during the year as well as at Christmas.

Kind regards

Mrs Pam Walters
31 Tothill Road
Swaffham Prior
CB25 0JX
Tel: 01638 741035
(Clerk to the Trustees)

Vacant Agricultural Land

Situate - Barston Drove, Reach
Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior.

The above land has become available for rent.

Barston Drove—approx 1/2 acre : Mill Hill - approx 1/4 acre

Rental amounts on application

Any interested parties should contact Pam Walters at the address above.

It is expected to carry out redecoration of the small meeting room and refurbishment of the damaged roof shortly.

New gates have been fitted to both sides of the Village Centre.

7 (1) 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 changed by the setting up of an Amenity Fund Committee. This would be made up of two members of the Village Centre Committee and two members of the Parish Council plus one member who is not on either of these bodies. The new committee will be placing an advert in Out of Reach magazine and on the website for the fifth member and will agree a constitution.

7 (2) Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that this will take place on Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm in the Village Centre. The Clerk will advertise the event on the website and in Out of Reach magazine. The May Parish Council meeting will be shortened to half an hour and take place at 7.00pm on the same day.

7 (3) 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.

7 (4) Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend had expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses due to their weight and vibration.

It had previously been agreed that a Traffic Restriction Order, based on vehicle length or weight 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.

The Clerk had escalated the problem to a suitably high level within Highways with a view to securing the required funds more certainly and a lot sooner. The response from Highways was not supportive and the Clerk will reply, expressing the disappointment of the Parish Council with the outcome.

7 (5) 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.

I took the opportunity of the full County Council meeting to ask a question expressing my disappointment and dismay at the revised bus timetable imposed by Stagecoach. In answering, Cllr Mac McGuire, Cabinet member responsible, shared my disappointment and said that he would ask the Passenger Services team to discuss the changes with Stagecoach to see whether at least some of the evening and Sunday services can be reinstated. Cllr McGuire also offered to arrange a meeting with Andy Campbell, Managing Director of Stagecoach in Cambridge. This meeting should have taken place on 1st March, but unfortunately had to be postponed because of illness. I will report further when the meeting has been re-arranged.

I have reported a number of potholes following complaints from residents. Those I have reported seem to have been dealt with as have a number of problem drop kerbs.

6 (2) District Council Report

The Ely Masterplan was approved at the full Council meeting on the 23rd February.

Mark Mehaffey, Enforcement Officer Environmental Services at ECDC, would be happy to come along to a Reach Parish Council meeting to discuss fly-tipping. The Clerk will invite him along to a future meeting.

One cost saving measure is the removal of plastic bottle collections from 26th March 2010. Plastic bottle banks will, however, remain.

The ECDC budget for 2010/2011 has been set – with an increase of 2.95% for a Band D property.

6 (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 of around £800.

6 (4) Parish Council Members

Councillor Aves went to a National Trust annual meeting. The contents of that meeting were covered in item 2 of these Minutes.

6 (5) Play Spaces Officer Report

No repair work is currently needed.

6 (6) Police Liaison Committee Report

No report provided. The Clerk had met with new Community Police Officer, Annie Austin and will invite her to come along to a future meeting.

6 (7) Speedwatch

There was no activity in January.

6 (8) Village Centre Committee Report

Good progress is being made with Reach Fair 2010.

Dear Editor

On behalf of 'The Friends of Burwell Museum', we wondered if you would be interested in entering this item regarding the 'Old Burwell Buses'.

I hope you will find it interesting and in its turn will help us to encourage the sale of the model bus, which is extremely popular as keep sakes or Christmas presents.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries and hope you may be able to find a space for us.

Sally Harrison 01638601508 7 Ness Road, Burwell, Cambridge

BURWELL & DISTRICT MOTOR SERVICE

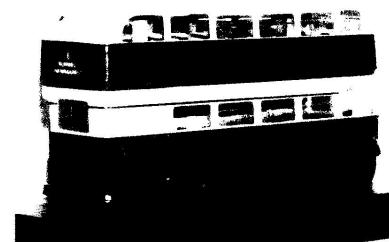
Local bus and coach services were provided by Burwell & District Motor Service for over 60 years. Mainly running between Burwell and Cambridge but also extending to Soham and Isleham, with services running to Bury St Edmunds and Newmarket on market days. In summer, regular trips were run to Felixstowe, Great Yarmouth and London Zoo, especially during the school holidays.

The first buses in the 1920's were 14 seaters, gradually increasing to 51 seat coaches and Daimler double deckers with over 70 seats were running during the 60's and 70's.

The company sold out to Eastern Counties Bus Co in June 1979, who absorbed the routes into their own network replacing the familiar brown and cream buses with their red ones. Eventually being replaced by Cambus and now Stagecoach.

Burwell & District Bus Preservation Society was formed in 1980 to acquire and renovate a Daimler double decker registration number 9DER. After rallying for several years, sadly due to corrosion it was dismantled leaving just the front end, which can be seen in Burwell Museum. In 1982 AEC coach, registration number 932 BCE was renovated, which took 6 years and once again, was rallied for many years. A new building was erected at Burwell Museum in 2008 at great cost, where the coach now has pride of place and will spend its final days. It has become an extremely popular exhibit and well worth a look.

Due to the popularity of this Village Bus and the memories it brings, Friends of Burwell Museum have commissioned a limited edition bus to represent one of a pair of ex-London transport double deckers operating from 1956-1965 by Burwell & District Motor Service. Mounted in a sturdy plastic case, these are available from 'Tina's in Burwell @ £7.50 each or postage can be arranged. Contact Jim Neale on 01638 742370.



MY STORY REACH, BACK IN TIME

I would write a poem, if the words would only rhyme, or perhaps write a book, if I only had the time, I could write about the people I knew, but now have passed away, the farmers and farm workers that I saw every day, I could write about our village and the changes I have seen, and about the great fairs we hold on the village green, or I could write about the good times and the fun we had, and about the hard times, when I was a lad, There was Mr Bill Aves the farmer, who farmed at Fullers Farm, and our little Billy Bowyer, who would do nobody any harm, I could write about the tug of war, we held across our muddy river, And our Mr Williams, who lived in the Red Roses, and was our village vicar, and Mr Punch King and his brother Wilf, were land lords of the White Horse Pub, and had a large stuffed Pike, on the wall in the snug, There was Mr and Mrs Tattum, who kept the Black Swan, another of our famous inns, the also Mr Spencer who ran the village shop, and sold everything from Paraffin to safety pins, there was Cliff Coe, Ron Smith, Harry Lane, and Mr Folkes that lived down the fen, and Mrs and Mr Webb, and our own Mr Len Warren, known better as King Len, There was Mr Jennings from Spring Hall, and Mr Housden from the Manor, and King Len did his very best to raise the village banner, I could write about the time, when the war left us all alone, when all the young men left the village to fight a war, far away from home, There was Mr Reg Harrington, who farmed down Hurdle Hall, and Mr Alva Badcock, who was a wizard with his under handed cricket ball, Mr Wally Wells the farmer, who lived near the green, Mr Stan Webb, Mr Seth Badcock, who without a shot gun, was rarely seen, now Mrs Reginall who ran the post office, was a tiny little thing, and her husband delivered the letters, summer winter and spring, I could tell of the time one early morning, when a bolt of lightning struck our church, and a great big hole was torn,, Mr Bob Aves, Albert Johnson And Mr Whitehead were all farmers, all used horses on the farm, as tractors were very few, who would polish the brasses on the horses, make them look like new, Then there was the time of the big man hunt, a dreadful degrading scene, when Mr Philby, was chased all over the village, and his furniture thrown out on the green, he was caught hiding in the laundry van, so off to Fubourn he had to go,he did no harm, he cleaned up the village, and kept it just so,I could write about after harvest, when the stacks of corn stood side by side, each one just so, and Thatched with pride, Mrs Bendle was head teacher at school, and tried to give everyone a good start, so they could face the world after school, so they could play their part, Then there were the Sunday school outing To Hunstanton bye the sea,we caught the train at Swaffam Proir, what a Treat this used to be,I could tell about the great bonfires we had on the

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The Parish Council asked the Clerk to seek external funding for the remedial work for the War Memorial prior to any request for a contribution from the Amenity Fund. The Clerk will attend a War Memorials Trust meeting in Cambridge on the 4th March and report back at the next meeting.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were reviewed and signed.

6 (1) County Council Report

I attended February meetings at the County Council which have largely centred around the budget process and agreeing the integrated plan for the coming three years. I attended a number of scrutiny committees which challenged cabinet members and senior officers on spending plans. This culminated in a meeting of the full County Council on 16 February when the plan was approved. Unsurprisingly then was a long and heated debate on the proposals before the budget was finally agreed.

Following decisions at East Cambs District Council, Council Tax rates for Reach in 2010/11 will be Band A £974, Band B £1,136, Band C £1,298, Band D £1,461, Band E £1,785, Band F £2,110, Band G £2,435 and Band H £2,922.

Amendments to the draft Standing Orders were agreed and with these amendments, the Standing Orders were approved. The Clerk will update the draft ones and issue to councillors.

10. Payments

There were none.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 3rd March 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).

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DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 3rd March 2010

Attendance		
Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
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	Not Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Part-time

1. Forum for Members of the Public

Members of the public attended and joined in the discussions regarding the National Trust’s animal grazing policy.

2. Review of the National Trust’s Animal Grazing Policy on Tubney Fen

Martin Lester, Countryside and Community Manager at Wicken Fen came along to discuss the issue. A good debate took place with the outcome being that the National Trust will try to find a way of providing a “safe” route for those visitors who are uncomfortable being so close to these animals. In addition, Martin suggested that an organised group could visit Wicken Fen and speak with the grazing warden regarding how to act when in close proximity to these animals.

village green, and Mr George Hills, who worked for the council and kept the roads clean,Then there were the time we would go and chase rabbits, when they cut the corn, and the pleasure we used to get, fishing down our river, early on a summer morn,There was Mr and Mrs Harling, who lived in a cottage down on the Hythe lower green, and a Mr Rule, who was our local umpire, for the cricket team, Then in the winter came the big steam engines, to thrash out the stacks of corn,and the shepherds penned their sheep, untill the lambs were born, now most farmers grew corn, potatoes, sugar beet, almost every thing, all had cattle, they fatten up, and sold in the spring,there was the time when a big drove of rats crossed over the Swaffen Proir road, and the great time we had, skating, down on the frozen load,Now a butcher from Burwell, a Mr Jack Hurrel, used to sell his sausages down in the pub bar, and we even had our own game keeper A Mr Ernie Parr, Now these these are some of the folk I used to know, and there were some I never met, so if I have left out some of your relatives don’t be to upset, so I will close now, and sit down and take a carefull look, and maybe in the future, I will sit down and write a book

BILL ESTALL

From David Parr, Clerk to the Parish Council

Dear Editor

Can you remind people, on behalf of the Parish Council, that they have responsibility for making sure that their hedges and bushes do not intrude into the highway. The wording on the website is "One particular item to bring to Reach villagers' attention is that the responsibility for maintaining hedges abutting the highway are the responsibility of the adjoining landowners. So if your house adjoins the highway (where pavement is classed as highway), please regularly check that the hedges are not causing an obstruction or hazard for either motorists or pedestrians and if they are, please take the appropriate remedial action". You can find their page itself at www.reach-village.co.uk/roads_and_pathways.html.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on Wednesday 5th May, starting at 7.30pm. All villagers are welcome and they can raise whatever issues they wish. Further information can be found at www.reach-village.co.uk/annual_parish_meeting.html.

Finally, can you tell people that Reach has now joined the **Parish Paths Partnership (P3)**. The website says;

Cambridgeshire County Council works in partnership with local parishes to improve, maintain and promote the public rights of way network within individual parishes. The scheme is called the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) and parishes that are members receive the support of the Parish Paths Liaison Officer based at the County Council and grant-funding for work. Reach has recently joined this scheme and the Parish Council are looking for volunteers to assist in this very worthwhile initiative. If you want to learn more about the [Parish Paths Partnership \(P3\)](#), please click on the link and if you want to volunteer, please get in touch with the [Clerk to the Parish Council](#).

Regards

David

At the request of the Parish Council, the Clerk wrote to the Head of Environmental Services to complain about (i) the lack of a refuse collection on Christmas Eve, (ii) any interim collection prior to the next scheduled and (iii) any information informing the village of its decisions. The response explained that adverse weather conditions precluded the collection on the day or an interim collection. There was also an apology for lack of information flow and for the overall situation together with an indication that lessons had been learnt.

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

7 (10) Reach Fair Car Park

The Clerk outlined the current status of the land that is used for car parking for Reach Fair. This will be further updated in April.

7 (11) Verge Erosions on Great Lane and Fair green

There is verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green and 17 and 19 Great Lane 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 roads and contain the soil. The Clerk emailed Highways to see what the remaining options were. The response was that remedial action for the Great Lane erosion would not qualify for funding. On Fair Green, the area outside 28 Fair Green may qualify, we wait to hear further information after a site visit. The Clerk was asked to monitor progress and let Highways know that we would wish to pursue remedial action outside 28 Fair Green.

7 (12) War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk has received three quotations and will seek grant money from the War Memorials Trust and also ask for a contribution from the Amenity Fund.

8. Planning Applications

No objections were raised to the construction of a low bund at Burwell Fen Farm Newnham Drove Burwell (10/00013/FUM).

9. Information Items

The Queen is hosting a garden party at Buckingham Palace on the 22nd of June. It was agreed to nominate Michael Aves as a guest. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

There is a meeting of Wicken Fen Spine Cycle Route Steering Group on the 10th February. Ross Clark will attend should his schedule permit and the Clerk will let Wicken Fen know this.

The Parish Council declined to support Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Council regarding their objection to the B1102 being a designated local HCV transport route on the Advisory Freight Map.

It was also agreed that the Clerk would make contact with local businesses who either use long vehicles or who take deliveries from suppliers who use long vehicles and currently use the bend to ask them to use an alternative route where possible.

7 (4) 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.

7 (5) National Trust Grazing Animal Policy

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. Martin Lester, Countryside and Community Manager at Wicken Fen has agreed to come along to the March meeting of the Parish Council to discuss this matter. The Clerk will advertise this visit to encourage interested Reach residents to attend.

7 (6) Overgrown Hedges in the Village

The Parish Council wishes to remind villagers of their responsibilities in keeping their hedges and boundaries under control. This information has been added to the village website but did not get included in the current issue of Out of Reach magazine. It will be included in the next issue of the magazine and the Parish Council will review the situation at the April Parish Council meeting.

7 (7) Playing Field Hedges

These will be reduced in height and trimmed during week beginning 8th February together with some tidying up at the Hythe.

7 (8) 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 by ECDC (who are monitoring the situation) based on the very cold weather we have been facing. The resident concerned has informed the Clerk that the work will be carried out as soon as weather conditions allow.

7 (9) Reach in Winter

The Parish Council has expressed its interest in purchasing three extra salt bins for the village. The Clerk will tell villagers via the website and Out of Reach magazine how they should make best use of this facility and will try and clarify any legal or insurance issues.



A MEDLEY OF GREAT MUSICALS !

13th, 14th, 15th May

An extravaganza of songs made famous through films will be performed by Bottisham Players with a company of over 25 members & guests at Bottisham Village College, main hall.

Please put the date in your diary now so as not to miss a fabulous evening of entertainment full of familiar songs ranging from **'Somewhere Over the Rainbow'** (Wizard of Oz), through **'I like to be in America'** (Westside Story), **'Greased Lightning'** (Grease) **'Cabaret'** to **'Oklahoma'**, and lots of exciting numbers on the way.

The setting will be cabaret style seating and audience are invited to bring their own drinks and glasses or to purchase soft drinks from the 'bar'.

Individuals arriving on their own will be made most welcome by the Front of House staff: groups of 6 or more who would like a table together should book in advance with at our box office with Ted Southcombe, tel. 01223 811033 or email ted@southcombe1.freeserve.co.uk.

Tickets also on sale at

Bottisham Post Office counter, Chris Clarke Hairdressers, and Tina's in Burwell.

Prices: £7.50 for all performances (£6 concessionary rate available to those entitled to it on Thursday & Friday).

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
09.22	07.39	07.42	08.36	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
12.22	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	12.54	12.57	13.35	10
16.22	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
17.22	16.54	16.57	17.35	10
17.52	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
18.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
	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
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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

6 (6) Police Liaison Committee Report

No report provided.

6 (7) Speedwatch

There was no activity in January.

6 (8) Village Centre Committee Report

Good progress is being made with Reach Fair 2010.

It is expected to carry out redecoration of the small meeting room and refurbishment of damaged roof shortly.

A request for support for the Snakehall Bus Shelter was agreed to the level of £500.

It was agreed that the new Amenity Fund Committee should be comprised of two members of the Village Centre Committee and two members of the Parish Council plus one member who is not on either of these bodies.

7 (1) 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 changed by the setting up of an Amenity Fund Committee. This would be made up of two members of the Village Centre Committee and two members of the Parish Council plus one member who is not on either of these bodies. It was agreed that the two Parish Council representatives will be Ross Clark and Rita Dunnett. The new committee will be placing an advert in Out of Reach magazine and on the website for the fifth member and will agree a constitution.

7 (2) 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.

7 (3) Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend had expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses due to their weight and vibration.

It had previously been 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 agreed at this meeting that the Clerk would escalate the problem to a suitably high level within Highways with a view to securing the required funds more certainly and a lot sooner.

6 (2) District Council Report

A seminar on the Council’s forthcoming budget took place on Jan 25th. Several issues raised were debated at the Internal Overview and Scrutiny meeting that followed.

The Transport and Environment Committee have been recommended to undertake a mapping exercise to identify the locations of plastic recycling banks in the district and establish any gaps in provision. Information from the exercise will be included in a leaflet to be supplied to every household in the district.

The lay-by on the A142 between Barway and Stuntney has been re-opened following a major upgrade. This has traditionally been used by lorry drivers and provides re-freshments. ECDC contributed £15,000 to the work with the City of Ely Council and Soham Town Council each contributing £5,000.

Fly tipping debris at Barston Drove has been cleared and that at Headlake Drove will also be cleared. Council officers say that this is a failing of Veolia.

Recommendations designed to make using taxis in East Cambs safer and easier have been approved following a six month consultation. The work, which looked at the signage, colour and livery on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles operating in the District included a significant input from the trade themselves. Among the recommendations approved was the introduction of a single colour for Hackney Carriage vehicles. The Council has yet to determine a suitable colour.

Reach Parish Council has been awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the creation of a new community tennis court in the village from the Section 106 Small Villages Fund.

On the 11th January I attended a meeting with Veolia management and the Reach Parish Council Clerk to discuss the problem of access on the Great Lane – Fair Green bend. We were looking for ways of overcoming the problem of possible damage to nearby buildings.

Allen was made aware of incidences of fly-tipping at the bottom of Tom Cole’s drove and of a gas cylinder in the bus shelter. He agreed to take the necessary action to organise their removal.

6 (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 of around £500 to £800.

6 (4) Parish Council Members

No reports provided.

6 (5) Play Spaces Officer Report

No repair work is currently needed.

Saturdays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
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Sundays and Bank Holidays				
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_____	(walk)	11.09	11.39	10
_____	(walk)	13.09	13.39	10
_____	(walk)	16.09	16.39	10

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News from Wicken Fen

April is a great month to head to the fen – the arrival of the first cuckoos after their long migration from Southern Africa is eagerly awaited. Reed Warblers are busy building their intricate nests on the reed lined banks of Wicken Lode and the deep ‘boom’ of the bittern is carried on the breeze from its hideaway deep in the reedbeds of Adventurers’ fen. Grass snakes emerge to soak up the warming spring sunshine whilst newts awake from their winter hibernation and return to ponds and waterways to breed. We are also expecting a number of Konik pony foals to be born in April; the best place to see them is on Bakers Fen and Guinea Hall

Construction began at the end of February on the Reach Lode crossing, a vital element of the public access route being created by the National Trust linking Wicken Fen to Anglesey Abbey and Bottisham.

The new route is to be called the Lodes Way. The name selected by the Project Steering Group, which includes representatives of local communities and users to reflect the fact that the route crosses several historic waterways, or Lodes, as they are known locally.

We are delighted that Wicken Fen has been shortlisted as the Best Active Venue in the Rough Guides to Accessible Britain Awards. The awards reward the efforts made by attractions across the country to ensure that visitors with disabilities enjoy an inclusive, inspiring and accessible experience. The fen’s all weather raised boardwalk and hides designed for easy wheelchair access were commended for enabling disabled visitors to explore the fen and its rich wildlife.

A new high tec version of hide and seek is being introduced to Wicken Fen this month using satellites circling 12,000 miles above the earth. Geocaching is a popular worldwide game dedicated to GPS (Global Positioning System) users. The game involves searching for caches which have been hidden at secret locations in the countryside. The co-ordinates of each cache can be found on www.geocaching.com Each cache contains a log book, as well as information on its location and a family-friendly activity to do. The caches are hidden near to public footpaths and are free to access at all times. If you don’t have a GPS receiver, or would like to know more before going solo, Community Warden, Emma Shepherd, will be running taster sessions at Wicken Fen from Easter. Contact Emma or the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274 to find out more.

Easter falls at the beginning of April and we have a number of fun events planned for the holidays. The great Wicken Fen Easter Egg Hunt runs from 2nd -5th April from 10am-5pm each day. The trail costs £1.50 per child (normal admission applies) and there’s a chocolate egg prize for all participants. If you come on Easter Sunday or Monday there’s free face painting! So make a date to have an egg-tastic family Easter at Wicken.

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5. Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 6th January 2010 were reviewed and signed.

6 (1) County Council Report

I attended the South Neighbourhood Panel as County Council Representative – probably unsurprisingly two of the major topics raised were gritting schedules and concerns about the waste collections during the bad weather.

I also attended a meeting of the Littleport Masterplan Working Party, which I sit on for the County Council as a “neutral”.

I have been appointed to the East Cambs Community Safety Partnership and attended my first meeting this month. This grouping considers crime and disorder issues across the district and received similar police reports to those provided at neighbourhood panels. We also had a presentation on the work of the drug awareness and action team.

The Adults and Communities Policy Development Group met. The main topics for discussion surrounded libraries, including the good performance of newly opened libraries in Cambridge, Huntingdon and Great Shelford.

Budget proposals will be considered at the Cabinet meeting today, prior to a meeting of the full County Council on 16 February.

Stagecoach is making some changes to bus timetables from 14 February, with suggestions that the current half-hourly service to Cambridge and Newmarket will revert to hourly off-peak and there will be changes to the Sunday service. Discussions are ongoing to mitigate the effects of the proposals.

There is an issue with the old railway bridge in Swaffham Prior. The problem has turned out to be a burst water main and Anglian Water have been asked to remedy this. The road will need to be closed when this happens.

Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 3rd February 2010

Attendance

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Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	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. Rights of Way Review with Karen Whymark from the County Council

Karen described the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme which has been operating for over 15 years with half the parishes in the county now being members. It was agreed that Reach should join the scheme and volunteers will be sought via the website and Out of Reach magazine. Details of the scheme can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/access/parish/. The Clerk will write an email of thanks to the Payback teams that have been working in the village.

3. Declaration of Interests

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

4. Amenity Fund Applications

1. Cricket Net

Ross Clark is seeking funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund. It is expected that some £200 will be raised by the cricket club itself.

Other events during the Easter school holidays include everyone's favourite **Pond Dipping** on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6th 8th 13th and 15th; make spells and hunt slimy boggles on **Fairies, Pixies and Trolls**, Wednesday 7th; create a masterpiece from natural materials found on the fen on **Springtime Art and Crafts**, Friday 9th; delve into the history and discover life as a soldier of **Hereward the Wake**, and what it takes to be a Fen Tiger on **Hideous Histories**, Monday 12th; hunt for clues to discover the amazing wildlife at Wicken Fen on **Wildlife Detectives**, Wednesday 14th; or follow the treasure trail, hunt for 'sea monsters' and create some swashbuckling craft on **Fen Pirate Fun**, Friday 16th April.

In May, enjoy the stunning wildlife photography of local photographer, Jeff Harrison, Saturday 1st – Monday 3rd, listen to the magical symphony of **Wicken's birdsong on a leisurely Dawn Chorus Boat Ride**, Sundays 2nd & 9th, join Carol Laidlaw, our Grazing Warden on a **Konik Pony Walk**, Saturday 15th, or experience the birdsong as Wicken's birds come into roost on our **Dusk Chorus Walk**, Friday 28th May. Tickets for all events are available from the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274. Early booking is recommended as spaces are limited.

We will have a stand at Reach Fair on Monday 3 May, so please drop by for a chat and an update on the Wicken Fen Vision.

Howard Cooper
National Trust Wicken Fen

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Rotary mower blades
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Gardening and Handyman services also available.

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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
Tues to Friday	Midday to 2pm, 6pm to 11pm	Midday to 2pm, 7pm to 9pm
Saturday	Midday to 11pm	Midday to 2pm, 7pm to 9pm
Sunday	Midday to 11pm	Midday to 2pm
Bank Holidays	Please telephone us to confirm our opening times	

You risk disappointment if you don't book in advance so please give us a call during our Opening Hours on **01638 743816**

Quiz Night
takes place on
the last Sunday
of every

You can download all of
our menus from our
website at
www.dykesend.co.uk



We look forward to welcoming you to our lovely pub

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The Dyke's End, 8 Fair Green, Reach, Cambridge, CB25 0JD.
Tel: 01638 743816 **Email:** simon@dykesend.co.uk **Web:** www.dykesend.co.uk

KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The council has 7 Councillors;

Ross Clark	Chairman	743725
Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	742800
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	742943
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	741853
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	742405
Angela King	Councillor	742266
Helen Platt	Councillor	742331

Parish Council meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

January	6th	2010	July	7th	2010
February	3rd	2010	August	4th	2010
March	3rd	2010	September	1st	2010
April	7th	2010	October	6th	2010
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;

www.reach-village.co.uk

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
	Rita Dunnett	742943

Reach Fair News

As this is the last edition before this year's Fair there are a number of items to mention.

QUIZ !

Don't forget the Reach Fair Quiz. Taking place in the Beer Tent on the Green, 7.30 pm on Sunday 2nd, it is open to all. We have arranged a larger marquee this year to accommodate everyone!

FANCY DRESS

This year's theme is "Disney Characters" so get the thinking caps on and the sewing machines out! In addition this year there will be an adult class So we hope to be entertained by some un-grown up grown ups.

HELP !

We still need volunteers to man the Village stalls and the road closures during the day on the Monday. These can be of short duration, say an hour, but are essential to the overall results of the day. Please contact Jan Tabecki on 742552 who is co-ordinating these activities.

CAR PASSES

As Burwell Road and Swaffham Road will be closed to through traffic from 11.00am until 5.00 pm, anyone requiring access will need to show a car pass. Please bear in mind that this is intended to be a pass to let residents and their families from these areas gain access to their property and not as a free car park for friends. Please contact **Grahame Radford on 742814** or e-mail **gnk@btinternet.com** if you need a car pass. He will need name, address and registration details of the vehicles involved.

Check out the website for further details of the Fair including stalls layout, activities, parking etc.

Bottisham Sports Centre

Lode Road, Bottisham, CB25 9DL



Thanks for funding we have received from the local authorities as from **1st April 2010** we are able to extend our free swimming programme to cover all of our general swimming sessions.

If you would like additional information or a pool programme please contact the sports centre on the de

Tel: 01223 811121

Email: sportscentre@bottisham.southcambs.gov.uk



Bottisham Village College Community Education

In addition to our ongoing courses, we have spaces available on the following courses for the

Summer Term 2010

Courses start week commencing 26th April

Introduction to Counselling (new 10 week course) - Tuesday evenings - £120 (£90)

Job Search (new 5 week course commencing Tuesday 8th June - evening) - £40 (£30)

Everything you need to know to get the job you want, from CV writing to
answering difficult questions at interview

Dressmaking (5 weeks) - Mon/Wed mornings, Thursday evenings - £40 (£30)

Japanese Cookery (new 5 week course) - Thursday evenings - £40 (£30)

Sculpture - Thursday evenings - £80 (£60)

Creative Painting and Drawing - Thursday mornings - £80 (£60)

IT for Beginners - Thursday mornings - £90 (£68)

Yoga - Monday evenings (from 19th April) - £45 (£34)

Weekend Workshops

Saturday 15th May

CV Workshop - step by step practical guide on how to produce a CV - £20

Dressmaking - £35

Photoshop - an introduction to the Photoshop program and its tools - £35

Thai Seafood Cookery - £35

Playing with Print - create your own fabric design - £35

Saturday 12th June

Sculpture Day - £35

Please see our website for further details www.bottishamvc.org/commed, or contact the

Community Office on 01223 811372, email: commed@bottishamvc.org.

EASTER LUNCH AT THE DAY CENTRE

LADIES WITH THEIR EASTER BONNETS
THEY'VE ALL GOT FANCY FRILLS UPON IT
GENTLEMEN WITH LOVELY BUTTON HOLES
WE ALL LOOK VERY HANDSOME SOLES

TREVOR PLAYS SUCH LOVELY TUNES
IT MAKES US FEEL RIGHT OVER THE MOON
THERE ARE RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON
AND WE ALL JOIN IN THE FUN

EASTER EGGS UPON THE TABLE
THERE ARE MORE EGGS BESIDE MABLE
VASES ON TABLES, EACH WITH A FLOWER
SOON IT WILL BE OUR LUNCH HOUR

THE KING SISTERS MAKE A PRETTY BUNCH
AND THEY ALSO GIVE US LUNCH
IT'S REALLY BEEN A SPECIAL TIME
AND NOW I'M AT THE END OF MY RHYME!

DENNIS MILLARD