

# Out of Reach



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*Reach Community Magazine October / November 2004*

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Appointments/Emergencies	741234
Enquires/Repeat Prescriptions	743602

Doctors	Dr Anne Shneerson, Dr Andrew Wills, Dr A Manning, Dr James Parry
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, 5.00– 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	01223 440221
Anglian Water	01603 225000
Police	999
	Non Emergencies 01223 358966

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# Editorial

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I have had some correspondence from Cambridgeshire Collection Central Library and they are missing the April / May edition of Out of Reach. If any one has a copy they would like to donate can they please contact me or post it through my door. (I only have the master copy. )Thank you

Thanks go to Glen Newman and all the organisers of last nights Reach Fair Part II it went extremely well, the music and food were great and a good time was had by all. I didn't want to win the bottles back though, never mind more for the bottle stall next year at Reach Fair 2005.

Please be aware of the changes to the Burwell Surgery hours

December Out of Reach copy date has to be earlier due to the autumn term ending on 17th December, as the magazine is printed in a school I need to have time to collate it and get it printed, therefore copy date will be **Wednesday 8th December**

A suggestion has been made that a page is set aside for you to advertise items for want or sale. If you feel this is a good idea please send details to me by the copy date .

We are lacking in contributors to the magazine which is a great pity it is a community facility, it would be lovely to have some different articles to put in for example have we any budding authors who would like to run a serial in the magazine over a number of issues. Or some one who has a family recipe they would like to include. Quizzes and word searches are also fun for people to do. This is the issue we normally send to the village magazine awards, however due to the lack of contributions to this and previous issues there is little point in entering.

Well that's another mag completed and time now to the Quiz for tomorrow night so "I'll be back", as someone once said, next issue. Bye for now

Dave

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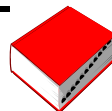
**Don't forget our new E-mail address is  
OutofReach@Reach-village.co.uk**

***100 Club Winner***

***August - Jan Robinson***

***September - Not Drawn Yet***

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## Reach Village Centre

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

The 100 club will have 10 draws a year.

8 draws of £20.00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

2 draws of £50.00

July and December

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



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

# Dates For Your Diary



## October

Fri Oct 1	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Oct 1	Harvest Supper	Reach Village Hall	7.00 pm
Wed Oct 6	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Oct 7	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 8	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Oct 12	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Oct 12	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Oct 13	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Oct 14	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 15	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed Oct 20	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Oct 21	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Oct 22	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Oct 22	School half term starts		3.00 pm
Tue Oct 26	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Oct 26	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Sun Oct 31	Clocks Go Back		2.00 am
Sun Oct 31	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

## November

Mon Nov 1	Back to school		8.40 am
Wed Nov 3	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Nov 4	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 5	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Nov 9	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Nov 9	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Nov 10	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Nov 11	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 12	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sat Nov 13	Church Coffee Meeting	Reach Village Hall	10.00 am
Wed Nov 17	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Nov 18	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 19	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Nov 23	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Nov 23	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Thu Nov 25	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Nov 25	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Nov 28	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

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# Notices

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## **Offices to let within Reach of home**

Four self-contained offices will be available for tenancy in the New Year. Can be rented individually or as a whole. Range of sizes, average of 250 sq ft each.

Flexible options on level of servicing provided.  
High speed internet access available

For details: Bryan Pearson, Vine House, Reach  
01638 743633 (work) and 01638 743966 (home)

## **“Friends of BVC”**

### **1st Annual Halloween Firework Display**

**Saturday 30th of October 2004**  
**Bottisham Village College Sports Field**  
**Gates open 6:00pm**  
**Display starts 7:00pm**

**Tickets (advance sales)**  
**Adults £3.50,**  
**Children (5-16) £1.50,**  
**Family £10.00**

**Tickets (on the gate)**  
**Adults £4.00,**  
**Children (5-16) £2.00,**  
**Family £12.00**

**Under 5's free!**

**Barbeque, Soft-Drinks & Halloween Gifts**

# Ely Museum

October / November 2004

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 7th October 7.30pm

*Monastic Herbs*

A Talk by Christine Pownall presented by  
The Friends of Ely Museum.

£1.50 non-members, £1.00 members.

## Events during Half Term

Tuesday 26th October- 2 - 4pm

*Harvest Printmaking Workshop*

Fun printmaking workshop with Jen Parker  
for children aged 7 - 10yrs.

Tickets £1.50 per child - pre booking essential.

Friday 29th October - 10.30am - 12.30pm

*Tie Dying Workshop*

Bring along your pure cotton items to Tie Dye  
for children aged 8 - 12 years.

Tickets £2.00 per child - pre booking essential.

Friday 29th & Saturday 30th October

*Ghost Tours*

Recommended minimum age 7yrs.

Booking from 1st October-more information  
available from this date.



## Autumn Production

### Brush with a Body

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> October 2004.

Cold Autumn nights often mean that we want to sit in front of a cosy open fire with thoughts of Spring (and Spring cleaning)! Call in your local chimney sweep – *but do so at your peril* – who knows what he might find up the chimney!!

Our Autumn production, “*Brush with a Body*” by Maurice McLoughlin (in association with Samuel French) will make you think and make you laugh! The play involves a wily chimney sweep, a house-keeper with a large problem that needs sorting out, a Mother who knows more than she is letting on, together with her two unsuspecting daughters and her son, who, being a psychiatrist, has more than enough problems of his own!! There are, of course, other characters coming and going throughout the play, which hopefully will enhance your amusement.

How can all this make you laugh you may ask yourselves? Well the only way to is to come along and find out. We will be performing in the Bottisham Village College Main Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 p.m. Ticket prices will be £6.00 with concessions at £4.00 on Thursday and £6.00 only (no concessions) on Friday and Saturday.

Behind the “cameras” this time around will be Sue Tennant, making her directorial debut, quite fitting, as this October will mark the tenth anniversary of her membership with the “Players”.

The setting will be in the form of a cabaret evening, small tables of 6-8 people, far more informal and hopefully, more fun. Therefore we would ask you to please bring your own drinks and glasses. “Nibbles” will be provided.

**Tickets can be purchased personally from mid-September from Lushers Newsagents in Bottisham and via our own telephone booking line 01223 812779**

Tickets must be paid for prior to production. Tickets will be available at the door subject to availability.

**Please book early to avoid disappointment, as numbers will be limited.**



# APPLE FESTIVAL 2004

East Cambridgeshire District Council is holding its fourth Apple Festival on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October on Palace Green, Ely in celebration of the great British Apple.

New for this year is the Harvest Market – a variety of apple and harvest related stalls selling a wide range of goodies and wares. The popular Apple Café is back where you can sit and relax in the Cathedral Centre and enjoy a variety of apple related refreshments. More apple delights can be tasted at the Watergull Orchards marquee where a whole range of apples, ciders and juices are on offer. Also in the marquee local chef Monica Askay will be serving some homemade apple soups.

There will be several competitions and activities running throughout the day including the ever popular longest apple peeling competition, apple and spoon races, plant your own apple seed, an apple shy to name but a few. The competitions are being manned by Ely Lions with the small entry fees being donated to local charities within the district.

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

If you are a budding photographer I am sure you will be interested in our Apple Photo Competition sponsored by Watergull Orchards who are based in Sutton and are regulars at Ely's Farmers Market. We are asking people to send their entries either colour or black and white on an apple related theme so it could be a solitary apple, a bowl of apples, someone eating an apple, an apple tree or people enjoying a glass of apple juice or cider – let your imagination run free! We have two categories, an under 16s and an over 16s. Entries can be any size but no larger than A4 and should be sent to us unframed. All entries must be received by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2004.

If you would like an entry form or further details then please contact Jane Fletcher, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Babylon Bridge, Waterside, Ely, Cambs CB7 4AU Tel: 01353 616352 or e-mail: [jane.fletcher@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:jane.fletcher@eastcambs.gov.uk).

For general information on the event or for a flyer please contact: Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Oliver Cromwell's House, 29 St Mary's Street, Ely, Cambridgeshire CB7 4HF. Tel: 01353 616377 or e-mail [tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk)

# Reach Community Access Point The Village Centre, Reach

Community Access Points are community or public buildings where computers, colour printers and scanners have been installed for you to use \*free of charge. They have broadband Internet connection via the Cambridgeshire Community Network.

Pop into your local point and....

- Surf the Internet
- Send emails
- Research local and family history
- Scan photos and other documents
- Access local and government information
- Write letters and produce other documents
- And much more.....

If you have never used a computer before and would like to learn how or you would like to improve your existing skills We are able to offer tutor led 'taster sessions' on alternate Monday evenings

Please contact Rachel  
on  
01480 376140  
to arrange an appointment

\*charges may apply to cover printing costs

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**REACH CHURCH GIFT DAY  
COFFEE MORNING**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 13th**

**REACH VILLAGE CENTRE**

**10 am to 12 noon**

Refreshments, Cakes, Produce,



**The Friends of Burwell Museum  
Barn Dance**

**Saturday 2 October 2004**

**7.30 p.m. - 11 p.m.**

**Gardiner Memorial Hall, High Street,  
Burwell**

*Dancing to live Ceilidh band.*

**Entry by ticket only: £10, to include  
ploughman's meal.**

**Bring your own drinks.**

**Tickets from Burwell Post Office or  
phone Jane on 01638 611515**

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# Bus Timetable

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Effective the 25 July 2004

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

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

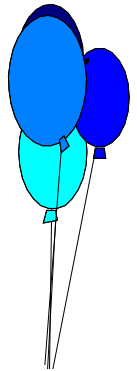
## Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 122

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

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# Birthdays

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

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

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# Your County Councillor

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James Fitch

01223 811425



## COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

### Mid September 2004

At the beginning of September the Government released a consultation paper proposing a more graduated approach to curbing speeding drivers. With this as background it is worth looking to see where we are in this part of Cambridgeshire regarding traffic calming, speed checks, provision of bridle and cycleways and offers of training now for motor cyclists and later for drivers.

Firstly, traffic calming, a campaign I have encouraged for years, increasingly supported by parish councils and individual petitions to the County. We now have, by common consent, much better driver behaviour in Swaffham Prior, Bottisham and in particular Burwell. Of course, there are idiots in a hurry or lacking consideration for others who spoil the record, for example the drivers who drive the wrong side of the traffic islands at Lode crossroads and the junction of the A1303 and Bell Road, Bottisham.

I have just returned from a Speed Awareness Course in Staffordshire (starting in Cambridgeshire in 12 months' time) and came away with several vivid impressions. Yes, speed kills; we all know that, but are you aware at all times that 95% of pedestrians are killed when hit by a vehicle at 30 mph, whereas 95% of pedestrians survive at 20 mph!

On the course, which is offered to drivers who exceed 30 mph but under 40 mph, there is a morning session of theory and discussion followed by an afternoon driving round Staffordshire with an instructor checking and discussing skills, judgment and habits and so on. My other deep impression from that drive was to practice "COAST" which translates to "Concentration. Observation, and Anticipation gives Space and Time to avoid trouble.

Travelling home on the notorious A5 gave more than enough opportunity to carry out my hitherto rusty skills.

#### 132 Kv Electric transmission line Burwell to Horningsea

A few days after this article goes to your editor a decision will be taken at Shire Hall about whether the County will reverse its holding objection to the proposal to duplicate the power line which runs from Burwell Sub-station through our fens via Reach, Swaffhams & Lode to the junction at Horningsea.

I shall speak to the meeting and tell you what happened next month. Whatever the decision, the County (and involved Districts of E.Cambs and S.Cambs) will only pass on a recommendation. The decision will be taken by the Secretary of State, so we may not know the outcome for some time.

James

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# Swaffham Prior School

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The new academic year has got off to a happy and successful start, with 19 new children joining our school.

The school site was busy over the summer. It was used as a venue for the ever popular and very successful play scheme who provided new planters for the school, as well as a private sports group.

There was also lots of work going on: the more routine jobs of new surfacing, external decorating and fencing, but more excitingly our new outdoor area was completed. The development of this area has been on the cards for two years and became part of our post OfSTED plan. Funds were built up from our building allocation as well as a grant secured. With the relocation of the oil tank, the area was cleared and repaved with cobbles and safer surfacing and now sports a new gazebo; this area really enhances the outdoor facilities at the school and will be mainly used by the younger children. Our next steps are to plant the area and purchase some ride on vehicles.

With all the success of the summer holidays, it was with dismay and frustration that we learnt that two of our new computers were stolen. These were black Dell desktops and were funded by FoSPS for class 4 only a term before. It is a great shame that such selfish behaviour should be going on right under our noses.

Congratulations go to Mrs Richards who has been successful in her move to a larger Deputy headship at Swavesey Primary School. Mrs Richards has been at the school for three years and was part of our successful OfSTED. We wish Mrs Richards well and will be appointing her replacement prior to the half term.

After the birth of her second baby, Rebecca, Mrs Pinhey has decided not to come back after her maternity leave finishes. Mrs Pinhey was our music co-ordinator, but music is still high on the agenda this term, with the school facilitating piano, guitar, violin and cello lessons. Mrs Hodges is teaching class 3 and 4 music and Mrs Pumfrey teaches recorder and supports infant music whilst Mrs Holt leads singing.

Our Harvest service take place 2pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's. Donations of food can be made to Cambridge Food bank; this year they have also requested donations of recipe books.

We wish good luck to all the Y7s settling in to their new secondary schools.

**Joanna Lakey**

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# Parish Council Meeting

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## Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2004

### *Present*

Chairman Cllr Robinson, V/Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Summers, Harrison, and Pearson.

### **The meeting commenced with the election of officers as follows:**

Chairman: John Robinson

Vice Chairman: Michael Aves

Swaffham Prior Primary School: Bryan Pearson/Jenny Moseley

Village Hall Committee: Joyce Harrison/Ian Hill

Swaffham Prior PCC: John Robinson

Police Liaison Committee: Dave Summers

Tree Officer (honorary post): John Reed

### **Reports**

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

Cllr Pearson reported a slight fall in the school roll.

The Deputy Head, Mary Richards, had resigned and would be leaving at Christmas; her replacement would be appointed in the autumn.

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

Three quotes had now been tendered for the extension to the village centre.

#### ***Matters arising***

- The Executive Director of East Cambridgeshire District Council's Legal and Democratic Services, Eleanor Hoggart, had written to say she was willing to obtain counsel's advice on the matter of Reach Parish Council taking over the freehold of The Dyke's End pub from Reach for a Pint Ltd.
- Clerk had arranged with Eastern Highways to cut back the vegetation near the Old Railway Bridge.
- Brian Hicks, the travellers' liaison officer from ECDC had visited the travellers whose horses were still tethered on Blackberry Drove. The travellers themselves were camped on Headlake Drove, which is in Swaffham Prior parish. Mr Hicks said that Swaffham Prior PC was keen to get the family moved but he wanted them to stay as their children were at Bottisham School.
- Clerk had obtained a quote for safety surfacing for the play area.

### **Correspondence**

- The secretary to the Mayor of Cambridge, Sue Edwards, had written concerning the problems of accommodating 20+ vehicles from the City Council on Reach Fair Day. A copy of her letter had been forwarded to Tony Jordan, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, for his comments.

- Mr Coley of Weirs Farm, Burwell Road, had been given planning permission to build a garage and workshop.
- ECDC were to hold a special parish forum to discuss the council's proposed short-list of sites for its future office accommodation.
- The East Highways Division of the County Council were to hold their 2005/06 bidding round for the Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvement. Councillors agreed to put forward a joint proposal with Swaffham Prior to get a path put around the Old Railway Bridge.
- The Hon Gen Sec of GOBA had written about its members having mooring difficulties owing to the long grass and thistles etc. Clerk had contacted the Environment Agency who had agreed to cut back the weed in the water. It was agreed that the grass also needed cutting back.

### **Reach matters**

- Planning application from Dr Maata, Burwell Road, for an outside swimming pool. No objection.
- Planning application from Mr and Mrs Neve for a summer room at the rear of Fair Green Cottages. No objection.
- Ely Treatment Sewerage Works had applied for planning permission to extend the sewerage works on The Hythe. This was 'to upgrade, in order to improve the quality of discharge to the river.' Clerk and Chairman were to meet with the contractor to discuss.

## **Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004**

### ***Present***

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

### **Reports**

#### ***County Council***

- Cllr Fitch asked if the PC would re-apply for a minor highways grant to have a foot/cyclepath around the Old Railway Bridge. It had been suggested that the PC join force with Swaffham Prior PC; their clerk had said it was unlikely that they would want to. Cllr Fitch said David Groom (Highways Dept) was checking to see if the bridge was still under the jurisdiction of the rail authority.
- The Park and Ride had been granted beacon status. The future of the guided bus was to be discussed at a public enquiry. Bus patronage in Cambridgeshire was ten times higher than the national average, although local buses needed more passengers. 'Use or lose it', commented Cllr Fitch, although he agreed that fares were expensive.
- The vegetation near the Old Railway Bridge had been cut back. Councillors said hedges alongside other local roads needed attention.
- The County Council had been 're-shaped' with three directors and a Chief Executive.



Cllr Fitch referred to a letter from Hilary Almond complaining about the on-going problem of the travellers' horses on Straight Drove, and the unacceptable behaviour of travellers leaving behind human waste in the Whiteway Drove area. Brian Hicks, the Travellers Liaison Officer had been made aware of the situation. The matter was discussed.

Planning applications submitted to the county could now be checked on its website. Only one crime in Reach had been reported to the Police in the last month – that of a smashed security light on Burwell Road.

Three residents of Burwell Road had written to the Highways Department about the lack of signs warning of the dangerous bends. Cllr Fitch asked to have copies of the letters. A discussion about the problem of local roads also included the on-going problem of large lorries getting stuck at the junction of Fair Green and Great Lane. Clerk updated councillors on the current position, i.e. that Greens of Soham (the destination of most of the lorries) had declined to contribute fairly to the cost of signage (organised by CCC) so the matter had been dropped.

### ***District Council***

(Cllr Anderson had submitted a written report in his absence).

The councillor had also been following up travellers' issues and reported on it. He also outlined possible sites for the new East Cambridgeshire District Council offices.

Matters arising

Counsel had written, via Eleanor Hoggart (District Solicitor), regarding the Parish Council taking on the freehold of The Dyke's End pub. He could see no problems so Councillors agreed the matter could progress.

### **Correspondence**

Hilary Almond re the travellers (see County report).

Grahame Miller had also corresponded with the Clerk on the matter of the travellers' horses. He also commented on the amount of rubbish near the person living on the boat currently moored on The Hythe. It was suggested that the person be advised to take his rubbish up to Fair Green for collection, rather than leaving it near the waste bin at the bottom of The Hythe, where it was unlikely it would be collected.

A small amount of ECDC money was available for replacement/additional signs. It was not thought necessary in Reach at present.

### **Reach matters**

Councillors discussed the poor state of the children's play area at the top of Fair Green. Clerk to see if grants available from East Cambs to put down safely surfacing, which was very expensive.

Penny Lang

## **HARVEST SUPPER**

**Reach Village Hall**

**Friday October 1st 7.00 pm**

## Youth Link ~ July 2004

Young people from the Anglican, Lutheran & Reformed traditions came together again this year for a 12 day stay in Germany at the end of July – for recreation, community work, discussions, worship, and the building of friendships. A group of 40 young people and leaders from Burwell (St Mary's Church) in the Diocese of Ely, Bansin in Germany, and Sarospatak in Hungary met for a second year, following the successful extending of the original Burwell-Bansin link (established over 5 years) to include a third country last summer. (Over several years former Reach resident, Jade Rolph, has taken part in these visits, as also this year.)

A week was spent camping at the Bible Centre in Barth on the coast of the Baltic Sea, with wonderful beaches for swimming and team games, inland lakes close by for sailing and canoeing, and an impressive network of dedicated paths for cycling. In the local "St Marien" church (the size of a small Cathedral) the group was given a special welcome at the Sunday service, and group members were invited to read the gospel each in their own language. Later in the week, members of the group took part in a late-evening candle-lit meditation (translated for our benefit) with Taize songs focusing on different parts of this splendid historic building. During the week, group members undertook cleaning and gardening work at the church, and helped with a number of other practical tasks.

The Bible Centre was first opened in 2001 in a renovated church building adjoining a former leper hospital; its new extension with modern facilities for groups was only opened very recently this Spring – so ours was the first group to stay there. The centre, open to the public, houses an original of the "Barth Bible" dating back to 1588 and many interesting Bible-related exhibits. The Barth Bible, of which only 25 were ever produced, was a translation of the Bible in the regional "lower German" dialect, for the purpose of strengthening the Christian faith in this area. The town of Barth has only one other copy of this special Bible.

During the week, the group visited the site of the former concentration camp at Ravensbruck – originally planned for 30,000 women, but in which were packed 130,000 women plus 20,000 men, many of whom didn't survive the horrors of forced labour, torture, medical experiments and gas chambers. It was a sombre day reminding our young people of the lessons we must learn from the past for world peace today. Another outing was to Berlin, visiting Checkpoint Charlie, seeing the remaining part of the Berlin wall, and reflecting inside the beautiful Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church - like Coventry, the original destroyed in the war with a new church built alongside the bombed remains of the old.

The trip was rounded off with 3 days at Bansin, also on the Baltic coast, on the island of Usedom. From here our group visited the former site at Peenemunde, now a museum, where the V1 and V2 rockets were developed (mainly for dropping on London and other parts of SE of England); a burial ground at Golm (now less than a mile from the Polish border) where 23,000 people from the nearby town of Swinemunde are buried from a single allied bombing raid of one hour; and then afterwards we crossed the border to see the town as it is today.

Discussions in the group centred around the lessons we can learn from past conflicts and how we perceive the newly expanded European Union - socially, economically, politically and militarily – particularly with Hungary being one of the “accession countries” having joined the EU earlier this year. We had some interesting and lively discussions on the Iraq war and the differing attitudes of our countries and leaders; and on the last Sunday held a service together on the promenade at Bansin with many passers by joining in.

Of the event group members have said:

- *“I’ve enjoyed these exchanges before and feel it’s a great way to get to know new people and improve my knowledge of different cultures.”* (Ricki Slowe 19)

- *“I was keen to learn about life in other countries, to make new friends, and also to improve my German.”* (Tom Bandy 18)

- *“I have learned that young people from other countries are very friendly and easy to get on with, and they are very similar to us in views, opinions and ideas on many subjects.”* (Janine Taylor 17)

- *“I found that others may have different cultures and customs, but we are all just teenagers – all the same!”* (Sarah Nieber 17)

- *“I travelled to Germany because I wanted to meet my new friends whom I got to know last year. I have never been to Germany so far, and I wanted to see this country and practise English and German. I’ve learned that we have to understand other nations, and we have to live together in peace.”* (Klara Olah, 21)

- *“Despite the fact that we live in different countries, the way we try to solve our problems is much the same, and the way we think about world issues is quite similar.”* (Emese Bodnar 19)

The visit was another highly successful experience for the young people involved – undoubtedly one of the best yet! We learned so much about our different countries’ histories and cultures; enjoyed singing, socializing, worshipping and working together; had a thoroughly good time and made many new friends. It was for many a dismantling of prejudices, as we discovered how much we share in common despite outward differences of language and nationality. I feel the lessons learned will be of help in listening and understanding in all kinds of situations.

All of this year’s participants are enthusiastic about joining in another exchange visit next summer when it will be our turn to be host the event. It would be good to have more young people from both Reach and Burwell taking part (who must be between 14-25, preferably in full time education), and the event will take place in the first fortnight of the summer holidays.

The exchanges are supported with generous grants from the European Union’s “Youth for Europe” programme administered by the British Council, as well as some local groups, without whose help they could not take place; and we are most grateful to them all.

*Revd Stephen Earl, Vicar of Burwell & Reach*

Further information, if needed, may be obtained from one of the other group leaders: Mrs Hazel Williams – from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> August  
01638 743897 [hazel.Williams@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:hazel.Williams@eastcambs.gov.uk)

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# BURWELL SURGERY

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## IMPORTANT NEWS

Many of you will be aware that as from April 2004 there has been a new contract of employment for General Practitioners in the UK. While most of the changes involved are at an administrative level, there will be a major change concerning "out of hours" services. From October 2004 responsibility for our patients' medical care in the evenings, overnight and at weekends has passed from the surgery doctors to East Cambridgeshire and Fenland PCT.

The PCT are employing Suffolk Doctors On Call to provide the service. This is the same service we use at present and the doctors have been in lengthy discussion with both the PCT and SDOC to try to ensure that the standards of the out of hours service is maintained.

To comply with the new contract we will be altering surgery times as detailed below:

For urgent medical advice outside of these hours, please ring the normal surgery number (01638 741234). Your call will be transferred to SDOC.

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Monday	8.40—11.30	15.00-17.30
Tuesday	8.40—11.30	15.00-17.30
Wednesday	8.40—11.30	15.00-17.30
Thursday	8.40—11.30	15.00-17.30
Friday	8.40—11.30	15.00-17.30

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**Dr Anne Shneerson & Partners**

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**Meeting starts 7.30pm**

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raise any concerns you have

and discuss the issues affecting you.

# Devil's Dyke Restoration



The Project is now just over half way through its five-year period. Below is a brief summary of what has been achieved and what is planned on each of the sections of the Dyke plus a summary of the access improvements and interpretation works planned/completed.

SECTION	UPDATE
Reach to Dismantled Railway Line	Scrub is being cleared from the railway line towards the start of the fenced area at Reach this winter. The fenced area closest to Reach village is having the path widened this winter and more scrub is planned to be removed during winter 2005/06. Exact amounts to be removed could be discussed next summer, before the final clearance phase takes place.
Dismantled Railway Line to B1102	Scrub was cleared last winter and the slopes have just been re-seeded with grasses. A new perimeter fence was installed during September to allow grazing to take place during 2005.
B1102 to A14	Scrub has been cleared during the previous three winters and re-seeding has now been completed. New gates and fences have been installed and grazing is taking place along with mowing to manage the vegetation.
A14 to A1303	Mowing, raking & removal of scattered scrub has been taking place on rotation to manage this excellent area of chalk grassland beside Newmarket racecourse.
A1303 to B1061	New fencing & gates were installed during 2003. The remaining areas of scrub are being cleared this winter. Grazing is planned for 2005.

## Access Improvements:

- 8 new steps and a bridge have now been installed at various points along the Dyke to improve access on the steeper, slippery slopes.
- A series of new oak fingerposts and waymarker posts have been installed.
- 'easy access' gates have been installed where new fences cross the footpath.

Agreement has been reached with the County Council Access Team to ensure that the whole length of the footpath is well maintained.

## Interpretation:

A leaflet has been produced & distributed in the area.

7 new interpretation panels are being installed along the site during November (suggestions for a suitable location in Reach welcomed!).

A new website has recently been set up at [www.devilsdykeproject.org.uk](http://www.devilsdykeproject.org.uk) (please take a look at it!).

A new schools/ information pack is being designed for next year.

The project has an on-going programme of events/ guided walks etc to promote the site and the work of the Project.

James Fisher  
Devil's Dyke Project Officer.

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# Your District Councillor

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**Allen Alderson**

**Tel. 01638 741744**



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

I wish to use this month's newsletter to discuss East Cambs District Council's bid to a new headquarters site.

The Full Council took a step closer to deciding where its new HQ office accommodation should be located by short listing four sites as potentially suitable at its meeting on Tuesday; July 20th.

Three of the four short listed sites had been chosen from a long list of nine locations, which itself was earlier whittled down from an original list of 19 possible locations for the new HQ. The fourth option, a site on the Soham bypass, was added to the list at the meeting.

The selected options which will now go forward for more detailed investigation and assessment are to:

1. extensively re-build and re-furbish the Grange
2. construct a new building at Cambridgeshire Business Park on Ely's Angel Drove
3. a new building at Lancaster Way Business Park in Witchford
4. A new building at Soham bypass

All four potential choices were regarded as preferable because they are immediately available and also had other advantages, and the Council will be conducting a public survey during August and September to gauge the views of the district's residents on each of the short listed sites. This will be followed up with two public meetings, at the Council's offices in Ely on 12th October and Soham Village College on 14th October. There will also be a series of open staff meetings about the proposed move as well as a survey of the staffs opinions about each of the sites.

Chief Executive John Hill said: 'We have gone through a rigorous selection programme to arrive at the shortlist of the best possible sites for further consideration. The four chosen sites each offer different advantages and we now have to examine the fine details before making a final decision.

Uppermost in our minds are the needs and wishes of the residents of our district, as well as the views of the Council's members and staff. It is important that we have as much feedback as possible so we can make a correct, fully informed decision. This is a once-in-a-lifetime event and we want to ensure we get it right.'

Office accommodation has been on the Council's agenda for several years, as space at The Grange has become increasingly cramped with more staff having been needed to take up the extra duties imposed by central government and to deal with the expanded operational requirements generated by the district's rapidly growing population.

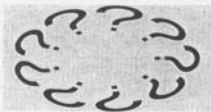
With office space limited and resources stretched, the Council needs to decide whether to re-build The Grange to create a more modern and efficient working environment, or whether to seek alternative new accommodation elsewhere.

With the Full Council having now confirmed the four short listed sites, Another detailed and thorough assessments of each site will take place. A seminar for councillors will be held in October to bear the results of the assessments into the four sites, followed by two committee meetings to examine the details. The matter will then go to a special meeting of the Full Council meeting on 30th November for a final decision to be made.

The public are entitled to attend the special meeting of the Full Council in November, as well as the preceding meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny committee on 29th October, and the Policy and Resources\* committee meeting on 10th November, at which the matter will be debated.

Allen Alderson

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## Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

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# Letter From The Church

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**Rev Stephen Earl**

**The Vicarage Tel 741262**

Dear Friends.

## **DOWN TO EARTH**

When you're reading a book which interests you do you sometimes stop at a sentence which also puzzles and arrests you...makes you go back and read it again ? Perhaps it's a sentiment you don't understand, or you don't agree with, or whole heartedly DO agree with.

I've just finished a book set in the Australian Outback--"Journey to the Stone Country" by Alex Miller.And I read this sentence spoken by a blackfeller, one with a lot of whitefeller's blood in him :

" There's some things you know without knowing why you know them....and it don't help to try explaining them".

Surprisingly that spoke volumes to me, and I must have spent ten or fifteen minutes just reading over and over again the single paragraph which contained that sentence. It seemed at first a bit like the riddle of the Sphinx ! You read it again !

Later while thinking of our Harvest Thanksgivings it occurred to me--that's exactly what harvest and crops and sowing and ploughing the earth are all about...knowing something .....but how and why ?

When you read this Anita and I will be out in Australia, enjoying Spring ...Autumn will have been left behind and we'll be enjoying "Spring in the Valley" ( the Swan Valley just north of Perth) and sampling the harvest of the vineries, products of very different soils from our own....and we'll be fascinated again to see different people, particularly the blackfellers and gals, those folk who have , for at least 40,000 years, known things from their Dreamtimes we now don't know about...about living in a hostile environment, valuing and caring for the land which they see as owning us human beings and not we owning the land, and which provides for us all.

And chiefly they are fully aware of, and in tune with, the spiritual world around and within each one of us; and of creation and, above all, their and our Creator.It's for them a very special relationship.Is it such for us ?

Our failure to relate to the earth results in our misuse of it. This is exemplified by the deserts we create through our greed and mis-management . When I was a boy ALL the fields around us in Norfolk grew crops, in rotation, with natural animal manures and organic feeding and no chemicals. There was no such thing as a set-aside field, surely an affront to the dignity of the land as well as a denial of the needs of hungry millions in so many continents? (Who but a lot of politicians could have contrived such a situation ?!)

But the Earth is far greater than we mortals are , and always has the last laugh. When we depart this life we are reminded that we are but "earth returning to earth and dust to dust".

In late July 1944, three days after my home and garden in south-east London received a direct hit from a V1 flying bomb and everything, but everything, was flattened , we were digging in the debris to find a few retrievable remains, when my Father thrilled us by shouting out: "The rhubarb's up!". The land was repaying us for the TLC lavished upon it the previous days and weeks, and was bringing forth out of it's grey depths some fruits of the earth .

We are so often staggered by what science tries to teach us from those test tubes, telescopes and the journeys out into space. But our souls are too small to match the feats of our minds. We risk so much when we forget that we're not the Creator of the Earth but the created ones, not the Maker but the users; and when we fail to thank God for the mystery of all life itself.....and we ignore at our peril our indebtedness to the land --the Earth--and the very source of our being.

Do we follow the words that Shakespeare put into the mouth of King Richard 11 : "Dear Earth, I do salute thee....." To understand the abiding spirit of that earth we have got to try and steer ourselves gradually away from our western culture , upbringing and training of enquiring into the reasons for everything , searching endlessly for explanations. We must adopt the language of "signs and silence", listening to our soul and discovering what we know deep down, through the music of the spirit of the earth....even though we don't know why or how we know it. We must accept that we are touching upon some deep truth which is long buried in our spirit. The songwriter, Matt Redmond, wrote this:

"I'll bring you more than a song ,  
because a song itself is not what you've required.  
You search much deeper within  
than the way things appear .  
You're looking into my heart".

We must give our thanks for and accept our responsibility for enhancing, enriching and taking care of nature's storehouse, the earth, the source of our homes, our health, our art, our everything. Through God's Grace we have the privilege of being the custodians of the land for the short time that we pass through this life. Our little excursion here encourages us to believe that this is but a preview of the place we are ultimately heading for on our final journey. That will be exciting beyond belief. And that I know , but do I know why ? .....What do you think?

"Show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it; and shield us from knowing more than we can bear."

(The Collect for Trinity 3)

**David Bush, Hon. Assistant Priest of Burwell and Reach.**

# Church Services October



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
<b>Sunday 3rd</b> Trinity 17	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
<b>Sunday 10th</b> Trinity 18	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
<b>Sunday 17th</b> Trinity 19	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 3.30 pm Evensong (Rose Quoix)	No Service
<b>Sunday 24th</b> Bible Sunday	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00am Church Family Worship
<b>Sunday 31st</b> 4th before Advent		9.30 am United Parish Communion

## **Sunday@7**

A contemporary/informal service to be held once a month on Sundays at 7.00 pm in  
**St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity, Reach**

*10 Oct, 14 Nov, 12 Dec 2004*

Do come along and join us as we seek to experience worship together in new ways.

For further details please contact:-  
sundayatseven@amservice.com

# Church Services November



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
<b>Sunday 7th</b> 3rd before Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
<b>Sunday 14th</b> 2nd before Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 2.30 pm Act of Remembrance by War Mem. 3.00 pm Remembrance Service in Church	10.45 am Act of Remembrance by War Mem. 11.00 am Remembrance Service in Church  7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
<b>Sunday 21st</b> Christ the King	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
<b>Sunday 28th</b> Advent	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Church Family Worship

## Sundays

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

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

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

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

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

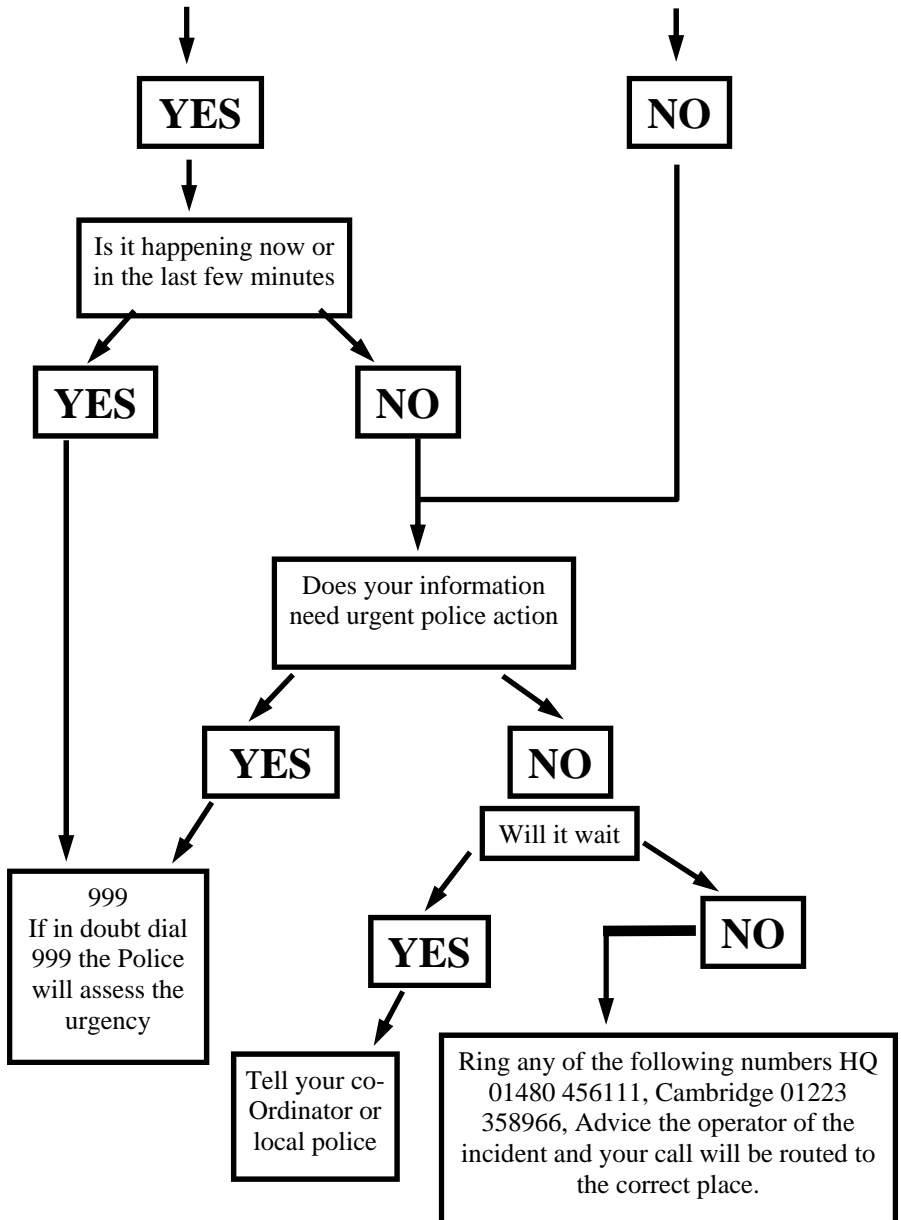
## Weekdays

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

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

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