

REACH

Out of Reach

Welcome to the ancient kingdom of Reach,
Cambridgeshire, England



The ancient Township of REACH, or RECHE, has been inhabited for 2,000 years. Local legend says that it was once a city boasting seven churches! Situated at the termination of the great earthwork known as the Devil's Dyke, with Reach Lode giving direct access to the sea, it survived the Conquest as an inland port. It was the centre of considerable trade in mediaeval times, being granted a charter to hold an annual fair at Rogationtide by King John. Later, as the activity on its hythes decreased and its maritime importance declined, Reach, with its great fair dwindling to the proportions of a village 'feast' and its many inns closing one by one, gradually lapsed into a purely agricultural community. Reche the port has gone, only Reach the hamlet remains.



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 Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

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Church Services Mar 07



Services at Burwell and Reach

Mar 07	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach
4 th Lent 2	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
11 th Lent 3	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal service
18 th Lent 4 Mothering Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	11.00am Mothering Sunday Family Service
25 th Lent 5 Passion Sunday <i>Clocks Change</i>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion followed by (in the Guildhall): 12.00 for 12.30pm Shared Lunch 1.30pm Annual Meeting	

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18 th Sunday before Lent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Service of Healing	
21 st <u>Ash Weds</u>	7.30pm Holy Communion (with "ashing" – optional)	
25 th Lent 1	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 30 9.30am Parish Communion	

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 Dec/Jan is 15th November.

From the Editor

Thank you to all those who submitted articles for this edition. We are now getting a lot more response. Keep them coming in.

I would like to gently complain to the local farmers about the state of the roads around the village. We seem to have more than our fair share of mud to contend with over the past few weeks.

Grahame Radford

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Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we have initiated a 100 club.

Ticket at just £10.00 each per year.

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

Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405

~ WEEKDAY SERVICES ~

10.00am Holy Communion (said):

At Burwell (St Mary's) on 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays – *All welcome*

10.30am Holy Communion (said):

At Burwell (Ness Court, Baker Drive) on 3rd Wednesdays – *All welcome*

8.00pm "WOW!" (Worship on Wednesdays, weekly except April, August, & Dec.)

At Burwell: Informal café-style contemporary service – *All welcome*

10.00am Toddlers' Service – *For those with young children*

At Burwell (St Mary's) on 1st Thursdays, except January & August

Volunteers required to help tidy up Reach Cemetery

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY from 10am

Would you like to be part of a working party on Saturday 24th February to help tidy up the cemetery? Please bring your gardening tools and flask and enjoy a few hours of fresh air with other members of the community.

For further information, please speak to Claire Denniss (Parish Clerk) on 01638 604405 or one of the other members of the Parish Council



St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Church,
Reach



Mothering Sunday

MARCH 18TH 2007

FAMILY SERVICE

11.00AM

ALL WELCOME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE IN
THE VILLAGE HALL BEFORE THE SERVICE
(FROM 10.15AM)

Sunday @ 7
Program February – March 2007

Feb 11th: Special guests The Ridley Hall Gospel Choir

March 11th: Special guest Rev Michael Becket of St Paul's
Church, Cambridge

**Do join us at this informal service of reflection, prayer and
song. It is held at 7pm on the second Sunday of every**



February

Thur 1	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Weds 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 8	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 13	Recycling Day		
Tues 13	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 15	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 22	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 25	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	7.30 pm
Tues 27	Recycling Day		
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Notices



To advertise here tel

Freda Lloyd on 742368

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquee £75.00
this includes erection by
experienced personnel

Large BBQ £20.00 deposit
£10.00 returned if the BBQ is returned fully
cleaned

If you are interested please contact Andrew
Hall on 01638 743737



We had a great welcome from the family. It was the school holidays so we didn't meet any pupils. As we sat down in the hut used for hospitality, Eunice said a prayer of thanksgiving for our safe arrival. Jennifer, aged 13, came to each of us with a bowl and jug of water and washed our hands. We drank tea flavoured with cinnamon, "to ward off colds". Presents were given including those from Swaffham Prior Junior School some of whose pupils have begun corresponding with children at Iganjo. A school sweater donated by FOSP was eagerly requisitioned by Kevin, aged 10, and it fitted him perfectly. Richard bagged one of the calendars for his office. We had brought a microscope donated by Bryan Pearson towards the establishment of a laboratory for the Senior School Richard was hoping to get off the ground to keep the Iganjo project viable. I've just had an e-mail quoting the science teacher "This is the sort of machine that we all required for a long time. Where it came from, let some of God's blessings fall"

It was amazing to see how much Richard had achieved. He had built the nine classrooms with his own hands and was now educating about 100 pupils, including a pre-school. Nine teachers had jobs in a country where many teachers were unemployed. Since I have been home he sent the school's National Primary Exam results. Out of 13 candidates 8 had passed well and would be going to secondary schools. For a street child, rescued from a flood in Nairobi and given the chance of education himself, he is making a small but vital contribution to his country's future

“Richard is here”. These were the words of the receptionist at Thomson’s Fall’s Lodge signalling that after 32 years of correspondence I was about to meet the man that the boy, sponsored all those years ago, had become. Natural apprehension on both our parts was quickly dispelled with a big hug as we stood in front of the impressive Thomson Falls.

We had driven 200km NNW of Nairobi to Nyahururu, at 2360m, the highest town in Kenya. Richard had walked for 7km along footpaths to catch a minibus to the Falls. Together we were going to drive about 21 km along a dirt track to his house and the school he had founded in 2000. Due to extended “short rains” the track, normally just rutted, was horrendously muddy and the journey took well over an hour. We were very grateful for our extremely competent driver, Mike, and the little Suzuki 4x4 we had hired.

When Iganjo school started taking pupils from the surrounding settlements there was no free state primary education in Kenya. The new government introduced this in 2003 just as Iganjo was getting well established. Richard lost many pupils. Some eventually came back as the state schools were not doing as well as Iganjo but it was and still is quite a setback.

Life in a small village in Kenya is almost completely different from life in Reach. I say almost because there are things in common such as language and the Christian religion brought by the missionaries. Mind you, everyone goes to church in Richard’s village so there are differences! But the obvious difference is the lack of services. There is no electricity, although the school has a small generator, and water comes from wells and was boiled for our consumption. Also there are hardly any private vehicles. If the roads are passable there are matatus, minibuses which are generally overcrowded and not in the first flush of road-worthiness. Richard has about 3 acres of land where he and Eunice grow maize, potatoes, courgettes and other vegetables for the family’s and school use. They have 2 cows and sell surplus milk when they have it. The buildings are simple with a stone base to the walls and then timber and topped with corrugated iron roofs. Everyday life is much harder but at least there is no routine of dusting and vacuuming, one of the banes of my life!



CAKES, CAKES, CAKES

Don’t forget to make some items for the Reach Fair cake stall.

Now is a good time as the cold evenings can be spent in the warmth of the kitchen with the oven full on!

If freezer storage space is a problem let me know - we have freezer space at the Hall.

Telephone 742814 if you need any further information

Karen Carpenter



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**For further details contact Paul on 07005 800 991
Or Tel. 01353 720332**

REACH CHURCH

We are sad to report the passing of Norah Smith on Sunday 26th November 2006, whose funeral on Friday December at 2.00 p.m. at Reach Church was attended by some 100 people. She had battled courageously with her illness in the months prior to her death, and remained sensible and unsentimental in her acceptance of what was inevitably going to happen. She was supported by strong faith and by a constant flow of neighbours, friends, family and medical staff visiting her until the end.

It is difficult to think of Reach and particularly Reach church without her. She had lived here since 1949 when she moved here with her husband Pep after their wedding, to the same cottage at 7 Fair Green in which she died. She was initially the village Post-Mistress, and served people through her front door – a stable door in those days. The Post Office moved to the Village shop, so she first helped her husband run a small-holding, looking after pigs, and then in 1972 she resumed work with PO Telephones until she retired in 1986. Her husband died in 1978 after 29 years of happy marriage.

In the Church she contributed a huge amount over many years. As well as being one of the flower -arrangers , she was Treasurer for many years, and Churchwarden too for many more years, at least ten officially. She has always been loyal, committed and hard working. She was always kind and helpful and had a great sense of humour under her sometimes gruff exterior. We shall greatly miss her in the village and of course the church. May she rest in peace.

May we remind you that there will be another special 11.00 a.m. Family Service on Mothering Sunday , March 18th at St Ethedreda Church, and hope many families will come. We hope to be able to provide refreshments, either before or after the service.

Jenny Moseley

We also lost another village stalwart just before Christmas when Betty Harling finally succumbed to the illness that she had battled against for 20 years. Ken and Betty have been a part of Reach life for many, many years and although we have only been neighbours for few years we will miss Betty's good humour and hospitality. Her contribution over the years to the Reach Fair and other village events has been immeasurable and her famous cakes will also be sadly missed. Our condolences go to Ken and the family

Karen and Grahame

Passion for puddings?

Indulge it at the Friends of Swaffham Prior School

Spud and Pud Evening

Friday 9 March 2007
Reach Village Hall

Yes there's a healthy baked potato supper to start with, but that's just an excuse for the slide into decadence that follows: a huge selection of fabulously delicious puddings provided our most talented cooks, all waiting to be sampled.

Come on - you know you want to!

Doors open 5.30pm, food served from 6.00-8.00pm
Excellent value family tickets available. Bar for grown-ups.
Contact: Clare Freeman (741316) or Catherine Wrench (742654)

Fly Tipping

Members of the public have reported that rubble is being dumped by wheelbarrow on the drive next to number 28/31 Great Lane. Reach Residents should be aware that there is a maximum fine of £1000 for fly tipping.

Burwell Road/Weirs Drove Junction

The Clerk received a reply from David Groom, Divisional Maintenance Engineer for CCC regarding this dangerous junction. The 'SLOW' has been marked on the road, but at the present time there are no funds to put up a warning sign. This will be looked into again in the new financial year.

Ommission from November's minutes:

A planning Application was received in November from Mr J Robinson of Spring Hall Farm, Reach, for change of use of agricultural building to stables and formation of a carparking area. The Parish Council had no objections to this. It has since been approved by the District Council.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7 February 2007 at 7.30pm in Reach Village Centre.

A Message from your District Councillor

Since the introduction of the new concessionary fares scheme thousands of residents have been travelling free on the buses. The scheme, introduced across the county last October, has seen more 2000 people apply for bus passes in a single month—that is nearly 1500 more than in the whole of October and November the previous year.

The new concessionary scheme, a joint initiative between ECDC and Cambridgeshire County Council, provides free travel on local bus services within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for those aged 60 and over, plus eligible people with disabilities. Information about the scheme can be obtained from Chris Beer at ECDC on 01353 665555.

The road safety aspect of the junction at Burwell Road and Wiers Drove continues to be of concern to many residents of Reach. I have asked County Highways for an extra SLOW sign on Burwell Road plus a junction warning sign. The SLOW sign on the road is now in place but unfortunately the County Highways budget has been cut, meaning that they are unable to install the junction warning signs this financial year.

BT have again supplied residents of the Swaffhams Ward with only the Bury St. Edmunds area phone book. I have contacted BT, explaining that our centre for most services is Cambridge. They have agreed to supply a free Cambridge area phone book on request, to BT users in the CB25 0 postcode area i.e. CB25 OJF. Remember that CB25 has now replaced the old CB5. Anyone requiring a free book should contact BT on 0800 833400 and state that it is a BT press release. I am also pressing BT to re-scope the phone books for this area, placing us back into the Cambridge area phone book.

MOTHER NATURE
When I walk around our woods, I meet many
A friend
And we chat about the weather, the world we try
To mend
Sometimes we talk about the old times, when
when we were young
And about the places we have been, and the
things we have done
We recall our many friends, those we saw
each day
Laugh at the good times, and the games we
Used to play
We talk about the wild life, the Rabbit, Fox
and Deer
The red berries on the bushes, and the sounds
we hear
The call of the Pheasant, feeding in the fields
far away
The calling of the new born lambs, as in the
fields they play
See the spiders web shining, all wet with the
morning dew
And if you stand and wait, you might see the
tiny Shrew
We talk about the time, when the Daffodils
will show
And the time we were cut off, by deep drifting
Snow
We talk about the seasons, and how they
change year by year
And watch the leaves change colour, when
Autumn appear
In May you might hear the Cuckoo, but in
July he flies away
To spend the winter in the warm, but he will
back one day
We could stand and watch the Sunset, as it
Retires to bed
Or perhaps watch it rise in the morning, its
Face glowing red
Now I walk around these woods, come Wind
Rain or Snow
And it has never failed to amaze me, Natures
Ever changing show
BILL ESTALL 2006

SURGERY NEWSLETTER

We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and we wish you a very happy and healthy New Year. We would like to thank all the patients who have so generously given us boxes of biscuits and Christmas goodies. They are very much appreciated by us all. We would also like to thank everyone who has completed a patient questionnaire for us. These have now been sent off to a data analysis company and the results will be published later on.

I'm sure that you will be pleased to join us in welcoming back Dr Alison Evers who will be returning to the surgery for two days a week at the beginning of February. Dr Debbie Gilbert will remain with us for four days per week until the end of August.

I would like to give some tips on how patients can get the best out of their appointments. Doctors' appointments are ten minutes long and it is a good idea to prepare beforehand what you want to discuss with your doctor. If you have more than one problem, tell the doctor at the start of the appointment and try to deal with the most important problem first. If there is insufficient time to address all your problems, then a further appointment or follow up telephone call may be necessary. Doctors cannot use your appointment to deal with the health problems of other members of your family. Urgent appointments are from 11.30 am each day. These allow only five minutes per patient and are for urgent problems that cannot wait for a routine appointment. As a result, the doctor will only have time to deal with urgent problems during these appointments. I hope this information is helpful.

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3 January 2007

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Dunnett, Lang, Platt and Wood; also D/Cllr Alderson and C/Cllr Williams

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 06 December 2006 were confirmed as agreed and signed.

Parish Council Members Reports

Village Hall Committee

The new chairs have arrived for the village hall.

Police Liaison Committee

Cllr Robert Wood agreed to be the Police Liaison contact for the parish council.

Items discussed

Cemetery

A working party would be organised to clear up the cemetery on the last Saturday in February, An advertisement for volunteers would be put in Out of Reach. It was agreed that a regular contractor would be paid to cut the cemetery grass in the Spring.

Boat on the Hythe

The boat still remains on the Hythe.

Precept

It was agreed that £5,500, the same amount as last year, would be requested from ECDC. This was proposed by Cllr Lang and seconded by Cllr Wood.

Planning Application

A planning application had been received for the construction of a single storey rear extension to 38 Great Lane by Mr S Boreham. The Parish Council had no comments to make and were in favour of this being approved.

Oak Tree at Sewage Works, The Hythe

The Clerk would contact the tree officer, Cathy White, for permission to prune the oak tree to improve access to the Sewage works.

Parish Council Meetings



**Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 6 December 2006**

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Vice-Chairman Moseley, Cllrs Harrison, Dunnett, Lang, Platt and Wood; also D/Cllr Alderson and C/Cllr Williams

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 November 06 were confirmed as agreed and signed.

Parish Council Members Reports

Swaffham Prior PCC

Residents who were entitled to the Christmas grant have all now applied for it.

Village Hall Committee

Charges for the Village Centre are now £10/hour with a £50 deposit. This will be for a trial period of 6 months.

Items discussed

Cemetery

It was agreed that the clerk would obtain some quotes for welding/repairs to the cemetery fence and gates. She would also obtain quotes for people to maintain/upkeep the cemetery – an advertisement would also be put in Out of Reach for volunteers to form a working party for the last Saturday in February.

Playground

A playground inspection will take place in February by Wicksteed.

Boat on the Hythe

A letter will be sent to Michael Allen asking him to remove his boat from the Hythe.

Precept

The Parish Council will finalise the Precept at the next meeting.

Bank Mandates

New bank mandates were filled out for cheque signatories.

Cheques

Wages for Clerk (3 monthly) £387.60
Moore and Co (accounts preparation for audit) £235.00
Browns of Burwell £11.40
Ron Greenhill (Repairs to bus shelters) £300

YOUTH BANKS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Winter 2006- Spring 2007

The four new Cambridgeshire Youth Banks are now inviting applications from 13-19 year olds living in South Cambs, Cambridge City, Hunts and East Cambs/Fenland.

The money the YouthBanks have to give out is from the Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund. The money is to fund projects led by young people that give them and other young people “things to do”. This could be anything from sport activities, art projects, youth projects to DJ’ing and the money covers equipment costs as well as running costs.

The projects /activities must encourage one or more of the following for the young people :

- o to be healthy
- o stay safe
- o to enjoy and achieve
- o to make a positive contribution
- o to achieve economic well being

For more information and to get an application form visit www.cambsyouthbanks.org
or call 01223 421588.

Bus Timetable



Effective 16 April 2006

Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 10

Bus 10

Reach to Newmarket: 07.35^; 09.35; 12.35; 16.35; 17.35.

^ Not Saturday

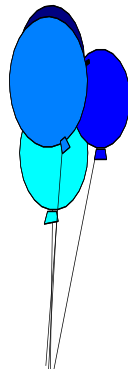
Bus 10

Reach to Cambridge 06.39; 07.24; 09.39; 12.39; 16.39; 18.09.

Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 10

Sorry, there are no buses in or out of Reach on Sundays and Bank Holidays

Birthdays



Know your Parish Council

Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:

Michael Aves – Chairman 742800

Jenny Moseley – Vice-Chairman 741425

Joyce Harrison - 742405

Penny Lang -

Rita Dunnett - 742943

Helen Platt

Vacant

The Clerk is Claire Denniss. Her telephone number (for street lights not working, Burial Ground enquiries, etc.) is **01638 604405**.

Councillors are also elected to various sub-committees.

For the year 2005–2006, the following Officers have been elected and any inquiries about the various committees can be made through them:

Village Hall Committee Penny Lang/Joyce Harrison

Police Liaison Committee

Swaffham Prior Primary School tbc

Honorary posts:

Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities

Jenny Moseley

Tree Officer

John Reed 742140

LADIES OF REACH ASSOCIATION – L.O.R.A.

Well girls what do you think? The name was kindly offered by a gentleman and those ladies I have spoken to think it sounds good. So until anyone comes up with something else that's what I will use to gain your attention. Watch this space.

SUMMER EVENING.

The proposal is for FRIDAY 29th JUNE 2007 to meet in the village centre at 8.00 pm. There will be a talk on Mongolia by Lindsay Davies – (she travelled there last year and I understand has some good tales to tell). We can then talk about travel or other subjects and enjoy each other's company.

We would serve wine and strawberries, with ice cream or cream (soft drinks and other nibbles would be available).

We do need a minimum of 20 people to attend. The cost would be no more than £10 (or less the more ladies that attend)

So get out your diaries and let me know please by 5th March 2007 as I need to confirm the speaker.

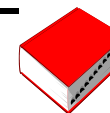
Please ring me 742814 or Hilary 741853
or e-mail g nk@reach-village.co.uk.

If you have any ideas for a function in the village or a trip out let one of us know and we are happy to organise.

Still waiting for e-mail or telephone numbers for a contact list.

Karen

Letters to the Editor



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The Editor,
Out of Reach Magazine

I was an evacuee from Mitcham, at first with my mother, staying at Church Farm and Bendych Hall Farm in Bottisham, and then moving onto Manor Farm at Reach.

In spite of the war these were wonderful times for me as an 11 year old girl enjoying the old fashioned times of farming and being included in the Housden family as one of theirs. We are still great friends today and see each other when we can even though I live in Canterbury.

I was allowed to help drive the tractor and horse and cart at harvest time, and pottered around the farmyard with Jean collecting eggs. We got water from a pump outside the kitchen door, and the outside twin lavatories were down the garden path. Bath night was a galvanised bath in the attic filled by carrying water from the boiler in the kitchen to the attic, and thrown out of the little window when used!

Mr. Brookes the grocer from Burwell delivered our weekly 'rations' and the free range eggs were collected by lorry from the farm.

Mrs. Housden and Jean worked hard with cleaning and cooking and we had such lovely farmhouse breakfasts and fare that we hardly noticed the rationing.

When the river froze we screwed skates onto our boots and had great fun on the ice, and I can remember going to Barway to a flooded ice covered field to skate in the moonlight.

Farming is so different today, and I count myself very lucky to have had those wonderful times.

As recalled by June Glover (nee Ambrose)

Mediation Service Available for Anti Social Behaviour

East Cambs Community Safety Partnership can now offer limited access to a Mediation Service for anti social behaviour, by accessing the Cambridge and District Community Mediation Service. The Mediation process is confidential; less formal than the courts or police procedures; and may lead to more neighbourly relations. There is no charge to you.

If the problem relates to anti social behaviour and is appropriate for Mediation, this is how it normally works. A pair of Mediators will visit the people on each side of the dispute, separately and in their homes, to hear how each views the problem. If both parties are willing, a face-to-face mediation session is conducted ideally in a neutral setting convenient to the clients. The task of the Mediators is to improve communication between the parties and help them work together to devise a solution. Nothing is imposed, and the outcome is not legally binding.

If there is a problem between yourself and neighbours that relates to anti social behaviour and might be resolved by an experienced Mediator, and both parties are prepared to participate with an open mind, then contact Brian Tully, ASB Co-ordinator for East Cambs on 01353 656641. Brian will make the referral to the Mediation Service.

**Do you have fun with your children
on a Saturday?**

**Can you spare a few hours to help
someone who does not?**

The Cambridge and Ely child contact centres always need new volunteers to spend a few hours helping absent parents re-establish contact with their children.

If you feel able to help or know someone who can please ring Mary Parker the coordinator on 07812157448 today.

Thank you on behalf of a child. (And the committee)

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE

100 CLUB

December Winner (£50) — Penny Lang

No draw in January and February

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

THE DYKE'S END

VILLAGE PUB OF THE YEAR 2003

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

Bar

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

Bar Snacks Available

Dining Rooms

Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm
Tuesday - Sunday 12.00 pm until 2.00 pm

Folk Nights alternate Sundays starting at 7.30 pm

Quiz Nights last Sunday in the Month starting at 7.30 pm

For further information contact Simon on 01638 743816

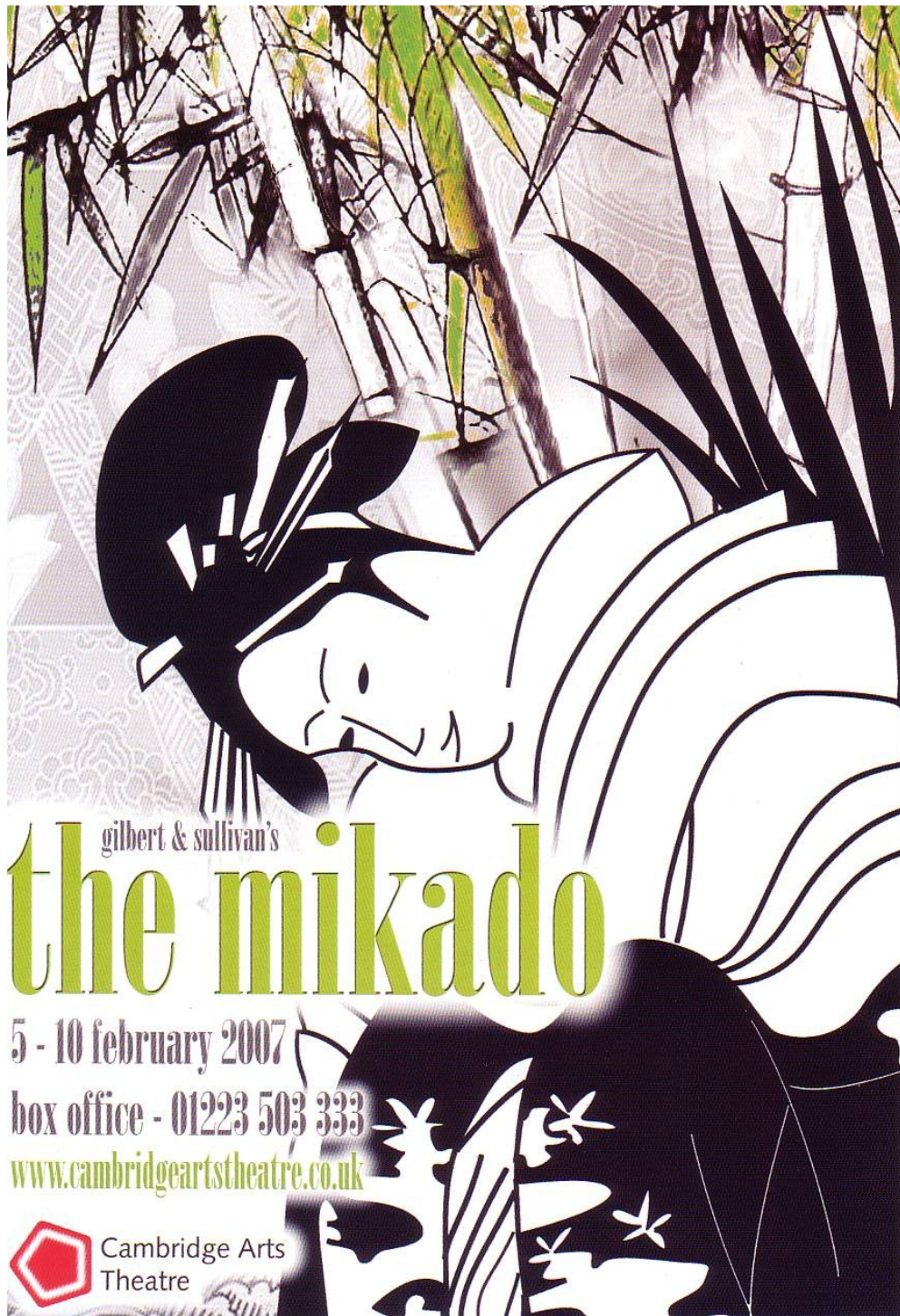
REACH FAIR

Just a short reminder from the Committee that we will need volunteers to help with the Fair again this year. These will include (but not necessarily restricted to!) :-

Programme Sellers
Traffic and Car Park Stewards
Security
Marquee erection /dismantling
Field Layout (Sat/Sun)

If you are able to help at any time over the weekend or before, please let one of the Committee know, or contact Out of Reach on 742814 or e-mail: gnk@reach-village.co.uk.

Also don't forget, that now the refurbishment of the Village Hall is completed we have a facility of which we should be justly proud. It provides an ideal venue for children's birthday parties, family parties, christening celebrations, wedding receptions and fund raising functions. There is also the smaller meeting room for informal small gatherings. All Reach residents get 20% discount on bookings. Please contact Joyce Harrison on 742405 for details, availability and prices.



A Message from your District Councillor

Since the introduction of the new concessionary fares scheme thousands of residents have been travelling free on the buses. The scheme, introduced across the county last October, has seen more 2000 people apply for bus passes in a single month—that is nearly 1500 more than in the whole of October and November the previous year.

The new concessionary scheme, a joint initiative between ECDC and Cambridgeshire County Council, provides free travel on local bus services within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for those aged 60 and over, plus eligible people with disabilities. Information about the scheme can be obtained from Chris Beer at ECDC on 01353 665555.

The road safety aspect of the junction at Burwell Road and Wiers Drove continues to be of concern to many residents of Reach. I have asked County Highways for an extra SLOW sign on Burwell Road plus a junction warning sign. The SLOW sign on the road is now in place but unfortunately the County Highways budget has been cut, meaning that they are unable to install the junction warning signs this financial year.

BT have again supplied residents of the Swaffhams Ward with only the Bury St. Edmunds area phone book. I have contacted BT, explaining that our centre for most services is Cambridge. They have agreed to supply a free Cambridge area phone book on request, to BT users in the CB25 0 postcode area i.e. CB25 OJF. Remember that CB25 has now replaced the old CB5. Anyone requiring a free book should contact BT on 0800 833400 and state that it is a BT press release. I am also pressing BT to re-scope the phone books for this area, placing us back into the Cambridge area phone book.

Cllr Allen Alderson