

REACH

Out of Reach

Welcome to the ancient kingdom of Reach,
Cambridgeshire, England



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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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Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach		
Jan 08	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach</i>
6th Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
13th Epiphany 2	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
20th Epiphany 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> 10.00am Ecumenical Service at Trinity Church Burwell	
27th Epiphany 4	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Service of Healing	

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Dec 07	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach</i>
2nd Advent Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion Preacher; Revd Christian Heycocks Chaplain to the University of Cambridge 4.00pm Christingle	
9th Advent 2	9.30am Nativity Family Service	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7"
16th Advent 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	
23rd Advent 4	<u>No 8.00 am Service</u> 9.30 am Parish Communion With Bishop John Flack Former Bishop of Huntingdon	11.30am Family Carol Service
Mon 24th Christmas Eve	3.00pm Jesus' Birthday Party Toddlers/Childrens' Crib Service 11.30pm "Midnight" Communion	
Tues 25th Christmas Day	9.30am Christmas Family Service (Children invited to bring along a favourite Christmas present to show the Vicar!)	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
30th Christmas 1	34	9.30 am United (5th Sunday) 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 Feb/Mar issue will be 10th January.

From the Editor

Just thought I would change the format of the front cover this edition. If anybody recognises the location please let me know—small prize for the first correct answer received!

Due to Christmas there is a long period between re-cycling collections in Dec/January. We may need to make alternative arrangements.

IMPORTANT.

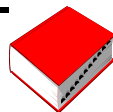
As Karen and I will be away from 16th January for 2 weeks, could I ask that all material for the Feb/March edition be with me by 10th January so that I can go to press before we leave. Thank you.

I hope you all have a super Christmas and New Year and look forward to lots more interesting articles for 2008.

Grahame Radford

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Reach Village Centre



To help raise money for the Village Hall extension 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

Please contact ⁴Joyce Harrison 742405

Bringing Light into the World

**A Christingle Service will be held at
St Mary's Burwell on
Sunday 4th December at 4.00 pm**

***Do come and bring your friends to this delightful all-age service in aid of
The Children's Society***

Collecting candles are available from the back of
St Mary's Church or from Mrs Anna Hopper
604533



**Christingle
Celebration**

Christingle Celebrates God's Love for Humanity

Usual Sunday Services at REACH

On 2nd Sundays—8.00 am Holy Communion
7.00 pm Sunday@7 Informal Worship
On 5th Sundays—9.30 am Parish Communion
Also, periodically as announced Family Services at 11.00 am

Usual Sunday Services at BURWELL

On 1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays—8.00 am Holy Communion
On 1st Sundays 9.30 am Family Service
On 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays—9.30am Parish Communion
With Junior Church (3-11's) & Pathfinders (11-17's)

Weekday Services at BURWELL

On 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesdays—10.00 am Holy Communion
On 1st Thursdays (not Jan/Aug) - 10.00 am Toddlers Service

Check monthly list of Services and Church noticeboards

Forthcoming Events December

- Thurs 6th:** 10.00 am Toddlers Service at St Mary's Burwell
- Thur 20th:** 7.03 pm Christmas Concert by The Queens Division 'Minden Band' (based at Bassingbourn Barracks) at St Mary's Burwell. All are Welcome.
- Sun 23rd:** 11.00 am Family Carol Concert at St Ethelreda's



Alice took a journey through Wonderland , and so do we if we always keep our eyes and ears open. Can you look back thirty years and think what tremendous changes have occurred in that time, to yourself and society generally ?. And if you are old enough to another thirty years before that. After being an Ordained Priest for thirty years I cannot help reminiscing a bit, and also responding to a hymn by Joseph Addison:

When all your mercies, O my God,
My rising soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I'm lost
In wonder, love and praise.

The different sorts of "wonder" that we experience at all ages are vital ingredients of our lives. When I was young it was wonderment at the life of the fauna and flora in and around the fields and the River Wissey in Norfolk. Later it was visits to the Tate and National Galleries to see works of art which raised the human spirit; experiencing the Lord Mayor's Show and King George V's Silver Jubilee; music on the old 78 records and Henry Hall on the Wireless, and Scout Camps.

Evacuation both before and after the start of the blitz, being bombed and surviving, passing the Matric and a flirtation or two all provided wonderment. And then followed marriage to Anita and thirty years on the architectural drawing board, wonderment at the amazing possibilities and achievements of many ages as well as the present.....seeing a conception becoming a reality.....and finally the full realisation that the Church is people rather than buildings, which led on to exploring my calling to the Ministry, discovering anew that people are wonderful, with the added bonus of our being made in the image of God; and then Ordination Training in Southwark where we met some spiritual giants of the time, that being a hot spot of forward looking and thinking.

That training experience helped me to find some of the answers to the mystery of my Faith, but was also instrumental in exposing even more unsolved mysteries to ponder over.....it was wonderful. Seven-year Ministries in three parishes, two in the Isle of Man and finally in the Cotswolds, led me to understand a little better the meaning of the Curate's Egg (good in parts) . I do wonder if the enormous advances in technology over those years have made us any happier or contented?. Individuals can do today an amazing range of things which were undreamed of even by my parents, but the underlying feeling I retain is that society can, and mostly does, remain undernourished in spirit, starved of the experience of curiosity, surprise, amazement, wonder and reverent awe for the Christian Faith, and indeed, for the whole of Creation.

As we approach another Christmas, I cannot finish with anything more appropriate than that lovely final verse in John Betjeman's poem to Christmas:

No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare—
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.

May you be blessed this season of Advent, ready to discover anew the Wonderment of Christmas, the Birth of Jesus Christ.

David Bush.

Dates For Your Diary



DATES for your DIARY

Dec

Tues 4	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 5	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 6	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30pm
Thur 13	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 14	Recycling Day		
Tues 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Sun 30	Quiz Night	Dykes End	7.30 pm

Jan

Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 8	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 10	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 11	Recycling Day		
Thur 17	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 22	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 24	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 25	Recycling day		
Sun 27	Pub Quiz Night	Dykes End	7.30 pm



REACH VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

Latest Winners :-

Janet Newman - October £20
Bryan Pearson - November £20

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

'Coley' came up behind me when I was making a small study in his stackyard one evening and he offered me all the money he had in his pocket for it. I let him have the study wet for one shilling and ninepence – a bus ticket home and back if I recall correctly and this after I had begged him to shove off. 'Nice thing being ordered off my own land' he said.

One day in 1951, out painting the 'White Horse' from behind, I was interrupted by Ernie Parr who always seemed to have time on his hands. 'Shan't stop, shan't stop' he said 'I know what it's like. If I've been hoeing beet when the boss had come to look I'd be sure to hoe up the beet'.

I seemed to know half the people in Reach at that time but so few now. I knew Len Warren – King Len, of course – who once asked me to help him prove his claim to the throne of Reach. I have often thought the pub should be named "The King Len" though.

Anthony Day

Ed. Another story from Anthony next edition

Home from Home

Any part of England where there were ample trees and green spaces spelt home to me when I stepped ashore at Dover for good after nearly four years of army service in 1947. Until, that is, I craved the subtle scents of waterlilies and meadowsweet, reeds and fresh water that could be found to perfection only in the the fenland lodes of my native heath.

Reach had always been my second village - Wicken the first – the two linked by Up-ware, and marriages to link them further. In that August of 1947, then no fisherman, I borrowed a rod and line as an excuse to spread myself on the bank of Reach Lode for a succession of days, wanting not a catch but only the restoration of my bond with this countryside. Wicken shone appealingly on the horizon, but having moved to Cambridge at sixteen, Reach was my nearest way back to home ground where my sister lived from 1939.

The indulgent languishing done I had to set the future in motion and was soon attending art school full time, using Reach for sketching until in 1950, I spent the summer painting outside there, creating a base for the future But my bond with Reach goes back to infancy. I was bumped along the lode banks in a pushchair to attend Reach fair, later walking it until the bus services were installed for such essential outings. Then I walked into the presence of adoptive aunts Tilly Bowyer and Kate King of the "White Horse", sitting in her kitchen with a few privileged customers, her newspaper in her lap – although she couldn't read, while her husband Bill (of the mandarin moustache) moved up and down from the cellar to sake the holiday thirsts while keeping up with his own, his complexion telling the tale. Then on to real a aunt, Ivy Webb, and soon out to see the Mayor and his casting of newly minted half pennies. I always got a handful of these, which were pure gold until they clouded over year or so on and were thus spendable. But we spent nothing at the Fair with our own Wicken Feast imminent!

From Cambridge at the age of sixteen I chose Reach as my nearest bond with the countryside I had left so reluctantly, making friends with the lads who shared my half-day off work, taking them my set of boxing gloves for pretentious performances behind the school when that was closed. These were harmless confrontations until one lad, holding a grudge against his elder brother, sent him home battered and bruised and putting his mother on the warpath, threatening to burn the gloves which I took away for good.

Four nieces and various celebrations in the "Black Swan" ensured regular visits to Reach for a long time and I stil use the fens there for painting subjects while never working on the spot. Seclusion is essential but I was interrupted outside in those early days. I recall some boys breathing down my neck until I pleased with them to move away. When I found a hayfield heaped ready for carting I settled down to paint and was pleased when its owner, Ernie Cole, turned up with the tractor and trailer to sart loading. I had ample time to add this to my picture but inevitably he came over. 'How much will you take for that?' he asked. I took it away, framed it and let him have it for two pounds –and I have never seen it since!

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquee £80.00
this includes erection by
experienced personnel

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

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on 01638 743737



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

The Cantilena Singers

Daniel Spreadbury, director
Margaret Jones, organ

Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham, Saturday 8 December, 7.30 pm
Tickets on the door or contact Derek Metz on 01223 812671 or visit
www.cantilena.info. Charity—Emmaus

Bassingbourn Parish Church, Saturday 15 December, 7.30 pm
Tickets on the door or e-mail concert@bassingbournchurch.org.uk
or phone 01763 243818

A concert of seasonal music and readings, including Bach's Advent motet
'Komm, Jesu, komm', and Christmas settings by Rutter, Warlock, Joubert,
Howells and others.

Proceeds to churches and charities

Reach Village Christmas Carols 2007

19th December

If you enjoy singing and socialising and would like to join a group of grown ups to rehearse and perform a carol or two on the night, please give me a ring on 741853

Hilary Almond



VOLUNTEERS we need you!

The Cambridge & County Folk Museum is looking for volunteers to assist in a variety of roles in this warm-hearted museum, which tells the history of Cambridgeshire people through objects from the 1660s to the 1960s.

Are you good with people, can you work a cash register, do you have skills in teaching, cataloguing collections, fundraising, marketing, arts and crafts, events and exhibitions, giving guided tours, speaking a foreign language, making tea and you have a bit of spare time? If you can say yes to one of the above then we would love to hear from you. We can offer you the opportunity to make new friends, meet a variety of people, assist with some exciting projects and have a great cup of tea!

For further details please contact Beverley Hoff, Community Events & Exhibitions Officer on 01223 355159 or email beverley@folkmuseum.org.uk
Cambridge & County Folk Museum, 2/3 Castle Street, Cambridge.

Cambridge & County Folk Museum is a Registered Museum no 716 and a Registered Charity No 311309 which is grant aided by Cambridge City Council.

Jazz Work Out

Jazz work out has been running in Reach Village Centre for a number of years. We need a minimum of 10 people committed to paying for the 10 week session to cover the cost of Jane Newbury and the hire of the hall. During the summer holiday several people contacted me to say they were interested in coming to the classes, unfortunately they did not all materialise. Those that did come decided to pay extra for this term and have enjoyed the classes. However if we are to continue in 2008 we must have at least 10 people to have confirmed they wish to start in January and come to the first session and pay for the 10 weeks.

This really is a fun way of keeping fit and you are not expected to do more than you are comfortable with. Please consider joining and supporting this local activity. The next term will start on Thursday 10th January 2008 the cost for 10 weeks is £35.00 payable at the first session.

For more information or to book your place contact Sue Summers on 01638 742884 before Monday 7th January 2008



The Sleeping Beauty
by Peter Denyer

January 24th, 25th and 26th 2008

Yes, it's that time of year again when we start thinking about Christmas, New Year and PANTOMIME! So please come along to Bottisham Village College on either 24th, 25th, or 26th January 2008 and watch The Sleeping Beauty. Based on a typical pantomime story this one covers 118 years! You can side with the villain, (or villainess in this case), we don't mind. You can cheer the good fairies and hopefully laugh at all the jokes, but most of all we want you to enjoy yourselves, which is what Pantomime is all about. Remember, it's not just for children, it is for "kids" of all ages, so come along children and bring Mum, Dad, Granny, Grandad, Aunties and Uncles and have a couple of hours of fun and laughter.

We will be performing in the Bottisham Village College Main Hall on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th at 7.30 pm and Saturday 26th at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Ticket prices are £7.00 for adults, £5.00 for concessions (children and senior citizens) on Thursday night and Saturday Matinee only (no concessions on Friday and Saturday night).

Seating will be the traditional format with refreshments served in the interval.

Tickets on sale early December from the newsagents in Bottisham, Tina's, North Street, Burwell and via our own telephone booking line 01223 812911. Or this year through a link on our web site at www.bottishamplayers.org.uk

All tickets must be paid for prior to production. Tickets may be available on the door subject to availability.

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

AUTUMN

With summer now behind us, and autumn takes
Its place
The sun shines more coldly, and early hides its
Face
Our trees have shed their leaves, and stand stark
And bare
Fog and mist surrounds us, and the threat of a
Frost is there
The flowers have finished blooming, roses past
Their best
Giving the trees and bushes, a well earned winter
Rest
The swallows have left us, back to their homes
Far away
Across many miles of oceans, but will return to
Us one day
The fields lay damp and cold, but new corn is
Peeping through
The bulb of the hyacinth grows, soon to show
Its dress of blue
The mouse is snugly sleeping, waiting for the
Spring
The skylark no longer sings, when he is high
Upon the wing
Jack frost is just around the corner, to freeze the
Ear and toe
And cover the river like a mirror, so only the tall
Reeds show
The light of day gets shorter, with each and every
Passing day
Until the sounds of carols sung, rejoicing in what
They say
That Christmas time is with us, to fill us with hope
And cheer
And give us faith and comfort, just to face the coming
Year

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Burwell Surgery News

Child Health Clinic

The Child and Family team has made an alteration to the Child Health Clinic which is held in the waiting room on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Since it is a popular clinic and, in order to ensure that every mother is able to have their baby weighed and have time with the Health Visitor, if necessary, they have decided to hold the clinic earlier in the afternoon from 1.00 pm to 2.45 pm as of January 2008. Your co-operation by keeping to these times will be much appreciated.

Flu Vaccinations

There are still plenty of flu jabs available. It is recommended that patients with any of the following conditions: heart disease, diabetes, asthma, chronic renal or liver disease or immunosuppression, any patients who are aged 65 years or over and any patients who are carers should have a flu vaccination. Please contact the surgery for an appointment.

Ordering Prescriptions

The prescription phone line tends to be extremely busy on Monday mornings. Please could patients ring later in the day, if possible. Alternatively, you may deliver, post, fax or order repeat prescriptions over the internet. Our fax number is 01638 743948. If you would more information about using the internet or would like a registration form for this service, please ask at reception.

Christmas and New Year Closing Times

The surgery will be closing for the Christmas break at 3.00 pm on Monday 24th December and will reopen at 8.30 am on Thursday 27th December. It will also be closed on New Year's Day. If you need a doctor when we are closed, please ring 01638 741234 or, for advice, please ring NHS Direct on 0845 4647

Joint Minor Highways improvements 2008/9

Burwell (£10,00) and Swaffham Prior (£30,000) were two of 6 successful projects awarded funding.

Fire Service

After a review it was decided that there would be no benefit in closing Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck Fire Stations to relocate them to a central point.

Resignation of Leader of Council

Shona Johnston, conservative leader of the council has been reported to the standards board. After interviews a candidate accepted the job as Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council but the candidate withdrew after a telephone call the following morning from the Cllr Johnston. She has accepted that this was inappropriate behaviour and resigned from the job of leader. The council will now have to re-advertise in the New Year and so far the recruitment has already cost £48,000. Keith Walters, who was leader for 10 years, will stand in until May when a new leader will be appointed.

Guided Bus

The financial case for the Guided Bus assumed that no business rates would be payable on the busway. It now emerges that the business rates for the busway could cost the County Council up to £1m per annum - a sum for which no budget had been provided, and which had not been disclosed at the outset to the bus operators.

With no County Council money available to pay these business rates, the money will have to be recovered through higher charges to the bus operators, which means higher fares for the passengers.

Recycling

(1) Cambridgeshire County Council Rights of Way Officers have reused shavings from road material from highways maintenance work in the county to improve the surface of rural paths and rights of way.

(2) Figures show that nearly a quarter of what goes in Cambridgeshire residents' bins is food that hasn't been eaten or past its sell by date. At least putting food into brown bags (cooked as well as raw) would be better than letting it go to landfill.

Central Library Redevelopment

During the course of the building work at Cambridge Central Library serious defects have come to light, which date from the original construction of the Lion Yard shopping centre.

The current estimate of the delay this will cause is up to 6 months. This delay also takes account of extra time needed earlier in the project to remove significant additional areas of asbestos revealed during the demolition work. Autumn 2008 is now the likely time of opening.

Neighbourhood Committees

Committees including all Parish Councils, District and County, Housing, Police, Health and Education are being set up and will address concerns of communities. They will be open to the public and the southern area includes Burwell, Swaffhams, Reach, Bottisham, Lode and villages south of Newmarket.

Cemetery

Despite letters to Mr and Mrs Dennis who live next to the cemetery, their fence has still not been repaired, resulting in their pig and rabbits continuing to roam freely in the cemetery. A local resident has complained that the pig chased her and frightened her dog causing great distress. The Parish Council agreed that DEFRA should be contacted to inform them of the roaming animals and also if Mr and Mrs Dennis have failed to mend their fence by 1st November, then we will arrange for the repairs to be done and forward them the bill.

Bank Mandates

The forms for the new Bank Mandate were signed

Reach Wood

Further concern was expressed about the Ragwort in Reach Wood. This was the responsibility of the Woodland Trust. It was agreed that DEFRA should be informed of the Ragwort and a copy of the letter should be sent to Jim Paice.

The Parish Council are awaiting a contract from The Woodland Trust who have offered to pay to pay the Parish Council £240 for cutting the grass paths ourselves. This would cover the running costs of the village mower.

Trees in Reach

There are many trees in Reach that require cutting back this Autumn. Cathy White at ECDC will be asked to visit Reach and meet Cllr Lang, who will point out the trees in need of attention. I.e. Cherry tree on the green, trees a bottom of Chapel Lane (on path to the Lode),

The clerk agreed to contact the Environment Agency to find out who owns the Oak Tree near the sewage works (Straight Drove), near the style.

Insurance

The clerk will check the Parish Council's insurance to make sure that it covers volunteers who cut the grass using the PC mower.

EDF Energy

The power supply on Burwell Road is still causing concern with flickering lights and power cuts. The clerk will approach EDF energy again to inform them.

Boat on the Hythe

The boat belonging to Mr Michael Allen is still causing concern on the Hythe. The clerk

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The clerk would update the Parish Council information for Out of Reach Magazine.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wed 7th November 2007 at 7.30pm. in Reach Village Centre.



URGENT!!

Can you help Swaffham Prior Cubs?

Swaffham Prior cub group is closing on 31st October when we lose our leader.

We have been very lucky to have Jemima South running the cub pack for the past 6 years, Jemima is now moving to start a new job and new leaders must be found if the group is to continue.

We have a very keen group of 8-10½ year old boys and girls who really enjoy their cub activities. Any new leaders would be given full training from the District Scouting Organisation (see also www.scoutbase.org.uk); you would also be supported by a strong committee and enthusiastic parents. If you feel you could help in any way, please contact Mandy Kingsmill (01638 742482).

Quiz Nights

The Dykes End are offering 4 main courses of Sunday Lunch as the prizes for the winning team in the new, revamped monthly Village Quiz.

Still on the last Sunday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm, the emphasis is very much on having a social evening with some fun and exercise the old grey matter at the same time. Teams can be any number (but 4 is

Bus Timetable



Effective 16 April 2007

Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 10A

Bus 10
Reach to Newmarket: **07.35; 09.35; 12.35; 16.35; 17.35.**

Bus 10
Reach to Cambridge **06.54; 07.39; 09.54; 12.54; 16.54.,
17.54; 18.24.**

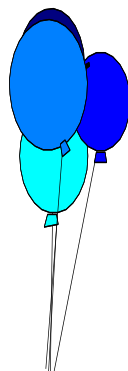
Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 10

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

Birthdays

Dec 5th — Katie Cameron

Jan 20th — Kasia Tabecka (10)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

Village Hall Committee

The windows have almost been painted. Double glazing will be installed during the half-term week.

Swaffham Prior PCC

John Robinson reported that £50 per person has been allocated as the Christmas Grant.

The PCC have kindly offered to donate £100 towards the Reach Cemetery fence when the work is carried out. The PCC will be meeting again on 27 February 2008.

Items Discussed:

Planning Applications:-

Ref: 07/01115/FUL

Applicant: Mr M Breatly

Location: Black Eyed Susan Cottage, 8 The Hythe, Reach

Proposed Development: 2no dormer windows to rear of dwelling, verge parapet and stone coping.

Cllr Dunnett declared a general interest in this planning application

The Parish Council were not in favour of the application, as the dormer windows proposed would overlook neighbouring gardens and they suggested that velux windows would be more appropriate for this location.

Ref: 07/01028/LBC

Applicant Mr and Mrs Hull

Location: Manor House, 10 Chapel Lane, Reach

Proposed Development: Erection of a reclaimed timber frame barn and construction of a covered way between barn and manor house. Alterations to existing kitchen and two doors on NE elevation

Cllr Wood declared a general interest

The Parish Council were not in favour of this development and strongly objected to it for the following reasons:

It would be totally out of keeping with the Manor House and definitely not in keeping with the village.

The building would overshadow the Manor House itself

It is an overdevelopment of the site. ie. it is like another house being built.

The potential noise level for neighbours.

The windows would be intrusive

The perspex roof lights would be out of keeping and also bright lights would shine out of them, disturbing the neighbours.

The Parish Council will request that application goes to the Full Planning Committee and a site visit should be arranged.



Countryside paths

The County Council looks after 1,900 miles of rights of way and works with land-owners to keep them cut and clear of vegetation. The latest survey shows that 72% of paths were easy to use, up on the 60% figure of last year.

CSCI Inspection of Older Peoples Services

Main conclusions include:

Some people are being served well but there is the capacity for the council to improve services.

Concern about the lack of co-ordination on IT between Health and Social Care.

Worries about not having a joined up assessment process

Too many people staying in hospital too long after treatment – prior to social care packages being in place.

Older people with mental health difficulties get a lesser range of services.

Occupational Therapy waiting times are too long.

Bottisham Village College

The OFSTED Inspection team have classified the school as ‘good with many outstanding features’.

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Mereham

The last three weeks have seen intensive work by East Cambs District Council in the continued fight against the Mereham development. A team of planning officers and legal experts have been putting together the case against the development to concentrate on the areas, which they believe will defeat the appeal.

Section 106 Working Party

The implementation of the final part of the working party’s recommendations have had to be put on hold because of the extra workload placed upon the Council’s planning and legal departments by the Mereham enquiry. It is hoped to bring them before the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the beginning of next year.

New Beat Officers:-

PC Andy Martin Tel: 07740 734973 is the beat officer for Swaffham Bulbeck and Reach. DC Amy Griffin , Tel 07921 938046, is the beat officer for Swaffham Prior.

Sign for Junction of Weirs Drove and Burwell Road

After two years finance has been found to erect a warning sign at this junction.

To the Editor, “Out of Reach”

I was bemused by the notes in the Reach Parish Council meeting of 1st August 2007 regarding the “overgrown footpaths in Swaffham Road and Fair Green”. I walk along that path quite frequently and have yet to hack my way through the undergrowth.

Should I be worried that when our wisteria comes into full flower, its amazing scent and abundant growth may cause similar disquiet on this side of Fair Green?!

Claire Acklam

HARVEST SUPPER — 6th OCTOBER



From left to right - Kasia Tebecki, Anya Tebecki, David Cane, Tim Davies, Freya Thomas and Rosie Robinson

An excellent turn out for the Harvest Supper where the food was at its usual superb best. A big thank you to all those who contributed and helped on the evening.

After the supper Hilary, Karen and Grahame entertained the audience with some songs, poems and stories, with able assistance from the children (see above) for the final number.

An extremely enjoyable evening.

Environment Strategy

Highest priority activities should be:

- improving public transport
- making Northstowe and other major developments in Cambridgeshire exemplars for environmental sustainability
- climate change adaptation
- environmental assessment of potential projects and initiatives
- water efficiency in new Council buildings

Green Infrastructure

The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) have commenced bidding for Growth Area Funding. The County is working closely with partners to submit projects worth £15.6 million. Key projects include: Cambridge Green Necklace (linear access/wildlife corridors and site-specific projects surrounding Cambridge), Northstowe Countryside Access, and Country Parks at Ely and March.

Mereham

The County Council is working closely with East Cambridgeshire District Council on the planning enquiry that starts in early October. This proposal, for 5,000 new homes near Wilburton, sits outside the current strategy for the Cambridge sub-region and is strongly opposed by all the local authorities.

Tobacco Age Change

From October 1st this year the age limit for buying tobacco rose from 16 to 18. To assist retailers with the age increase Trading Standards are providing traders with an education programme.

Cambridge East

Marshalls, City Council, South Cambs and the Learning Skills Council have agreed to contribute to the consultancy costs of a study into secondary education provision at Cambridge East.

Cambridgeshire Guided Busway

The first sections of guideway track were placed on 3rd September at Longstanton.

The Long Road cycleway underpass was completed to programme under a full closure during the school holidays. Work has started at Addenbrooke's Bridge, relocation of railway equipment has also begun at Cambridge Station. Junction works have also commenced in advance of the guided busway.

Transport Innovation Fund

Work on the development of the Transport Innovation Fund (including congestion charging) proposals is continuing. Consultation on the current proposals will commence in November.

Scrutiny Management

Three of the pieces of work that will be undertaken by Scrutiny are – out of county placements of children and young people, rural passenger transport, the learning disability services and the IT contract for SWIFT.

**Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 3 October 2007**

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Wood, Harrison, Dunnett, Platt, Clark and Lang; also D/
Cllr Alderson and C/Cllr Williams
3 members of the public

Apologies

There were no apologies

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 05 September 2007 were confirmed with one amendment and signed.

Cricket Pitch

Bryan Pearson updated the Parish Council on the progress of plans for a cricket pitch in Reach.
Bryan and Paul Redfarm attended a meeting with David Archer (Executive Director of ECDC's Development Services Department). It seems that they would only be interested in selling the land for 'big-time' housing. Unfortunately at present, there seems to be no positive support from East Cambs District Council or County who refuse to see this as a plan to benefit Burwell, Reach, and Swaffham Prior, rather than just Reach.

ECDC have suggested that a planning application is submitted, but obviously this will cost money and who will fund it?

Cllr Aves suggested that this is discussed again at the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Williams also agreed to speak with County Farms, David Nutcombe, for his view on the situation.

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Registration Service

From 1st October 2007, all of Cambridgeshire became one Registration District, which means customers can go to their most convenient office, register an event and receive the certificate.

Contact Centre

The Single Assessment Process (SAP) has been implemented for the Learning Disability Service. SAP will be rolled out to Occupational Therapy, Physical Disability and Older People's Services from early October.

**News from
Swaffham Prior
Church of England
Primary School**



We can't believe it is nearly Christmas, although we have started the celebrations early at school this year. Rehearsals are underway for our nativity play. The children in Class 1 and 2 are putting on a nativity play called 'The Gigantic Star'. They will be performing this on the 6th and 7th December. If you would like to come along to a performance, or to the dress rehearsal on 4th December, please contact the office. Other Christmas celebrations include our annual Christmas Fair, which this year is joining with our monthly CC Café. This will be held on Monday 10th December at 3pm. Come along and start (or finish!) your Christmas shopping. The choir will also be singing a medley of Christmas songs. Our Christmas church service is being held on 13th December at 11am. We welcome all members of the community to come and join us.

Friday 16th November brought our annual fund raising for Children In Need. This year the School Council decided they wanted to hold a drawing competition for the children to send in pictures of famous people. They were also given the challenge of dressing up as a famous person. A lot of fun was had by all, as well as raising a lot of money for the charity.

During the week beginning the 19th November the school held an Anti-Bullying Week. The theme was, 'Safer together, safer wherever.' The aim was to raise the children's awareness of any bullying issues and to give them the skills to deal with it in and out of school. We were visited by the Playright theatre company who performed an Anti-Bullying play and the community police visited to raise awareness of 'Stranger Danger'. The children were all involved in re-writing our anti-bullying leaflet and a copy went home to all parents.

Class 3 and 4 have made a very special visit to the Cambridgeshire Proms at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. They were invited to go and 'Meet the Orchestra' and thoroughly enjoyed listening to a wide range of music from a variety of different instruments.

Three children from class 4 were specially chosen to go to the Diocesan Offices in Ely on 23rd November as part of the national '11 million Takeover Day'. They went to the Diocese offices to do an Eco-study of the centre and they fed back to a panel at the end of the day.

We look forward to seeing you at some of our Christmas celebrations.

Emma Vincent
Head Teacher

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

overstretched facilities. The club is in the process of developing a site in Swaffham Prior and need to use somewhere in the interim period. The Parish Council had no objections to this - the clerk agreed to write to them to give our permission.

Overhanging trees around Reach

A letter had been received from Michael Aves (Junior) expressing his concern over the overhanging trees around the 'green lanes' in the village, in particular Pit Lane. This will be dealt with as soon as possible - the clerk will write to the residents who are responsible for the trees.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wed 3rd October 2007 at 7.30pm. in Reach Village Centre.

Parish Precept 2008/9

At the monthly Parish Council meeting on 7 November 2007, it was agreed to request a 5% increase in the Parish Precept for 2008/9 to allow for inflation and also the extra costs that are being incurred for the upkeep/grass cutting of the cemetery and other village maintenance.

Reach Parish Council

Polite Notice

CAR PARKING IN REACH

Please note that the car park at the entrance for Devil's Dyke and the playground is for those walking along the Dyke - It has been noticed that local residents are using it as a permanent car park!!

Items Discussed:

Cemetery

Despite a letter to Mr and Mrs Dennis who live next to the cemetery, their fence has still not been repaired, resulting in their pig and rabbits roaming freely in the cemetery and eating the flowers that have been put onto the graves. This is unacceptable and a further letter will be sent to them.

Bank Mandates

Following the adoption of the New Code of Conduct, new bank mandates will be prepared for the next meeting.

Reach Wood

Cllr Lang has been liaising with the Woodland Trust . The have offered to pay the Parish Council £240 for cutting the grass paths ourselves. This would cover the running costs of the village mower so all were in favour.

Sewage Works

Cllr Wood (although not present at the meeting) had reported that many households had been complaining about the unpleasant odours coming from the sewage works. Prior to Anglian Water carrying our maintenance work, there was no smell. The clerk will write to A W.

Trees in Reach

There are many trees in Reach that require cutting back this Autumn. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Code of Conduct

Cllr Clark proposed that we adopt section 12.2 of the New Code of Conduct, seconded by Cllr Lang – all were in favour.

Planning Applications:

1.Applicant: Mr Bryan Pearson
Location: 7 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD
Proposal: Change of use from single dwelling to two terraced dwellings, two storey and single storey extensions to rear and associated works.
(Ref: 07/00938/FUL)

The Parish Council had no negative comments to make on this and were encouraged that a house was being made into two dwellings, rather than the current trend to knock two smaller houses into one!!

Correspondence

Burwell Tigers F.C.

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A letter had been received from Burwell Tigers F.C. requesting permission to use the Reach pitch for some games and training sessions to help out with their already

Farmers' & Fine Food Fayres

FIRST MARKET

8th December 2007

Together with separate gift fair

Burwell

9.30—12.30

Village College—The Causeway

January 12th	February 9th	March 8th
April 12th	May 10th	June 14th
July 12th	August 9th	September 13th
October 11th	November 8th	December 13th

(2nd Saturday every month)

www.farmersfayres.co.uk

For dates and more information

Know your Parish Council

Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:

Michael Aves – Chairman 742800

Robert Wood - Vice Chairman 742562

Joyce Harrison - 742405

Rita Dunnett - 742943

Helen Platt - 742331

Ross Clark - Represents Village Hall Committee

Penny Lang

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 2006–2007, the following Officers have been elected and any inquiries about the various committees can be made through them:

<i>Village Hall Committee</i>	Ross Clark/Joyce Harrison
<i>Police Liaison Committee</i>	Robert Wood
<i>Swaffham Prior Primary School</i>	tbc

Honorary posts:

Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities

John Robinson - 74563

Tree Officer

John Reed - 742140

Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 September 2007

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Harrison, Platt, Clark and Lang; also D/Cllr Alderson

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood, Cllr Dunnett

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 01 August 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Cricket Pitch

Bryan Pearson updated the Parish Council on the progress of plans for a cricket pitch in Reach. A further meeting will take place with East Cambs District Council next week.

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Village Hall

Some of the windows have been painted by willing volunteers.

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Refuse collections

The bi-weekly refuse collections will not go ahead owing to an unsuccessful trial in Witchford and Bottisham.

Carparking in Ely

New regulations will be passed to make it easier to park in Ely by providing a commuter carpark at the rail station.

Mereham Development

East Cambs and Cambridgeshire County Council have opposed the proposal for the Mereham Development, which would provide 5000 houses between Stretham and Wilburton.

Fly tipping

Cllr Alderson will follow-up the fly tipping problem in Reach.