

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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Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach		
May 08	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach
4 th Easter 7 (Sunday after the Ascension)	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	6.00 pm Songs of Praise with Wicken Coronation Band On Fair Green (St Ethelreda's if wet)
11 th Pentecostal Sunday	10.00 am Christian Aid Family Service at St Mary's Church (joining with trinity Church)	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
18 th Trinity Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 3.00pm Service celebrating 60th anniversary of Burwell branch of the Women's British Legion	
25 th Trinity 1	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Flower Festival Songs of Praise	

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6th Easter 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service With CMS link missionaries Peter and Alison Roots	
12th Saturday	5.00 pm Fordham & Quy Deanery Confirmation Service With Bishop Peter Dawes	
13th Easter 4	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) (no "Sunday @ 7" this month)
20th Easter 5	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
27th Easter 6 (Sunday before the Ascension)	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Service of Healing	
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Editor's Notes



The purpose of Out of Reach is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household in Reach. Issues are published bi-monthly with cover dates of Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov. Items for inclusion should reach the editor two weeks before the 1st day of the first month on the cover. Inclusion date for June/July issue will be 18th May

From the Editor

Congratulations to Joannie Webb of 10 Swaffham Road, who wins the 'Out of Reach' front page competition. Because we print in black and white Joannie's lovely coloured picture doesn't show up the best. But the original will be displayed in the tea tent during the Fair.

The cover of the last edition featured a shot of Looe in Cornwall. Thanks to all those who contacted me with answers but no-one got it right.

So, it is Reach Fair time again and the Committee will need lots of help with manning stalls, selling Draw tickets etc. Please come forward and do what you can even it is only for a couple hours setting up or on the day. See the notices on pages 28/29.

Grahame Radford

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Similarly, when it comes to our physical surroundings, there is hope of creation "being redeemed" from the dark destruction we inflict on it... when we make up our minds positively to play our part in the process. May this Easter prompt us to think both about the renewal of our lives and the renewal of the earth - and their connection. For the worst we can do is to shrug our shoulders in despair, or denial, and do nothing.

With every blessing,

Stephen

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

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

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Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405

Did you know St Mary's & St Etheldreda's has an Environmental Policy" entitled "Environment Matters"?

It was produced during the last year, and copies are available from the back of our churches (or from Paula Spalding, Churchwarden).

The Royal Society has produced an excellent informative booklet entitled "Climate Change Controversies"

(Copies from "The Royal Society": 6-9 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG – 0207 451 2500)

Tear Fund similarly has an excellent informative booklet entitled "For Tomorrow Too"

Copies from "Tear Fund" 100 Church House, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 8QD – 0845 355 8355)



Dear Friends,

It's been another extraordinary year with snowdrops, daffodils, violets and primroses all out in our garden at the same time, and in February! Abi says "even more surprising is the *kerria* that doesn't usually flower until April / May!". February's fine for snowdrops, but certainly strange for the others. Daffodils, primroses and violets I associate with Easter; and even with Easter being its earliest this year, these are still well ahead of "normal". If the trend persists, they'll become reminders of Lent, not Easter – but then violet is the liturgical colour for Lent!

Increasingly unusual weather patterns in so many parts of the world are widely thought to be a consequence of global warming, precipitated or at least accelerated by human action. Our Lent study sessions this year took a close look at this important issue from a faith perspective, which assumes God is creator of the world and we who live in it have a responsibility to him and to one another to be good stewards of our global environment. I'm sure we're all aware of the many worrying, undesirable effects our exploitation of the environment is bringing about.

Watching the Al Gore Film "An Inconvenient Truth" at the first Lent session brought this home to me... a sobering eye-opener to the seriousness of our world predicament, and the likely consequences of complacency. Space here doesn't permit statistics and details which can easily be found elsewhere, but the main thrust of these study sessions was *first* to raise awareness of this major issue affecting everyone now and in the future, and *second* to demonstrate how human intervention to correct these alarming trends isn't beyond the scope of individuals and governments.

I'm encouraged when thinking of the momentum of the Fair Trade lobby in recent years. It goes back much longer I know, but seems to have really taken off in the last 5 years - with all the major supermarkets now selling increasing volumes of fairly traded goods, and advertising them on television; the Co-op (as in Burwell) being the pioneer supermarket. Like me, many of you may recall the days when it was mostly seen as something quirky promoted by people with radical agendas. In the days when I worked at Sainsbury, in their stores and then as a buyer (25 years ago), I have to say - with shame - I could see no future for fairly traded items; I didn't think people would pay the extra "for conscience sake". I'm delighted to have been proved wrong, and an increasing proportion of items at the vicarage are now fairly traded.

If this sort of momentum can be gained in caring for the environment, then there is indeed hope for planet earth (Homer Simpson... eat humble pie!). Yet only by making significant changes to our lifestyles, accompanied by appropriate government policies, will the scientists' gloomy forecasts for the world, its population and habitat, be reworked for the better.

Easter is a time of new life, hope, and resurrection... "For God so loved the world, he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life" (John 3:16). God has acted once for all in the salvation of the world from the forces of darkness, though there are spiritual battles we continue to face day-by-day in owning "this salvation" for ourselves.

Dates For Your Diary



DATES for your DIARY

April

Tues 1	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 4	Recycling Day		
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 18	Recycling Day		
Weds 23	Hall Committee Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 29	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm

May

Fri 2	Recycling Day		
Sat 3	Fair Dance	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 4	Set Up Fair	Village Green	9.00 am
Sun 4	Fair Quiz	Village Green	7.30 pm
Mon 5	Reach Fair	Village Green	10.30 am
Weds 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 13	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 16	Recycling day		
Tues 27	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Fri 30	Recycling Day		

Notices



REACH VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

Latest Winners :-

(March result not available at time of going to press)

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

Grasscutters Wanted

Would you like the chance to ride up and down on a John Deere tractor on Fair Green cutting the grass? We need help to mow the Playing Field as well.

So any Mum, Dad, Grandparent or resident of Reach that could help would be most welcome. It's fun and relaxing and a cut only takes about an hour, so it's not a big commitment.

The machine is not too complicated and full training will be given. You'll need your own sun hats as we only mow when the weather is good!

Please contact David Elliott on 742268 or Bryan Pearson on 743966

REACH FAIR GRAND DRAW

This year we are having a Grand Prize Draw instead of the programme draw. Tickets are 50p each and come in books of 5. The prizes will be substantial—the first prize being worth £250!

We will be asking each household to sell 5 books (although you can have more!) before the day and will be calling during the first week in April to distribute the tickets. We feel that this gives an opportunity for those friends and relatives who would like to support the Fair, but are unable to come on the day, can do so.

Additional tickets can be obtained from myself or any Committee member.

**Karen Carpenter
14 Ditchfield
742814**

CAKES, CAKES, CAKES



**We need lots of lovely cakes for the Cake Stall
so get busy in the kitchen!**

**It doesn't matter if its small or large and
we will collect if you can't deliver**

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

Sue Clifton - 742895 Sue Elliott - 742268

Reach Fair News

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

DANCE

This year there will be a pre-Fair Dance at the Village Centre with a live band, "Melody Beats". They have kindly offered to provide entertainment on the Saturday before the Fair, starting at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome and tickets, costing £5 will be available from Committee members.

QUIZ

Don't forget the Reach Fair Quiz. Taking place in the Beer Tent on the Green, 7.30 pm on Sunday 4th, it is open to any teams who wish to participate.

HELP!

Firstly, we need lots of volunteers to help with various duties including marshalling, manning stalls and helping with the set up of the fields on the Sunday. If you can spare even a couple of hours either let a Committee member know or turn up at the Village Centre on Sunday 4th May from 9.00am.

We are trying to bring a more traditional air to Reach fair this year with some more family orientated activities and games. These will probably be of a short duration and help with these would be much appreciated.

CAR PASSES

We will be using the new car park on Burwell Road this year but the road closures will be in place from Wiers Drove and Rogers Road so you will need car passes for family and friends to access the village from 11.00am until 5.00pm. Please contact Grahame Radford on 742814 or e-mail reach14@sky.com.

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

If you are interested please contact Andrew Hall
on 01638 743737



Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Broadband



Your local internet / e-mail provider
(Before going to BT contact us)
£20 per calendar month

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Please fill in this form if you require Broadband and return it to
Paul Catling, 10 Adams Road, Swaffham Prior
For further details contact Paul on 07005 800 991

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



We can not believe that the Spring Term is over already!
As usual we have had a very busy term with lots of exciting events happening.

We had an International Day on 5th February where the children took part in lots of activities about China. They tried Chinese cooking, made Chinese dragons, learnt about the story of Chinese New Year and made their very own Terracotta Army which we plan to bury in the school field. Our day was ably assisted by a replica model of one of the Terracotta Army that one of our parents loaned from the Chinese Embassy. It was a very successful day.

The whole school have made visits to the Fitzwilliam Museum this term. Our Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning theme for the half term was, 'It's Good To Be Me' and this theme was continued on the visit where the children worked with the museum staff to look at some portraits and then had the opportunity to work in the museum studio to create some of their own.

We held our own Writing Week during the week beginning 3rd March. We began with a visit from the author Mick Gower who worked with all of the children and inspired them to write stories about Bogles and poems that were noisy and about moon animals. Throughout the week the children were engaged in making books and writing their own stories. The classes paired up to write a different chapter of a story and each younger child had an older child to work with to write a paired story. We finished the week with an assembly to show the parents what we had been doing.

'Bring Your Parent To Lunch Week' has been very successful. All of the parents were invited to come and have a school dinner with their children during this week. We wanted to show what an improvement has been made to our school lunches and to ask the parents for their opinion and any suggestions they might have. The majority of the parents were very impressed by the standard of the food served and left us with a few suggestions for how we can improve the service even further. Thanks must go to our school cook, Mrs Armstrong, who coped well with the increase in numbers that week.

Achieving Health Promoting School status remains one of the foci for the school this year. We have had a number of parents helping us to evaluate our practice and suggest ways forward. We are focusing on the Physical Activity and Healthy Eating strands at the moment and have an action plan in place to move forward with this initiative.

Cambridge County Council Report January 2008

The new Chief Executive of the County Council will be Mark Lloyd who is presently at Durham CC. He will start his job in April. This is the candidate who withdrew after the appointments fiasco that forced Shona Johnston to resign.

The government financial settlement for the county council is just 2% this year so it is likely that the Cabinet will propose 5% increase in Council Tax (90p per Band D property per week) and some services will still have to be cut. Decisions on which services, will be made in the next two months. Cambridge County Council has the third lowest council tax in the country.

I will be holding surgeries on County Council matters at Centre Peace on The Causeway in Burwell on the second Saturday each month from 10.30am –12.30pm. The next two dates are April 12th and May 10th. Please come along if you would rather discuss an issue in person or ring me on the number below.

**Hazel Williams
01638 743897**

Calling Community Nurses:

If you are an experienced Community Nurse and have the capacity to take on occasional extra work, Medical Entomology Centre would like to hear from you.

We are building up a bank of nurses with community health experience who can undertake home visits within the area as part of our trials programme. The work is intermittent when the trials are in progress, payment is per visit. Most of the visits take place after school hours (late afternoons or early evenings).

Own transport is essential, for which travelling expenses are payable.

If you would like to know more, please contact Ian Burgess (Director) at Medical Entomology Centre on 0845 4300 300.

A Message from your District Councillor

The Government Revenue Support Grant

The Council has been told how much the Revenue Support Grant it might receive over the next three years. We had been expecting a 2.5% increase in grant in each of the years (reflecting an uplift for inflation and population growth and a deduction for efficiency). In the event the Council looks set to receive increases of just 1% this year with slightly smaller increases in each of the following two. Clearly these are very disappointing figures representing a budget shortfall this year of just over £100,000 with the gap increasing to over £300,000 in two years time. In order to keep Council Tax increases to a minimum we had already formulated efficiency savings in this year's budget. The balance of the gap will be met from a slightly higher than planned 3.72% increase in Council Tax. It will mean an increase of £4.50 per year for a Band D tax payer, which works out at less than 9p per week.

Ely Master Plan

The Council is in the process of producing an Ely Master Plan This will help formulate a clear vision for the future growth and development of the City. Significant issues being discussed include the future levels of population and employment growth that have appropriate, desirable and achievable for Ely, and the transport links which need to be developed.

Mereham

The planning enquiry is now complete and the Planning Inspector is set to deliver his report in April. However, Hazel Blears, the Secretary of State, is not expected to give her decision until September 9th.

Neighbourhood Panels

I recently attended the first meeting of the South Area Neighbourhood Panel at Swaffham Prior Village Hall. The South Area covers fifteen parishes in the district from Burwell to the north to Kirtling in the south It is mainly comprised of County, District and Parish Councillors, together with representatives from the Police. The panel discusses important community issues and establishes what priority actions should be taken at a local level. The general public are encouraged to attend these meetings to raise their issues and concerns.

Recycling

From the start of April the Council will reduce the number of replacement green waste sacks from 10 to 4 They do not intend to limit the number of sacks collected and additional sacks will continue to be available to purchase from local stores. Also from April there is to be a kerbside plastic recycling collection

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Allan Alderson

Our monthly CC Café continues to be a popular event on Friday afternoons. All members of the community are welcome to come along and enjoy a homemade cake and coffee between 2.30 and 3.30pm. The dates for the next few months are: 18th April and 13th June.

As you are hopefully aware we are desperately trying to raise the money for a new swimming pool for the school. Contained in this magazine is an envelope from our Parent Association (FoSPS) asking for donations towards the pool fund. We really do appreciate any support you can give us. In school the children are raising money by taking part in a sponsored swim in June, collecting small change and many other things. Some of our fit parents are attempting a sponsored cycle ride from Lands End to Swaffham Prior, please support them if you can. The children are very keen to help raise money for the new pool and below they have written some things about why the pool is important to them.

Emma Vincent

Head Teacher

"I really miss our pool it was great fun. In the summer we used to play in it all day. I wish we had our pool back. Please help us get another pool. I miss it."

(Darcey Luttrell)

"The pool was great fun in the summer and we used to learn to swim in it. It was brilliant in the summer, but sadly after 48 years it has broken. Lots of people in the village learnt to swim in that pool, so please help us to raise money for new one."

(Sophie Bell)

"We are trying to raise money for a new swimming pool because our old one is broken. It means that Class 1, 2 and 3 won't be swimming lessons in the summer. Also it means that we can't use it for having fun either. We are really upset and it would be brilliant to have a new one."

(Susie Tucker)

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

By the time you read this we hope that a number of you (at least 10) have signed up to our evening with Emma Mitchell and her friend who specialises in chocolate making. **The date is Friday 25th April at 8.00 p.m.**

This will take the format of some craft to participate in and some listening and watching. The cost, which includes the hire of the hall; the craft facilities; chocolate; wine and nibbles, will be £20 . At the end of the evening you would have made a bracelet to bring home and learnt how to work with chocolate,

If you have not paid your money and signed up please do so ***NOW.***

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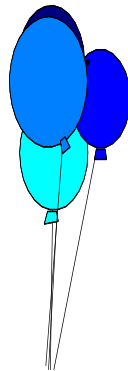
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Birthdays

Please, please let me have those birthdays as I have a master list and will print them when they are due.

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NOTICE Reach Parish Council

HORSES IN REACH WOOD

Please be aware that horses are not allowed to be ridden in Reach Wood. The horses are kicking up the bluebells, and cutting up the turf and generally spoiling the beauty of the wood. The land is owned by the Woodland Trust who have put up notices saying 'Horse riding is not permitted in this wood', as the paths are foot-paths not bridleways.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for Reach, then please apply to the Parish Clerk in writing:

Claire Denniss, 7 Low Road, Burwell, CB25 EJ
Email: claire.denniss@ntlworld.com
by 8th April 2008

Rubbish Bags

There have been complaints that some residents in Burwell Road are leaving their rubbish bags out on a Sunday night, ready for the Thursday collection, Residents should be reminded that there can be a £75 fine for doing this! A notice will be put in OOR.

Out of Reach Magazine.

Parish Council Meeting minutes were not published in the last issue of OOR, despite the clerk having forwarded the minutes before the deadline date for printing to the editor.

National Trust

A proposal to erect a bridge over the Reach Lode (Hurdle Hall area) has been put forward. This could either be an arch (high level) or a swing bridge so that boats can let themselves through. The clerk will ask John Megginson of the National Trust to come to a public meeting and update local residents on National Trust proposals. It is hoped that this could be on 9th April.

The next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5 March at 7.30pm.

Reach Parish Council

The National Trust will be giving an update on the current happenings and plans for the area at a Public Meeting -

Date : Wed 9th April 2008 at 7.30pm

Venue: Reach Village Centre

Closure of Swaffham Prior School Pool

Our “local” school, Swaffham Prior Primary is very important to the people of Reach. Many families are at the bus stop every morning - whatever the weather - waiting to put their young children on the school bus.

The local council put swimming pools into Fen edge villages to ensure our children could swim and so reduce the risk of drowning in the lodes. Swaffham Prior CE Primary has had its pool since the 1970's. It is an outdoor pool, and is well heated and maintained. It is usually used from the second half of the summer term, through to September (weather permitting!)

All children have had free swimming lessons. A dedicated swimming teacher comes in especially teaches the younger ones at school: and children in their last two years travel to Bot-tisham. (It is part of the national curriculum, that children should be able to swim at least a short distance by the time they start secondary school). And the children have been able to use the pool after school and during the school holiday's too- just for fun!

At the end of the last season, however, the pool was closed down due to its years of use- simple wear and tear.

For the summer of 2008 there will be no school swimming pool.

In response to this, the school and FoSPS (Friends of Swaffham Prior School) have decided that it is worth striving to replace this fantastic **free** facility for our children. This is going to cost in the region of **£25,000**.

Because this facility is important to the children of Reach, we want to raise your awareness of our appeal, and ask you to make a donation.

How can you make a donation?

- look for a donation envelope - distributed with this copy of 'Out of Reach' or
- send a cheque (payable to Friends of Swaffham Prior School) to Swaffham Prior Church of England Primary School, Station Road, Swaffham Prior, Cambs

CB5 0LG or

- contact the school office on 01638 741529 or at office@Swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk

We really hope to hear from you!

Thank you

Di Collier – Chairman, FoSPS

Bus Timetable



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

Mondays to Fridays

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

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

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Audit of Parish Council Accounts

The completed Audit of Accounts for the Year ending March 2007 were inspected and approved.

Playground

A playground inspection will be booked with Wicksteed for sometime in March.

EDF Energy

In response to the complaints regarding electricity supply on Burwell Road, Reach, these are the comments received in an e-mail from EDF Energy.

"We are sorry to learn of the recent short power cuts last year affecting residents on this road. They have been due to the operation of an automatic switch on our overhead network.

These devices form part of our protection equipment, and automatically cut off the power if a transient fault is detected.

Wind-borne debris, trees or birds coming into contact with the lines can cause this to happen. They can also operate due to the effects of lightning storms. Once the fault has cleared, the power is automatically reconnected. This operation usually lasts a few seconds.

We do understand the inconvenience these cause, but we believe that these devices offer better customer service as there is no need for an engineer to attend site to restore power. Without them, should a fault occur, it would inevitably result in a much longer power cut.

To keep these power cuts to a minimum, we have a rolling programme of tree trimming to maintain an adequate clearance from the overhead lines. We also undertake regular patrols to identify and remove any potential problems on the network.

We are not aware of any inherent problems on this part of the network and if residents are still experiencing a problem with their power supply please ask them to contact our fault department directly on 0800 7 838 838 and we will investigate their specific problem."

Cemetery Grass cutting

Quotes will be requested for the new season of grass cutting.

Sportsdec.

Sportsdec promotes the development of sport throughout East Cambridgeshire. It works through the various sports halls and outdoor centres in the area encouraging the participation in sport by both adults and youths. Dist Cllr Alderson attended its meeting on January 14th as the District Councils representative on this body.

Some of the proposals discussed could help alleviate the youth anti-social problems highlighted at the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting.

Reports

Village Hall

Cllr Harrison reported that there will be a Fair meeting with refreshments on 13th February and on February 23rd, between 10am-12pm there will be a meeting about the Village Hall windows.

Items Discussed:

Horses In Reach Wood

Bill Estall represented the views a number of Reach residents concerning the damage that is being caused by horses being ridden through Reach Wood. The horses are kicking up the bluebells, and cutting up the turf and generally spoiling the beauty of the wood. The land is owned by the Woodland Trust who have put up notices saying 'Horse riding is not permitted in this wood', as the paths are foot-paths not bridleways. When contacted, Jonathan Plowe from the Woodland Trust said, 'Horses have never been considered as authorised users of Reach wood and this situation will not change for the foreseeable future. If horses continue to use the wood the Woodland Trust would consider installing fencing to prevent unauthorised access.' Mr Estall also felt that the ragwort growing in the wood should be encouraged, as it is part of nature and feeds the birds. The Parish Council was in agreement that the wood should be not spoiled by the horses; a notice to this effect would be placed in OOR.

Prospects Trust

The Prospects Trust had spoken with Cllr Dunnett asking for further clarification of 'exactly what type' of bus shelter the parish council would be happy with. It was agreed that it should be wooden like the ones in Reach in order for it to be in keeping with the surrounding countryside.

Cemetery Fence

Quotes have been received for repair to the cemetery fence that belongs to Mr and Mrs Dennis next-door. A letter will be sent to Mr and Mrs Dennis with the quote. If they do not respond in getting their fence repaired themselves, then the Parish Council will organise for the contractor to carry out the repairs to the fence presenting the Dennis' with the bill. This is necessary as despite numerous letters to them asking them to attend to this they have not complied with our requests. This has to be done in order to stop their peacocks, pig, rabbits etc ruining the cemetery.

Saturdays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
12.22	12.54	12.57	13.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	Walk	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
16.22	16.54	16.57	17.35	10
17.22	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
17.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
18.52	Walk	19.27	20.05	10
————	Walk	21.52	22.30	10

Cambridge Drummer Street	Swaffham	Reach Prior	Newmarket Rookery	Bus
07.30	08.02	(walk)	08.38	10A
08.30	09.02	(walk)	09.38	10A
09.0	09.32	09.35	10.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
12.00	12.32	12.35	13.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
16.00	16.32	16.35	17.08	10
17.00	17.32	17.35	18.08	10
18.00	18.32	18.35	19.08	10
18.30	19.08	(Walk)	19.38	10A
19.00	19.38	(Walk)	20.08	10
21.00	21.38	(walk)	————	10
23.00	23.38	(walk)	23.08 (Tesco)	10

Sundays and Bank Holidays

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

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

'The Little Chapel In The Fen.'

It needs re-roofing very soon!

It is not known when the first place of worship appeared in Swaffham Prior Fen, but the present building, located in the far north-west of the Parish, close by the River Cam and about a mile from the hamlet of Upware (which is in the Parish of Wicken), was erected in 1884 to replace the earlier 'Wesleyan Chapel' that had then been 'for a long period ... in a dilapidated state.'



Money was raised by many means, ranging from donations of ten guineas by Frederick Munns, a Cambridge picture dealer, who laid a foundation stone, to 'a bag containing over 300 farthings collected by a little boy, who had set himself to this work long before the congregation took the matter up.'

Among the trustees of the then 'new' Wesleyan Methodist Chapel were: William Stevens of Upware, engineer; William Housden of Swaffham Fen, farmer; Charles Pratt of Swaffham Fen, farmer; Thomas Ivatt, junior, of Cottenham, farmer; Josiah Chapman Munsey of Cottenham, basket-maker; William Munsey of Cottenham, basket-maker; Robert Norman of Cottenham, farmer; Thomas Miller of Waterbeach, farmer; James Neal of Cambridge, tailor and robe-maker; and John Shrive of Cambridge, basket-maker.

Of course, this was well before the Fen Drove had been concreted, when access from Waterbeach Fen was via a small ferry over the Cam, and when the influence of the Cottenham Methodists was powerful.

An analysis of the 1881 Census shows that about 130 people lived then in Swaffham Prior Fen alone, the majority being involved in Agriculture. There were also a post office, a shop, and, just over the river, a pub, 'The Jolly Anglers.'

A former Fen resident, when asked why 'everybody' (including himself) went regularly to the Chapel in earlier times, said: 'Well, there weren't nothin' else to do of a Sunday in them days.'

The Chapel prospered for many years, serving families in Swaffham Prior and Waterbeach Fens and elsewhere, until the 9th of July, 1958, when, with a declining population and congregation, the Methodist Church decided to sell the property. It came to the hands of Edward Palmer Brand, a large-scale farmer in the Fens who was actually based at Ramsey, Huntingdonshire.

Some regular Sunday services continued, one of the last being held on the 22nd of November, 1959, when Mr Harry Cranfield of Burwell was the preacher and the collection was ten shillings.

It is evident that Mr Brand did not wish for the Chapel to be destroyed or to have a different use, for it was eventually conveyed, in 1969, to a small group of trustees who have, with their successors, cared for it ever since. It is still subject to a legal covenant that it 'shall not be used for the manufacture, distribution, sale or supply of intoxicating liquor, nor for use as a public dance hall, or for any purpose in connection with the organisation or practice of gambling in any of its forms.'

Parking at Devils Dyke/playground Car Park

Residents are still using this as an overnight carpark. The Highways Department will be notified for their input in the matter. This car park is specifically for Devils Dyke/playground users and is not an overnight carpark.

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 February 2008

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllr Harrison, Platt, Clark, Dunnett and Lang

Apologies

C/Cllr Williams, D/Cllr Alderson, Cllr Wood,

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 09 January 2008 were confirmed with one amendment and signed.

Reports

District Council Report

Council Tax 2008/09

ECDC were proposing to increase council tax by 2.5% but owing to the lower than expected Revenue Support Grant provided by central government it will be increasing by 3.72%.

Mereham

The planning inspector is set to deliver his report in April. However, Hazel Blears, the Secretary of State, is not expected to give her decision until September 9th.

Neighbourhood Panel

On January 8th Dist Cllr Alderson attended the South Area Neighbourhood Panel Meeting at Swaffham Bulbeck. The panel discusses important community issues and establishes what priority actions should be taken at a local level. The general public are welcome at these meetings to raise their issues or concerns.

The two main concerns were speeding through villages and anti-social behaviour by youths. These will be discussed further at the next meeting on April 1st. Venue to be decided.

County Council Report

The new Chief Executive of the County Council will be Mark Lloyd who is presently at Durham CC. This is the candidate who withdrew after the appointments fiasco that forced Shona Johnston to resign.

The government financial settlement for the County Council is just 2% this year so it is likely that the Cabinet will propose 5% increase in Council Tax (90p per Band D property per week) and some services will still have to be cut. Decisions on which services will be made in the next few months.

Items Discussed:

Fly Tipping

Cllr Clark reported that he had telephoned the Environmental Dept to ask how many incidences of fly tipping had been reported in the last year. – 350 cases had been reported. He then asked how many prosecutions followed - 0!!!! This is unacceptable as Reach Residents have actually taken photos of culprits cars, registration numbers etc. Cllr Clark agreed to write an article in the newspapers to publish these appalling outcomes!! The clerk would also email Caroline Littleboy at the Environment Dept at ECDC.

Trees

The Parish Council chose Eastern Tree Surgery to carry out the work to the trees in Reach after obtaining 3 quotes. This was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Platt. All were in favour. John Reed had offered to attend to the trees on the green and the Oak Tree on the Hythe.

Salt Bin for Ditchfield

A salt bin would be ordered from Glasdon for Ditchfields. All were in favour.

Cemetery Fence

The broken fence on Mr and Mrs Dennis' side still remains unattended to, despite numerous letters to the couple asking them to repair the fence, to prevent their menagerie of animals going through to the cemetery. The clerk would obtain three quotes for this work and then the Dennis' would be presented with the bill if they fail to mend the fence themselves.

Cemetery Gates and Front Fence

The Parish Council were in agreement that Mr J Pollard, from Site and Maintenance Services should be contacted to make the necessary repairs to the front gates and fence. Quotes for this work were obtained early last year. This was proposed by Cllr Platt and seconded by Cllr Lang.

Willow Tree on the Hythe

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There is a row of dangerous trees (including a willow tree) down the Hythe. County Council will be asked to attend to it.

The Chapel, which is now 'non-denominational,' is best known for its annual Harvest Thanksgiving service which is held on the first Sunday in October at 3 p.m. The regularly sung 'Sankey' hymns include 'Shall We Gather At The River?', 'We Plough The Fields And Scatter,' and 'Bringing In The Sheaves.' It is always packed for these occasions and the collections, which are partly for the building's upkeep and partly for 'good causes,' often amount to three or four hundred pounds.

The trustees have spent considerable sums on maintenance of the Chapel and providing a disabled access ramp and rails, thanks to generous donations, but they now face very major expenditure as the slate roof is in urgent need of renewing. Slates are constantly shifting and slipping, nails have corroded, and battens are rotten. Two estimates for re-roofing, each with totals of around £10,000, have been received. £2,265 is in hand and a further amount has been promised, but much more must be raised in the near future. The organ concert at Mildenhall, very kindly arranged by Mr David Sennitt and featuring Robert Wolfe, resident organist at The Thursford Collection, will give a greatly-needed boost: sincere thanks to all involved.

The trustees are very grateful to all those who have helped so generously over the years, and they thank in advance all those who may now feel able to give to this great local cause. 'The Little Chapel In The Fen' is part of our Cambridgeshire heritage and must be maintained and saved for future generations. Re-roofing, though expensive, is essential – and soon!

Please make cheques payable to "Prior Fen Chapel Upware" and send to the treasurer, Mrs Daphne Wyatt, 12 Matthew Parker Close, Landbeach, Cambridge. CB25 9FB. Your generous assistance is greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged by Mrs Wyatt.
1/3/2008



The Chapel decorated and prepared for a recent Harvest Thanksgiving Service.



Refuse and Recycling Times



Parish Council Meetings



New Recycling Services coming to a Street near
You from 31st March 2008

Bringing Recycling Closer to home

East Cambridgeshire District Council will be entering into a new Waste contract with Veolia Environmental Services, which starts on **Monday 31st March 2008**. The service includes refuse, recycling and street cleansing

- The Council is remaining with a weekly black sack refuse collection. Residents should restrict the number of black refuse sacks they put out for collection to 5. Contact the Council if you need advice on how to **REDUCE** your Waste

The following changes will be implemented:-

- We will limit the number of free replacement paper sacks to 4, you may of course place more bags out even using cardboard boxes for grass cuttings. Remember the weight of the box or sacks, if it's too heavy for you, then its too heavy for us! You can purchase extra sacks through various outlets, please contact Veolia on 01353 863864 for your nearest stockist.
- We are introducing a new Kerbside plastic bottle collection (without the lids) using a clear plastic bag. Remember wash and squash all bottles, these will be collected at the same time as your black box. All householders will receive 1 free replacement plastic bag on the day of collection.
- Plastic bottle banks will be removed from the bring sites.
- 100% coverage of Recycling district wide
- Recycling sites district wide with more planned
- Advice on waste minimisation and prevention, composting

Tel: 01353 665555



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 9 January 2008

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllr Harrison, Platt, Clark and Lang

Apologies

C/Cllr Williams, D/Cllr Alderson, Cllr Wood, Cllr Dunnett

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 05 December 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Reports

District Council Report

Government and Revenue Support Grant 2008/9

The council has been told how much Revenue Support Grant it might receive over the next three years. We had been expecting a 2.5% increase in grant in each of the next three years. In the event the council looks set to receive an increase of just 1% this year with slightly smaller increases in each of the following to years. Clearly these are very disappointing figures representing a budget shortfall this year of just over £100,000 with the gap increasing to over £300,000 in two years time. South Cambs and Forest Heath have both suffered in a similar way while the County Council, Fire and Police Authorities have also been adversely impacted.

Swaffham Bulbeck Post Office

In March, Swaffham Bulbeck Post Office will know if it is to be included in the Post Office Limited's closure plan. Post office closures affect access to a wide range of services.

Discretionary Council Tax Discount for empty properties

This discount will be removed with effect from April 2008. The Executive Director of Finance will be authorised to write off any amounts due on empty properties in exceptional circumstances or on hard ship grounds.

Fly tipping

This continues to be a problem and should be reported to Martin Stacey or Ian Thompson at Environmental services

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

Letters to the Editor



No letters this edition

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Passion for puddings?

Indulge it at the Friends of Swaffham Prior School

Spuds and Puds Evening

Friday 25 April 2008
Swaffham Prior 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 by 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
Tickets: £5.00 per adult £3.00 per child. Bar for grown-ups.
Contact: Clare Freeman (741316) or Catherine Wrench (742654)

WINDOW APPEAL

Following the Open Meeting and discussions on 23rd February it was unanimously decided to go with the suggestion of having a separate glass replica of the windows at either end of the Hall with the donor's names engraved upon it.

The Committee will arrange for this to be done as soon as possible.

Reunion Party

Were you a pupil in the year group 1975-1980 at Bottisham Village College? There will be a Reunion Party for ex-pupils and teachers on Saturday 7th June 2008 at Bottisham Village College, 8 – 12pm. Please contact Karin Fitch if you wish to come on 01954 251700 or karin.murphy@hotmail.co.uk .

We hope to keep entry cost down to £5 per person (depending on final numbers coming). Please bring a bottle and a few nibbles

Come and revisit old times and old faces; the more, the merrier!