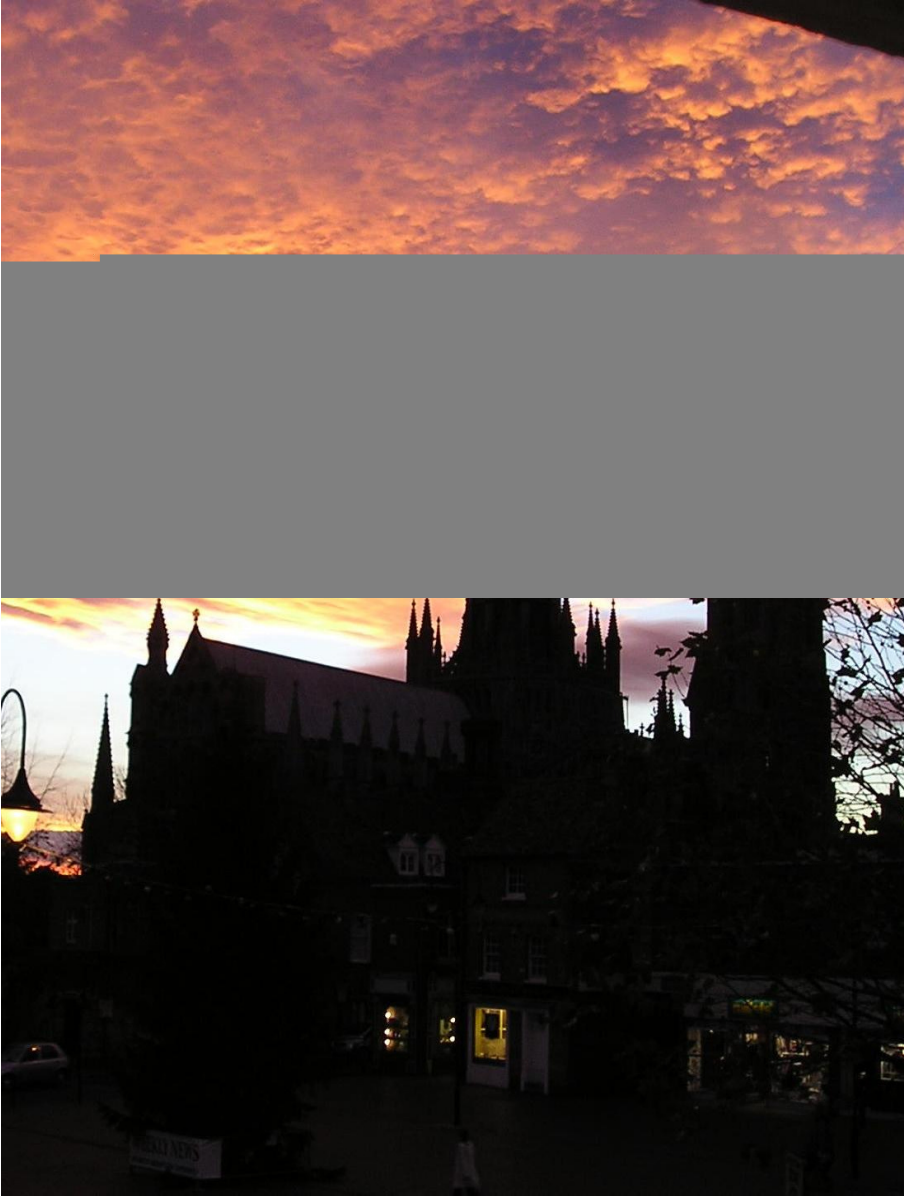


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Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

Community Nurses 742382 11 - 11.30 am, 1.00 - 1.30 pm & 4 - 4.30 pm
Ante Natal Wed. 4.30 - 5.30 pm, Run by Midwife
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Emergencies

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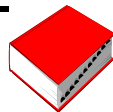
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Sun 28	Pub Quiz ?	Dykes End	7.30 pm
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Reach Village Centre



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

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Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405

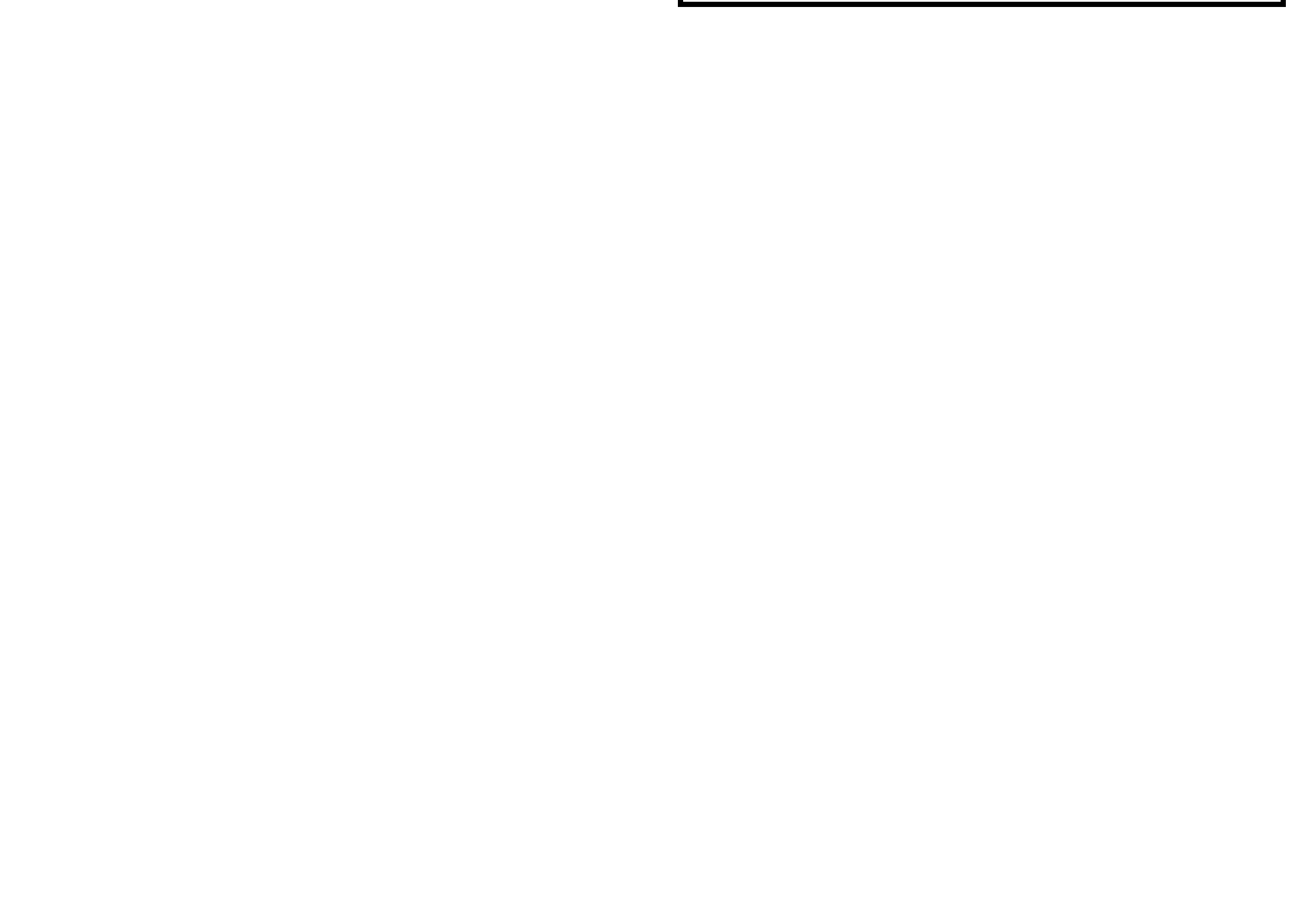
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Notices



Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Broadband



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

Name.....

Address

.....

Tel No.....

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

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquees - £80.00
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10' x 10' Gazebos - £20

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



This half term we have been thinking a lot about helping other people in our local community and further afield. The children and their families have done a marvelous job making Christmas Shoeboxes full of toys and clothes for children in less fortunate circumstances. Also, the School Council arranged a fantastic day of fund-raising for Children in Need this year. They organised an art competition, a dress your teddy up competition and a fun run at lunchtime. Overall the children managed to raise £90.79.

On Monday 17th November we held our annual Anti-bullying event. The children came to school wearing blue clothes, as this colour represents the Anti-bullying movement, and took part in a whole day full of activities which promoted the Anti-Bullying message. We work very hard in school to reinforce the 'Staying Safe' ethos and the younger children were making blue handprints out of paint to help them remember 5 people they could ask for help if they were feeling unsafe. Each child is a member of a mixed aged 'Learning Circle' in school. These meet once a month to discuss issues about school. On Anti-Bullying Day the discussion was all about including people who are different and may get left out. The children came up with lots of ideas which are displayed in our hall. The day was great fun, but also reinforced a very important message.

We are starting to think about our Christmas Performance in school. As you may be aware, we like to do something different each year. Over the past three years we have done a Pantomime, a play of the Snow Queen and a traditional nativity. This year we are working with Jo Buffery from Cambridge Community Arts and we will be putting together an arts performance involving the whole school. We are not quite sure what this is going to look like yet as the children will be developing the main idea during our special Christmas Performance working days in early December.

We will be holding our annual Christmas church service on 19th December at 11am. We would love to be joined by members of the community, so come along if you can.

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DEADLINE REMINDER**

We are now accepting applications for Reception places for September 2009.

If you would like an admissions form or to have a visit to our school please contact us on 01638 741529 or just pop in.

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May we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

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THE REACH AMENITY FUND

What is it?

Every year a proportion of any profit made from the Reach Fair is put into the Amenity Fund.

What is the money used for?

The Amenity Fund provides financial support for community activities within Reach.

How are these community activities identified?

Any Reach resident who has an idea about how the fund might be used to the benefit of Reach residents can apply for money.

How is an application made?

The application should be made in writing and passed to any member of the Parish Council or the Village Hall Committee. If you are unsure of who these people are, please send or email your application to;

David Parr, Clerk to Reach Parish Council
20 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD
Email:reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

Your application should ideally;

- (a) describe the activity
- (b) show how it benefits Reach residents
- (c) quantify approximately how many Reach residents might benefit
- (d) specify how much money is requested
- (e) be submitted prior to any commitment being made

How are funding decisions made?

When an application is received, it is reviewed by the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee at the earliest possible time. Further clarification may be required from the applicant and then a decision made.

The Reach Amenity Fund is there to benefit the residents of Reach. The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee are very keen to see it properly used for this purpose.

FLY-TIPPING

There have been some instances of Fly-tipping within Reach of recent times.

Fly-tipping is not only unsightly, inconsiderate, dangerous and expensive to clean up, it is also ILLEGAL.

Waste can only be deposited at licensed sites and anyone fly-tipping waste is not only costing us all money as council taxpayers, but they are also committing a serious offence.

Fines are up to £20,000.

If you see an incident of fly-tipping, try to note the following details:

the date, time and the place where the tipping took place

what the waste is

how much there is of it

a description of any vehicles involved, hopefully including registration numbers

We advise you not to approach anyone you see dumping rubbish but contact ECDC Waste Management on 01353 616093 or email waste@eastcambs.gov.uk with the information you have.

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor

Well done to everyone who helped at the Harvest Supper. We had a wonderful family evening and were disappointed that we had to leave before the entertainment.

Well done again - a great village event.

Sarah and Robert Keutgen

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (registered charity 1103314) has a major new grant programme now (Oct 08) open for applications. Grassroots Grants (funded by the Office of the Third Sector) offers not-for-profit voluntary or community organisations in Cambridgeshire, which has been active in their community for not less than 12 months, have a governing document and evidenced income of less than £20,000 per annum (averaged over the last three years), grants of between £250 and £5,000 for projects that address local needs.

Examples of what can be funded are given below

Purchase of capital items such as computer equipment, oven or furniture

Costs of putting on a local event or workshop

Staff costs to enable the employment of individuals

Contribution to rent costs (related to activities/service delivery)

Cost of attending a conference or event

Training for volunteers

Additional activities to expand an existing funded project

Full details on Grassroots Grants are on the [Grassroots Grants Guidelines](http://www.cambscf.org.uk) on the CCF web site (www.cambscf.org.uk) along with the application form (one for grant requests up to £500 and another for sums between £500 and £5000).

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(From Geoffrey Woollard, Chapel Farm, River Bank, Nr. Upware, Ely, Cambridgeshire. CB7 5YJ. Telephone 01223 - 861823)

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5. Promote the conservation of 'The Little Chapel in The Fen,' a non-denominational place of worship and harvest celebration built in 1884 near Upware, the foundations of which will be undermined and made unstable by a rise in the water table in Swaffham Fen?

6. Promote the conservation of the Country's resources by opposing the construction of a 'Bridge of Reeds' over the A14 at a cost of £20 millions?

Yours sincerely,

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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.

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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
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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
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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

Saturdays

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
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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

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

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L.O.R.A.

(LADIES OF REACH ASSOCIATION)

Some 18 "Ladies of Reach" attended the annual Yuletide evening at the Dykes End on Friday 28th November.

In between the delicious 3 course meal, served with the usual style and efficiency that we have come to expect from Frank, Simon and his staff, there was much conversation and discussion on a wide variety of topics, together with a certain amount of beverage tasting!

Our thanks to all those that came this year and we hope that they will inspire others to join in, not only at Christmas but with some of the other events during the year.

Have a good Christmas and New Year.

Birthdays

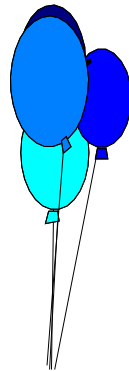
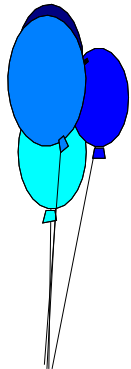
Congratulations to :-

Evie Mitchell will be 3 on December 3rd

**Katie Cameron's birthday on
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and

**Kasia Tabecka
whose birthday is on 20th January
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Sports News



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Know your Parish Council

Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:

Michael Aves – Chairman 742800

Ross Clark - Vice Chairman

Joyce Harrison - 742405

Rita Dunnett - 742943

Helen Platt - 742331

Penny Lang

Angela King

The Parish Clerk is **Dave Parr**. His telephone number (for street lights not working, Burial Ground enquiries, etc.) is **01638 744081**.

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>	Penny Lang/Joyce Harrison
<i>Police Liaison Committee</i>	Ross Clark
<i>Swaffham Prior Primary School</i>	tbc

Honorary posts:

Swaffham Prior

Parochial Church Charities John Robinson - 74563

Tree Officer John Reed - 742140

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There was input regarding the proposed Bus Service Changes which were discussed in the Matters Arising.

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District Council Report

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The proposal to create Mereham, a 5,000 home development between Cambridge and Ely has been successfully opposed and rejected.

The new ECDC Corporate Plan has been agreed and can be viewed on the Council's website www.eastcambs.gov.uk.

To mark the anniversary of Oliver Cromwell's death, Oliver Cromwell's House is holding a day of activities on Saturday the 6th September.

Travellers have encamped at Headlake Drove but swift action has resulted in the issuance of a court order. The council will continue to send out the message that unauthorized encampments will not be tolerated.

Financial Report

The Parish Council's bank account is in a satisfactory state, however due to extra spending on the cemetery and the mower, the Parish Council will overspend its income in the year to 2009 by approximately £1,000.

[The Clerk](#) will liaise with Barclays to seek a higher rate of interest for the Amenity Fund account.

Police Liaison Committee Report

There has been under-age drinking in Bottisham – some parents need to be reminded that it is illegal for them to supply alcohol to their under-age children.

There has been a burglary in Reach recently and oil thefts reported in Swaffham Prior. Reach residents need to be vigilant.

A white van has been seen in the area and the Police would like to know if it is seen again – registration number T243ERX.

A list of recent local crimes, as supplied previously, will be asked for by [Ross Clark](#). It appears that Burwell Parish Council is furnished with such information and [Ross Clark](#) will contact their Clerk, Leslie Reader (743142, burwellpc@btconnect.com) to get a better understanding of this.

Village Hall Committee Report

There has been no meeting of the Village Hall Committee since the last Parish Council meeting.

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A financial analysis has been made of mowing costs based on the status quo (DIY) plus that of three contractors. This will be reviewed over the next month and discussed again at the next meeting when a decision will be made regarding DIY or contract out. [The Clerk](#) will inform the potential contractors of progress.

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The problem with visibility, traffic speed and parking around the junction of Ditchfields and the Swaffham Road was discussed. It was agreed that [Hazel Williams](#) would raise the issue with Paul Butcher (East Highways Division of Cambridgeshire County Council, based at Witchford near Ely) with a view to Paul visiting the area to understand the issues first hand.

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These were made as follows;

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Review of Village Hall Accounts for 2007-2008

These were presented, questions asked and suitably answered.

It was agreed by the Parish Council and the representatives of the Village Hall committee that the vast majority of Reach villagers are unaware of the existence of the Amenity Fund. It was agreed that its existence, its purpose and how to access it should be properly communicated. [The Clerk](#) will produce a draft document for review by the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee which will form the basis of the communications process.

It was agreed that the addition of a wireless router to the Village Hall network should be investigated. [The Clerk](#) will seek permission from the relevant people for such an addition to be made, together with a costing, for approval or otherwise.

Forum for Members of the Public

There was no input from members of the Public

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd September 2008 were reviewed and an amendment agreed. The Minutes will be amended by [the Clerk](#) and signed as soon as is practicable.

County Council Report

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Over the next 2.5 years (to March 2011) a series of grants (£250 to £5,000) are being made available to “grassroots” community groups in East Cambs, administered by the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF). More details can be found at www.cambscf.org.uk.

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[The Clerk](#) will create a document regarding the 2009-2010 Precept for discussion at the Parish Council Meeting in November.

Police Liaison Committee Report

Maria Green is our local Police Liaison Officer and can be contacted on 07710 994972. She is planning to strictly enforce illegal parking with £30 fixed penalty notices.

Hare coursing, which is illegal, has been taking place. If anyone witnesses such an event or is made aware of any such proposed event, they should not challenge the individuals concerned but report what they know to the police.

As regards crime and other local policing information, full details are contained at <http://www.cambs.police.uk/myneighbourhood/locate.asp>.

[Ross Clark](#) will invite Maria to a Parish Council meeting.

Village Hall Committee Report

The curtain material was approved; the cost is expected to be in the region of £4500.

Engraving of the small window with names of those who donated has been ordered.

The Village Hall Committee had arranged a meeting to discuss Reach Fair 2009. It was hoped volunteers to assist with the organisation and running of the fair would attend.

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Ron Greenhill will carry out the work, based on an estimate of £80, by the end of November 2008.

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5. Parish Mowing Requirement

It was decided that, starting in 2009, the Parish Council will appoint a contractor to carry out the mowing needs of the village. This decision was based on the reasonableness of quotations received from three contractors, the increasing cost of fuel, the high cost of maintaining our current (and doubtless any subsequent) mowers and the requirements for health and safety. **The Clerk** will work with **Michael Aves** to conclude the agreement with a suitable contractor. **The Clerk** will write to the volunteers who are currently mowing the village's green areas, thanking them for their excellent endeavours.

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The Clerk confirmed that Reach had volunteered to join the Speedwatch Scheme. Alan Williams (Neighbourhood Panel Controller ECDC) has sent a summary of responses to date (most of which are positive) and expects to be able to announce a decision, following 100% responses, by Friday 10th October.

7. Overgrown Footpaths

The Chapel Lane to the Hythe footpath is overgrown. **Helen Platt** will contact the Clerk at a convenient time to demonstrate the problem so that appropriate action can be taken. There are a number of footpaths within Reach and **the Clerk** will document these and make contact with the Rights of Way office at the County Council, specifically Simeon Carroll, to establish their responsibilities.

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10. Maps

Penny Lang was able to provide a useful map of the village. **The Clerk** will collate all maps of the village which will show other relevant information, for review at a future meeting.

11. Reach Fair 2007 Payment

A cheque for the Reach Fair 2007 payment has been received from the Village Hall Committee and deposited in the Amenity Fund account.

12. Haulage Activities of John Cole

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13. Willow Tree on the Hythe

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One of the legs of the swings was, in the view of the Parish Council, not satisfactorily dealt with by the contractor (Wicksteed Leisure) when work was last carried out. The Clerk has written to the contractor to ask them to remedy this particular fault at their cost. The Contractor has responded with further questions which will be dealt with by [the Clerk](#).

10. Maps

Penny Lang was able to provide a useful map of the village. [The Clerk](#) will collate all maps of the village which will show other relevant information, for review at a future meeting.

11. Reach Fair 2007 Payment

A cheque for the Reach Fair 2007 payment has been received from the Village Hall Committee and deposited in the Amenity Fund account.

12. Haulage Activities of John Cole

There have been complaints regarding these activities based on the size of the vehicles involved, their leaving and arriving schedules, parking issues and potential pollution problems. One complainant has escalated their complaint to ECDC. The investigation continues and the Parish Council will be informed of the outcome in due course.

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100853	British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£16.50
100017	Juliet Vickery	Sports Day Refreshments	£82.65 (Amenity Fund)

16. Planning Applications

08/00909/FUL – New dining room extension at rear with double glazed link to existing cottage at Chapel Farm, 15 Fair Green, Reach, Cambridgeshire, CB25 0JD.

The Parish Council had no comments and/or observations on this application.

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5th November at 7.30pm. The Agenda will be issued on Monday 27th October.

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Ely markets has been declared one of the most environmentally friendly markets in the UK by a national body. Ely came runner up in the southern region section of the National market traders Federation's "How Green is Your Market?" competition. Ely market was recognised for recycling a massive 70% of its waste, having a large mix of stalls including many organic and local sellers as well as promoting demonstrations of traditional crafts. I feel that this is justifiable recognition of what is a popular market.

This December there will be a special Christmas Market on Tuesday 23rd. Combining the Farmer's and General market, it will run from 8.00 am to 3.00 pm and include seasonal entertainment.

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Dear Friends,

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Jesus has been described as *"the window in to the heart of God"* and *"the human face of God"*. He came to reveal the fulness of God's love for creation, and his longing for humankind to turn away from all that is life-denying, and to receive with gladness the love and light he wishes to bestow upon us so that we may live life to the full! So instead of being weighed down with the failings of ourselves and others, the burden of guilt, and harbouring hatred and bitterness towards those who have wronged us, to thankfully and joyfully accept his unconditional forgiveness, release, freedom and peace. This way our relationships with others become fruitful, and our relationship with Him becomes transparent and life-affirming. By his own example of selfless love even to death on the Cross, Jesus inspires followers in every age with this same generous love which knows no bounds; and by his Resurrection he inspires in us that profound hope, as Mother Julian of Norwich puts it, that... *"all will be well"* in the hands of God.

This is why Christmas is indeed such a joyful time, and why the herald angels proclaimed in chorus: "Good News!". Jesus, a human baby yet Son of God, brings to all people - in every age in every place - the opportunity of a new beginning, of coming close to God, and of a life utterly transformed!

How very appropriate that the Church's year starts at this time, and how we *need* these weeks of Advent to prepare ourselves to take in, once again, the enormity of God's breaking into the world in such a remarkable way, through his undying love for all whom he has created. And there are several practical ways we can prepare... some will already have attended the Advent Quiet Day at Reach, some will be lighting Advent candles or opening Advent calendars and hopefully also making a special time for quiet and reflection each day, some will attend special services over this period (maybe, if time allows, the quiet midweek services on Wednesday mornings, or the Advent Carol Service in the Cathedral), others may like to follow a book of daily Advent Meditations - Two good new books this year are *"O Come Emmanuel"* (based on carols) by Gordon Giles, and *"A Handful of Light"* by Michael Mitton (both available from CentrePeace in The Causeway, Burwell).

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21st Advent 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight	11.00 Family Carol Service
Weds 24th Christmas Eve	No 10.00 am Service 3.00pm Jesus' Birthday Party Toddlers/Childrens Crib Service 11.30pm "Midnight" Communion	
Thurs 25th Christmas Day	9.30am Christmas Family Service (Children invited to bring a favourite Christmas present to show the clergy) <u>Revd Gill Smith's final service</u>	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
28th Christmas 1	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 38 9.30am Parish Communion	

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