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The Reach website has now been updated and can be visited at;  
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There is information on the **HISTORY** of the village as well as current day issues and opportunities.

In the **PARISH COUNCIL** area you can download the Minutes of previous meetings and see the Agenda for the next one.

Older issues of this magazine can also be downloaded from the **MAGAZINE** page.

The **NEWS** page is constantly updated to show happenings in the village.

If you have any comments or items to be included on the website then just let me know.

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# Out of Reach



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 Mon 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Tues. 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Wed 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Thu 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 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  
**Child Health Surveillance** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 2.00 - 4.00 pm

**Emergencies**  
 Eastern Electric **0800 783 8838.**  
 Anglian Water **08457 145 145.**  
 Police **999** Non Emergencies **0345 4564564**

# Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach		
Jan 2010	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & The Holy Trinity Reach
3rd Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
10th Epiphany 1	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
17th Epiphany 2	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
24th Epiphany 3/ Conversion of St Paul	8.00am Holy Communion (said) <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i> 10.30am Ecumenical Service at St Mary's (led by RC's)	
31st Epiphany 4/ Presentation of Christ		9.30 am United (5th Sunday) Parish Communion

# Church Services



# Editor's Notes



## Services at Burwell and Reach

Dec 09	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda &amp; The Holy Trinity Reach</i>
6th Advent 2	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service 4.00pm Christingle Service	
13th Advent 3	9.30am Nativity Family Service	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 3.00pm Family Carol Service
20 <sup>th</sup> Advent 4	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	
Thurs 24th Christmas Eve	3.00pm Jesus' Birthday Party Toddlers/Childrens Crib Service 11.30pm "Midnight" Communion	
Fri 25th Christmas Day	9.30am Christmas Family Service (Children are invited to bring along a favourite Christmas present to show the Clergy!)	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
27th Christmas 1	<u>NO</u> 8.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Parish Communion	

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/March issue will be 18th January 2010.

### From the Editor

It now looks as though the winter is on its way but we have planted the spring flowers so will be looking forward to a burst of colour around the village in the New Year.

Unfortunately the village has lost one of its stalwarts with the sad death of Jenny Moseley. See the tributes page.

Don't forget the Carol Evening on 16th December as it looks like we are in for a treat!

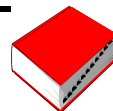
And finally, I have decided that after 5 years I want to pass the reins of Out of Reach over to a new pair of hands. So if any one is interested please let me know.

In the meantime have yourselves a great Christmas and New Year and we all look forward to a challenging and exciting 2010.

**Grahame Radford**

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*I was born in Bristol and baptised in the Parish Church of St Philip and Jacob. As a child/adult I attended the Methodist Church until I moved to Harlow in Essex. My husband wanted our two children, Michael and Ysanne to be baptised Catholics so I became a Catholic too.*

*I was widowed in 1980 and returned to Bristol with my daughter and shortly afterwards spent two years in Religious Life. Subsequently, my son and his wife had twins, Richard and Caroline, and we moved to Debden, near Saffron Walden, to be near them. Through the village Pentecostal Church I become involved in Sunday School and the Vacation Bible School, a yearly outreach for 500 children held in Saffron Walden. My son and his family moved to Isleham and after a year in Burwell, my daughter and I followed suit. We both returned to Burwell in 2005 and don't envisage moving again!*

*As my participation in a two-year course in Spiritual Direction ended and my involvement with Cursillo began, I felt strongly drawn to worship at St Mary's Burwell and St Etheldreda's Reach. Through my deeper involvement in the life of the Church, I felt Our Lord calling me to a specific area of ministry, that of Reader. After a selection process, I was admitted by Bishop David on the 31st October at Ely Cathedral as a Reader in Training with Permission to Officiate.*

*I am serving in the Parish of Burwell and Reach with Stephen and other assisting clergy and will gradually become involved in taking/leading services at Reach (as well as Burwell) from time to time.*

*I am very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know more people at Reach in the course of time. In the meanwhile, please pray for me, as I will pray for you.*

## Frances

## Village Centre



To help raise money to run the Village Centre 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

### Usual Sunday Services at REACH:

On 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays - 8.00am Holy Communion  
- 7.00pm Sunday@7 Informal Worship

On 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 9.30am Parish Communion

Also, periodically as announced, Family Services at 11.00am

### Usual Sunday Service at BURWELL:

On 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 8.00am Holy Communion

On 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays - 9.30am Family Service

On 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 9.30am Parish Communion  
with Junior Church (3-11s) & Pathfinders (11-17s)

### Weekday Services at BURWELL:

On 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays - 10.00am Holy Communion

Every Wednesday - 8.00pm in the Guildhall: "WOW!" (Worship on Wednesdays)

On 1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays (not Jan/Aug) - 10.00am Toddlers' Service

~ Check monthly list of services in OOR & on church noticeboards ~

Vicar	Revd Stephen Earl	741262
Hon.Assistant Priest	Revd David Bush	741839
Priest in Retirement	Revd David King	742924
Reader	Mrs Frances Leadon	741770

# Church News



Dear Friends,

Amid all the preparations for the Christmas Season, may I invite you to fix to a notice board or wall at home a quotation from scripture, or a poem, that epitomises the Christmas story for you. Read it every day; ponder on it until the words so illumine your mind that they become a part of you. The scripture being pinned to my notice board is taken from the Wisdom of Solomon, chapter 18, verses 14 and 15 ... *"For while gentle silence enveloped all things, and night in its swift course was not half gone, your all-powerful Word leapt from heaven, from the royal throne, into the midst of the land that was doomed ..."* In the silence of darkness, in the silence of dream-time, in the silence of wonder, in the awe-full silence that renders us speechless and envelopes everything, God gave His only begotten Son to restore, at great cost the harmony and balance of all His creation. The cross that Jesus would eventually embrace in order to achieve this was there in his life from the beginning and cast its long shadow backwards to his birth.

Bethlehem (which means 'House of Bread') was a city bursting at the seams with visitors and amongst all this manic activity, the birth of Jesus, our Saviour, took place quietly in a stable and the 'cradle' into which he was lovingly placed was a manger - literally a place to eat. God's precious gift to humanity would become for us the Bread of Life on whom we would feed and be nourished through His word and the mystery of the Eucharist.

For many people Jesus remains a baby in a manger surrounded by well-known figures - Mary, his mother, Joseph, angels, shepherds, animals, inn-keepers and wise men. While I was thinking about this scenario, the film "Mary Poppins" came to mind especially the scene where Mary and her two charges, Michael and Jane, are about to enter the park when they come across the multitalented Bert demonstrating his artistic flair for landscape drawing. All four jump into one of his landscapes and have a wonderful adventure. If you have a quiet moment, may I invite you to take a picture of the nativity, "jump into it" and also have a wonderful adventure. What do you actually see? Who else can you imagine being there? What do you perceive with your five senses? Do you feel like being a part of the action? What gift would you like to give to Jesus? Do enjoy the adventure, sing and dance if you wish - no-one's watching!

Jesus is the most precious gift we can receive at any time and because we are made in the image and likeness of God (although the likeness part is a lifetime's mission) we are to others His "living gifts with skin on" coming in all shapes and sizes, individually and sometimes decoratively wrapped - and Gifts that are not just for Christmas but for Life!

During all our days, may the rich blessings<sup>36</sup> of God rest upon us and those we love through the great gifting of Himself, and us, to others.

Frances Leadon

# Diary Dates



## DATES for your DIARY

### Dec

Tues 1	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Thur 10	Recycling Day		
Tues 15	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 16	Carol Evening	Village Centre	7.00 pm
Thurs 24	Recycling Day		
Tues 29	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm

### Jan

Mon 4	Refuse Collection Day		
Weds 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Sat 9	Recycling Day		
Tues 12	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 20	Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thur 21	Recycling Day		

## Reach Village Centre 100 club

**Remember to get your 100 club ticket to be in with a chance of the monthly draw. Only £10 for the year!**

**October £20 winner - A Hull  
November £20 Winner - Jan Tabecki**

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

# Notices



## Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Broadband

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



Name.....

Address .....

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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

## Village Games for Hire

Don't forget that we have a number of excellent Games for hire.

These include:-

**Feed the Frog, Drop the Dice, Splat the Rat and Hoopla.**

Ideal for private parties, fund raising etc.

**Interested?**

Then telephone Jan Tabecki on 01638 742552  
(Deposit required)

## Jenny Moseley

### A small tribute to a great lady...

What a great loss to the church and community of Reach, and more especially to Charles and the family – the sudden passing (on 22<sup>nd</sup> October) of Jenny Moseley, dear to so many in this place and so much part of village life in Reach. Such a warm, kind, wise, witty, big-hearted, modest and most generous person, that those she knew her are all the poorer for her no longer being here with us, yet all richer for having had the privilege and pleasure of her acquaintance and friendship.

Over the seven years St Etheldreda's has been linked with St Mary's Burwell, and before that, JENNY has served on the Parochial Church Council with great dedication, and selflessly given of her time and talents as verger, cleaner, sides-person, flower-arranger, bell-toller, lesson reader, intercessor, Server and Holy Communion Assistant, coffee maker, clerk of works, events organiser, publicity coordinator... and much more besides!

In the church as elsewhere, JENNY will be sorely missed not so much by what she *did*, but by the wonderful person she *was*. Reach will certainly not be the same without her.

The Vicar, Stephen Earl

### Dear Friends

I am so grateful for the overwhelming and warm support and sympathy from our friends in Reach after we lost Jenny in late October. I hope eventually to REPLY TO each of the many letters I have had, but it will take me a long time. It was especially good to see so many of you at the funeral and at the lunch afterwards. This was a place and community she loved - we have spent 46years of our lives here - and it is entirely fitting that she now sleeps under those lovely limes in the graveyard.

Antonia and Justin join me in thanking you all very sincerely.

**Charles Moseley**

It appears that horses have been using Reach Wood. This issue will be brought to the attention of Jonathan Plowe by the Clerk to see whether he feels signage is necessary.

It appears that some Exclusive Rights of Burial documents may not have been properly issued for the cemetery. The Clerk was asked to generate these and distribute them appropriately.

#### Payments

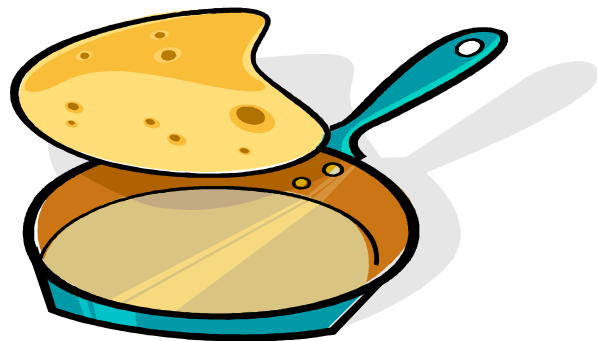
These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

100021	David Parr	Daffodil Day Bulbs	£264.98	(Amenity Fund)
100895D.	Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing	£65.00	

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm.

The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

## PANCAKE DAY FUN



If anyone has any ideas on a fun way to celebrate Shrove Tuesday, perhaps using the Village Centre or the streets, then please call

**Claire Halpin McDonald on**  
**34**  
01638 743330 or 07834 740881

## For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquees - £80.00  
(includes erection by  
experienced personnel)

10' x 10' Gazebos - £20

Large BBQ - £20.00 deposit  
(£10.00 refunded if the BBQ is returned fully cleaned)

Please contact Andrew Hall on 01638 743737

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## Birthdays

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**Congratulations to :-**

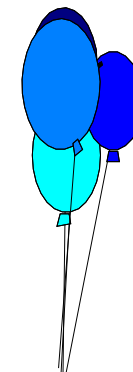
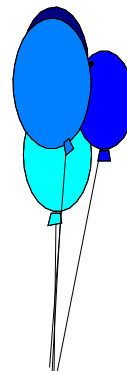
**Evie Mitchell on 3rd December**

**Katie Cameron on 5th December**

**Jodie Abigail Halpin-McDonald who will  
be 7 on 14th December**

**Kasia Tabecka 12 on 20th January  
and**

**Alice Trump who'll be 6 on 27th January**



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# Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

It is understandable that Geoffrey Woollard takes pride in local farmers' ability to generate large crops (His letter to the October/November edition of Out of Reach refers). I share some of his admiration and for the moment don't doubt that it is possible to produce 20 tonnes of potatoes per acre on the best soils hereabouts. But Mr Woollard takes a short-term and selective view of agricultural productivity and ignores the cost of delivering such yields.

Fen soils are disappearing because of current agricultural practice. That is in large part why the lodes stand 3 metres above surrounding fields. As peat soils oxidise, shrink and disappear, the carbon they contain, which has been locked up for centuries, is released into the atmosphere adding to climate change. The high agricultural yields Mr Woollard celebrates can only be maintained by ever larger inputs of energy to pump out excessive water (the local drainage board pushes out nine million tonnes from the soils in question in an average year) and to maintain soil fertility. Local farmers will be far better tuned to the growing costs of this than I am and I suspect this is why Mr Woollard is so fearful. The National Trust's Vision cannot expand unless farmers are willing to sell land to it. But at some point in the not too distant future current farming practice on the fen soils will become financially as well as environmentally unsustainable. At that point land-owners may well opt to sell to the Trust.

Those who welcome a more sustainable approach to the use of local land and one which extends beyond food production may wish to sign a petition in support of the Vision at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/wickenfenvision/>

Mr Woollard ought to be more explicit about his concerns about Hightown Drove which he has reported to higher authority. He infers that these are linked to the Wicken Vision - it is out of character for him to be coy.

**Nick Acklam**

## 11. Amenity Fund Committee

It was felt that the current arrangement whereby two organisations, who have no regular meetings together, have to jointly approve Amenity Fund applications, should be reviewed. Ross Clark has taken up this issue with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with a view to implementing a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement. A draft constitution has been compiled and will be issued to Parish Councillors shortly for discussion at the next meeting.

## 12. Fair Green Verge Erosion

There is verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green which creates safety and environmental issues due to the mud that is produced during rainfall or discharge of water into the road. Funding from the JFMHI scheme was applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion. It was learnt that this application was unsuccessful and how to proceed on this will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 13. Great Lane Verge Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 17 and 19 Great Lane. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department. Funding from the JFMHI scheme was applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion. It was learnt that this application was unsuccessful and how to proceed on this will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 14. Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with Ross Clark, will endeavour to give them Village Green status (as Fair Green has) or Common Land status if this is not possible, to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

## 15. Pollution in Agricultural Land

The Parish Council had been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer took place in November 2008 with a representative of the Parish Council in attendance. The Scientific Officer recognized that there was a problem and in conjunction with the landowner, an action plan has been instigated. The situation continues to be closely monitored, especially regarding the new aspect of rubbish coming out of the old pit and falling down into the wood. The Environmental Officer concerned visited the site in October and is comfortable that the necessary actions are underway but will continue to monitor progress.

## Planning Applications

The remedial action for the RaSP mast was discussed – see 5. above.

## Information Items

There have been a number of complaints regarding a large farm animal being loose in the village, scaring horses and people. The Clerk was asked to talk to the owners to ensure that the animal is properly contained in future.

#### 4. Precept/Budget for Year Ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2011

The Precept and Budget for the next financial year was agreed. This will result in an increase of 3.6% in the Precept.

#### 5. RaSP Mast

The granted retrospective planning permission required that work be undertaken to improve the aesthetic appearance of the mast. A proposal for this improvement has now belatedly been received by ECDC and the Parish Council asked to comment. Following input from a local resident affected by the appearance of the mast, the Parish Council asked the Clerk to confirm to ECDC that the remedial action was acceptable to them but that should it not prove to be effective, the Parish Council would wish for further remedial action to be required and implemented.

#### 6. Reach Wood

The Woodland Trust has suggested increased planting in the wood and asked interested villagers to comment. A number of comments have been received and it was requested that the Clerk invite Jonathan Plowe of the Woodland Trust to come along to a Parish Council meeting and outline his thoughts in detail, thereby allowing villagers to comment directly to him.

#### 7. Rights of Way

These have become overgrown and arrangements were made for a number of people on probation to come along on a regular (Thursday) basis to carry out the necessary work. The first visit took place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The Parish Council will monitor progress over the coming four weeks before discussing this issue again at the next meeting.

#### 8. Standing Orders

These provide procedures and controls for the management of the Parish Council business and are an aid to proper and effective governance. A draft set of Standing Orders, produced by the Clerk with help from other local Parish Clerks, has been provided to Parish Councillors and will be discussed at a special meeting of the Parish Council to take place at a time to be agreed.

#### 9. War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk has received two quotations and awaits a third at which point a decision will be made by the Parish Council as to what will be done.

#### 10. Allotments in Reach

There had been a request for allotments to be made available in the village. Ross Clark has identified a suitable area for villagers to use.

Help needed!

Revd Stephen Earl has written elsewhere about the very sad death of Jenny Moseley and the way in which she will be missed in every aspect of church life, as well as village life in general.

In addition to Jenny, St Etheldreda's has lost a number of the people who helped in practical ways. Some have moved away, some are unable to help because of changed family circumstances and for others the reason is simply advancing years. This all means that many of the practical tasks now fall to just one or two people – and willing as they are, this is not sustainable!

St Etheldreda's church is part of Reach village and in addition to the regular services, the village uses it for weddings, funerals, baptisms, major festivals, teas at Reach Fair etc.

Could you help to keep the building in good order, by giving up an hour or so a few times a year to do some cleaning, flower arranging or simple maintenance and repairs? The work is not particularly hard and if several people come forward it can be arranged on a rota basis to spread the load.

If you'd like to help, please contact Pam King (742924) or Pat Chalmers (742006) as soon as possible.

Thank you very much

**Pat Chalmers**  
Churchwarden

## ***BABYSITTER SERVICE***

**Experienced, responsible 14year old girl living in Reach  
available for baby sitting.**

**References available.**

**Please call Ellie Melville on : 01638743908**

## **Supporting a far-sighted vision ...**

*Ely-resident's online petition demonstrates public support for the National Trust's Vision for Wicken Fen, and exposes the folly of an opponent's claims*

An online petition (<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/wickenfenvision/>), asking the Prime Minister to support the National Trust's far-sighted Vision for Wicken Fen, has notched up over 600 signatures in less than a month, clearly demonstrating the level of public support for the plan in the surrounding area and beyond, and leaving the Vision's most vocal opponent up Burwell Lode without a paddle!

The Wicken Fen Vision is the National Trust's far sighted 100-year plan to create a new nature reserve of wetland, grassland, scrub and woodland, eventually covering about 20 square miles between Cambridge and Wicken Fen. The land which, like much of Cambridgeshire's farmland, has been eroded by centuries of intensive agriculture and drainage, will be slowly returned to its natural fenland state, creating a much needed habitat for many threatened species of wildlife, helping reinstate the peat soils and reducing carbon loss.

In addition, the new reserve will create much needed recreational space for residents of a county that has significantly less accessible countryside than the national average. The Wicken Fen Vision will provide a new amenity for visitors on foot, cycle and horseback, creating a network of footpaths and circular routes, and eventually providing a safe and virtually traffic free route from Cambridge to Ely, bridging the gap in the existing Sustrans National Cycle Route 11.

"Despite all these benefits, an opponent to the National Trust's scheme is waging a campaign against it, most recently claiming that it poses a threat to the UK's food security," explains Ben Gibbs, Ely resident and creator of the online petition in support of the Vision. "I don't doubt that Mr Woollard, a land-owner in the Vision area and prospective independent MP, has concerns. He's certainly not been shy of shouting about them in the local press, although I suspect that has more to do with his political aspirations. But the National Trust are proposing a carefully planned, well researched programme of land recovery and management that promises to benefit residents, visitors, wildlife and the environment. Surely Mr Woollard and other land-owners in the area stand to benefit too, should they choose to engage in innovative ways with the National Trust, as many already are. For example, much of the land acquired by the Trust so far in the Vision area is now used for meat production."

Following the web launch the film will also be used at recruitment campaigns, panel meetings, community events, school presentations and public areas such as shopping centres.

Cycle thefts and thefts from vehicles have also increased.

### **Speedwatch**

There was no activity last month.

### **Village Centre Committee Report**

Jo Riches and David Parr have joined the Village Centre Committee.

The meeting room is to be redecorated.

Activity continues regarding the 2010 Reach Fair.

### **Matters Arising**

#### **1. Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access**

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend have expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses or walls due to their weight and vibration. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the residents and the Highways Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Following this the residents had written to the Parish Council with their proposals and the Parish Council wrote to the Highways Department in support of these proposals. One issue revolves around two bollards to be erected outside 2 Great Lane which Highways believe need to be plastic whereas the residents, the Parish Council and the local Conservation Officer believe should be made of wood. The Clerk was asked to email Highways suggesting that the benefitting residents would fund the extra cost of the wooden posts for Highways to erect.

#### **2. Mowing in the Village**

The Parish Council employs two contractors. One mows the cemetery, the other mows the Greens, the playing field, the Hythe and the Wood. The Parish Council was pleased with the performance of both contractors during the last twelve months and felt that, subject to the concluding of a satisfactory financial agreement, they would both be asked to continue through the following twelve months. The Clerk, will continue to negotiate with the two contractors and the Parish Council expects agreements to be reached during November.

#### **3. Overgrown Hedges and Trees in the Cemetery**

The Clerk had reminded a resident of their responsibility in keeping hedges and boundaries under control and will monitor progress. A summary of these responsibilities will be added to the website and Out of Reach magazine, to remind all villagers. Trees in the cemetery require some pruning and the Clerk will organise a small working party to carry this out.

I had a site meeting with County officers, fellow County Councillors and Quy Parish Council about the Quy traffic calming measures. As reported previously, Quy Parish Council is adamant that it wants to keep traffic calming. We discussed some changes to the road markings to try to assist the flow of traffic amongst other ideas. Officers will cost various options and I suspect that the argument over removal of the current measures will continue for some time!

There have also been a number of meetings regarding the early stages of the budget process. The County Council staff at managerial level and above has had a pay freeze this year and it is quite clear that we will have to be very careful in setting budgets for the next few years.

I also attended the Neighbourhood Panel as a County Council representative.

### **District Council Report**

ECDC's new Mobile Play Scheme has been a big success in October, visiting Ely, Botisham, Soham and Cheveley. It will be visiting further locations in November. ECDC is looking at options for major improvements to the A142, principally the southern link road round Ely. A link between Angel Drove and Stuntney without a crossing over the river is being considered.

The Strategic Housing Market Assessment has identified a need in East Cambridgeshire of 597 new affordable units per year for the foreseeable future. In 2008/2009 134 units were delivered, 2009/2010 will be 100 (with luck) and in 2010/2011 there is a forecast of 130 to 140.

There will be more calls on the Council to deal with people made homeless during the recession. By more efficiently working with partner agencies the Council has been able to reduce the cost of the homelessness service from £235,000 in 2005/2006 to £176,000 in 2008/2009. In addition, costly bed and breakfast accommodation is being used less.

### **Financial Report**

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to reserves. The year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 accounts remain with the auditors but are expected shortly.

### **Play Spaces Officer Report**

None provided.

### **Police Liaison Committee Report**

There has been an increase in cold calling pressure selling. Villagers should resist allowing cold calling salespeople into their houses as it is often extremely difficult to get rid of them.

The police are releasing a short film which shows the diversity of the modern policing role; "Real people, making a real difference"<sup>30</sup>The film, which is just under four minutes long, can be viewed via their website. It demonstrates the roles of the wider policing family and features appearances by the dog unit, force helicopter, custody, neighbourhood policing teams and firearms team.

Ben continues, "I don't doubt that we are going to have to think carefully about food production and waste as our population rises, but even if the Vision is realised in full over the next century, the land removed from arable production would equate to about 0.1% of the UK's cropped area. Of course farming is important to the region and to the UK as a whole, but this proposal would amount to a tiny 'loss' by any standards, and could be more than made up for by re-employing set-aside or land currently used for non-food crops. It also pales into insignificance when compared to the amount of arable land lost annually throughout the UK to housing and other development. So Mr Woollard's claim that the Vision itself threatens the UK's ability to feed itself is ridiculous."

Critically, the Vision will also reduce, maybe even reverse, carbon loss from the soil. An investigation commissioned by the Trust estimated that nearly 36,000,000 (36m<sup>3</sup>) cubic metres of soil has been lost from the Vision area over the last 200 years through the drying and erosion associated with intensive agriculture. The survey also estimates that the oxidation of the peat soils associated with this erosion has, over the years, released over 100,000,000 (100m) tonnes of carbon dioxide. This amount is equivalent to 20% of the UK's total emission in 2008, from this tiny area alone.

Ben Gibbs concludes: "At the end of the day, we're talking about a plan to transform a relatively small area of land, currently used for food-crops, turf production and set-aside, into a nature reserve with important habitats for endangered wildlife and much needed recreational facilities for residents and visitors. The National Trust consultations indicated a high level of public support, as does the number of people who have signed up for my petition in its first month, based on word-of-mouth referrals alone. This puts Mr Woollard's 9-month old anti-Vision petition - which incidentally has been denied government support (see <http://www.number10.gov.uk/Page18830>) - into perspective. The Wicken Fen Vision is exactly what we need in this county. It's ambitious enough to make a really positive difference to our quality of life, and I urge you to show your support by signing my petition online at <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/wickenfenvision/>."

# 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	<b>Walk</b>	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	<b>Walk</b>	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

Since this source of funding has a limit of £20,000, the Clerk will seek further funding from various sources and the Parish Council agreed to support the request of £1,000 to be provided by the Amenity Fund, subject to the agreement of the Village Centre Committee. The possibility of this area being used for other sports such as netball and basketball was suggested, subject to there being sufficient interest.

## Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th October 2009 were reviewed and signed.

## County Council Report

Full Council met on 13<sup>th</sup> October with the main agenda item being the proposed bid for over £510 million to the Transport Innovation Fund to tackle congestion in and around Cambridge City. After much debate it was agreed that the County Council would go ahead with the bid taking a phased approach, starting with an application for funding to build a new railway station at Chesterton to relieve traffic pressure from the north of the city. This will be followed up by a number of infrastructure improvements over the next 5-7 years including improvements to cycle-ways, dualling Newmarket Road from the Quay roundabout into the city and relocating the Newmarket Road park and ride. Should the planned improvements not limit congestion to an acceptable level (a level to be agreed over the next 12 months as part of the final bid), then the County Council accepts the need to bring in a congestion charge – with details to be discussed over the coming months.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Minerals and Waste Plan was agreed for public consultation after some discussion. Council also debated a motion concerning climate change but agreed to defer the decision pending further work on the implications of signing up to the so-called 10:10 Scheme calling for a 10% cut in carbon emissions by 2010.

Council received reports from the Police and Fire and Rescue Authorities and had the opportunity to question representatives on non-operational issues. Council also considered annual reports from the pensions and audit and accounts committee.

On waste issues, the new county-wide waste handling facility at Donarbon, Water-beach is now operational and undergoing test runs. It will be officially opened on 9 November. Permission has been granted for a new, enclosed, household waste recycling centre at Witchford.

The Joint Area Traffic Committee met to consider, amongst other issues, applications for the jointly funded minor highways improvement scheme for next year. It was agreed to fund improvements at the Lode crossroads and works in Soham, Cheveley, Littleport and Witcham. Sutton requested inclusion in funding schemes but the Committee felt that the scoring had been undertaken equitably and rejected the request to change it.

**DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on;  
Wednesday 4th November 2009**

**Attendance**

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Not Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Part Time
David Brown	County Councillor	Part Time

**Forum for Members of the Public**

Members of the public attended and commented on the Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access.

**Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**Amenity Fund Applications**

There are currently 2 applications ongoing;

1. Cricket Net

A request for funding has come from Joe Acklam for a cricket net for the village, to be sited on the playing field. There was general support for this and Ross Clark, working with Joe has produced an estimate of up to £2,500 for a suitable surface and netting. Ross Clark is seeking funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund. It is expected that some £200 will be raised by the cricket club itself.

2. Tennis Court

A suggestion has been made by a Reach resident that a tennis court, located on the playing field, would be a beneficial amenity for the village. The Clerk has established that a painted porous tarmac court, surrounded by secure fencing would cost up to £30,000 and is seeking three competitive quotations. The Parish Council approved the use of Section 106 monies for funding this venture and the Clerk will complete the necessary application.

**Saturdays**

<b>Newmarket Rookery</b>	<b>Reach</b>	<b>Swaffham Prior</b>	<b>Cambridge Drummer St</b>	<b>Bus</b>
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	<b>Walk</b>	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
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<b>Cambridge Drummer Street</b>	<b>Swaffham</b>	<b>Reach Prior</b>	<b>Newmarket Rookery</b>	<b>Bus</b>
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
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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**

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

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

## News from Wicken Fen

As the year draws to a close its time to reflect on a successful year for the fen. Over the summer we welcomed over 35,000 visitors to the fen, 36% higher than in the previous year. In May we celebrated the achievements of the first 10 years of the Wicken Fen Vision, with hundreds of people enjoying a day of celebration on the fen, whilst in July our National Dragonfly Centre opened.

A fantastic year for wildlife was topped of by the first ever breeding of Avocets on the reserve. Other highlights included Stonechats breeding on the reserve for the first time in over 70 years, and at least two pairs of bearded tit. The list of species recorded at Wicken Fen grew to any amazing 8230 species. New to list this year are the Squacco Heron, 4 species of moth, 43 species of lichen and on the smaller and perhaps more obscure side, 35 species of nematode worm.

Access throughout the Vision lands, particularly for residents of Reach, will be significantly enhanced following recent planning approval for the construction of a bridge over Reach Lode and cycleway across Burwell Fen.

The bridge and cycleway are a vital element of the 14 km Spine Route which will link Wicken to Anglesey Abbey and Bottisham. The route will form part of National Cycle Route 11 connecting Cambridge to Ely, and links into Route 51 from Cambridge to Newmarket. Funding for the bridge has come from sustainable transport charity Sustrans from its Big Lottery award for the development of sustainable transport links between communities. Additional funding has been received from the Department for Communities and Local Government via its Housing Growth Fund for the development of green infrastructure in Cambridgeshire. The Trust hopes to introduce cycle hire facilities at Anglesey Abbey and Wicken in the near future to give visitors the opportunity to explore the Vision lands. The bridge has been designed to blend into the surrounding landscape with gently sloping ramps providing easy access for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Construction is expected to commence early in the New Year and should be completed by early summer.

Construction has begun on a hide overlooking the mere on Tubney Fen, will should be opening in the New Year. Back at Wicken Fen, improvements have been undertaken to the Adventurers Trail to improve access to Brett's and Trevelyan's Hides, which overlook scrapes by the mere.

If you are interested in archaeology, the Cambridge Archaeology Field Group will be leading a walk over Hurdle Hall, on Sunday 13 December. A similar walk over Oily Hall to the south of Swaffham Bulbeck Lode last winter recovered 430 struck flints together with seven shards of pottery. The quantity and quality of the finds has raised considerable interest amongst archaeologists with a general consensus that the struck flints are late Mesolithic (8500 – 4000 BC) or early Neolithic (4000-2200 BC) with the pottery dating from the Neolithic period. To join the walk please meet on the Village Green at 1000. Children under the age of 18 should be accompanied by an adult please. For further information please contact Community Warden, Emma Shepherd on 01353 720274

To help you get into the festive spirit we would like to invite you to an evening of Lantern-lit Christmas Carols, Crafts and Chestnuts at Wicken Fen on Friday 4 December, 1630 -2030 (free admission). Enjoy a magical lantern lit stroll around the boardwalk, warm yourself up with hot punch and roasted chestnuts, browse the craft stalls and shop for Christmas presents and sing along to some traditional Christmas carols with the Wicken Fen singers.

**The Clerk** was asked to enquire of what progress has been made in making the RaSP mast more aesthetically pleased, as required by the retrospective planning application agreement.

**The Clerk** was asked to remind a resident of their responsibility in keeping hedges and boundaries under control. These responsibilities will be added to the website and the Out of Reach magazine.

**Street lamp 12 is non-functioning.** **The Clerk** will inform the authorities and check that any resident can report such a situation without there being any required payment by that resident or the Parish Council.

### Payments

These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

100894	David Parr	Clerk Salary Jul/Aug/Sep	£433.50
100893	RBL	Poppy Wreath	£16.50
100892	C R Contracting	Mowing	£125.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 4th November at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

## REACH & SWAFFHAM PRIOR COMMUNITY NETWORK November Newsletter - *announcing a major bandwidth upgrade!*

At the recent AGM, we agreed to invest in a bandwidth upgrade, so all users will get up to 10Mbits/sec. in both directions using their existing hardware and at no additional cost. The practical works are under way, and we hope to have it up and running by the New Year.

This means that your local Community Broadband System will soon be providing better bandwidth than anything available in practice from other suppliers in our area, with unlimited usage, at an unchanged fee of £20/month. And don't forget that with RASP you get a 'symmetrical' service, so down- and up-loads are both at the same speed (try that on an ADSL connection...). And of course support from someone within a five-mile radius.

Meanwhile, spread the word - the more clients we get, the more bandwidth we will be able to afford; the new bearer will have a capacity of up to 100Mb/s, so it will be easy for us to buy further upgrades as we can afford them.

For those who are interested, the minutes of the AGM will be found on the website <http://www.raspnet.co.uk/meetings>

9. Allotments in Reach

There had been a request for allotments to be made available in the village. Ross Clark continues to seek a suitable area for villagers to use.

10. Amenity Fund Committee

It was felt that the current arrangement whereby two organisations, who have no regular meetings together, have to jointly approve Amenity Fund applications, should be reviewed. It was agreed that Ross Clark would take up this issue with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with a view to implementing a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement.

11. Fair Green Verge Erosion

There is verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green which creates safety and environmental issues due to the mud that is produced during rainfall or discharge of water into the road. Funding from the JFMHI scheme has been applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion.

12. Great Lane Verge Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 17 and 19 Great Lane. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department. Funding from the JFMHI scheme has been applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion.

13. Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with Ross Clark, will endeavour to give them Village Green status (as Fair Green has) or Common Land status if this is not possible, to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

14. Pollution in Agricultural Land

The Parish Council had been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer took place in November 2008 with a representative of the Parish Council in attendance. The Scientific Officer recognized that there was a problem and in conjunction with the landowner, an action plan has been instigated. The situation continues to be closely monitored, especially regarding the new aspect of rubbish coming out of the old pit and falling down into the wood. The Environmental Officer concerned is to visit the site in October and his findings will be reported at the next meeting.

**Planning Applications**

None.

**Information Items**

Local by-ways are becoming impassable in places – the Clerk will discuss this with the relevant people at ECDC in order to remedy the problem.

It was agreed to purchase a wreath for the War Memorial celebrations in November.

It was decided not to provide a donation to Victim Support.

Father Christmas has promised to find time in his busy schedule to visit Wicken Fen on Saturday / Sunday 12, 13, 19 & 20 December, at 1030, 1115, 1300, 1345 & 1430 (£6.75 – Suitable for children aged 3-12 years). A Christmas Trail around the Boardwalk will lead you to Father Christmas in his secret grotto. Advanced booking is recommended – contact the Visitor Centre on 01353 720274

Don't forget Wicken Fen is open every day from Boxing Day to New Year's Day over the festival holiday for beautiful winter walks. What better way could there be to shift those extra Christmas pounds.

**Howard Cooper**

Wicken Fen

## **Bottisham Village College Community Education**

**Start the New Year with a new skill!**

**We are offering the following courses starting in January 2010:**

**Salsa**

**Sculpture**

**Garden Design**

**Soft Furnishings**

**Thai Cookery (5 weeks to half term)**

**Vegetarian Thai Cookery (5 weeks after half term)**

**Introduction to Counselling\***

**\*(requirement for 'Certificate in Counselling' course in September 2010)**

**There are also still places available on our continuing courses. Please see our website for further details [www.bottishamvc.org/commed](http://www.bottishamvc.org/commed), or contact the Community Office on 01223 811372, email: [commed@bottishamvc.org](mailto:commed@bottishamvc.org).**

**Can't see the course you want? Please contact us with your interest and we will do our best to help.**

## News from

### **THE MARK TOWRISS BURSARY FUND**

When the Swaffham Bulbeck St Mary's Singers and Players dedicated their annual February concert to Mark and asked us to nominate a charity, we could not have imagined that within 9 months the contributions would reach almost £8,000! We have received over 50 donations, some personal with messages and some anonymous; proceeds from a cricket match, coffee mornings and £500 from Quy resident Angela Robinson who organized and manned a 2-day stall at the Fenland Country Fair. This is a great tribute to Mark's memory and we are delighted that your money has already enabled a Kenyan doctor, the first of 3, to undertake the long and expensive GP training in family medicine.

#### **Dr. Osborn Tembu Named Mark Towriss Bursary Fund Family Medicine Scholar**

The Kenya Institute of Family Medicine is pleased to announce that Dr. Osborn Tembu has been named the 2009 Mark Towriss Bursary Scholar. Dr. Tembu graduated from Nairobi Medical School in 2004 and has since developed an interest in people with diabetes and the treatment of HIV. Last year he joined in a newly established hospital where he has served as the director of the paediatric HIV programme, caring for 84 patients, including 45 orphans.



Dr Tembu has asked that we convey his thanks to you for your generosity – alongside our own THANK YOU!

**Ute Towriss and family**

#### 4. Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend have expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses or walls due to their weight and vibration. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the residents and the Highways Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Following this the residents had written to the Parish Council with their proposals and the Parish Council wrote to the Highways Department in support of these proposals. One issue revolves around two bollards to be erected outside 2 Great Lane which Highways suggest need to be plastic whereas the residents, the Parish Council and the local Conservation Officer feel should be made of wood. The Clerk has been asked by the Parish Council to inform the Council that wooden bollards need to be put in place and to escalate this requirement, as necessary, until the Council accede.

#### 5. Mowing in the Village

Councillor Aves declared an interest in this agenda item. The Parish Council employs two contractors. One mows the cemetery, the other mows the Greens, the playing field, the Hythe and the Wood. The Parish Council was pleased with the performance of both contractors during the last twelve months and felt that, subject to the concluding of a satisfactory financial agreement, they would both be asked to continue through the following twelve months. The Clerk, working with Parish Councillor Rita Dunnett, will hold discussions with the two contractors in October.

#### 6. Section 106 Grants

Section 106 monies are provided by developers with a view to improving the local amenities for those people affected by their developments. An amount of money has been made available to smaller Parishes like Reach, subject to a limit of £20,000 per application and one application only per year. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should make an application for funds which would significantly contribute to the construction of a tennis court on the playing field.

#### 7. Standing Orders

These provide procedures and controls for the management of the Parish Council business and are an aid to proper and effective governance. A draft set of Standing Orders, produced by the Clerk with help from other local Parish Clerks, was provided to Parish Councillors and will be discussed at a special meeting of the Parish Council to take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Village Centre.

#### 8. War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk has received two quotations and awaits a third at which point a decision will be made by the Parish Council as to what will be done.

PC Chris Herring has started compiling a list of vehicles that are being used without tax or insurance, or by people who have been drinking.

It has been proposed that police off-road motorcycles will be introduced for use in the villages to combat the anti social use of mini motos and mopeds. The bikes can also be used to tackle other rural crimes such as hare coursing and diesel theft.

### Speedwatch

There was no further activity last month. The Parish Council agreed that they would contribute to the purchase of a Voice Recorder for Speedwatch. The Clerk will make the necessary arrangements.

### Village Centre Committee Report

There will be a Reach Fair meeting on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Money is being sought for repairing the shed and volunteers will be redecorating the meeting room on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The annual Carol Evening is being planned and a date and time will be communicated in due course.

### Matters Arising

#### 1. Bonfires in Reach

Concern has been expressed regarding bonfires being lit in the Ditchfield area of the village. The Clerk looked into the legalities and environmental implications and provided the Parish Council with a leaflet which outlines what is permitted and what is not. In summary, infrequent bonfires of dry garden waste where some thought has been given to the prevailing wind direction should not cause problems. However, household waste including rubber and plastic components should never be burnt. A link to the relevant area of the ECDC website will be added to the village website and a summary of the legalities will be included in the next issue of Out of Reach magazine. In addition, some leaflets will be acquired which will be sent to offenders.

#### 2. Cemetery Fees

The cost of the cemetery, including maintenance and mowing, far exceeds the income. It was therefore decided to ask the Clerk to increase the prices by 10%.

#### 3. Football Goal Posts on the Greens

Concern has been expressed regarding the positioning of the small goal posts on the Green, in front of the War Memorial, which often got hit by the ball. The Parish Council felt that it would be wrong to ban the goal posts from the Green, but that players should be encouraged to not position them directly in front of the War Memorial.

# Ladies of Reach Association (LORA)

## Annual Festive Dinner

**We had a very good turnout again this year with 16 Ladies enjoying a superb meal and excellent company at The Dykes End, where Frank and Simon and their staff did us proud. We are hoping to arrange another social evening some time in the Spring. If anyone has any ideas please let us know.**

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gnk@btinternet.com

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**REACH  
SWEAT SHIRTS AND T SHIRTS**

We still have a number of sweat shirts and T shirts available , mostly in childrens sizes, from 3-4 up to 7-8. They are excellent quality and feature the Reach Fair logo. There are various colours including maroon, navy, Cambridge blue and white. Prices are £2.95 for the T-shirts and £4.95 for the sweat shirts and all proceeds will go to the Village Hall.

Please telephone **Grahame Radford on 742814** for further details or to order.

# 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

**Monday - 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**

Cambridgeshire Community Services, currently a subsidiary of Cambridgeshire NHS, held its first AGM in September. CCS provides community-based health and social care services across the County. CCS aims to become one of the first Community Foundation Trusts.

Environment and Community Services Scrutiny Committee met to consider the early stages of a suggested bid for £517 million of Transport Innovation Fund money for a wide-range of transport improvements, including the first phase - a new railway station at Chesterton. If Cabinet decides to proceed with a bid there will be wide consultation before any bid is submitted by late 2010.

#### District Council Report

He attended a seminar on affordable housing which he will report upon in more detail next month. Next week he will attend an Overview and Scrutiny meeting related to the Ely Masterplan.

The fly tipping at Barston Drove has been cleared up, further fly tipping at Barston Drove has been identified as the remains of a caravan - this is being dealt with.

The new railings are in place at Split Drove.

The National Trust Bridge planning application has been approved.

#### Financial Report

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to reserves. The year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 accounts are with the auditors.

#### Play Spaces Officer Report

Weeds continue to grow around the playground. The Clerk will investigate what can be done to combat this problem and a similar problem at the War Memorial.

#### Police Liaison Committee Report

At the end of August PCSO Alistair McKenzie worked closely with Trading Standards who conducted Test Purchasing of alcohol at four shops in Bottisham, Swaffham Bulbeck, and Burwell. A fifteen year old volunteer was used on this occasion and two out of the four establishments served him alcohol. Trading Standards will deal with the licensing side of the offence and the police will issue the assistants in question an £80 Penalty Notice for Disorder. (A PND goes on the person's record, but does not create a criminal record). Anti social Behaviour (ASB) is a local priority for the police and is usually caused by underage drinking.

The police are also targeting the recent spate of burglaries and metal thefts. Other items stolen last month in our area include ladders, pushchairs, bikes, a dismantled shed left at the side of the road, electrical items and drink from a garage, a trailer and a horse trailer. Do not leave anything of any value either on view or unsecured. If it can be stolen, it will be!

### 3. Tennis Court

A suggestion has been made by a Reach resident that a tennis court, located on the playing field, would be a beneficial amenity for the village. The Clerk has established that a painted porous tarmac court, surrounded by secure fencing would cost up to £30,000 and is seeking three competitive quotations. The Parish Council approved the use of Section 106 monies for funding this venture and the Clerk will complete the necessary application. Since this source of funding has a limit of £20,000, the Clerk will seek further funding from various sources.

### Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 were reviewed and signed.

### County Council Report

In Your Patch – where County and District Councillors from East Cambridgeshire meet to exchange views - met in early September. We received a presentation on the work the County Council does with looked-after children. There is a desperate shortage of foster parents across the County, especially in East Cambridgeshire. If anybody knows of people prepared to take on this role please ask them to contact the County Council. The meeting also received a report regarding schools' provision across East Cambridgeshire. The need for a new Secondary School is recognised and a consultation is taking place as to whether this should be in Ely or Littleport. At Primary School level talks are to commence on new or expanded schools – including the possibility of extending Burwell Village College.

The Adult and Communities Policy Development Group met with the major agenda item being to consider Government proposals for reform of adult social care. This was a poorly attended meeting and we agreed that a topic this important needed wider input from Council members.

A seminar was held regarding the forthcoming talks surrounding budgets for next year. I am sure you will have seen reports of the financial difficulties facing the Council for the foreseeable future. The seminar was an eye-opener and there will be some intense discussions over the coming months.

I met with Richard Preston, Highways Network Manager and Nick Clarke, County Councillor for Fulbourn and Quy Parish Council regarding the traffic calming measures in Quy. Quy parish Council, whilst not very happy with the existing scheme having wanted something more all-encompassing, is adamant that they do not want to lose what they have got. County officers accept that it is not ideal and are prepared to consider improvements. We will be meeting again shortly on-site to consider possible changes to try to enable traffic to flow more easily. Interestingly the officers said that there had been little comment from neighbouring villages about displaced traffic.

## A message from your District Councillor

### Oliver Cromwell's House

It is nice to be able to start my report with some good news. Oliver Cromwell's House in Ely, which is run by East Cambs council, has won the prestigious best tourist information centre award for the east of England.

The centre and its staff beat off strong competition to take the award and progress to the national finals, which are to take place in April 2010.

Oliver Cromwell's house has had a successful year, as has Ely's markets which are also run by the council, and Jubilee Gardens which again this year won a green flag award.

### Reach Lode Bridge

The National Trusts application for a bridge over Reach Lode to take the last stage of the cycle route from Anglesey Abbey to Wicken fen came before the council's planning committee in October.

There has been a lot of local opposition to the construction of the bridge on environmental grounds. I attended the committee meeting to propose an alternative route for the cycle way. It would not have needed to cross Reach Lode; therefore the bridge would not have been needed.

I was not allowed to put my case for a revised route and the planning committee approved the national trusts application.

### Business waste recycling

To help businesses recycle more of their waste, East Cambs District Council is now offering practical advice on the best ways to reduce rubbish sent to the landfill. The community recycling officer from the council will visit firms to look at their waste disposal services to see if their costs can be reduced as well as less waste going into landfill.

### Ely southern link road

Officers at the District and County Councils are looking at options for major improvements to the A142, principally the southern link road round Ely. Work on plans for the road are moving forward, with funding from Cambridgeshire horizons and the government housing growth fund. They are looking at a link between Stuntney causeway and Angel Drove.

We are working with English Heritage, who are concerned that the route chosen will have the least possible environmental impact.

As we move towards the end of 2009. I would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas. I look forward to working on behalf of all of the residents of the Swaffams ward during the coming year.

**Councillor Allen Alderson**

## KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The council has 7 Councillors;

<b>Ross Clark</b>	Chairman	743725
<b>Michael Aves</b>	Vice Chairman	742800
<b>Rita Dunnett</b>	Councillor	742943
<b>Hilary Fielding</b>	Councillor	741853
<b>Joyce Harrison</b>	Councillor	742405
<b>Angela King</b>	Councillor	742266
<b>Helen Platt</b>	Councillor	742331

The 2009 council meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

<b>January</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>2nd</b>

in Reach **Village Centre**, starting at 7.30pm.

***There is a Forum for Members of the Public at the beginning of the Meeting.***

Proposed agenda items should be sent to any of the Councillors or to the Clerk;

**David Parr** - 20 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD  
**Tel:** 01638 744081, **Email:** reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

*Minutes of previous meetings and the agenda for the next meeting can be found on the PARISH COUNCIL page of the new Reach website at;*

**[www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)**

Other useful contacts;

<b>Village Hall Officers</b>	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Rita Dunnett	742943
<b>Police Liaison Officer</b>	Hilary Fielding	741853
<b>Tree Officer</b>	John Reed	742140
<b>Swaffham Prior Panchial Charities Officer</b>	John Robinson	743563

# Parish Council Meetings



## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 7th October 2009

### Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present

David Parr Clerk Present

Allen Alderson District Councillor Not Present  
David Brown County Councillor Not Present

### Forum for Members of the Public

Members of the public attended and commented on items Daffodil planting in Reach and Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access.

### Declaration of Interests

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### Amenity Fund Applications

There are currently 3 applications ongoing;

#### 1. Daffodil planting in Reach

Jo Riches has suggested that Reach is lacking in daffodils and that there should be a "village planting day". A list of proposed planting sites has been added to the village website under "News and Events". The Parish Council agreed to support this application when it is discussed with the Village Hall Committee and approved the planting plan. The event will take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October.

#### 2. Cricket Net

A request for funding has come from Joe Acklam for a cricket net for the village, to be sited on the playing field. There was general support for this and Ross Clark, working with Joe has produced an estimate of up to £2,500 for a suitable surface and netting. Ross Clark is seeking funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund.