

Out of Reach



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Editorial



Another editorial to write, seems like I'm always doing this never mind the last part of the Out of Reach to do.

I can again start by welcoming the newcomers to the village, nice to see a team of 'Newcomers' at the quiz last Sunday. I hope you all enjoyed the evening and will be back for some more at the end of June (29th),

As you will see Broadband is now up and running in the village and on the outskirts, if you want to join us then please contact me or Ian Hill and we will get you connected. I know the price of installation might look at bit expensive but you will find it well worth the money once you are up and running.

I must apologise for this issue being slightly late, but I have had a lot to do this month and as the school holidays were upon us I decided to take the week off and get some of those outstanding jobs done including this issue of the Out of Reach. Apologies must also go to those who view the Out of Reach on the Reach website (www.Reach.drakken.com) as again I have failed to upload the April / May issue but I will get it done this week.

The fair went very well as usual, with the weather being it's normal kind self. I believe a reasonable amount of money was taken which will help towards the village hall refurbishment and extension. I don't know how close they are now to getting enough funds to do the work, perhaps someone can let me know for the next issue.

The parish elections went ahead on May 1st and we had one of the highest turnouts in the area. Apparently at the count the last parish to be counted was Reach, and of course some bright spark said "We have reached the last one" much to the amusement of everyone there. Congratulations to all those who stood and were elected and commiserations to those who failed at this attempt. Whilst on the subject of the parish council I would like with you to convey many thanks to our outgoing chairperson Keith Lambert for his contribution and hard work he put in whilst on the council.

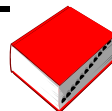
The police have been in touch with me over the damage that was caused the other evening in the village. (2 cars damaged on the Green) . They would very much like to hear from anyone who has any information at all on this matter, as they are taking it extremely seriously and are intent on finding the culprits. A few nights later apparently a similar incident occurred again if anyone has any information PLEASE contact the police and let's try to get back to normal village life.

I have been told there is still dog fouling in the village and the owners are not clearing up the mess. Please dog owners keep an eye on your dog and clear up. Don't forget that a £1000.00 fine is payable if you are caught letting your dogs foul the footpaths and public areas.

See you all next time.

Dave

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REACH CHURCH CAKE STALL

We are having a cake & produce stall in the market at Newmarket on Saturday 14 June, beginning at 9am and would be very glad of offers of cakes, jam, chutneys or anything edible & saleable!

Contributions can be left with Joyce Harrison, Jen Holmwood or Jan Robinson and we will be very happy to collect if required. More Info: 742969 or 743563

SPORTS CLUB FORTH COMING EVENT

Sunday 29th June

Village Sports Day

Playing field from 2:00pm

Dates For Your Diary



Tue Jun 3	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Thu Jun 5	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 6	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed Jun 11	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Jun 12	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 13	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sat Jun 14	Church Cake Stall	Newmarket Market	9.00 am
Tue Jun 17	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Jun 18	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Jun 19	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 20	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Thu Jun 26	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 27	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Jun 29	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Tue July 1	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed July 2	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu July 3	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri July 4	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed July 9	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu July 10	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri July 11	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sat July 12	Stalls & Tea Family BBQ	Spring Hall Farm	6.00 pm
Tues July 15	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed July 16	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Fri July 18	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed July 23	End of Summer term		
Sun July 27	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm
Tue July 29	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		

Notices



REACH CHURCH FAMILY BARBECUE

Saturday 12th July

This year we are extending this popular event by having a fun afternoon starting at 4pm. Come and have tea & light refreshments with games and stalls before the barbecue at 6pm. As usual families are welcome but there will be something for all ages to enjoy. Hopefully the weather will be on our side and we will enjoy a magnificent sunset over the fen.

Feel free to bring your own beer & wine, we will supply soft drinks.

Tickets for the barbecue remain the same: £5 adult, £3 school child and £15 family.

These can be obtained from: Jan Robinson 743563, Joyce Harrison
742405 & Jen Holmwood 742969

St Mary's Church Toddler Service Teddy Bear's Picnic

It's that time of year again when all our cuddly teddies will want to come out to play for a Teddy Bears Picnic. On Thursday 17 July from 10 - 11.30am, St Mary's Church Burwell, Toddler Service, will be holding their annual Teddy Bear's Picnic in the Vicarage Gardens (or the Guildhall if wet). There will be singing, stories, toys, refreshments and fun for all pre-school children and their parents, grandparents and carers. Everyone is welcome and the cost will be £1 per family. It's always a memorable and happy occasion and the teddy bears have almost as much fun as the children and adults! So do book the date in your diaries and don't forget to bring your teddies.



FOR SALE

A small gas cylinder room heater.

Two burners.

As new

£30

Ring 01638 742838 for further details

The Grand Duke Gilbert & Sullivan

Don't miss Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre's unforgettable performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's, 'The Grand Duke', rarely performed but arguably, G&S at their best.

This will be an evening to remember! A theatre has been built inside a 19th century barn at the edge of the fens, creating a unique setting. A programme, and a light interval snack are included in the cost of your ticket. There is a licensed bar. Toilet facilities (including disabled) are available.

The performances will take place in Mitchell Lodge Barn, Quarry Lane, Swaffham Bulbeck

on

5', 6' and 7th June

at

7.30 pm

Matinee (as well as evening performance) on Sat 7th June at 2.30 pm

*Tickets cost 15.50 Thurs, £6.50 Fri and Sat and 13.00 Sat matinee
Tickets available (from 2 May onwards) from Swaffham Bulbeck shop or
phone Rosemary Upton on 01638 612173 or email. uptonl@ntlworld.com*



Cambridge Campaign for Tackling Acquired Deafness

25th Anniversary

1978 - 2003

HEAR THIS
EXHIBITION
AT
ST. ANDREW
THE GREAT

St Andrews Street
Cambridge
(Adjacent to Lion Yard
Stopping Centre)

11th - 16th August 2003

INFORMATION AND ADVICE
ON SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT
CAMBRIDGESHIRE FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED
AND
DISPLAY OF AIDS TO HEARING

Exhibition opening times:

Mon	2 pm - 6.30 pm
Tue-Fri	10 am - 6.30 pm

Out of Reach 1977

THE MORPHOLOGY OF REACH.

A village is not a static thing, unchanging in form and purpose over the century's, it is rather a machine, constantly being adapted, linking men and their needs in a dynamic relationship to the land in which they find themselves. Modern techniques in archaeology and in statistical analysis have greatly increased our understanding of the factors influencing the sitting, growth and development of human settlements, and Reach is a particularly interesting example of what can be deduced by any one with eyes to look at the land, a little bit of knowledge, and sense to interpret it.

Four major things, imposed from outside the village itself, have radically altered its history and its future, the construction of the Lode, the Dyke, the roadway and now the drift to find work in the towns. The village has adapted to fit each one, but there was a settlement here before even a Lode was built, Men dependent on food production from the land and on hunting trend, in relatively sparsely populated regions, to space their settlements as near as possible equally, if you don't believe in this tendency, watch the behavior of people sun bathing on a crowded beach, in this part of England, in very early times, there was only a narrow strip between the great forest on the other side of Newmarket Heath and the old forest, whose remains are still found in the black soil. Plot the neolithic or iron age finds on the map, remembering that by no means all sites are known, and you get a regularly spaced settlement along the fen edge, roughly the 30 contour, with out layers on the drier chalk and on islands in the fen. But there is no suggestion of a nucleated settlement we could call a village, and the density of settlement seems to have been pretty well uniform right round the fens from Fen Ditton to Soham. The critical determinants in this sort of settlement are the availability of water and self sufficiency in grain and game, trade and specialisation of occupation are, so far as we know, slight, and hence communities of independent individuals have not fully developed. In the immediately pre Roman period, of course, political hegemonies covered nearly all southern Britain, here we may be on the outskirts of the great kingdom centered at Wheathamstead and farms, with considerable trade, did developed, but the bottom tier organisation remained to a large degree, the self sufficient family. Certainly there is no evidence so far from this district of a village.

Roman occupation, consolidated here after A D 61. the smashing of the Iceni power, dependant on good communications, roads and waterways. The interest of Rome in this island was frankly, by the end of the first century, commercial. Britain was the granary for the northern Empire, a source of useful slaves and a source of horses, Tacitus mentions Gold and Pearls as well, but the quantities of those were probably small, East Anglia was important as a grain growing region and much grain was sent north across the fens to the garrisons at York and Chester. Good communications were essential, and the cheapest way of moving high weigh, low value goods is by water. The rivers of the Fens, silted up because of the low gradient, and getting worse, spread into a maze of meander, pools and bogs. Some even reversed their flow from time to time. This was written by Mr Mosely, more next time.

Bill Estall 2003

Be a rubbish revolutionary

Are you worried about the environment? Think we should be doing more ...but one person can't make a difference, right? WRONG!

If you want to do more to help your local environment then the Cambridgeshire County Council's Master Recycler scheme could be just the thing for you.

We are looking for 150 volunteers from around Cambridgeshire to sign up to the new Master Recycler scheme. Training to become a Master Recycler takes just one day; a morning learning about the benefits of recycling and how your kerbside collection works followed by an afternoon visit to a Materials Recycling Facility so you can see what happens to your rubbish. Lunch will be provided.

Once trained as a Master Recycler your role will be to make sure you know what your kerbside scheme takes and that your box is put out on the correct day -it's that simple. Your District Council will keep you informed of any changes to your scheme and you can then let people know about the change in whatever way you choose. Additional activities such as survey work are welcomed but not compulsory.

If you would like to sign up for the Master Recycler scheme please contact Emma McCrea, Waste Campaigns Officer for Cambridgeshire County Council on 01223 717572 or email emma.mccrea@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

BURWELL & DISTRICT MEDICAL TRUST

The trust was set up in 1996 to provide "equipment and facilities not normally provided by the NHS". Patients in the Burwell Practise have benefited enormously from the purchase of over 30 pieces of equipment ranging from an ear thermometer to an ECG machine and pressure relieving mattress.

The funds for these have been provided by donations of all sizes from numerous people within the catchment area of the Burwell Surgery. In the seven years since the start of the trust over £31,000 has been raised, which is an incredible amount. People have been so generous and the doctors and patients are extremely grateful.

If you would like to support this worthwhile charity as a volunteer, trustee or with a donation, please contact the secretary . Mrs Ruth Scovil, on 01638 743720. Alternatively, if you just want to find out more, please don not hesitate to get in touch at the above number.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Learning Access Point Organiser for Reach and Cheveley Areas.

Do you feel like this with your computer?
In Reach the Local Pub "The Dyke's End"

We can make you feel Happy **again**

With your computer.

Come along and see what we can do for you,

We can help you learn from scratch,

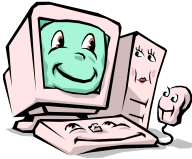
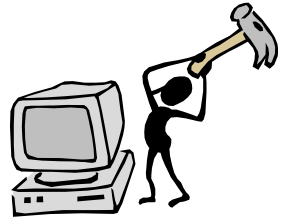
Or even just have some fun surfing the net.

Tuesdays Dinnertime 12.00-2.30p.m.

Tuesday evening 6.00-9.00p.m

The best bit of all is it's **FREE!!**

Ring Denise Meale 07789 273904



Members of Duxford Saturday Workshop's Chamber Orchestra

invite you to a

Tea-time Concert in St Mary's Church, Burwell
from 4pm on Sunday 22nd June

The programme will include a Haydn symphony,
music for Wind ensemble,

and the Mozart violin concerto no 5 in A Major
Tea and refreshments will be served in the interval.

Local musicians will be joined by Sakari Tepponen (violin)
and Mark Smith (French horn) both of the
Esbjerg Ensemble.

Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's Church

OUR WORLD

From the winds that blow across our worldly
Home
To the giant waves that pound our island
Shore
And across the many miles of the endless
Cold seas
To the raging fire, in our earths hot and
Rocky core
Up to the very top of the worlds highest
Mountain
And right to the very bottom of the deep
Blue sea
And to see the beauty of our early morning
Sunrise
To the brilliant dressing, of our good friends
The trees
The vastness of the deserts golden drifting
Sands
To the far away, wastes of the lonely north
Pole
The wonders and splendors of the northern
Lights
To the breath taking sight, of the great water
Falls
The hot summer days, and the sharp winter
Frosts
And all the great floods that cover most of our
Land
For this is our world, maybe for better or for
Worse
And the future of all this, that we now hold in
Our hands

Bill Estall 2003

Minutes of Adventurer's Fen Parish Council

Professor Noodle April 1 2002.

With the amalgamations of both East and South Fenland Councils, and of the Local Area Health Authorities, and the revision of the electoral boundaries, Adventurer's Fen Parish had been given the status of a new District Ward.

In the case of Eastern MegaPorts vs. Adventurer's Fen Parish Council, the Court of Appeal ruled that the wholesale resignation of the parish council was deemed reckless behaviour. Councillors have been given the choice of either reconvening and continuing their council responsibilities under a community service order or paying costs of approximately £1.2 million.

Councillor Lampost complained that the draft planning application quite clearly stated a car park at Upware. There was no way that this was a spelling mistake. Its alteration to "a deep sea car port" was an outrageous manipulation of the planning system and natural justice. The drawing clearly showed a row of seats, not a deep-sea port.

Councillor Robocrop thought that it was OK to place seats around the port but that trees would detract from the open fen skyline.

The Secretary read out a letter from Wicken Fen. 2000 heavy lorry movements a day would disrupt breeding and the plan for flooding the Adventurers Fen area would be thrown into jeopardy.

Anglia Water denied that discharges from deep sea tankers would degrade river water quality. There was no evidence that Atrazine and steroid-analogues could damage commercial tomato production in greenhouses as far away as the Lea Valley. All discharges would be strictly regulated and monitored.

The Secretary reported that the cost of cutting the grass around the port would be born by the new port authority. Spoils from dredging the Cam to facilitate access by deep sea ships would be used to provide land for 10,000 new houses.

Councillor Lump said the heavy lorries would get stuck going through Swaffham Prior and Reach. A new bypass to the A14 at Fordham was essential. The Reach railway bridge would need reinforcing and the matter was referred to Reach Parish Council.

Councillors were asked to comment on the revised planning application for the Port. There being 10,000 homes in the new plan was a problem. Soft red bricks were to be used throughout, whereas Cambridge yellows would be more in keeping. The provision for cycle paths and low-cost starter homes for local families should be given higher priority.

Councillor Smart said that once the dredging was complete the sea would extend all the way to Upware. 80% of Adventurer's Fen Parish would technically become foreshore, being below the high tide level. It was essential to keep gypsies from parking at the port. Tractors left below the high water mark should be tied up with a rope overnight, or else they could be claimed as salvage under international maritime law.

A planning application to open a windsurfing centre was supported providing it did not become a deep-sea oil-terminal.

Environmental Health reported there was no evidence for an increase in mosquito-borne dengue virus amongst the feral horses in the new wetlands. The provision of council grants for mosquito netting for bedrooms was simply a precautionary measure.

RETIRING FROM BURWELL SURGERY

It was in Summer 1979, actually the day that the Burwell & District buses, decked with bunting and balloons, were running for the last time before handing over to Cambus. On that day I joined the Surgery in Harlech House where we had two consulting rooms, a waiting area in the hallway and office/dispensary in a broom cupboard. It was a jolly set-up and somehow each doctor survived 168 hours on call on alternate weeks (336 hours when covering for holidays). During that first year we converted the Red House which provided vastly more space, eventually to accommodate 5 doctors, Practice and Community Nurses, Health visitor and other visiting professionals. By the early 1990's, even the Red House was bursting at the seams and luckily a site became available to build the new Burwell Surgery just up the Newmarket Road ('up that hill' the fen folk say!) with much support from the Parish Council, The Burwell and District Medical Trust and the community. Burwell now has a surgery as fine as any in the country. But more importantly it accommodates a fantastic team of professionals - and patients, because care of our health involves working together. Things have certainly changed since that summer of 1979. Medical workload has increased enormously, but so have expectations and the NHS struggles to keep up. Sadly I gather that the bus service has decreased!

I must praise and thank all my colleagues for cheerful and unstinted support over the years. Back in 1979 a G.P. could feel very alone coping with complex problems in the Community. Now we have a 24 hour nursing service, community psychiatric nurses and physiotherapists to name just a few additional services.

But what about the patients? We hear daily of neighbourly acts, of folk putting themselves out to help others in emergencies. Community spirit is very alive, humour too. A heavy lady, asked if she 'knew' about calories, retorted, 'Oh, I never eat those!'. A doctor is often humbled by an individuals' bravery and acceptance of advancing disease. Medicine will never have all the answers, but we aim to give the Old Reaper a hard time.

A G.P.'s work is with people and their families and this has been a great privilege. Personally I must thank you all for your support over the years, for your very kind wishes for my retirement and some splendid gifts including a 'Giant' de luxe bicycle, a digital camera and a large cheque which will be used to buy relaxing garden furniture, all contributing to the joys of retirement. Thank you all for everything and mind you keep well and enjoy life!

Patrick Ridsdill Smith

Bus Timetable



Effective the 9th June 2002

Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 111 & Bus 122

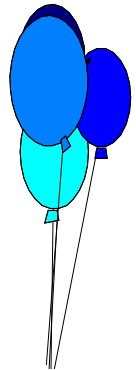
Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10, 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40, 17.40, 18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40, 21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 22.40
Bus 111 Reach to Isleham:	17.16
Bus 111 Newmarket to Reach:	06.31, 09.55, 11.55, 13.55, 15.55, 17.55, 19.10, 21.10,
Bus 111 Isleham to Reach:	07.23
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	19.08, 21.08
Bus 111 Reach to Cambridge:	06.55, 07.49(*), 10.30, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30,
* Continues to Long Rd 6th Fm	19.33, 20.33, 21.33, 22.33

Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 122

Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach:	10.10, 14.10, 18.10
Bus 122 Reach to Ely:	10.40, 14.40, 18.40
Bus 122 Ely to Reach:	11.40, 16.10
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	08.50
Bus 122 Reach to Cambridge:	09.15, 12.30, 17.00

Birthdays

June		July	
8	Kana Coles	7	George Pearson
10	Rebecca Garner	30	Daisy Bailey
16	Joe Batson-Moore		
23	Alex Garner		



And A Very Happy Birthday to anyone else who has been missed off young and old alike.

Word Search 3

Girls 'T'

T	I	F	F	A	N	Y	E	E	A	O	C	K	F
H	A	Z	Y	H	S	A	O	Z	N	Y	T	P	Z
E	O	M	Q	T	T	E	R	R	I	E	R	B	C
O	T	T	A	H	R	H	R	A	R	C	I	W	A
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Tamara

Tessa

Tiffany

Tracey

Tammy

Tetty

Tilda

Treasa

Tanya

Thalia

Tilly

Tricia

Tara

Thelma

Tina

Trina

Tasha

Theodora

Tita

Trisha

Teresa

Thera

Toni

Trixie

Terri

Theresa

Topaz

Trudy

Reach Fair 5th May 2003

The weather was kind to us yet again and the Fair raised the magnificent sum of just over £8,500. A breakdown of the income and expenditure for this year and last year as a comparison are included in this issue of the magazine. The money raised from the Fair will be split with 75% going to the Village Centre and 25% to the Reach Amenity Fund. The amenity fund is controlled jointly by the Parish Council and Reach Village Centre and is there to support any good causes in the village. Any ideas on how this should be spent please let us or a Parish Councillor know – accounts should be published in the next issue.

The Village Centre Committee is still saving hard to rebuild the front of the Village Centre and carry out internal improvements to provide better toilets (including a new disabled toilet), more storage and a new community room. We have planning consent and are busy applying for grants to try and start the project this year.

A big thank you to everyone who helped at the Fair with the preparation and running of the village stalls and to Stuart Marritt for standing in at the last minute to run the bar. Also thanks to those who helped with setting up on the Sunday before the Fair and with the clearing up on the Monday and Tuesday.

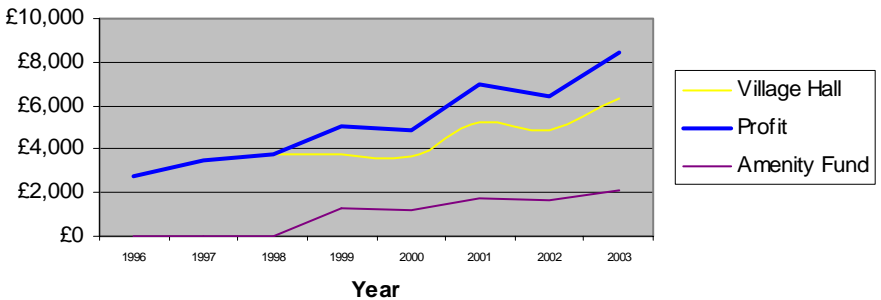
The Fair meeting on the Wednesday after the Fair was well attended and we had some willing volunteers to help drink up the part opened bottles left over from the bar. We received some useful suggestions for next year. In particular we know that not everyone was fully aware of the access arrangements during the road closure, although these were circulated, in the last Out of Reach. Next year you will be able to apply for a vehicle pass if you need to enter the village during the road closure times. If you don't have a pass insist on speaking to a steward on the closure point – they are there to help you. Please remember the closure is for only 7 hours out of a yearly total of 8,760 hours. Its there for safety reasons so please try and make sure your journey is essential.

We will also be looking at improving facilities at the Rogers Rd car park, better road signs, reducing congestion at the entrance to the playing field, improving seating arrangements for the cream teas and hot water for the tea tent. As the Fair grows we need more people to help organise the event and to come up with new ideas. Planning for next year's fair will start in September so please come along to the meetings (Fair meetings 2nd Wednesday of the month, Village Centre meetings 3rd Wednesday of the month) and let us know what you think.

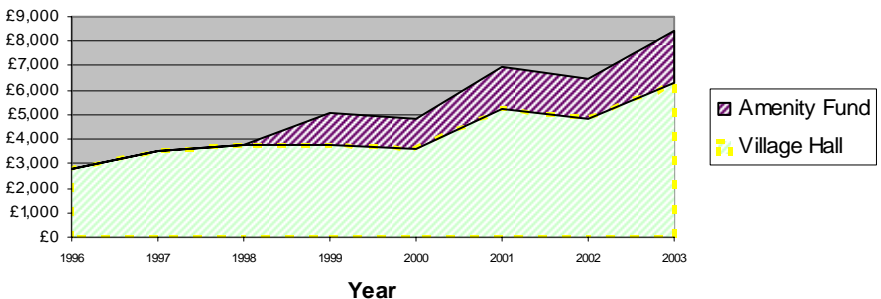
Andrew Hall (Treasurer)

Year	Income		Expenses	Profit	Amenity Fund	Village Hall
	Village Stalls	Commercial Stalls				
1996	£2,077.31	£1,104.00	£406.69	£2,774.62	£0.00	£2,774.62
1997	£3,007.75	£966.00	£451.90	£3,521.85	£0.00	£3,521.85
1998	£3,038.86	£1,634.00	£915.21	£3,757.65	£0.00	£3,757.65
1999	£4,170.32	£1,961.78	£1,066.99	£5,065.11	£1,266.28	£3,798.83
2000	£4,562.19	£2,737.82	£2,462.01	£4,838.00	£1,209.50	£3,628.50
2001	£6,848.31	£3,337.49	£3,204.03	£6,981.77	£1,745.44	£5,236.33
2002	£5,860.99	£3,203.43	£2,605.63	£6,458.79	£1,614.70	£4,844.09
2003	£7,323.60	£4,097.64	£2,990.06	£8,431.18	£2,107.80	£6,323.39
Totals	£36,889.33	£19,042.16	£14,102.52	£41,828.97	£7,943.71	£33,885.26

Reach Fair 1996 to 2003



Reach Fair 1996 to 2003



Opening of Bandstand at Ely's Jubilee Gardens

1,000 balloons will be released at Jubilee Gardens on Saturday 24th May to celebrate the opening of the bandstand. Popular Reggae band Octavius will be the first band to perform from the newly erected bandstand. Come and enjoy the glorious surroundings of the garden between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm and watch your balloon float off.

Balloons can be purchased at £1 each from Babylon Gallery, Oliver Cromwell's House, The Maltings and the Council Offices at the Grange. All profits from the sales of the balloons will be given to the Friends of the Jubilee Gardens to spend on further enhancing them. You need to provide your name and address which will be put on a label which will be tied onto a balloon ready for the release at 4.00 pm. The balloon which is returned to the Council offices from the furthest destination, within six weeks of the release will be the winner of an all inclusive family ticket to London Dungeons travelling by Wagn railways. This prize has been kindly sponsored by Wagn as part of their launch of their new 'Adventure Days' guide of discounted packages of attractions and rail travel. The Ely Perspective Marketing Group has been involved in the development of this leaflet and Ely features as one of the attractions promoted.

The company organising the balloon release say that around 12% of balloon tags are usually returned from as far away as Europe. The tag contains information on how the finder can return the balloon and claim a reward themselves.

For further information of this event or for other events planning for Jubilee Gardens contact Tracey Harding, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Babylon Bridge, Waterside, Ely, Cambs. CB7 5FS or e-mail tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk or telephone 01353 616377.

Parish Council Meeting



Notes on Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th March 2003

Present

Chairman Cllr Lambert, V/Cllr Robinson, Cllrs Summers, Harrison, Pearson, Moseley and Aves; also D/Cllr Cane.

County Council

Highways

The B1102 road entering Swaffham Bulbeck from Lode is to be improved. There have been many small accidents here as the tall trees prevent the sun melting winter ice on the sharp bend.

Interactive signs are shortly to be installed where the B1102 runs through Swaffham Prior.

Street lighting

There is soon to be a major confrontation with 24Seven as they have been very bad at carrying out repair work to streetlights. CCC are looking for an alternative supplier, although this wouldn't be in the near future as 24Seven's contract runs until June 2004.

District Council

Conservation lighting scheme

Cllr Cane had been looking into the confusion regarding the street lighting conservation scheme in Reach. She had found out that the scheme was in three phases, not two. Cllr Cane said she was keen to see the completion of schemes that had started. These schemes took up a lot of the Conservation Officer's time and the Planning Department was already overstretched.

Cleanaway

Cllr Cane reported that the rubbish lorries had been sabotaged so there might be a delay in collection.

Police

There was to be government funding for community police officers who would deal with minor crime such as vandalism and youth crime; the government would pay half and the community the other half (possibly from parish councils etc.). They would not be taken off the beat except in exceptional circumstances. There followed a discussion on the funding of police as councillors thought electors were already paying for the police through their council tax. The boundaries of the new community police would be the same as the District, i.e. they would report to Ely.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

The budget had been approved; it was tighter than previously.

Following an outstanding OFSTED report it was hoped that recruitment would improve and numbers increase.

Swaffham Prior PCC

Cllr Robinson reported no response to Reach Clerk's letter about the constitution of the charity. He was concerned that as the only member from Reach if he could not attend the village was not represented. He was also worried that as the church was now linked with Burwell, Swaffham PCC would be less interested in Reach. Clerk to write saying that the Charity Commission would be consulted if the matter of representation was not discussed in the near future.

Matters arising

Trees felled on The Hythe

Cllr Lambert reported that he had been to The Hythe to view where trees had been felled without permission. He said that the area looked tidier, although he agreed that permission should have been sought from the tree officer at ECDC. Councillors noted that a village resident appeared to be living on a boat on The Hythe. To be investigated.

Intimidation by resident

Cllr Lambert had also visited the byway running down from Swaffham Road at the back of Ditchfield, where residents had complained of intimidation by one particular resident. Cllr Lambert reported that the resident's dog, although barking, was tethered. Clerk had written a letter to the person concerned, after seeking advice from the CCC Rights of Way Officer. He had explained that the byway was a BOAT (byway open to all traffic) and the CCC had no problem with residents planting flowers etc. along the side of the track.

Broadband

Cllr Lambert had discussed this with Ian Hill who would be offering a package to Reach residents. A small aerial might have to be installed for the area covered by the internet provider, but this would not be obtrusive.

Correspondence

Reach had been invited to enter the Village of the Year competition. Cllr Pearson agreed to coordinate the bid.

A letter from ECDC informed the PC that following planning discussions there would be an inquiry regarding the Horningsea to Burwell overhead electricity cabling.

ECDC had written about dog fouling. There is a £50 fixed penalty for dog owners allowing their animals to foul on designated public land. The PC was urged to publicise this point and to encourage the public to report incidents.

Newmarket Lions Club had written asking if they could display a notice regarding their organisation. It was agreed that this would be in order.

Planning permission had been given to Dr and Mrs Matta of 31 Burwell Road to build an extension to their house.

Reach matters

PC discussed a letter inviting the Chairman to lunch with the Mayor on Reach Fair Day. It was agreed that Cllr Lambert attend the lunch.

Cllr Robinson had found various items in the bus shelter at Ditchfield which led him to believe that young people were glue sniffing. Councillors discussed the best way to deal with this, including publishing information about drug abuse in *Out of Reach*.

It was reported that another car had been dumped in Barston Drove. Clerk said she can only report if the registration number is known.

Cllr Pearson said that the sale of the Dyke's End pub was down to two buyers. The lease was proving rather complicated.

Public forum

Ian Hill asked the PC to alert the authorities to some BT/internet cabling in Burwell Road, which although capped was still sticking out of the ground. Clerk to contact the Highways department.

Helen Platt said it was not right that the trees in The Hythe had been cut down without permission from the District Council. She argued that it might set a precedent, encouraging other people to do the same. Cllr Lambert reiterated his previous remarks about the trees.

Helen also suggested a petition be organised in protest about the overhead cabling from Burwell to Horningsea. Councillors agreed that for the time being, particularly in view of the proposed inquiry, there was little point.

Regarding the glue sniffing issue, Helen said young people in the village were bored. Cllr Robinson retorted that activities in the area, such as the Swaffham Prior youth club were not used enough anyway, as the children would rather hang around the villages in groups as be organised. He praised the efforts of the youth club organisers.

Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council held on Wednesday 7th May 2003

Following an election on 1st May the following were elected to the Parish Council:

John Robinson
Michael Aves
Joyce Harrison
Bryan Pearson
Dave Summers
Jenny Moseley
Ian Hill

The meeting commenced with the election of officers as follows:

Chairman: John Robinson
Vice/Chairman: Michael Aves
Swaffham Prior Primary School: Bryan Pearson/Jenny Moseley
Village Hall Committee: Joyce Harrison/Ian Hill
Police Liaison Committee: Dave Summers
Tree Officer (honorary post): John Reed

Present

Chairman Cllr Robinson, V/Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Summers, Harrison, Pearson, Moseley and Hill; also D/Cllr Cane.

Reports

District Council

Councillors offered their congratulations to Charlotte Cane for retaining her seat as District Councillor for The Swaffhams.

Conservation lighting scheme

Cllr Cane said she would study the plan of the original proposal before taking the matter any further.

Councillors discussed recent media reports that money promised by the government for education was not reaching schools. Cllr Cane said that the County Council had passed on money provided by Central Government, but it seemed that extra costs, such as National Insurance and pensions, had not been factored into the equation. If schools were complaining the government would have to find more money, she said.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

The OFSTED report had been outstanding, said Cllrs Moseley and Pearson. Morale was consequently very high. Governors had already been aware of anything needing before it was pointed out by the report. An extra 1.5 children were needed to move the school into the next financial bracket by January of next year.

Village hall committee

Councillors congratulated the committee on this year's Reach Fair – in particular how it had been tidied up at the end of the day. The Park and Ride scheme was proving very successful; Cllr Robinson said he hoped that the land used for parking would not be built on in the future. The Police had also been impressed by the fair's organisation, he said.

Swaffham Prior PCC

Cllr Robinson reported there was still no response to Reach Clerk's letter to the PCC Secretary about the constitution of the charity. Cllr Cane said that as a trustee Cllr Robinson should know the constitution. Councillors agreed that if necessary some money would have to be spent contacting the Charities Commission to find out.

Police liaison committee

Cllr Summers said that he would be contacting the police about 'activity' in the bus shelter on Fair Green. He was going to ask for more frequent patrolling of the area.

Matters arising

Trees felled on The Hythe

Councillors discussed a message from Keith Lambert saying that the PC should take advice from the tree officer about removing suckers from trees in the conservation area (there is apparently a £20,000 fine for removing trees without permission)

Broadband

Councillors agreed to support the District Council in their efforts to get broadband internet access to everyone. Cllr Cane said that computers were a key tool in education; having a computer was becoming essential for children who might otherwise fall behind. Fast/good internet access was also good for viewing planning applications etc.

Cllr Hill said that his company (an internet provider) heavily subsidised broadband users in Reach. They needed 50 subscribers to break even.

Correspondence

Affordable housing

The new Rural Housing Enabler from CALC had written offering to come to a PC meeting to explain about affordable housing. It was agreed to invite her to a meeting.

Police matters

The new police constable for the area is PC Ian Butcher. Councillors agreed to invite him to a parish council meeting.

East Cambs District Council invited a Reach Parish Councillor to a meeting to discuss police community support officers. Cllr Summers agreed to attend.

Buses

Alan Woods, Operations Manager of Stagecoach, had replied to a letter, written on behalf of residents, complaining about buses being driven fast through Reach. He said that drivers were encouraged to have awareness of horse riders. Cllr Robinson said that riders didn't help the situation on narrow roads by sometimes by riding two-abreast.

Reach matters

Cllr Aves suggested that the Clerk should write to thank Keith Lambert for his work done as councillor, and more recently as Chairman of the Parish Council.

Cllr Pearson said that the sale of the Dyke's End pub was going ahead. The lease had been sorted out and it was hoped that the changeover would take place on June 2nd.

Public forum

Helen Platt asked Cllr Cane why council houses were sold, as there weren't enough available. Cllr Cane said it had been made an Act of Parliament many years ago.

Commenting on Cllr Robinson's response to the reply from Stagecoach about horses and buses, Helen said that horse riders would get onto the verge out of the way of traffic if the grass was cut. Cllr Robinson said that it was a policy not to cut the grass at certain times of the year in order to preserve wild flowers and wildlife.

Penny Lang

BURWELL TOY LIBRARY



This year, the Burwell Toy Library will be taking part at the **Burwell Carnival on Saturday 14th June** during the afternoon. We have a large area assigned at the Village College where we will be bringing along a large selection of our toys for children under five. If you are coming to the Carnival with young children do look out for us and try out our toys. The cost will be 50p and the proceeds will be going to the Carnival funds. If you haven't seen how the Toy Library works or might be interested in joining, this will be a marvellous opportunity for you to find out more information and talk to some of the Committee on the day.

We are also delighted that so far this year we have had a very good turn out at each of our sessions and had lots of new members, many who have come from the post natal baby group. We hope that everyone who uses the Toy Library finds it a good resource and worthwhile. This Summer we will also be investing in many new toys for outdoors as well as some big new baby toys.

Do come and support us at the Burwell Carnival or come along to any of our sessions. The Toy Library is open every 2nd and 4th Thursday from 2.00pm to 3.15pm in the Phoenix Room at Burwell Village College. The dates for the sessions up to the Summer break are: 12 June, 26 June, 10 July and 24 July.

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For more information call Clare (741316) or Olivia (743434)

A Celebration of Childcare!

This June, the country will be celebrating National Sure Start Month, formerly known as National Childcare Month, a celebration of the high quality childcare offered to children across the country. In Cambridgeshire, the Care & Education Partnership, which is responsible for developing high quality childcare & early years education, is coordinating events around the County. These events are organised by local child-minders and childminding groups, pre-schools, day nurseries & out-of-school clubs. The month is divided into themed weeks:

1-8 June: National Day Nurseries Week

7-13 June: Pre-school Playweek

9-15 June: National Childcare Week

14-21 June: National Childminding Week

23-30 June: Kids' Clubs Week

To find out more about events in your local area, call the Care & Education Partnership on 01954 273361 or log on to the national website: www.nationalsurestartmonth.com. For information about childcare & childcare jobs & training in your local area, call Opportunity Links, the Childcare Information Service for Cambridgeshire & Peterborough on 0800 29 89 121.

Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

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on 01638 743816**

Broadband in Reach

As you will see from the front cover Broadband has arrived in Reach. It is a great success and many thanks must go to Ian and Isabel Hill, who have allowed the village to use their facilities to access the big wide world, at a substantially discounted price from the norm. It must be pointed out that this is not a community service, but a service offered by Drakken Ltd for the village, it just happens to be called Reach Community Broadband.

At present there are some 12 villagers using the service and are very pleased with the speed at which they can access the internet, download files and pick up their E-mails, and of course, no more missed phone calls, whilst the children are browsing the internet for that piece of geography or science homework, that should have been in yesterday.

There is still plenty of room on the system for you, so please don't think you have missed the boat. If you are interested then please contact Ian Hill (742973) or Dave Summers (742884) and they will be pleased to supply you with any further details you may need.

Alternatively fill out the form below and return to Ian at 5 Burwell Road or Dave at 32 Great Lane and you will be broadbanded as soon as physically possible.

Reach Broadband

Installation Cost £200.00 + vat
Monthly Charge £15.00 + vat

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Tel No.....

Preferred E-mail address@reach.drakken.com

Note: Further E-mail addresses are available on request at £2.00 + vat per month

Poppy Appeal 2003

It is over 57 years since the end of the Second World War and many will remember the ultimate sacrifice of those who gave their lives in two World Wars. The debt we owe to the men and women who have fought and died for this nation, in all the conflicts up to the present day, is incalculable. Their enduring legacy to us is the peace and freedom that we all enjoy today.

The Poppy is one of the best-known charity emblems in the UK, and has become something of a national institution and therefore, part of this country's heritage. The donations generated by the Poppy Appeal are used for safeguarding the welfare, interest and memory of all those who have served in the Armed Forces and their families. For many years the Poppy Appeal has relied on the same volunteers for support during Remembrancetide. Due to age and infirmity those volunteers are now declining and it is essential that new ones are recruited to continue the good work.

As you read this, we are already at war with Iraq and as a result, the demand on our limited resources will increase significantly. Thus, the raising of funds during the Poppy Appeal becomes increasingly important to ensure that the injured and bereaved are cared for, and those who make the ultimate sacrifice are not forgotten. The British Legion needs all the volunteers they can muster for the 2003 Poppy Appeal (Oct 25th to Nov 11th).

As a collector you only need to commit to 2 hours (although more will be welcome) and we will allocate you an area, this could be where you live, outside a supermarket or other establishment where there are lots of people. We can discuss your preference for your collecting area when we speak. After the collection we will be able to give you feedback on how much you personally raised, hopefully providing you with a sense of achievement.

If you can spare some time to help during the Poppy Appeal then please cull me now on 01954 715725.

Thank you for your support

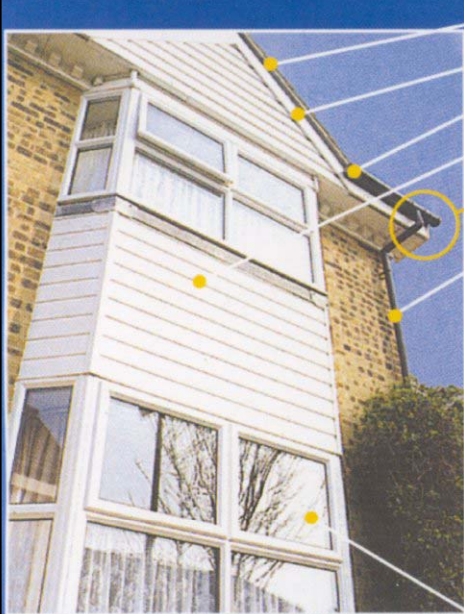
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COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

Mid April / May 2003

April 2003

A new financial year has just started, so, as usual, there are changes including left-overs from last year and beginnings of this one.

On the Transport side there is a draft, new Local Transport Plan (LTP) to be completed by July. On the way everyone will be entitled to contribute their views and a leaflet to help them will be delivered to every door within the next month or so. A "corridor" approach, will be followed, and I take, this to mean that Cambridge to Newmarket via our fen fringe villages will be one of them. Subjects covered, will include, bus, services, walking, cycling and road maintenance schemes..

Meanwhile; I am, "badgering" officers to complete or initiate work as follows

Interactive: speed, limit signs along Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior.

Changes to the bend between Swaffham Bulbeck and Longmeadow to make it safer for all including drivers, walkers, cyclists and horse riders.

A pedestrian crossing on Ness Road, Burwell.

A lit bollard on the Quay end of the red stripe-crossing the Bell Road junction on the A1303 Bottisham (Maybe that will discourage impatient drivers from overtaking vehicles tuning left into Bell Road?)

Slightly farther a field there are two relief measures that will take a few years to affect us.

The first is that the Government has, agreed to spend £490 million on upgrading the A14. The greatest change will be dual 3 lane carriageway between Girton and Conington and then branching off to avoid Huntingdon by a new road; also 3 lane each way as far as the A1 south of Brampton. There will also be a local parallel road to the A14 Girton, - Conington to serve local traffic not wanting to use the main near motorway standard A14 road adjacent. There will also be A14 road widening from Girton to the Fen Ditton / Waterbeach turn. All several years off I'm afraid.

The second even more local improvement is the Fordham By-Pass : which has been long in it's controversial journey through the County, East Cambs District and Parish Councils to reach the point. of now going ahead at the cost of about £12 million It will run-from the Soham southern roundabout crossing the B1102 and ending just North of Turners on the Newmarket road A142. I guess they will need 2 or 3 years to build and open.

Overarching anything else I have mentioned so far is the good news that the Cambs road casualty record for fatal and serious injuries continues to reduce. There were 71

fatal and 491 serious accidents in 2000, compared with 52 fatal and 460 serious in 2002, the lowest ever. All this has happened in spite of continuous traffic growth on the county's roads.

One other change of importance is that the County has just appointed from June a new Chief executive to take the place of Alan Barnish. Ian Stewart is the existing chief of Bradford Metropolitan District and has a colourful past as a professional footballer, including Secretary of the Scottish Professional Football Managers and Coaches Association. Ian Stewart says his first goal is to deliver the best quality of life and prosperity for the citizens and businesses of Cambridgeshire.

May 2003

ANNUAL REPORT

Since I was first elected I have given a summary County report to all six annual parish meetings (APMs). I try to review the County's affairs over the preceding twelve months, particularly relating to our villages of Burwell, Swaffhams, Reach, Bottisham and Lode.

Because so few members of the public attend these meetings, it seems sensible to give a condensed review to your village magazines, all of which go to every house in your parish.

In addition to the annual report I keep in touch by a regular County article monthly or bimonthly depending on publication frequency.

This year at the APM's I first gave a general overview which included the appointment of the new County Chief Executive, Ian Stewart, achievement of national "Beacon" status, given in recognition of Cambs' and E.Cambs' leadership on ICT; and a "Good" assessment of the County's general performances judged by the Audit Commission.

I spoke briefly on the recent Council Tax increases which continue at more than the UK rate of inflation. The 9.2% County increase would have been less, had the Government given us the full amount at once, instead of spreading £10m of grant over the next two years. In theory this should mean a lower tax demand next year - we shall see!

The County consulted widely on whether the County share of Council Tax should be 12% with no cuts to services or 6% involving severe cuts. Public opinion was strongly in favour of 12% so the decision was taken to go for 9.2% and make up the difference by withdrawing from reserves. Even then there were some cuts, e.g. Bottisham Community Library

Every year as the Council Tax rises I am more and more convinced that it is a thoroughly bad tax, only marginally better than the infamous "Poll Tax" which it replaced. Depending on the property you live in you may pay the same amount as a wealthy neighbour, whose income continues to grow, yet you are possibly stuck on a low pension or other fixed small income.

An increasing number of councillors are seriously wanting Council Tax replaced by a fairer means of paying for our local services, such as a local income tax. Maybe the time for that change is coming sooner, I hope, than later.

Turning to specific services, much the largest is **EDUCATION**. Here media exaggeration about generous Government grants was subsequently brought down to earth

with a bump when it was realised that Cambs secondary schools had been short changed to the tune of several million pounds. Some schools are threatened with a deficit Budget but not Bottisham. Nevertheless, standstill is the best we can hope for in 2003/4.

From other aspects Bottisham Village College has had another successful year. The best exam results appeared at the Key Stage 3 but the older children still did better on GCSE than the County average. With Beacon School Status (only 4 in Cambs) the College has much to be proud of in its high standards.

The school and community suffered a major blow in the decision by the County cabinet to save a modest amount of money by closing ten of the smaller community libraries in the County, including Bottisham. In spite of a vigorous campaign to save it, the Cabinet was impervious to contrary views and confirmed the decision. Not to be beaten we locals, supporting the library are replacing it with a similar service but run by villagers from Bottisham, Lode, Swaffham Bulbeck and other nearby interested parties. We hope it will succeed and be well supported by nearby library users. The school side of the library is not affected by the County's decision.

SOCIAL SERVICES have improved over last year but at a cost. We seem to be stuck in a perpetual financial deficit only solved by transfers of money from other activities. Unforeseen costs of out of county placements and the ever-increasing cost of elderly care are large contributors to the shortfall. It is of course undeniable that we are, on average, living longer. The cost of care for the over 85's rises dramatically year by year.

On the **ENVIRONMENT** the County Structure Plan rumbles along at a steady pace with some of its more controversial proposals becoming clear. Round here I hope we have seen off the idea of a new town at Six Mile Bottom which received universal criticism. The new settlement is more likely to be confirmed at Oakington / Longstanton. For all that, pressure to build many more houses in the Cambridge area increases.

Turning to **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION** there were several changes in the last year. The success of Park & Ride around Cambridge is now accepted and is likely to be expanded. The A14 is to be widened from Fen Ditton to Conington and a new road built therefrom to A1. The Fordham by-pass has now completed its planning stage and will start to be built as soon as possible. Traffic calming along Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior is now completed with the arrival of the interactive speed signs. The B1102 will also be made safer between Swaffham Bulbeck and Longmeadow. I am pushing the completion of the national cycleway (R 51) between the Swaffham's and a route designated in Burwell. Pedestrian crossings are also scheduled for Burwell Ness Road and Swaffham Bulbeck.

Lastly, the **CAMBRIDGESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE** continues to put out fires and rescue car drivers and passengers at a tiny cost of 57 pence / week each. The sad national dispute with the full-time firefighters has still not been resolved in spite of many

months negotiations. Locally, our two stations at Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell worked normally as they are manned by Retained part-timers. We owe them a debt of gratitude for all their efforts.

Your District Councillor

Charlotte Cane

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District Council Notes (May / June 2003)

Thank you for re-electing me as your District Councillor. The turnout in The Swaffhams ward was 41.5%, which was higher than the District average of 31.5%, but lower than Reach and Swaffham Bulbeck Parish Councils where the turnout was 47.8% and 47.6% respectively. The results across the District were that the Council has 18 Liberal Democrats, 15 Conservatives and 6 Independents. No single party therefore has a majority. This will make it harder for the members to set a clear strategic framework for the Council. Nevertheless, I hope we will be able to continue to deliver good services.

One issue which the Council will be considering soon is whether or not to help fund Police Community Support Officers. These officers will be uniformed but will have fewer powers than regular officers. Their main role will be to work with the Community Safety Partnership and the local community to tackle low level crime, such as anti-social behaviour. Unlike regular officers they will not be pulled off their duties to attend incidents, except in the event of a major incident, so they remain in the community. The Home Office provides half of the funding and the rest of the funds have to be found locally. For the year to March 2004 the Police are finding the matching funds for 8 Community Support Officers. For future years they will only contribute half of the matching funds, leaving £48,000 to be found by the Community. The suggestion is that the District Council and Parish Councils who want the officers in their Parish should find this money. For the District Council a new cost of £48,000 would mean either cutting another service or raising the council Tax for a Band D property by about £1.50 per year (a 1.4% rise). I would be interested to hear your views on whether or not we should help to fund these Police Community Support Officers – please e-mail your views to ccane@cix.co.uk, or 'phone me on 01638 742509, or write to me at 34 Swaffham Road, Reach, CB5 0HZ.

East Cambs, along with our partners at the County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council, have secured Beacon Council status for the ground-breaking 'East Cambs On-Line' Initiative. Cllr Hazel Williams and Ray Harding attended the awards ceremony and were presented with the Certificate from Nick Rainsford MP, the Minister with responsibility for Local Government. The Minister said:

“In promotong greater social inclusion in the tiny isolated communities across its rural district through its East Cambs On-Line internet training access points set up in pubs, church rooms and village halls, East Cambs has provided a shining beacon for other local authorities on how enthusiasm, teamwork and dedication can achieve great success.”

The ECDC district-wide bid to introduce a wireless broadband service across virtually the whole of East Cambridgeshire passed the first hurdle after EEDA endorsed the Council's first stage application and invited us to submit a detailed second stage bid. If successful this bid will allow us to subsidise the cost of setting up broadband provision across the district. It will also fund a Broadband Activator to stimulate demand and raise awareness amongst residents and small businesses. It will allow us to provide a special low cost connection and monthly charge for targeted socially excluded groups. There will also be a Community Web site and the development of an East Cambs Network and local networks to make full use of broadband.

The Housing Service held an event recently to look at the needs of homeless people in the district. Over 30 delegates attended from a wide range of organisations including probation, Wintercomfort, social services, housing associations, local solicitors, drug and alcohol and mental health services. The current and future levels of homelessness were discussed and a range of workshops considered the housing and support needs of five groups of people including those fleeing domestic violence, young people and substance mis-users. Conclusions from the day will feed into the Council's Review of Homelessness and emerging Strategy.

In March 7 refuse trucks at the Council's Depot had their fuel tanks stolen. This caused delays in collection of rubbish early in the first week of April. But thanks to the quick reactions of the Waste Team, and the help from Camden Council, who lent vehicles to Cleanaway, the refuse service continued without too much disruption.

Jubilee Gardens in Ely will now be fun for all the family. The Bandstand was formally opened in May along with a water feature and a childrens' play area.

The Council's web-site has been awarded "content +" status in the latest government survey of all local authority web-sites. This is the 2nd highest award within the survey and only 10 authorities out of the total 508 surveyed were awarded the higher ranking of "fully transactional". Because of this, the Council was given a grant of £200,000 for 2003/04 to help us to meet e-government targets.

Charlotte Cane (Liberal Democrat Councillor for the Swaffhams and Reach)

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Bottisham Village College

We are proud at the college that we have received national recognition for all our community education work. The government has finally recognised that schools have a really important part to play at the heart of their communities and we have been recognized as an Extended School. We have been set up by the government as a demonstration project so that teachers, governors and LEA's from all over the country can receive information about what we do and can share our good practice. We received some additional funding in order to help do this.

We are very proud of our community tradition at Bottisham which goes back nearly 70 years. Through our link with Burwell Village College and Linton Village College we are able to run an impressive programme of adult education with 250 classes and 2000 adult students. We are also responsible for all the youth provision in our area and we do a great deal of work with adults who have special learning needs and disabilities in partnership with the local charity, Turning the Red Lights Green.

There are great benefits to be gained by the pupils at the college working in such a strong community environment. The Village College is much more than simply a school and we believe that our pupils develop a real sense of community as a result.

Sporting Excellence at Bottisham Village College

Staff at Bottisham Village College were delighted to hear this week that the College has once again been granted the prestigious Sports Mark Award. This award is in recognition of sports teaching of the highest quality, an excellent programme of extracurricular activity and the outstanding facilities at Bottisham, which are open to members of the local community.

We are really proud of the recognition from Sport England that we provide a wonderful opportunity at Bottisham for young people and for the whole of our community to enjoy sport and to lead a healthy life.

Bottisham has excellent facilities for sport, including a large sports hall, fitness suite, floodlit astro-turf, 38 acres of playing fields and access to a heated swimming pool. All of the pupils at the college enjoy a wide range of sports activities and there are many clubs that take place at lunchtime and after school. School teams play fixtures against other schools during every week of the school year and the college has been successful in winning a number of District Championships, including the Cross-Country Championship and the Jubilee Cup Athletics Competition for Cambridge and District Schools. The school is also very proud of the fact that all pupil who wish to take part in competitive sport are able to do so through inter-form competitions and in school teams.

Teaching and learning is of the highest quality and the subject is very popular indeed as a GCSE examination. The college has very good relationships with local sports clubs and many pupils go on to become members of clubs which play at the college and in the local area.

At a time when school sport is often criticised, it is good that sporting excellence receives this national recognition.

Peter Hains

From The Vicar



Rev Stephen Earl

The Vicarage Tel 741262

Dear Friends,

A crowd of some 80 people of all ages were gathered on the Green on a blissful sunny evening, on the eve of the 803rd Fair, for a delightful Songs of Praise with the CSD brass band from Cambridge. It was an idyllic setting for the service in such a picturesque village - with children perched on bales of straw, others reclining on the grass, and the more sedate filling chairs from the nearby beer-tent (our refuge had it been wet). We were surrounded by the Fair equipment, adding colour and excitement, all ready for what turned out to be a wonderful Bank Holiday.

Villagers and visitors emerged from all corners of the Green as soon as the band started to play, and those riding on a bus that circled the Green looked on with curiosity at the service and the singing. Appropriately the slogan on the side of the bus read "*The Path to Glory*" - so amused was the person who noticed it, she didn't actually see what it was advertising! It struck me an excellent phrase summing up what the Church is about, as individuals and as an institution, and the kind of message we were seeking to impart to the curious onlookers on the Green that evening!

As churches locally, and in the new Fordham & Quy Deanery, the "path to glory" has taken a few twists and turns in recent months, and now we arrive at another important stage along the way...

Already the churches of St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach and St Mary's Burwell have come together in a new and happy partnership which, although still early days, is proving a great benefit to those from both villages - the Songs of Praise being just one example of our sharing the best each has to offer. Encircling the band at that service was a huge cord of 3 different coloured strands produced in an earlier Family Service, since then draped over the altar at Burwell, and now around the altar in Reach. The cord symbolising our 2 churches and the love of God in which we are bound together (*see Ecclesiastes 4:12*).

Meanwhile "the path of glory" takes another turn closer to Cambridge with an even bigger "cord" being woven between the parishes of the two Swaffhams and the Angelsey Group. On 10th June we officially welcome their new Vicar Revd David Lewis and his wife Pauline at David's licensing service at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Bottisham, to which all are warmly invited. Moving from Plymouth where he has been Rural Dean, David will be working closely with two clergy colleagues, Revds David Kettle and Rogen Bowen, whose part-time ministries are already well established and much valued in these parishes. So a new chapter for these parishes, and we pray for God's blessing upon them and upon David and Pauline at this challenging and exciting time.

As new cords are woven together, another is unravelled - the church in Reach no longer a "chapel of ease" of Swaffham Prior, but of Burwell. The parties concerned have all given their unanimous support to this change and the legal process is under way, but will take several months to complete.

It was a delight and privilege to be present with the Mayor of Cambridge in the opening proceedings of the Fair and great fun to cast my pennies upon the eager and excited children! An honour too in being invited to a super meal in the village hall whilst the Fair was getting under way outside. Walking around later on, I was struck by the huge success of this historic event, and began to realise the mammoth effort this must take from those in the village involved in any way. Well done everyone - a tradition of which to be rightly pleased and proud!

With every blessing,

Stephen



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Church Services June



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 1st Easter 7	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am, Family Service	6.30 pm Informal Evening Service
Sunday 8th Pentecost	9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Service of Healing	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 15th Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Services
Sunday 22nd Trinity 1	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion
Monday 23rd		Patronal Festival
Sunday 29th Trinity 2		9.30 am United Parish Communion

Church Services July



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 6th Trinity 3	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am, Parish Communion	6.30 pm Deanery Songs of Praise at Little Wilbrahm
Sunday 13th Trinity 4	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 20th Easter 5	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Services
Sunday 27th Trinity 6	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Parish Communion

Sundays

6.30 pm Informal Evening Services (Quarterly) and other specials at Reach normally

6.30 pm Services of Healing (Quarterly) at Burwell

At Burwell whenever there is a 9.30 am Holy Communion service during term time.

Junior Church (3's - 11's) meets in the Guildhall at 9.25 am

Pathfinders (12's - 17's) meets in the Vicarage at 9.25 am

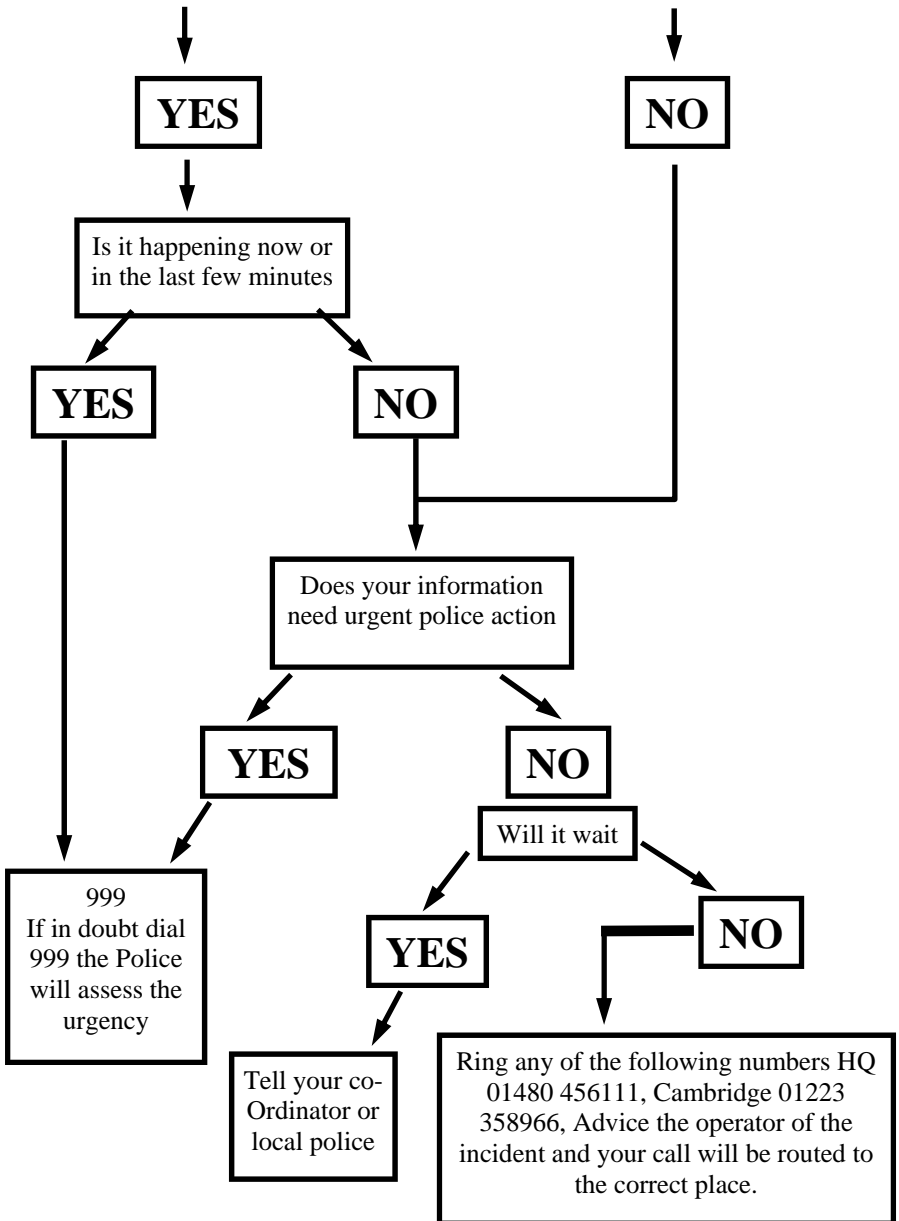
Weekdays

10.00 am Holy Communion At Burwell St. Mary's on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays

10.30 am Holy Communion At Burwell (Ness Court) on 3rd Wednesdays

10.00 am Toddlers' Service At Burwell on 1st Thursdays (excl January & August)

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