

Out of Reach



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Emergencies

Eastern Electric	01223 440221
Anglian Water	01603 225000
Police	999
Non Emergencies	01223 358966

Editorial



Oh dear ! What happened to the weather on May 3rd, I think we all got a little wet. Still I believe besides going swimmingly well we did not loose a great deal of money. Accounts I expect will be in the next issue. I however enjoyed myself dragging invalids off the playing field at the end. (That little hill at the entrance causes problems when wet doesn't it. The quiz however went well although fewer turned up than normal. Congratulations to the Prince Albert of Ely who banked well and won convincingly. Also to Wendy Cole who got all the flags correct, right down to Pitcairn Island. I hope all those that attended enjoyed themselves. I believe later in the year there will be a party - entitled Reach Fair re-visited to try and raise a bit of money, so please keep your eyes open for notices etc, and come and support the village.

Congratulations to Allen Alderson in being voted as our new District Councillor it good to keep a this role in the village after the retirement of Charlotte. It was a close run election as was expected, but Allen came out on top in the end. Thanks from Allen to all those who turned out in Reach to vote, I hear 75% of us, excellent.

I must add a little bit about RASP Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Network, whilst collecting bottles for the fair it came to my notice from more than one or two people that they thought, a second BT line would have to be installed at their houses. Television adverts again!. No not using our system, you can have fast Internet access without installing any new lines, once connected by wireless you can use your telephone whenever you like. So whilst surfing the net or collecting your e-mails you can be chatting to your friends in York or Shrewsbury. (Random selection of towns). So if you are interested and still are unsure please contact me or Robert in SP and we will explain further.

Next issue is the August / September issue, the schools are breaking up very early 20th July, this means that I am going to have to get the Out of Reach in for printing on the 12 July. We can either miss the next issue out, or everything must be with me by the Friday the 9th July. I will leave the answer to this one with you . If nothing has arrived by this date I will assume nobody wants that issue of Out of Reach and the next one will then be out on October 1st.

Don't forget your 100 club tickets Joyce still has some left and already we have had three lucky winners, **It could be you next** (copyrighted no added next). Have a good summer. Be back soon!

Dave

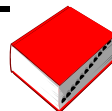
100 Club Winners

April Alan Alderson

(Donated winnings to Village Hall—who have purchased two tickets themselves)

May Ron Greenhill

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Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we are initiating a 100 club. We are looking for a 100 people who would like to buy a ticket at £10.00 each.

The 100 club will have 10 draws a year.

8 draws of £20.00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

2 draws of £50.00

July and December

**Please contact Joyce Harrison as soon
as possible**



**Please support your
Village Hall
by buying a ticket**

Dates For Your Diary



June

Wed Jun 2	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Mon Jun 7	Half Term Ends	Back to School	
Tue Jun 8	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jun 8	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Jun 9	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jun 10	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 11	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Jun 13	Car Boot Sale	Bottisham VC	9.00 am
Wed Jun 16	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jun 17	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 18	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sat Jun 19	St Mary's Fete	Vicarage Burwell	
Tue Jun 22	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jun 22	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Thu Jun 24	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 25	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Jun 27	Reach Sports day	Playing Field	2.30 pm
Sun Jun 27	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

July

Thu Jul 1	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jul 2	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jul 6	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jul 6	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Jul 7	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Jul 8	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jul 9	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sat Jul 10	Swaffham Prior School Summer Fair - School		2.30 pm
Wed Jul 14	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jul 15	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jul 16	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jul 20	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jul 20	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Jul 20	Summer Term Ends - Holidays Begin		
Wed Jul 21	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Sun Jul 25	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

Notices



19th June 2004

**St Mary's will be holding its annual Fete at
the Vicarage in Burwell**

NEEDED.....

Bric a Brac

Good as new

Books

Food (Tins/Packets)

Tombola prizes

DO YOU HAVE TIME..... Please contact me to help arrange the Fete. Please let me know how much or how little you can do on the day, before the Fete after the Fete even if you only have an hour then I can find something for you to do..... Remember the old saying many hands make light work..... Please offer help in what ever way you can.

Contact Mark Hassall 604276

markj.hassall@ntlworld.com

POLICE NOTICE

We have received several reports advising us that a company has been phoning members of the community offering fire and safety advice. The caller then asks to make an appointment for a home visit. If approached by a security company, don't be pressured into any unnecessary purchase and demand to see identification. We understand that some items have been sold for around £60 and can be bought elsewhere for less than £10.

If you are considering buying any security or alarm devices please shop around to make sure you are getting a fair deal.

SPORTS CLUB

Sunday June 27th 2004

Sports Day

Playing Field 2.30pm

Our annual village Sports Day is an event for the whole family from toddlers to grandparents.

We aim to provide entertainment and a race for everyone, from potato-and-spoon, sackrace, applebobbing to a more traditional sprint.

We will also have a slow bicycle race as well as the marathons and a barbecue for everyone.

Bring some drinks, rug and or chair, a pair of shoes you can run in or even bare feet to join in this highlight of the Reach Sporting Calendar.

Contact : Tony Jordan 743 408

CUBS AND SCOUTS

IN SWAFFHAM PRIOR

CUBS - FOR 8 - 10 1/2 YEAR OLDS
SCHOOL HALL, WEDNESDAYS 6-7.30pm
CONTACT JEMIMA ON 07816 984457

SCOUTS - FOR 10 1/2 - 14 YEAR OLDS
SCHOOL HALL, WEDNESDAYS 7.45 - 9.15pm
CONTACT TIM DOE ON 01638 743656

SWAFFHAM PRIOR SCHOOL

£3,000 for 3,000 feet

On 26 June Reach resident Jenny McMahon will be jumping out of an aeroplane at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet above Chatteris – with a parachute! This will be Jenny’s first solo parachute jump and she is hoping to raise £3,000 for local good causes.

Jenny admits to being ‘slightly nervous’ but is keen to make the jump to help Swaffham Prior School, where she works and where her youngest son attends school, and the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

‘The children really need some new playground equipment’, says Jenny. ‘The existing equipment is very old now and not sufficient for the number of children at the school, or for the other children in the village who use the playground out of school hours. And I feel that we should all support the Air Ambulance, particularly since it has recently played such an important role for some of families at the school.’

Jenny plans to raise the money through sponsorship, collections at local events and donations from local businesses. If you would like to help Jenny reach her target, please contact Clare Freeman (01638 741316) to request a sponsorship form or to make a donation.

Clare Freeman
Secretary, Friends of Swaffham Prior School

Daffodil Bulbs

To the public spirited person(s) who took time out to plant the daffodil bulbs last autumn, a very big THANK YOU! The autumn colours alone in the wood last year were a sight to behold, but in future we will have the daffodils to look forward to as well.

It's good to know there are people who really do care for the welfare of Reach Wood. Thanks again - your efforts are much appreciated.

Ann Jennings

For the First time in Ely! **a French Market is coming to town**

A very special event is about to happen in Ely on Friday 18th, Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th June. If you feel like travelling to France for your next holidays, but don't know when this is going to happen, then, here is a way of enjoying a touch of France right at your doorstep. Oui: the French are coming to you!

Marché de France, team of French market traders, is a professional team, with a real team spirit, that has been touring around England and Wales for 5 years now. French markets are usually quite popular as they bring liveliness to a town centre, something different and festive, feeling like a week end holidays. That's what this team aims to bring when they come to us: a touch of **France**. Together with a musical and lovely atmosphere for all the locals to remember.

This market will be offering 26 genuine traders from Normandy and Brittany. Lots of delicious food such as famous French bread (country bread, croissants, etc...), cheeses from all regions of France, wines, charcuterie, olives, garlic, honey, and much, much more... Craft stalls will be there as well, and the market will be open for trade all day from 9 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 to 4 pm on the Sunday. On the Market square on Friday Sunday, the French traders will be joining the traditional market on Saturday, so they will set up their stalls along High Street, which should create a great ambience all over the Town Centre

So come and browse, and get a chance to taste lovely French products, as well as practise your French. Traders will be happy to chat in French with you if you feel like trying. Don't miss out and enjoy the fun.

For more info, contact Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616377.

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre **The Gondoliers By Gilbert & Sullivan**

Don't miss Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre's unforgettable performances of Gilbert & Sullivan's 'The Gondoliers', one of their best loved operas.

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.

Performances will take place in Mitchell Lodge Barn, Quarry Lane, Swaffham Bulbeck on 10th, 11th and 12th June at 8pm.

Matinee (as well as evening performance) on Sat 12th June at 2.30pm.

Tickets cost £6.50 for all evening performances and £3 for the matinee.

For tickets, please contact Rosemary Upton on 01638 612173 or [email: upton1\(a\)nntlworld.com](mailto:upton1(a)nntlworld.com) or Swaffham Bul-



Ely Crime Prevention and Neighbourhood Watch Panel
15, Upton Place, Littleport, Cambs - Tel 01353862977
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Sunday, 23 May 2004

Hello to you all,

Did you know that the Panel have a spare electric engraver to be used for post coding. If you want to organise a post coding day in your village then contact the Vice Chairman on 01353610410 to arrange to collect it from him. Whilst on the subject of item's for collection, at the last group meeting the Chief Constable suggested obtaining the Anti Social Folder, "Together" for members of the group. Well, they have arrived, and we have enough for each village to have a copy but ,because of the size and weight it is not possible to post them, again if you are in Ely then give him a ring to collect your copy. Also we have obtained 5000 copies of "How to beat the Bogus caller" together with a similar number of door stickers and about 100 A4 posters. Again we cannot post them, too costly, so give the VC a ring and arrange to collect them from him, alternatively we will have some at the next quarterly meeting. Bear in mind that the National NHW week starts on the 12th June so a distribution of material would be appropriate.

With the warmer weather here or at least on its way may we remind you to ensure your windows are closed , and doors locked when you go away, remember an open window is an invitation to other's to come and help themselves to your property. Whilst on the subject of open windows I walked through the Waitrose Car Park in Ely a couple of weeks ago, and there it was for all to behold a parked car with both windows down and no one in or near the vehicle. Do not forget, don't leave your valuables on display in the car, put them in the boot out of sight.

The group will be attending several functions during the summer and we would appreciate local help on the day. So far we will be at the Spring County Fair in Ely on the 30th May, at the Woodditton Church Fete on the 12th June, Pymoor County Show on the 3rd July and at the Littleport Show on the 24th July. If you know of any other venues we should attend then let me know, but please give us plenty of warning.

Diary Dates: The next East Cambs group meeting will be on Wednesday 9th June 2004 at 7.30pm and lined up for this meeting are the Air Support Group, and the Fire and Rescue Service. The programme for the 2nd September meeting hasn't been arranged so any subject you would like a talk on please let me know.

Ben Boddington.

Free the trees!

Hello all you gorgeous Reach folk,

It was lovely to catch up and see you all at the fair. I have just returned from spending the last couple of hours of daylight up in the wood. It was a beautiful evening. Took some secateurs and found they were effective at getting the brown mesh guards off the trees. Some of them are well overdue for this. Also, pretty much all the spiral ones could come off too. So if you get a mo, when you are next there, please free a tree! It would look even nicer up there with out all that plastic.

It was good to see that the younguns that enjoyed a few up there on Sunday sent a posse up in the morning to clear up. Glad to know you are enjoying the wood. Hope that it is not thought necessary to put gates up coz that would not be a good idea.

Hopefully see you again before too long. Leon and me are living in Liverpool. I have found my dream job making new products from recycled glass. Plan to head back to NZ tho, Sept 2005.

So, see you later

Love from Frances

fluffwoodhead@yahoo.com

Swaffham Prior School SUMMER FAIR



**Saturday 10 July 2004, 12.00 - 4.00pm
at Swaffham Prior School**



**Bouncy castles * Pony rides * Barbeque
Bar * Live music * Maypole dancing * Games
Pampering pavilion * Craft corner * Stalls**

**There's something for everyone and everyone's welcome at the
Swaffham Prior School Summer Fair!**

Ely Museum

Summer 2004

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday 6th June 10.30am - 4pm

Venta Icenorum

Join in the fun activities of wool spinning, pinch pot making-try on Roman Costume and a Celt warrior's kit. Fun for all the family. Normal admission charges apply-accompanied children free. Telephone 01353 666655 for more information.

Thursday 3rd June 7.30pm

Recent Archaeological Discoveries in Ely

A talk by Quinton Carroll presented by the Friends of Ely Museum
Admission £1.50 non-members- £1.00 members.

Saturday 17th July 2.00 - 3.30pm

Archaeology Pot Sort

Learn how to identify different types of pottery and how archaeologists would write up their finds at this fun interactive afternoon. Suitable for children aged 11-13 years. Tickets cost £1.50 per child. Pre-booking essential. Tel: 01353 666655.

Saturday 24th July 2.00 - 3pm

'17th Century Visit to Ely'

A Talk by Pam Blakeman

Admission £1.50 non members, £1.00 members.

Telephone 01353 666655 for more information.

Find Ely Museum on the corner
of Market Street and Lynn Road
in the centre of Ely.

Your County Councillor

James Fitch

01223 811425



COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

Mid April / May 2004

COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES MID APRIL 2004

COUNCIL TAX

Since my last article you will have received your bill for Council Tax 2004/5. After the dispute with the Government the County increase amounted to 6.9% or £52.78 for a Band D property. This final result allowed us to fund, but only just, the schools budget which was the subject of the dispute in the first place. The County bill at £813.24 (Band D) is the LOWEST among Shire Counties (but some Counties still retain Fire responsibility).

What upsets most people is the percentage, increase of all local government authorities. The problem here is that people compare Council Tax increases with the Resale (Price Index (R.P.I.) They overlook the fact that local government spends most of its money in paying people - teachers, social workers, police and fire fighters and their salaries in general go up more than the RPI. The situation is made worse by the need to buy its goods and services that have risen out of proportion, e.g. road mending and construction materials.

Nevertheless, in my opinion, the last two governments did not expect the growth of the Council Tax to become such a burden so soon. At the time of its invention, the view seems to have been "get rid of the Poll Tax quickly, anything will be better". That assumption is not proving to be correct.

It is time to abolish the Council Tax and come up with something fairer. I favour a local income tax incorporating an element of recognition of property ownership.

More time spent on trying for a better tax will be well spent provided governments recognise that you cannot have local administrations on the cheap. A fairer government contribution is where it all starts.

Turning away from the gloom of raising tax to the more cheerful subject of spending it on deserving local projects, there are several improvements coming. Firstly, a small group of horse riders met council colleagues to celebrate the opening of a new bridleway between the A1303 at Whitelands Farm and Heath Road, Swaffham Bulbeck.

Secondly, we can anticipate that the footpath between the Swaffhams will be upgraded to cycle / footpath standard within the year. Thirdly, discussions are taking place with the parish council of Bottisham and Burwell regarding traffic calming measures. Once the detail is agreed we can expect road marking, interactive and warning signs and a couple of new street lights adjacent to St. Peter's Field, Bottisham. I am also hopeful of another interactive sign on the Lower End entrance to Swaffham Prior.

COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES EARLY MAY 2004

The season of Annual Meetings is upon us again. I expect to attend them all and give a brief County report on what happened in year 2003 / 4, and some of the things we can expect this year 2004 / 5. With the Chairman's permission I will deal with any questions on County matters.

Looking back on last year it is surprising that as much as £42m. has been invested locally in improving highway and public transport. The Audit Commission inspectors complimented our efforts to increase bus use (including Park & Ride), reducing road casualties, more street lighting and repair and re-surfacing of our roads.

In my opinion our area has done well. There is more improvement to come in the summer and autumn, particularly the "soft" safety measurers

Relating to Burwell and Bottisham I ought to explain that "soft" in this context means advisory, warning or encouraging measurers aimed at drivers of all sorts from HGV to cars. An example of a "soft" warning are the interactive 40mph signs on Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior with attendant strips and road paintwork..

Should there be a disappointing response, then we might be forced to think of "hard" alternatives, for example the priority arrangement on the Causeway, Burwell, or some Cambridge street "pinch" points.

From 1st April there are changes in the way Social Services and Health Care are provided to Older People. Cambs Social Services will transfer its 70m. annual budget and 900 staff to the County's four NHS Primary Care Trusts.. The County will continue to have statutory accountability for social services for older people, but new system will give a single assessment of need and one joint team providing. The PCT's main role to commission primary care will continue as before to all people

James Fitch

Turning the Red Lights Green

Turning the Red Lights Green is a charity, based at Bottisham Village College, that provides the chance for adults with disabilities to enjoy education, training, work and leisure in our community. We offer a wide range of activities that allows people with disabilities to learn skills, make new friendships, gain confidence and prepare themselves for employment. We encourage independence and self worth, which is vital in a community such as ours that offers very little to promote self-choice for disabled people.

If you would like to know more, or perhaps are interested in getting involved in the charity, please call Karen or Deb on 01223 811662.

We have many openings for volunteers!

Bus Timetable



Effective the 9th June 2002

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

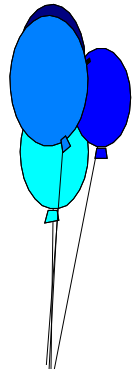
Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10, 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40, 17.40, 18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40, 21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 22.40
Bus 111 Reach to Isleham:	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.

Parish Council Meeting



Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2004

Present

Chairman Cllr Robinson, Vice-Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Summers, Hill, and Moseley; also C/Cllr Fitch.

Reports

County Council

General

Cllr Fitch said his new ward would include Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, and Swaffham Prior.

Highways

- Provisional car routes had been chosen where it was felt the traffic needed slowing down. Warning speed signs would be installed with reminders of the 30 mph speed limit.
- A new bridleway was to be constructed between Burwell Heath Road and Bottisham.
- It had been agreed to lower the 'Route 51 cyclepath' sign, which at present is obstructing the view of the Reach fair plaque on Mr Cole's house on Fair Green. This, however, had not yet taken place. Councillors suggested inviting Patrick Joyce, the County Cycling Projects Officer, to a meeting to discuss Route 51, in particular the fact that it goes over the Old Railway Bridge. It was agreed to invite the Chairman of Swaffham Prior Parish Council to the meeting if Patrick Joyce were to attend.
- If the Sustrans route went ahead there would be compulsory planning purchase of land.

Education

Community education at Bottisham Village College would now be looked after by the District Council. Irene Ward had been appointed the Manager (she was to be based at Soham Village College). Youth education would be based at BVC.

Bottisham Village College had raised £50k for their humanities project. This could make them the top college in Cambridgeshire, said Cllr Fitch.

Library services

There had been a good report from the library services department.

Council tax

Salaries at County were not keeping up with those in industry. The County section of council tax would rise by 6.8% this year. In reply to a question from a councillor Cllr Fitch agreed that council tax should be income-related.

Police

Cllr Fitch spoke about how crime is recorded. He explained how, for example, the rape and robbery of a person is recorded as two separate crimes.

Swaffham Prior PCC

The representative of the County Council, John Norris, had resigned.

Matters arising

- Cllr Fitch had contacted Patrick Joyce, the County Cycling Projects Officer, regarding Route 51, a cycling route that had been routed over The Old Railway Bridge. Mr Joyce had confirmed the route and said that the bridge was considered safe for cycling. To lower the bridge would be in excess of £300k, although a scheme might be put forward sometime in the future.
- The Reverend Stephen Earl had written confirming that the Parochial Church Council was happy to house the bier in St Etheldreda's church. Councillors voiced thanks to John Holmwood who had renovated the bier.

Correspondence

- Simon Owers, landlord of The Dyke's End, had written requesting permission to erect a marquee on Fair Green in order to hold a charity cocktail party. Councillors had no objection.
- Eleanor Hoggart, Executive Director of the Legal and Democratic Services at ECDC, had written clarifying certain issues arising regarding 'Standards of Member Conduct'.
- A copy of the periodic electoral review of Cambridgeshire County Council draft recommendations had been received.
- Brian Devereux had written offering to maintain the grass and vegetation around The Point. Councillors agreed this would be of benefit to the area.
- Dave Robertson, District Manager of Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, had written offering to give the PC a presentation of the service's Integrated Risk Management Plan for 2004/5. It was agreed to invite him to a future meeting.

Reach matters

- Clerk had written to the customer relations officer at County to complain about the non-arrival of two buses returning to Reach from Cambridge. She had replied that it was important to record all complaints so that problematic services or routes could be addressed at an operational level. Cllr Fitch endorsed this view.
- Following complaints about the driving of a car in Reach wood, the Caretaker Contractor at The Woodland Trust had replied offering assistance in any local initiatives to help prevent further problems. Unfortunately a similar incidence had occurred recently and this was discussed by councillors. It was agreed that should there be another incidence the matter would be reported to the police.

Planning applications for a window at Moon and Sixpence, Chapel Lane, and an extension for The White House, Swaffham Road were supported.

Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2004

Present

Chairman Cllr Robinson, Vice-Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Summers, Hill, Pearson, and Moseley; also C/Cllr Fitch.

Visit

Dave Robertson, District Manager of East Cambridgeshire section of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire and Rescue Service, came to talk about the Integrated Risk Management Plan. The Plan replaces national standards of fire cover that had been in place since 1947 and do not now adequately reflect the risk of fire and non-fire incidents in the UK.

Mr Robertson is one of six District Officers with a team of 10 based in Queen Adelaide; HQ of the six districts is at Huntingdon. Burwell is deemed to be a 'C' risk area, i.e. it needs its own fire appliance to attend fires etc.

The fire service is very keen to recruit more local retained fire fighters, said Mr Robertson. It has broadened its role in recent years and now works with the Highways authority and the NHS, and considers prevention vital, e.g. the educating of children about fire, assessing risks to businesses, and fire in the home (the highest risk area).

Reports

County Council

General

The council was settling down since the recent council taxes changes.

Police

The new police constable for the area was Tony Payne. There were only two PCs locally – they worked together when possible. Adam Gallop was in charge of the police in the Burwell area. Cllr Fitch said there had been a noticeable drop-off in local crime.

Several signs were to be put up locally warning about hare coursers.

Highways

- Traffic in Cambridgeshire had increased by over 30% in the last 10 years and the A14 by 40% since it was built. Generally traffic in the county was 70% over the national average.
- The road from Fen Ditton to the A11 was to be widened.
- Road calming in Bottisham and Burwell would include advisory and interactive signs to persuade drivers to slow down. £330k would be spent in Burwell.

Police Liaison Committee

There were still many 'distraction' burglaries locally, carried out by young people on the elderly.

Matters arising

- Councillors discussed measures to stop gypsies settling in Reach wood as several groups had apparently been seen locally.

Correspondence

- Planning permission had been approved for an extension to Orchard Cottage, Chapel Lane.
- Permission had been given for tree work to be carried out at Need-holy, 22 Fair Green.
- Cllr Robinson had received a letter from the Cambridge's Mayor's Office thanking him for his welcome at Reach Fair. The Mayor and Councillors offered to support fund-raising events for the village centre. Councillors agreed to give this some thought.

Reach matters

- Planning application for an extension for Mr and Mrs Knight, Fair Green Cottages was supported.
- The parish council insurance was discussed and approved.
- Cllr Harrison said the Parish Council was 50-years-old.
- Cllr Pearson said the play area at the top of Fair Green was in need of some new bark and tidying up. New goal posts were also needed.
- Councillors discussed the safety of the Old Railway Bridge as the Cycling Projects Officer had declined to attend a PC meeting. Clerk to contact Highways to ask if the hedges close to the bridge could be trimmed to aid visibility.

Penny Lang

REACH PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place
in the Village Centre at 7pm
on Wednesday 2nd June.

**This is your chance to hear what the County, District,
and Parish Councils have done on
your behalf over the previous year, and
to raise any matters concerning the village.**

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Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

Your District Councillor

Allen Alderson

Tel. 01638 741744



**A Message from Councillor Allen Alderson
Rose Cottage, 30 Great Lane, Reach, CB5 0JF**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of reach who together with the electors of Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck, have elected me councillor for the Swaffhams Ward.

It is an honour that you have chosen me to represent you and I will strive to repay the trust that you have placed in me.

The voting figures were Allen Alderson 389, Francesca Marlow 344, Steven O'Dell 29

During the by-election campaign I was able to meet many of you and discuss your problems, which included housing, fly tipping, speeding motorists and teething problems with the green waste collections. I will be pursuing these issues on your behalf.

There will be many challenges ahead, both locally and in East Cambridgeshire, not least the projected 30% population increase in the county by the year 201. This will bring many pressures, both in housing and the infrastructure required for such an increase.

It will be my task to ensure that any changes are sympathetic to our three villages.

I have been asked to serve on the Licensing and the Appeals and Complaints Committees. Also to serve on the Joint Area committee for environment and transport.

All Conservative councillors in East Cambridgeshire are free to think and act independently in the best interests of the ward they represent. This means that the needs of Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck and Swaffham Prior can and will come first.

I look forward to working with and for you in the period ahead

***Allen Alderson**
District Councillor*

Letter From The Church



Rev Stephen Earl

The Vicarage Tel 741262

By Honorary Assistant Priest of the parish David Bush

Dear Friends

June 2004

Doctor, doctor, I keep thinking I'm a moth.

You don't need a doctor, you need a psychiatrist.

I know, but your light was on.

And I can hear you thinking....."whatever has that got to do with readers of this magazine? or with Pentecost ? " Yes, Whitsun or Pentecost (May 30) has only just come and gone.

Your light was onso I was attracted to it. But not only moths are attracted by the light.. plants grow towards it too.....and aren't we all so attracted? As I write this the sun is shining, the skies are blue, the bees are buzzing around and neighbours are sitting in their gardens sun-worshipping or mowing their lawns.

We are made for sun and light. St John at the beginning of his Gospel reminds us : "The light shines in the darkness....that true light (Jesus Christ) that gives light to everyone." That was 2000 years ago, and it is still very true.

Dive further back in history 1200 years or thereabouts and Moses was leading the Israelites on their Exodus journey from Egypt to their Promised Land. How did they know which way to go ?

Well, we're told they were guided in the daytime by a pillar of cloud, but at night by " a pillar of fire to give them light ", both of which led them on all the time.

And jump on again to the earliest years of the first century ADat Pentecost Jesus's followers were filled with the Holy Spirit, which was like tongues of fire coming to rest on each of them. And the Transfiguration, too, was an occasion of enormous brilliance and light, up on the mountain, and Jesus's clothes became as bright as light. That experience we call the Transfiguration because everything became different, lit up. You don't have to be a Christian to feel something which deep-down attracts and affects you beyond your normal everyday experiences.

What attracts you especially ? What lights you up ? Put it another way, what deep-down, is your aim, your purpose, your target which most attracts you in life ? If you were to be answering that question in the proposed computerised school exams we are now hearing about you would probably have 10 seconds to answer it and tap it in to the machine. But I am asking you to stop rushing through the magazine to get to the last page before you get on with something else, cooking the meal, watching TV, anything to fill your next half hour or so.

"Can I ask you, please, after you've read this letter, to stop and think, without distraction or background noisewhen you are drawn irreversibly to, well, anything, what really is it that you want ? Something for you,....or for someone else, the search for which motivates you above everything else.?"

Sixteen years ago I was returning home from Australia, and I stopped off for twelve days in Delhi, spent with the Delhi Brotherhood, founded as the original Cambridge University Mission. One day there I visited the home of Mahatma Gandhi, "Gandhi Samriti" , where he spent the last 144 days of his life, and where he was tragically assassinated on 30th January 1948. In his Prayer Room was the original writing of "Gandhi's Talisman". This is what I read:

"I will give you a talisman. Whenever you are in doubt or when the self becomes too much for you apply the following test:

Recall the face of the poorest and weakest man you may have seen and ask yourself if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him. Will he gain anything by it ? Will it restore him to a control over his own life and destiny? In other words, will it lead to Swaraj (relief or help) for the hungry and spiritually starving millions. Then you will find your doubts and your self melting away, signed....M.K.Gandhi."

So I pose this question.....Does the light to which you are attracted relate to something you want for yourself ?.....Or will it help someone else ? And you have the rest of your life to answer that question !

David Bush.

The Friends of Bottisham Village College

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Church Services June



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 6th Trinity	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	3.00 pm Baptism of Ben Knight
Sunday 13th Trinity 1	9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Service of Healing	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 20th Trinity 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
Sunday 27th Trinity 3	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00am Church Family Worship 6.30 pm Informal Evening Worship

Alastair Coles

It's with great delight to announce that following the section conference he attended at the end of April, Alastair Coles has been recommended for Ordination training. And to report importantly that this recommendation is fully supported by the Bishop of Huntingdon. We offer him our hearty congratulations and look forward to the developing of his ministry in this special way.

It is expected that Alastair will begin this training in Sept / Oct 2005 on the East Anglian Ministerial Training Course (EAMTC). This course which is mostly non residential runs over 3 years and will be alongside Alastair's continuing professional work in the medical field.

We keep him, Olivia and their family very much in our prayers in all that lies ahead and also as they settle into their new home at 29 High Street Burwell.

Stephen Earl

Church Services July



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 7th Trinity 4	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	6.30 pm Informal Evening Worship
Sunday 14th Trinity 5	9.30 am Christian Aid at St Mary's	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 21st Trinity 6	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
Sunday 28th Trinity 9	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Church Family Worship

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

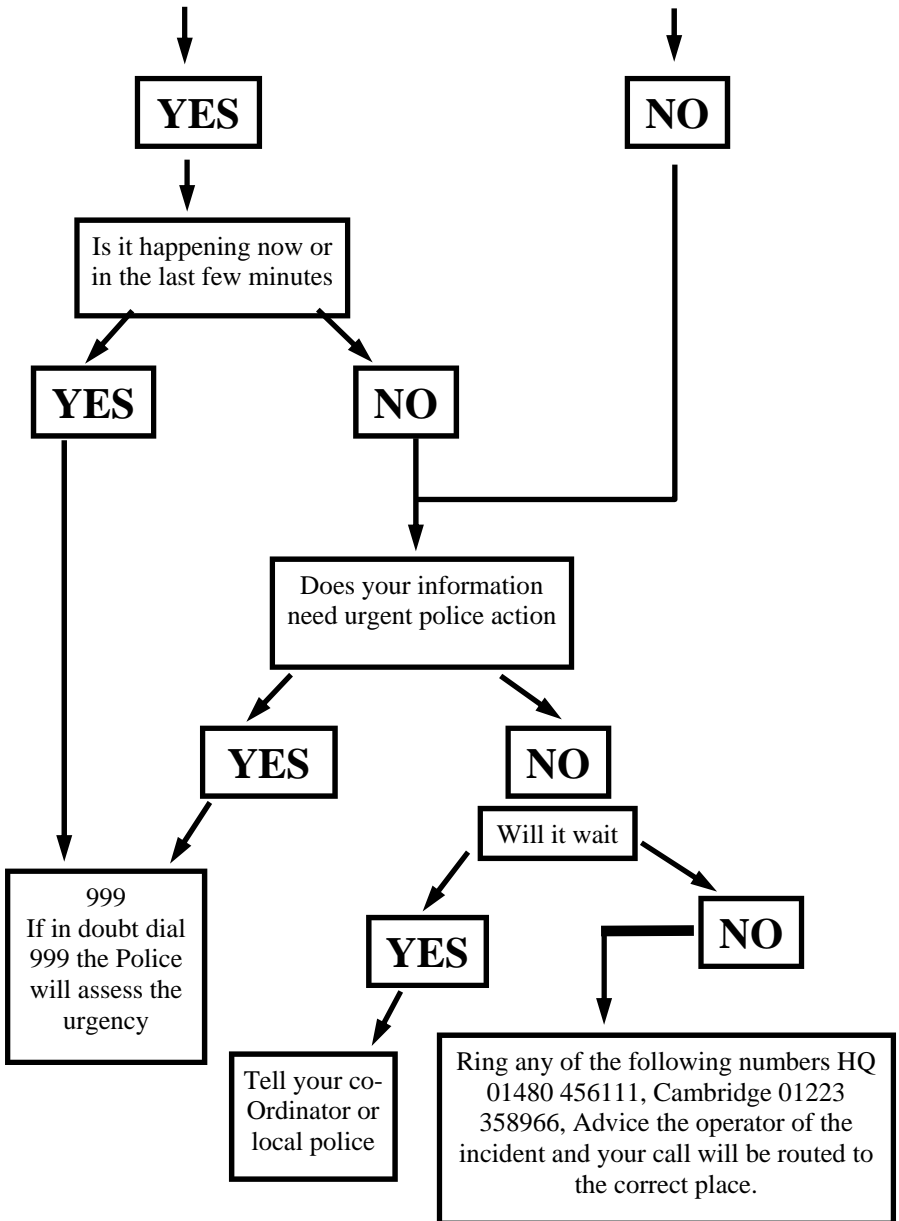
Weekdays

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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