

Out of Reach



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Editorial



I don't know what relevance the snow man has on this page, but someone told me the other day that winter is on its way. That's why I'm off again to see my daughter in Florida. So you can all have a white Christmas and hopefully I will have a brown one, swimming and sun bathing. No that's not me but the warmth will help.

At the last Parish Council meeting we had a talk on drugs and alcohol, extremely interesting, what I have decided to do is to take some of the their booklet and publish in the out of reach, so all who were not present can also have an incite into this issue. This month I have put a few articles in, drugs and young people, important information, and people use drugs in different ways. There is an organization that will be very helpful to anyone who requires further information and this is FRANK. They have a website which I found extremely interesting which is <http://www.talktofrank.com/> and their phone number is 0800 77 66 00, if you have any concerns at all please contact them, they will be more than willing to help. Next issue I will continue with more articles from their booklet. (Page 21)

The 2nd AGM of RASP Community Network was held in September and due to equipment prices coming down, it was decided to reduce installation costs, these new costs are now from £150. So now is an excellent time to get yourself connected to your local Community network. How about a Christmas present for the family, no more waiting ages for that page to load. You can even phone your mother whilst using the internet, both at the same time. (If you want to!). See page 10.

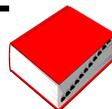
We have managed a bit more in this issue,. We have started the Items for sale or Wanted page, (page 28) lets keep that going, I am sure you all have lots of items that have been sat in your garage or loft for years. Somebody else might want them. Then you can have a night out on the proceeds. I still need more input from the village though, most of the articles are still from outside. Please get writing now! ready for the next issue.

Dave



Merry Christmas From the Editorial Staff
Of Out of Reach

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Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we are initiating a 100 club. Ticket at just £10.00 each per year.

The 100 club has 10 draws a year.

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

2 draws of £50.00

July and December

Please contact Joyce Harrison as soon as possible



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by buying a ticket

Dates For Your Diary



December

Fri Oct 1	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Oct 1	Harvest Supper	Reach Village Hall	7.00 pm
Wed Dec 1	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Dec 2	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Dec 3	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Dec 6	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Dec 6	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Fri Dec 10	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Dec 12	Family Carol Service	Reach Church	3.30 pm
Wed Dec 15	Village Hall Carols	Reach Village Hall	7.00 pm
Fri Dec 17	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Dec 17	School Christmas Holidays		3.00 pm
Tue Dec 21	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Tue Dec 21	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Sat Dec 25	Christmas Day		

January

Wed Jan 5	Back to school		8.40 am
Wed Jan 5	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Jan 5	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Jan 6	Reach Ladies Night Out	The Dyke's End	7.00 pm
Thu Jan 6	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jan 7	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jan 11	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Wed Jan 12	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jan 13	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jan 14	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jan 18	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Wed Jan 19	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jan 20	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jan 21	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jan 25	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.45 pm
Thu Jan 27	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jan 28	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Jan 30	Quiz Night	The Dyke's End	7.30 pm

Notices



Offices to let within Reach of home

Only One Left

Four self-contained offices will be available for tenancy in the New Year. Can be rented individually or as a whole. Range of sizes, average of 250 sq ft each.

Flexible options on level of servicing provided.
High speed internet access available

For details: Bryan Pearson, Vine House, Reach
01638 743633 (work) and 01638 743966 (home)

**Swaffham Prior C of E Primary needs
someone who can juggle to come and
give a demonstration of their skills.**



**Can you spare half an hour to show the
children so that they can practise at play-
time?**

Contact Joanna Lakey on 01638 741 529



Mother Goose
January 27th, 28th and 29th 2005.

Come and see a traditional family pantomime “ Mother Goose” by Peter Denyer. This is an unusual panto as it is the only one where the leading character is the dame

“Mother Goose” is shown to be a less than perfect person tempted by the Demon of Discontent she sacrifices her best friend the Goose in search of beauty. Is she forgiven for this selfish Act?

The other ingredients include a young hero in love with the squire's daughter and characters from Gooseland. Together with the traditional panto. fun.

Join the villagers of Little Hassle and be transferred on a magic journey to Gooseland. But beware of Ghosts and the forest of desolation. Rest assured there will be a happy ending.

Support your neighbours (Ali White, Deanne Haynes, Jennie Fatibene , David Fisher, Ted Sketchley Linda Larner, Brian Watson Chris Clarke Sue Tennant and many more) . We will be performing in the Bottisham Village College Main Hall Thursday, Friday 27th, 28th 7.30p.m. and Saturday 29th January 2005 at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Ticket prices will be £7.00 with concessions at £5.00 on Thursday and Saturday Matinee and £7.00 only (no concessions) on Friday and Saturday night.

Behind the “cameras” this time around will be David Coles who has a long history of successful Pantomimes.

The setting will be in the traditional format with refreshments served in the interval.

Solve that Christmas present problem and purchase your tickets personally from mid-December from Lushers Newsagents in Bottisham , The Burwell Fireplace shop North Street Burwell and via our own telephone booking line 01223 812779 (not Lushers).

Tickets must be paid for prior to production. Tickets will be available at the door subject to availability.

Calling the Ladies of Reach

Why spend *Twelfth Night* taking down the Christmas decorations ? *You* could be out having an enjoyable meal in good company leaving someone else to complete the dreaded task!

Interested? Thought you would be. Come and get together for a Twelfth Night dinner on Thursday 6th January 2005 at the Dykes End Public House. 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Numbers are limited to 28 places so book early to avoid disappointment. Below you will see the menu choices and a slip to be completed and returned either to Karen (14 Ditchfield 742814) or Hilary (9 Ditchfield 741853) no later than Friday 17th December 2004 together with your cheque for £17.95 payable to Simon Owers.

Hope you agree this is a good way to start the New Year.

Menu

Soup- Tomato and Olive

Salad of Gala Melon marinated with Honey and mulled red wine

Game Terrine with Wild Berry Coulis

Chicken Forestiere (Roast Chicken in red wine mushroom and bacon sauce)

Melting Roasted chump of Lamb a la Greque with lime and coriander rice

Flash seared fillet of Salmon with leeks bacon and cider vinegar dressing

Grilled Goats cheese with a warm salad of Spanish vegetables (V)

Chocolate Torte

Winter Berries with clotted cream

Coffee and chocs - round the piano

Name.....

Address and telephone.....

.....
Choice.

Local Network Fund

Do you have an idea for a project or activity for children or young people? Maybe you would like to start up a youth club or community group but don't know where to start...



The Local Network Fund may be able to help. This fund is available throughout the county and distributes grants of between £250 and £7,000 to community groups working with (or who would like to work with) children and young people aged 0-19.

The fund, which is administered by Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England), can help you to set up groups such as a new youth club, a toddler group or a young parents group or help with one-off projects such as drama, art, music, sports or environmental projects and much more.

As with any fund there is a set of criteria to meet, but these can all be checked through with the help of the Local Network Fund's Development Officer Jenny Roberts. She can help you to work out if your group or project will be eligible for funding and give you advice on child protection and starting up a management committee or creating a constitution or set of rules.

Call 0845 113 0161 for an application pack or contact Jenny Roberts at Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 860850 or email LNF@cambsacre.org.uk. For more information on the Local Network Fund visit www.cambsacre.org.uk.

Reach Village Centre

One Hundred Club

It is time to renew your ticket for the 2005 draws.

It is time to buy a ticket for the 2005 draws

Tickets still cost £10 for the year.

The 100 club will have 10 draws a year. (Mar—Dec).
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

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RASP Community Network

'On 29th September, RASP Community Broadband held its second AGM in Reach Village Hall. As a user of the service, I am a member although, unlike the courageous founders, I have not had to put in my own money to launch the service. '

The Broadband service now has 48 home and 11 business members generating an annual income of £15,300. This success is due to the hard work of the founders. However, more members are needed to continue to provide the excellent broadband internet access and further the interests of its members in all aspects of Wireless Local area networks and associated activities. Discussion developed on the choices of how to develop further and it was voted to decrease installation fees. With a few more user members, the group could also reduce monthly fees, increase the speed and quality of the service and offer extra services such as central backup. Much time was spent discussing the "threat" of BT broadband. Some of the discussion (and the advertising leaflet) were technical and incomprehensible to me. However, in layperson's English, I can say what the service does and some of the reasons why more villagers should sign up:

What does broadband mean to the user?

Broadband means access to the internet or email separate from your telephone. It means not having to dial up every time. It means you can talk to a phone helpline (e.g. to work through a technical hitch) and simultaneously work through the suggestions on screen. It means fast access so you can download improvements in software such as service pack 2 for Windows XP.

What is special about the RASP system?

The speed of all internet viewing systems is dependent on the design of websites, the variable speed of the internet and the number of users at the time. For the RASP wireless system, the number of users is much lower for the bandwidth available than for the "big" systems such as BT so it is faster. Similarly, the quality is better because it is not affected by the number of joins in the telephone line.

RASP "symmetrical" broadband has a similar uploading to downloading system so, for example, you can send photographs of printable quality, not just poor quality thumbnails. "Asymmetric" broadband (ASDL) as offered by BT etc. does not allow rapid uploading and it is slower than the RASP wireless system.

The RASP system has "firewall" protection from viruses and worms which damage computers and a "spam" filter to remove those ads for viagra - and worse. The team at RASP also advise you about your own firewall and anti-viral software - and supply top quality ones at minimal cost. BT give you no advice and no discounts. Fitting of the system is minimal disruption and can be done at a time to suit you.

The friendly technos are also in the village if you have a problem - and the RASP website can be accessed for routine information and help.

The system is non-profit making. Any surplus funds are put back into the Community system, not into Corporate profits and Director salaries.

I thought East Cambridgeshire DC was subsidising broadband

East Cambs DC has refused to give small grants for local initiatives such as ours. It has given a large grant to a single company to upgrade all the telephone exchanges in East Cambs (except Upware). However, this is unlikely to benefit this village as the quality of service depends on the number of joins in the cable between your telephone and the exchange. Wireless, as used by RASP, is not affected in this way. Paradoxically, East Cambs DC has asked RASP to supply Upware with broadband. Maybe a grant is in order for this extra community service!

Who will benefit from broadband? - a few examples

Any family with children should have broadband. Internet familiarity and use is mainstream 21st century education.

Anyone who wishes to keep in contact without the hassle and expense of envelopes and stamps.

Anyone wishing to find train times and fares, wardrobe doors, if a sale item is still in stock, local history etc.

Anyone wishing to bank or shop on-line - reducing charges and costs.

Anyone wishing to move house - you can trawl through Estate Agent websites and view details and maps, look at photographs, book viewings etc.

Anyone who is frustrated by the "you can find further information on our website at ...". If you can't beat them join them.

My monthly fee pays for itself by reductions in my phone and car costs alone.

Joan Rest 741989

Reach Village Centre One Hundred Club Winners 2004

March	G. Miller	£20
April	A. Alderson	£20
May	R. Greenhill	£20
June	T. Jordan	£20
July	J. Robinson	£50
August	S. Summers	£20
September	B. Pearson	£20
October	M. Almond	£20
November	D. Millard	£20
December	Not drawn yet	£50

Compost for Cambridgeshire



The Cambridgeshire Master Composter Programme is looking for new recruits!

The Programme is run by HDRA Consultants in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council and all the District Councils. Now in its fourth year, the Programme aims to promote home and community composting by training volunteers to work as Master Composters, who provide local, friendly advice and support to people whom already compost and those who want to start. We currently have 150 volunteers who have contributed over 3000 hours in promoting composting across the county, and are looking for more.

If you have an interest in environmental issues, enjoy encouraging other people and have a little time to spare, why not join our friendly network of volunteers in promoting home composting?

Becoming a Master Composter is a great way to meet new people, learn valuable skills and benefit from being part of a team that makes a difference. Anyone over the age of 18 can become a Master Composter; you don't need to be an expert composter (or be composting at all) or have any volunteer or community group experience.

As a volunteer you will receive training in home composting and related environmental issues (provided by HDRA -- the organic organisation), a Master Composter resource pack and several training trips; including visits to a composting site and one of HDRA's organic gardens. All training expenses will be paid for; you only need to provide your time.

Once the training has been completed, you will be expected to spend 30 hours over the following year promoting home composting. These activities will be tailored to your individual skills and could be anything from giving a demonstration to your next door neighbours to giving a presentation to a class of school children or helping promote further compost bin sales. Upon completion of the training and 30 volunteer hours you will be awarded the title Master Composter and be invited to receive your certificate at an award ceremony.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Composter please contact:

Alice Rundle [email: arundle@hdra.org.uk](mailto:arundle@hdra.org.uk)

HDRA Consultants tel: 024 7630 8202

Ryton Organic Gardens fax 024 7630 8225.

Coventry CV8 3LG

Information for Library Users

AT A GLANCE INFORMATION FOR LIBRARY USERS

Cambridgeshire County Council's Libraries have produced a series of "at a glance" packs to give people information on how well their local library is performing and to outline future plans for service improvements.

The profiles were produced for each of the 31 static Libraries in Cambridgeshire and are intended to provide a rounded view of each library, its level of use - number of visitors and items loaned annually - and membership, as well as its range of services, facilities and activities such as Internet/computer terminals, children's story times, baby and toddler sessions.

Copies of the individual profiles have been placed in the appropriate Library.

For instance, the profile for Ely Library shows that during 2003/04, 189,865 visits were made - an average of 96 people every hour - to the Library in the Cloisters and 184,227 items were borrowed and an average of 164 new members joined each month. The Library holds more than 21,000 adult books, 9,400 books for youngsters and over 3,000 reference volumes.

County Council Head of Libraries and Information Service, Lesley Noblett, said: "We are used to publishing information about the overall performance of the library service, but have come to realise that people are most interested about their own library. The profiles bring together all the information about how well an individual library is doing and the range of services it provides and we hope they will be a very useful information source for both Library and Information Service staff and Library users in local areas."

In addition, Library Development meetings are planned which will provide users with direct access to senior Library and Information Service staff, and enable them to put forward ideas for improved or expanded service provision, information which will be used to influence future service planning.

For further information please contact: Lesley Noblett (01223) 717292 or Glenn Thwaites in the Press and Public Relations Office on (01223) 717115.

[Email the Press Office](#)

Village Centre News

The election of officers to the Committee was held at the October meeting as an insufficient number of people attended in September. This was probably due to the fact that the third Wednesday was the 15th and took people by surprise as it is the earliest date we can have. At the meeting held on October 20th Tony Jordan was re-elected as Chairman, Wendy Cole as Vice-Chair, Rita Dunnett as Secretary, Andrew Hall as Treasurer and Joyce Harrison as Booking Clerk.

The Supper Dance held on 24th September was deemed to be a success with £352 raised to boost funds after a disappointing Fair and the committee wish to thank all who supported this event and donated refreshments and particularly to Glenn Newman and his band for providing the music.

Discussion of the proposed extension to provide adequate disabled toilet facilities has been going on for a long time now and the next step is finalising our grant application which should be ready for the November meeting.

The Fair sub-committee met on October 13th and we were delighted to have 2 new attenders who were able to give new perspectives to our slightly jaded group. We would be very pleased to welcome any others as most of us have been on the Fair committee for a long time and some fresh ideas would be useful. Attendance at the meetings, on the second Wednesday at 8pm, does not commit you to being on the Village Centre committee.

The Carol evening is Wednesday, December 15th starting at 7pm in the Centre. We have not been able to book the Brass band for this event but have been very fortunate in obtaining the talents of Hilary Almond to provide the music. Those who attended the Harvest Supper will be aware we are in for a lively evening. There will of course be the usual mulled wine and mince pies to help the singing along. See you there!

**NB Next Fair Meetings December 8th and January 12th
Next Committee Meeting January 19th**

Bus Timetable



Effective the 25 July 2004

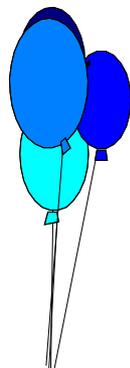
Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 111 & Bus 122

Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10 [^] , 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40 [^] , 17.40 [^] , [^] Not Saturday	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 [^] Not Saturday		
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



December

January

4	Joseph Acklam
14	Abbey Alderson
22	James Preston
31	Jamie Pearson

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

Your County Councillor

James Fitch

01223 811425



COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER **Mid Oct / Nov 2004**

COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES MID OCTOBER 2004

COUNTY COUNCIL STRUCTURE

By the time you read these notes we are almost certain to have a new way of tackling County administration and services. Subject to Cabinet and Council agreement, the Chief Executive will be supported by three Directors and 23 Chief Officers, producing a saving of two Directors and a dozen senior officers. The savings will, we are assured (!), be ploughed back into the departments concerned. On your behalf I shall be watching to see how this is achieved.

The other main County change will be a redrawing of the elected members' seats. Because of the large increase in population in Cambridgeshire over the last twenty years, there will be ten extra councillors at 69 (compared with 59 now). The result is that nearly all boundaries will be altered. Round here, Bottisham and Lode will be cut away from the rest of the present Divisions, leaving Burwell, Swaffhams and Reach in its own group, while Bottisham and Lode will be merged with all the other villages south Newmarket within East Cambs. That means that Bottisham and Lode will tie up with Burrough Green, Westley, Brinkley, Dullingham, Stetchworth, Cheveley, Woodditton, Ashley, Kirtling and all their attached hamlets like Upend and Saxon Street! This arrangement may look sensible on a map, but I cannot see a lot of common interest. The main criterion for these rearrangements is to ensure that all County Divisions will have, as far as possible, a similar population. However, the new Burwell Division is expected to have an electorate of 6050 in 2007 compared with 7350 for the other Division to be known as Woodditton - hardly comparable in my view.

The difference is emphasised by the fact that Burwell Division will have one County and four District Councillors, compared with five District and one County Councillor for Woodditton Division. I am told that the final decision on boundaries will be made a little later on this winter after the Boundary Commission has finally put its recommendations to the Government. It is now unlikely that any further changes will be accepted.

Power Line across the Fen

Last month I wrote that the County Development Committee would hold its final debate on the route of a second 132kv power line across the fen from Burwell via Swaffhams, Reach and Lode to Horningsea and thereon wards to provide much needed supplementary power in Cambridge, the Science Park and developments in the close-by villages.

After the best part of two years debate between ADF and largely hostile villages (including ours) and the County and District Councils concerned, the route was finally accepted last month as the best solution, following an agreement over a substantial landscaping plan. The route is nearly parallel with the existing line, although the towers will be staggered rather than next to those already existing. I spoke to the committee as local member, pointing out my original anxieties on landscaping, wildlife and archaeological grounds were now calmed after I had seen the detailed new landscaping proposals at the recent Burwell exhibition. I was also reassured on the protection of wildlife and archaeological grounds. The final decision lies with the Environment Minister.

COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES MID NOVEMBER 2004

FIRE AND RESCUE matters dominated my last month's activity.

Since I was first elected to the old Public Protection Committee back in 1985, I have taken a great interest in the whole service, as well as the two fire stations of Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck within my Division.

Over the years I have helped to, fend off possible closure(s) that might have arisen in connection with a proposed move of Cambridge Fire Station to the city outskirts. Fortunately, the more recent possibility of strikes by the Fire Brigade Union did not seem to affect us locally as our two stations are manned by Retained part-timers, who have their own union which was not in dispute with the employers.

Then again there were domestic structural problems at both stations and the status of Burwell Fire Station after the closure of the factory on which the station stands. It now appears that Burwell's future is reasonably secure in the medium term after the negotiation of a suitable lease. I called in the other day after a report of a leaking roof and found that remedial action was already in hand.

On the broader front, at the recent full Council the Lib Dem Group put up a proposal calling on the Cabinet to install sprinklers in all newly built schools including Cambourne and the fire damaged rebuild of Mayfield School. We also wanted the Cabinet to review fire risk in existing schools, installing sprinklers where particular fire risk exists.

The Conservative administration were not prepared to accept this proposal on cost grounds. Instead they carried an amendment calling on the Cabinet to consider installation of sprinklers in new and rebuilt schools against a background of cost benefit, consequential cost, technology and Fire Service advice. They did accept the request to look at fire risk but LEA schools only. Also a further call should be made to lobby the Government to fund sprinklers in future and include sprinklers in the design criteria for the future. I hope this last request does not fall on deaf ears, although I fear it may,

However, we do succeed in obtaining Government funding sometimes. We have just been told that 1 / million households, mainly in deprived areas, will be offered free smoke alarms and fire safety advice. The whole package of £25 million will be put up to finance these moves. Some extra resources should come to Cambridgeshire. Although I'm afraid we are unlikely to qualify as a "deprived area" round here (!), in fact Cambs. Fire & Rescue Service already carries out home fire safety checks, free. Request- t9

Huntingdon HQ (phone 01480 - 444558) or via me for anyone in need of such advice

Recently I had a complaint from Lode about thorns left on the cyclepath between Lode and Bottisham. I walked, looking carefully the length of that path and found four small thorny twigs and four wild rose cuttings. The former would cause puncture but not the latter, I suspect.

The problem is that the hedges are owned by landowners or farmers and they are supposed to clear up after seasonal trimming. It is not a cost the County should bear; nevertheless if the paths are littered with cuttings, get in touch with the Rural Group at Shire Hall or me and we'll insist that the farmer or contractor makes another clearance sweep.

We need to catch them just after cutting, not weeks later.

The above remarks also apply to any cycle paths elsewhere, e.g. Bottisham to Swaffham Bulbeck, between the Swaffhams and the road into Burwell or Reach.

James Fitch

Cambridge Dial-a-Ride

Cambridge Dial-a-Ride provide a door to door community transport service within the City of Cambridge and its surrounding villages for elderly and disabled people who find it difficult or impossible to use conventional public transport.

We are a membership based scheme, the membership fee being £10.00 per annum.

We operate within Bottisham each Friday and would collect passengers from their door at approx 10.00am bring them into Cambridge and return them to their door at 2.00pm.

The fare for a return journey would be £4.50

All our vehicles are wheelchair accessible, and equipped to carry electric scooters. Our drivers are well trained and sympathetic to the needs of the individual.

For further information and a membership form, contact Cambridge Dial-a-Ride on 01223-506335 between 9.00am 12.00pm Monday to Friday

The Open Out Scheme!

Dear Reader! I would like to introduce myself, my name is Marie, and I have recently taken on the role of Open Out Co-ordinator for the Cambridgeshire area. The Open Out Scheme itself has been running since 2001, some of you may have heard of it, but for the rest of you here's a little overview!

Open Out is a countywide collaborative project. The main project `collaborators' being, Cambridgeshire Police, Cambridge Racial Incident Support Project (CRISP) and Cambridge Council. The scheme was set up primarily to tackle the under-reporting of hate crimes. Hate crime is defined as `...any crime where the perpetrator's prejudice against an identifiable group of people is a factor in determining who is victimised'. You can be a victim of hate crime because of your race, religion, disability, sexuality or gender.

Some people feel uncomfortable reporting hate crime incidents directly to the police, there are a number of reasons why this might be the case. For example, a person may not feel confident that the police will take the appropriate action. They may fear that making a complaint will make the situation worse. They may even worry that they will not be believed or taken seriously. Therefore Open Out was created to tackle these kinds of problems and try to redress the balance.

Hate crime incidents can be expressed in many ways, from name calling or threatening behaviour, having your things taken or damaged to being beaten up. If you or someone you know has been the victim of an incident you can report it in complete confidence. If you report an incident it can be investigated fully and you can get the service you deserve and the support you need. However, if you wish to report an incident and have nothing else done your decision will be respected and the incident will be recorded for statistical purposes only.

You can pick up a report pack from one of our Open Out centres. The packs contain a lot of useful information and contacts as well as a self addressed envelope and self-report form. All information received is strictly confidential. If you want to know where centres are just look for the true vision eye posters in community buildings such as Victim Support in Cambridge and the Cathedral centre in Ely! You can also report online at www.report-it.or2.uk. Or you can report directly (or just have a chat about Open Out) to myself Open Out Co-ordinator Marie Mckearney telephone: (01223) 823 552 alternatively you can e-mail me Marie.Mckearney@cambs.pnn.police.uk. You can also contact my Huntingdon or Peterborough colleagues. Huntingdon Open Out Maxine West telephone: 01480 396490 or email her Maxine.west@hhp.org.uk. Peterborough Open Out Karen Whatley: - 01733 742591 email Karen.whatley@peterborough.gov.uk

Hate crime hurts. Reporting it enables Open Out agencies to highlight areas of concern and take appropriate steps. Hate crime is UNACCEPTABLE. By reporting it - no matter how small an incident seems - you may be able to prevent these crimes from happening to someone else and help make Cambridgeshire a safer place for all the community!

Open Out is sponsored by the community safety partnerships of Cambridge City, South Cambs and East Cambs.

THE REACH AMENITY FUND

The Reach Amenity Fund was set up in 1999 to finance village amenities and activities beyond the boundaries of the Village Hall. It receives one-third of the proceeds from the annual Reach Fair; the remaining two-thirds remain with the Village Hall Committee (VHC).

Applications for grant funding from the Amenity Fund must be made simultaneously to both the Parish Council (PC) and the VHC, and both have to be in favour before a grant is issued. The bank mandate is such that specifically the Chair of the PC and the Chair of the VHC have to sign each cheque. The funds are held in a bespoke account with all transactions formally being consolidated into the Reach PC accounts, which are statutorily scrutinised each year by an Auditor appointed by the Audit Commission.

In the last 18 months the following grants have been issued:

Opening balance as at 1st April 2003: £4271.32

Income from Reach Fair 2003: £2140.00

Expenditure

Grant to village sports club: £217.00 (for Reach sports day x 2 years)

Grant to Jazz workout class: £150.00 (a subsidy to save it from collapse)

Grant to broadband project: £1467.00 (initial seed capital)

Grant for seat (behind church) £63.00 (an amenity)

Total: £1899.00

Balance at 31st March 2004 £4512.32

Current balance: £4512.32

One application has recently been made for a set of new junior size goalposts + nets, and new nets for the current mini goalposts on the playing field. This has received in-principal approval, but is currently on hold whilst some support grant funding is finalised with East Cambridgeshire District Council.

Drugs & Alcohol

Drugs, alcohol and young people

Many parents worry about their child becoming involved with drugs. They feel that they don't know enough about drugs to help prevent their child from coming to harm. On the other hand, many parents think that getting drunk is just a normal part of growing up. But this attitude can be dangerous because there are serious risks associated with drunkenness, particularly for young people. You and your child need to be aware of these risks.

Although there are many stories in the media about drugs leading to addiction, crime and death, it is important to remember that:

- For most young people illegal drug taking is not part of a normal life
- Most people who do try drugs do not continue to use them

Those who try illegal drugs do not usually suffer any long-term harm to their health. However, there are serious risks associated with drug use.

Studies show that more young people experience problems caused by drinking too much alcohol than from drug use.

Why do some young people want to use drugs?

- Many parents don't understand why young people might want to try drugs and think that young people only use drugs if they are having problems at home or at school, for example. This is not always true. They may be attracted to drugs for similar reasons as they are to alcohol, perhaps because:
 - they enjoy the short-term effects
 - their friends use them
 - they want the same kind of experience that they get from drinking a lot of alcohol
 - they are curious about the effects
 - the drugs are easily available
 - as part of growing up, they might just want to 'break the rules'.

Important information for your childabout drugs

All drugs carry risks. The following are risks involved in using any illegal drug.

- The user can never be sure of exactly what they are taking.
- What is bought is unlikely to be pure, and they won't know what it has been mixed with.
- Not knowing the strength of what has been bought could lead to accidental overdose.
- They can't be sure what effect a drug will have, even if they have taken it before.
- It is often *very* dangerous to mix different drugs, and this includes taking a drug and drinking alcohol.
- If needles, syringes or other injecting equipment are shared there is a serious risk of dangerous infections being spread such as HIV and hepatitis B or C. Injecting can also damage veins.

In addition, unlawful possession of a controlled drug is a criminal offence. A drugs conviction can cause problems obtaining a travel visa to enter some countries. It can also affect job prospects. An employer may check if an applicant has a criminal record or any past convictions.

Important information for your childabout alcohol

Young people see alcohol on sale all around them, in supermarkets, off-licenses, pubs and restaurants. They might also see their parents drinking alcohol. This can make it difficult for them to understand that misusing alcohol is dangerous. It is important for your child to be aware of the following risks.

- Drinking large amounts of alcohol over a short period to get drunk quickly is called bingeing. This is especially risky for young people because their bodies are not mature and so alcohol will have more of an effect on them.
- Mixing drinks can be risky at any age.
- Some types of drink preferred by young people are much stronger than average, for example strong beers and ciders. There can be as much alcohol in a 330ml bottle of 'alco-pop' as a generous shot of whisky.
- 1000 young people under the age of 15 are admitted to hospital each year with alcohol poisoning. All need emergency treatment.
- Drinking alcohol *and* taking some drugs is *very* dangerous. For example, alcohol increases the risk of a serious drug overdose.
- After drinking alcohol young people are far more likely to have an accident, and some are more likely to become involved in a fight.
- Long-term heavy use of alcohol can lead to many problems including liver, heart and stomach conditions.

People use drugs in different ways....

People use drugs for different reasons in different situations. The following explanations may be helpful in understanding the ways in which people use drugs.

Some people take a drug because they are curious about what the effects feel like. Using drugs in this way is often called experimentation.

You may have heard of 'recreational drugs' When people use this term, they are talking about drugs that are taken for pleasure, or for social reasons - when going to a club or a party for example. Most young people who take drugs use them in this way. They may not suffer any major harmful effects to their health.

Problem drug use has a harmful effect on a person's life. They may need to take a drug just to feel able to cope with normal life. Their drug use is likely to affect their health and they may suffer from mental health problems, lose their friends, have money problems or get into trouble with the law. Only a very small proportion of people who ever take drugs will become 'problem users'.

These terms can also apply to the way people use alcohol. Children can be confused by the difference between what you say to them about drugs and alcohol, and what they see the adults around them doing. The way we use alcohol can affect our children's views and their attitudes towards both drugs and alcohol.

Swaffham Prior School



www.swaffhamprior.cambs.sch.uk

01638 741 529

We now welcome visits from parents interested in reception places for September 2005. Please telephone to arrange to look around the school and receive a prospectus. The final date for applications is 24th March 2005.

This term the children have all been on trips to support and enhance the curriculum. The hands on Roman day for Class 3 kicked off their topic, whilst the Class 4 trip to the Fitzwilliam museum and museum of classical archaeology added to their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks. Class 1 and 2 also visited the Fitzwilliam Museum to add a cross curricular dimension to a harvest theme, looking particularly at paintings with windmills before a follow up visit to the local windmill.

Mrs Newbolt supported our art day; all children worked with acyclic paint, mixing it carefully and then working with scale to create their own interpretation of Degas' Beach Scene. The contribution of Mrs Newbolt's expertise and parent helpers really made this day a success. Mrs Hanke, our art co-ordinator, is arranging to have the picture mounted and framed.

Thanks to the parent and teacher volunteers as well as Reach resident and ex parent Janet Hall who planted up our new outdoor area and quiet play zone. Janet also kindly gave up her time to plan the areas and purchase the plants. The areas are now complete, adding attractive facilities for the children. Our grant from the EDF Energy award was used to complete both projects.

The Life Education Centre also visited our school; this mobile education centre with its many interactive features supported the personal social and health (PSHE) curriculum.

Congratulations go to Mrs Richards who has been successful in her move to a larger Deputy Headship at Swavesey Primary School. From January, we welcome Miss Simpson who will be joining our school as the new Deputy Head Teacher. Miss Simpson is currently teaching in Stroud where she is part of the senior management team. She will teach Class 3.

Many of you supported Jenny McMahon in her recent parachute jump. A magnificent £1,200.76 was raised with £400.25 being presented to the East Anglian Air Ambulance (the visit by the helicopter caused quite a stir – thankfully the horses in the neighbouring field were far less excited than children). The remaining money is going to buy three pieces of trim trail equipment for the front playground; these will be fitted before Christmas.

Joanna Lakey

Parish Council Meeting



Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th October 2004

Present

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

Reports

County Council (verbal report received from Cllr Fitch)

- Cllr Fitch had asked for the village hedgerows to be cut back.
- The County Council had withdrawn its objection to the proposed Burwell to Horningsea power lines. It would now be up to the District Council and the Secretary of State to make a decision, although it was likely that the matter would be the subject of an inquiry. Most landowners had agreed with the plans but some had not.
- Bottisham Village College had received a good OFSTED report.
- A planning application to erect GRP control kiosks and extend the operation area of the sewage works on The Hythe had been received. Should anyone want to object Cllr Fitch said he would be willing to speak on their behalf at the planning meeting.

District Council

- Cllr Alderson also spoke about the Burwell to Horningsea power lines. Some landowners were not happy with the proposed landscaping.
- Staff at East Cambs District Council had been surveyed and there had been four seminars to discuss the options for new council offices.
- The councillor was still concerned about the hedge on the property at the junction of Burwell Road and Weirs Drove. Councillors agreed it was obstructing vision when turning towards Reach.
- Four more traveller families had moved into Harrison Drove. The travellers' liaison officer was aware.
- Cleanaway had not been picking up recyclable materials from non-kerbside waste collections. A re-cycling box for plastic bottles had been requested by Swaffham Bulbeck parish council. Cllr Alderson asked if this would be appropriate for Reach.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

- A new Deputy Head was to be appointed shortly.
- There were 105 children on the school roll.
- Cllr Robinson asked why the PC had not received any correspondence regarding the appointment of a Community Governor. Councillors voted unanimously to elect Charlotte Cane to the role.

Village Hall Committee

Councillors discussed the matter of accommodating large numbers of City councillors' cars on Reach Fair Day. Tony Jordan, Chairman of the village hall committee (invited to speak), said that passes could be issued prior to the event and parking arranged accordingly.

Matters arising

- Clerk had obtained quotes for various types of safety surfacing for the children's play area. It was agreed to ask the supplier to the site to discuss.
- Following complaints from residents, the County Highways Department had agreed to erect a 'Z'-bend sign before the bends on Burwell Road (coming from Burwell) and also to paint 'slow' on the road.

Correspondence

- Councillors declined an invitation to a workshop being held by the Newmarket Community Partnership.
- Mr and Mrs Neve, 2B Burwell Road, had been given planning permission to demolish an existing conservatory and erect a garden room.
- The County Council were to take over the responsibility from the police and traffic wardens for enforcing parking restrictions in Cambridge. A private contractor (Legion Parking Services) were to provide parking attendants.
- CALC's annual general meeting was to be held on November 6th at Huntingdon.
- Jamie Pearson had written requesting larger goalposts (with nets), and nets for the existing goalposts, for the playing field. Councillors supported the application and suggested it should be discussed by the Village Hall Committee, with a view to the project being financed by the joint Amenity Fund.

Reach matters

The deeds of the transfer of the freehold of the Dyke's End pub from Reach for a Pint to the Parish Council were signed and witnessed.

Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd November 2004

Present

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

Visit

Lucas Oliver, a community support worker from the Cambridgeshire drug and alcohol action team, gave a talk on drugs and alcohol; their appearance (samples were shown), the effect on the 'user', and what was being done to try to stop abuse.

Illegal drugs were 'big business', said Mr Oliver, but were here to stay. Of the 47% of young people offered drugs, one-third actually used them. However, 97% of those who took drugs grew out of the habit.

Drug dealers were being targeted locally with the use of camera cars to monitor suspects.

Mr Oliver said it was important to be able to recognise the symptoms of a drug user. The Bridge Project had been set up to advise those concerned (01223 214604)

Minutes

The minutes of the previous parish council meeting were agreed and signed.

Reports

County Council

- Cllr Fitch spoke about the approved plans for work on the sewage plant at The Hythe. It was expected that work would start in the near future and would take about a year to complete.

The County's Chief Fire Officer is keen that fire sprinklers be installed in all schools. The CCC is concerned about the cost so an investigation is to take place. Cllr Fitch pointed out that money is available from the government for personal smoke alarms.

- The Police are getting tough on hard-to-see cyclists. There are to be £30 on-the-spot fines. Lights are now compulsory.

District Council

- ECDC have revised the timetable for its new office accommodation. A decision will be made in December to give more time for consultation.

- A new licensing act is to come into force on February 7th 2005. The District Council will formulate a response to the changes and review every 3 years.

- The council had held a 30th anniversary party – 200 guests attended the celebration.

- The proposed work on the Burwell to Horningsea electricity line had undergone amended landscaping. Councillors discussed and it was agreed there was a certain amount of confusion over objections to the plans.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

- A new Deputy Head had been appointed.

Village Hall Committee

The committee had discussed and agreed to funding new goalposts and replacement nets from the village amenity fund. The secretary had written to ask the Parish Council to publish the fund's accounts in the *Out of Reach* to enable villagers to be aware of the benefit of the fund.

Matters arising

- A contract between the Parish Council and the contractor for the sewage works at The Hythe had been drawn up and signed.

- The Chairman and Clerk had met with a representative from Wicksteed Leisure to discuss renewing the surface at the play area.

- The transfer of the freehold from Reach for a Pint Ltd to the Parish Council had taken place on October 29th.

Correspondence

- A coordinator from Parkside Police Station had written about a community project called the Cambridge Open Out Scheme, which allows third party reporting of hate crime incidents. An article was attached for inclusion in the parish newsletter.
- Street lighting maintenance charges for the year 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 were to be £16.16 per lamp (13 lamps)
- The National Cycle Network is to be officially opened in September 2005. The County Cycling Projects Officer had written asking if the PC would like to purchase signs as one of the routes passes through the village. Councillors declined.
- Code of Conduct: Councillors who are Freemasons and members of the Grand Charity must register in the Register of Members' Interests and declare this, when appropriate, at council meetings.

Penny Lang

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Christmas and New Year 2004/05

Refuse and Recycling Collections

Christmas

Monday	27th December	Wednesday	29th December
Tuesday	28th December	Wednesday	29th December
Wednesday	29th December	Thursday	30th December
Thursday	30th December	Normal Service	
Friday	31st December	Normal Service	

New Year

Monday	3rd January	Tuesday	4th January
Tuesday	4th January	Wednesday	5th January
Wednesday	5th January	Thursday	6th January
Thursday	6th January	Friday	7th January
Friday	7th January	Saturday	8th January

Monday 10th January 2005 all collections as normal
Green Waste and Kerbside Recycling are as per the Recycling Calendar

No recycling or bulky collections during Christmas week

Household Waste Recycling Centres

Grunty Fen & Milton Butt Lane Opening Hours: 9am to 4pm daily, except for the following; Christmas Eve - Close at 1-00pm Christmas and Boxing Day - Closed
New Years Eve and New Years Day - Closed

Items For Sale or Wanted



For Sale

Football Table- Excellent condition - Only 10 months old. Measures 4ft x 2ft. Legs will dismantle for transport

£100 ono

Two folding micro scooters, good condition **£5 each**

01638 742317

Chicco 3 in 1 travel System. Carry cot, car seat and push-chair Birth to three years

£25

3 way baby carrier. Birth to 18 months **£10**

Toggi Jacket Large 50% down 50% feather never been worn £100 new

£75

01638 743541

Mariner 2.5 HP Outboard Engine good condition hardly used ideal for that reserve engine

£100

Two Girls Racing Bikes good condition **£10 each**

01638 742884

MacMillian Coffee Morning

I would like to say thank you to everybody who took part in the Worlds Biggest Coffee morning held in the Village centre on September 29th, we raised £345

Many Thanks

Joyce Harrison

AT THE END OF THE DAY

Come walk with me round our woods, when
The days word is done
Breath in the freshness of the air, and watch
The setting sun
As it sink slowly in the west, with its face
Glowing red
Lighting up each and every cloud, as it retires
To bed
Fell the coolness in the evening air, and the
Gentle breeze
And see the shadows lengthen, from our
Friends the trees
Hear the hoot of our owl, as he silently fly
Around
Watching keenly any movement, in the grass
On the ground
The song birds no longer sing, and are roosting
Within the hedge
But some of our night life are stirring, in the
Woods edge
Just to feel the grass beneath your feet, and
Hear the whisper of the leaves
Gently stirring on the trees, blown by the
Evening breeze
So come and share with me, all the pleasures
That this can bring
Just walking round our woods, summer autumn
Winter spring
And marvel at all the changes, as each season
Slip bye
From the warm clear summer, to the winter
Snow filled sky
Now all these things are free, not just to me
But everyone
When you walk with me around the woods, to
See the setting sun

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Community Support Service

What is the Community Support Service?

The Community Support Service provides respite care within the family environment for children from birth to 19 with learning, physical and/or sensory disabilities. Community Support Workers will come into the home to either care for the child only or with siblings to allow other members of the family free time. They may also take the child out into the local community. In some areas there is access to a monthly befriending club where children as a group will take part in organised activities aimed at promoting independence. Where the child is highly dependant on others the family may benefit with assistance with personal care tasks.

Why the Community Support Service?

All families are different, and families with children who have disabilities all have different needs. Although parents may find caring for their child a rewarding experience, it is also continual hard work. It can be impossible for parents to find time for everyday tasks like going to the shops or being with their other children. The Community Support Service can offer a family a few hours to do this.

What are we looking for in a Community Support Worker?

You need to be flexible, caring and enthusiastic as part of our small, highly committed team providing respite care. You will need plenty of energy, enthusiasm and a definite sense of commitment. Experience with children with disability would be an advantage and flexibility about work availability would be desirable.

What we can offer you as a Home Support Worker.

- Direct work with Children and families
- Gaining experience working with children
- Increasing Knowledge and skills
- Ongoing training and supervision
- Flexible working hours to suit individual lifestyles
- Hourly pay (£7.23 per hour), holiday pay, business and travel time and expenses
- NVQ Level 11 Training

If you would like more information and an application pack, please contact Community Support Co-ordinator on 01480 376494

Your District Councillor

Allen Alderson

Tel. 01638 741744



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

East Cambs District Council is now 30 years old. This was celebrated with a Chairmans reception at the Ely Maltings on Friday October 22nd. There were over 200 guests from across the eastern region. Centre piece of the event was a birthday cake weighing half a hundred weight. This was cut by Alan Stevens, June Purell and Councillor Alan White who together have given over 90 years of service to the council.

The two public meetings on the office accommodation which were held at Ely and Soham were marred by public demonstration concerned with a planning decision for Little Downham. Although the time for presentations and discussions was curtailed, a number of relevant points were raised and will be considered by members in their decision on the final site.

We hope to be able to make that decision at the council meeting on 22nd February 2005.

Continuing on the theme of consultation, the results of the parish survey are now available. 113 completed surveys were returned representing a 35% response from Parish Councils and individuals Parish Councillors.

The first preferences for a preferred site location were as follows:

- Ely Business Park Angel Drove 42%
- The Grange 25%
- Soham Bypass 13%
- Lancaster Way Business Park 11%

On another note the number of domestic properties on the East Cambs Council tax register has reached 32,000. The office for national; Statistics has confirmed that our district is the fastest growing area in England. From June 2002 to June 2003 they have estimated that our resident population has grown from 72,400 to almost 78,000 , a staggering 4.8% increase.

While this should be good news in terms of additional resources there is concern that the government may not use the figures for Revenue Support Grant purposes until the 2006/7 financial year.

With regard to the EDF Energy proposed 132k electricity line from Burwell to Horningsea. The amended plans regarding the landscaping for this project have now been received by East Cambs Council.

As an affected authority we can only submit comments. The matter will finally be determined by the Secretary of State. There are still some reservations by affected landowners so I am working with our member of parliament, James Paice, to resolve these matters.

The proposal is for a second electrical power line to run parallel with the existing line. The new pylons would be at the same height as the present ones.

The new line is needed to meet the increased demand for electricity in the Cambridge area.

As this will be my last news letter of 2004, may I wish all the residents of the Swaffhams a happy Christmas and pledge to work on your behalf during the coming year.

Allen Alderson

Climate Change ... What Can You Do?

The scientific evidence is growing that man-made greenhouse gas emissions are having a noticeable effect on the earth's climate. Globally, seven of the ten warmest years on record were in the 1990's. In the future, the earth's climate could warm by as much as 3°C over the next 100 years. The social, environmental and economic costs associated with this could be huge.' (*Source: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - Climate Change.*)

Scary stuff, made all the more real by the recent floods at home and in Europe.

You may ask yourself what we can do on a local level to alleviate this very real problem.

One area where we can all make a difference is by reducing the amount of energy we use to heat and power our own homes. Did you know that domestic dwellings produce approximately 25% of U.K. CO₂ (one of the main greenhouse gases) emissions, and that the average home produces more CO₂ per year than the average car? (*Source: Energy Saving Trust*)

That's enough to fill 6 hot air balloons 10 metres in diameter!

It has also been calculated that we waste around £200.00 per household per year by heating and powering our homes inefficiently, and that a regular house loses over 40% of its heat through loft spaces and walls!

There has never been a better time to insulate your home.

Depending on the type of fuel you use and the size of your home, cavity wall insulation and ten inches of loft insulation can be professionally installed from as little as £50 per measure.

If you are in receipt of certain income related benefits these measures can even be installed for free!

Want to know more?

Contact the HEAT Cambridgeshire scheme on 0800 0930450 to arrange a no obligation survey of your home.

Alternatively, call your Energy Conservation Officer Ian Bowers at East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616251

THE DYKE'S END

VILLAGE PUB OF THE YEAR 2003

Simon, Frank & Banger at the Dyke's End extend a very warm welcome to everyone.

Bar

*Open 7 days a week
(Except Monday Lunch)
12.00 pm until 3.00 pm
6.00 pm until 11.00 pm*

Bar Snacks Available

Dining Rooms

Tuesday - Saturday 7.00 pm until 9.00 pm
Tuesday - Sunday 12.00 pm until 2.00 pm

Folk Nights alternate Sundays starting at 7.30 pm

Quiz Nights last Sunday in the Month starting at 7.30 pm

For further information contact Simon on 01638 743816



Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Broadband



Monthly Charge from £20

Name.....

Address

.....

Tel No.....

Preferred E-mail address@reach-village.co.uk

Preferred E-mail address@Swaffham-Prior.co.uk

2nd E-mail address.....@Reach or Swaffham Prior

Note: Further E-mail addresses are available on request at £10.00

Please fill in this form if you require Broadband and return it to
Dave Summers @ 32 Great Lane.

Or

Robert Hollingsworth at Yule House 41 Lower End Swaffham
Prior

For further details contact Dave on 01638 742884.

Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

Letter From The Church



Rev Stephen Earl

The Vicarage Tel 741262

Dear Friends.

TOM, DICK and HARRY

Are any of you reading this named Thomas or Richard or Harriet ?

The world is made up of all sorts of people and I'm going to tell you about three of them.....all real people I know, and I'm calling them Tom, Dick and Harriet (although those aren't their real names.)

First....Tom usually goes to London for Christmas, to a hotel to eat and drink and sleep. He enjoys himself, or at least he thinks he does. That's all he is interested in for three or four days. He finds Christmas a bore, doesn't know or want to know anyone else at the hotel, or whether it's full or not; he neither knows nor cares if there's any room at the inn for some lonely, hungry homeless people who are outside, and he certainly wouldn't want to see them inside. That would spoil his "enjoyment".

Second there's Dick, who lives round the corner from Tom, in a nice house, plenty of money.

Next door to him were a little old man and woman who lived alone with barely enough to live on, often hungry and nearly always cold in the winter. Sometimes when Dick thought of it he would pass to the old man one of his old worn-out suits, to save the bother of putting them in the dustbin. So he cared about them a little bit, but not enough to buy the man a new coat or his wife a pair of shoes.

In the middle of winter, although Dick had plenty of wood and coal, when he heard that they were cold, instead of taking them a bag of coal he phoned the Social Welfare Officer and asked him to provide some fuel for them.

And now thirdly there's Harriet. It was only much later that I learned her real name. When I was a little boy I often asked her what was her name....and all she would tell me was " Miss Always Good". Later in life I never met anyone with a more fitting name.She was poor , her clothes were nearly as old and tired as she was, and she lived in one room in a YWCA Hostel (in Blackheath).

But she was happy and cheerful and made us all happy who knew her. She was always doing things for other people, she gave away whatever she could and often needed it more than they did. She was frequently short herself but very few people knew this.

Harriet knew the housekeeper who worked for Tom who told her that he had nothing in his larder over Christmas. So she hustled round and took him half a pound of sausages and her small pudding which she was saving for her own dinner.....

only to find that Tom was staying in luxury in his posh hotel in London.

If anyone saw the love of Jesus shining through any one's eyes it was through Miss Always Good's, who cared for others even though that caring and loving deprived herself.

As we are approaching the joyful season of Christmas Stephen Earl and I and all the family of the Church send to you all our love and best wishes for a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and the hope that you yourself will be able to emulate Miss Always Good and so reap the joy and blessing of giving and receiving something of the love of Jesus Christ.

God bless you all.

David.

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Once again it is time to remind all who consider themselves eligible for our Christmas grant that they should apply as soon as possible.

As usual, the majority of these applications will come from our pensioners, particularly those who have to manage on the basic state pension, but if you are in particular need, or know of anybody who may be in difficulty, but is unlikely to apply on their own behalf, the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me, or to any Trustee, and I stress that this assistance is available at all times, not merely at Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

S.G. Hewitt.
Clerk to the Trustees.

Church Services December



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 5th Advent 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service 4.00 pm Christingle	No Service
Sunday 12th Advent 3	9.30 am Nativity Family Service	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 3.30 pm Family Carol Service 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
Sunday 19th Advent 4	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Carol's By Candlelight	No Service
Friday 24th Christmas Eve	3.00 pm Jesus' Birthday Party Toddlers/Children's Crib Service 11.30 pm Midnight Communion	No Service
Saturday 25th Christmas Day	9.30 am Christmas Family Service	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 26th 1st After Christmas	10.00 am at trinity Church united "Service of the Word"	No Service

Church Services January



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 2nd 2nd after Christmas	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 2.30 pm Baptism	No Service
Sunday 9th Epiphany 1	9.30 am Parish Communion (with blessing of plough)	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
Sunday 16th Epiphany 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
Sunday 23rd Epiphany 3	Word of Prayer for Christian Unity 10.30 am Ecumenical Service @ St Mary's	8.00 am Holy Communion (said)
Sunday 23rd Epiphany 4	6.30 pm Service of healing	9.30 pm United (5th Sunday) 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

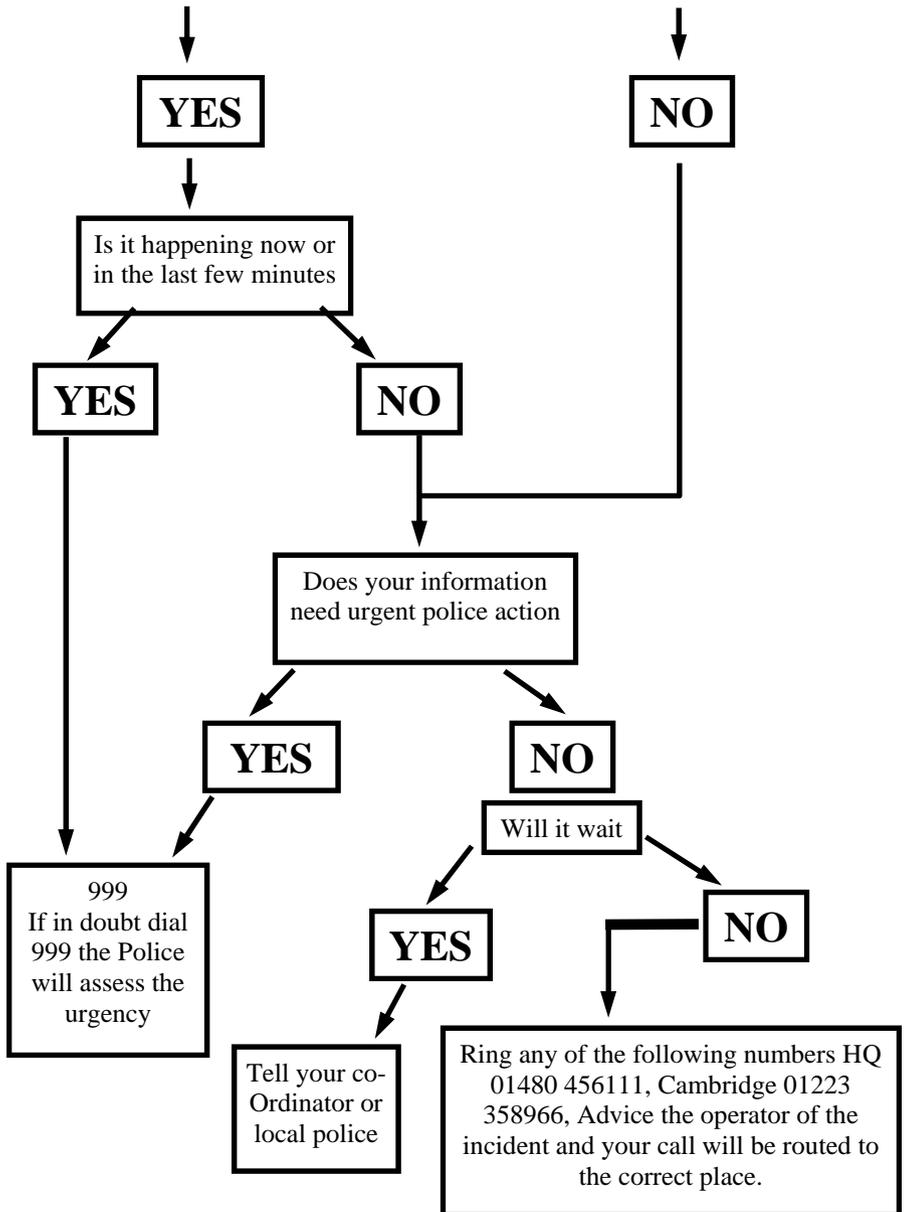
Weekdays

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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