

Out of Reach



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Editorial



I have received an E-mail from a young lady, she is wondering who the girl is in the foreground of the Maypole picture on the front cover. Does anybody know the year the picture was taken or better still the name of the young lady. If you do please let me know , then I can give her an answer.

My thanks go to one young lady in the village who has managed to take time to write a small poem for this issue of the Out of Reach. Thank you very much Cleo. Let's try and get some more articles coming in now someone has started the ball rolling.

My deepest apologies go to the organisers of the new Years eve party in the Pub, I forgot last issue to give the very successful and fantastic evening a mention. I would like to thank Abby, Joe, Scott, Dan and of course Glynis who spent the night behind the bar. Let's not forget all those who donated food for the buffet, it was really great. We would also like to thank Simon and Frank, who were away at the time, for allowing their premises to be used for the evening. During the evening Martin was decorated, with what I believe was makeup, Jenny can drink shorts with no hands. I won the bingo twice but was only allowed to keep one prize, not to worry the other went to a good cause. Who was it? I suppose I had better mention the Karaoke, I wasn't banned, I enjoyed it, but I believe others wanted me off as soon as possible! we look forward to the next New year's Eve can they surpass last year, I reckon they can. £155 was raised for the Tsunami appeal over this period as well. Well done to all concerned.

The darts team playing out of the Dyke's End ended their winter season a very respectable third in Division 2 of the Newmarket & District Darts League missing out on second spot by the odd dart. The last game of the season was lost 5 – 4, which I'm afraid ended the dream of Division 1 darts for another year. Better luck next year lads.

I have just been reminded about a fair, May 2nd I think. This means I need to collect bottles again, be prepared I'll be round sometime during April. Let's hope the weather is a bit kinder to us this year, and the crowds flock back to Reach. Decorators are needed for cakes, help is required with car parking and numerous other jobs require assistance, or organizing. Please contact one of the committee members whose telephone numbers are on page 15 if you can help, even if it's only for an hour or so.

Well that's me done for another issue, don't forget the fair quiz night on May 1—see you there.

Dave

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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

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

Winner of the 100 Club

March—John Robinson

Dates For Your Diary



April

Wed Apr 6	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Wed Apr 6	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	Guildhall Burwell	7.30 pm
Thu Apr 7	Toddlers Service	St Mary's Burwell	10.00 am
Mon Apr 11	Back to School		
Tue Apr 12	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Apr 12	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30pm
Wed Apr 13	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Apr 14	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Apr 15	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed Apr 20	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Apr 21	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Apr 22	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Apr 24	Scout Ass St Georges Day Service	St Mary's Burwell	3.00 pm
Tue Apr 26	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Apr 26	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30 pm
Tue Apr 28	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Apr 29	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am

May

Sun May 1	Songs of Praise with CSD Band	Village Green	6.00 pm
Sun May 1	Reach Fair Quiz Night		7.30 pm
Mon May 2	Reach Fair	Village	12.00 pm
Wed May 4	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu May 5	Toddlers Service	St Mary's Burwell	10.00 am
Thu May 5	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri May 6	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue May 10	Re-Cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue May 10	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30 pm
Thu May 12	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri May 13	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed May 18	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu May 19	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri May 20	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue May 24	Re-Cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue May 24	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30 pm
Thu May 26	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri May 27	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun May 29	Quiz Night	Dyke's End	7.30 pm

Notices



Ladies' Indulgence Evening

Following the success of last year's event, the Friends of Swaffham Prior School are holding another Ladies' Indulgence Evening on Friday 22 April from 7.00-10.00pm. This year's event will be in the larger venue of the Village Hall so we will have space for even more pampering sessions, including head massage, reflexology, manicures, aromatherapy, facials, make-up makeovers and more.

While you are waiting for your session you can enjoy a drink from the bar and browse through the selection of stalls selling indulgent treats such as jewellery, aloe vera health products, designer scarves, cosmetics and bath products.

Like last year, there will be ample space for sitting and chatting too - why not bring a friend for a fun and relaxing evening out?

Tickets are just £8.00, which covers the entrance fee, free drink from the bar and your choice from the available pampering sessions. Last year's event was very popular and ticket numbers are strictly limited; so we expect tickets to sell out quickly. To reserve your ticket now, contact **Clare Freeman on 01638 741316.**

JOIN OUR EXCHANGE THIS SUMMER

If you are 15 - 25 years old and would like to meet other young people from Germany and Hungary we would be happy to talk to you. This year the exchange is in England from 27th July to 7th August. We will spend a week in Horstead near Norwich at a residential activity centre and also visit London, the East Coast and Cambridge. The cost is only £100 as the exchange is supported by the Youth for Europe programme. Many young people from Reach and Burwell have been involved over the last six years. Phone me for details.

Hazel Williams
01638 743897

NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PREMISES PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS LICENCE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

I Rita Dunnett HEARBY GIVE NOTICE that an application has been made for a community premises public entertainment license at

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE

Anyone who wishes to make observations about this application should write to:

Stephen Clements

Executive Director (Environmental Services)

East Cambridgeshire District Council

The Grange
Nutholt Lane
ELY, Cambs.
CB7 4PL

All observations should be received within 28 Days of this notice.

Sunday June 26th 2005

Reach 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, a race and 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, Juliette Vickery 742 676

Spring Production

“Portrait of Murder” by Robert Bloomfield

19th 20th and 21st May 2005

Our Spring production is to be a thriller “*Portrait of Murder* by Robert Bloomfield (in association with Samuel French).

A successful novelist returns home from hospital following a fire which almost killed her. She has short term memory loss and has undergone cosmetic surgery. Her devoted husband is on hand to aid her recovery or is he? Where do her best friend’s loyalties lay? Does her agent really have her best interests at heart and is her secretary all she seems?

Will everyone survive to answer these questions?

The only way to find out is to come along. We will be performing in the Bottisham Village College Main Hall Thursday, Friday and Saturday 19th 20th and 21st May 2005 at 7.30 p.m. Ticket prices will be £6.00 with concessions at £4.00 on Thursday and £6.00 only (no concessions) on Friday and Saturday.

Behind the “cameras” this time around will be Val Quy

Tickets can be purchased personally from mid-April Lushers Newsagents in Bottisham 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.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.



The Bottisham Ball

With Parents and Friends of Bottisham Village College

Saturday, 2nd July 2005 7.00 pm – midnight

Black tie

**Complimentary strawberries and champagne
on Warden's lawn**

3 Course Dinner and Live Music

**Book your tickets now at last year's prices
only £ 35 per person till 1st of May
And look forward to a great night!**

Tickets (Non-refundable) available from:

Jenny: 01638 741138

Lesley: 01223 813034



Reach Community Access Point The Village Centre Reach

Don't own a computer, but would like to use one?

Community Access Points are public or community buildings where computers, colour printers and scanners have been installed for the public to use *free of charge. They all have the latest Microsoft software installed plus other applications such as Photoshop Elements. (*a small charge maybe levied to cover printing costs).

Pop into your local point and...
Surf the net Send emails
Write letters and other documents
Scan photos and other picture
Book tickets
Shop online
and much more

To arrange entry please call Mrs Harrison on 01638 742405

If you have not used a computer before or would like to improve your existing skills, Library Learning Services may be able to help. We can enrol people onto Learndirect courses - for more information about Learndirect see www.learndirect.co.uk Please call Rachel Carpenter on 01480 376140.

Library Learning Services are also trying to recruit local volunteers to help beginners to use these facilities. If you are interested, and can spare a few hours per week, please call Rachel on 01480 376140 for a chat. We can offer free training leading to a recognised qualification to the right person.

**Well done to all at the Dyke's End who
managed to raise £155 for the Tsunami
appeal fund.**

ELY'S EEL DAY

Eels, eels and more eels will be the flavour of the day on Saturday 30th April for Ely's Annual Eel Day. Starting at 11.30 am on Cross Green (adjacent to the Cathedral) Ely's very own 'Ellie the Eel' will be heading the procession along part of the Eel Trail Heritage Walk. A Samba band along with local dancers will add sound to the colourful eel costumes as the anticipated hundreds follow the trail around the streets of Ely. Everyone is welcome to join in.

The procession will end in Jubilee Gardens by the riverside where a whole host of eel related activities will be held. Along with a programme of musical performances throughout the afternoon, we have two themed theatre show performances for the young ones and a chance to have a go at the potter's wheel and make a pinch pot, just like the ones excavated in the gardens during the Time Team dig. Ely Museum and the University of Cambridge Archaeology Department will be on hand to tell you all about the finds from this televised dig and the importance of eels to Ely in the olden days.

Experience life in years gone past with a living encampment showing the trades and wares of the time. Children have the chance to try on period costumes and play period games. Free samples of smoked and jellied eels will be on offer with other more conventional forms of food on sale including a hog roast washed down with Eel Catcher's local brew!

For further information about the day, contact Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616377 or email tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk.

**REACH FAIR
MONDAY MAY 2nd
NOON START**



REACH & SWAFFHAM PRIOR COMMUNITY NETWORK



Thinking of broadband?

Before you sign up with BT or Trilogy why not speak to us first.

We are a community based non profit making organisation.

(All money we make is fed back in, to improve the network).

We charge less than BT and Trilogy for an equivalent service.

We do have a small installation fee to cover the cost of the equipment installed.

E-mail addresses are:-Whatever you want@Reach-Village.co.uk.
(Very local).

For the technical amongst you a fixed IP address is given to each member.

You want more than one computer on the network – No Problem.

Charges £20 per month.

Installation £150.00

Contact

Dave Summers in Reach 01638742884

Robert Hollingsworth in Swaffham Prior 01638 741613

Paul Catling in Swaffham Prior 01638 743714

For the 65 existing members, we apologise for the intermittent breakdown in service recently. Everything has now been sorted and hopefully now we will have a continuous uninterrupted service.

Children's Birthdays

Name	DOB	Name	DOB

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

Fen Edge Family Festival



Italian Market – 30 genuine Italian stalls selling the best of Italian produce



Open Gardens – see the wonders that real gardeners have created



Sculptured Dog Show – dog show where all dogs are made by their owners!



Entertainment for all – from messy play to a tea dance for those who can dance!



Music to suit all tastes – local musicians, brass bands, jazz



Animals on the Green – get close to llama, horses, sheep, pigs, geese etc.

on the Cottenham Village Green

24, 25 and 26 June 2005

For full details, timetable and developments, check out our website:

<http://www.fenedge.co.uk/festival.html>

Messy Play • Tea Dance • Family Disco • Swimming Gala • Italian Market • Games on the Green • Fete & Stalls • Local Band & Singer Competition • Jazz • Marquee Animals • Open Gardens • Animal Blessing • Sculptured Dog Show • Brass Band • Hymns • Cabaret • Fireworks • Refreshments & Bar

REACH FAIR QUIZ NIGHT

SUNDAY MAY 1st

7.30 pm

Bus Timetable



Effective the 25 July 2004

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

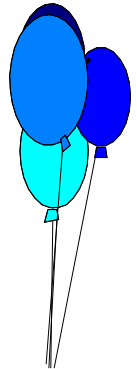
Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10 [^] , 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40 [^] , 17.40 [^] ,
[^] Not Saturday	18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40,
	21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 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

April		May	
4th	Leigh Rolfe	13th	David Cane
5th	Shannon Manchett		
9th	Sophie Bateman		
25th	Felicty Blocksage		
28th	James Hill		



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

Village Centre News

HELP!

The Fair is approaching fast. It will be 5 weeks away when you read this and so far only a trickle of volunteers has come through. Please help us to make this an equally shouldered community event. Many thanks to those who have offered to help. We still need programme sellers, road stewards and very importantly, someone to run the cake stall. Baking is underway. Thanks to Sue Summers and pupils the freezer in the Village Centre is filling up. There's space enough for more if anyone wants to do some advance baking. All offerings will be gratefully received and we can reimburse costs if required. This stall makes a lot of money and we need as much as possible to start work on improving the facilities in the Centre.

Other stalls also need help so please offer. I'm sure we can find something for you to do that you will find enjoyable. There are useful contact numbers below:

Sue Summers	742884
Jen Holmwood	742969
Tony Jordan	743408
Andrew Hall	743737
Joyce Harrison (Tea Tent)	742405
Sue Jordan (Cream Teas)	743408
Jan Tabecki	742552

Or contact any other Committee member

Next Fair Meeting	April 13th @8pm
Next Committee Meeting	April 20th @ 8pm

All Fair helpers are invited to a post fair gathering with refreshments on Wednesday May 4th @ 8pm in the Village Centre

Whatever you do on May 2nd Have a good day!

Repairs to RASPCN



And all this without the aid of a ladder—see above !



We apologise for the intermittent service over the past few weeks, hopefully we have now resolved the issues. Nevertheless we are still running above 99% uptime. Down for the odd day about 5 days in total over 2 years. Not bad. Better than most broadband providers.



Reach Fair- Parking and Access Arrangements

This year's Fair will be held on Monday 2nd May. The Fair Committee has decided to repeat the park and ride system operated over the last four years, with parking provided on the large field in Rogers Road. These arrangements enable the Committee to plan more effectively as the use of the site is not dependant on the weather conditions immediately prior to the Fair as would be the case if we used the grazing land in Swaffham Road and Burwell Road.

The Fair Committee has applied to Cambridgeshire County Council for a temporary road closure order between 11.00am and 6.00pm on 2nd May. The closed sections of road are as follows:

Fair Green, Reach along its entire length (but allowing access between Great Lane, and Chapel Lane).

Burwell Road, Reach from its junction with Fair Green, to its junction with Weirs Drive, Burwell

Swaffham Road, Reach from its junction with Fair Green to its junction with Rogers Road, Swaffham Prior

Alternative diversion routes will be sign posted from the B1102 through Swaffham Prior to Upware and on Swaffham Prior Fen through Swaffham Prior to Burwell. Stewards will control the road closure points during the closure period.

Access to properties on the closure routes will be available at all times although you will need to apply for a vehicle pass (this is recommended as it will avoid any disputes on the day) or be able to identify yourself as a resident at the road closure points before the police/stewards will allow you through. You should plan your route to avoid crossing Fair Green and if using Swaffham Road please try and ensure your journey is absolutely necessary. Can we ask that you also drive very carefully as there will be a lot of pedestrians as well as the park and ride buses.

To help ease congestion in the village itself and allow for some additional disabled parking it would be helpful if residents could avoid parking on the roadside anywhere in Fair Green and in Swaffham Road and at the junction with Ditchfield where the park and ride buses turn. Police 'No Parking' signs will be in place early on the 2nd May. Alternative parking can be made available for the day.

If you require a vehicle pass (we need your name, address and registration number), alternative parking or have any questions about the closure order please contact any member of the Fair Committee or come along to one of the Village Hall meetings on 13th or 20th April. We still need volunteers to act as stewards for the road closure so you will be very welcome. We hope you enjoy the Fair.

Andrew Hall

Treasurer Tel: 743737

Your County Councillor

James Fitch

01223 811425



COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

Mid Feb / Mar 2005

COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES MID FEBRUARY 2005

Fire & Rescue Matters

Few people will grudge the modest cost of Cambridgeshire's Fire & Rescue Service. The cost on a Band D property this year will increase by £2.25 to £48.24, or less than a pound per week, This equals about £1.40 per head of population overall.

As a member of the Fire Authority with two stations at Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck within my electoral patch, you will understand why I follow fire and rescue (usually from crashes) with great interest and admiration. At times it is a horrible job, and with the very recent tragic loss of two firefighters in Stevenage in mind, a dangerous one as well. The larger city fire stations are manned by full-time fire fighters. Smaller and rural ones are usually run by part-timers known as Retained Fire Fighters. As part-timers man our two local fire engines they clearly cannot attend fires or accidents at all times. However, evenings and weekends see them available and reacting with great speed to reported incidents. Cambridge full-time Station is open and able to respond at all times. Our brigade is highly popular and well respected for the job it does. It deserves our thanks and support.

County Budget

This month the County Council will decide how big its Budget will be and what will be the consequent Council Tax for its services. Just now it looks as if the Conservative majority will plump for 4% increase to fund the budget of £511 million. There will be debate arising out of opposition Liberal Democrat and Labour amendments, but I do not foresee any great changes to the above proposals. Compared with other Shire Counties Cambridgeshire will continue to have one of the lowest Council Taxes.

Inevitably there will be cuts given the rate of inflation, averaging 3.5% for local government, legislative pressures not covered by the Government, rate support grant and the increase in demand on our services from people living longer.

At this moment I expect to see reduced subsidies to rural bus services, important reductions in road maintenance, insufficient money for Social Services and less money for some of the needs of schools, libraries and museums. There will, in

consequence, be plenty to argue about this month'

Over the last two months I have been campaigning with other like-minded councillors to get sprinklers installed in schools and other buildings owned by the County Council. We have had some success in that the majority party has now agreed to finance sprinkler protection in County buildings where people sleep overnight. Accordingly Burwell House should benefit from this change, which will make it an altogether super building

Lastly, we should all take pride in the superb reports about Bottisham Village College from the Chief Inspector of Schools in his annual report. For the second time in 13 years the College appears in "The best of the best" list along with just 43 others throughout England.

COUNTY COUNCIL NOTES MID MARCH 2005

My last words on the County Budget just confirm what I forecast last month. At the full County Council meeting in mid February we voted a Budget of £511 m for 2005/6. The Council Tax details are available from your District Councillors as the District Council is responsible for collection. Four percent increase for the County is moderate by recent standards.

As a member of the Opposition we fought hard for some concessions and changes. I would claim the restitution of £100,000 for the Heritage Service to be a particularly gratifying last minute acknowledgement of a vital need. Round here the best-known and deserving beneficiary may well be Burwell Museum whose grant aid from other sources depends on a prime grant from Cambridgeshire.

The other cause for personal satisfaction is the agreement by the ruling party that sprinklers for schools or other establishments where people sleep overnight is essential and value for money. I hope we shall now never see Burwell or Swaffham Bulbeck fire engines racing to Burwell House to rescue children from a smoke-filled building.

Given ultimate limits on the County's wish to fully fund every service, we shall not be able to completely attend to the faults vividly revealed by OFSTED regarding the provision of Youth Services. We could only finance half of what was described as "unsatisfactory service ... poor value for money". The Lib Dems fought, unsuccessfully, for more money. Had it been accepted it might have cost you a few pounds per year on Council Tax. It's all about choices and priorities - the main job of a county councillor is to make just those decisions.

I hope you will support possible action against cuts to some of the County's rural Bus Services. We know of no imminent threat locally, but the recent budget meant a cut of subsidy amounting to £50,000. Be vigilant!

James Fitch

Your District Councillor

Allen Alderson

Tel. 01638 741744



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

The Council's budget for 2005/06 has now been agreed. There will only be an extra 2/2% levied by East Cambs. As well as funding increases in cost resulting from inflation and the growth in our population we have been able to find almost £250,000 extra to increase the amount of domestic refuse we recycle each year. This will fund an additional green waste collection round and provide more plastics recycling banks over the next two years. We have also provided funding to maintain higher standards of street sweeping in the urban areas. In addition the council will provide an additional £100,000 of funding for grants to help the elderly and disabled to remain living at home.

After a marathon 3 1/2 hour session the full council selected Angel Drove as the location for the new offices. Voting was 25 for and 13 against. Our decision was based on various considerations.

The provision of modern, efficient office accommodation for ECDC is only one aspect of the driving forces behind the development at Angel Drove, Ely. Certainly the Council and its staff require offices that meet the latest health and safety requirements along with proper and convenient access for both disabled staff and visitors. Those of you who know the current building know what a rabbit warren it really is.

More importantly, we have to recognise what else can be achieved for the benefit of our community. Perhaps, the greatest problem for Ely as a local market town is its severe lack of parking for shoppers from the surrounding area, commuters and visitors. Parking times are very restricted and too many people park in long stay spaces for the entire day thus blocking access to those who wish to come and spend their money here. Population has grown dramatically in recent years and is set to grow by a further 30% in the next 12/15 years.

The move enables the Council to save considerable sums of money on bringing all services together on one site; these savings exceed the additional costs, including interest, and allow for the capital purchase of the land and buildings to be fully paid off within approximately 30 years. There should be no need to increase council tax as savings in existing budgets cover the costs.

This equation included the land and access to it for a 3.5 acre site for eventually up to 600 spaces for a Park & Ride service. The net receipts from car parking charges will be used to pay for the layout of this site, subsidies for two buses and other improvements for access to the town. This is a totally affordable project.

The benefits do not stop there; our community also gains an industrial development site at Littleport, access to 21 acres of commercial development land at Angel Drove, and the release of a significant site in the centre of Ely to facilitate further improvements in shopping, commercial and residential services.

It is certainly true that a development area at Lancaster Way would have been significantly cheaper in capital terms but when viewed in conjunction with a Park & Ride service which would have cost more to run the revenue savings would have been less advantageous. Nevertheless, if it had not been for Angel drove being within walking distance of the station and therefore more available to support local residents who are commuters either option was financially affordable as the savings would pay off the capital within 30 years. There should be no impact on Council Tax, It can be financed within existing budgets.

Finally, the residents of Reach, Swaffham Prior and Swaffham Bulbeck all receive the Bury St Edmunds area B.T phone book. Many people have told me that the Cambridge area book would be more appropriate as it would contain the listings that they are more likely to use. I have been in contact with B.T on the issue. They will be reviewing the postcode allocations for our area next year but it may be two years before we receive the Cambridge edition. In the interim period they have agreed that all B.T customers in the Swaffhams ward can have a Cambridge area B.T phone book free of charge.

To receive your copy ring 0800 833 400, option 1. Monday to Friday between 8:30am to 5pm. If there is any problem you should say that 'It is part of a press release and that you're entitled to a free copy'.

Allen Alderson

RECYCLING AND REFUSE

Point to Note

- 1 Items are no more than 1 metre from the kerbside (not obstructing any public access)
2. Please refer to your new recycling calendar for collections and black plastic sacks for Bank Holiday refuse dates. Cardboard and Shredded paper are to be placed in organic waste sack ONLY.
3. Always remember place CANS and GLASS bottles in separate bags in the Recycling box.

Parish Council Meeting



Notes on the meeting Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd February 2005

Present

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

Apology

Apology received from D/Cllr Alderson.

Visit

James Fisher, Project Officer for the Devil's Dyke Project, and Adrian Scruby, Countryside Archaeological Advisor for Cambridgeshire County Council, gave councillors an update on the work being done on the Devil's Dyke.

James explained that there had been a slight change of plan, owing to the need to spend the scrub-clearing budget. Scrub was being cleared from the north side of the Dyke (at the Reach end), leaving groups of shrubs every 20m. Scrub would be cleared from the south side at a later date leaving shrubs along the top of the bank to act as a windbreak.

Adrian explained the importance of the archaeology of the site; the Dyke is a scheduled national monument (better preserved than Offa's Dyke). It was a feat of engineering that he was keen to keep in good management order.

The planting of grass seed and wild flowers would benefit butterflies etc. A pollen analysis of the area showed that there used to be more wild flowers than scrub. It would, however, be four or five years before the newly sown flowers and grass would begin to be established. The grazing of sheep would help reduce nutrients and make the soil more suitable for the flowers.

Funding of the project was until 2006, although management (sheep grazing) would continue.

Reports

County Council

General

The budget was to be £511m, a council tax increase of 4% (62p per week for a Band D property). Some compromises would have to be made, e.g. support for rural bus services. This was under government guidelines of under 5%. There was to be no capping.

County elections would be held on the same day as the General election.

Social services

The department had overspent by £1.5m, mainly fostering outside the county.

- The Democratic Services Officer at ECDC had asked if councillors would like a member of the Standards Committee to attend a meeting to talk about the registering of interests, gifts, and hospitality. Clerk to arrange a date.

Reach matters

Complaints had been made about overhanging hedges in Swaffham Road. Clerk to contact Hereward Housing to see if they could deal with the problem.

Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 2nd March 2005

Present

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

Reports

County Council

- The 4% increase in annual council tax would be broken down as follows (Band D property):
County council £845.82
Fire services £48.24
Police £135.54

Owing to lack of funding, road maintenance and rural bus services might be cut this year.

- There was to be a property revaluation in 2005.
- An all-weather pitch had been opened in Burwell.
- Complaints had been made about roadside hedges being badly trimmed in Reach. It was thought this was caused by the hedges being untrimmed for some time, allowing them to overgrow. It was agreed they would recover in the Spring.
- Burwell Museum was to benefit from a county grant that tops up grants from the National Lottery. £100k was to be put back into the Education and Libraries budget, specifically to finance the heritage budget.
- People were being encouraged to claim benefit if they were eligible. This in turn benefited the County Council who received a small sum for each person claiming benefit.

District Council

- There was to be a 2.5% increase in council tax; no cuts were to be made. A £38k surplus would cushion the forthcoming year.
- The new District Council offices would be at Angel Drove in Ely. However, lack of funding meant that this was unlikely to take place for a few years.
- It had been proposed that car parks would charge in the future. A Park and Ride scheme would operate in Ely and profits from it put back into improving parking facilities.
- Local residents could phone BT for a free Cambridge area telephone directory (0800 833 400).
- The 'SLOW' sign on the Burwell road into Reach would be painted shortly.

Education

There had been good results this year, especially in key stages 1,2, and 3.

Burwell library was to be replaced.

Sprinklers were to be put in schools or residences where there was overnight sleeping, at a cost of £1m.

Environment and transport

Recycling had gone up by 3%. Landfill now costs £7m annually and recycling costs generally had gone up.

Small batteries could now be recycled.

District Council (written report in Cllr Alderson's absence)

- ECDC had received an extra £465k from central government, an increase of 9%.
- The new 2003 Licensing Act would not affect Reach Fair. Some sections of the Act would not be legally defined until they were tested in court.
- The Highways department had not raised any objections to the planning application to build a garage near the junction of Swaffham Road and Ditchfield (with exit onto the main road).
- Cllr Alderson had arranged to meet Andrew Tipple from the Highways department to discuss local matters.
- Travellers had been moved from Headlake Drove and the area cleared of rubbish. However, further fly tipping had taken place locally.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

Emma Simpson had been appointed the new deputy head teacher.

The recent government financial settlement was better than hoped for.

There were 110 pupils on the school roll.

Village Hall Committee

Arrangements for the fair were discussed.

The wall outside the Village Centre was in need of repair.

Matters arising

Safety surfacing of the play area, Burwell Road

Cllr Ian Hill had contacted all companies who had tendered for the work and succeeded in getting some prices reduced. Councillors discussed doing some of the groundwork to help reduce costs. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee to get their agreement to fund some of the work from the Amenity Fund.

Correspondence

- Grahame Miller had written about long vehicles negotiating the turning at the bottom of Fair Green into Great Lane. It was agreed to contact the clerk to Swaffham Prior Parish Council to see if the plan to provide signage to the lorry drivers going to Lordship Farm could be resurrected.
- Submissions to County's jointly funded minor highways improvements programme for 2005–06 had been evaluated by the Area Joint Committee. Reach had not submitted a scheme.
- ECDC leisure and tourism services had offered to run a summer holiday activity roadshow in August on the village green. Councillors agreed to the proposal.

Swaffham Prior Primary School

Cambridgeshire had received the best financial settlement in the country. The school was feeling very positive and there was now a queue for the school intake of older children (mainly from Burwell).

Village Hall Committee

The committee had agreed to the Parish Council proposal that £3k from the Amenity Fund be put towards the cost of re-surfacing the play area and providing new goal-posts and nets.

Swaffham Prior PCC

It had been agreed that the village hall committee would receive a thousand pounds when the first brick of the proposed extension was put in place and a further thousand in the subsequent year.

Members had been considering the Christmas 'boxes' and had decided that some older residents were not in need of help. It was considered that young people could benefit from having funding for sailing lessons.

Matters arising

- *Safety surfacing of the play area, Burwell Road/new goalposts and nets*

A Major Grant Application had been forwarded to East Cambs District Council, it was hoped to receive 50% towards the financing. As the Swaffham Prior PCC had not discussed giving a donation to the project (£1k), councillors agreed that the thousand pounds be allocated from Parish Council funds to make up the shortfall. Chris Fennell (Senior sports & leisure officer, ECDC) had asked for letters of support from people using the play area.

- Approval had been given for a planning application to erect a new garage and make a new access at 40 Swaffham Road.
- Clerk had met with Andrew Tipple from Highways to discuss a resident's proposed scheme to solve the parking problem on The Hythe. He had turned down the scheme as it involved removing a pavement.
- Clerk had contacted the clerk to Swaffham Prior Parish Council about long lorries going to Lordship Farm (Swaffham Prior fen) missing the turning and having to go through Reach. New road signs to Upware at the top and bottom of Cage Hill had been approved, although they did sign to Lordship Farm.

Correspondence

- Graham Lingley (3 The Hythe) had emailed about the current situation regarding parking on The Hythe (see Matters arising).
- The churches of St Mary's Burwell and St Etheldreda, Reach had set up a fund to support worthy causes in the two villages.
- ECDC had written asking if the Parish Council would distribute tickets for a Community Appreciation Day at USAAF Mildenhall.
- Solicitors for the owners of Two Hoots in The Hythe, who were moving, had written asking for confirmation that they had access over the land owned by Anglian Water and licensed to the Parish Council. This has been confirmed.

- Mr and Mrs Tarasewicz of Great Lane had been given permission to prune a horn-beam tree in their garden.
- The Customer Relations Officer at County's Passenger Transport team had written asking for someone to be nominated as a contact. Clerk agreed to do this.
- The Ely Sector of Cambridgeshire Constabulary had requested details of the Parish Council for their 'Contact in the Community' database.
- Mr and Mrs McGregor had been given permission to build a house on land adjacent to 1 Ditchfield.
- The Wildlife Trust had requested the PC to see some raffle tickets.
- Jonathan Plowe of the Woodland Trust had emailed to say bollards would soon be erected at the entrance to the wood, along with a new sign. Wild flowers are also to be sown on the meadow as part of a nationwide scheme called 'Forest of Flowers'.
- The Village Hall Committee had written outlining details of parking for the forthcoming Reach Fair.
- The Home Office Coroners Unit had sent a burial grounds survey.

Reach matters

- Complaints had been received about overhanging hedges at 5 Great Lane.
- In 2–3 months, work was to be carried out by EDF Energy on a transformer near the junction of Burwell Road and Fair Green. This was connected to the work being carried out at the sewage treatment works on The Hythe.

Planning applications

12 Great Lane: Erection of porch

No objection

31 Great Lane: Conversion of garage into living accommodation

No objection

High Cloud Stud, Burwell Road: Erection of garage

No objection, provided usage is restricted to garage use/storage

The Gallions, Fair Green: Erection of orangery

No objection

*Penny Lang
Clerk to the Parish Council*

Men's Darts In Reach League Table as of 18/0305

	Pld	Won	Lost	For	Agn	Diff	Pts
Mildenhall Maids Head	13	13	0	82	35	47	26
Freckenham Boar	14	9	5	75	51	24	18
Dyke's End Reach	14	9	5	67	59	8	18
Live & Let Live Herringswell	13	6	7	54	63	-9	12
Soham Cherry Tree	13	6	7	53	64	-11	12
Exning Road Social Club	13	5	8	58	59	-1	10
Burwell Ex Service	14	3	11	50	76	-26	6
Studlands Park SC	14	2	12	46	65	-19	4

Penny The Pony

Penny my pony is a Bay
She is happy nearly every day
Her mane and tail are black
I wish my hair was like that
I love her more and more each and every way.

I ride Penny here, near and faraway
Reach is the village where we will stay
She bucks me off now and then
But I get back on because she is my Pen
She jumps and we fly away.

Pony Club we did last year
Will do it again with out fear
Up and down the big hills we went
And over the jumps, a lot of the time was spent
Into the deep water we did go,
with Megan and Indy
what a show

I walked, trotted and cantered about
Sometimes my mum Sadie would shout
I sat on my bum
While mum and Lorraine had to run
I won a certificate for my D. test and rosettes too
All because Penny loves me too

Cleo Myer McGregor

**More from you youngsters out
there please.**

Church News



Rev Stephen Earl

The Vicarage Tel 741262

CANDLES and BARBED WIRE

At the recent Barn Dance in Burwell I was having a conversation with my partner, Abi Earl, when the compere told us to progress forward and it was over ten minutes before I caught up with her againend of conversation ! This reminded me of the story about some monks in a monastery who were allowed to speak only for one minute on one day per year. So if one asked a question he didn't get an answer until the following year !

That's not the best way to communicate with other people.

Now....when you see a picture of a candle surrounded by barbed wire what does that symbol convey to you ? Perhaps as we celebrated Good Friday and Easter Day last month you think of a crown of thorns atop the head of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ ?

Well, actually it is the symbol adopted by the organisation Amnesty International. And I was reminded of it when I recently read the obituary of the human rights campaigner, Peter Benenson, who died in February. When Benenson was travelling in a Tube train in November 1960 he read a newspaper item about two Portuguese students who were dining privately in a Lisbon restaurant and drank a toast to Liberty. They were overheard by some state official and their gesture led to prison sentences.

This raised protests across many countries from people who were unused to writing such letters; and eventually the idea spread, leading to the formation of Amnesty International.....a movement for communication with political prisoners of conscience, supporting them and seeking their release.

The symbol of a candle and barbed wire remind me of the Chinese proverb : "Better light a candle than curse the darkness".

Writing to support these prisoners is one way of lighting a candle. And we must remember too, that writing to a friend with whom we have lost touch, making up with someone we have quarrelled with, even acknowledging someone in the street, stranger as well as friend, all go a long way to dispelling the darkness in our world.

So...keep smilingand communicating !

David Bush.

FROM THE VICAR, REVD STEPHEN EARL.

Dear Friends,

It has been good to return to parish life after three months' study leave (Nov, Dec, Jan). I gather some people asked at Christmas "*Why's the Vicar not taking the service?*" – well that's the reason! The extended break (of which I'm allowed just one in my entire ministry) was a most valuable time in many ways: a wonderful opportunity for study, reading, retreat and reflection in a way that simply isn't possible when concerned with day-to-day parish business. I'm indebted to many people for ensuring things ran smoothly in both Reach and Burwell during my absence. And perhaps it was a good experience for you *not* having your vicar for a while, and having the opportunity of different people doing things.

Three months seemed a long time at the planning stage, but time has flown by! I fitted a lot in and am confident the time was used wisely and well. The study leave was punctuated with periods of reflection and retreat: The first in Israel with a community of German Benedictines on the shores of the Sea of Galilee, at what's thought to be the site of the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes; a stunningly beautiful and peaceful place with panoramic views over Lake Gennesaret (its other name) and the surrounding hills. The second was at a centre for retreats in Devon, and the third not far from here with the Augustinian community at Clare Priory.

The main focus of my studies has been the Exodus story: the life of Moses, and his leading the Israelites over 40 years from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. On the way passing through the Red Sea, surviving in the desert, and receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The story, well-known by church-goers and non-church-goers alike (particularly since there are references to it in the Baptism service) is bursting with issues as relevant today as over 3,000 years ago when the "Exodus journey" took place.

The most exciting part of my study leave was retracing the likely route of the Israelites, along with eleven others from around the world (not previously known to me) who'd signed up for the same course. We travelled in a small minibus and jeeps (off-road) with roof-racks towering sky-high laden with our rucksacks, sleeping bags etc. Alas our attempts to part the waters of the Red Sea failed, so instead passed under the Suez Canal in a recently built tunnel. As we dived into the tunnel entrance, a vast container ship was passing above our heads!



Highlights for me were sleeping out in the open desert literally "under the stars" (and so many of them!) with no tents, and with such stillness and silence; and then in the morning waking to see the most stunningly brilliant orange sunrise. And also climbing Mount Sinai: the last 2,500 ft from St Catherine's Monastery. We climbed through the night with torches, although they were hardly needed with so much starlight. As darkness gave way to daylight, we watched a magnificent sunrise from Elijah's Plateau and saw the unfolding of the most amazing backdrop of mountains, before the final ascent to the summit. The top was indescribably exhilarating, surrounded by such awesome mountains and views.

No wonder Moses, Elijah and many others have found this a place of wonder and closeness to God! I hope one day to lead a group of my own (perhaps from Reach and Burwell?) to this special place - so let me know if you are interested.

Being in the desert, we took the opportunity to visit several of the remarkable, remote monasteries of the Coptic and Greek Orthodox traditions, just a few of the many thriving in Egypt today. They date back to the early centuries of Christianity when many chose the ascetic (self-denying) way of life in the desert as a means of coming close to God. The desert fathers chose to live either in community, or as hermits in solitude - many spending years in small huts in the vast desert, or in tiny caves up in the mountains, known as "cells".

I am sure much of the vast amount I've absorbed will filter out in all sorts of ways in my continuing ministry. As a way of saying "thank-you" to those who've supported my study-leave, I have dedicated my substantial written project "to the people of Burwell and Reach who have made this possible". The project entitled **Bound for Freedom** is a 10-part study course on the Exodus story (mainly) arising from my travels, which I shall be running in April, May and June. Details are printed in this magazine, and of course all who would like to come along will be most welcome. And finally, there's a display of photos from my travels at the back of St Mary's Church which may be of interest.

With every blessing,

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*You are invited to join in
a Study Course of 10 sessions
(or as many of these as you can manage)
entitled*

“Bound for Freedom”

*based mainly on the Exodus narrative
and some other themes arising from
the Extended Study Leave
of Revd Stephen Earl in Egypt & Jordan*

This course runs on weekday evenings from April to June 2005

When? Arriving from 7.20pm for 7.30pm start

Thursday 14th April: 1. “Moses – God’s agent in bringing freedom”

Wednesday 20th April: 2. “Moses – Calling & Resistance”

Thursday 28th April: 3. “Pharaoh’s Resistance”

Thurs 5th May: 4. “The Passover”

Weds 11th May: 5. “God’s Promises”

Weds 18th May: 6. “The Journey”

Thurs 26th May: 7. “The Wilderness”

Half-term break

Thursday 16th June: 8. “Sinai: The Golden Calf, Judgment / Mercy”

Thursday 23rd June: 9. “Sinai: Chosenness and Covenant”

Thursday 30th June: 10. “The Coptic Church ...and Beyond”

Where? Sessions at the Guildhall, Burwell
~ unless alternative venue announced ~
at back of St Mary’s Church, off High Street

How long? Sessions vary in length between 1- 1½ hrs
(With optional refreshments at end of session)

How much? There is no charge for this course
(There will be a plate for donations at easession for church funds)

What next? If you think you may be interested in attending some or all of these sessions, it would be helpful to know in advance.

Please have a word with Revd Stephen Earl who can be contacted at The Vicarage,
14 High Street, Burwell, CB5 0HB

Phone 01638 741262

All are welcome!

Church Services April



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 3rd Low Sunday	9.30 am Parish Com- munion	No Service
Sunday 10th 3rd of Easter	9.30 am Parish Com- munion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
Sunday 17th 4th of Easter	8.00 am Holy Commu- nion (said) 9.30 am Parish Com- munion	No Service
Sunday 24th 5th of Easter	8.00 am Holy Commu- nion (said) 9.30 am Parish Com- munion	11.00 am Family Service

Sundays

6.30 pm Informal Evening Services (Quarterly) and other specials at Reach nor-
mally

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

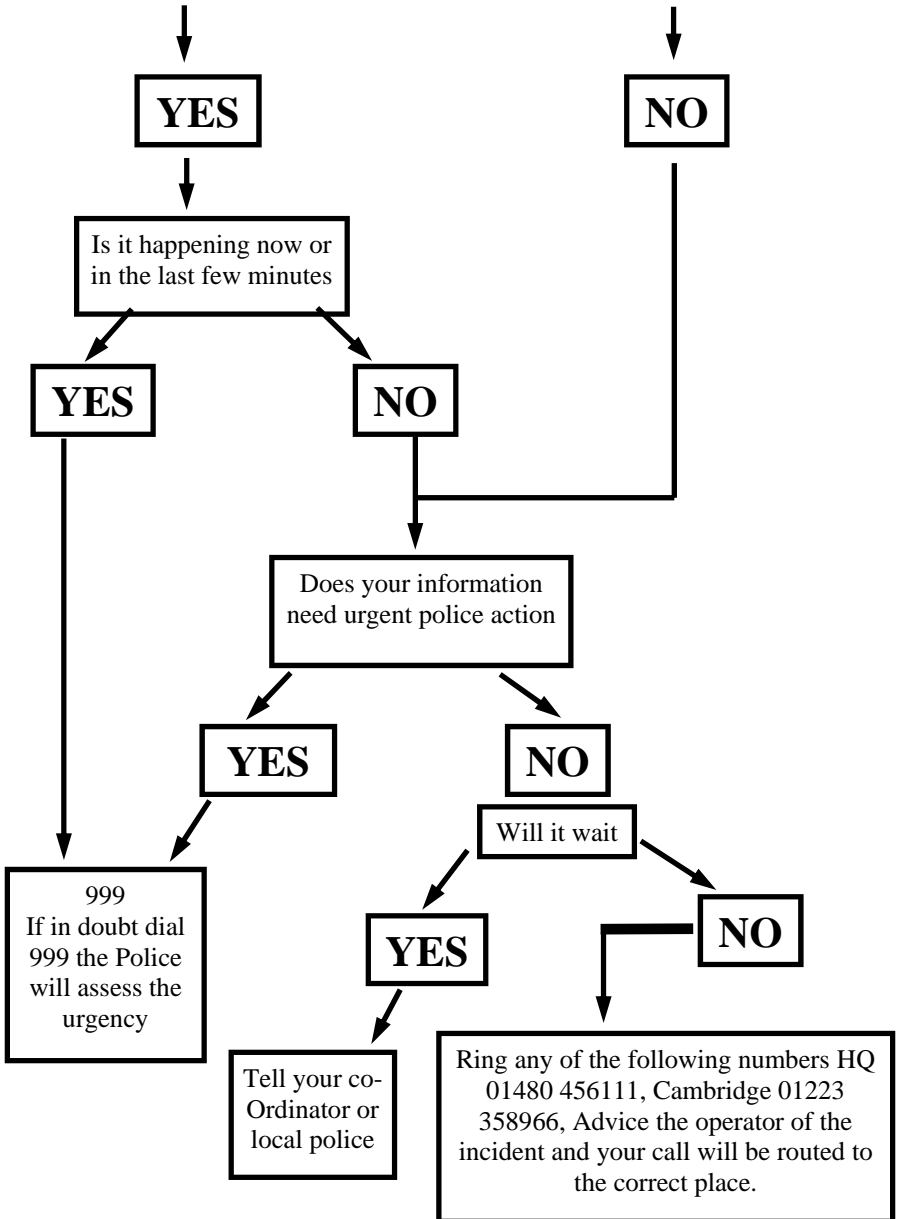
10.00 am Toddlers' Service At Burwell on 1st Thursdays (excl January & August)

Church Services May



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
Sunday 1st 6th of Easter	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	12.00 pm Baptism of Henry Charles Aspin 6.00 pm Song of Praise on the Green
Sunday 8th 7th of Easter	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
Sunday 15th Pentecost	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
Sunday 22nd Trinity Sunday	<i>Start of Christian Aid week</i> 8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 10.00 am at Trinity Church Christian Aid Family Service	11.00 am Church Family Worship
Sunday 29th Trinity 1	No Service	9.30 am United (5th Sunday) Parish Communion 11.30 am Baptism of Brynmor James Griffin-Jenkins

ARE YOU WITNESSING A CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT



REACH

Welcome to the ancient kingdom of Reach,
Cambridgeshire, England



The ancient Township of REACH, or RECHE, has been inhabited for 2,000 years. Local legend says that it was once a city boasting seven churches! Situated at the termination of the great earthwork known as the Devil's Dyke, with Reach Lode giving direct access to the sea, it survived the Conquest as an inland port. It was the centre of considerable trade in mediaeval times, being granted a charter to hold an annual fair at Rogationtide by King John. Later, as the activity on its hythes decreased and its maritime importance declined, Reach, with its great fair dwindling to the proportions of a village 'feast' and its many inns closing one by one, gradually lapsed into a purely agricultural community. Reche the port has gone, only Reach the hamlet remains.