

# REACH

## Out of 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.



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# Information

**Parish Council Chairman** Michael Aves 742800  
**Parish Clerk** Claire Denniss 604405  
**Village Hall Committee** Penny Lang  
**Village Hall Bookings** Joyce Harrison, 742405  
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Appointments/Emergencies 741234

**Doctors** Dr Anne Shneerson, Dr Andrew Wills,  
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**Surgery Hours**  
 Mon 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Tues. 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Wed 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Thu 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm  
 Fri 8.40 - 11.30 am, 3.00 - 5.30 pm

**Community Nurses** 742382 11 - 11.30 am, 1.00 - 1.30 pm & 4 - 4.30 pm  
**Ante Natal** Wed. 4.30 - 5.30 pm, Run by Midwife  
**Child Health Surveillance** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 2.00 - 4.00 pm

## Emergencies

**Eastern Electric** 01223 440221  
**Anglian Water** 01603 225000  
**Police** 999 Non Emergencies 0845 4564564

# Church Services Jan 07



Jan 07	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda &amp; the Holy Trinity Reach</i>
7th Epiphany	8.00am Holy Communion( said) 9.30am Family Service	
14 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 2	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal service
21st Epiphany 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) <u>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</u> 10.30am Ecumenical Service at Burwell Baptist Church	
28 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 4	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	

# Church Services Dec 06



<b>Dec 06</b>	<b><i>St Mary's Burwell</i></b>	<b><i>St Etheldreda &amp; the Holy Trinity Reach</i></b>
<b>3rd Advent Sunday</b>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 4.00pm Christingle	
<b>10th Advent 2</b>	<b>9.30am Nativity Family Service</b>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal service
<b>17th Advent 3</b>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight	
<b>24th Advent 4 Christmas Eve</b>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 3.00pm Jesus' Birthday party Toddlers/Childrens' Crib Service 11.30pm "Midnight" Communion	
<b>Monday 25th Christmas Day</b>	<b>9.30 am Christmas Family Service</b> (Children invited to bring along a favourite Christmas present to show the Vicar)	<b>8.00am Holy Communion (said)</b>
	<b>30</b>	
<b>31st Christmas 1</b>		<b>9.30 am United (5th Sunday) Parish Communion</b>

# Editor's Notes



The purpose of Out of Reach is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household in Reach. Issues are published bi-monthly with cover dates of Dec/Jan, Feb/Mar, Apr/May, Jun/Jul, Aug/Sep and Oct/Nov. Items for inclusion should reach the editor two weeks before the 1st day of the first month on the cover. Inclusion date for Dec/Jan is 15th November.

**From the Editor**

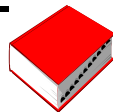
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## Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we have initiated 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 <sup>4</sup>Joyce Harrison 742405

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# Church News

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Dear Friends

This issue marks the start of Advent, four weeks of preparation for our celebrating once again God's most precious gift to the world of his Son, Jesus Christ—born a baby in humble surroundings, yet also to be the Lord, King and Saviour of humankind through his selfless service, his suffering on the Cross and beyond that his joyful, glorious resurrection : “born a child and yet a king”!

What this means for us may be too amazing to fully grasp, but I would invite you to approach this special season with hearts and minds open to discovering something new and deeper of the love and generosity of Jesus Christ and of his power to deaw our lives and the world we live in from darkness to light.

The generosity of God is utterly boundless—“Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside!” is a line from a well-known hymn. Our own giving and receiving of presents is but a pale reflection of the generosity of the “giver of all good gifts”. Still, in our delight at giving and receiving this Christmas, let us ponder afresh in awe and wonder—like the shepherds and magi—God's greatest-ever Christmas gift to us, and like the angel hosts—may we be overwhelmed with joy!

Speaking of generosity, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who supported the Gift Day for St Etheldreda's back in November which, with the stalls, raised some £500 for much needed church funds (belated gifts are of course still very welcome!). It is heartening that this special place in reach is appreciated by many of all ages who value its presence. I Hope you will come and enjoy the Christmas services here ion your own village church and also Burwell at St Mary's. We would love to see more villagers at services throughout the year and I can assure you of a warm welcome.

Last but by no means least, a warm welcome to Reverend David King and his wife Pamela who have recently moved to The Hythe following David's retirement from parishes in Essex. David says “I have recently retired from full-time ministry after forty one years in seven different posts, the last in the Chelmsford diocese. We are now well settled in our new home and look forward to meeting more people”. I am very grateful to David's offer of help with services in the parish and deanery, and trust that they both thoroughly enjoy their first Christmas in Reach.

I wish all of you and your families much joy, peace and surprise at this festive season.

With every blessing

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Revd Stephen Earl

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# Dates For Your Diary

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## February

Thur 1	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Weds 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 8	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 13	Recycling Day		
Tues 13	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 15	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 22	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 25	Pub Quiz	Dykes End	7.30 pm
Tues 27	Recycling Day		
Tues 27	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 29	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm

## March

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Wed 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
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# Notices

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To advertise here tel  
Freda Lloyd on 742368

## For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquee £75.00  
this includes erection by  
experienced personnel

Large BBQ £20.00 deposit  
£10.00 returned if the BBQ is returned fully  
cleaned

If you are interested please contact Andrew  
Hall on 01638 743737

**“STEPPING OUT”**

**ADULT TAP DANCING CLASSES**

**REACH VILLAGE HALL EVERY TUESDAY**

**7PM - 8PM: ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS - NEW CLASS**

**8PM - 9PM: TAP DANCED PREVIOUSLY**

**£3.50 PER SESSION**

**LEARN SOMETHING NEW - HAVE FUN - GOOD EXERCISE - FRIENDLY GROUP**

**CHECK DATES AFTER Sept 19th**

**FURTHER DETAILS RING JANE: 741558**



**Reach & Swaffham Prior  
Community Broadband**



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(Before going to BT contact us)  
£20 per calendar month**

**Name.....**

**Address .....**

**.....**

**Tel No.....**

**Please fill in this form if you require Broadband and return it to  
Paul Catling, 10 Adams Road, Swaffham Prior**

**For further details contact Paul on 07005 800 991  
Or Tel. 01353 720332**

## Parish Council Members Reports

### Swaffham Prior PCC

Notice of the Christmas grants were not published in the village magazine. Pam Walters or John Morris could be contacted and the grants would be given out as usual.

### Village Hall Committee

There will be an opening evening at the new Village Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> November with a supper - tickets will be £10 per head.

### Items discussed

#### War Memorial

Vice-Chairman Cllr Moseley and Cllr Lang kindly agreed to weed around the War Memorial before Remembrance Sunday

#### Playground

A playground inspection will take place in the near future.

#### Cheques

British Legion Poppy Appeal £16.50

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 December at 7.30pm in Reach Village Hall.



**Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on  
Wednesday 1 November 2006**

**Present**

Chairman Cllr Aves, Vice-Chairman Moseley, Cllrs Harrison, Dunnett, Lang, Platt and Wood; also D/Cllr Alderson and C/Cllr Williams, two Parish Councillors from Swaffham Prior, and two from Swaffham Bulbeck, and D/Cllr Michael Allen

**Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 October 06 were confirmed as agreed and signed.

**Reports**

**County Councillor's Report**

**Fire Authority**

Control Centres are being reduced from 46 to 9. The local centre would be based at Waterbeach early in 2007.

**Waste and Minerals Scheme**

A plan of the programme can be viewed online or in local libraries. A public meeting is being held on 27 November at Bottisham Village College.

**Budget**

Every 6 months the County Council review their spending. It is forecast that they are £2.75m over. It should be back in line by the end of the year. Obviously this has a knock on effect on services etc. The Adult Support Services and Child and Young Peoples Services are a major pressure. Thereafter follow cuts – this being a cut in the Highways budget.

**Evening buses from Cambridge to Burwell**

This is still being pursued and negotiations are going on with Stagecoach.

**106 Monies Report by District Councillor Michael Allen**

Local parish councillors were sitting in on this informative talk by D/Cllr Michael Allen and D/Cllr Allen Alderson.

The 106 monies project is really for larger villages with bigger needs. In order for Parish Councils to participate in the 106 scheme, at least 9 new houses have to be built. Grants could then be given towards community facilities etc. As Reach is a small village with no plans for development, the 106 monies scheme is not really relevant at the present time. Following this talk the visitors left the meeting.

**District Councillor's Report**

**Road Markings on Burwell Road**

Owing to the cut in the Highways budget, it is unlikely that the safety road markings on the Burwell Road/Weirs Drove approach will be provided in the near future. The Clerk will write to Paul Butcher at Highways stating the hazards of the Burwell Road junction. Concern had also been expressed about the cars parked on Burwell Road near the new housing estate (old Tillotson's site).

## Reports

### County Councillor's Report

Donarbon Waste is the waste disposal company chosen and has entered into exclusive negotiations, providing county health and safety (PFI Contract).

The new bus passes for senior citizens are now in operation.

### District Councillor's Report

#### Brown Organic Waste Bags

120,000 substandard quality brown organic waste bags have recently been produced. They disintegrate very easily and recycling crews have been used from Cleanaway to clear up the waste left from these inadequate bags. New brown bags have been ordered.

#### Travellers

There are 4 caravans in Forty Acre Drove in Swaffham Bulbeck. Cambridgeshire County Council are in the process of taking action to evict them.

#### Weirs Drove

The road warning signs are being made for the blind junction approach to Weirs Drove.

#### Swaffham Prior PCC

Swaffham Prior PCC are donating £1000 to Reach Village Hall.

#### Village Hall Committee

There is still a shortfall of £7000 to replace the windows. There may possibly be a fund raising event at the Guildhall in Cambridge.

There will be an opening evening at the new Village Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> November with a supper.

### Items discussed

#### Accounts

The Parish Council annual accounts were agreed by the Council and the annual return will be sent to Moore Stephens.

#### Playground

A playground inspection is due and will be organised asap.

#### Arch at back of Church.

The clerk would write to the conservation officer about the poor state of the Arch at the back of the church.

### British Legion Poppy Appeal

The council agreed to donate £16.50 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal for a wreath for Remembrance Sunday.

### Cheques:

Browns of Burwell £34.14

Anglia Water £23.77

Roger Clarke (Accounts Preparation Yr end March 2005) £125.00

Ben Burgess (Mower Service) £210.29

## Items discussed

### Parish Councillor Vacancy

The clerk agreed to advertise the vacancy, following the resignation of Maeve van der Werff.

### Bus Shelters

It was agreed that Mr Ron Greenhill would repair the bus shelter, following his very reasonable quote. This was proposed by Cllr Dunnett and seconded by Cllr Harrison

### Cemetery

The state of the cemetery is still causing concern – it is looking rather overgrown and untidy.

### Accounts

The Parish Council Accounts are being prepared by Moore and Co in Newmarket, ready for audit in October.

### Playground

A letter had been received from Lapsett in response to our concern over weeds growing through the new safety surface. They stated that it is not uncommon to see this and suggested that we apply weed killer, and temporarily close the playground for a short period. We did not feel that this was a satisfactory answer as it is unusual for weeds to grow through Terram. The clerk would contact them again.

### Correspondence

A letter from Cambridgeshire Constabulary had been received informing Parish Councils of an increase in burglaries targeted at older people. They were asking for Parish Councils to be vigilant and put in place proper security procedures.

There is already a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in operation within Reach and so it was felt that apart from residents looking out for one another, then there was very little more that could be done to combat this through the Parish Council.

### Cheques:

Clerks 3 monthly wages (June – September) – £387.60

## **Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 October 2006**

### Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Vice-Chairman Moseley Cllrs Harrison and Lang; also D/Cllr Alderson and C/Cllr Williams

### Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Dunnett, Cllr Wood

### Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 September 06 were confirmed as agreed and signed.

### Election of New Parish Councillor

Mrs Helen Platt was elected as a new parish councillor, following the resignation of Cllr Van der Werff.

## **YOUTH BANKS OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS Winter 2006- Spring 2007**

The four new Cambridgeshire Youth Banks are now inviting applications from 13-19 year olds living in South Cambs, Cambridge City, Hunts and East Cambs/Fenland.

The money the YouthBanks have to give out is from the Youth Opportunity Fund and Youth Capital Fund. The money is to fund projects led by young people that give them and other young people “things to do”. This could be anything from sport activities, art projects, youth projects to DJ’ing and the money covers equipment costs as well as running costs.

The projects /activities must encourage one or more of the following for the young people :

- o to be healthy
- o stay safe
- o to enjoy and achieve
- o to make a positive contribution
- o to achieve economic well being

For more information and to get an application form visit  
[www.cambsyouthbanks.org](http://www.cambsyouthbanks.org) or call 01223 421588.

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# Parish Council Meetings

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Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held  
on Wednesday 6 September 2006

## Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Harrison, Lang, Dunnett; also D/Cllr Alderson and C/Cllr Williams

## Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr Moseley, Cllr Wood

## Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 August 06 were confirmed as agreed and signed.

## Resignation

Cllr Maeve van der Werff will be moving out of the village, so therefore has resigned from her position as Parish Councillor.

## Reports

### District Councillors Report

#### Abandoned Vehicle Amnesty

The Abandoned Vehicle Amnesty is still up and running. If members of the public have vehicles that they no longer require, then these can be removed free of charge by contacting the Environment Agency.

#### 106 Working Party

D/Cllr Alderson reported that the next meeting would be held on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### Roads around Reach

A new contractor is being used for Highways - it is now Atkins. 'Slow signs' painted on the road are still awaited near Weirs Drove.

### County Councillors Report

The bus pass situation has now been resolved with free transport across the county after 9.30am from October 1<sup>st</sup>. The County Council has put more money into the scheme from a different pot.

The Minerals and Waste preferred options paper is now out for consultation. This is the beginning of a long process but there is nothing in the immediate area of Swaffham Bulbeck. The Primary Care Trust turnaround plan has been published in a 'user friendly' style. It has been very quiet over recent weeks at Shire Hall as there have been no formal meetings during August.

### Parish Council Members Reports

#### Village Hall Committee Report

The building work is continuing slowly, much behind schedule. The completion date is now likely to be at least the end of October.

## Know your Parish Council

**Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:**

**Michael Aves** – Chairman 742800  
**Jenny Moseley** – Vice-Chairman 741425  
**Joyce Harrison** - 742405

**Penny Lang** -  
**Rita Dunnett** - 742943  
**Helen Platt**  
**Vacant**

The Clerk is Claire Denniss. Her telephone number (for street lights not working, Burial Ground enquiries, etc.) is **01638 604405**.

**Councillors are also elected to various sub-committees.**

For the year 2005–2006, the following Officers have been elected and any inquiries about the various committees can be made through them:

<i>Village Hall Committee</i>	Penny Lang/Joyce Harrison
<i>Police Liaison Committee</i>	
<i>Swaffham Prior Primary School</i>	tbc

Honorary posts:  
*Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities*  
Jenny Moseley

*Tree Officer*  
John Reed 742140

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## Bus Timetable

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Effective 16 April 2006

**Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 10**

Bus 10  
Reach to Newmarket: **07.35<sup>^</sup>; 09.35; 12.35; 16.35; 17.35.**  
**<sup>^</sup> Not Saturday**

Bus 10  
Reach to Cambridge **06.39; 07.24; 09.39; 12.39; 16.39; 18.09.**

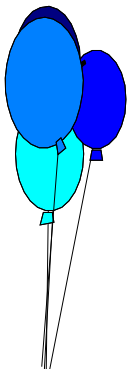
**Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 10**

Sorry, there are no buses in or out of Reach on Sundays and Bank Holidays

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## Birthdays

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# Letters to the Editor

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# *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 VILLAGE CENTRE**

**100 CLUB**

December Winner (£50) — Janet Robinso  
January Winner —

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