

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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Out of Reach



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Church Services



Services at Burwell and Reach

	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach</i>
May 07		
6th Easter 5	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	6.00pm Songs of Praise with Wicken Coronation Band on the Fair Green (St Etheldreda's if wet)
13th Easter 6	10.00am Christian Aid Family Service <u>at Trinity Church</u>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal service
20th Easter 7	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
27th Pentecost Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 6.30pm Service of Healing	

Church Services April 07



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1st Palm Sunday	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service 2.30pm Walk of Witness from Coop to Trinity Church	
5th Maundy Thursday	10.00am Toddlers' Service 7.30pm Holy Communion 8.45-10.00pm The Watch (vigil)	
6th Good Friday	10-11.00am Children's Workshop 12.00pm All-age Service	2.00pm Devotional Service
8th Easter Day	6.30am Sunrise Service on Castle Mound, behind Guildhall 9.30pm Family Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said)
15th Easter 2	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
22nd Easter 3	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
29th Easter 4	30	9.30am United (5 th Sunday) Parish Communion

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 June/July is 15th May.

From the Editor

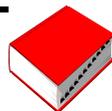
This is the final edition before Reach Fair, probably the most important day of the year as far as the village is concerned. The proceeds from the day go towards the upkeep of the Village Centre but it is mostly an opportunity to catch up with friends and family and meet new people. We can only hope that the weather is kinder than it has been for the last couple of years but I am sure everyone will have a great time irrespective of the conditions. As you will see elsewhere in the magazine we will need additional help with the Fair to ensure that everything is ready for the big day. If you feel you can assist, in whatever capacity or for however long, then please let one of the Committee members know as soon as possible.

Let's all have a great fun time.

Grahame Radford

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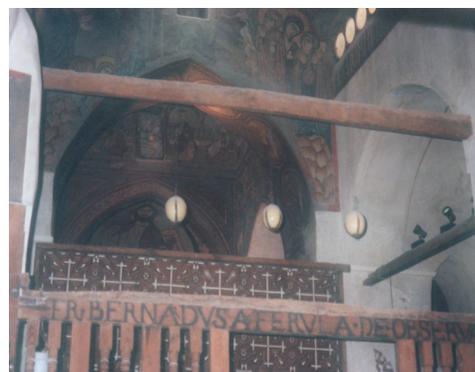


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For centuries eggs have been a symbol of new life and new beginnings. Long before chocolate was invented, eggs were such as symbol in ancient Egypt, and not surprisingly the Church assimilated this tradition to convey the freedom and new life associated with Easter. In the Coptic Churches and desert monasteries we visited as in most Eastern Orthodox Churches, we saw large ostrich eggs suspended from the ceiling of the sanctuary above the Holy Table, as a symbol of that new life Christians enjoy in Jesus Christ and which is renewed with each partaking of Holy Communion: the sacrament of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and of our own dying to self and rising to new life in Christ. See photos below.

David, Gill and John join me in wishing you all and your families new life, freedom and peace "beyond all understanding" at this special time of Easter and beyond.

With every blessing,





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 Joyce Harrison 742405

Forthcoming Events

April

Thurs 5th	10.00am	Toddlers Service at St Mary's Burwell
Fri 6th	10-12 pm	Good Friday Children's workshop in Guildhall Burwell (followed by short all-age service at St Mary's)
Sat 21st	7.00 for 7.30	Reach Quiz Evening in Village Centre for St Ethelreda's
Fri 27th	7.30 pm	Minden Band concert at St Mary's, Burwell (Friends of the Museum)

May

Thurs 3rd	10.00am	Toddler's Service at St Mary's, Burwell
Sun 6th	6.00pm	Songs of Praise on Reach Fair Green (In church if wet) with Wicken Brass Band.



Contact & Out of Reach: April 07

FROM THE VICAR, REVD CANON STEPHEN EARL.

Dear Friends,

Elsewhere in this magazine you can read about an amazing visit to Egypt which several of our parishioners and others from around the diocese took part in back in February – not the standard “pyramids package”, but a bespoke pilgrimage deeply encountering the awesome and stunning desert-scape / mountain-scape of the Sinai Peninsula, even sleeping “under the stars” for a couple of nights.

We followed in the footsteps of the Israelites (around 1270BC) journeying from slavery under the Pharaoh to freedom in the Promised Land, and we focussed on that freedom which God longs for us all to enjoy – not just the freedom from physical things which bind us, nor just a “Promised Land” of physical boundaries.

We studied the Exodus accounts, and how the Israelites even when released from Pharaoh were not yet released in a spiritual sense. Despite their miraculous escape through parting waters of the Red Sea, and God’s miraculous provision for their welfare as they travelled, still they couldn’t accept and enjoy that inner freedom which is God’s gift to humankind. Even having arrived in the geographical “Promised Land”, this deeper freedom mostly eluded them for generations to come.

Lent is now drawing to a close: a time when traditionally the Church puts great emphasis – through prayer, fasting and penitence – on putting behind us “the idols of Egypt” that draw us away from God. The climax of these 40 days are the events of Good Friday and Easter Day. In a way that’s hard to fully understand, the death of Jesus to the cross was also to be the death of all that keeps us from living life to the full in the way God intended from the beginning of Creation.

That this was not the apparent defeat it seemed to the Roman and Jewish authorities was borne out by the miraculous resurrection of Jesus, overcoming even the power of death. In this momentous event of new life bursting from the tomb, real freedom (thus far so elusive) became God’s most wonderful gift to the world in Jesus Christ. Freedom that is from the baggage of our past, from “slavery” to sin and guilt that so easily weighs us down sapping life from us, and freedom to truly become the people God created us to be. Metaphorically, freedom from darkness to light.



April

Weds 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 5	No Jazz Workout		
Tues 10	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 11	Recycling Day		
Thur 12	No Jazz Workout		
Thur 19	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 24	Recycling Day		
Tues 24	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 26	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm

May

Wed 2	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 3	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 6	Fair Quiz	Marquee on Green	7.30 pm
Mon 7	Reach Fair	Village Green	12.00 pm
Tues 8	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 9	Recycling Day		
Thur 10	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 17	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Tues 22	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Tues 22	Recycling Day		
Thur 24	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 27	Village Quiz	Dykes End	7.30 pm
Thur 31	No Jazz Workout		

Notices



“Reach” by Grahame Miller

We still have some copies of Grahame Miller’s wonderful book “Reach” available priced at £7.50. If there are any of you who still do not possess a copy please contact Joyce Harrison on 01638 742405.

Joyce also has a few Reach china mugs for sale at £3.50 each.

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

I shall never forget the peace and silence in the Sinai Desert (Wilderness); the time with the company of the Bedouins whose lives are a world apart from ours - or rocking gently, high on a camel!, looking around for miles, while surrounded by lofty, multi-coloured mountains (fascinating shapes eroded by the wind) opening up to valleys with the occasional shrub, tree or oasis under the bright blue sky. At night it turned deep blue (or was it black?) to reveal the ‘myriad of stars’ and, lying on my mattress with a ‘sky view’, I was too spellbound to go to sleep!

At the start of the Pilgrimage, most people knew only a few of the others in the group but we soon felt like old friends and had complete trust in the leaders and in each other. Considering how many different personalities were gathered together it was wonderful to see how everyone cared for each other during the variety of experiences. There were serious times of discussion and teaching but what a lot of laughter! It didn’t matter who came on his/her own or who came with others.

Each ‘pilgrim’ will have a personal view of what the Pilgrimage(or Tour?), meant to him/her; for me it was time set aside from distractions of everyday life, to be in places which are our Christian heritage - to think about my progress in my eventful Christian journey.

Back home now for 2 weeks, I am still pondering on all that I heard, talked about and felt, as much as the amazing places (so many memories, so many questions) . . . maybe that is how the spirit of the desert works in those who are privileged to share in it . . . even for a short while.

PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT - 12 days

Did you enjoy the trip? **“Yes, it was wonderful!”**

How inadequate that reply seems for what was a truly amazing experience - a journey through sacred places and spiritual searching too.

“Empty your mind . . . Leave your ‘baggage’ behind . . . Travel the journey of a pilgrim . . . Don’t try to remember all that you’re told, just let the experience speak to you . . .”

The assembled group of 26 pilgrims listened politely as this advice was given by Dr Henry Carse, co-leader of the pilgrimage with Rev Stephen Earl. If they were feeling like me, a mixture of nervousness and excitement was fluttering inside, particularly at the thought of 2 nights in the desert ‘under the stars’ with the Bedouins’ hospitality. No! Tents were not provided - it was literally ‘under the stars’ with mattresses and sleeping bags!

Looking back I realise how well the leaders prepared us for this experience and by the middle of the pilgrimage it all just happened naturally. We had been to bustling Cairo, (the Pyramids of course) but also to various monasteries - gaining understanding through talking to different monks about earlier lifestyles and their present monastic way of life. ‘Sessions’ - in hotel rooms, under palm trees, on idyllic beaches, by oases - had familiarized us with Moses’ Exodus journey which we were following, but also promoted thoughts on why people through the ages had turned to the desert, along with some challenging discussions on ‘Wilderness words’; Rejections, Refuges, Radiances, Resistances and Restorations. I found these extremely helpful - although challenging, probably because of events in my personal life.

Yes! We went to Egypt but I feel that I went back in time to a world where it was natural to feel closer to the events of the Bible - seeing the places where it is thought that Moses struck the rock for water, the place where he stretched out his arms to control the battle against the Amalekites, the Burning bush at the dramatic, beautiful location of St Catherine’s monastery with the path leading up to Mount Sinai where God gave the 10 Commandments. Reading the Bible now has an added dimension!

I could recount the histories of the sacred places that we visited but you can read about those for yourself and it would not capture the atmosphere and spirit of the Pilgrimage. Awareness of the Israelites and pilgrims who had travelled this way before us (for refuge from enemies, to find direction in their lives, to dedicate their lives to God etc) led to questioning how this related to our personal life journeys.

A special time for me was receiving communion in the ancient stone refectory of St Anthony’s monastery; I found this very emotional and it was the awakening of my awareness of ‘desert spirituality’ but I can’t explain why . . . yet.



CAKES, CAKES, CAKES

Don’t forget to make some items for the Reach Fair cake stall.

Unfortunately this year we do not have the benefit of contributions from Ely College so we need your help!

If freezer storage space is a problem let me know - we have freezer space at the Hall.

Telephone 742814 if you need any further information

Karen Carpenter



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"It Runs in the Family"

By Ray Cooney

A rip roaring comedy is what everyone needs to start the summer fun. We can deliver thanks to the clever writing of Ray Cooney.

Dr. David Mortimore finds himself in a position that may lead to a knighthood. What could possibly go wrong!
Well, an old flame with surprising news that needs to be hidden from his wife and the hospital authorities.
What does he find out and how does he deal with it?

Come and find out. But be prepared, you will need a hankie because you will "laugh until you cry"

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 10th, 11th & 12th May
Curtain up at 7.30 pm. in the
Main Hall at Bottisham Village College.

Tickets £7. Those entitled to a concession (O.A.P's , children under 16 and anyone over 16 who can produce a Student card) will be charged £5. No concession on Saturday 12th May. Tickets available from Lushers News, Bottisham for personal bookings.

Alternatively, ring our separate advance booking line on 01223 811033.

Tickets must be paid for and collected prior to the show.
Tickets may be available on the door

The format will be a standard Auditorium with drinks available from the refectory in the interval.

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An amateur production in association with Samuel French Ltd

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PARISH COUNCILLOR

3rd May 2007

Is the date set for the next Parish Council elections and your council needs 7 seats to be filled
If YOU are over 18 and have a few hours free each month YOU could help make a difference in YOUR community

To find out how YOU can be involved contact your Parish Clerk:

CLAIRE DENNISS
Tel: 01638 604404

FLY TIPPING

It has been reported that rubble/rubbish is being dumped illegally in Reach!!

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU ARE CAUGHT FLY TIPPING THERE IS A MAXIMUM FINE OF

£1000 !!

Travellers

Local residents have expressed their concern about the recent arrival of travellers. The main issue is that there are no appropriate sanitary facilities on site. This is clearly a health issue. The travellers use a generator as a power source which is left to run past midnight, causing disturbance to the local neighbourhood.

This was discussed at great length and the clerk agreed to write to Liz Knox and Jessica Miller for help on this matter.

Boat on the Hythe

The boat owned by Mr Michael Allen still remains on the Hythe. He has promised that the boat will be moved to Ely as soon as possible.

Straight Drove (beside Lode)

Local walkers and horse riders are concerned about the possibility of cattle being allowed to roam freely around this area. This would prevent people using the Drove for fear of being chased/attacked by the cattle. The clerk will contact Kate Day at CCC for advice.

Overgrown Footpath

Concern had been expressed over an area of footpath/bank down on the Hythe (owned by County Farms) which is obstructed by overgrown trees and hawthorn. The clerk agreed to contact Gareth Davies.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 April 2007 at 7.30pm in Reach Village Centre.

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE

100 CLUB

No draw in January and February

So get your ticket ready for the first draw in March

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

FEBRUARY

February is a very fickle Month, with very little
To show
When it fills the ditches black or white, with rain
Or snow
With the freezing winds by day, and sharp frosts
By night
Covering grass and trees with jewels, that shine in
The light
The wind howls through the trees, and the cold is
Getting stronger
But as every week pass, the light of day will get so
Much longer
Our dainty snowdrop hangs its head, and Daffodils
Begin to grow
And at the end of every bare branch, green shoots
Begin to show
The Hedgehog and Dormouse are still sleeping in
Their winter beds
And the berries have been eaten, from the leafless
Hedge
But soon the time will come, for the new Lambs to
Be born
And the fields will show green, with the growing
Winter corn
But as each new day passes, so many changes they
Bring
The morning chorus of our birds, just waiting for
The spring
Then the sun will shine less coldly, and later hide
Its face
And March will roar in like a Lion, we will move
At a faster pace
So remember that February is the shortest month
Many hardships it bring
And if it fills the ditches black or white, each day
Is nearer Spring

BILL ESTALL 2006

In the Swim

Congratulations to Matty Garner of Great Lanes, who won the under 13 Butterfly and Breast Stroke in the recent Fenland League at Peterborough. Matty swims for Cambridge City Swimming Club.

Directions Plus – Can we help you or anyone you know?

Directions Plus is a registered charity working for disabled/older people and carers living in Cambridgeshire. We provide free, confidential and impartial information and advice on all disability and access issues including:-

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Telephone advice line: 01223 569 600

E-mail: info@directions-plus.org.uk

www.directions-plus.org.uk

www.disabilitycambridgeshire.org.uk

2006 South Cambridgeshire Crime Figures

Dwelling burglary	+52.6%
Non-dwelling burglary	+62.7%
Violent crime	-0.9%
Vehicle crime	+107%
Criminal damage	+15.2%
Total Crime has increased by 31.1%	

Items discussed

Cemetery

A working party will tidy the cemetery on Saturday 24th February. Quotes were discussed for the repairs to cemetery gates and fence. It was agreed that another quote would be requested.

Cllr Moseley suggested a village resident who would be willing to maintain the upkeep of cemetery. The clerk would request a quote.

Fallen Tree on Footpath at rear of property 16 Chapel Lane

CCC had telephoned the clerk to ask who owned the land at the back of 16 Chapel Lane. This was a rather complicated issue and Cllr Wood agreed to liaise with the owners of the house directly.

Fly Tipping

D/Cllr Alderson agreed to take over the Fly tipping issue in Reach.

Trees on the Drying Green

A letter had been received from Mr Clutton-Brock expressing concern over the Birch trees on the Drying Green. The Clerk would contact Cathy White at ECDC for advice.

Planning Application

A planning application had been received from Mr R L Dunnett for the erection of a house with 2 parking spaces at 8 Ditchfield. The Parish Council had no comments to make.

Playground Inspection

A Playground Inspection was carried out in January 2007 and no major problems were found. However, the Parish Councillors will peruse the report in detail before the next meeting when it will be discussed and actions will be planned.

District Councillor's Report

BT Phonebook

BT has once again supplied residents of the Swaffhams ward with only the Bury St Edmunds area phone book. D/Cllr Alderson has spoken with BT and they have agreed to supply a free Cambridge Area phone book on request to BT users in the CB25 0 post code area. Anyone requiring a free book should contact BT on 0800 833400 and state it is a BT press release.

ECDC 2007/8 Budget

This year's budget is now in draft form and if it is accepted by this month's full council, there will be a 2.5% increase in Council Tax. There is a budget to provide £240,000 towards various grant schemes. Substantial funding is also being provided for the concessionary bus pass scheme. A 2.5% increase only produces £84,500 extra revenue. There will be no cuts in core services.

Plastic Bottle Bank for Reach

D/Cllr Alderson has been in contact with Martin Stacey at Environmental Services, East Cambs with regard to the plastic bottle bank at the playground car park. He will be making a site visit and thinks it should be possible.

Parish Council Members Reports

Police Liaison Committee

Cllr Robert Wood updated the parish council on the Neighbourhood Panel. –

- The first neighbourhood panel was held in Soham
- This is a pilot scheme for East Cambridgeshire
- Involves a number of partner service providers such as the District Council, Housing Association and County Council
- Police element of the first meeting involved a presentation of crime and issues in the localised area
- At the conclusion of the first meeting there were two priorities – speeding vehicles and a pocket of anti-social behaviour in the local area.
- The pilot will be reviewed in April 2007.

A new free national property database <http://www.immobilise.com> is available to record details of any property with a serial number (mobile phones, bicycles etc). The police can then check found property against database.

PCSO Sue Loaker is no longer the Community Support Officer for the area. She has been replaced by PCSO Stuart Thorburn.

Burwell Surgery

Feedback from Patient Questionnaire

We firstly wanted to thank all those who completed our recent patient survey. We now have the results of this and wanted to share them with you.

Firstly, we are pleased to report that our overall scores are significantly higher than the average scores obtained by other surgeries doing the survey. We also received very many favourable comments and we are very grateful for this.

Although there were a number of different areas that were commented on, there were only two specific areas which had more than three individual comments relating to them.

Firstly, eleven people commented that they would like us to have more late night opening or a return to Saturday morning surgeries. We do understand that it is difficult for people to attend appointments before 5.30 pm sometimes, although we try to compensate this to a certain extent by opening slightly earlier in the morning (our first appointment is at 8.40 am). We do not have any immediate plans to offer evening or Saturday morning surgeries but this may change in the future.

The second issue that people commented on was the length of time that people often have to wait in the waiting room before they get to see their doctor or nurse. We are aware of this as an issue and hope to take steps to improve this in coming months. The routine appointment length that we have is ten minutes. We have always taken the view that if patients present us with more issues than can be easily dealt with in ten minutes, we try to take the time to address these rather than sending people away. We would encourage people to book double appointments or even longer, if there are problems that may take longer than a routine problem to deal with. Our proposals in coming months are to ask the receptionist to inform anybody in the waiting room if their doctor is running more than twenty minutes late and we are also proposing to block off some 'catch-up' appointments and monitor the situation closely.

As always, we are always keen to receive your feedback. Please feel free to either telephone or write to our Practice Manager, Aileen Allen, if you have any further comments to make on our service.

Alex Manning

Bus Timetable



Effective 16 April 2006

Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 10

Bus 10

Reach to Newmarket: 07.35^; 09.35; 12.35; 16.35; 17.35.

^ Not Saturday

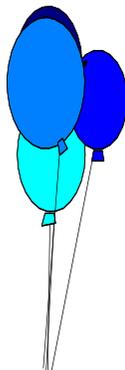
Bus 10

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

Birthdays



Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 February 2007

Present

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

Apologies

C/Cllr Williams

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 03 January 2007 were confirmed as agreed and signed.

Reports

County Councillor's Report

The budget is still the main item on the agenda. All parties recognize that the Council is in a difficult financial situation and the increase for the coming year is lower than what is needed to meet inflationary and demographic pressures. Cambridgeshire now has the third lowest council tax of all 24 shire counties.

The proposed budget includes a huge number of service cuts and this is where the differences are between the parties with Scrutiny looking at all parties budgets over the next 2 weeks. C/Cllr Williams will continue to fight particularly for no cuts to be made to the mobile library service after presentation from local people.

The Fire Service improvement plan 2007/8 is the principal management tool to steer future modernization of the Fire Service to better meet the needs of local communities. There are a number of objectives (15) which require consultation prior to implementation of any changes. One of these objectives is to review the options for providing a more cost effective operational response from the Burwell and Swaffham Bulbeck Fire Stations.

The Fire Authority are currently investigating the purchase of two dual appliances. These will provide both pumping and aerial functions. There are tests going on at the moment as to their suitability in narrow streets and courtyards.

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:

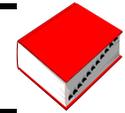
Village Hall Committee Penny Lang/Joyce Harrison
Police Liaison Committee
Swaffham Prior Primary School tbc

Honorary posts:

Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities
Jenny Moseley

Tree Officer
John Reed 742140

Letters to the Editor



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Dear Editor

Please would it be possible to include the following appeal for volunteers in your magazine in the New Year?

FREE VOLUNTEER TRAINING COURSE

A training course for new volunteers to help the hearing impaired starts on Tuesday 17th April 2007. It will run on Tuesday mornings for six weeks.

CAMTAD, Cambridge Campaign for tackling acquired deafness, runs hearing help sessions where volunteers clean, check and re-tube NHS hearing aids and advise on regular maintenance and best listening conditions. They also loan out equipment. They can help with hearing doorbells, telephone, television and household alarms. Training courses cover such subjects as the ear, types and causes of deafness, NHS hearing aids, procedures for assessment, communication methods and so on. If you are interested in the training course or would like to discuss it further please phone or fax Sue Hempstead or Sue Magee on 01223 416141 or write to Sue Hempstead at 8A Romsey Terrace, Cambridge CB1 3NH. We welcome hearing impaired volunteers on the course and a loop system is provided.

Training is compulsory for our volunteers but there is no obligation to volunteer at the end of the course. Most of our volunteers help at monthly sessions but many help in other ways. Further details of the charity can be found on our website at <http://copag.members.beeb.net/copmoc/camtad.htm>

We are most grateful for your co-operation. We are a small charity with limited means and depend on our volunteers to exist.

Yours sincerely

Dear Village Newsletter Editor

I would like to introduce Foundation East, a not for profit organisation which lends money to new and existing businesses based in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Essex.

Foundation East has only recently been able to lend to businesses in Cambridgeshire and we are keen to ensure as many people as possible, especially those living in rural areas, are aware of our work.

I have attached a short article which I would be most grateful if you could include in your next newsletter.

A link to our web site on your business link page would be greatly appreciated too!

If you require any further information regarding Foundation East please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your help.

Leanne Castle
Foundation East

Loans for businesses that fit outside the box

Foundation East is a not for profit organisation which lends money to new and existing small businesses based in Cambridgeshire, that have viable business plans but can't get a bank loan or need additional funds to match bank lending.

You may be trying to get a new business off the ground, or need a loan to buy equipment to complete an extra big order. Perhaps you are wondering if your hobby or skill could make you money or you have been considering being self employed.

Even if you lack business experience, savings to put into the business, assets to secure a loan or you've had credit problems in the past, our team will be please to consider you needs.

LADIES OF REACH ASSOCIATION – L.O.R.A.

SUMMER EVENING.

We have had a fairly positive response for FRIDAY 29th JUNE 2007 but we are still one or two short . In the hope that you have been busy and may not have read the last magazine we are going ahead and booking the hall for 8.00 pm.

The costs will be £7.50 this is for the costs towards the Hall, 2 glasses of wine plus strawberries and nibbles together with a donation to the charity of Lindsey's choice– her local church fund.

Please can you let me (Karen Carpenter) have a cheque for the above sum by the 13th April 2007. Cheques can be dated the 1st June.

On the night we will ask for donations for extra glasses of wine £1.00 per glass.

So Ladies let me hear from you. The more the merrier. Idea also for a function later in the year. How about a pamper evening ?

**Please ring me 742814 or Hilary 741853
or e-mail gnk@reach-village.co.uk.**

If you have any ideas for a function in the village or a trip out let one of us know and we are happy to organise.

Still waiting for e-mail or telephone numbers for a contact list.

Karen Carpenter

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

Enterprise loans from Foundation East range from £1,000 to £50,000 and can be used to cover start up costs, purchase equipment, cash flow and other business purposes.

If you would like further information please ring Foundation East on 01284 757777 or visit www.foundationeast.org

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The Cantilena Singers

Saturday 14th April 7.30 pm

All Saints Church, Worlington

Celebrating The Two Elizabeths & The Bard

A selection of Music & Song spanning 400 years including:-

Madrigals from *The Triumphs of Oriana*

Elizabethan lute songs and Sheakespeare settings

performed by **James Eisner**

A selection of settings from *A Garland for the Queen*

Vaughan Williams *Three Sheakespeare Songs*

Director— Daniel Spreadbury **Solo Tenor** — James Eisner

Wine and savouries included

Tickets 7.50 on the door or contact 01638 713667

Proceeds to Church and other charitable causes

Saturday 21st April 7.30 pm

Holy Trinity Church, Bottisham

A selection of Music & Song spanning 400 years including:-

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A selection of settings from *A Garland for the Queen*

Vaughan Williams *Three Sheakespeare Songs*

Director— Daniel Spreadbury **Solo Tenor** — James Eisner

Refreshments available

Tickets £6 on the door or contact 01223 811456/812115

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REACH FAIR

We are still interested to hear from villagers who are keen to help at this year's Fair. We still need :-

Programme Sellers

Traffic and Car Park Stewards

Security

Marquee erection /dismantling

Field Layout helpers (Sat/Sun)

If you are able to help at any time over the weekend or before, please let one of the Committee know, or contact Out of Reach on **742814** or e-mail: gnk@reach-village.co.uk.

CAR PASSES

For those that don't know traffic is not permitted through the village on Fair day unless you have a pass. The road will be closed to normal traffic from 11.00 am until 6.00pm.

Should you require a car pass please contact either Rita Dunnett on **742943** or Grahame Radford on **742814**. We will need car details and registration number. The closing date for applications will be 30th April.

Quiz

Don't forget the annual Fair Quiz which will take place in the Beer Tent on the Green at 7.30 pm on Sunday 6th May. Everybody welcome.

Window Appeal

You will be interested to know that the window appeal was a complete success. All 48 panes were "sold" and a total of over £4000 is now waiting for the final specification to be agreed by the committee. Those that requested it will have their names engraved on their pane.

A huge thank you to all those who contributed