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The Reach website has now been updated and can be visited at;  
[www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)

There is information on the **HISTORY** of the village as well as current day issues and opportunities.

In the **PARISH COUNCIL** area you can download the Minutes of previous meetings and see the Agenda for the next one.

Older issues of this magazine can also be downloaded from the **MAGAZINE** page.

The **NEWS** page is constantly updated to show happenings in the village.

If you have any comments or items to be included on the website then just let me know.

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# Out of Reach



See Speedwatch article!

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# Information

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Appointments/Emergencies 741234

**Doctors** Dr Anne Shneerson, Dr Andrew Wills,  
 Dr A Manning, Dr James Parry, Dr Maureen Birch  
**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 **0800 783 8838.**  
 Anglian Water **08457 145 145.**  
 Police **999** Non Emergencies **0345 4564564**

# Church Services



## Services at Burwell and Reach

Nov 09	<i>St Mary's Burwell</i>	<i>St Etheldreda &amp; The Holy Trinity Reach</i>
1st All Saints	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
8th 3rd before Advent <u>Remembrance Sunday</u>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 2.30 pm Act of Remembrance at War Memorial beside Post Office <i>Followed by</i> 3.00 pm Remembrance Service in Church	10.45 am Act of Remembrance at War Memorial on Green <i>Followed by</i> Remembrance Service in Church 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Contemporary Worship
15 <sup>th</sup> 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
22nd Christ the King	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
29th Advent Sunday		9.30 am United (5th Sunday) Parish Communion

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4th Trinity 17	<b>Harvest Festival</b> 8.00am Holy Communion (said)  9.30am Family Service  6.30 pm Service of Healing	
11th Trinity 18	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said)  7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" <b>Informal Contemporary Worship</b>
18th Trinity 19 "Healthca resday"/ St Luke	8.00am Holy Communion (said)  9.30am Parish Communion	
<u>Clocks change</u>  25th Last after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (said)  9.30am Parish Communion  3.00pm ECDC Civic Service <i>(led by Revd Ann Gurner)</i>	

# 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 issue will be 18th November

### From the Editor

So, the summer is now over and it's back to the usual routine. However, the weather has been pretty good lately so we shouldn't complain. Too much. Some rain would help the gardens though!

We had another excellent Harvest Supper, the quality of the food just seems to keep improving. Also, Joyce Harrison raised over £450 at the Macmillan Coffee morning—a fantastic result.

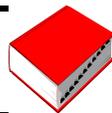
I have been having discussions with the Editor of Burwell Bulletin about distributing both the Bulletin and Out of Reach to the Reach residents. So, if you get two copies together we hope you won't mind.

The big news for this edition is that our recycle day is changing from 5th October to Thursdays—the same day as the normal refuse collection. Hopefully it will make things a little easier.

### Grahame Radford

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By joining them on their *final Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August*, for some or all of the following:  
The 9.30am Family Service at St Mary's Burwell in which the young people will be taking part.

The theme will be "The Good Shepherd" – with a real shepherd, and some real sheep in church!

(Not to be missed – especially those with young children who'll will love the sheep!)

Have you noticed the single stained glass window in St Etheldreda's Church in Reach is of The Good Shepherd, with words from Isaiah 40:11 "*He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms, and carries them close to his heart*" (east window in the apse)?

From 12.00pm a Bring & Share Lunch in the Guildhall beside the church – a chance to meet and chat with the young people and leaders, and to hear about the experiences of their week together in Norfolk.

At 2.15pm, leaving from the Guildhall, joining the young people for an all-age **Parish Walk** (gentle stroll) exploring Burwell Fen and the Lodes en route to Reach, where we will stop for refreshments and see the stained-glass window of The Good Shepherd in St Etheldreda's Church.

And / or join us for a Picnic Tea on The Green by the Church at approximately **3.30-3.45pm**, before the final leg back to Burwell.

If you are walking with us feel free to join in the whole walk (approx 4½ miles), or either part... Burwell to Reach via the Lodes (approx 3 miles), or from Reach to Burwell via the Dyke (approx 1½ miles), or just join us for tea!

With every blessing

Stephen

## Village Centre

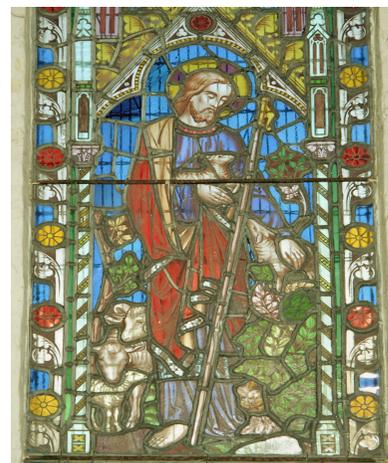


To help raise money to run the Village Centre we have a 100 club. Tickets are just £10.00 each.

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

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Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405



**Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity, Reach**

**He tends his flock like a shepherd:  
He gathers the lambs in his arms  
and carries them close to his heart"**

*(Isaiah 40: 11)*

# Church News



IN THE ABSENCE OF A PASTORAL LETTER I AM REPRINTED THE LAST EDITIONS

Dear Friends,

The warm welcome and generous hospitality we can offer others costs us very little and can make deep and lasting impressions for good. On holiday many years ago, Abi and I met a newly married couple enjoying part of their honeymoon on Lindisfarne. They had come away with fridge-full of delicious food from their wedding reception, and were delighted to find some people they could share it with – and so, after the Sunday morning service, they invited us back to their rented cottage to enjoy their food and hospitality, and made us feel so welcome! On another occasion years ago too, we moved into our first house – a terraced 2-up 2-down on a busy main road. As our furniture was being unloaded from the van, an elderly lady staggered across the road, dodging the traffic, bearing a tray with mugs of tea. Not a case of “Tea Vicar?” as this was long before that stage in our lives, it was simply a generous act of welcome and hospitality – opening up a deep friendship that lasted over many years until that dear lady passed away.

Warm welcomes and generous hospitality are not confined to Christian communities, but they are one of their hallmarks. Monasteries for example, have traditionally been places where any wayfarer can stop by and receive these acts of beneficence. Thinking back to the itinerant ministry of Jesus, the gospels remind us how he and his disciples depended on the welcome and hospitality of those they met travelling from village to village; and if ever they found there was no welcome, they didn't linger but “brushed the dust from their feet, and move on the next place”.

A sign of a happy, lively and thriving church that seeks to be of service to all, especially to newcomers and visitors, is the quality of its welcome and hospitality. It's pleasing that many have said how welcoming and hospitable they have found both of our churches in Reach and Burwell, and for many this first happy experience has caused them to come again, and again.

Whether in church or in other circles, in the course of our daily rounds let's not forget the deep and lasting impression our warm welcomes and acts of hospitality can make!

This summer we have some visitors from our link parishes in Germany and Hungary, and a chance for all of us to offer them welcomes and hospitality as best we can. About 30 young people and their leaders will be joining a group of young people from in and around ~~the~~ parish for a 12-day summer programme together, most of which will be at the Youth Activities Centre at Horstead, close to the Norfolk Broads. The welcome and hospitality I would encourage and invite you to offer is as follows...

# Diary Dates



## DATES for your DIARY

### Oct

Tues 6	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Weds 14	Open fair Meeting	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thur 15	Recycling Day **	.	.
Tues 20	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 21	Village Centre Committee	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thurs 29	Recycling Day		7.30 pm

### Nov

Tues 3	Mobile Library	Fair Green	1.10 pm
Weds 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Centre	7.30 pm
Thur 12	Recycling Day		
Tues 17	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Weds 18	Centre Committee Meeting	Village Centre	8.00 pm
Thur 26	Recycling Day		

## Reach Village Centre 100 club

**Remember to get your 100 club ticket to be in with a chance of the monthly draw. Only £10 for the year!**

**August £20 winner - Janet Robinson  
September £20 Winner— Ross Clark**

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

# Notices



## Reach & Swaffham Prior Community Broadband

Your local internet / e-mail provider  
(Before going to BT—contact us)  
£20 per calendar month



Name.....

Address .....

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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

## Village Games for Hire

Don't forget that we have a number of excellent Games for hire.

These include:-

**Feed the Frog, Drop the Dice, Splat the Rat and Hoopla.**

Ideal for private parties, fund raising etc.

**Interested?**

Then telephone Jan Tabecki on 01638 742552  
(Deposit required)

### 12. Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with **Ross Clark**, will endeavour to give them Village Green status (as Fair Green has) or Common Land status if this is not possible, to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

### 13. Pollution in Agricultural Land

The Parish Council had been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer took place in November 2008 with a representative of the Parish Council in attendance. The Scientific Officer recognized that there was a problem and in conjunction with the landowner, an action plan has been instigated. The situation continues to be closely monitored, especially regarding the new aspect of rubbish coming out of the old pit and falling down into the wood. The Environmental Officer concerned is to visit the site in September and his findings will be reported at the next meeting.

### 14. Track becoming Rutted off Great lane

The track in question had become, in the opinion of the Parish Council, dangerously rutted. The Clerk has contacted the resident whose vehicles are causing the rutting and the resident has carried out remedial work.

### **Planning Applications**

The Parish Council was satisfied with Planning Application 09/00578/FUL and had no comment to make. Similarly a memorial stone for Graham Chambers in the cemetery.

### **Information Items**

There continues to be a minor problem with the cemetery gate that will be looked into by the Clerk.

Local by-ways are becoming impassable in places – the Clerk will discuss this with the relevant people at ECDC in order to remedy the problem.

The tree branch which is partially blocking the drain behind 46 Great Lane will be dealt with by the Ely Group of Internal Drainage Boards, probably in November of this year when routine work is carried out.

### **Payments**

These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

100889	Wicksteed Leisure	Playground Parts	£ 40.83
100891	D Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing	£130.00
100890	C R Contracting	Mowing	£270.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

5. Reach Fair Car Parking

The field which is used for Reach Fair car parking is owned by Cambridgeshire County Farms and leased to a Reach resident. This lease is scheduled to end in October 2010 and the Parish Council has asked the Clerk to try and ensure that the field can be used for Reach Fair car parking in years to come. Cambridgeshire County Farms are aware of the concerns of the Parish Council in this matter and logged this in the relevant file. The Clerk will recontact CCF in April 2010 for a further update.

6. Standing Orders

These provide procedures and controls for the management of the Parish Council business and are an aid to proper and effective governance. A draft set of Standing Orders, produced by the Clerk with help from other local Parish Clerks, was provided to Parish Councillors and will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. The Clerk will seek three quotations for the potential work for review at the next meeting.

8. Allotments in Reach

There had been a request for allotments to be made available in the village. Ross Clark continues to seek a suitable area for villagers to use.

9. Fair Green Verge Erosion

There is verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green which creates safety and environmental issues due to the mud that is produced during rainfall or discharge of water into the road. Funding from the JFMHI scheme has been applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion.

10. Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend have expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses or walls due to their weight and vibration. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the residents and the Highways Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Following this the residents had written to the Parish Council with their proposals and the Parish Council wrote to the Highways Department in support of these proposals. One issue revolves around two bollards to be erected outside 2 Great Lane which Highways suggest need to be plastic whereas the residents, the Parish Council and the local Conservation Officer feel should be made of wood. The Clerk has sent the response from the Highways Department to the residents and will ascertain how they might now want to proceed, for discussion at the next meeting.

11. Great Lane Verge Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 17 and 19 Great Lane. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department. The residents are considering the response of the council with the help of the Clerk. Funding from the JFMHI scheme has been applied for to kerb the road and contain the soil, preventing any further erosion.

## For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquees - £80.00  
(includes erection by  
experienced personnel)

10' x 10' Gazebos - £20

Large BBQ - £20.00 deposit  
(£10.00 refunded if the BBQ is returned fully cleaned)

Please contact Andrew Hall on 01638 743737

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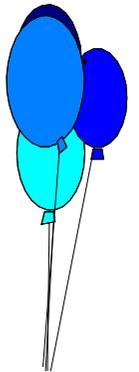
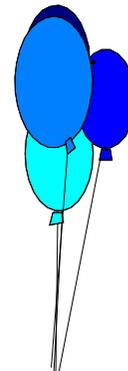
## Birthdays

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**Congratulations to :-**

**Joannie Webb who will 12 on  
Novemebr 5th**

**Nov 15th - Adam Tarasewicz**



# Village Centre News

## Macmillan coffee morning



Joyce Harrison organised the **Coffee morning** as part of the National **MacMillan Great Coffee Morning** event on Saturday 26th September. Because of the Saturday choice a lot more residents attended, boosting the final total to over £450. Well done to Joyce and helpers for all their hard work.

## Reach Fair 2010

There will be an Open meeting in the Village Centre on Wednesday 14th October at 8.00 pm to discuss plans for next year's Fair. Everyone is welcome to come and let the Committee know their suggestions for changes or improvements for next year.

## Play Spaces Officer Report

None presented.

## Police Liaison Committee Report

The Lodestar Festival in Lode went off without incident.

There have been some reports of hare-coursing taking place in the area. This activity is illegal and if anyone has knowledge of such occurrences either having taken place or to take place, they should phone the police on 0345 456 4564 or 999 if it is urgent.

The Parish Council is part of Speedwatch – where volunteer residents measure the speed of vehicles in the village and offenders are reminded of the speed limits. The Parish Council is totally supportive of these activities and would ask residents and visitors to Reach to respect the speed limits at all times. For further information on Speedwatch go to [www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/index.asp](http://www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/index.asp). The Clerk has been asked to include Speedwatch information in the next issue of Out of Reach magazine and will also add it to the website.

## Village Centre Committee Report

None presented.

## Matters Arising

### 1. Amenity Fund Committee

It was felt that the current arrangement whereby two organisations, who have no regular meetings together, have to jointly approve Amenity Fund applications, should be reviewed. It was agreed that Ross Clark would take up this issue with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with a view to implementing a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement.

### 2. Bonfires Legalities

Concern has been expressed regarding bonfires being lit in the Ditchfield area of the village. The Clerk looked into the legalities and environmental implications and provided the Parish Council with a leaflet which outlines what is permitted and what is not. In summary, infrequent bonfires of dry garden waste where some thought has been given to the prevailing wind direction should not cause problems. However, household waste including rubber and plastic components should never be burnt. The Clerk has been asked to see if sufficient leaflets are available so that one can be delivered to each property in Reach.

### 3. Fly Tipping

As contained within the District Councillor's report, there have been a number of instances of fly-tipping – all of which are being dealt with both in clearing up the mess and seeking the culprits. For information on how to react to incidences of fly tipping please visit [www.reach-village.co.uk/fly\\_tipping.html](http://www.reach-village.co.uk/fly_tipping.html).

### 4. Jointly Funded Minor Highways Improvements Applications

The Parish Council agreed that two applications (the maximum permitted) should be made for monies from this scheme. These projects are to combat verge erosion on Great Lane and on Fair Green. The objective is to improve safety and the environment by stopping the roads becoming muddy during rainfall. These projects will be considered over the coming months and if the Parish Council is successful, the work will take place in the next financial year.

### 3. Tennis Court

A suggestion has been made by a Reach resident that a tennis court, located on the playing field, would be a beneficial amenity for the village. The Clerk has established that a painted porous tarmac court, surrounded by secure fencing would cost up to £30,000. The Clerk is seeking funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund. He has checked the Playing Field deeds and can confirm that construction of a tennis court is not restricted within them.

#### **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 5th August 2009 were reviewed and signed.

#### **County Council Report**

August has been a quiet month at the County Council. I attended a briefing on the Minerals and Waste Plan for the County through to 2026.

One issue I have been addressing recently is problems experienced by parents whose children are starting at Bottisham Village College this term. Unfortunately application forms for bus passes were not allocated as efficiently as possible, meaning that some children will not have received their bus pass for the start of term. Bottisham Village College, the County Council and Bus Operators are working together to address this issue. All affected pupils will be issued with a temporary pass to ensure they can get to and from school. Parents of affected pupils are urged to complete and return an application form for a permanent pass as soon as possible. Application forms can be downloaded from the County Council website – [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

#### **District Council Report**

The Planning Committee met to decide on the National Trust's application for a bridge over Reach Lode. I attended to speak against the application (the planning officer had recommended approval). The committee deferred a decision pending a site visit.

The metal railings on the bridge over the drainage channel at the junction of Headlake Drove and Split Drove have been stolen. As this created a traffic safety issue, I notified the police. Temporary barriers have been erected until the railings can be replaced.

The new waste and recycling days are waste every Thursday and recycling every other Thursday. These changes will start on the 5<sup>th</sup> October.

The Council's Economic Development team have launched a new website to encourage new businesses to the area. The web address is [www.investeastcambes.co.uk](http://www.investeastcambes.co.uk).

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#### **Financial Report**

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to reserves. The year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 accounts are with the auditors.

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# Letters to the Editor

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(From Geoffrey Woollard, Chapel Farm, River Bank, Nr. Upware, Ely, Cambridgeshire. CB7 5YJ. Telephone 01223 - 861823).

Dear Editor,

I have been recently been under attack in several of our local newspapers. It appears that some people still can't understand the concerns of those of us who live in the Reach, Burwell and Swaffham Prior area regarding the National Trust's so-called 'Wicken Vision' and how it will, if implemented, impinge on all of our lives.

I am deeply worried by what we can already see. The fine food-producing farm land that the Trust has already taken over has become a jungle of ragwort, thistles and other weeds. The cattle that they are using to keep the rubbish in check are clearly incapable of doing so and the Trust has had to resort to tractors and cutters to clear a way through. A visit to their 'Tubney Fen' below Reach or a drive down Hightown Drove will show any sceptics that I am right and that the Trust is in a big muddle. There is more of concern down Hightown Drove, too, and I have drawn this to the attention of people higher up than I.

There were some who said the so-called 'Wicken Vision' would never come to pass. Well, it is coming to pass, and is now to be seen—water, weeds and all!

Overleaf is a picture of what is now very much at risk—the production of Fen food that our people and our country are increasingly going to depend upon. This must not be thrown away so lightly and without more thought.

If your readers would like to assist with our resistance to the scheme and are connected to the internet please go to our on-line "save oue Fens" E-petition at :-

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/SaveOurFens/>

Yours sincerely

**Geoffrey Wollard**

**DRAFT Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on;  
Wednesday 2nd September 2009**



*"One of the most useful varieties available, Agria potatoes have an outstanding flavour and texture. Although recommended for chipping, roasting and mashing it is exceptionally good as an all round potato."*

The picture is of Mr David Watts, of Percy Watts & Sons, in a field of Agria potatoes in Swaffham Prior Fen. This field is expected to yield around 20 tonnes of potatoes per acre.

**Attendance**

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Not Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Not Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Part-time
David Brown	County Councillor	Part-time

**Forum for Members of the Public**

One members of the public attended but made no comment.

**Village Centre Accounts Report**

These were presented for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> May 2009 and questions answered appropriately.

**Declaration of Interests**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**Amenity Fund Applications**

There are currently 3 applications ongoing;

1. Daffodil planting in Reach

Jo Riches has suggested that Reach is lacking in daffodils and that there should be a "village planting day". A list of proposed planting sites has been added to the village website under "News and Events". The Parish Council agreed to support this application when it is discussed with the Village Hall Committee, subject to the Parish Council approving the planting location plan and the funding requested. It is expected that a proposal on planting areas will be put forward at the October Parish Council meeting.

2. Cricket Net

A request for funding has come from Joe Acklam for a cricket net for the village, to be sited on the playing field. There was general support for this and Ross Clark, working with Joe has produced an estimate of up to £2,500 for a suitable surface and netting. Ross Clark is working with the Clerk to find funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund.

**Friends of Bottisham Village College**



**CHRISTMAS MARKET & CRAFT FAIR**  
**29 NOVEMBER 2009**

at

**Bottisham Village College**



**We are now taking bookings from stall holders for our very popular Christmas Craft Fair.**

Please email [friends@bottishamvc.org](mailto:friends@bottishamvc.org)  
or telephone 07747484058 for a booking form.

## Planning Applications

Retrospective planning application 09/00510/FUL, construction of 1 three bed dwelling and two garages together with amended site at 34a Swaffham Road, Reach, was approved without comment.

Planning application 09/00509/FUL, construction of a cycle track from High Bridge to Straight Drove and construction of a 3m wide bridge for public access across Reach Lode including the construction of embankments, creation of two wetland habitat areas, including two ponds, following the extraction of fill material to construct the above embankments plus erection of temporary buildings to be used in association with the construction of the bridge and other works was not approved since the Parish Council has concerns about the application. The majority of the Parish Council opposed the scheme in its current form because of the visual intrusion of the bridge - it was felt to be too large a structure. The Parish Council suggested that it should be positioned in a more screened area of the Lode with Hurdle Hall being one alternative location.

## Information Items

There was a request that action be taken on the playing field with regard to the prickly hedges at either end of the football pitch which makes the ball painful to retrieve and also punctures it on occasions. The Parish Council will review the playing field, in the light of proposals to add a tennis court and a cricket net and consider how this problem may be overcome in conjunction with these other additions.

Concern has been expressed regarding bonfires being lit in the Ditchfield area of the village. The Clerk has been asked to look into the legalities and environmental implications and report back to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

## Payments

These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

10020	Juliet Vickery	Sports Day Expenses	£146.91
Amenity Fund			
100885	C R Contracting	Mowing and Spraying	£265.00
100886	D Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing	£130.00
100888	Moore and Co.	Accounting	£250.00

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

## FIRST RESPONDERS

A voluntary team of first aiders has been formed to deal with emergency situations in Burwell and Reach.

The volunteers, known as Community First Responders, got together to form the life-saving team as part of a Magpas project. The aim is to get immediate cover for people who are taken ill in areas that are too far away from ambulance stations to receive immediate emergency treatment. The crucial time for many patients, particularly with strokes and heart attacks, is in the first few minutes of the attack. Ambulances often take up to 20 minutes to arrive in Reach and Burwell whereas the First Responders can usually be on the scene in under ten minutes.

The team raised funds for their project by appealing to residents of the Burwell who held fund raising events for them, and with a Cambridgeshire County Foundation grant. "Almost every hour of every day of the week is covered and one of the Responders is

on call." says Allison Greene, the coordinator. "We are not allowed to attend road accidents or incidents involving children under 8 years old because our equipment is not suitable for those instances, but we are ready to attend any other emergency."

Now the team is appealing to residents Burwell and Reach to help them attend calls efficiently by making sure their house numbers are clear and well lit. This will enable them to find the house at night, when most emergency calls are made.

They also ask that if someone calls for help they put lights on and make sure the Responder can get into the house to provide the help that is needed.

If anyone from Reach would like to join the team and train as a First Responder, please email [eag28@cam.ac.uk](mailto:eag28@cam.ac.uk).



## ALLOTMENTS

The parish council is investigating the possibility of setting up allotments in Reach. If you would be interested in renting one, or you have some land you would be interested in renting for the purpose, please contact Ross Clark on 01638 743725 or [rossjclark@aol.com](mailto:rossjclark@aol.com)

# PARTY PIECE

BY RICHARD HARRIS

It is the night of a fancy dress house-warming barbecue –  
**AND YOU ARE INVITED.**

The evening looks all set for a party until a string of hilarious disasters strike, including a distinct lack of guests, un-defrosted food, a marauding Zimmer frame and the mention of a mysterious guest arriving in a coffin! The hosts' (played by *Graham Horton and Pam Daish*) patience is further tried by the arrival of their neighbours, the indomitable Mrs Hinson (*Jane Seakins*), who brings her own brand of party entertainment in the form of the domestic squabbles of her son and daughter-in-law (*John Hartley and April Cook*). This is a fast-paced and very funny play packed with action and set in the back gardens of the feuding neighbours.

**Rosemary Jolley** is directing a first rate and experienced cast. We would like YOU to join 'the party' and find out who lands up in the pond and who gets stuck in their chair!

**Main Hall**  
**Bottisham Village College**  
**on**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**at 7.30pm.**

**Tickets will be available from Tina's, Burwell**

**Prices £7.50 and £5.50 (concessions) for all performances.**

***By kind permission of Samuel French Ltd.***

## 9. Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend had expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses or walls due to their weight and vibration. The Parish Council had asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the residents and the Highways Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. Following this the residents had written to the Parish Council with their proposals and the Parish Council wrote to the Highways Department in support of these proposals. One issue revolves around two bollards to be erected outside 2 Great Lane which Highways suggest need to be plastic whereas the residents, the Parish Council and the local Conservation Officer feel should be made of wood. The Clerk has sent the response from the Highways Department to the residents and will ascertain how they might now want to proceed, for discussion at the next meeting.

## 10. Great Lane Road Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 19 Great Lane – indeed that bank has been eroded significantly over recent years. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department. The residents are considering the response of the council with the help of the Clerk.

This problem is similar to the problem of verge erosion outside the properties 21 to 28 Fair Green and it is probable that similar remedial actions will be required.

In both instances the Parish Council wishes to review any finally agreed proposals prior to implementation. The Clerk will work with the concerned residents ready for discussion at the next meeting.

## 11. Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with **Ross Clark**, will endeavour to give them Village Green status (as Fair Green has) or Common Land status if this is not possible, to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

## 12. Pollution in Agricultural Land

The Parish Council had been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer took place in November 2008 with a representative of the Parish Council in attendance. The Scientific Officer recognized that there was a problem and in conjunction with the landowner, an action plan has been instigated. The situation continues to be closely monitored, especially regarding the new aspect of rubbish coming out of the old pit and falling down into the wood.

## 13. Track becoming Rutted off Great lane

The track in question has become, in the opinion of the Parish Council, dangerously rutted. The Clerk has contacted the resident whose vehicles are causing the rutting and the resident has agreed to carry out remedial action when the necessary equipment is available. Since this has not been carried out to date the Clerk will re-contact the resident.

1. Amenity Fund Committee

It was felt that the current arrangement whereby two organisations, who have no regular meetings together, have to jointly approve Amenity Fund applications, should be reviewed. It was agreed that Ross Clark would take up this issue with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee with a view to implementing a more satisfactory and efficient arrangement.

2. Car Boot Sales

It was agreed that, in principle, car boot sales to be held either on the Village Green or the Playing Field, would be permitted, subject to individual event approval by the Parish Council.

3. Reach Fair Car Parking

There is concern that the current car parking field used for the Reach Fair may not be available once the current tenant relinquishes it. The Clerk will continue to look into this, working with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

4. Reach Wood Damage

Recently there have been instances of groups of youths camping in Reach Wood. On one occasion a fire was started, a sapling badly damaged and the area left littered with empty cans of alcohol. These events were reported to the local Community Police Officers who visited the site and then returned last week when further youths were seen entering the wood. The officers confiscated a large amount of alcohol and the youths were informed that their behaviour would not be accepted in future and they were moved on. Thanks go to Reach residents who reported these events and to the Community Police Officers who dealt with the overall problem.

5. Standing Orders

These provide procedures and controls for the management of the Parish Council business and are an aid to proper and effective governance. The Clerk has started work on this, with help from other local Parish Clerks and will circulate proposed Standing Orders for Reach Parish Council to councillors for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Swine Flu Contingency Plan

The Parish Council has received a letter from the Chief Executive of the Cambridgeshire County Council and the NHS requesting our assistance in relation to the distribution of influenza anti-virals to the local community. The proposal is that, if it becomes necessary, up to 16 distribution centres would be opened and volunteers would be needed to work alongside County Council staff. Any interested residents should contact Sarah Smart on 01223 718627 or [sarah.smart@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.smart@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). The Clerk was asked to publicize this need on the village website and the noticeboards.

7. War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of some level of refurbishment. A quotation has been received for approximately £1,400. The Clerk will seek a further two quotations and **councillors** will review the state of the War Memorial prior to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

8. Allotments in Reach

There had been a request for allotments to be made available in the village. Ross Clark continues to seek a suitable area for villagers to use.

# Bus Timetable



We are indebted to **Ian Massini** who has kindly volunteered to provide and maintain an up-to-date timetable in "Out of Reach" for the residents.

**Mondays to Fridays**

Newmarket Rookery	Reach	Swaffham Prior	Cambridge Drummer St	Bus
06.22	06.54	06.57	07.38	10
—	07.39	07.42	08.36	10
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	<b>Walk</b>	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
12.22	12.54	12.57	13.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour	<b>Walk</b>	Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
16.22	16.54	16.57	17.35	10
17.22	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
17.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
18.52	Walk	19.27	20.05	10
—	Walk	21.52	22.30	10

Cambridge Drummer Street	Swaffham Prior	Reach	Newmarket Rookery	Bus-
07.00	07.32	07.35	08.11	10
09.00	09.32	09.35	10.08	10
09.22	09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
12.00	12.32	12.35	13.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
16.00	16.32	16.35	17.08	10
17.00	17.32	17.35	18.08	10
18.00	18.32	18.35	19.08	10
18.30	19.08	(Walk)	19.38	10A
19.00	19.38	(Walk)	20.08	10
21.00	21.38	(walk)	—	10
23.00	23.38	(walk)	23.08 (Tesco)	10

## Saturdays

<b>Newmarket Rookery</b>	<b>Reach</b>	<b>Swaffham Prior</b>	<b>Cambridge Drummer St</b>	<b>Bus</b>
06.52	(walk)	07.27	08.05	10A
Then .52 & .22 past each hour		Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
09.22	<b>Walk</b> 09.54	09.57	10.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour		Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
12.22	<b>Walk</b> 12.54	12.57	13.35	10
Then .52 & .22 past each hour		Then .27 & .57 past each hour	Then .05 & .35 past each hour	10/10A
16.22	<b>Walk</b> 16.54	16.57	17.35	10
17.22	17.54	17.57	18.35	10
17.52	18.24	18.27	19.08	10A
18.52	Walk	19.27	20.05	10
_____	Walk	21.52	22.30	10

<b>Cambridge Drummer Street</b>	<b>Swaffham</b>	<b>Reach Prior</b>	<b>Newmarket Rookery</b>	<b>Bus</b>
07.30	08.02	(walk)	08.38	10A
08.30	09.02	(walk)	09.38	10A
09.0	09.32	09.35	10.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
12.00	12.32	12.35	13.08	10
Then .30 & .00 past each hour	Then .02 & .32 past each hour (walk)		Then .38 & .08 past each hour	10
16.00	16.32	16.35	17.08	10
17.00	17.32	17.35	18.08	10
18.00	18.32	18.35	19.08	10
18.30	19.08	(Walk)	19.38	10A
19.00	19.38	(Walk)	20.08	10
21.00	21.38	(walk)	_____	10
23.00	23.38	(walk)	23.08 (Tesco)	10

## Sundays and Bank Holidays

<b>Newmarket Rookery</b>	<b>Reach</b>	<b>Swaffham Prior</b>	<b>Cambridge Drummer St</b>	<b>Bus</b>
_____	(walk)	09.09	09.39	10
_____	(walk)	11.09	11.39	10
_____	(walk)	13.09	13.39	10
_____	(walk)	16.09	16.39	10

<b>Cambridge Drummer Street</b>	<b>Swaffham</b>	<b>Reach Prior</b>	<b>Newmarket Rookery</b>	<b>Bus</b>
10.25	10.52	(walk)	_____	10
12.25	12.52	(walk)	_____	10
15.25	15.52	(walk)	_____	10
17.55	18.22	(walk)	_____	10

I attended a meeting of the Joint Area Traffic Committee as a substitute. The review of speed limits on A and B roads continues across the county. Burwell to Fordham is the first section to be done this year and Burwell to Quy will be done later this year. This will involve survey work on current speeds and the road environment. Any suggestions for changes will be made towards the end of the year and would then have to be consulted on prior to implementation. Each district is to have a trial 20mph area and it was agreed that this should be the Soham High Street area in East Cambs. It is hoped that funding has been secured to upgrade and keep open the land being used as a lay-by at Barway and it is planned to close the parking area near the bridge at Ely railway station.

I have arranged a meeting for 11 September with the Head of Highway Networks and Nick Clarke, County Councillor for Fulbourn to discuss the Quy traffic calming.

I have also attended a number of training/induction days in July.

### ***District Council Report***

The Ely Masterplan was discussed at the Overview Committee meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> of July. There is also to be a seminar on August 6<sup>th</sup> where all East Cambs councillors will be able to examine the document and make recommendations. The Masterplan is still very much work in progress and will form a framework for the future development of Ely over the next 25 years. It is expected that the plan can be viewed on-line following a meeting to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August.

The National Trust has put in a planning application for a bridge over Reach Lode. This application will be discussed by the Parish Council later on in the meeting. Swaffham Prior Parish Council has voted unanimously to oppose the application.

ECDC are promoting the new Community Recycling Champion programme. A local Recycling Champion will act as first point of contact for residents who want information or help on recycling. Any Reach residents who wish to get involved in this project should contact Darren Hughes on 01353 665555 or darren.hughes@eastcambs.gov.uk.

### ***Financial Report***

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to reserves. The 2008-2009 accounts are now with the auditors.

### ***Play Spaces Officer Report***

Following the annual inspection, remedial actions have been taken – thanks especially go to Neville Dunnett for his work on refurbishing the chicken.

### ***Police Liaison Committee Report***

None presented.

### ***Village Hall Committee Report***

The recent Village Hall Committee AGM was poorly attended and with two members resigning, replacements are being sought.

The recent severe weather resulted in significant flooding in the small meeting room and the kitchen area which has now been dealt with.

### 3. Tennis Court

A suggestion has been made by a Reach resident that a tennis court, located on the playing field, would be a beneficial amenity for the village. The Clerk has established that for one court with painted porous tarmac, surrounding secure fencing and net would cost £25,000 to £30,000. The Clerk is seeking funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund. He is also making checks on any restrictions for use contained within the deeds of the Playing Field.

### 4. Village Sports Day 2009

A request for payment of £146.91 for trophy engraving, food costs, certificates and sundry costs was supported by the Parish Council.

#### *Minutes of Previous Meetings*

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st July 2009 and the Minutes of the 2009 Annual Parish Meeting were reviewed and signed.

#### *County Council Report*

I attended my first full meeting of the County Council on 21 July.

Council was angry at the news from Central Government that the Housing Growth Fund Grant to Cambridgeshire has been cut by £6 million from the £13.8 million we had been told to expect, with the money being diverted to other parts of the country. This seriously jeopardises much of the needed infrastructure associated with new developments in the County. Council resolved to try to do all in our power to have the cut overturned.

Council agreed a motion to investigate re-opening the "Bramley Line" railway at Wisbech. The Lib Dems proposed a motion that Policy Development Groups should meet in public in future. This was defeated. PDGs are designed to allow policy to be influenced at an early stage. The Lib Dems are currently boycotting PDGs.

At the conclusion of Council we received a presentation from the independent Cambridgeshire Transport Commission on the findings of their research. The Commission has concluded that the County Council should consider putting in a Transport Innovation Fund bid for £517 million to fund a wide range of transport improvements to tackle congestion in and around the city (including moving the Newmarket Road park and ride further east and dualling Newmarket Road to Quay roundabout). It recommends that the bid should include a commitment to introduce a congestion charge after 2017 if the improvements have not held congestion at an acceptable level. I am sure there will be lots of meetings over the next few months while we decide what to do.

I attended a meeting of the Adults and Communities PDG where the main items for discussion were developing a community engagement strategy and discussions around adult education in light of cuts to the Learning and Skills Council budgets.

A number of papers from the 17th century relating to the draining of the fens came up for auction in London recently. The County Council was successful in bidding for them (with grants from the V&A and others).



#### Neighbourhood Panels

**- continuing to develop and be effective**

At the last South area Neighbourhood Panel meeting in Stetchworth (30<sup>th</sup> June) Cllr Carl Poole confirmed that, as ever, **action had been taken to address ALL the priorities and issues of concern** (which had been raised by local residents at the previous meeting in April). It is clear that local people, parish councils and agencies are understanding the benefits of working together to bring about improvements.

Inspector Alan Savill informed participants that Sgt Lyndsey Harbour had been transferred to the Cambridge City team, and would be replaced (from 6<sup>th</sup> July) by Sgt Shaun McLaughlin. PCSO Magdalena Harvey has been on temporary secondment but would return to the South area by late July.

Full details of the measures taken by the Neighbourhood Policing Team had been effective in reducing burglary in the Dullingham area (from 12 down to 2 in the 3 month period to June) and in The Swaffhams (from 8 down to 1 in the corresponding period). Full details are outlined on pp.8/9 of the current (Southern area) Neighbourhood Profile (June 2009) which can be accessed from the Neighbourhood Panel webpage (please see details at the end of this article).

In looking at trends in the various wards within the Panel area, Alan Savill referred to pp9/10 of the Profile and emphasised that

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has increased in Bottisham;

ASB has increased in Burwell compared to the previous 3 month period, but has been halved during the past year due to effective action by partner agencies working together in implementing the joint ASB Action Plan;

Dwelling burglaries have decreased in Dullingham and The Swaffhams, but in that area there have been some shed burglaries.

Inspector Savill reassured participants that **crime in the Panel area is low**. Compared to 2006-2008 and the number of incidents had reduced in the last 3 month period from 169 in the corresponding period in 2008 to 131, and the number of reported incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) is lower than in the same periods in 2007 and 2008.

In discussion, the efficacy of 'smart water' (generic term) was highlighted. A gel form was being used by the police to good effect in their investigations, and both forms of the material are helping to reduce crime (by prosecuting offenders). Residents can receive discounts on their home insurance if 'smart water' is used to mark possessions. Details about the range of 'smart water' products are available via websites, have used Google in the first place.

Cllr Mathew Shuter provided a summary of the Speedwatch volunteers' work during the past 4 months, including work in 40mph zone in Burrough Green. **More volunteers are always welcome !** Please contact Cllr Tony Jolley by e-mail at [jolley@bottishampc.org.uk](mailto:jolley@bottishampc.org.uk)

The volunteers had carried out 47 checks and recorded 4327 vehicles, of which 399 had been speeding. 261 individuals had received warning letters from the police (which represents 6% of drivers at the time of the checks).

Particular concern was expressed about speeding in **Dullingham (on Balsham Lane, Eagle Lane, Station Road and Stetchworth Road) and in Reach (on Swaffham Road)**, where the percentage of observed speeding drivers was **13% and 16% respectively**.

Concern was expressed that approx 60% of the speeding drivers were from the immediate **village/ neighbouring village/town**, but approx 40% is by 'externals' . All of us need to ensure that we are travelling within the speed limit guidelines at all times.

Karen See (from ECDC's Environmental Services' Team) gave a presentation on efforts to deal with Dog Fouling in the area (**a concern expressed in several Parish Plans**).

**A combination of measures are being taken to deal with the problem of dog fouling in the District:**

**ensuring that infrastructure** is in place - **bins and signs**. Although it was emphasised by parish representatives that the bins are too expensive, parishes are encouraged to purchase their own bins (with the District Council able to provide additional bins free of charge, as necessary). Collections from full dog bins are the responsibility of Veolia (but not at the same time as refuse/recycling collections);

**bags for dog waste** being available at local shops and post offices ;

**information leaflets** available;

**ECDC officer attendance at local events** to give information to local dog owners;

**timetabled patrols** based on information received from parish councils and local residents;

**joint-working with PCSOs and Parish Councils** was emphasised in sharing responsibility and action with District Council staff;

**a timetable** will be established based on the size of parishes and the scale of problems that they encounter;

**learning from best practice** in neighbouring districts and then 'contracting' an action plan with parishes. It was noted that 'surveillance' had been successful in other areas.

dog control orders in association with parishes and endeavouring to catch 'repeat offenders'

If you are a dog owner/walker then please always clear up after your dog and dispose of the mess in the dog bins or at your home.

**The District Council is looking for local residents to be trained as ' Recycling Champions'** on the best ways to recycle –kerbside collections, recycling banks, charity donations and composting.

**Local residents are asked to contact Darren Hughes, Community Recycling Officer on 01353 – 665555 or [Darren.Hughes@eastcamb.gov.uk](mailto:Darren.Hughes@eastcamb.gov.uk)**

## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2009

### **Attendance**

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Not Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

### **Forum for Members of the Public**

Two members of the public attended, one of whom asked that in addition to the Parish Council supporting remedial and preventative action being taken on the road erosion on Great Lane (see item 9 below) it should also support similar actions being taken regarding the road erosion outside numbers 21 to 28 Fair Green. This was agreed to by the Parish Council.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Aves declared an interest in the discussions regarding the National Trust Bridge construction but did take up his right to contribute to those discussions.

### **Amenity Fund Applications**

There are currently 4 applications ongoing;

#### 1. **Daffodil planting in Reach**

Jo Riches has suggested that the village of Reach was somewhat lacking in daffodils compared to our neighbours and that there should be a "village planting day". A list of proposed planting sites has been produced and this list, with photographs, will be added to the village website. The Parish Council agreed to support this application when it is discussed with the Village Hall Committee, subject to the Parish Council approving the planting location plan and subject to level of funding requested.

#### 2. **Cricket Net**

A request for funding has come from Joe Acklam for a cricket net for the village, to be sited on the playing field. There was general support for this and Ross Clark, working with Joe has produced an estimate of up to £2,500 for a suitable surface and netting. Ross Clark is working with the Clerk to find funding for this venture from various sporting sources, therefore minimising any request for funds from the Amenity Fund.

## 15. Trees overhanging Burwell Road

There was concern regarding the trees which overhang the Burwell Road on the left hand side as you leave the village. The Highways Department has no issue with the trees and therefore this item will be removed from subsequent agendas.

### **Planning Applications**

None.

### **Information Items**

Hilary Fielding is working with the Bridleways Commission to significantly improve the access to the Rights of Way in Reach.

### **Payments**

These were made as follows and from the Parish Council's Precept Current Account unless otherwise indicated.

100874	D. Blocksage	Cemetery Mowing	£130.00
100875	Wicksteed	Playground Inspection	£ 86.25
100876	Wildlife Trust	Affiliation Fee	£ 36.00
100877	David Parr	Clerk's Pay	£387.60
100878	ECDC	Cemetery Rates	£ 25.25
100879	David Parr	Clerk's Expenses	£ 59.72
100880	C R Contracting	Mowing	£230.00
100881	CPALC	Affiliation Fee	£101.44
100882	Village Hall	Meetings Hall Rental	£ 24.00
100884	Suffolk ACRE	Insurance	£693.72

The date of the next meeting will be Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. The Agenda for the meeting will be issued by the previous Wednesday – and will also be posted in the Parish Council area of the Reach website ([www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)).

### **The priorities for the next 3 months are**

For the police (working in partnership with other agencies)

**ASB in Bottisham**  
**ASB in Brinkley**

(The ASB Partnership team will continue their work in Burwell)

### **For the other agencies**

Dog fouling – detailed plan of action indicating ECDC support to/for parishes

### **Issue identified in Reach**

*on-going concern about fly-tipping around the village and on the fen around Barston Drove and at the far end of Headlake Drove.*

**For on-going information about Neighbourhood Panels** - minutes from the meetings, Neighbourhood Profiles, **Newsletters, Speedwatch; dates and venues for the Panel meetings in 2009/2010** - please use the A-Z section of the East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) website: [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) to access the 'Neighbourhood Panel' webpage.

**Or contact Alan Williams, the Neighbourhood Panel Coordinator at [alan.williams@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:alan.williams@eastcambs.gov.uk) or on 01353 - 616349**

There will be a 'special' joint meeting [with local residents and Panel members from the Soham Panel area] to provide a Neighbourhood Panels update on the Wicken Fen Vision. This 'special' meeting will be in The Visitors' Centre at Anglesey Abbey 7.00 – 9.00 pm on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Please come along to discuss the first 10 years' progress of the Wicken Fen Vision (WFV), current projects and plans – from 6 different perspectives: Access and Recreation, The Planning Framework for the WFV, Land usage (inc food production), Water Management, Transport Management and Nature Conservation - with staff from a range of agencies.

You will be able to access 3 of these workshops, or stay in one of the groups to be involved in more detailed discussion of a perspective, during the evening. The next meeting of the South area Panel (7pm start) in 2009 is

### **Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at Burwell Village College**

Please come along, become involved and help to bring about improvements in your locality !

If you are unable to attend, and have an issue to be raised with the Panel, please contact Hilary Fielding – Parish Council representative on the South area Panel.

**L.O.R.A. Festive Dinner**  
**Friday November 27th**  
**At The DYKES END**  
**8.00p.m. for 8.30p.m.**

**Numbers are limited to 24 ladies again. The menu is printed below and the cost is £27.50 per head including gratuities. We need to have cheques, payable to "The Dykes End", together with menu choice by Friday 8th November. Any queries please contact either Hilary or Karen.**

**Tear out this page, indicate your menu choice, write your contact details on the back of the cheque or envelope and send to Hilary or Karen as soon as possible to guarantee a place.**

**To Start**

Winter vegetable minestrone soup with basil pistou  
Parfait of ducks' liver & toasts  
Smoked salmon & horseradish terrine, roast pepper salad  
Risotto of butternut squash, radicchio & roast garlic

**Main Course**

Traditionally dressed Christmas Turkey dinner  
Loin of venison, swede & parsnip mash, juniper-red wine jus  
Pan Roast fillet of sea bream with a lemon butter sauce  
Wild mushroom & potato pave, tomato coulis, porcini glaze

**To Finish**

Traditional Christmas Pudding & brandy butter or cream  
Ginger and syrup cheesecake, blood orange jelly  
Pannetone-marmelade bread & butter pudding

**Karen Carpenter**  
**742814**  
**gnk@btinternet.com**

**18 Hilary Fielding**  
**741853**  
**hilary@reach-village.co.uk**

Following this the residents had written to the Parish Council with their proposals and the Parish Council wrote to the Highways Department in support of these proposals. The Clerk will send the response from the Highways Department to the residents and ask how they might want to proceed and this will be discussed at the next meeting.

10. Great Lane Road Erosion

In the winter, Great Lane gets very muddy due to vehicles cutting into the grass bank outside 19 Great Lane – indeed that bank has been eroded significantly over recent years. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the Highways Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> April. The residents are now considering the response of the council and will, with the help of the Clerk, communicate their thoughts to the Highways Department in due course. The Parish Council wishes to review any finally agreed proposals prior to implementation. The Clerk will take this up with the residents ready for discussion at the next meeting.

11. Land Registration

It has been established that the Hythe and the Drying Ground are not registered. The Clerk, working with Ross Clark, will endeavour to give them Village Green status (as Fair Green has) to ensure that they are protected from registration by other parties.

12. Pollution in Agricultural Land

The Parish Council had been contacted by a Scientific Officer from Environmental Services at ECDC regarding a letter sent to the Parish Council in April 2006 regarding this problem. A site visit by the Scientific Officer took place in November 2008 with a representative of the Parish Council in attendance. The Scientific Officer recognized that there was a problem and in conjunction with the landowner, an action plan has been instigated. The situation continues to be closely monitored both by a Parish Councillor and the Scientific Officer, especially regarding the new aspect of rubbish coming out of the old pit and falling down into the wood.

13. RaSP Mast

ECDC had received a complaint regarding the presence of a RaSP mast in the garden of a house in the village. The ECDC reviewed the mast and concluded that planning permission was required and this was duly submitted. It was subsequently approved subject to a four year period only and work to be carried out in conjunction with the council to improve the aesthetic appearance of the mast.

14. Track becoming Rutted off Great Lane

The track in question has become, in the opinion of the Parish Council, dangerously rutted. The Clerk has contacted the resident whose vehicles are causing the rutting and the resident has agreed to carry out remedial action when the necessary equipment is available. Since this has not been carried out the Clerk will recontact the resident.

5. Standing Orders

These provide procedures and controls for the management of the Parish Council business and are an aid to proper and effective governance. The Clerk will circulate a template for Standing Orders for Reach Parish Council to the councillors and these will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. War Memorial Status

The War Memorial is in need of refurbishment and a quotation from Ivett and Reed has been received. The Clerk will review this and see if cost savings can be made and also organise a 50% grant from the War Memorials Trust as well as asking their advice on what needs to be done.

7. Allotments in Reach

There had been a request for allotments to be made available in the village. 10 people have now expressed an interest and Ross Clark continues to seek a suitable area for villagers to use.

8. Bus Shelters being used as Noticeboards

The two bus shelters in the village are doubling up as noticeboards and a concern was raised that this made them look untidy. Initially, the Parish Council felt that the answer was to purchase two noticeboards to be properly attached to the sides of the two bus shelters and all notices to be approved by the Clerk prior to entry onto those boards. However it was finally decided that this would require significant cost and add to bureaucracy. Instead, rules will be created for use of the bus shelters as follows;

- Non-commercial events or lost/found items only.
- Events for the geographical area of Burwell, Reach, Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Wicken Fen only.
- Notices to be posted no earlier than four weeks before the event.
- Notices will be posted tidily, secured at all four corners.
- Drawing pins only should be used to attach the notices, not staples.
- Drawing pins must be provided by the notice poster, not "borrowed" for other already placed posters.
- The Clerk and Ross Clark will police the Fair Green noticeboard
- Helen Platt and Hilary Fielding will police the Ditchfield noticeboard
- All out of date notices will be removed.
- All non-conforming notices will be removed.

9. Great Lane – Fair Green Bend Large Vehicle Access

The residents of the three houses closest to the bend had expressed their concerns regarding large vehicles trying to navigate the bend and in the process causing direct damage to their properties by way of collision or weakening their houses or walls due to their weight and vibration. The Parish Council had asked the Clerk to work with the residents and a meeting took place with the residents and the Highways Department on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.

**SPEEDWATCH**

The Parish Council is involved with Speedwatch and very much supports its objectives. Reach is a lovely village with a range of residents from small children to the elderly. Speedwatch is designed to provide protection from speeding drivers.

It allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through the village. It is used in areas where speeding has been identified as a problem.

The scheme, run by the police alongside the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership, is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding and monitoring any trends in speeding in neighbourhoods.

Volunteers are trained to use a speed indicator device which displays the vehicle's speed. The registered owner of any vehicle exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local neighbourhood policing team, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community.

Persistent offenders will receive a visit from officers.

If you want to know more about Speedwatch, please go to [www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/index.asp](http://www.cambs.police.uk/roadsafety/speedwatch/index.asp)

## A message from your District Councillor

### **Waste recycling paper sacks**

It has been brought to my attention that some residents of the Swaffams ward, having left out their paper sacks for collection, are not having replacement sacks left for them.

In order to improve on this service, could anybody experiencing this problem please ring East Cambs District Council's helpline on 01353 665555 and report the incident, giving their name and address.

Their report will then be logged and they should receive replacement sacks within 48 hours.

### **Encouraging businesses to the district**

During the present time when everyone is battling against the recession, I can report that the council's Economic Development Team are working hard to bring businesses to the District by launching a new website, [www.investeastcambs.co.uk](http://www.investeastcambs.co.uk).

The site includes:

- Up to date news on economic development in the district.
- A property search engine – the website can search available business premises on behalf of a business via the council's extensive network of commercial agents.
- An interactive map displaying where the main business parks, industrial estates, transport links are within the district. The map also allows those thinking of investing in the district, a wider view of our regional location and links to the airport and seaports.
- Detailed background information on the skill levels, business costs, and transport infrastructure within the district.
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I believe this to be a worthwhile and important initiative. Anything that we at the District Council can do to safeguard people's employment and create future employment prospects has to be welcome.

### **Fly tipping**

There continues to be fly tipping in the fen areas of our ward.

This is particularly annoying as it takes very little effort to either properly recycle this waste, or take it to a recycling centre.

Clearing it up is also an extra cost to our council when it is working within tight financial constraints at present.

**Councillor Allen Alderson**

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Individuals are encouraged to sign up to E-Cops to increase awareness of Crime in their areas – to register go to [www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/](http://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/ecops/).

Levels of crime remain stable in Burwell and Bottisham, and have decreased slightly in the Swaffhams

There is still concern about the anti social behaviour and large gatherings of young people on the playing fields of Bottisham Village College.

Neighbourhood Panel Report June 2009

Dog fouling along public paths parallel to highway is illegal and should be reported to the dog warden. Guidelines about action on dog fouling are to be issued to parish councils

The police are very grateful to Speedwatch activities. The current results for Reach are contained within the District Councillor's report.

### ***Village Hall Committee Report***

None provided.

### ***Matters Arising***

#### 1. Clerk Annual Review

The Clerk has been in his role for one year now and therefore his performance and pay level were reviewed by the Parish Council. The Parish Council were happy with the performance of the Clerk in the previous 12 months and it was decided that an increase to £8.50 an hour was to be implemented immediately and a further increase to £11.28, or the current equivalent rate at that time, will be implemented in April 2010.

#### 2. Insurance

The Clerk produced a spreadsheet showing all the assets of the Parish Council and the level of cover that might be provided for each. Three options were documented, one of which was chosen by the Parish Council. The Clerk will communicate this decision to the both the successful and unsuccessful insurers.

#### 3. Play Area Inspection Report

The report has just one high priority item. The Clerk will order and arrange for the fitting of the necessary parts. In addition, the weeds will be removed from the area and other more minor remedial actions will be taken. It was also decided that Rita Dunnett will become the Play Spaces Officer.

#### 4. Reach Fair Car Parking

There is concern that the current car parking field used for the Reach Fair may not be available once the current tenant relinquishes it. The Clerk will look into this, working with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

## ***District Council Report***

**Speedwatch** results for Reach are so far disappointing. Two separate checks were carried out with a total of 120 motorists approaching Reach from Swaffham Prior being measured for speed. Of those, 19 received letters from the police and of those, 13 were Reach residents.

Fly tipping has taken place in Barston Drove and Headlake Drove and in addition there is rubbish to be cleared from the recent traveller's encampment on the Swaffham Road. This has been reported and will be dealt with shortly.

Section 106 money is that which is paid by developers to compensate inconvenienced residents and is to be used by the community for worthwhile causes. The Council has been looking at ways that smaller parishes, like Reach, might benefit from these funds. For parishes with less than 800 residents, there may be additional S106 resources available. It is proposed that villages will be able to bid for funding for projects through their Neighbourhood Panels.

ECDC and CCC are working together to respond to the potential changes to the way the buses concessionary fare scheme is organised. The Department of Transport has launched a three phase consultation on the current scheme and there are concerns that some of the proposals may leave councils worse off if they were to be implemented.

It is planned that both rubbish and recycling collections will, from October, take place on the same day (but with no change to frequency of collections). Further information via leaflet will be provided to all households during August and September.

## ***Financial Report***

The Parish Council remains in a financially sound situation and is on course to finish the year with a positive contribution to our reserves. The 2008-2009 accounts have been received back from the accountants and are approved; they will now be sent to the auditors.

## ***Police Liaison Committee Report***

The new non emergency contact number for the police is 0345 456 456 4

There has been an increase in crime using the cat flap or letter box to obtain keys to properties. Do not leave keys or any valuable items in visible places near to doors or windows.

The use of DNA infused Smart Water is a great deterrent to the burglar and is very helpful to the police when tracing stolen goods. Prosecutions can only take place when stolen goods can be traced and identified. All prisoners at Park Side are screened for traces of UV pen and Smart Water. Smart Water is traceable back to the area in which it originated so goods and individuals handling them can be identified with specific areas. Burglary victims are supplied with Smart Water in the Police Burglary Packs and it can be bought over the internet.

## **KNOW YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

The council has 7 Councillors;

<b>Ross Clark</b>	Chairman	743725
<b>Michael Aves</b>	Vice Chairman	742800
<b>Rita Dunnett</b>	Councillor	742943
<b>Hilary Fielding</b>	Councillor	741853
<b>Joyce Harrison</b>	Councillor	742405
<b>Angela King</b>	Councillor	742266
<b>Helen Platt</b>	Councillor	742331

The 2009 council meetings will be held on the following Wednesdays:

<b>January</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>2nd</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>7th</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>2nd</b>

in Reach **Village Centre, starting at 7.30pm.**

***There is a Forum for Members of the Public at the beginning of the Meeting.***

Proposed agenda items should be sent to any of the Councillors or to the Clerk;

**David Parr** - 20 Fair Green, Reach, CB25 0JD  
**Tel:** 01638 744081, **Email:** reachparishcouncil@live.co.uk

*Minutes of previous meetings and the agenda for the next meeting can be found on the PARISH COUNCIL page of the new Reach website at;*

**[www.reach-village.co.uk](http://www.reach-village.co.uk)**

Other useful contacts;

<b>Village Hall Officers</b>	Joyce Harrison	742405
	Rita Dunnett	742943
<b>Police Liaison Officer</b>	Hilary Fielding	741853
<b>Tree Officer</b>	John Reed	742140
<b>Swaffham Prior Parochial Charities Officer</b>	John Robinson	743563

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# Parish Council Meetings

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## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2009

### Attendance

Michael Aves	Vice Chairman	Not Present
Ross Clark	Chairman	Present
Rita Dunnett	Councillor	Present
Hilary Fielding	Councillor	Present
Joyce Harrison	Councillor	Present
Angela King	Councillor	Not Present
Helen Platt	Councillor	Present
David Parr	Clerk	Present
Allen Alderson	District Councillor	Present
David Brown	County Councillor	Present

### Forum for Members of the Public

One member of the public attended but made no comment.

### Declaration of Interests

None.

### Amenity Fund Applications

**There are currently 4 applications ongoing;**

#### 1. Daffodil planting in Reach

Jo Riches has suggested that the village of Reach was somewhat lacking in daffodils compared to our neighbours and that there should be a "village planting day". There has been general support for this and Jo is producing a rough map of the village, showing the areas where the bulbs will be planted, quantifying the number of bulbs needed and the cost. It is expected that a decision will be made in August.

#### 2. Cricket Net

A request for funding has come from Joe Acklam for a cricket net for the village, to be sited on the playing field. There was general support for this and Ross Clark, working with Joe has produced an estimate of around £1,800 for a suitable surface and netting. The Clerk will seek a grant from ECDC and other sources before a decision is made regarding this application.

#### 3. Tennis Court

A suggestion has been made by a Reach resident that a tennis court, located on the playing field, would be a beneficial amenity for the village. The Clerk has established that for one court with painted porous tarmac, surrounding secure fencing and net would cost £25,000 to £30,000. It was suggested that in OORM and on the website, support for this application should be established by the Clerk and if this is positive, funding be sought from a variety of sources.

#### 4. Village Sports Day 2009

A request has been made for funding for this event to the level of £265. The Parish Council felt that this was a large amount of money, well in excess of what has been granted previously. They therefore proposed a figure of £125 to cover the cost of engraving and repairing the cups, sundry items for the races and certificates for all competitors.

### Minutes of Previous Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 were reviewed and signed.

### County Council Report

This was delivered by David Brown, who narrowly beat Hazel Williams in the recent elections.

Since the election I have attended a number of training days at Shire Hall. The Annual Meeting of the County Council took place on Tuesday 23 June. Owing to a business commitment taken on before the election I was out of the country and unable to attend that meeting. The agenda consisted primarily of electing Councillors to the different Committees and outside bodies. I have been placed on:

Environment and Community Services Scrutiny Committee  
Service Appeals Scrutiny Committee  
Adult and Communities Policy Development Group  
Local Government Association Rural Commission

I am also a substitute on Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee, Children and Young People Policy Development Group and the Political Management Policy Development Group.

I have the first meetings of these groupings over the next couple of weeks and will have more to report next month.