

# Out of Reach



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# Information

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## **Doctors (The Burwell Surgery, Newmarket Road, Burwell, CB5 0AE)**

Appointments/Emergencies	741234
Enquires/Repeat Prescriptions	743602

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	01223 440221
Anglian Water	01603 225000
Police	999
	Non Emergencies 01223 358966

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# Editorial

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A blank sheet of paper again—and words need to be added, what can I say this month. I had to put the two Annual meetings in below, so that helps my editorial—not much space to fill now.

Congratulations to all those involved in the fair—an excellent day was had by all and the accounts on the centre pages look great Nice to see the weather was good to us this year.

Unfortunately we have had a couple of incidents of theft in the village, please be aware of distraction burglaries. The latest scam I have heard of is asking to use the phone because there has been an accident. If anyone says this to you take the details from them and contact the emergency services yourself. Do not let anyone into your house that you do not know.

I need to now find a front cover picture, check for spaces I can fill. This edition can then be put to bed and I can go and do some gardening or decorating whatever I am asked to do just to keep me busy! Be back in July.

*Dave*

## **THE ANNUAL REACH PARISH MEETING**

**will be held  
on Wednesday 1st June  
In the Village Centre  
At 7.30**

This is not a Parish Council Meeting (and you will not be persuaded to sit on any committees). It is your chance to ask the County Councillor, District Councillor, and Parish councillors about how your village is run.

So, if you are really interested in hearing why our sewage treatment works has doubled in size, why not come along!

## **REACH VILLAGE CENTRE**

**AGM**

**The next AGM for Reach Village Centre Committee will be held**

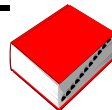
**on  
Wednesday 20th July at 8pm in the Centre**

Everyone is welcome to come along  
Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting

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## Reach Village Centre

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

The 100 club has 10 draws a year.

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

2 draws of £50.00

July and December



**Please contact Joyce Harrison**

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

**Winner of the 100 Club**

**April—Martin Goodchild**

**May— Chris Freeman**

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# Dates For Your Diary

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## June

Wed Jun 1	Parish Council Annual Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
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Thu Jun 2	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Mon Jun 6	Back to school		
Tue Jun 7	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jun 7	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30pm
Wed Jun 8	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jun 9	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 10	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed Jun 15	Village Hall Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jun 16	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 17	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jun 21	Re-cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jun 21	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30 pm
Thu Jun 23	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jun 24	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Sun Jun 26	Quiz Night	Dyke's End	7.30 pm

## July

Tue Jul 5	Re-Cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jul 5	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30 pm
Wed Jul 6	Parish Council Meeting	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thu Jul 7	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jul 8	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Wed Jul 13	Village Fair Meeting	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jul 14	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jul 15	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Tue Jul 19	Re-Cycling Lorry in Reach		
Tue Jul 18	Mobile Library	Village Green	12.30 pm
Wed Jul 20	Village Hall AGM	Reach Village Hall	8.00 pm
Thu Jul 21	Jazz Work Out	Reach Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri Jul 22	Mothers & Toddlers	Reach Village Hall	9.30 am
Fri Jul 22	School Summer Holidays Start		
Sun Jul 31	Quiz Night	Dyke's End	7.30 pm

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# Notices

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Our peacocks (Posh and Becks!) have gone AWOL in the village. They have been sighted a few times but our attempts to capture them have failed thus far. They're usually spotted at roosting time when they pick a roof top that they like the look of. Anyway, I just thought that if anyone spotted them they could give us a call (01638 743440) and, if possible, we'll do our best to catch them.

We thought we had done all the right things to ensure that they stayed with us ie. keeping them in an aviary for 6 weeks and feeding lots of treats but still the urge to explore the village was too strong. Of course, they are quite harmless and so far are not particularly noisy so I hope people aren't too alarmed to see them appear in their back garden.

**Toni Dennis**  
**01638 743440**

## For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquee £75.00

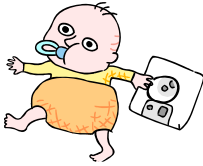
this includes erection by experienced personnel

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

# DO YOU NEED A BABY SITTER ?



I am 15 years old and live in Reach

**Sophie Bateman**

**Phone 01638 742317**

## Swaffham Prior School SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 9 July 2005, 12.30 - 4.00pm  
at Swaffham Prior School



Barbecue \* Bouncy castle \* Pony rides

Bar \* Live music \* Maypole dancing \* Games



Ice creams \* Face painting \* Craft corner \* Stalls

There's something for everyone and everyone's welcome at the

**Swaffham Prior School Summer Fair!**

On behalf of The Friends of Swaffham Prior School, I would like to thank the many villagers who so generously supported two of our events recently.

At the Ladies Indulgence Evening on May 22nd the village hall was completely transformed by metres of silk, soft lights, candles and flowers which provided an atmosphere of luxury that everyone enjoyed.

The Evening was a wonderful opportunity to relax with friends over a glass of wine, enjoy a massage and partake of a little retail therapy and we raised the fantastic sum of £660.

Many of you also supported the Barrow of Booze Prize Draw which took place at Reach Fair. Tickets sold during the week before, and also at the fair resulted in a total of £991 being raised.

These amounts put us well on track to be able to provide the second phase of the Trim Trail for the playground.

Many thanks to you all,

**Jane Blanks**  
**Chairman, FoSPS**

**Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Reach Sports Day**  
**Playing Field 2.30pm**

Our annual village Sports Day is an event for the whole family from toddlers to grandparents.

We aim to provide entertainment, a race and barbecue for everyone.

Bring some drinks, rug and or chair, a pair of shoes you can run in or even bare feet to join in this highlight of the Reach Sporting Calendar.

**Contact : Tony Jordan 743 408, Juliette Vickery 742 676**



# CAKE STALL

Grahame and Karen would like to say a big thank you to all who helped with the cake stall either by baking or buying or both. It was an experience to say the least. One which you will all be pleased to know that we are prepared to repeat next year. we will give you all reminders early in the year and not just the week before !! We do not know what the profit was but we took the princely sum of nearly £300 not bad for mere beginners

SWAFFHAM PRIOR  
OPEN GARDENS &  
FOSTERS MILL  
SUNDAY 19th JUNE

2-6pm

ENTRANCE £2.50

Also

QUILTING EXHIBITION  
At ST CYRIACS CHURCH

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

10am-5pm Admission £2.00

TEAS, POTTERY & PLANTS

On sale

AT THE VILLAGE HALL



## **The Bottisham Ball**

With Parents and Friends of Bottisham Village College

**Saturday, 2nd July 2005 7.00 pm – midnight**

**Black tie**

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

**3 Course Dinner and Live Music**

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

**Tickets (Non-refundable) available from:**

**Jenny: 01638 741138**

**Lesley: 01223 813034**





## CAMBS QI GONG

In March this year a new venture came into being in the Swaffhams. Three of us, who had grown tired of trucking down to London for the benefit of our health, decided to see if we could set up something more local. Inspired by the teachings of a Chinese master who developed a very special healing form, we managed to attract a worldclass teacher in Qi Gong and decided to hire the beautiful venue of Swaffham Prior Village Hall. Amongst the complexities of putting together a multitude of diaries, we managed to eke out a number of Saturdays, one a month, from spring into summer.

Qi Gong infuses qualities of relaxation, balance, sensitivity and awareness throughout the body and mind. Based on the Tao - it is a poetic and practical way of being in life through its seasons, elements and changes.

Qi Gong forms the basis of martial arts such as T'ai Chi and originated in China several thousand years ago. Qi Gong was practised by Taoist monks, indigenous doctors and martial arts practioners in search of well-being and wisdom.

Barbara Brown has been practising T'ai Chi for 25 years and Qi Gong for over 12 years. She co-authored a book "Qi Gong the Chinese Art of working with Energy" commissioned and published by HarperCollins.

For me it is an absolute delight to have this happening on my doorstep.

There is place for a few more people. If you want further information contact Sally on 01223 513 014 or book a place by sending a cheque for £ 40.- for an individual workshop to:

Cambs Qi Gong  
The Mill House  
Bottisham Park  
Bottisham  
Cambridge CB5 9ED

Dates:  
Saturday 7th May  
Saturday 4th June  
Saturday 16th July

**Nicole Buijsse**

**BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE**  
**CLEANING STAFF REQUIRED**



Hours of work available:  
6am – 9am (Mon-Fri)  
3.45pm – 6.45pm (Mon – Fri)

£5.85 per hour  
(April 2005)  
Uniform & training provided

Please Contact:  
Mrs Claudine Bateman  
On  
01223 811250 Ext 229



**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  
Dave Summers @ 32 Great Lane.

For further details contact Dave on 01638 742884.

# ***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**

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# Bus Timetable

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Effective the 25 July 2004

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

Bus 111 Cambridge to Reach:	07.10 <sup>^</sup> , 09.10, 11.10, 13.10, 15.10, 16.40 <sup>^</sup> , 17.40 <sup>^</sup> ,
<sup>^</sup> Not Saturday	18.10, 19.10, 21.10, 23.10
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach	20.10, 22.10
Bus 111 Reach to Newmarket:	07.43, 09.43, 11.43, 13.43, 15.43, 18.16, 18.43, 19.40,
	21.40, 23.40
Bus 122 Reach to Soham	20.40, 22.40
Bus 111 Reach to Isleham:	17.16
Bus 111 Newmarket to Reach:	06.31, 09.55, 11.55, 13.55, 15.55, 17.55, 19.10, 21.10,
Bus 111 Isleham to Reach:	07.23 <sup>^</sup> Not Saturday
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	19.08, 21.08
Bus 111 Reach to Cambridge:	06.55, 07.49(*), 10.30, 12.30, 14.30, 16.30, 18.30,
* Continues to Long Rd 6th Fm	19.33, 20.33, 21.33, 22.33

## Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 122

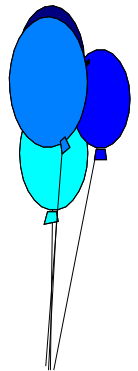
Bus 122 Cambridge to Reach:	10.10, 14.10, 18.10
Bus 122 Reach to Ely:	10.40, 14.40, 18.40
Bus 122 Ely to Reach:	11.40, 16.10
Bus 122 Soham to Reach	08.50
Bus 122 Reach to Cambridge:	09.15, 12.30, 17.00

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# Birthdays

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June		July	
8	Kana Coles	7	George Pearson
10	Rebecca Garner	30	Daisy Bailey
16	Joe Batson-Moore		
23	Alex Garner		



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

# Fen Edge Family Festival



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



**Open Gardens** – see the wonders that real gardeners have created



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



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



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



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

on  
**Cottenham Village Green**  
**24, 25 and 26 June 2005**

For full details, timetable and developments, check out our website:  
<http://www.fenedge.co.uk/festival.html>

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

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# Burwell Surgery Newsletter

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[Email: Burwell.Surgery@gp-D81051.nhs.uk](mailto:Burwell.Surgery@gp-D81051.nhs.uk)

Earlier this year we conducted a patient survey and asked 250 of you to complete a questionnaire. The survey covered the service provided by the doctors and the practice as a whole. The survey was analysed and the results collated by a national company who carry out over 4,000 surveys of doctors' surgeries each year. We now have the results and would like to share them with you.

I am pleased to inform you that the overall score for the practice was above the national average and we received some very favorable comments which are very encouraging. The highest score was for the respect shown to our patients. However there are some areas where we didn't do so well and which we need to improve on.

The worst area was waiting times. 10 minutes are allocated for each routine appointment, however the doctors try to give each patient the time they need and this sometimes results in the doctors running late. We do provide double appointments if patients are attending with more than one problem. Please let reception know when booking your appointment if this is the case. All the doctors are aware of this problem and try to keep the wait to a minimum. The receptionists endeavor to inform you if their surgery is running late but please ask if you feel your wait is excessive.

Some patients also expressed concern about the opportunity to speak to doctors on the telephone. All the doctors are happy to carry out telephone consultations. When you request this service you may be given an actual appointment time for the doctor to ring you or if that is not available the doctor will return your call at the end of surgery. Urgent calls are put through to the duty doctor immediately and for more information on this please ask at reception.

The children's play area, or lack of it, was also an issue raised by some of you. Due to concerns of health and safety and infection control we have kept the toys to a minimum with a Lego table. Although we provide books to encourage parents to read to their children whilst waiting, we realise this is not sufficient. We have since purchased an activity table and are happy for parents to bring their child's own toys in with them if they wish.

We will repeat this survey later in the year but are happy to receive comments at any time.

May I just remind you, to help us keep our records up to date please notify us if you change your address or telephone number as this is important if we need to contact you.

**Alleen Allen**  
**Practice Manager**



# CRICKET IN REACH

According to the picture of the ladies in silly hats in the Millennium book, Reach used to have a cricket club. There is no reason why the lack of a pitch, or of 11 competent, grown men, should prevent us from having one again - at least an occasional team playing friendly matches. I think the idea would be for the cricketing equivalent of a bog-standard, co-educational inner city comprehensive school: a team which takes allcomers but doesn't bother too much about the results. I have taken the liberty of setting up one fixture for Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, against a village gentlemen's XI from Sussex. We can play this at the Trinity Hall ground on Huntingdon Road, Cambridge. Anyone, male or female, who is interested in playing in this fixture, or who might be interested in playing in others, please contact me, and perhaps we might arrange a proto team meeting.

Ross Clark  
20, Great Lane 01638 741516

## The Parish Church of **ST JAMES** Lode with Longmeadow

Friday 3rd June 2005	Silverwood: <i>Flute and Guitar</i>
Friday 1st July 2005	Cambridge Camerata Wind Quartet
Friday 2nd September 2005	Big Band 220
Friday 7th October 2005	David Bass: <i>Piano trio - violin, cello, piano</i>
Friday 4th November 2005	Helen-Louise Baker and Jane: <i>Folk meets Classics</i>
Friday 2nd December 2005	Sarah Maxwell with Chris Jones: <i>Voice and keyboard</i>

**Individual concert ticket: £8 at the door**  
**Season Tickets contact**  
**Tel 01223 813070 or 812797**

# **ELY'S MEDIEVAL PAGEANT**

**Ely Park**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

**10.00 am to 5.00 pm daily**

Come to Ely where terrific medieval fun awaits you. The grounds of Ely Park, with the beautiful Cathedral backdrop will be transformed for this great two-day celebration of medieval history. Never has Ely celebrated history on quite this scale before! Knowing the popularity of previous Living History Events, East Cambs District Council and Ely Museum have come together to work up this spectacular event. The main part of the weekend will be the daily battles where the armies will first march into the Park from the City Centre and will then re-enact the battle in the main arena. The battles will be based on the Bishop of Ely raising troops in the area, before his quick escape to France.

In addition to lots of hands on archery and drill displays including arming a knight there will be lots of colourful characters to entertain and demonstrate what life was like in years gone past. You will have the opportunity to wander around an authentic medieval village where you will be taken back in time to the Middle Ages. A Medieval Fayre, side stalls and refreshments including hog roast and beer tent adds to this great family day out.

This is a ticketed event and we advise you to book early. One and two day passes are available with special rates for children, concessions, groups of more than 10 (pre-booked only) and family tickets. Tickets are available at the Box Office (01353 669759) or from Ely's Tourist Information Centre, St Mary's Street, Ely Museum, Market Street or Burrow's Bookshop, High Street Passage. Tickets purchased before the day will be entitled to a 10% discount.

For full details of the programme of events check out our website at <http://tourism.eastcambs.gov.uk> or contact Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer, East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616377 or e-mail: [tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk).

# F.B.A? WHAT'S THAT?

Regular users of the numerous byways which wind around the village of Reach will have noticed that the hedges with their tenacious thorny tentacles have had a haircut! Not only have the straggly ends been trimmed, - a few places have received a "short back and sides"! Walkers, cyclists, horse riders and (of course) carriage drivers can now venture safely around these pretty lanes, side by side, without the risk of laceration, or loss of eyesight!

The job was recently undertaken by a group of equestrian enthusiasts known as the FENLAND BRIDLE WAYS ASSOCIATION(FBA), many of whom live locally, and make regular use of the safe circular route, away from main roads and traffic.

The FBA was formed in 1997 and covers the areas around Burwell, Bot-tisham, Reach, Swaffham Prior, Soham,, Wicken, Littleport and all surrounding villages. Its aims are:

To increase the length and number of trails which are accessible to horses, for the safety of riders, horses, and the road users who would otherwise encounter them.

To ensure that these trails are maintained in a rideable condition.

To encourage, and teach riders to be safe and considerate towards other users of highways, by-



ways, bridleways and the countryside in general.

During the month of March, members of the group formed a working party, and with the aid of a tractor and flail, (partially financed by the FBA) spent several hours of one weekend clearing scrub and cutting back the hedges and those lethal briars, which were encroaching into the path of the users of the byways. Andy Davidson, the County Council Rights of Way officer said "We (the Council) appreciate the work done by the FBA clearing the byways and working with council officers to improve the network for other users."

It is important that byways and bridleways are kept clear of obstruction, and are not lost to users. What can you do to help? By joining the FBA, you are seen to be representing an expanding group of people who love to spend their leisure time safely with their horses in the countryside. These people are dedicated to maintaining the access and condition of safe riding areas, opening up new linking routes and encouraging other horse riders to be safe and considerate to other users.



In addition, you will be able to take part in organized activities such as talks/lectures, outings, pleasure rides, jumping opportunities, carriage driving, and access over trails open only to FBA members.(This is a current project hopefully, for the near future)

Anyone interested in joining the FBA should contact Joy Fuller on 01353 720288 or Email [Joy@segraves-removals.co.uk](mailto:Joy@segraves-removals.co.uk).

## **Duxford Saturday Workshop String Group**



**Present various pieces for strings, including Haydn's Clock Symphony.**

**SUNDAY 10th July 2005 at 4pm**

**St Mary's Church, Burwell**

**Refreshments will be available**

**Collection plate proceeds will be shared between the church and Duxford Saturday Workshop (Registered Charity No 277374)**

Your ref:  
My ref: E/3011/04/CC  
Date:

Contact: Richard Wilkinson  
Direct Dial: 01223 718583  
Fax: 01223 718537  
E Mail: Richard.Wilkinson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk



Cambridgeshire  
County Council

Office of Environment & Community Services  
Deputy Chief Executive, Brian Smith

County Development, Minerals & Waste Group  
Strategic Planning  
Box No. ECS1011  
Castle Court  
Cambridge  
CB3 0AP

Clerk To Reach Parish Council  
The Barn  
Fair Green  
Reach  
Cambs  
CB5 0JD

Dear Mrs Lang,

### Reach Sewage Treatment Works, The Hythe, Reach

I have been asked by the Chairman of the Parish Council to comment on the planning status of the improvement works being undertaken at the above-mentioned site.

The County Council dealt with a planning application (E/3011/04/CW) for the proposed erection of a kiosk building to house electrical equipment and the realignment of the fence to increase the operational footprint of the sewage works within a larger area of land owned by Anglian Water. The Parish Council was consulted on the application. The application was granted consent by the County's Development Control Committee on 1 November 2004. A landscaping scheme is required to be undertaken in respect of the kiosk and the realigned fence once the works are complete.

All other parts of the upgrade project such as the new sewage processing plant and equipment installed was considered by Anglian Water to be "permitted development". These are rights granted under national planning legislation (Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning General Permitted Development Order 1995) that allows statutory undertakers to undertake certain types of operational development needed to maintain and improve their essential services and comply with tougher environmental controls.

I write to confirm that, in my view, the improvement works (save for the building that was granted express permission) are consistent with Part 16 of the above-mentioned order and as such do not require express planning permission.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Wilkinson  
Principal Development Control Officer

# Reach Fair 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2005

Thank goodness the weather was kind to us this year, ensuring that everyone who attended the fair had a good time. Attracting approximately 10,000 people, making it one of our busiest ever.

Raising a magnificent sum of £7,000.00p. This money is split between the Village Centre (75%) and the Reach Amenity Fund (25%). The amenity fund is controlled jointly by the Parish Council and Reach Village Centre and is there to support any good causes in the village.

The Village Centre Committee is still trying to raise the necessary money to fund the building work planned to improve the facilities of the center. Our planning consent has only one year left to run. We must, therefore make a big effort this year to see it through to fulfillment. At the moment we are trying to complete grant applications, if there is anyone out there who has first hand knowledge of how to write a successful bid we would be very pleased to here from you.

A GREAT BIG THANKYOU to everyone who helped at the 'Fair' this year, before the event with planning, advertising and setting up. On the day, manning the car park, the road closures, stalls and the selling of programmes and after with the grand clear up. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the village gets back to normal.

The fair is extremely popular and although financially successful, not as profitable as it might be. Other events of a similar size make bigger profits, mainly by charging an entrance fee. By tradition 'Reach Fair' is a free fair. Is it time to break with tradition?

We are now at the point where we must make decisions about the future of the 'Fair'. The organization of the 'Fair' rests on the shoulder of a few, dedicated people who put in a huge amount of work for several months prior to the event. The job gets harder every year for our band of dedicated volunteers, badgering and cajoling villagers, friends and family to help out the day. Would YOU like help? Why not come along and join the team for next year. It can be very rewarding and a great way to get to know other villagers.

The organizing committee would welcome any thoughts, comments and suggestions you may have as well as offers of help. Why not come along to our next meeting on Wednesday June at 8pm in the 'Centre'. You will be made very welcome. Once again many thanks to all those volunteers, too many to name, but you and we, know who you are!

*Rita Dunnett ( Secretary)*

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# Your County Councillor

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James Fitch

01223 811425



## COUNTY COUNCIL LETTER

### Farewell County Letter

In 1981 I was agent to the Liberal candidate, Felicity McMahon in the County Council election. Four years later Felicity did not wish to stand, so I picked up the baton and ran successfully in the 1985 contest. The next four years were fairly tough since the Liberal / SDP Alliance formed a minority administration in the face of Conservative and Labour opposition.

As a busy representative of your village and also District Councillor for Bottisham I decided to take early retirement from ICI and became a full time councillor.

Partly as a result of a high rate demand we made halfway through that council; partly because of a national surge by the Conservatives under Mrs Thatcher we suffered at the 1989 election and I lost the Burwell seat to Geoffrey Woollard. Four years later in 1993 I won it back and have represented you ever since.

A great deal happened during those years. I started as Chairman of Personnel and the Police Committee (for two years) as well as taking a strong interest in such things as the Fire and Rescue Service (as a member of that Authority). Also I helped with your school, Social Service establishments like Downing Court, the Burwell Day Centre, which I backed from the first meeting to form it in June 1985, the Prospect Trust and playing field in Reach, cycle ways Burwell - Swaffham Prior - Swaffham Bulbeck - Lode, and of course a large amount of traffic calming in Burwell. The list could continue but you get my drift ,

During all these years i have attended your Parish Council on a regular basis, and I am grateful for the courteous and friendly attitude of the many parish councillors. It has been a remarkably harmonious relationship and a pleasurable experience for me. I have always tried my best; indeed, that has been my only election promise to villages.

I would like to end with sincere thanks to all those people who have rewarded me with their votes during these last twenty years. I shall maintain a continuing interest in the future progress of your village.

*James Fitch*

## CAR BOOT SALE

The Friends of Bottisham Village College are holding their annual sale on Sunday 12th June 8am to noon.

Lots of bargains, refreshments etc

Pitches 6 pounds on the gate.

# On Leaving Reach

Waking up in the middle of the night, I hear a car speeding through the village. Have I heard that before? Maybe not, having lived here half of my life, I'm so used to returning and familiar noises. I wonder: who is the driver? Where is he/she going? Then I think of getting up for the thoughts are coming back and around and around in my head..... tomorrow we'll be loading up the lorry with 16 huge crates, countless boxes and cases. Our furniture and most of the articles collected over the years. We are moving to the 'Haute Vienne' region of France, 'lock stock and barrel'! it really feels like that to.....Daylight is coming –soon we will hear the soft cooing of Ron's and Penny's Doves, will we miss them? Miss seeing them flitting by: white flashes against a flaming orange roof of the barn lit up by glorious subsets? Will we miss the lovely pair of ringdoves who come down whenever we sit in the front garden, the male pecking delicately the crumbs from my Ron's hand, held low ..... Will we miss the Blackbird's singing and the tut-tut ting thrush as it follows me when weeding the garden? The answer is YES! How we shall miss these feathered friends.....miss Reach and the folk we got to know and who wanted to know us. They say that there are no small birds in France, maybe the fact we only saw large birds of prey where we are going explains it, or maybe they have been netted and made into pâté! We are going to a little place called 'La Nadalie' a hamlet like Reach no shop, no green, but surrounded by hills woods and lakes. So, no lovely bird noises....unthinkable! Still, I can plant another sweet smelling Wisteria just like the one that grows here in the front of this house and a Clematis grandiflora, also white like the doves against the roof of Ron's barn and we have room in France for an orchard with fruit trees-cherries, apples, pears etc. especially if there are no small birds. There will be compensations, but we will not forget this place. Reach, where we have been happy, where there has been a home for us for just over 30 years, where our six children could grow up and have a childhood . When we first arrived there was no garden wall. The doggies used our 'patch' for the loo. So, that was the first task Ron took on, to build one , not just to keep 4 footed creatures out but a 2 year old 2 footed one in. The boys would not bother using the gate, but scaled the front wall, especially Steph who was always late catching the school bus. Ma Cole's cows were still using the green then, being herded out and in by her in that first hot summer, clad only in black bra, flowered shorts and wellies! Ron would whistle at her and she would herd him too, to give her a hand with the cows. If you lost your footing on that green then!

Tanya our youngest was born in July, it was a hard year with Ron on evening class, days teaching in Sawston not back before 10.30p.m. With some neighbouring kids running around the house knocking on doors and windows, gone are the days our children made the village unsafe, scrumping apples from 'general'C's garden (I heard recently) and terrorising the little boys like David B, Alistair D and our own Mike whom they named 'maggot' which raised my maternal temperature (we are now going to live  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour from Mike in France).



Gone to are the days the Morris's took part in the sports days when the children won many an event. I never forget the one it left me aching for weeks after. The marathon then was really a marathon and Silvia ran it in high heels calling at me to 'wait' for her! The social place used to be the shop and we knew the succession of keepers. The art exhibitions in the Mynott's barn and in the village hall. Two of our daughters wed in the little church next door and my fathers body carried by his son and ours to the cemetery, us singing around his grave, all unforgettable experiences. Gone to are the days we had Christian meetings in this house (NOT séances, as I heard recently some thought!)

All these were blessed times in Reach, your friendships, even though you may have wondered what we were up to? If only you had asked! We just had simple meetings like the early church, singing, prayer and bible readings, encouraging one another, sharing problems and happy times. We also met in Cambridge in Parkside for over 30 years and a lot of those are now sharing their lives in different places around the globe. Hopefully being a blessing to many others. Years gone by and now we feel we must go on, move on and face another challenge. We feel that standing still we shall stagnate and dry up. So, on to a new beginning, a new adventure, but missing you and Reach. God bless you all and we thank all you who shared good things with us.

*Ron and Iris Morris*

**REACH CHURCH**

**FAMILY BARBEQUE  
SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> JULY  
SPRING HALL FARM,  
Great Lane**

**at 6pm**

**Tickets: Adult £6, Schoolchild £3,  
Family ticket £17**

Available from Jen Holmwood (742969), Joyce Harrison (742405) & Jan Robinson (743563)  
**Soft drinks & glasses provided, please feel free to bring your own beer & wine.**

# Reach Fair 2006

Yes, I do know we have only just recovered from this year's Fair. Whilst it is still in everyone's memory I am asking anyone who has a view on the Fair to tell us (the organisers). Good or bad. New ideas, old ideas or suggestions. We are willing to listen and consider all thoughts and views.

On a cold winter's evening in February the 4 or 5 of us who organise the Fair do think 'what is the point ? Is anyone in the village interested ? '. However, come Fair day when we have glorious sunshine, a huge crowd of happy people and many helpers it does seem worthwhile.

Unless there is some new blood amongst the organisers, then next year we will have a repeat of this year and the year after will need a completely new group of organisers.

Tony Jordan

## ***SPORTS CLUB***

**Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> 2005**

### **Reach Rounders**

**2pm on the Playing Field**

**A family event for all ages.**

**Teams consist of 9 players including one under 12.**

**Teams can be organised in advance but anyone who turns up will be put into a team on the afternoon.**

**Start the autumn with a chance to meet your friends and neighbours after the holidays.**

**Contact : Tony Jordan 743 408 or  
Bryan Pearson 743 966**

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# Your District Councillor

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**Allen Alderson**

**Tel. 01638 741744**



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

I will be devoting most of this month's newsletter to the refuse collection and recycling services in East Cambs district.

We have been set tough government targets to reduce the amount of waste sent to the land fill sites. These targets are based on the amount land filled in 1995/96. The government makes no allowance for the increase in our population in setting the targets for reduction. In 1995/96 we had 27,800 households in the district, by 2004/05 this had increased to 32,000 households. The targets are - by 2010 reduce to 75% of 1995/96 figure, by 2013 reduce to 50%, by 2020 reduce to 35% of 1995/96. There will be a government penalty of £150 per tonne over these targets, a cost that we must obviously try to avoid. Hopefully by recycling wherever possible we can avoid this penalty.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS THE BLACK BOX SERVICE -

The black box takes:

- Newspaper
- Junk mail
- Washed cans - in a separate plastic carrier bag
- Glass bottles and jars - in a separate plastic carrier bag
- Cans and glass should be separated in order to speed the transfer of recyclables into the individual bays within the kerbside vehicle and to enable operatives to (easily) lighten the box should it prove too heavy for safe lifting.
- Cardboard put out in the black box will usually be removed and left for collection by the Green Waste crew who will be following.
- Boxes containing mixed materials (glass and cans not separated) or containing waxed packaging or plastics, which we are unable to recycle, will be left unemptied.
- Aerosols may now be included in the black box in a bag along with the cans.
- Residents who want an additional or replacement black box can have one delivered free of charge.
- Small capacity (33 litre) - half the size black boxes are available for the elderly and infirm - free of charge - delivered on request

Suggestions that a householder's black box has been "stolen" by the collection crew and invariably unfound - nevertheless, we will replace the missing boxes.

- Boxes should be placed at the kerbside by 7.00 am on the day of collection

## GREEN WASTE SERVICE

- Green waste bags and their contents are taken to the Donarbon site at Waterbeach where they are composted. The resultant soil conditioner is on sale at £2.35 for a 40 litre bag at Donarbon or Grunty Fen household waste recycling centre.
- Cardboard should be flattened and placed in, or with, the green waste bag - cardboard assists with the composting process.
- Shredded paper should be included in the green waste bag to help prevent wind-blown litter.
- Telephone directories and yellow pages should be placed in the green waste bag again, they contribute to the composting process.
- Details of materials which can be taken in the green waste bags are printed on the bag.
- Normally, the operatives will leave a replacement bag for each full bag left out for collection.
- Although additional green waste bags are available for sale at 50p each from local retail outlets (see list) we are happy to give people further bags if they request them.
- Food waste and kitchen scrapings should be wrapped in a newspaper and placed in the green waste bag for composting. If an alternate week collection pilot is operating - place kitchen waste and food in the bag (either green waste bag or black sack) which is next due for collection.

The bag should be placed at the kerbside by 7.00am on the day of collection.

Kitchen waste bins (with lids) are available on request.

Green waste put out in plastic bags will be left - it cannot be composted and would contaminate the whole vehicle load.

I hope this has led to a better understanding of our waste management service and the need for recycling.

*Allen Alderson*

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## **Children's Birthdays**

<b>Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>DOB</b>

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# Parish Council Meeting

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## Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005

### *Present*

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

### Reports

#### *County Council*

#### General

The new Deputy Chief Executive was to be Gordon Jayes.

#### Highways

- Sections of the A14 were to have a third carriageway added. However, this would stop at Fen Ditton; Cllr Fitch thought that it should be continued to the Quy interchange. It was likely that this could be included at a later date but not under the present scheme.
- A joint CCC/ECDC traffic check had been carried out at the Fordham/Burwell roundabout to assess any extra traffic. Drivers needed to be encouraged to go onto the A14, although this did add to the already busy road.
- **The bus service needed to remain subsidised.**
- Traffic calming was to take place in Carter Street, Fordham.
- Motorcycle accidents in the county were on the increase. These were mainly involving middle-aged riders. Courses were available for re-training.
- There had been a suggestion of tolls on the A14. This could encourage drivers to take minor roads to avoid the charge.

#### *Fire service*

There had been 73 school fires in the last 3 years in Cambridgeshire; most were arson.

#### *Cllr Fitch*

Cllr Fitch was to retire before the County Council elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May. A vote of thanks was proposed for his tireless work for the area.

#### District Council

- Details of how local residents could phone BT for a free Cambridge area telephone directory had been included in all the district village magazines.
- The new Police Constable for Burwell was to be PC Wayne Davies.

Pensioners were to be given a one-off £200 payment towards council tax. It would be issued with the winter fuel payment in November. There was some confusion as this was only for those over 65, whereas the winter fuel payment was for anyone over 60.

- The ECDC was trying to meet government targets regarding landfill. There was a £150 charge penalty per extra ton if the target was not met.
- The planning department had reported that the hedge on the property at the junction of Weirs Drove and Burwell Road was encroaching the public highway.
- Blocked gullies in Reach would be cleared shortly.

#### Village Hall Committee

The committee had applied for a grant towards the extension to the village hall.

#### Matters arising

##### Parking on The Hythe

David Groom (Eastern Highways Dept, CCC) had written saying he no longer thought the proposed 2-tier kerb in The Hythe was a good idea. He agreed that the problem would not go away but wanted to wait until the work on the sewage treatment works was finished before assessing the situation.

Graham Lingley (3 The Hythe) had emailed expressing his concern that the parking situation on The Hythe was not being addressed.

##### *Large lorries in Reach*

Swaffham Prior PC had obtained agreement from the Highways department to put a new sign to Upware at the junction of Station Road and High Street, Swaffham Prior. Councillors had also asked for a sign to Lordship Farm to be erected on the same post. Highways had agreed but said the sign had to read Lords Ground Drove.

#### *Correspondence*

##### Planning permission

This had been granted for:

Single storey orangery extension at Gallions, 33 Fair Green; single storey detached garage/new driveway/vehicular access at 40 Swaffham Road; alterations and extension to 31 Great Lane.

##### *Reach matters*

##### *Burned out boat on The Hythe*

A houseboat had been destroyed by fire on The Hythe. It had been pumped out and was shortly to be taken out of the water. The owner was planning on replacing it with a narrow boat. Councillors discussed the implications of this with the help of various correspondence between the Clerk and the Environment Agency (EA) and the Great Ouse Boating Authority (GOBA). Cllr Alderson said he would find out the legal implications of the owner mooring here, on land that was owned by Anglian Water but leased to the Parish Council (who in turn had a mooring arrangement with GOBA).

### Affordable housing

The Rural Housing Enabler had visited the village and pinpointed four sites which she thought would be acceptable for low-cost housing. She had submitted her findings to the planning department at ECDC.

### Cemetery

It was reported that travellers were using the tap at the cemetery. This was on a meter and had to be paid for by the Parish Council.

Mrs Mary Badcock had agreed to continue with the grass cutting for the forthcoming season.

### Vandalism

It was reported that young people had thrown bricks through three windows of the village centre. The police had been informed as the perpetrator had been named.

### Public forum

Complaints had been received about a resident who had sawn some branches off a tree in the public byway behind Ditchfield. He had also put road planings on the grass verge so it could not be mown. Clerk to contact the Countryside Access Officer at Cambridgeshire County Council for advice.

## **Notes on the meeting of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

### *Present*

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

### Visit

PC Wayne Davies, the local Burwell PC based at Ely, came to introduce himself to councillors. He spoke about his role in the community and the police service generally. The Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs), who had been recently introduced to work alongside the police had limited powers, he said, but had taken on a lot of paperwork to free up PCs. They had a different role from 'special' police constables.

There had been 35 incidents in Reach reported to the police in the last 12 months.

### Reports

District Council

Licensing

Cllr Alderson said the ECDC licensing committee members changed in May of each year.

Car parking in Ely

It was becoming more difficult to park in Ely. A Park and Ride system was to be introduced in 2008, following a public consultation.

## Highways

- Burwell electricity sub station was to have a new section built.
- Cllr Alderson was still in consultation with Highways over the disputed hedge at the corner of The Weirs and Burwell Road.
- The blocked gullies had been cleared.
- Travellers had been moved off Headlake Drove after a short stay.
- Boat on The Hythe: The owner of the burned out houseboat now had a longboat moored on The Hythe. The District Solicitor had written outlining certain aspects of enforcing mooring regulations.

## **Village Hall Committee**

The fair had been more successful this year helped by good weather.

## **Swaffham Prior PCC**

Clerk had written on behalf of the PC to ask for a contribution to the safety surfacing of the play area. This would be discussed at the July meeting.

## **Matters arising**

Clerk had forwarded to the CCC countryside access team a report by the ECDC Tree Officer detailing the ‘unorthodox cutting’ carried out on a tree to the rear of Ditchfield by a resident, who it was felt was trying to deter villagers from using the byway.

## ***Correspondence***

- The Chief Lighting Engineer at CCC (Chris Sproston) had written informing the PC that Jo Kirkpatrick (The Old Post Office, Fair Green) had requested that the streetlight attached to her house be replaced by a column light. Neighbours were to be consulted before deciding on a site for the light. CCC was to pay costs.
- Mrs Clayden, 12 Great Lane, had been given planning permission to build a porch.
- East Cambs District Council had granted the Parish Council a grant for £7,207 towards providing a safety surface at the children’s play area.

## **Reach matters**

### Reach sewage treatment works, The Hythe

Richard Wilkinson, the Principal Development Control Officer at CCC, had been asked to visit and comment on the planning status of the improvement works being undertaken at The Hythe. He reported that only the kiosk building to house electrical equipment had required planning permission; the new sewage processing plant and equipment were considered ‘permitted development’. He confirmed that a landscaping scheme would be undertaken once the works were complete.

## **Electricity cabling**

Electricity cabling was to be installed from the transformer at the top of Fair Green down to the sewage treatment works at The Hythe.

*Penny Lang*



# Bay Tree Nursery

The Monday club went on their way  
To Bay Tree Nursery to spend the day  
The trip had been planned a while  
It was a fair distance of miles  
We left Burwell around about ten  
When we got there it was a question of when  
The coach was almost full up with folk  
Talking and laughing and sharing a joke  
We arrived at Bay Tree Nursery at midday  
So everything turned out o.k.  
When we got there most people had a bite to eat  
Went in the restaurant or sat on a seat  
We were there quite a few hour's  
Amongst the shrubs, pots, shops and flowers  
Everyone had a good look round  
And spent a number of pounds  
I had never been to Bay Tree Nursery before  
So did not know what was in store  
With gardening I have got a bit of knowledge  
As I once worked in a college  
Some people were on their own some with a friend  
Whether they had one or not it really did depend  
In the afternoon we had a cup of tea  
Could not stay long plenty more to see  
We made our journey home at half four  
People could not walk round anymore  
It was the best Nursery I had seen  
I am glad I have been  
Maybe there will be another time  
That would be absolutely fine  
We arrived back home before eight  
That was simply just great  
It had been a lovely sunny day  
Everyone enjoyed their stay.

Dennis Millard

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **May 7<sup>th</sup> - June 12<sup>th</sup> - Ely high School Exhibition**

Celebrating 100 yrs. Of Ely high School

Normal admission charges apply

### **Half term - Wednesday 1st June**

10.30am - 4pm

*'Get Potted'*

The chance for children to make their own pot on a real potter's wheel with

Kate Philips from Bodgers farm Pottery .

£3.00 per child includes free admission to museum.- contact museum for further details

01353 666655

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June -12.30pm**

*'Medieval Make Morning'*

Drop-in session for children and parents - the chance to make Medieval pennants, Shields, visors and Medieval hats.

£2.50 per child, no need to book

### **June - August 'First World war letters'**

An exhibition of letters written from the First World War and sent home to Ely.

Normal admission charges.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2pm**

*'Romans in Ely Museum'*

Take a closer look at Ely Museum's collection of Roman Archaeology with Mike Young, amateur pot-sorter & field walker, as part of C4's Big Roman

Dig. Suitable for 11+

£2.00 per ticket- pre-booking essential.

Contact 01353 666655

### **Saturday 23rd July - 11am - 12 pm & 2-3pm**

*Discovering Dinosaurs- suitable for 6-12yrs*

Discover how scientists gather all the information From a dinosaur dig-handle real dinosaur bones and take part in three activities- The dinosaur race, the death of a dinosaur & reconstructing Fred-O-Saurus.

£3.00 per child- pre booking essential .

Contact 01353 666655

## **Evening Musical Performance of Carousel**

Once again “The Garden Theatre Co.” are privileged to have the opportunity to perform in the Jubilee Gardens, Ely, as with ‘Godspell’ last year, the performance will be free, though this year we will be holding a collection for the Company to help with expenses. Basically we are a young adult Company, but this year we have people ranging in age from 6 to 70 years old.

The performance will be fully staged and will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7:45pm. Why not bring along a picnic and a rug or some chairs and make a special evening of it.

Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Carousel is the deepest and most moving of all their acclaimed musicals. Based on a play ‘Liliom’ by Ferenc Molnar, much of Carousel’s dialogue is taken from Benjamin F. Glaser’s translation of the original play. Through all the happiness and joy of simple community life, it drives passionately and relentlessly towards the death of its hero – Billy Bigelow, and in spite of the affecting sight of Nettie Fowler’s refusal to allow Julie Jordan to give in to her despair, it is (as in the original play) during Billy’s return to earth, when he replaces the words “If I loved you”, with “How I loved you” that the power of the play reaches full force.

A play is one thing but with the addition of Richard Rodgers’ stunning and piercing musical score, then the whole story is finally told.

Carousel contains some of the best known and loved songs of any musical; from the jubilation of ‘June is Bustin Out all Over’, to the beauty and serenity of “If I loved you”. “The Soliloquy” that Billy sings, on realising that he is to become a father, covers every emotion that any father can ever have felt. Finally the anthem of hope over despair, that is “You’ll Never Walk Alone”.

Please join us.

For further information contact Tracey Harding, Tourism and Events Officer at East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616377 or e-mail: [tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:tracey.harding@eastcambs.gov.uk).

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# Church News

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**Rev Stephen Earl**

**The Vicarage Tel 741262**

Dear Friends,

Talking amongst fellow clergy in our deanery we were all amazed at the worldwide response to the death of Pope Paul John II, and by the sheer number of pilgrims flocking to Rome to pay their last respects to this remarkable and holy man. Although not all will have agreed with his papal pronouncements, it seemed he was regarded universally as one who radiated the light of Christ in our often troubled world – which is, I think, what prompted such an overwhelming response not only from Roman Catholics, but from Christians of all denominations as well. And in a similar way too, from a great many of other faiths, and of no faith at all, recognising, in Pope John Paul II, that the world had witnessed someone quite outstanding. The life of this one man clearly touched the lives of many others – not so much through heroics deeds, but through a life of faith, courage and compassion. It was the man himself which seems to have struck people most, and particularly towards the end of his life in his amazing example of determination through adversity. For one leaving no personal legacy in material terms, it seems he left a vast fortune in less tangible and more enduring ways.

As we reflect on his contribution to the world, we might reflect on ours too. When our turn comes to meet our Maker... what kind of legacy we will leave behind? What things will people remember us for? Will we have made any difference in the world? Our profile will have been very different, but the opportunity we have to live a life of integrity is no different and given to us all.

We're now almost half-way through the year, and so it's a good point to think back to the message the Archbishop of Canterbury gave to the nation at the start of the year. That too was about the difference we can make in the world – not so much on a macro level like the Pope, but in our own individual situations. Whilst there may be a place for “grand plans”, the Archbishop explained that it is individuals who really make a difference in the world and touch the lives of others.

Filmed looking down on a wonderful panoramic view of the Thames and the City from the upper floors of the Tate Modern, the Archbishop then moved down to the basement where viewers were shown a display of art produced by young people receiving counselling for abuse. Here “on the ground”, he said, was where individuals were really making a difference in the lives of others. His challenge to the nation for this year was that everyone might play their part, on a *micro* level, in the opportunities that present themselves in our daily ordinary encounters for making a difference. He then said the macro level would take care of itself.

For individuals that means being prepared to step out of “zones of security” and taking risks. God was the first to do this himself in his gift to humankind of free will

And later again in sending his Son into a world of hostility and opposition. For parents too there is risk in letting go their offspring to “find their own feet”. “Stepping out in faith” as a phrase used commonly, but for people *of faith* it is not an option but an imperative.

In the light of the growing religious and political tensions in the world, and also the sense of vulnerability we feel both from disasters beyond our control and those of our own making, how can we “step out in faith” and really make a difference? I suggest one way is in letting go of the man-made barriers we so easily put up in relation to those different from ourselves, or who have different views from our own. We must dare to enjoy one another (with each others’ differences), dare to have faith in one another, dare to believe others may have found something of the truth for which we search, and dare to live with unanswered questions.

After being caught up in the terrible, tragic tsunami on Boxing Day 2004, one survivor spoke movingly about how it had totally changed her attitude to people of other faiths: She had sought refuge with others on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the hotel in which she was staying with her husband, and later said:

*“The Archbishop of Canterbury has commented that events like these can make people question their faith, but mine deepened... I am Jewish by blood and Buddhist in practice... At one point I was sitting on the floor praying with a Muslim girl and a Christian lady and her baby. From vastly different beliefs, we were joined in fierce union as we pleaded for our lives... The kindness we were shown and the connections we made in that short time were astonishing. One family, in its own hour of need, opened its hearts to us, two white tourists:... Ragifa, Isham and their family who are Moslem. I realised that since 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001, at the back of my mind, I had been prejudiced against the Muslim religion. One thing this experience has taught me is that we are human **before** we are Christian, Moslem or Jew; and it’s sad it took these terrible events to make me realise that simple fact.”*

Rosie Fellner who wrote this acknowledges first and foremost the basic fact of Creation: that all of humanity is one family. We are united as God’s children and made in his image (Genesis 1:26-27); all “sons of Adam”. We therefore have a responsibility to one another, whatever our colour, creed, race, politics etc, and if we would but step out of our zone of security – exchanging ours for God’s – we might then make a big difference in the world. We may not have got that far by the end of *the year*, but by the end of *our lives* – who knows?

With every blessing,                      *Stephen*

**Reach Resident  
would like to buy a small piece of land for a  
pony paddock.  
Can anyone help?  
Please phone  
01638 743088**

# St Etheldreda's & St Mary's Church Staff Team

From the end of June a new member joins our staff team! Many will know that Mrs Gill Smith is to be ordained by the Bishop of Ely at a special service in the Cathedral at 3.00pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and I'm sure many from both our churches will want to be present to support her. Coach transport is being arranged, and if you would like to book a seat please have a word with Ken Hurrell (743118) as soon as possible. From then on, **Rev'd** Gill Smith will be serving in the parish of Reach and Burwell as Assistant Curate for 3/4 years. For the first year she will be a deacon, and around this time next year Gill will be ordained as a priest. Already Gill assists ably and with enthusiasm leading services, preaching and visiting families in connection with Baptisms, and in many other ways besides, and we are delighted that Gill will be able to continue her ministry with us.

On returning from the Cathedral there will be refreshments for all everyone in the Vicarage garden at Burwell and any who are unable to be at the Cathedral are invited to come and join us at **5.30pm**. St Mary's bellringers who will have begun ringing a full peal to coincide with the service in Ely will still be ringing when we get back in celebration of the occasion - a peal lasts for three hours! Whilst we are altogether at the Vicarage (or Church if wet) we will present Gill with her cassock, surplice and preaching scarf as a gift from all us all.

**At 6.30pm**, Gill invites everyone to St Mary's where she will play Mozart's "Sonata in F" as a joyful celebration of the occasion!

**At 7.15pm**, we make our way to the Gardiner Memorial Hall for a celebratory Quiz Night which starts at 7.30pm, with a Fish & Chip supper at half time (approx 8.30pm). Note that numbers for the Quiz Night are limited so, to be sure of a place, please sign the list at the back of St Mary's as soon as possible.

I am sure you will want to keep Gill, and her husband Bob, in your prayers especially at this wonderfully exciting time for them, and for us all.

Stephen

# Church Services June



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
<b>Sunday 6th</b> Trinity 2	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service	No Service
<b>Sunday 12th</b> Trinity 3	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
<b>Sunday 19th</b> Trinity 4	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Service of Healing	11.00 am Family Service
<b>Sunday 26th</b> Trinity 5	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service

## Sundays

**6.30 pm Informal Evening Services (Quarterly) and other specials** at Reach normally

**6.30 pm Services of Healing (Quarterly)** at Burwell

At Burwell whenever there is a 9.30 am Holy Communion service during term time.

**Junior Church (3's - 11's)** meets in the Guildhall at 9.25 am

**Pathfinders (12's - 17's)** meets in the Vicarage at 9.25 am

## Weekdays

**10.00 am Holy Communion** At Burwell St. Mary's on 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th

Wednesdays

**10.30 am Holy Communion** At Burwell (Ness Court) on 3rd Wednesdays

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

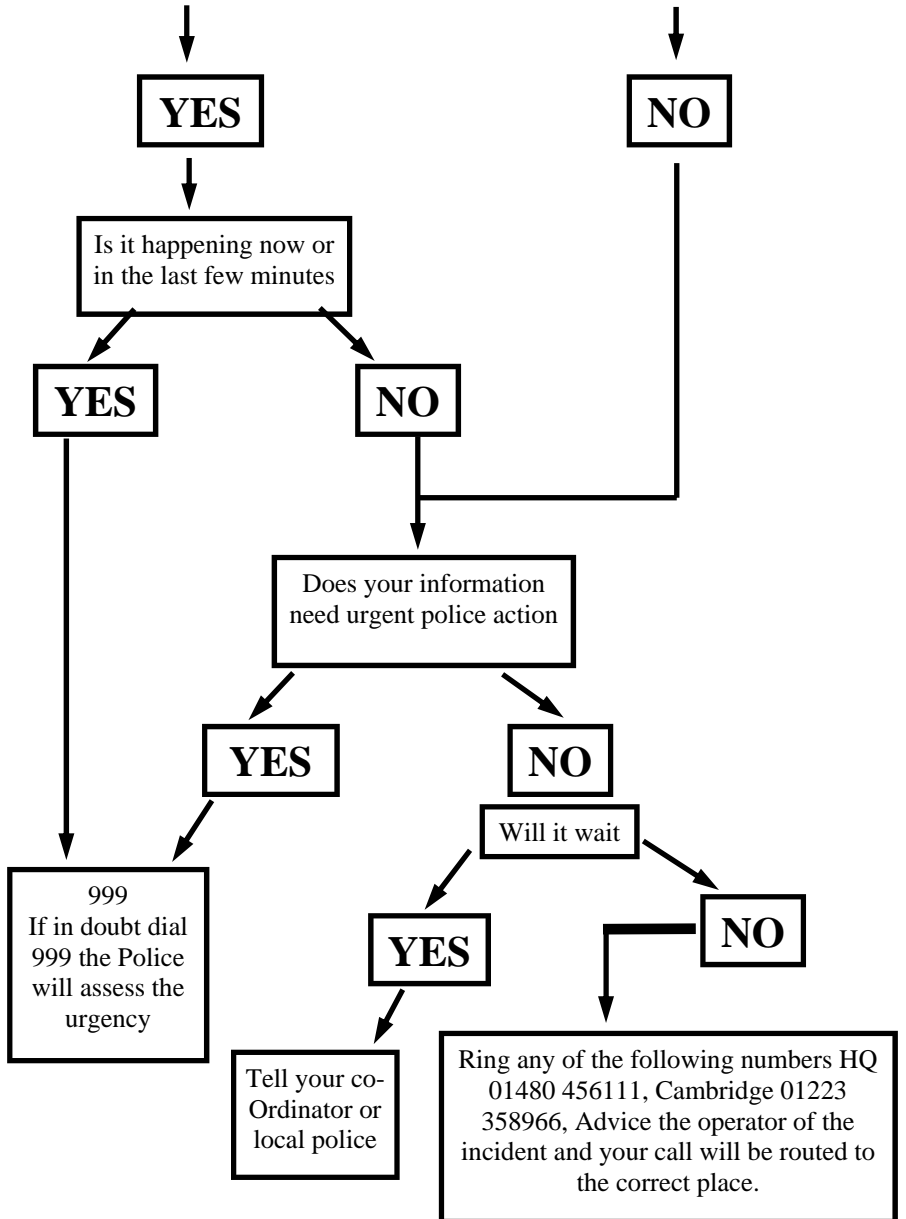
# Church Services July



Date	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda and The Holy Trinity Reach
<b>Sunday 3rd</b> Trinity 6	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Family Service 6.30 pm Deanery Songs of Praise @ St Nicholas Kennett	No Service
<b>Sunday 10th</b> Trinity 7	9.30 am Parish Communion	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 7.00 pm "Sunday @ 7" Informal Service
<b>Sunday 17th</b> Trinity 8	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	No Service
<b>Sunday 24th</b> Trinity 9	8.00 am Holy Communion (said) 9.30 am Parish Communion	11.00 am Church Family Worship



# ARE YOU WITNESSING A CRIME OR SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT



# REACH

Welcome to the ancient kingdom of Reach,  
Cambridgeshire, England



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