

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.

Out of Reach



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Church Services Sept 07



Services at Burwell and Reach		
Nov 07	St Mary's Burwell	St Etheldreda & the Holy Trinity Reach
4th Bible Sunday 4th before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
11th 3rd before Advent <u>Remembrance</u> <u>Sunday</u>	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion 2.30pm Act of Remembrance by War Mem. beside P.Office <i>followed by</i> 3.00pm Remembrance Service in Church	10.45am Act of Remembrance by War Memorial on The Green <i>followed by</i> Remembrance Service in Church 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" informal contemporary worship
18th 2nd before Advent	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
25th Christ the King Deanery Ministry Exchange Day	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
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Church Services Oct 07



Services at Burwell and Reach

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7th Trinity 18	<u>Harvest Festival</u> 8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Family Service	
14th Trinity 19	9.30am Parish Communion	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 7.00pm "Sunday @ 7" informal contemporary wor- ship
21st Trinity 20	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
28th Trinity 21	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 9.30am Parish Communion	
<u>Clocks change</u> 28th Last Sunday after Trinity	8.00am Holy Communion (said) 30 9.30am Parish Communion	

Editor's Notes



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

From the Editor

Well, the summer is over, the children are back to school and now we look forward to Christmas. But the Autumn is such a colourful time of year particularly around Reach because of the great variety of trees and foliage. There are also village activities to look forward to—The Harvest Supper, musical evenings and of course the Carol concert. Plus of course various firework parties and Hallowe'en.

Although the weather gets worse and the nights get darker—enjoy!

Grahame Radford

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To be in this stunningly restored church, participating in worship, listening to the magnificent new organ (modelled on the original), hearing its history, was a profound experience for Abi and myself, and for Peter and Marianne Nieber from our link parish in Bansin with whom we spent these few days. Now, in these weeks leading up to Remembrance, how good to remember again our collective responsibility.

As human beings and as Christians may we learn lessons from the past – for living together in peace, and in harmony with God's Creation.

With every blessing,

Stephen



Forthcoming Events October

Thurs 4th: 10.00 am Toddlers Harvest Service at St Mary's Burwell

Fri 5th: 7.00 pm Harvest Supper in Reach Village Centre with entertainment

Sat 6th: 7.00pm Concert with Cambridge Voices and Ian de Massini in aid of St Ethelreda's Church

November

Thur 1st : 10.00 am Toddlers Harvest Service at St Mary's Burwell

Saturday 10th: 12.00—2.00 pm GIFT DAY and soup/cheese lunch in aid of St Ethelreda's in Reach Village Centre

Saturday 17th: 7.00pm Quiz Night in aid of St Mary's at Burwell Day Centre.



Reach Village Centre

To help raise money for the Village Hall extension we have initiated a 100 club.

Ticket at just £10.00 each per year.

The 100 club has 10 draws a year.
8 draws of £20.00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

2 draws of £50.00

July and December

Please contact Joyce Harrison 742405



FROM THE VICAR, REVD CANON STEPHEN EARL.

Dear Friends,

The summer holidays are just past as I write, but will seem long ago when you read this. Yet like me you may have special memories of things you did and places you visited. Two things remain in my mind, seemingly unconnected, but then perhaps there *is* a connection...

The first recalls a place Abi and I planned to visit, but didn't: a holiday cottage in Gloucestershire close to where we first met and were married. We'd lived in the area for 4 years and looked forward to re-visiting old haunts. And then in July the floods came. Although the cottage itself was okay, the neighbouring house was inundated, many local roads were impassable, and our "old haunts" definitely inaccessible. So a last minute change of plan... instead we spent the first part of our holiday in Norfolk. East Anglia was nowhere near as badly affected as other parts of the country. We were fortunate, others were not. Avoiding the rain one day, we went to the cinema to see the Simpsons. Lo and behold, the film's theme was the need to respond collectively to global warming, and the Simpsons' misfortunes resulting from Homer's selfishly and furtively dumping effluent in the nearby lake. We don't know for sure that the summer's flooding, here and elsewhere, resulted from global warming, but the point about collective responsibility is undisputed. It's encouraging that churchgoers in this parish and diocese have given generously to the flood appeal helping those in one of the worst hit areas. Our gifts have been sent to the diocese of Worcester where the Severn and Wye and its tributaries burst banks in many places, causing havoc and heartache. The floods were a sober reminder that we all need to play our part in caring for the wonderful world God has created, using resources wisely, and considering carefully the effect our own lifestyle decisions have on other people and the future.

The rest of our holiday was a visit to Germany, including time in and around Dresden. Following complete devastation after its bombing in the Second World War the city has risen from the ashes, and nowhere is this seen more poignantly than in the restored Frauenkirche in Dresden's city centre. Left as a heap of rubble until 1991, since the East / West unification it has painstakingly been rebuilt just as it was originally in Baroque style. With the help of old photographs and an extraordinary computer programme, the correct location of all the remaining stones was worked out. These were set in place - maybe about 10% - with brand new stones making up the rest.

The old ones are clearly visible being dark and weathered; the new ones clean and yellow. On the altar is the famous cross of nails from the burnt-out rubble of the bombed cathedral in Coventry; and on the top of the dome of the Frauenkirche is a massive gilded cross donated by Great Britain, replacing the damaged blackened and twisted original now housed inside the cathedral.

Dates For Your Diary



**DON'T FORGET— RE-CYCLING DAY
IS NOW FRIDAY**

Oct

Weds 3	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 4	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 5	Re-Cycling Day		
Fri 5	Harvest Supper	Village Hall	7.00 pm
Tues 9	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 11	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 18	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 19	Recycling Day		
Tues 23	Mobile Librar	Village Green	1.10 pm
Sun 28	Quiz Night	Dykes End	8.00 pm

Nov

Fri 2	Recycling Day		
Tues 6	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Wed 7	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 8	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Thur 15	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 16	Recycling Day		
Tues 20	Mobile Library	Village Green	1.10 pm
Thur 23	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Sun 25	Pub Quiz Night	Dykes End	8.00 pm
Thur 29	Jazz Workout	Village Hall	7.30 pm
Fri 30	Recycling Day		



LOST ?

FOUND !

In the road outside 6 Great Lane an A4 sized hardback book, title -

THE ULTIMATE TEDDY BEAR BOOK by Pauline Cockrill.

Please telephone 743088 to collect.:

REACH VILLAGE CENTRE 100 CLUB

Previous Winners :-

Freda Lloyd - June £20

Sue Jordan - July £50

Veronia Wood - August £20

Karen Carpenter - Sept £20

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

Reach Fair 2008

Following a recent Committee meeting it was discussed that the time is right to implement some changes to the current format of the Fair and make it a more traditional, family day with more fun activities, rural crafts and village stalls and less commercial enterprises. Some of the ideas put forward are a Dog Show, children's fancy dress, traditional/rural games (Wellie throwing, Tug of War etc).

However, additional volunteers will be required to man or supervise these various activities. Because of the proposed new car parking arrangements there may be less personnel required on the car parks and traffic control but we will need extra people.

It is hoped that a final plan will be put together by early next year and that we will arrange an Open Evening at the Village Centre where everyone can get together at a social event and decide where they would like to help. Currently, we know that volunteers are needed to run the Cake Stall and the Salad Bar but there are sure to be others.

SPORTS DAY 2007

An impressive field of 30 children plus a ragbag of creaking and wheezing parents made it to the starting line of the annual Reach sports day on the playing field on 1 July. Besides the usual sack and potato races spectators this year were treated to the inaugural dog race – in practice a challenge to find the village's least dim pooch. After much cajoling in the direction of the finish line, and an inexplicable of one or two faster hounds to understand the concept of a race, the event was eventually won by Bramwell.

Thanks to Juliet Vickery, David Thomas and Susan Gillard for organising the event, Sue Tarasewicz for scoring, Bryan Pearson for preparing the ground and Andrew and Biddy Neve for doing the barbecue. Anyone new to the village, or who has not made it to the village Olympics before is warmly invited for next year.

Winners:

Under 16 girls' marathon: **Charlotte Gillard**

Under 16 Boys' marathon: **Alex Garner**

Reach cup: **Rupert Neve**

Runner-up: **Matty Garner**

Dog race: **Bramwell Gillard**

Ladies' Marathon: **Juliet Vickery**

Men's Marathon: **Ross Clark**

waste. It will remove any remaining recyclable materials, process the organic element to reduce its volume and produce a compost-like soil which can be used for land restoration.

Because a certain amount of organic material is required for the process to work, kitchen waste will be welcomed in the weekly black sack collections.

Mountains of garden waste remain an expensive issue, but the Conservative budget will enable the Council to increase spending on public education, encourage more home composting and reduce excessive use of brown paper sacks.

Commenting on the outcome of extensive negotiations over many months with various waste management contractors, Cllr David Brown said:

“East Cambridgeshire District Council has opted to stay with our existing contractor, Veolia, whom we believe can deliver our new and improved service within budget and to the satisfaction of Council Tax Payers.”

Allen Alderson.

For Hire from Reach Village Hall

Marquee £80.00
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



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Tel No.....

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

REACH CHURCH

12 till 2 in the Village Centre
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH

**NOT A COFFEE MORNING
BUT.....
GIFT DAY & LUNCH!**

Cakes, Produce, Christmas goods, books, etc
with soup, rolls & cheese



We still have copies of the Reach book (price £7.50), edited by Grahame Miller and published to mark the millennium.

The book has over 70 illustrations and contributions from many villagers.

A few Reach millennium mugs are also still available at £3.50.

To purchase either please contact Joyce Harrison on 742405 or Penny Lang on 742705 (or email penny@fsg.co.uk).

A Message from your District Councillor

WEEKLY RUBBISH COLLECTION HERE TO STAY LESS LANDFILL, BETTER RECYCLING, PLASTICS COLLECTION

East Cambridgeshire residents will be relieved to know that their weekly rubbish collection has been retained and the inexorable invasion of the wheelie bin stopped short at their borders.

In addition, from Spring 2008 plastics will be picked up from the kerbside along with existing fortnightly collections of black box recyclables and brown sack garden waste.

According to the Conservative's waste management project leader, Councillor David Brown, the disposal problem of black bag residual waste will be greatly reduced when a new mechanical biological treatment plant (MBT) comes on line at Waterbeach in 2009. He said:

"This will ensure that the District's landfill dependence is kept well short of soon to be imposed Government limits.

"If we exceed these limits we shall face fines of £150.00 per ton of excess but we are confident now that this won't happen to us."

Welcoming the announcement, Conservative Council Leader, Brian Ashton said:

"We have been experimenting with fortnightly collection in Witchford, Burwell and Bottisham. They hate it. We have knocked on doors throughout the District, we have listened to residents and we have reacted to the majority view.

"We have delivered. Furthermore we have done so within budget.

"Fortnightly collection trial villages will be reverting to weekly collection very shortly with apologies for the inconvenience they have endured and grateful thanks for their forbearance.

"It was not a Conservative led council that did this to them, but it is a Conservative Council that has put a stop to it once and for all."

The Waterbeach MBT plant will receive thousands of tons of Cambridgeshire's household

The Two Sides of Hallowe'en

The majority of people see Hallowe'en as good-humoured fun with children dressing up as ghosts, witches or monsters, and householders are happy to hand over sweets. However, there are sometimes gangs of children who swoop along a street, knocking at every door demanding some sort of gift or payment.

For the vulnerable or elderly, this can be an intimidating experience with strangers hammering on the door or window. If they are unprepared or unwilling, to respond, they can be targets for anti social behaviour.

East Cambs ASB Co-ordinator Brian Tully said: "Hallowe'en is about having fun, as children accompanied by their parents or responsible adults call at houses where they know they will be made welcome for some good-natured trick or treating. However some people want their privacy respected, and have a right not to be accosted on their own doorstep by aggressive behaviour. If this happened at any other time, it could be viewed it as a potentially criminal activity.

"We are not being killjoys as we don't want to stop harmless fun, but it ceases to be fun when some residents are genuinely living in fear. To help, the East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership is encouraging people who do not want a visit, to display the "No Trick or Treat" sign available from the Cambridge Constabulary or East Cambridgeshire District Council websites.

"The message to parents is to take responsibility for and accompany their children. Explain how an unwanted and unexpected group calling on a dark evening can frighten vulnerable people. Tell them to visit only where they know they will be welcome, and to respect people's privacy when there is a "No Trick or Treat" sign on display."



PIDGEON

Pigeon, Pidgeon, perched high in a tree, please look down
don't poo on me
Just fly way up in the clear blue sky, and poo on a new car
Driving bye
Pidgeon, Pidgeon, I can see you there, just looking out with
Out a care
Building with a few twigs a nest, and polishing your feathers
To look your best
Pidgeon, Pidgeon, with your nest hidden in the leaves, swaying
Gently in the breeze
Now hatch out your two baby chicks, and bring them up in
Their nest of sticks
Pidgeon, Pidgeon, now teach them to fly, and be masters
Of the sky
And able to fly wherever they please, twisting and turning
Through the trees
Pidgeon, Pidgeon, strutting with your cooing call, sitting
Proudly on the garden wall
With your feathers shining proudly in the sun, telling all
Your job is done
Pidgeon, Pidgeon, now its time to play, now your brood
Has flown away
To start a new life on their own, and over hills and valleys
Roam
Pidgeon, Pidgeon, now its time for you to rest, now they
Have left the nest
So as you fly from tree to tree, please think to look down
don't poo on me

BILL ESTALL 2007

Burwell Surgery News

Sponsored Walk

We are delighted to be able to announce that our sponsored London Bridges walk for Kidney Research UK has raised a total of £2010 from both individual and team sponsorships. Once again, we would like to thank all those patients who very kindly sponsored our team.

Staffing Changes

Dr Debbie Gilbert has successfully completed all of her training and has now left our practice. Dr Matthew Piccaver is our new GP Registrar and he will be with the practice until February.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu jabs are now available at the surgery. It is recommended that patients with any of the following conditions: heart disease, diabetes, asthma, chronic renal or liver disease or immunosuppression, any patients who are aged 65 years or over and any patients who are carers should have the flu vaccination. There will be a flu clinic at the Day Centre on 25th October and one at Ness Court (date to be arranged). Please contact the surgery for an appointment.

Quiz Night

The Dykes End are offering 4 main courses of Sunday Lunch as the prizes for the winning team in the new, revamped monthly Village Quiz.

Still on the last Sunday in the month, starting at 7.30 pm, the emphasis is very much on having a social evening with some fun and exercising the old grey matter at the same time. Teams can

Reach Wood

They have been complaints by horse riders about the ragwort in Reach Wood. Cllr Lang had liaised with the Woodland Trust who have said that horses are not actually allowed to be ridden in Reach Wood.

New Code of Conduct

Cllr Lang proposed that the Parish Council adopt the new Code of Conduct. This was seconded by Cllr Platt. All were in favour.

Planning Applications:

1. Applicant: Mr Kevin Paul Badcock
Location: 1 Burwell Road, Reach, CB25 0JH
Proposal: Vehicle access and front porch. (Ref: 07/00740/FUL)

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wed 5th September 2007 at 7.30pm. in Reach Village Centre.

Items Discussed:

Cemetery

Comments have been made as to how neat and tidy the cemetery is now looking. The Parish Council wish to pass on their thanks to Debbie Blocksage for her hard work.

There is concern over the danger of some of the old grave stones that could so easily fall over. This is certainly a health and safety issue and a notice will be put on the cemetery noticeboard and also in Out of Reach, advising families to either lay the gravestones down or to have them repaired.

It has also be noted that the menagerie of animals from the residence (no16) next door still roam freely into the cemetery, owing to inadequate fencing. The owners would be contacted again and asked to attend to this.

St Etheldreda's Arch

Penny Lang reported that the Church Architect/English Heritage were going to put a fence up and a sign stating 'dangerous structure'. This is certainly not the way forward as it is a beautiful monument and the parish council agreed that it should be preserved properly. A letter would be sent to the PCC at Burwell Parish Church.

EDF Energy

Following last October's power failure for residents in Burwell Road, EDF Energy apologised for any inconvenience caused and have said that if this occurs again, then residents should individually contact EDF directly stating their concerns.

Parking in Burwell

There is concern over the hazardous parking along Reach Road, opposite the cricket ground on the main road opposite the new housing estate. The clerk would contact The PCSO.

Overgrown footpaths in Swaffham Road/Fair Green

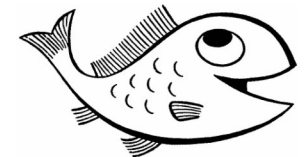
Residents are complaining about the state of overgrown footpaths along Swaffham Road and Fair Green due to the owners allowing their shrubs to grow over the public paths. A letter would be sent to the owners of house numbers, 4, 6, 10, 16 Swaffham Road, and Fair Green numbers, 31, 23, 22 and The Gallions, asking them to attend to the paths, otherwise the County Council will trim back and present them with a bill!



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

FOR NUTRITION RESEARCH

**We are running a research study
to look at the effects of taking fish oil
capsules**



If you are:

Healthy

Aged 20-80 years

Do not usually eat oily fish (tinned tuna is fine)

Willing to provide blood & fat samples

Willing to take fish oil capsules for 1 year

**Contact Joanna Gambell on (01223) 437523
or email Joanna.Gambell@mrc-hnr.cam.ac.uk**

**You will be reimbursed for participation in the study
and reasonable travel expenses**

Bus Timetable



Effective 16 April 2007

Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) Bus 10A

Bus 10

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

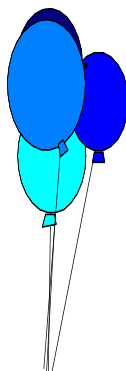
Bus 10

Reach to Cambridge **06.54; 07.39; 09.54; 12.54; 16.54,.
17.54; 18.24.**

Sundays and Bank Holidays Only Bus 10

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

Birthdays



**I need more dates for birthdays –
please**

Editor

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 1 August 2007

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Harrison, Platt, Dunnett, Clark and Lang; also C/Cllr Williams

Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood, and D/Cllr Alderson

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 04 July 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Reports

Village Hall Accounts

Graham Radford presented the village hall accounts for annual inspection by the parish council.

County Councillors Report

Cllr Williams talked about the possible congestion charging in Cambridge. Doing nothing is not any option, although if the charging were to go ahead in the future, there would have to be much more improvement to the public transport system.

Scrutiny Committee

It is agreed that there is an unacceptable level of care funding in our region - we are in fact at the bottom level of funding in comparison to other areas in the country.

The Lodes Campaign

The “Don’t Ditch our Lodes” Campaign continues and has the backing of key figures in our area.

A Leylandi hedge at the bottom of Chapel Lane is very overgrown and the clerk would contact the resident who is responsible for this.

Planning Applications:

- 1. Applicant: Mr David Parr
Location: Crosskeys, 20 Fair Green, Reach
Proposal: Construction of garden shed (Ref – 07/00623/FUL

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this.

- 2. Applicant: Mr David Parr
Location: Crosskeys 20 Fair Green, Reach
Proposal: New conservatory (Ref – 07/00748/FUL

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wed 1st Augest 2007 at 7.30pm. in Reach Village Centre.

Reach Village Christmas Carols 2007

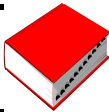
19th December

If you enjoy singing and socialising and would like to join a group of grown ups to rehearse and perform a carol or two on the night, please give me a ring on 741853

Hilary Almond

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Letters to the Editor



S W A F F H A M P R I O R P A R O C H I A L C H A R I T I E

31 Tothill Road Swaffham Prior Cambridge CB25 OJX Tel 01638 741035

Dear Editors.

Once again it is time to remind all who consider themselves eligible for our Christmas Grant that they should apply as soon as possible.

As usual the majority of these applications will come from our pensioners, particularly those who have to manage on the state pension, but if you are in particular need, or know of anybody who may be in difficulty but is unlikely to apply on their own behalf the Trustees will always be happy to consider requests for assistance.

Applications should be sent to me or to any Trustee, and I stress that this assistance is available at all times, not merely at Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Pam Waters
Clerk to the Trustees.

REACH CHURCH

SATURDAY 6TH OCTOBER at 7PM CAMBRIDGE VOICES IN REACH

You are invited to

A concert marking the choir's twentieth anniversary.

Comprising excerpts from The Messiah, popular songs from the 20's to the 60's, folksongs as well as entertaining pieces from Ian de Massini at the organ and keyboard. Something for everyone! Children welcome!

Beginning in the Church then moving to the Village Centre for celebratory refreshments with wine and soft drinks and the second half of the programme.

There will be a retiring collection in support of Reach Church

REACH CHURCH

HARVEST SUPPER with Entertainment

**FRIDAY 5th OCTOBER
7pm in VILLAGE CENTRE**

TICKETS Adult £7, Child £3, Family £19

From Jan Robinson: 743563, Joyce Harrison: 742405
& Jen Holmwood: 742969

**No licence so bring own beer & wine
Soft Drinks & Glasses provided**

"Don't Ditch our Lodes Campaign"

There is a petition on the website for those wishing to register their opposition to the possible ditching of the Lodes by the Environment Agency. Badges and car stickers with slogan 'Don't ditch our Lodes' are being produced. Cllr Alderson will have some available soon.

Wicken Fen Vision/National Trust

Cllr Alderson attended a meeting last Monday evening at the Dykes End Pub to discuss concerns over changes taking place in our fens. It was suggested that Parish Councils in the area might like to form a group that could liaise with the National Trust and thereby iron out any problems at the conception stage. So far Swaffham Bulbeck, Swaffham Prior and Quy Parish Councils have expressed an interest to join such a group. Cllr Alderson is prepared to chair any such meetings.

Village Hall Committee

Quotes are now being obtained for the new windows.

The Parish Council have asked for Graham Radford to present the Village Hall Accounts at the next PC meeting.

Straight Drove

Dominique Doble had send a copy of a letter he had sent to the National Trust putting forward our concerns over Straight Drove and also making his own recommendations. It is the general feeling of local people that they do not want cattle roaming freely across the drove, which would prevent walkers and horseriders using the drove for fear of being harmed by the cattle. They are also against cattle grids.

Items Discussed:

St Etheldreda's Arch

Penny Lang had been in contact with various authorities regarding St Etheldreda's Arch. Apparently it is the responsibility of the Church and Jenny Moseley has been contacted. Ron Greenhill has agreed to give a quote to repair it.

Cemetery

It was unanimously decided that a new contractor would be used to carry out grass cutting and general upkeep of the cemetery. Robert Wood agreed to speak with Debbie Blocksage who had recently expressed an interest in taking on this job.

Rights of Way in Reach

It has been noted that a number of pathways are obstructed in Reach by overgrown shrubs, brambles etc. The clerk agreed to write to Kate Day for her advice.

Parish Council Meetings



Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 July 2007

Present

Chairman Cllr Aves, Cllrs Wood, Harrison, Platt, Clark and Lang

Minutes

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 06 June 2007 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Williams and District Councillor Alderson

Visit from Jake Williams and Jon Megginson from the National Trust

Jake Williams and Jon Megginson gave an update on the Wicken Fen Vision. After a very in- depth overview, the Parish Council felt that in no way does the National Trust vision take in to account local residents points of view and concerns. If members of the public wish to find out more information or express any concerns, then please email Jon Megginson - address: - jon.megginson@nationaltrust.org.uk

Reports

District Councillor's Report

Swaffham Prior Youth Club

The senior nights on Thursdays are becoming very poorly attended, putting the youth club at risk. This is a safe meeting place and has many activities including table tennis, pool table, video games, ballgames, music, arts and craft, tuck shop. It will also run trips if there is enough interest. It would be a great pity if we were to loose this valuable facility for the youth of our area. Cllr Alderson asked that Reach Youth are encouraged to attend the sessions.

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

L.O.R.A. – FESTIVE DINNER
FRIDAY DECEMBER 7TH 2007
8.00P.M. FOR 8.30P.M.

Please note a change of date to one week later. The numbers are limited to 24 people for the event. The menu is printed below and the cost is £25.00 per head. We need to have cheques, payable to **Simon Owers**, together with menu choice by **Friday 2nd November**. You can contact either Hilary or Karen as shown below. We suggest you use this page for your menu choice and write your contact details on the back of the cheque or envelope.

Cream of white onion soup studded with a port jelly

Bottisham smokery smoked Camembert in filo pastry with pear chutney

Flat mushroom on brioche au gratin

A terrine of local game with home made piccalilli

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Traditional roast turkey, chestnut and cranberry stuffing, piggies in blankets

A rich braise of game topped with a short pastry crust

Oak smoked haddock and poached egg with creamed spinach potatoes

A Stroganoff of wild mushroom and cashew nut

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Christmas pudding and brandy sauce

Cinnamon and orange crème brulee with shortbread

Chocolate mousse with black cherries and almond liqueur

A taster of English cheeses with fruit and quince jelly

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Know your Parish Council

Reach Parish Council has seven councillors:

Michael Aves – Chairman 742800

Jenny Moseley – Vice-Chairman 741425

Joyce Harrison - 742405

Rita Dunnett - 742943

Helen Platt

Ross Clark

Robert Wood

Penny Lang (co-opted)

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

Councillors are also elected to various sub-committees.

For the year 2006–2007, the following Officers have been elected and any inquiries about the various committees can be made through them:

Village Hall Committee Ross Clark/Joyce Harrison

Police Liaison Committee

Swaffham Prior Primary School tbc

Honorary posts:

Swaffham Prior Parochial Church Charities

Jenny Moseley

Tree Officer

John Reed 742140