# Within Reach




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## From the Editor



We have had sad news in the village during July with the loss of two outstanding ladies who contributed significantly to the community. Lyn Aves was the Parish Clerk for a number of years and Joyce Harrison is legendary for her time on the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. Both of them were always willing to help out in any way they could when the need arose. Our condolences go to their friends and families at this difficult time.

On a happier note I can report that Rebecca Fordham has been co-opted onto the Parish Council – we wish her well. This does still leave one vacancy so if you are interested in supporting your village, as Lyn and Joyce did, then please let Susan Bailey know. The work is not onerous, there are 11 Parish Council meetings during the year - and you do get the chance to influence village life.

On page 7 you will see a plea from the Editor for help with the magazine. There are two aspects, the first a practical one and that is sharing the job of receiving articles and putting the magazine together. For this, you'd need a good understand of Word which is the software package we use. The second is to be able to contribute to the content and the direction of the magazine. Please check it out and get back to me if you would be prepared to help.

If you're not conversant with Word and don't have a strategic view regarding the magazine but quite fancy dancing and a few beers, then the Devil's Dyke Morris Men need you – see page 18.




There is also good news regarding the organisation of Reach Fair for 2020 and beyond. Claire Halpin-McDonald has spoken with the Parish Council and agreed to act as the co-ordinator of a team who will take over from the Events Team in organising the Fair. She will be in touch with villagers after the summer holidays to get volunteers for the new team. Claire has significant experience of the Fair as part of the Village Centre Committee and the Events Team and with her involvement, Reach Fair will be in good hands.

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## About the Magazine

The purpose of *Within Reach* is to serve the whole village by circulating information and interesting articles free to every household. Additional copies are available at a charge of £2.50. Issues are published bi-monthly covering the months of Feb/Mar, Apr/May, June/July, Aug/Sept, Oct/Nov and Dec/Jan.

Copies of the Minutes of Parish Council meetings and of *Out of Reach* and *Within Reach* magazines can be found on the village website **www.reach-village.co.uk**.

The next copy date is 15th September 2019. This magazine is approved and printed by Reach Parish Council.

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| **Wildlife** | Joss Goodchild |



## Playground Update



Welcome to the summer! Hopefully we're in for some lovely long summer days on the playground and in the new picnic area over the school holidays.

The raised beds around the picnic and table tennis area are looking fantastic! Thank you to the Garden Team at Prospects Trust for their work. There are plenty of herbs for community use so please feel free to help yourself. The grass didn't fare well in the hot spell just after it was laid and is looking very patchy. The plan is to seed the gaps in the Autumn when the weather will be best for growth, so that next year it should be lovely and healthy all over.



The table tennis table and picnic tables have already seen plenty of use, please do make use of them. Don't forget you need to bring your own table tennis bats and balls (and picnic!).



Thank you to everyone who came to the official opening event and table tennis tournament on Sunday 2nd June – and congratulations to Lucy, our table tennis champion!



Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in securing funding from the Calor Rural Community Fund for new benches and some repair work on the green, unsurprising as we were competing against much bigger villages! Thank you to everyone for their support in voting though – better luck on the next attempt at funding!

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Lucy Bridgeman (9) spotted 4 caterpillar webs down the Devil's Dyke, in the hedgerow – they were later identified as tent caterpillars

## Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan was launched at two recent public events. The project group held an informal consultation and barbecue in the village hall on 16 June and organised a walk around Reach the following evening. Thanks go to Charles Moseley and Steve Boreham who led the walk and helped place the challenges that the village will face over the next two decades (the timespan of the Plan) into historical, archeological and geographical context.







Approximately 140 villagers took part in one or both events and allowing for overlap, we estimate that we were able to engage with about half the households in the village. We understand that this is a strong turnout for events of this kind. More pleasing still were the ideas, interest and enthusiasm for shaping and influencing the evolution of the village that surfaced during both events. There was strong consensus on the things we need to protect too. People's commitment to our unique and special settlement was powerful.








We will ensure that these ideas structure our first draft Neighbourhood Plan which we will share with you prior to further, more detailed consultation later in the year. In the interim I thought you would be interested in the top three issues raised at the events. These, of course, only reflect the views of those who attended and expressed an opinion. We know they don't necessarily reflect the views of the village as a whole and we will be working hard in the coming months, using a range of techniques, to ensure that we are building a Plan based on views that are fully representative of the village. However, I would be very surprised if the top three issues aren't prominent in the final Plan. They are:

**1. Housing and the development envelope**

There was a strong view that housing growth in Reach should be very moderate, in the right places and of the right kind. There was a strong aversion to 'executive' housing and a desire to ensure that our village does not blur into Burwell. In the coming months the project group will be undertaking a questionnaire to establish exactly what sort of housing villagers want. We will also be commissioning work to establish where even a small amount of housing might go without damaging the character of our village.

**2. The Hythe**

The desire to preserve and enhance the Hythe was very strong indeed. Villagers wanted formal protection for the Hythe to reflect its regional, if not national, archeological and historical significance and its recreational and environmental value.

There was concern at Anglian Water's opposition to the Parish Council's efforts to secure Local Green Status to the Hythe under the Local Plan 2108 process and frustration at the continuing presence of a redundant and visually intrusive sewage treatment plant.

The project group has subsequently identified an Anglian Water representative willing to talk about improving the Hythe and we will keep the village posted as the dialogue progresses.

**3. Maintenance of views into and out of Reach**

This overlapped with 1 and 2. Villagers were very sensitive to the impact of inappropriate development in the open, flat, rural environment in which Reach sits.

**Consultancy**

The project group's challenge is now to convert this positive start into a tangible Plan. This will be a substantial undertaking and we have concluded that we need external support to pull a first draft of the Plan together. We may subsequently need other more specialised support too. Central Government funding and expertise is available for both purposes. The trickiness to date has been in defining how much support we need and when. With this in mind we have been talking to the small number of consultants with established neighbourhood planning track records in East Cambridgeshire to ensure a successful application to Central Government for resources and the appointment of a consultant best tuned to the needs of the Reach Neighbourhood Plan.

**Community Energy**

Work, led by Tony Jordan, continues to scope the feasibility of a community energy scheme for Reach that would be better for the environment and, in the long run, cheaper for individual households. If a viable option is identified, an energy group, discrete from the Neighbourhood Plan will be set up.

**Communication**

As mentioned in previous articles, the project group can only deliver a successful Neighbourhood Plan if we accurately reflect what the majority of Reach villagers want. I think we have made a reasonable start in canvassing your opinions but we will always welcome more of your views and active involvement in our regular meetings. These are open sessions, advertised in advance so please come along and/or tell me or other group members what you think about the developing Plan.

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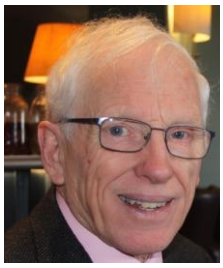
## Burwell Museum Coach Trips



- **Cromer**
  Wednesday 17th July - tickets £20
- **Southend**
  Tuesday 13th August - tickets £20
- **Sheringham 40s Day**
  Sunday 15th September - tickets £19
- **Boundary Mills and Grantham**
  Thursday 24th October – tickets £21
- **Norwich Christmas Market**
  Wednesday 11th December – tickets £17

Tickets on sale at Tina's North St, Burwell or ring Barbara on 01638 741581 or 07887 712296

## IT Advice



In this issue I thought it would be appropriate to talk about the problems associated with travelling and using a laptop, tablet or phone connected to the internet, whether at home or abroad. Any time we are away from our home or office network there can be particular risks and problems:

Firstly we may be using public Wi-Fi networks in places like airports, coffee shops and hotels. These are notoriously insecure and can be exploited in various ways to harvest private data. Any time you sign in without using a password your conversation can be intercepted even if you are taken to a browser like Safari or Chrome to sign in to the Wi-Fi provider. In that case your browsing history is being shared with an unknown organisation which passes that information to advertisers thus paying for the service. Europol have a website devoted to warning people about the risks

Secondly if we are abroad we may not be able to follow our favourite sports or programs due to licensing restrictions. Imagine, last Sunday the 14th July, being unable to follow the Cricket World Cup Final, Wimbledon Men's final or the British Grand Prix, or on a wet day in the Loire valley you cannot settle down to a film on Netflix even though you are a subscriber. Very frustrating.

Both of these problems can be solved by using a Virtual Private Network or VPN. These work by sending all the traffic to and from your device to another computer in an encrypted format so that it cannot be intercepted. If the other computer is in the UK and connects to the site you are trying to access, be it iPlayer, Netflix or your bank the provider "sees" the request as coming from the country where your VPN supplier has his server. It sounds complicated but is simple to use and effective. There are free VPN services available, normally with restrictions, but the best services are available by subscription. Nord VPN is well respected and relatively cheap. Anti-virus firms like Norton and Kaspersky are in the market too. You may use a VPN at work as companies use them as a way of linking their computers together from various locations so that people can be linked together as though they were in one office.

Of course, the security issue can be addressed by using your phone's 4G connection, but this does not solve the problem of accessing UK programs from abroad and can be expensive if it is used for films, sports events or a lot of data.

Happy Holidays to you all - and as always with my monthly column, I am happy to talk to you about any queries you may have on 07975 735710.

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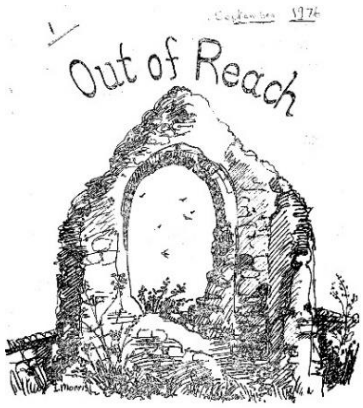
## Help Needed with the Magazine




The first issue of what was then called "Out of Reach" was put together in September 1976 (image above courtesy of Bill Estall).

There was an Out of Reach committee of 11 people:

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At the moment, as regards everything involved in the production and the finances of the magazine (so excluding Claire, Grahame and Freda who do a super job delivering them) it is me – and whilst I love the magazine I need help to keep it going.

Firstly, whilst there is only an issue every two months, you'd be amazed how quickly they come along (our regular contributors will identify with this). So I'd like to share the load – maybe with two other editors, so we each edit 2 a year. It is produced in Word (so a good knowledge of Word is pretty essential) - and it takes a couple of days to create. Our contributors are excellent, so its just a case of slotting the new articles in and making the whole thing fit. I'm happy to deal with the adverts section, its hard work, but only once a year, getting enough advertisers and getting the money in – and I am happy to look after the printing and the finances.

Secondly and most importantly, the magazine has got to be vibrant – and it won't be without fresh ideas and involvement from other people. The small team would sensibly meet after each issue just to review and look at what we do for the next one.

If you feel you'd like to help, please get in touch.

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## Milton Hospice



All at East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) would like to say a big thank you to anyone and everyone who has ever supported us, whether by raising money, donating items to one of our shops or volunteering, as we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our hospice in Milton.

It was on 1 August, 1989 that Diana, Princess of Wales opened what was at the time only one of four children's hospices in the world. Today there are 54.



EACH in its current form was established in 1998, when the hospice in Milton merged with one in Quidenham, Norfolk, that had opened in 1991. Both realised it would be easier to achieve their objectives as one and coming together then meant EACH had, probably, amassed more experience in children's palliative care than any other organisation in the world.

Indeed, EACH has an industry reputation for excellence and pioneering development and has had a big hand in developing hospices as far afield as Australia.

Among various additions to EACH Milton over the years has been an education centre, opened by HRH The Princess Royal in June 2003. It houses a library often utilised by children's palliative care professionals from across the country.

When it comes to care for some of the most vulnerable children in Cambridgeshire and West Essex, and support for their families, we aim to meet the individual needs of all. The hospice is not just about end of life care; it is often a very happy and fun place where young people can live life to their full potential.



We know what we do makes a difference because parents tell us. This is from one whose family were supported by EACH Milton: "To need to use a children's hospice is every parent's worst nightmare, however, when you get there it's the most beautiful place imaginable. It's a lifeline to parents going through the worst possible journey and enables families to find the support they need."

It came as a pleasant surprise to welcome aboard HRH The Duchess of Cambridge as Royal Patron after she paid a private visit to EACH Milton in November 2011, seeing for herself exactly what we do and how much difference we make to families going through the toughest period of their lives.

We currently offer care to 125 children and young people across Cambridgeshire and West Essex and wellbeing support to 96 of their family members. Overall, with our hospice in Norfolk and another in Suffolk, we support around 450 families at any one time.

We need to raise £5,600 a day to run our hospice in Milton and overall EACH needs to raise £6.4 million from fundraising - we have open air screenings of Bohemian Rhapsody coming up at Ely Cathedral, Huntingdon Racecourse and Audley End on 31 August, 7 September and 21 September respectively - and £4.9 million from our shops, with our vital care and support delivered free of charge.

We are also heavily reliant on volunteers, with some 1,500 helping us at our hospices and offices, in our shops, at fundraising events and to deliver family support.

For more information about EACH and how to support us visit www.each.org.uk.

## Rosanna's Ramblings



I'm writing this piece in what might be considered a temporal sandwich filling represented by a week back in Reach between two forays to the Far North. And I don't mean Ely, or Cumbria, or the Isle of Mull (all of which could have been quite feasible in our lives). I mean last week in Iceland and the next two weeks in northern Norway and in Spitsbergen (otherwise known as Svarlbard, a name which – for lovers of Philip Pullman's "Northern Lights" trilogy of books - is familiar as the home of Iorek Byrnison, King of the Ice Bears).



Lagarfljót Lake near Egilstatir in eastern Iceland, where we saw the geese

Now it would be inaccurate to say that I married my darling husband Charles because of the free holidays I would get by tagging along with him. Inaccurate because when we met I was unaware that this would be one of the perks of the job. But free holidays I do indeed get, on the back of his hard (if sporadic) work during our time away. Sometimes it's a conference abroad, sometimes it's accompanying a study group of Americans (see my last piece for the magazine) and sometimes – as this July – it's lecturing aboard cruise ships.

Now, let me just say to anyone thereby filled with envy that nothing would normally drag me onto a cruise ship. I'm a poor sailor, often reduced to helpless seasickness in waters that Charles the erstwhile trawlerman regards as only vaguely 'lumpy.' I am prone to get a little claustrophobic if surrounded by too many people. I am not at all interested in cabaret entertainment or casinos. I am, however, exceptionally enthusiastic about getting as far north as I can, so I am fortunate indeed to have married someone supremely equipped to lecture on Vikings, Icelandic Sagas, early navigation, polar expeditions and other wonders. Indeed, the shared passion that we have for the light, and the dark, of the north was one of the powerful magnetic influences that pulled us together.

Had Charles been an expert on tropical rainforests or sub-Saharan exploration, our destinies would probably never have stuck together. No Caribbean or summer Mediterranean cruises for us. Hooray!



Videy Island in Rejkyavik harbour

So how, I hear you wondering, am I going to bring this piece together into a Reach-related story as I always endeavour to do?

Well … it's all about geese, as it happens. You see, when out walking near the flooded Burwell Fen in March, we watched a host of greylag geese flying, honking, and landing on the water – always a sight and sound that brings joy to the heart and tears to the eye. And then a couple of weeks ago, having arrived in Reykjavik … and turning our backs to our quite small ship and two more monstrously HUGE cruise liners, we hopped onto a tiny boat that took us to a small island in the harbour which has long been Charles's favourite destination when visiting the Icelandic capital. No coach trips to see the wonderful, but very touristy, geysers and waterfalls.

Fabulous though they undoubtedly are, I visited them on my first trip to Iceland in my gap year exactly 40 years ago. This was a time when there were hardly any tourists at all, no tarmac on the roads. My sister, my friend and I could hire only a thoroughly unsuitable red Volkswagen Beetle with which to navigate over lava fields. I vividly recall anxiously checking out the Vatnajökull icecap under which a volcano, overdue for an eruption was sleeping … but I digress). Instead we simply, and wonderfully, explored a haven of sun-drenched sub-arctic fields full of flowers, views of volcanic hills, blue sea and pale northern skies, low cliffs of columnar basalt, and birds birds birds.

We had a close encounter with a tiny and quite adorable red-necked phalarope. We heard snipe drumming with their whirring tail feathers above our heads. We listened to curlews and whimbrels (the latter always reminding me of the time I was driving my son and two classmates to school on the Northamptonshire/Warwickshire border and clearly saw the curved beak and mottled plumage of a whimbrel flying across the road in front of me – I was so excited, knowing it to be in passing on its way up to Iceland for the summer, that I suspect I squealed, causing the three pubescent boys to look up in unison from their phones – they missed seeing the bird, needless to say, but I have never forgotten it).

We had our first encounter of the trip with the incomparably beautiful Arctic tern. And – yes – we saw Greylag geese on a small lake.

“Could they have been the same ones we saw at home?” I asked Charles. “No, those ones spend summers in Spitsbergen!”. I never did get round to asking him how exactly he knew that, though I suspect they have been ringed and tracked and I shall look out eagerly for any geese we may see in the next couple of weeks. But we did see a large flock of greylags on an inland lake in the far north of Iceland a few days after we left Reykjavik and I like to think that, just maybe, some of them have been our close neighbours here at Reach. Or maybe they hang out on the washes at Upware? Keen ornithologists among you may regard me as being over-fanciful, but a girl needs to dream sometimes!

**Rosanna Moseley Gore**

## Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club



As the heat of July burns into the heat of August, now is a great time to be a landscape photographer, especially here on the doorstep of the Fens.

As the warm nights start to draw in closer, the evening skies appear to explode in a bonfire of colours and patterns. The perfect subject for an evening’s stroll with your camera in hand. And if you cannot find a good foreground for the amazing sky all around you, it's always a good idea to have a couple of great evening sunsets in the old "database" for those occasions when you find the perfect foreground but the sky is a little "meh". Don't raise an eyebrow, it's not a new photoshop phenomenon for the 21st century, we've been doing this type of thing even in the old days of darkroom developing, almost since time began.



With its flat vistas, the Fens are the perfect location for large sky landscapes with which to show your amazing sunsets and for those early birds too, the sunrise can be equally stunning.

And remember, with the slow nights drawing in the sunrise also marches to a more human time of near 6am than that of 4am. Just don't forget your hat, sun cream, water and your tripod.

It will be September before you know it.

Speaking of September, this month see the return of the Bottisham and Burwell Camera club for a brand new season. Mark it in your calendars - Tuesday the 10th September.

There are a number of great evenings planned for this season and an early highlight is a talk by renowned landscape photographer John Hooton. He will be talking about the images he has taken across Irelands Atlantic coastline. This will be quite an evening, plus there will be lots of tea, cake and a raffle to round off a great evening of learning how John captures the essence of the Atlantic Coast. This an evening not to be missed. All happens on the 5th November, photographic fireworks indeed.

More happening with the club in September, such as an evening of "Creative Techniques" so you can brush up those post photo skills, a talk on images taken while in Africa by Naomi Saul, Impressionism by Steven Le Prevost, who comes to the club as part of his tour from Guernsey. All this, plus photographic competitions and a "Chatter and Workshop" night for those wishing to informally learn a bit more about what to do with their cameras and the images taken with them.....

So if photography is your passion, just a passing interest, or you wish to learn more, then there is no reason not to come to the Bottisham and Burwell Camera Club. Even just to show off your "big sky" landscapes of sunsets and sunrises from across the Fen.

For more information on the Bottisham and Burwell Camera club than you can shake a stick at, please visit our web page at www.bottburpc.org.

We look forward to you joining us in September.

**Elliot Needham**
Bottisham & Burwell Camera Club

## Burwell & Reach Car Scheme

If you are unable to use conventional transport, the scheme can help you to travel from Reach or Burwell to:

*Chiropodists, Dentists, Doctors, Opticians, Shops, Visit Friends . . . .*

Transport cannot be provided for Hospital Outpatient Appointments

Contact hours are 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday – please give us 24 hours notice

01638 742543 (answerphone) and we will return your call

# Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service




**Public urged to stay fire safe in hot weather**

Cambridgeshire residents have been urged to stay fire safe when outdoors this summer.

With temperatures forecast to be similarly high to last year, fires in open areas of land can easily spread and become out of control.

Group Commander Paul Clarke, head of community fire safety at Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "We want to help ensure that people enjoy the sunny weather safely. High temperatures and dry areas of land can be perfect conditions for a fire to spread. Something as simple as not stubbing a cigarette out properly, or using a disposable barbecue on grass, can start a fire that can develop quickly."

There are seven simple steps we urge residents to take to help prevent an outdoor fire:

1. Ensure cigarettes are completely out
2. Do not throw cigarettes out of car windows onto grass verges or vegetation
3. Put disposable barbecues on bricks, do not place directly on grass
4. Do not leave glass bottles lying on the ground, the sun's rays reflect through the glass and can start a fire
5. When camping, do not leave campfires unattended and make sure it is completely out before you leave it
6. Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface, away from grass, shrubs or fencing
7. Talk to your children about the dangers of starting a fire.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk. Sign up to email alerts and find us on Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and Facebook.

# Burwell Museum

**Thank you for supporting the museum!**

Many thanks to everyone who has volunteered for or visited the museum in the first part of this year. We're also grateful to everyone who has filled in an evaluation form for us, it's really useful for us so that we can keep improving things at the museum.

**Summer Holiday Activities and Heritage Open days**

Why not come along and find out what history is made of at our fantastic children's events every Thursday afternoon in the summer holidays from 1.30 to 4.30. If you've missed that, our next event will be the Heritage Open days on the 15th, 19th and 22nd of September. This year the theme for the days will be "People Power", so we'll be finding out more about our fabulous volunteers and all the other people who have been important in making and preserving Burwell's history. If you have information about a powerful Burwell person please let us know. The 22nd is a mini folk festival, with brilliant local music from live bands – we hope to see you there.

**Burwell Museum (still) needs YOU!**

Did you know that almost all of the work at Burwell Museum and Windmill is done by volunteers? We always welcome more people, whether you can spare a few hours a month to staff the museum on open days, a few hours a week for mill or site maintenance or just a one-off appearance for a particular task. At the moment we are particularly looking for volunteers to:

- Look after the tearoom, kiosk or mill for a 3-hour shift on a Sunday or Thursday
- Help with events and/or school visits about once a month
- Mow the grass once a week (either every week or as part of a rota)

Give us a ring on 01638 605544 or email volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk if you can help with any of these things or you'd like to find out more.

**Tea and Talks**

Our Autumn season of tea and talks begins on September the 26th. Join us between 2 and 3pm to find out more about:
**Stourbridge Fair** – where the puppet show was heading with Honor Ridout on Thursday 26th September
**The History of Newmarket** with Sandra Easom on Thursday 3rd October

Standard museum admission cost - free cup of tea

The Museum is open every Thursday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday from Easter-October, 11.00-5.00. Last entry at 4.00.

**Web:** www.burwellmuseum.org.uk
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# Arthur Rank Hospice

**Help Us Be There**



Arthur Rank Hospice's Hospice at Home team provides, on average, 126 nights of hands on specialist end of life care each month.

Sadly, due to current funding levels, every day the team is faced with difficult choices about who should be prioritised for its services. Limited funding means that they are unable to provide care to **one in three** patients who need their support, each night.

As Sarah Chipchase, one of the service's Clinical Nurse Specialists, explains:
*"As a team we just don't have enough people. It's heart-breaking".*

The Hospice have launched an appeal to fund an additional 200 nights of care across Cambridgeshire. Each additional night of Hospice at Home Care costs **£472**. The only way this ambitious target can be achieved is through the invaluable help of the Hospice's supporters and the generosity of the local community. Anyone can make a difference and help change this situation - please take a moment to:

- visit our website arhc.org.uk/helpusbethere
- watch our video which explains the difference Hospice at Home can make to a patient and their family, enabling them to die peacefully and with dignity
- explore the various ways you can Help Us Be There
- consider holding a Host at Home event for family and friends

**Host at Home** is a great way to get together with friends, neighbours, family and colleagues, whilst making a difference to other people's lives.

You could:

- Host Friends Round Friday: invite your friends over, order in pizza and ask everyone to contribute towards the cost (adding a little extra to fundraise for Hospice at Home!)
- Cook up your favourite signature dish and ask guests to pledge what they would have spent on the meal in a restaurant
- Ask for a donation when you have your friends and family round for a BBQ

Spending time with friends and family is important to all of us. Host at Home gives you the perfect opportunity to make previous memories with loved ones, whilst raising invaluable funds, so that those in their last weeks of life can do the same.

**This year's Bridge the Gap Walk will take place on Sunday 15 September!**

This year's Bridge the Gap Walk, raising funds for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity and Romsey Mill, will take place on Sunday 15 September. The walk sponsored by Cambridge Building Society starts at 9.30am, starting and finishing at Parker' Piece. Over the morning you are invited into Christ's, Queen's, Corpus Christi, Pembroke and Downing Colleges as well as the University College Library.



The family-friendly walk welcomes around 2,000 participants annually, spanning all generations. Throughout the walk, the Society of Cambridge Tourist Guides will offer interesting historical tales and provide an array of information about The University of Cambridge's stunning grounds and the College's features. Activities will be taking place on Parker's Piece and there will be musical entertainment along the route, including performances from Sing! Choirs and Jazz Wave. The City of Cambridge Brass Band will play for walkers as they pass over the finish line and make their way towards the 'Time for Cake' tent or one of the food and drinks stalls.

You can sign up for £18 per person by visiting http://www.arhc.org.uk/BTG. Three children go free which each paying adult, with donations appreciated.

Alternatively call 01223 675888, or pick up a registration form, from: Romsey Mill (Hemingford Road, Cambridge); the Arthur Rank Hospice (adjacent to the Babraham Road Park & Ride); any of the Charities' shops; or your local Cambridge Building Society or Co-op.

Online registration will be available until 1pm Friday 13 September or you can sign up on the day for £20 per person. Groups are welcome with groups of 10 or more offered rates of £16 per person until Friday 13 September (call 01223 675888).

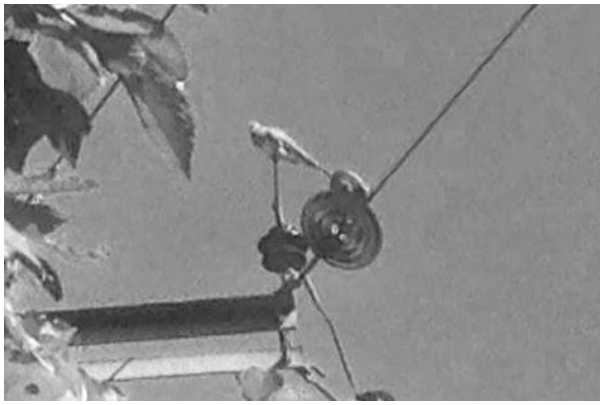
**Alison Pinney**
Fundraising Officer at Arthur Rank Hospice Charity
01223 675888.

## Out and About Spring/Summer



Jack Lynch, who lived at Springfield Farm, Reach, recently inspected/tended the large ash tree which borders our field with Aves' farm. We were thrilled with his professional opinion, the tree remains healthy and shows no sign of the dreaded Ash dieback disease which poses such a serious threat to these trees in the UK.

The rare and elusive turtle dove was heard by Dafila Scott and David Thomas in the Swan Lake Barns area. On 7 June Ron heard it at Reach Wood and took the photo below a week later. These are important sightings, populations of this dainty dove are in crisis downfall. On their Reach Wood walks Penny noted the song of blackcaps and Ron was pleased to see young thrushes.

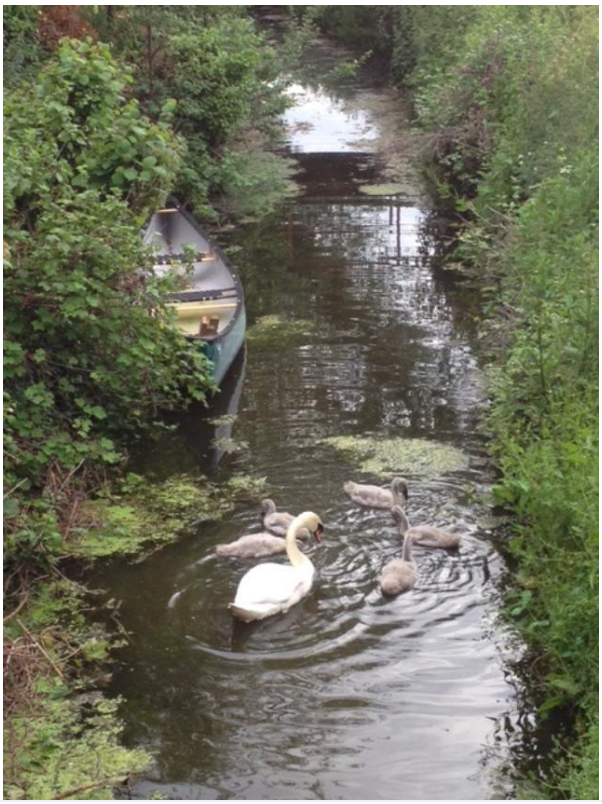


Another rare bird was heard one evening by Shaun Mayes from Karen and Graeme Radford's garden. Emanating from an area of thicket nearby, the sound was so unfamiliar he checked it with a birdsong identification App. The result was the superbly camouflaged nightjar, picture below, whose strange calls and songs can be heard at dusk.



Hares are visible in several local fields. Steeped in mythical, magical folklore, these beautiful creatures are known, in East Anglian dialect, as sallies or stubble stags. Hares have an extra layer of fur and are capable of swimming across fenland ditches and dykes.

Rabbits can be seen grazing locally, they've survived/avoided the outbreak of rabbit viral disease which has led to a huge crash in the general population. Their grazing habits keep grass very low, allowing small specialist plants to flourish. Their burrowing activities help create bare ground, a habitat favoured by specialist plants, invertebrates and birds.



Mute swan and cygnets, Reach, June 6th 2019

The blackbirds in our garden have now raised their 4th brood, understandably the parents are ragged and hungry. On arrival home the cock bird flies to our car door for mealworms.



I read an upsetting article recently which detailed the slow and sad demise of a tawny owl which had ingested a poisoned mouse. This a high price to pay for human control of vermin, please be aware that these poisons, including slug pellets, kill vulnerable creatures.

Just before nightfall, the tiny silhouettes of bats can be seen zig-zagging into the shadows to catch night flying insects. Despite the darkness their surroundings are given shape by sounds we cannot hear. Again, populations of these creatures are in serious decline as insects (which provide crucial ecosystem services) numbers crash and traditional roost sites are lost. Intelligent and long-lived, bats form lasting social bonds with one another. Females carry their newborns with them on hunting forays, the naked pup clutches its mothers belly fur as she flies. (Bizarrely, I read there would be no tequila without bats to pollinate Mexican agave plants).

I noticed strange galls mark the leaves on walnut trees along The Hythe. Caused by a mite, large unsightly blisters form on the upper leaf surfaces with corresponding hollows on the underside. These are lined with whitish or pale brown hairs among which the mites live and feed.



Alan Alderson advised the buzzards whose nest last year was predated by crows, managed to successfully raise two youngsters this summer, in the tree tops beside his house. Their mewing cries can be heard there throughout the day.

On 11 July Diana Ward noted a grass snake crossing Great Lane in front of her.

Hilary mentioned that she rescued and released a coal tit youngster which had flown inside her house.

Ron & Penny's sightings: 'We have always had about six swift nests under the eaves of our barn. After a poor start when few seemed to be arriving there is now (halfway through July) a group of around 15 flying round together, probably including some young ones just out of the nest. Sadly by the first week in August they will be leaving us and heading south. Last to come first to go! The barn owl still crosses the field behind us, such a beautiful sight. The blackbirds love our garden and they grow fat on our raspberries and strawberries. We don't mind as long as they leave us enough. And the squirrels are getting very plump on the sunflower hearts Ron puts in the bird feeders every day. Tommy dog has given up trying to catch them but he still enjoys telling them off. Ron says everyone will see the buzzard riding the thermals over the 24Acres but I will mention it anyway!'

Nick Acklam's Nature Notes: '1 June: A cuckoo is heard and then spotted in a large willow on the right bank of the lode beyond Hurdle Hall. Common blue and large emerald damsel flies are active around my garden pond.

13 June: A Kingfisher flies across Reach Lode towards Tubney Fen. Unusual in our experience as they normally follow the water course. Further sightings on 23 June and 4 July by the Hythe.

14 June: The scent of dog rose is striking on Tubney Fen as we walk in unseasonally moist conditions.

15 June: A tern (I am unable to identify which species) makes its way up Reach Lode towards the village.

Late June to date: the understorey of the willow avenues fringing Tubney Fen has been particularly colourful this year. The purples of vetches, clover, thistles, salsify and knapweed dominate with occasional patches of creamy flowered bedstraw and yellow groundsel and goatsbeard. Butterflies, especially Meadow Brown, have been profuse. The yellow and black striped caterpillars of the Cinnabar moth are densely packed on ragwort plants which are much reduced from last year, in part because of the National Trust's control measures on Tubney Fen.

20, 24 and 29 June: lengthy sightings of a Short-eared Owl hunting over Tubney Fen. This is great. In recent times these owls leave us in the spring. Historically they may have been a year round presence. Perhaps that might be on the cards again.

**Joss Goodchild**
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## Events Team

Now that we have handed over the Fair to new organisers, the events team has found a new lease of life. We had a lovely meeting this month with lots of ideas being put forward for the year ahead. Watch this space as we confirm and set dates. We are also very glad to welcome back Tash Bridgeman to the group.

The team's aims remain the same:

- To organise village events
- To help villagers who have ideas for other events to make them happen
- To keep a list of the village events on the website, so everyone knows what is going to happen and when

We have just supported the village sports day. It was so great to see so many youngsters out having lots of fun with the races. The weather was perfect this year, dry and not too hot. My favourite is the apple bobbing race where Reach tradition states children have to remove both shoes, crawl backwards and be the first to get their apple from the water. Thanks to Olivia this year for reminding me of the finer details of this race! Big thanks to all the adults involved in making this happen and cooking the yummy food!



Upcoming events;

- Sunday 1st Sept - Pop-Up Cafe
- Sunday 15th Sept - Village Car Boot Sale
- 28th Sept - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- Date in Oct TBA - Harvest Supper
- 31st Oct - Halloween
- 1st Dec - Christmas tree lights switch on
- 11th Dec - Seniors Christmas lunch
- Date in Dec TBA - Christingle service
- 24th Dec - Carols around the Christmas tree

Mini events team update:

The mini events team are planning another bingo night this time aimed at everyone in the village. There will be fun to be had by all ages - look out for more details coming soon.

**Debbie Quilter**
On behalf of the Events Team

## Wicken Fen and Anglesey Abbey



We've recently had a pair of common cranes breed successfully at Wicken Fen for the first time in over 100 years. This is exciting not only because cranes are on the amber species list, but also because it shows that the diverse habitats developing at Wicken Fen are attracting new and varied species. Once the young crane starts to explore the reserve, it is hoped that visitors will be able to spot the new crane family.

We have lots of fun family activities planned for the summer holidays. Our bookable events start off with **Den Building** on 29 July and will include **Summer Safari**, **Painting the Fens** and **Mud Glorious Mud.**

You can also drop in anytime for outdoor and indoor adventures and activities linked to our '50 things to do before you're 11 ¾'; the activities will change weekly, so you can keep the fun rolling throughout the holidays. Go to http://bit.ly/wickensummerfun to find out more.

We hope you'll join us for our first ever Walk for Wicken event on Sunday October 13. We've planned two routes of 7.5 and 12.5 km; the shorter walk will follow the picturesque Monk's Lode and go through Baker's Fen where our konik ponies and highland cattle roam freely, the longer walk will take you out to the off the beaten track elevated path overlooking beautiful Burwell Fen. We're raising funds for our 'Eyes over the Fen' project, which will create an accessible elevated hide and higher viewing platform overlooking the historic Sedge Fen. For details see http://bit.ly/walkforwicken

Can you help us with our new community engagement project? We're working on a 3 year plan to connect with people in the Wicken Fen Vision area, focusing on recreation, wildlife and landscape, and cultural heritage. We want to make sure we include the things that matter most to local communities, so please do complete our short survey at http://bit.ly/wickenfenCE

Advance booking is essential for all events at Wicken Fen. Full details and ticketing information can be found on our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen.

## The Dyke's End

The Dyke's End
FREE HOUSE AND KITCHEN

Its now nearly 3 months since we took over at the Dyke's End and whilst we have had challenges over the period, we are thoroughly enjoying managing the pub and living in this lovely village.




I just wanted to take you through our thoughts on how we will gradually improve the pub over the coming months:

- New Summer Menu released – and you can see this on pages 16 and 17 of this issue of the magazine – and on our website at: www.dykesendreach.co.uk
- A daily specials board has been introduced so there will always be alternatives to our seasonal menu on offer
- We have a new wine list which is going down well with our customers – plenty of choice and realistic prices
- As you can see from the picture below, we've increased our ale offerings




- The lovely beer garden overlooking the green is being steadily improved and recently two new benches have been added.
- There will be regular themed nights and events the first of which was our Tapas Night which was a huge success



- Our upstairs dining area is available for private bookings and parties are always welcome
- And we will remain a family friendly and dog friendly pub

**Opening and Food Service Times**

**Monday**
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Food: Our restaurant is closed

**Tuesday to Thursday**
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Food: Midday to 2pm, 6pm to 9pm

**Friday**
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Food: Midday to 2pm, 6pm to 9pm

**Saturday**
Bar: Midday to 11pm
Food: Midday to 2.30pm, 6pm to 9.30pm

**Sunday**
Bar: Midday to 10pm
Food: Midday to 4pm

***And finally - do you have what it takes to enter the Dyke's End cook-off? Check out the website for more information - coming soon.***

We look forward to welcoming you to the Dyke's End!

**Mel Longfoot**

# The Dyke's End

FREE HOUSE AND KITCHEN

## Nibbles

£4 each or 3 for £11

Artisan Bread Rolls, Extra Virgin Olive Oil & Balsamic Vinegar (v, vg)
Mixed Mistolvia Olives (v, vg)
Sweetcorn Fritters & Mixed Bean Salsa (v, vg)
Pork Sausage Garland & BBQ Dip
Pine Nut, Ricotta Mousse & Flame Roasted Red Pepper Rolls (v)

## Cheeseboard & Ploughman's

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| Stilton, Brie, Mature Cheddar, Crackers & Chutney | £8.00 |
| Simple British Ploughman's: Artisan Bread, Mature Cheddar, Pickled Onions, Chutney, Ham, Apple, Celery & Salad Garnish | £9.00 |

## Sunday Roast

Served 12-4

We will always have 12 hours Slow Roast Duo of Pork (Belly & Loin)
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All our ingredients are sourced locally (where possible) delivered daily, prepped and served within 24 hours.

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| Gin Cured Salmon Gravlax, Wasabi Yoghurt & Cucumber | £6.50 |
| Whisky, Paprika, Chicken Liver Parfait, Chutney & Toast | £5.50 |
| Pan Fried Halloumi, Beetroot, Preserved Lemon & Capers (v) | £5.50 |
| Fresh Atlantic Prawn Cocktail, Tabasco, Gherkin Relish & B `n` B | £6.50 |
| Arancini, Mozzarella Balls & Paprika Tomato Sauce (v) | £5.50 |

## Mains

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| BBQ Pulled Pork Burger, Onion Rings, Coleslaw & Skin On Fries | £12.00 |
| Southwold Beer Battered Cod, Skin on Fries, Garden Peas & Tartare Sauce (gfs) | £13.00 |
| Cauliflower Steak, Spinach Cashew Cream, Radish & sautéed New Pots (gf, v, vg) | £11.50 |
| Steak & Ale Pie, Shortcrust Pastry, Mash, Greens & Mirepoix Gravy | £13.50 |
| Pan Fried Salmon Fillet, Pesto & Roasted Garlic Mixed Bean Salad (gf) | £16.00 |
| Pea, Prawn, Lemon Linguine & Rosemary Ciabatta | £13.00 |
| Charred Nectarine & Prosciutto Panzanella Salad | £12.00 |
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| Hanger Steak, Onion Rings, Portobello Mushroom, Grilled Tomato, Skin on Fries (Served Pink & Carved) | £16.00 |
| Peppercorn Sauce, Stilton Sauce or Garlic Butter | £2.50 |

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# Devil's Dyke Morris Men



**A NEW CHALLENGE FOR YOU THIS AUTUMN?**

Picture this: It's an early summer evening and it's been beautiful weather, just what you had hoped for at last with balmy temperatures and blue skies but with a few of those puffy little clouds that speak of fine weather today and more fine weather tomorrow. And as you walk around your village you hear some music and perhaps the sound of a group of people talking together and then you hear those bells jingling again as you have in past summers and you remember the Morris Dancers: your local side the Devil's Dyke Morris Men.

There are some people who laugh about Morris Men, but an awful lot of people stop to watch. Crowds of people have been watching the Devil's Dyke Morris Men at Reach Fair for more years than anybody can remember. And perhaps you know somebody who has got up early on May Morning to join the throng (80 people this year!) watching Devil's Dyke dancing the sun up at Wandlebury Ring: perhaps you have even thought of going yourself one year but have not yet quite managed it.

Maybe it's a "Marmite moment": some people really love Morris Dancing. Ask one of the Devil's Dyke men why they dance in the group and they might talk of keeping English culture alive or the importance of maintaining an ancient tradition. But they will also talk about friendship among men, about identity, the strength of the group and the support that can give through good times and bad. They might talk about drinking beer together, especially when it's "on the bag" when the man who controls the money might buy a round for all the dancers. And anybody who knows about physical and mental well-being will tell you about the exhilaration of physical effort especially when you pit yourself against your fellow dancers in the friendly rivalry of the dance.

It can't all be bad: it's lasted a few centuries so far. Give it a try. Feel the fun. Taste the friendship and the cameraderie. Dare to be just a little bit different.

If this speaks to you, and you're looking for a new challenge this autumn, or an opportunity to enjoy the company of new people, then come along to our "Give it a Go" Morris Dancing sessions. Cheaper than joining a gym (it's free) and a surprising combination of mental and physical challenge. There is (let's be honest here) a certain amount of beer consumed and to prove the point we'll buy you a post-session pint.



**Details:**

**When:** Thursdays from 19th September and through October 8-10 pm. Please phone beforehand (contact numbers below) to let us know you're coming.

**Where:** Bottisham Scout Hut, CB25 9BB http://www.danceweb.co.uk/map-scout-hut-bottisham/831_17.aspx. It looks like an old chapel (but isn't): phone for directions. We can also provide transport if needed.

**For further details please contact:**

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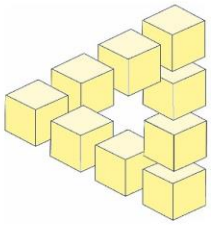

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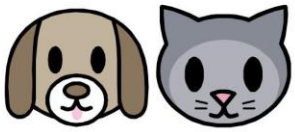

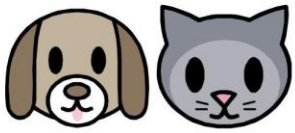

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## Tales from a Reach Garden



All the pea, bean and tomato plants that were at risk of freezing in May's night frosts and cool winds have fully recovered and are doing well (phew). It's amazing how quickly everything grows during the warmth, sunshine, and rain, in June - so much so that it's now time to clear some of the beds in the vegetable garden in readiness for the overwintering vegetables.

This is a process we carry out every year from the end of June to the beginning of August. In addition to the baby leeks, we have various brassica plants (i.e. cabbages, kale and broccoli) that have outgrown the "nursery" bed where they were sown and protected from insect, slug and pigeon damage under a fine mesh cover. We'll be moving them on to their over winter beds, with extra fertilizer, watered in and provided with more room for growth.



The brassica seedlings protected in the nursery bed, aka "*the cabbage coffin*"

The first to be dug up to make way for the overwintering vegetables were the garlic because their leaves were starting to turn yellow, so we lifted them last weekend.

We grew two varieties of garlic this year: "Picardy Wight", a soft neck variety which stores incredibly well (we are still using some from last year's crop in the kitchen) and "Lautrec Wight", which is hard neck variety that does not store so well but has a stronger flavour. Considering that the individual garlic cloves were only planted in March this year, the garlic bulbs have bulked up well. They are currently drying out in the hot sunshine, until the leaves have completely dried out.



Garlic drying in the sun

As soon as the garlic had been lifted, Richard gently raked in some fertilizer, watered the soil, covered it with mulch and moved the kale plants from the nursery bed, each with its root-ball intact, to their new home. They'll need some regular watering this week especially with the heat wave warnings in place, but the mulch cover should help to reduce water loss by evaporation.



Kale plants in their new home

We are currently in the process of digging up the broad beans although a few plants still have some pods which have barely started ripening. Our broad bean plants grew very tall this year and put out loads of flowers, but we realised that a lot of the flowers were not being pollinated, in fact the nectar from the flowers was being siphoned off by the wrong type of bee, leaving a small puncture at the base of each flower and not actually pollinating the flower. Normally a large bumble bee pollinates the flowers by entering from the front. Within the next couple of weeks, we hope to move the broccoli plants to the ex-broad bean bed. It's a very busy time of year…



This bee has punctured the base of a broad bean flower and puncturing the next one



This large bumble bee entered a broad bean flower to pollinate it.

**Danuta Gibson**

## Cricket Report



Tim Davies launches another ball off to the boundary against Milton

**26 May - Reach (197 all out) beat Ivanhoe (189 all out) by 8 runs**

Ivanhoe, as the more literary will be aware, is Sir Walter Scott's fantastical novel set around tournaments and witch trials in medieval England. It is also, it turns out, a cricket club which is prepared to make the long journey from the less than romantic environs of the M25 for a Sunday fixture. In Scott's tale, Sir Wilfred Ivanhoe ends up being seriously injured in a joust and has to be carted off the recover. And in real life? An unusually efficient Reach batting performance (Chris Bridgeman 41, Ewen Cameron 42 and Tim Davies 44) took Reach to the brink of what would have been an unprecedented 200 runs. It sounded plenty, but in the event turned out to be just about enough, with Ivanhoe falling just eight runs – and having to be carted off back to St Albans to recover.

**16 June - Reach (186-5) beat Fen Ditton (130 all out) by 56 runs**

Rarely are Reach batsmen called upon the retire before their stumps have been broken, they have been caught in the covers or fallen over their shoelaces and been run out. But by the time Chris Bridgeman (82) and Tim Davies (51) had reached their century partnership they had had enough. Reach went on to notch up 186 off 30 overs and polished off Fen Ditton for 130.

**23 June - Reach (148 all out) beat Stansfield (100-9) by 48 runs**

The last time that Reach won three games on the trot Gordon Brown was Prime Minister, the Duchess of Cambridge was still plain old Kate Middleton and Michael Jackson was top of the charts with Billie Jean (although that was second time around, after he's just popped his clogs). Could your village do it again? A weakened Stansfield side, complaining of hangovers, nevertheless managed to restrict Reach, who were troubled by one of the slowest bowlers in the history of the game. Reach were, however, dug out of trouble by 39 from Hugo Bennett. In reply, Stansfield faded to 100 all out. A decade of underachievement for Reach seemed finally to be over.

**30 June - Reach (164 all out) Rain Men (140-8) Match drawn**

Victory against Stansfield meant a fourth game as captain for Mark Thornton. Could Reach go one further and make it five? The Rain Men, Reach's longest-standing competitors, whom we have faced every year since 2005, generally request a declaration game rather than a limited overs match, meaning that the team batting second must be bowled out in order for the team batting first to win. There is, in order the words, the possibility of a draw. The only problem is that having requested such a game, the Rain Men invariably moan like hell if their opponents fail to declare at the time they think appropriate. Fortunately, there was no need for any friction this year as Reach holed out for 164.
Could the Rain Men get there? For a long time it seemed as if they would fall a mile short, but in the event there was a tense end to the match as the Rain Men clung on for a draw, Reach needing another two wickets for victory.

**14 July - Denver (103 – 8) beat Reach (101 all out) by 2 wickets**

Most of our games are played at home, so an away fixture comes as something of an exotic day out. But not that exotic. A closer look at the fixture list put together this year by Rob Steed revealed that this was not Denver Colorado but Denver, Norfolk – that of the sluice at the end of the New Bedford River. After failing to win the previous match, Mark Thornton had been forced to resign as captain and Tim Davies appointed in his place. The age of Tim – the Timocene – had arrived. After a shaky start, Tim himself went into bat. Could he lead from the front and save his village? Sadly, like many an England captain, his superb batting form seemed to desert him under the heavy burden of responsibility. In spite of a rapid outfield – where the grass, for once, was shorter than on the pitch – Reach failed to capitalise, with batsman after batsman sluicing catches into Denver's eager hands. It turned out to be a close match, however – largely thanks to Tim taking 3 wickets for 9 runs. Denver were eight wickets down when they finally surpassed their target.

**21 July - Milton (192 all out) beat Reach (189 – 7) by three runs**

The Timocene over before it had barely begun, Roger Mills was anointed as our leader as the Reach team charabanc creaked its way over to Milton. Made to field, Reach ceded what seemed 50 too many runs. Yet the now-familiar pairing of Chris Bridgeman (72) and Tim Davies (67) took the game to the wire. With Reach needing six off the last over, Milton's captain clicked his fingers like Douglas Jardine unleashing Harold Larwood on an unsuspecting Australia and put on his first team's opening bowler. With Reach batsmen unable to put willow to leather but scarpering off for runs anyway as the ball thudded into the keeper's gloves, a series of run-outs followed. Come the last ball, we needed five to win or four to tie and to take the game into what would have been a first-ever 'super over'. But alas, the ball once again thudded into the keeper's gloves and we fell short by three runs. Roger not only resigned as captain but fled to Monmouthshire.

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## Letter from the Vicarage



Summer is a great time to unwind, connect with friends, family and perhaps at a deeper level, with God. St Mary's church is kept open until early evening every day, and if you're walking through the churchyard, do pop in to have a look round, and perhaps have a few moments for quiet and prayer, or come along to one of our services and events.

In August our Messy Church team will once again be hosting Messy Cafés on two Wednesday afternoons, August 7th and 14th, for the young and young-at-heart to connect, make friends, and have fun. Come along any time between 2.00 and 4.00pm for refreshments, stories, crafts and games. Refresh Café will be continuing on Friday mornings 9.30 - 11.00am, taking a break from the middle of August, and restarting on August 30th. It's usually for pre-school children and parents/carers, but older siblings are welcome during the holidays. We'll post updates each week on Facebook. Lunchbreak Café also continues on the 4th Wednesdays of the month throughout the summer, serving light lunches from 12 noon. On September 14th we'll be joining in with national Heritage Open Days, and the tower will be open for tours. Refreshments will be served all morning, and all are welcome.

Looking ahead to autumn, we have a week of harvest events, beginning with our harvest service in Reach on Sunday 29th September at 10am, and all are very welcome. We will be collecting food items for the Foodbank, and money for aid/relief work.

For more details of our services and regular updates, see notices on the church door, our website and Facebook pages.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, including weddings, christenings and baby thanksgivings, or if you would just like a chat, about life, the universe, or anything and everything.

**Revd Dr Eleanor Williams**
Vicar of Burwell with Reach,
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## Update on St Etheldreda's Church

It was good to update people in Reach on the current status of our plans for the church at the Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 16th June and after the service in Reach on 23rd June. We were able to explain that there had been a considerable amount of work done on the detail of the church development project. However the PCC was not yet at a point to make the significant commitment to progress to the next stage with the full project, but wanted to consider phasing and to ask the villagers for their comments on priorities. Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires and gave their views on the way forward.



It was clear that the majority of people in Reach are concerned about the ruined arch and consider it a priority to get on with the work needed to conserve it. The PCC therefore decided to progress that work immediately. The necessary papers have been sent to the Diocesan Advisory Committee to start the faculty process by which we obtain permission to do the work. The process of obtaining a faculty is likely to take at least 2 months.

Meanwhile, the PCC formed a sub-committee, the Reach Church Development Group, not only to progress the repair of the arch and set up a plan for its continuing maintenance, but also to investigate the possibility of phasing the development of the church and establish the priorities. The group will take into account the views expressed in the questionnaires and also the practical and financial implications of different approaches. The group has already had a useful preliminary meeting with the architect.

When work starts on the church itself, everything will have to be taken out, so we will need help with the shifting furniture and somewhere to store everything from pews to hymnbooks!

If you'd like to help in any of these ways, please do get in touch.

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## Know Your District Councillors




Last month we reported on the Council's decision to deliver at least 46 affordable houses on the estate which it was buying from the MOD. Unfortunately, the extraordinary meeting called for 19 June was not used by the administration to agree the exact number of affordable houses and how many would be for rent. Instead, they used the meeting to rescind the decision made in May. This means that of the 92 homes being delivered by the Council's subsidiary company, just 15 will be affordable and none of them will be for rent. This is a missed opportunity to offer affordable homes to the 710 applicants on the waiting list. We had hoped that including more affordable housing in a scheme devised by ECDC would set an example to other property developers in the whole district, including here in Bottisham ward.

As all candidates in the local elections had called for more affordable housing, this seemed a strange decision. we therefore reviewed the published accounts for the Council's subsidiary company – East Cambs Trading Company Ltd https://beta.companieshouse.gov.uk/company/10061867/filing-history. We raised the state of the subsidiary company's finances at the Council's Finance & Assets Committee and asked to see the draft accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 at our next meeting later this month.

Clearly, we think the company should be financially sustainable, but more fundamentally, we think that the Council owned development company should deliver Council priorities. That means it should be providing affordable housing and social housing as well as the market-rate housing needed to fund the projects.

The Committee also discussed the LCTR which replaced Council Tax Benefit. The Benefit was paid for by central government but the LCTR has to be funded by the Council, with some grant from government. There is concern that as Universal Credit is rolled out locally, people will struggle to pay their Council Tax and we need to have a system in place which will make it easier for them to pay and therefore easier for the Council to collect. *Fortunately, it seems that the agency for LCTR, Anglia Revenue Partnerships, is supportive of alleviating any possible hardship.*

The Operational Services Committee met on 17 June. The main business was to review the performance of the waste collection and street cleansing services. Unfortunately, there are still no plans to supply black bins. This means we are all still using black bin bags at a time when everyone is calling for removing single use plastics.

One local resident attended our first District Councillors' Surgery in Bottisham and we were able to resolve their queries. We met more residents while we were sharing a pint at the The Bell. Our next District Councillors' Surgery is on Thursday 22 August at 6.30-7.45 pm at the Village Hall, Swaffham Prior, followed by a 'Meet your Councillors' at 8.00pm in the Red Lion, Swaffham Prior. Following that, we will hold a Surgery on Tuesday 24 September at 6.30-7.45 pm in the Fassage Hall Lode, followed by a 'Meet your Councillors' at 8.00pm in the Shed, Lode.

**Charlotte Cane and John Trapp, July 2019**

## Know Your Parish Council

Your councillors are:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alex de Giorgio-Miller | Chair | 07771 348013 |
| Charlotte Cane | Vice Chair | 741064 |
| Rebecca Fordham | Councillor | 743331 |
| David McMillan | Councillor | 741259 |
| Andrew Trump | Councillor | 07980 955490 |
| Diana Ward | Councillor | 744210 |
| Vacancy | Councillor | |
| | | |
| Charlotte Cane | District Councillor | |
| John Trapp | District Councillor | |
| Joshua Schumann | County Councillor | |

Your Clerk is Susan Bailey
29 Great Lane Reach CB25 0JF; 01638 743794
clerk@reachparishcouncil.org

Meetings take place in the Village Centre on the first Wednesday of each month. They start at 7.30pm and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend.

## Reach Grant Fund

The Grant Fund replaces the Amenity Fund and exists to fund community activities in Reach.

Application forms should be downloaded from:
www.reach-village.co.uk/grant_fund.html
completed and then sent to Susan Bailey – contact details are above.

## Jack Lynch - Waterskier




Jack Lynch lived at Springhall Farm, Reach and continues to have strong ties with the village.

Jack competitively waterskied in California this month behind an Australian crew who are America based, he's Senior Male Champion. He finished 4th overall in a field of 48 competitors from USA/Belgium/Australia/Austria.

The race is 64 miles in total, 32 to Catalina Island then back. There were waves of 2'6" and a swell of the same. 8 miles offshore there was fog, so visibility for the island was poor but cleared on the way back. He had a battle with another competitor for 4th/5th place right to the line, getting the advantage just before the line, his time was 56.49.53.

He's carrying a knee injury from Cardiff National a month ago and it was touch and go whether he'd take part but thanks to intensive physiotherapy at home and in the US all went well. Next stop the World Championships in Vichy, France in September representing GB.

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

## Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on: Wednesday 5th June 2019

**Attendance**

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| Alex de Giorgio-Miller | Chair | Present |
| Charlotte Cane | Vice Chair | Not Present |
| Diana Ward | Councillor | Present |
| Andrew Trump | Councillor | Present |
| David McMillan | Councillor | Present |
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| Susan Bailey | Clerk | Present |
| John Trapp | District Councillor | Present |
| Joshua Schumann | County Councillor | Not Present |

**1. Declaration of Interests**
Councillor McMillan declared an interest in the Great Lane/Fair Green LHI discussion.

**Forum for members of the public.**
There were none.

**2. Planning Applications**
There were none.

**3. County Councillor Report**
None Received.

**4. District Councillor Report**
May has been busy with induction meetings at the District Council and starting to get to know the Parish Councils in Bottisham ward. We would like to thank all the Parish Councils for being so welcoming.
The Council has only had one formal meeting so far – The Annual Council Meeting on Thursday 30 May 2019. This meeting largely decided and noted Council Appointments. There was one policy motion and adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan, of which more later. The key appointments are:
Council Chairman – Cllr Lis Every, Vice-Chairman – Cllr Sue Austen, Conservative Leader, and therefore Leader of the Council – Cllr Anna Bailey, Con Deputy Leader, and therefore Deputy Leader of the Council – Cllr Joshua Schumann, Lib Dem Leader – Cllr Lorna Dupre, Lib Dem Deputy Leader – Cllr Charlotte Cane.
John and Charlotte have both been appointed to the Finance & Assets Committee and John has been appointed to the Planning Committee. Charlotte will also sit on the Finance & Assets Hearings Sub-Committee and the Personnel Appeals Sub-Committee.
The policy motion, which was seconded by Charlotte, was passed by 12 votes for and 11 against. The motion called on the Council to revisit its plans for the MOD site which it is buying in Ely. Before the motion the Council was going sell all but 15 of the 92 properties on the open market. The 15 were to be sold as affordable shared ownership properties, with none available for rent. The motion asks the Council to allocate at least 46 of the houses as affordable, with a significant proportion of those available for affordable rent. There are 710 applicants on the waiting list for social housing and the Council has a target of 130 new affordable homes each
year – a target it has not met since 2007/8. These 46 affordable homes will set us on track to meet that target in 2019/20 and offer homes to some of the 710 applicants on the waiting list.

Sutton had completed its Neighbourhood Plan and gained overwhelming approval in their local referendum. The Sutton Neighbourhood Plan was therefore adopted as part of the District's Development Plan. This means that all planning applications in the Sutton Area will be assessed against their Neighbourhood Plan. They are only the second Parish in the District to have a Neighbourhood Plan, with 6 other Parishes working on their plans. There were calls during the debate for the District to give more encouragement and support to Parishes to develop their own Neighbourhood Plan.
Our first District Councillors' Surgery is on Tuesday 25 June at 6.30pm at the Scout Hut in Bottisham, followed by a 'Meet your Councillors' at 8.00pm in the Bell Inn, Bottisham.

**5. Minutes of previous Meeting**
Approved as correct.

**6.1 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Reach Neighbourhood Plan Project Group continues to meet fortnightly.

The Group has begun to raise its profile utilising the above logo and banner. Its presence at Reach Fair attracted moderate but positive interest within the village. Attention is now focused on the formal launch of the Neighbourhood Plan in the village hall on 16 June with a village walk the following evening.

Jon Dunnett has joined the Group restoring its membership to eight. Further, limited, expansion of the Group will be required, taking account of the skills audit that is being undertaken by Charlotte and villagers who have expressed an interest in becoming actively involved in the work of the Group.

The Group is continues to engage with external stakeholders. It:

- hosted a presentation by the Swaffham Prior Community Energy Scheme and Cambridgeshire County Council to see if makes sense to incorporate an aspiration to do something similar in our Plan. Further feasibility work is being undertaken by members of the Group and interested villagers.
- presented to the Community Liaison Forum of the National Trust Wicken Vision project and encouraged representatives of Fen-edge parishes to undertake their own Neighbourhood Plans. At the moment only Swaffham Prior in ECDC and Waterbeach in South Cambs are actively planning. However following withdrawal of LP 2018 more local parishes are thinking about starting or resurrecting neighbourhood planning, driven largely by concerns about inappropriate housing development. Nonetheless the work involved in delivering a Plan remains a disincentive for some. It is clear, though, that a coordinated jigsaw of Neighbourhood Plans would give individual parishes more protection and makes it more likely that local aspirations on, for example, expansion of bridleways and cycle tracks would be realised.
- continues to network with other East Cambs communities doing neighbourhood planning. This now includes Sutton whose NP was approved by village referendum on 2 May.

Engagement with utility companies to determine current limits to growth in Reach remains patchy.

- UK Power Networks has now confirmed that significant and costly electricity infrastructure upgrades (at cost to the developer) would be required were many more houses to be added to the village. The precise number would depend on the location of any such development and the size and energy efficiency of any new build.
- Anglian Water (AW) has so far proved unwilling to engage with the Group. We have now enlisted the support of ECDC to gain insight on fresh water supply, sewage handling and AW's strategy for its holding on the Hythe. The discussion with ECDC has revealed that AW opposed the designation of the Hythe as a Local Green Space during the LP 2018 process. There is no explanation for AW's stance beyond a broad-brush desire to maintain sewerage capability on the Hythe.

I believe that our engagement with ECDC Planning Department assisted it in formally setting the housing requirement for Reach to 2031 as nil (0). This is helpful, demonstrating the local authority sees many of the challenges to new housing development in the village in the same way as we do. Nonetheless, as we have been discussing, it makes sense to continue to look at some allocation of sites for housing (even if this is no more than sites with planning permission) so that we secure the additional benefit of paragraph 14 of the NPPF given the fragility of the ECDC Local Plan. This is, of course, all ahead of establishing what the village wants in the way of housing development.

The Group has yet to apply to Central Government for funding for the Project as we need better to understand our requirement for external consultancy in the areas of town planning and landscape and environmental assessment. External consultancy is the dominant cost in virtually all Neighbourhood Plans. We, in Reach, undoubtedly need some external support of this kind. The Group has assembled a list of consultants recommended by other local communities engaged in neighbourhood planning. However as

Government funding to individual NP projects is limited, we need to take great care in deciding which consultants we choose and precisely how we task them. I have now spoken to all of the recommended consultants. All would be interested in becoming involved in the Reach NP Project and all impressed me with their enthusiasm and insight. Our Group now needs to agree an appraisal process ahead of applying for funding and appointing the successful candidate(s).

The Risk assessment supplied for the launch event was approved.

**6.2 Reach Grant Fund**

Reach Fair raised £5,269 which has been paid to the Grant fund. Many thanks to The Events Team for organising this year's Fair.

**6.3 Finance**

The process of changing the bank signatories continues. Another, hopefully final, form has been signed.

**6.4 Parish Council Members**

Discussions continue with EA & GOBA regarding the Lode and Hythe.

***Councillor Ward*** to confirm to GOBA how much assistance she can supply.

**6.5 Play Spaces**

<u>New playground:</u>

Nothing to report

<u>Old playground area development:</u>

The turf has suffered in the hot weather. Thank you to Nathan Bridgeman for his efforts trying to rescue it. Hopefully it will survive. Opening event - Sunday 2nd June, midday till 2pm. Newmarket Journal are sending a photographer.

**6.6 Rights of Way**
The sign at the end of Clutch pit lane has become damaged. This has been reported to CCC and a new one is being ordered.

There are major repairs being done to the byway/underbank drove of the Swaffham Bulbeck lode on Lords Ground farm.

**6.7 24Acres Committee**
Nothing to report.

**6.8 Friends of Reach wood**
The Woodland Trust have offered that the PC lease the wood from them. Following discussion with the Friends of Reach Wood Group and at the meeting it was concluded that there would be no benefit to the village. ***Clerk*** to inform the WT.

**7. Approve Annual Governance Statement**
Approved and signed.

**8. Approve the Accountancy statement**
Approved and signed.

**9. Local Highways Initiative**
The new round of LHI bids are now open. ***Councillors McMillan & de Giorgio-Miller*** to contact CCC highways for an onsite meeting and to complete an application for the Great Lane/Fair Green bend. Application to be brought to the July meeting for approval.

**10. Reach Fair**
The Events Team have informed the PC that they are unable to continue running Reach Fair. Claire Halpin has offered to bring together a team of people to run the Fair going forward. She would like the organisation of the Fair to include a larger group of residents and have more village involvement. ***Claire Halpin*** to report back at the next PC meeting.
The structure of the new group running the Fair needs to be understood and appropriately constituted and the responsibility of the Parish Council towards this group clarified.

**11. Reach Community Energy Group**
No information supplied.

**12. Byways Repairs**
A complaint had been received regarding the repairs to the Byway alongside Reach Wood. Although it is an offence to disturb the surface of a byway, users are allowed to repair any damage caused & CCC encourage this, however repairs must be safe for other users, and not seen as fly tipping.
The dry conditions have not helped the repairs made. The PC will monitor the situation.

**13. Information Items/AOB**
There will be a public meeting being held in Cambridge regarding the future of bus services in Cambridge and surrounding villages. ***Clerk*** to email to the NP committee and the villagers

**14. Payments**

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| CR Contracting | £305.50 |
| S.Bailey – Postage | £24.56 |
| ECDC - Administration Cost's for uncontested election | £200 |



# *DRAFT* Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 3rd July 2019

**Attendance**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alex de Giorgio-Miller | Chair | Present |
| Charlotte Cane | Vice Chair | Present |
| Diana Ward | Councillor | Present |
| Andrew Trump | Councillor | Not Present |
| David McMillan | Councillor | Present |
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| Susan Bailey | Clerk | Present |
| Charlotte Cane | District Councillor | Present |
| Joshua Schumann | County Councillor | Not Present |

**1. Declaration of Interests**

Councillor McMillan declared an interest in the Great Lane/Fair Green LHI discussion, Councillor Ward declared an interest in the GOBA discussion.

**Forum for members of the public.**

There were none.

**2. New Councillor**

The council had received an application for one of the vacancies on the Parish Council, from Rebecca Fordham. Unanimously approved. ***Clerk*** to complete the required paperwork and make the necessary IT arrangements.

**3. Planning Applications**

There were none.

**4. County Councillor Report**

None Received.

**5. District Councillor Report**

The ruling group at the Council called an Extraordinary meeting of the Council and passed a motion to rescind the motion calling for more affordable housing on the MOD site. This was a very unusual move, which many of us still consider to have been unconstitutional because the motion to rescind was tabled just days before the meeting, rather than sent out with the Agenda and papers. Sadly, it means that there will be just 15 affordable houses from the 92 and none of these will be for rent. It's a missed opportunity to deliver much needed affordable housing for rent. In an attempt to compromise, an amendment was tabled calling for 32 affordable houses, including 7 to rent. This would have required a grant from Mayor Palmer of just under £55,000 per dwelling – a level he has given to affordable housing in the town of March. Sadly, this amendment was defeated by 13 votes to 13 on the Council Chairman's casting vote and the rescind motion was then passed 13 votes to 13, also on her casting vote. We had hoped that including more affordable housing in a scheme devised by ECDC would set an example to other property developers in the whole district, including here in Bottisham ward.

The Finance & Assets Committee met the day after this Extraordinary Council meeting. Charlotte raised concerns about the finances of the Council's trading company – East Cambs Trading Company Limited (ECTC). This is the company which will be borrowing nearly £25m for the MOD site development. The accounts to March 2018 showed net liabilities of £711,139. The Company Directors stated that they were a 'Going Concern' because they are supported by the District Council. The concern is that if ECTC was to fail, East Cambs could lose the money it has lent the company and be open to other creditors pursuing the Council for repayment. The Committee unanimously agreed that they needed to see the accounts to 31 March 2019 at their next meeting in July and that they should receive Management Accounts at each meeting. The Committee also discussed the LCTR which replaced Council Tax Benefit. The Benefit was paid for by central government but the LCTR has to be funded by the Council, with some grant from government. There is concern that as Universal Credit is rolled out locally, people will struggle to pay their Council Tax and we need to have a system in place which will make it easier for them to pay and therefore easier for the Council to collect. Fortunately, it seems that the agency for LCTR, Anglia Revenue Partnerships, is supportive of alleviating any possible hardship.

The Operational Services Committee met on 17 June. The main business was to review the performance of the waste collection and street cleansing services. Unfortunately, there are still no plans to supply black bins. This means we are all still using black bin bags at a time when everyone is calling for removing single use plastics.

**6. Minutes of previous Meeting**

Approved as correct.

**7.1 Neighbourhood Plan**

Launch

The Project Group launched the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) at two public events, an informal consultation and barbecue in the village hall on 16 June and and a walk around Reach the following evening which placed the challenges that the village will face over the next two decades into historical, archaeological and geographical context.

Approximately 140 villagers took part in one or both events and, allowing for overlap, we estimate that were able to engage with over half the households in the village. We understand that this is a strong turnout for events of this kind. More pleasing still was the level of ideas, interest and enthusiasm for shaping and influencing the evolution of the village. There was strong consensus on the things we need to protect too.

Consultancy

Our challenge is to turn this positive start into something tangible. As mentioned in my last report, the Project Group has concluded that we need external support to pull a first draft of the Plan together. We may subsequently need other more specialised support too. Central Government funding of up to £17K is available to enable NP teams to draw on external expertise and we are in the early stages of working up a business case. The trickiness to date has been in defining how much support we need and when. With this in mind we have been talking to the small number of consultants with established NP track records in East Cambs and have arranged for one such, Ian Poole, a town planner who piloted the Sutton NP to successful outcome, to talk to the Project Group on 17 July.

We have asked Swaffham Bulbeck NP team for an update on how they are getting on with their Cambridge ACRE consultants who are also on our shortlist but will not talk to the Project Group without payment, having previously presented at a PC meeting in November 2018. We have also reached out to the Fordham NP team who did not draw on external support in drafting their Plan (which was, I understand, 'made' just too late to affect the decision making on large-scale housing development there) to learn about the background. We will appraise the options open to us and will submit a funding application to Central Government (through the Parish Clerk) once we have spoken to Ian and have responses from nearby Parishes.

Infrastructure

The Group has finally identified a contact in Anglian Water (AW) who is willing to engage with the Group on fresh water supply, sewage handling and AW's holding on the Hythe. Unfortunately, there is not much evidence so far that AW has a strategy for Reach and in particular for the Hythe. However, against the backdrop of AW objecting to designation of the Hythe as a Local Green Space in the LP2018 process (my last report refers), we must engage with it if we want the NP to deliver something meaningful on the Hythe - the issue that attracted most comment and strength of feeling during the launch events. We will therefore be writing to the contact at AW shortly.

Community Energy

The NP has provided a platform for interested villagers led by Tony Jordan, to explore the feasibility of a community energy scheme for Reach. A meeting to review progress and establish if there is enough interest in the village to put things on a formal footing takes place on 1 July.

Councillor Cane also added that she had attended the bus user's forum, which was very encouraging. She intends to try and arrange a meeting with the new management at Stagecoach who are very keen to engage with the local people.

The PC would like to congratulate the NP group on the great success of the launch events.
***Clerk*** to send the NP the 'SID' data.

**7.2 Reach Grant Fund**

Nothing to report.

**7.3 Finance**

Nothing to report.

**7.4 Parish Council Members**

Complaints had been received regarding disturbance caused by motor bikes at the Swan lake Barns. The resident had spoken with the owner who had said barriers would be put up. This has not happened. ***Clerk*** to write.

**7.5 Play Spaces**

New playground:

Nothing to report

Old playground area development:

Opening event successful with photographer from the Newmarket Journal. All forms now completed for the funders. Project complete!

Other:

Haven't heard about the Calor grant officially but looking at our numbers we didn't get through to the finals. In future we will need to consider if we want to do any of this work and where we might fund it from.

Have chased again about both the telephone box and bins by the swings and cemetery but heard nothing back. This work will continue, along with looking for more fund-raising opportunities.

**7.6 Rights of Way**

Nothing to report.

**7.7 24Acres Committee**
7he 'window' on the orchard information board in the 24 Acres has become fogged - it has been like this for some time now. The original supplier has said that this is the result of using a solvent to clean it (and not the result of sun/UV damage). Sun/UV damage is covered by guarantee. Solvent damage is not.
We are not aware that anyone has ever clean this. However, they say that to verify this we would need to send them the window (at our own cost) so that they can send to the manufacturer for tests. We don't know what they will conclude - it is possible that some well-meaning person has cleaned it in the 5 years since it was installed. The alternative is to simply purchase a replacement, for which they quote £55. The PC concluded that we should go ahead with the purchase.

**7.8 Friends of Reach wood**
The PC would like the meadow cut as soon as possible as a one-off early cut to try and control the Ragwort. This will be arranged in discussion with the Friends group and the WT. ***Clerk*** to arrange.

**8. Local Highways Initiative**
Councillors McMillan & de Giorgio-Miller have been working together to put together a bid for the PC and had circulated a bid document prior to the meeting. Various people at CCC had been spoken to for advice and also the police who are in support of the bid. The bid document was approved with the alterations which had also been circulated. The bid will get a full appraisal of the junction from CCC. The PC agreed that a payment of £2000 would be made as the Reach PC contribution to the project if it is successful. A copy of the bid will be sent to Councillor Schumann for his information.

**9. Reach Fair**
A positive meeting was held to discuss the moving forward of the fair. Another meeting will be held in September to gather people together and start to produce a plan for the fair next year.
The PC are in full support of the fair continuing, this must be a fair that the village wants and run as a separate entity. The new team running the fair must set up a company to protect themselves as individuals. Possibly a CIO, ***Councillor de Giorgio-Miller*** to investigate this, and also the situation regarding a float to allow the Fair organisation to proceed. It was noted that ECDC are able to help the new team with health & safety, ***Councillor Cane*** to check the details.
Ownership of the items bought for the Fair was also discussed. It was decided that a meeting should be held with the PC, new team, and The Events team to discuss the issues.

**10. Reach Lode/GOBA/EA**
Talks continue, with the EA pushing more responsibility onto GOBA & the PC. ***Councillor Ward and the Clerk*** will be attending another meeting next week. The PC agreed to increase its financial offering to £1000. In addition to this Councillor Ward is offering GOBA some professional work and knowledge.
***Clerk*** to organise the cutting of the mooring bank.

**11. August meeting**
There will not be an August meeting held.

**12. Information Items**
The mower has been stolen from the container on the 24Acres. ***Clerk*** is dealing with the insurance company. The PC are unhappy with the continued storage of any new mower on this site.

**13. Payments**

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| CR Contracting – Mowing contract | £295.50 |
| S. Bailey – Salary | £1002.30 |
| A de Giorgio-Miller – Picnic area opening Gant Fund | £36.32 |
| Eon – power on the green | £14.81 |
| D Thomas – Stakes 24Acres | £16.00 |
| J Riches – NP expenses Grant Fund | £30.90 |
| Swaffham Prior PC – Hire of “SID” | £150.00 |


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# *Draft* Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held on; Wednesday 16th July 2019.

**Attendance**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Alex de Giorgio-Miller | Chair | Present |
| Charlotte Cane | Vice Chair | Present |
| Diana Ward | Councillor | Present |
| Andrew Trump | Councillor | Present |
| David McMillan | Councillor | Present |
| Rebecca Fordham | Councillor | Not Present |
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| Susan Bailey | Clerk | Present |
| Charlotte Cane | District Councillor | Present |
| Joshua Schumann | County Councillor | Not Present |

**Forum for members of the public.**
Two members of the public attended the meeting, one to speak for the planning application and to speak against it.

**1. Declaration of Interests**
Councillor Ward declared an interest in the planning discussion and left the meeting.
Due to her District Council role Councillor Cane opted to join in the conversation but not form a view.

**2. Planning Applications - 19/00863/PIP -** Land East Of 27A Burwell Road Reach. Permission in principle for residential development of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 2 dwellings.
Following discussion, the PC concluded -
- The site is outside the planning envelope of the village.
- Loss of Outlook – There is concern there will be a loss of views from surrounding footpaths. This is currently a very open area.
- Highways issues – Access and safety are an issue. Pedestrian access to the village would be along a narrow, 60mph road without footpath. If these properties are to be part of the village this is problematic.
Turning into the properties particularly coming from Burwell, would result in slow or stationary vehicles on a narrow bend.
- Capacity of physical infrastructure – There are already sewerage issues in the village & there are likely to be electricity problems. These will need consideration.
- Layout & density of build - Ribbon development is a concern for the PC and residents of the village. The existing dwellings in this area are well spaced, this will be 3 properties in close proximity to each other, so a significant change in density of the area. This plot is very visual as you enter the village, landscaping & the look of the properties will be important.
- The PC looks forward to a full Ecology impact report.
- The PC looks forward to a full Archaeology report of the area.

***Clerk*** to write to ECDC planning.

**3. Reach Grant Fund**
A grant fund application had been received from a group of residents called the Reach Energy Group "REG". The application was for a grant of £5,000 to spend on potential travel, consultants and match funding for the group to research alternative energy sources for the village.
The Grant fund does not have enough money to be able to commit to such a large amount. This is nearly all the Fair income, and there is concern that next year's Fair will not bring in the same amount of money as usual because of the change in date.
The PC concluded that there was not enough information in this application. The PC wanted to make it clear that they very much support the idea of finding alternative energy solutions for the village.
There is lots of information available on this subject, on other sites, & funding options. Swaffham Prior have a lot of knowledge and experience and CCC have an adviser available.
A future specific bid with a tangible output may be acceptable



# Church Services at Burwell and Reach

| August 2019 | St Mary's Burwell | St Etheldreda's Reach |
|---|---|---|
| **Sunday 4th Trinity 7** | 8.00 am Holy Communion<br>10.00 All Age Service with baptisms | |
| Wednesday 7th | 10.00am Holy Communion<br>11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove | |
| Thursday 8th | | 8.15 am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 11th Trinity 8** | 10.00am Holy Communion | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 14th | 10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 15th | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 18th Trinity 9** | 8.00 am Holy Communion<br>10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Wednesday 21st | 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court | |
| Thursday 22nd | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 25th Trinity 10** | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Wednesday 28th | 10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 29th | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **September 2019** | | |
| **Sunday 1st Trinity 11** | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00am All Age Service with baptisms<br>4pm Blessing the Backpacks service<br>*4pm Churches Together Songs of Praise at Ness Court* | |
| Wednesday 4th | 10.00am Holy Communion<br>11.00am Holy Communion at Ash Grove | |
| Thursday 5th | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 8th Trinity 12** | 10.00 Holy Communion<br>7.00pm Sunday @ 7 | 8.00am Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 11th | 10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 12th | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 15th Trinity 13** | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00 am Holy Communion<br>4.00pm Messy Church | |
| Wednesday18th | 10.30am Holy Communion at Ness Court | |
| Thursday 19th | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 22nd Trinity 14** | 8.00am Holy Communion<br>10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Wednesday 25th | 10.00am Holy Communion | |
| Thursday 26th | | 8.15am Morning Prayer |
| **Sunday 29th Trinity 15** | 4.00pm Messy Church | 10.00am Harvest Holy Communion |

# Bus Timetable

Reach is served by the Stagecoach number 11 bus service - summary of all buses serving Reach is shown below.

**Please note that there is no bus service at all on Sundays**

| Cambridge to Bury - Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cambridge Drummer Street** | **Reach** | **Burwell Ness Road** | **Newmarket Bus Station** | **Bury Bus Station** |
| 06:50 | 07:35 | 07:45 | 08:17* | 08:49 |
| 07:50 | 08:35 | 08:45 | 09:17* | 09:49 |
| 09.50 | 10:35 | 10:45 | 11:17* | 11:49 |
| 11:50 | 12:35 | 12:45 | 13:17* | 13:49 |
| 13:50 | 14:35 | 14:45 | 15:17* | 15:49 |
| 15:50 | 16:42 | 16:45 | 17:24 | 17:55 |
| 18:15 | 19:00 | 19:10 | | |
| 19:15 | 20:00 | 20:10 | | |

| Cambridge to Bury - Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Cambridge Drummer Street** | **Reach** | **Burwell Ness Road** | **Newmarket Bus Station** | **Bury Bus Station** |
| 06:50 | 07:35 | 07:45 | 08:17* | |
| 07:50 | 08:35 | 08:45 | 09:17* | 09:49 |
| 09.50 | 10:35 | 10:45 | 11:17* | 11:49 |
| 11:50 | 12:35 | 12:45 | 13:17* | 13:49 |
| 13:50 | 14:35 | 14:45 | 15:17* | 15:49 |
| 15:50 | 16:35 | 16:52 | 17:17 | 17:55 |
| 18:15 | 19:00 | 19:10 | | |
| 19:15 | 20:00 | 20:10 | | |

| Bury to Cambridge - Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bury Bus Station** | **Newmarket Bus Station** | **Burwell Ness Road** | **Reach** | **Cambridge Drummer Street** |
| | | 06:14 | 06:29 | 07:22 |
| | | 06:39 | 06:54 | 07:50 |
| | 08:40 | 09:08 | 09:23 | 10:13 |
| 10:05 | 10:35* | 11:08 | 11:23 | 12:13 |
| 12:05 | 12:35* | 13:08 | 13:23 | 14:13 |
| 14:05 | 14:35* | 15:08 | 15:23 | 16:13 |
| 15:05 | 15:35* | 16:08 | 16:23 | 17:13 |
| 16:05 | 16:35* | 17:08 | 17:23 | 18:13 |
| 17:05 | 17:35* | 18:08 | 18:23 | 19:13 |

| Bury to Cambridge - Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays) | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Bury Bus Station** | **Newmarket Bus Station** | **Burwell Ness Road** | **Reach** | **Cambridge Drummer Street** |
| | | 06:19 | 06:34 | 07:22 |
| | | 06:49 | 07:04 | 08:00 |
| | 08:40 | 09:08 | 09:23 | 10:13 |
| 10:05 | 10:40* | 11:08 | 11:23 | 12:13 |
| 12:05 | 12:40* | 13:08 | 13:23 | 14:13 |
| 14:05 | 14:40* | 15:08 | 15:23 | 16:13 |
| 15:05 | 15:40* | 16:08 | 16:23 | 17:13 |
| 16:05 | 16:40* | 17:08 | 17:23 | 18:13 |
| 17:05 | 17:40* | 18:08 | 18:23 | 19:13 |

* These are departure times, buses will arrive approximately 5 minutes earlier

A full timetable can be downloaded from **www.reach-village.co.uk/bus_service.html**

# Diary Dates

| August | Event | Location | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thursday 1 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Wednesday 14 | Village Centre Committee Meeting | Village Centre | 8.00pm |
| Thursday 8 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Friday 9 | Mobile Library – Route C12 | Village Green | 2.20pm |
| Thursday 15 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Thursday 22 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Thursday 29 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |

| September | Event | Location | Time |
|---|---|---|---|
| Wednesday 4 | Parish Council Meeting | Village Centre | 7.30pm |
| Thursday 5 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Wednesday 11 | Village Centre Committee Meeting | Village Centre | 8.00pm |
| Thursday 12 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |
| Friday 13 | Mobile Library – Route C12 | Village Green | 2.20pm |
| Thursday 19 | Recycling Day (Green) | | |
| Thursday 26 | Recycling Day (Blue) | | |

## Then and Now *(see opposite page for pictures)*

The original photo was probably taken around 1960-61.

The clunch barn that formed part of Church Farm (now The Dyke's End) was still intact.

'The Ship Inn' to the left of the church, with its footprint extending to the very edge of the pavement, was empty and in poor repair and was demolished soon after. It stood directly in front of the school which had been built behind it in about 1909.

**Chris Patterson**

## Contact Information

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Parish Council – see "Know Your Parish Council"** | | | |
| **Village Centre** | | | |
| | Chair | Andrew Towers | 01638 742484 |
| | Finance | Andrew Trump | 01638 743335 |
| | Bookings | Grahame Radford | 01638 742814 |
| **Marquee Bookings** | | Andrew Hall | 01638 743737 |
| **Church** | | | |
| | Vicar | Eleanor Williams | 01638 741262 |
| | Curate (duty days Wed, Fri and Sun) | Reverend Paula Spalding | 07545 868549 |
| | Priest in Retirement | Reverend David King | 01638 742924 |
| | Parochial Church Council Member | Pam King | 01638 742924 |
| | Churchwarden | Dr Stephen Martin | 01638 611235 |
| | Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach | Sarah Wingate | 01638 742498 |
| **Emergencies** | | | |
| | Electricity (Eastern Electric) | | 0800 783 8838 |
| | Police (Emergency/Non-Emergency) | | 999/101 |
| | Water (Anglian Water) | | 08457 145145 |
| **Doctors, Burwell** | | | |
| | Appointments and Emergencies | | 01638 741234 |
| | Enquiries | | 01638 743602 |
| | Community Nurses | | 01638 742382 |
| | Surgery Hours | Mon 8.30am to 6.00pm with extended hours on a Monday please phone the surgery for details | |

# Then and Now pictures – see facing page













I know – it looks like there was a problem with Ian's burgers but actually they're apple bobbing



