Within Reach



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The Start



Travelling up Old Bar Drove



Dante, Emily, Grace and Isabelle



Finishing on the Village Green



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From the Editor



As I write this, we have achieved "freedom" but I suspect we all know that this is somewhat limited and we have a long way to go. However, its so lovely that we have made careful steps in the right direction.

Weatherwise, many contributors have started their pieces reflecting on how hot and dry the weather is. As I write, its heaving it down, water which is much needed.

Advertising! Please, when you are looking for suppliers or services, include our advertisers in your selection assessment. They provide the funding which allows us to produce the magazine and distribute it for free.

This issue we have a new advertiser, **Chris Stearne** who owns **Burwell Private Hire** (adverts page 14). He's a lovely bloke who I can highly recommend, he offers local and long-distance runs, is reliable and will really look after you.

We have **Lucy Frazer** contributing – see what she has to say on page 16.

The Neighbourhood Plan process continues and one enjoyable addition is an **Inventory of Buildings of Historic Interest**, produced by Jon Cane which can be downloaded from the Neighbourhood Plan web page – interesting stuff.

The **Church refurbishment** is making progress – see page 23 and just so you know, the **Phone Box** has been refurbished and now awaits repainting which should take place over the coming three months.

We've got two Neighbourhood Watch contributions – one to recruit volunteers (page 11) and a second one regarding **How to Spot and Resist a Scammer** on page 23.

It's a bit of a **equus** issue . . . . The covers show the donkey event and also the village's first, out of lockdown, **Reach Riders Garden Party**. Wonderful stuff.

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About the Magazine

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Village Update



Hurrah for sunny weather! We are very excited for lots of picnics at the playground in the weeks to come. The government have published some advice on keeping safe in hot weather – nothing too much more than common sense but it's included for you below!

Whilst things are noticeably opening up more now, there are still coronavirus cases in the community and inevitably some of us will need to isolate at some point over the summer, either because we display symptoms or because track and trace tells us about positive cases we have come in contact with. Most people have their support networks well set up by now, but if you do find yourself self-isolating for whatever reason, please do know that the **Reach Help Network** is still available to anyone who needs us. If you do need some shopping, a prescription picking up, something from the post office, or just a chat, then do get in touch and we will be happy to help. Email a.degiorgiomiller@gmail.com or call 07771 348013. Please do pass on this information to anyone in Reach who you think it may help.

The NHS has now launched **'The Vaccinators on tour'** – a series of walk-in clinics for anyone over the age of 18 to receive their vaccine 1st or 2nd doses (2nd doses only available 8 weeks after the 1st). All you need to bring is a face mask. The following clinics are available **7 days a week, 9am to 3pm.**

Astra Zeneca (aged 40 and over) AND Pfizer vaccines (aged 18 and over) at:
Horsefair Shopping Centre, Wisbech
City Care Centre, Peterborough
The Eatons Community Centre, Eaton Socon
The Grafton Centre, Cambridge
The Oaktree Centre, Huntingdon
East of England Showground, Peterborough (Also Moderna vaccine)
Chesterton Indoor Bowls Centre, Cambridge

Pfizer only:
Cherry Hinton Village Leisure Centre, Cambridge

Evening clinics (for Pfizer and AstraZeneca) are also available 5.30pm to 7.30pm:
Mondays: Horesefair Shopping Centre, Wisbech
Tuesdays: City Care Centre, Peterborough
Tuesdays: The Eatons Community Centre, Eaton Socon
Wednesdays: The Grafton Centre, Cambridge
Thursdays: The Oaktree Centre, Huntingdon
Thursdays: East of England Showground, Peterborough (Also Moderna vaccine)

If you prefer to **book an appointment,** then you still can at nhs.uk/CovidVaccine or by calling 119.

Vaccination transport available
There are a number of community transport schemes and taxi firms available to support people with transport to their COVID-19 vaccination appointment. This website has a link to an online form to show you the options available:
https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination
Alternatively, you can call 0345 045 5219 for help. Where possible, most transport providers ask for a minimum of 24 hours notice for bookings. All drivers have up to date DBS checks.

Keep well and enjoy the sunshine!

Alex de Giorgio-Miller



Neighbourhood Plan



The draft Plan is published and out for consultation. In the intervening period the Project Group held a drop-in session on the Green and has been out and about and active on social media encouraging residents to read it and comment. The deadline for comments is **Saturday 31 July**. The draft Plan and associated documents can be read at www.reach-village.co.uk/neighbourhood_plan.html. From here you can also comment on the Plan online.

Several important questions have been raised by villagers during the consultation and we thought it would be helpful to circulate these with the Group's responses:

What lies behind the proposed changes to the development envelope?
Three changes to the envelope are proposed, after lengthy evidence gathering, which represent:

- What villagers wanted the Plan to deliver in the 2020 residents' survey - modest housing growth, recognition and enhancement of the Hythe's archeological importance, recreational value and protection of the landscape setting of the village, including the quality of views into and out of the Village.
- Growing recognition of the former size and significance of the port of Reach. A third of the former port is in the land that is proposed to be removed from the development envelope.
- The conclusions of the independent landscape appraisal, stating the former port of Reach "is sensitive to development within the wider fen landscape where it may undermine rural qualities or open expansiveness.... For these reasons development should be avoided in the vicinity of the Hythe and on the slopes leading to the rear of the village and conservation area".
- Two sites proposed as additions to the envelope already have planning approval for development. Since they adjoin the 2015 Development Envelope the revised envelope should be extended to include them. Such an approach has been encouraged by ECDC and is also being employed in the Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan.
- Local authority planning refusal, supported by the Planning Inspectorate, on appeal, for housing on the area proposed to be removed from the development envelope. The planning refusal was based on the landscape sensitivity of the site. There is also a Section 52 legal agreement from 1989 that takes away permitted development rights of this site on the grounds of its sensitivity.

Is the Plan clear enough on tourism?
The Plan does not offer a definitive policy. Last year's residents' survey revealed the village to be evenly divided on promoting Reach for recreation. The Plan recognises that car parking for visitors is a challenge but does not prescribe solutions as the village was evenly split on whether another car park was the answer. It is currently unclear whether the surge of weekend visitors during lockdown will be sustained, although *in the longer term* visitor numbers are likely to increase as people seek to access National Trust land. Whilst it is important to agree a view on this issue, this could not be achieved in the timetable of the Plan. The village could address this in due course and revise the Plan.

Can more be done to improve vehicle-free access to Burwell?
The Plan makes a firm case for this**.** Approval of the Plan provides the village with a basis on which to lobby the District and County Council and to seek funding for a vehicle-free route, which is already on the County Council greenway list. An approved Neighbourhood Plan could only help in pushing us to the top of that list.

What about provision of on-street chargers for electric vehicles?
We will look into this. There is some work underway nationally to examine the feasibility of charging points at the base of lamp standards. The increase of electric vehicles may also require upgrades to Reach's electricity supply infrastructure.

What is the purpose of the inventory of buildings of historic significance?
The Listing of buildings in the 1960s was flawed and superficial. Buildings of merit that should have been listed in Reach, as elsewhere, are thus currently given insufficient weight in planning matters. Furthermore, the character of Reach is strongly influenced by the assemblage of old but unlisted buildings. The inventory is designed to address these two shortcomings. A more detailed version of the inventory has been posted on the NP webpage.

What happens next?
After consultation closes, all comments will be considered and any necessary amendments will be made before the Parish Council submits the Plan to East Cambridgeshire District Council. Then there will be further public consultation followed by an independent examination of the Plan. A Parish Referendum will follow to decide whether to approve the Neighbourhood Plan.

Outlook
We have secured Government funding to take the Plan to referendum and hope to be able to put a finalised Plan to the village for endorsement (or otherwise) in a referendum later this year or in early 2022.

Nick Acklam

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Rosanna's Ramblings



Let me let you into a secret. I'm weary, extremely weary, and the months are galloping by in a way that makes me wearier still. How can it already be mid-July, the meadows looking rather parched (despite plenty of rain) and the hedgerows showing baby sloes and blackberries? I don't feel ready for the second half of this year and we're already a fortnight into it.

I think this tiredness, which I think is pretty universal, although the triggers for it will inevitably be individual, comes from the pandemic rolling on and on and on, doesn't it? By the time this issue comes out in early August, we will have – apparently – been released from all officially-mandated Covid restrictions … and – apparently – we will have been 'given our freedom back!!!' But in my world (inhabited as it is by vulnerable acupuncture patients, by friends struggling with Long Covid, by adult children only single-vaccinated, by elderly friends understandably wary about letting rip and rushing back into crowded buses and shops, airports and cinemas), I'm much more likely to hear concerns about all the multiplicity of things that have been sacrificed being put in jeopardy by too much excitement too soon.

Don't get me wrong – there are so many things that I would dearly love to have back in my life again, not least the ability to visit my sister in France and to hug all appropriate friends, family and patients rather than judiciously choosing just a few people to hug. I'd love to do my work unmasked and unvisored (but that's not what I'm choosing to do, not until we've made it through another autumn and winter – to the evident relief of my patients who have been writing to me to thank me for my continued commitment to protect them however I can). And perhaps most of all, I'd love to be able to return to me pre-pandemic baseline anxiety rather than living in the ramped-up version that has become my norm.

But I do believe in being hopeful in a realistic, clear-eyed way rather than a fingers-crossed make-a-wish kind of way. And it's hard to maintain that internal state of managed hopefulness, when all of us are in thrall to decisions made by other people (be they individual or governmental) that have a potentially huge impact on our lives. We are not a People United by Football, even if for a few weeks many felt that to be true. When push comes to shove, we settle back into our personal bubbles of beliefs, principles, values and behaviour – and even when the majority of people clearly do strive to be good and decent according to those values, nobody but a fool would claim that we all sing to the same tune.

I didn't know I was going to type all of the above when I sat down – I'm not a naturally combative person, preferring to keep my head below the parapet and get on with my life as quietly and non-contentiously as possible. But I've just been lucky enough to exchange Zero Balancing sessions with a friend in Cambridge, so perhaps that's unplugged some of my tension and it wants to express itself … I had been planning to write mostly about poppies – so it's now my unenviable task to work out how to do so in a seamlessly un-clunky way. Wish me luck!



You see, the last six weeks or so have rather been dominated for me by poppies of a quite extraordinary quantity and variety - in Charles's Reach garden (magnificent perennial specimens at front and back, plumptiously robust and defiantly vermilion); classic red cornfield poppies in the field edges all around us; and quite rampantly frilly and variedly hued in my Ely garden. So elaborate and numerous have these latter poppies been that, having emerged from the disturbed soil with which we filled the new raised beds Charles made for me, they proceeded quite to dominate my carefully thought out scheme of white, blue, purple and silver-leaved plants. These showgirls of poppies, in candy pink, mauve and crimson have been quite literally overwhelming in their large and blowsy brashness causing their neighbours to cower fretfully in their shade, whimpering almost audibly at their sunshine deprivation.



But while I feel care and concern for my planned plant offspring, I can't help thrilling at the sheer gutsiness of the uninvited visitors that have gate-crashed my garden's modest gathering of G&T and nibbles, bearing huge supplies of party poppers, magnums of bubbly and a hog roast! How can I not love them, when they are so irrepressibly cheerful, positive and unashamed about claiming their right to exist? I bow to their superior sense of fun. Perhaps I have a lot to learn from them.

So … can you hear the gears clunking? … to make this all fit together I need to find a common theme. And the words that are whispering in my ear are "disturbed soil". Most people, though not all, are aware that annual poppies (rather than Charles's Reach ones) need their soil to be disturbed in order for their seeds to germinate. That's why they are traditionally associated with the unsprayed cornfields of yesteryear, as the ploughing provided the required disturbance. As you may recall, five years ago my internal ground was thoroughly disturbed when I found myself, quite unexpectedly, living here in Reach and in that heady first year I can honestly say that my life revealed a bumper display of new and unexpected poppies – the best man in the world, a perfect fen-edge location if you like that sort of thing (which I emphatically do), the Best Dog in the World (ah Hector, the three years since you died still feel like three months on most days – at least the ones when your spirit has gone walkabout rather than sticks close to us on our walks), a treasured host of new friends and neighbours, new roles (bi-monthly Ramblings included), the list goes on.

And indeed, while the pandemic has acted like a global team of bulldozers through the familiar substrate of all of our lives, this time last year I was writing about the wonderful flowering of community kindness and camaraderie that had sprung up. And ever since last Spring, my clients have consistently been at their most stressed in the lead up to the next official change of state – into lockdown, out of lockdown, new variants, new restrictions, release of restrictions. Perhaps that's what's so hard, the having to get used to new ground conditions every few months.

Charles wisely says to me, from time to time when I'm mithering about some issue, "stop pulling up the tree to check how the roots are doing". And there's the crux of it – we are all constantly being pulled up by the roots, replanting ourselves in a temporary pot and now we are having to come to terms with the unpleasant truth that we have to plant ourselves properly this time, in soil that we know will always be harbouring some nasty bugs. But it's OK, we're being sprayed appropriately which will protect most of us and with luck and a fair wind we'll be strong and resilient enough to pull through and adapt.

Rosanna Moseley Gore

Events Team

We just wanted to say how lovely it was to see the Reach Riders Event taking place on the Green – a really wonderful reminder of events the village has had in the past – it was so nice to see so many attending.

Our **Christmas events** remain on track, **Christmas Lights Switch on**, then **Seniors Christmas Lunch** followed by **Christmas Eve Carols** around the tree. More information, including dates, after we've had our next meeting.

The Events Team

Village Hall AGM

This will take place at **8pm on Tuesday 21st September** following a committee meeting at 7.30. Everyone welcome as we say farewell and thankyou to two of our great supporters who between them have clocked up over 30 years of service to the VH.

Grahame Radford joined the committee shortly after arriving in Reach 2003/2004 and has served as Treasurer and Chair and took the responsibility for maintaining the Hall throughout the Lockdown and obtaining grants to keep it viable. Over many years Grahame led the committee for the year long planning group for all the arrangements of the Fair including provision of toilets, police and emergency planning, car parking and stalls, as well as counting out the proceeds in cash on his kitchen table with his wife Karen late at night before banking!

Jan Tabecki was recruited to the VH Committee by Tony Jordan in September 2002 (Tony also served 20 odd years on the VH Committee!). Jan made a huge contribution by drawing up plans with John Holmwood (thankyou John) to extend and refurbish the Hall in 2006/2007 which was a big project requiring many planning meetings and a great deal of extra volunteer help with labouring and decorating to produce the comfortable and disabled access Village Hall we enjoy now. Jan was doing this while bringing up his two young daughters and gutting his own house!

All welcome to join us and raise a glass to Jan and Grahame to say thank you at the AGM and would be grateful for any bottles/cans to give them a big send off. We would also welcome anyone who feels they could carry on the committee work, we only meet about every other month and we don't expect you to stay as long as the heroes already mentioned!

Sue Elliott - Hon Sec VH Committee

Getting to Know . . . .
Anita Folkes

Q. What is your full name and where were you born?

Anita Margaret (nee Kirby) Folkes. Born at 12 Mill Hill, Swaffham Prior.

Q. How did you come to live in Reach? When did you marry and how did you meet? Do you have children?

I met Raymond John Folkes who lived in Great Lane, Reach. In 1957 we married at The Church of St. Mary, Swaffham Prior. At the time I wore orthopaedic black shoes and worried about not being able to wear white shoes for the wedding. Ray got a tin of white enamel paint and painted my black ones white. I was thrilled, the toes just peeped out from under my dress. We have two sons, Roland Lewis and David William.



Anita and Ray 1957 (painted shoe just visible)

Q. What school did you go to? And did you enjoy it?

I attended Swaffham Prior Primary School and Burwell Secondary. I was the eldest of four children, my two brothers, Michael and Tony and sister Gillian also went there to school. I had operations for a clicky hip, when I was 11yrs old I was encased in a plaster and needed crutches for help with walking. The school children took it in turns to go around the playground on them, I was everybody's friend then.

Q. Where did you work and what did you do there?

I worked in the main Co-op stores, Cambridge and was promoted to the Correspondence Office as a Typist. Following that I worked at Marks & Spencer in Cambridge, I started as a Sales Assistant in the Lingerie Department but was later promoted to the office as Invoice Clerk. I left after about five years to have our sons.



Ray with David and Roland

Q. *Tell us about your family.*

Ray worked on Ambrose's farm in Swaffham Prior. Our courting involved going to the pictures and walks between Reach and Swaffham Prior. Not a lot has changed along that route even now although the bungalows near Rogers Road were just fields.

Ray and I were married for just under 60 years. He rode a bicycle all his working life, only stopping when he reached 92 years of age, he was a familiar sight cycling to the shops in Burwell. Ray lived for his family and was a talented gardener, we had a Reach allotment where the cauliflowers grew so big one lasted us all week.



Ray and Anita, Soham church at the Christening of their grandchild

My father, John, was a shepherd for Mr. Woollard and my grandfather (mum's father) was also a shepherd for Mr. Ambrose in Swaffham Prior, both my parent's families lived next door to each other. We were not allowed to pet my father's collies as they were working sheepdogs.

My brother, Tony, has lived in Australia for years and years, we sadly lost my sister, Gillian and Michael lives in Cambridge.



Tony, Anita and Michael

I have 2 granddaughters, Kelly and Amy and six great grandchildren. Tragically we lost Steven, my grandson, when he was 19 years old in a road traffic accident, life has not been the same since.



Amy and son Callum, her baby (6th Grandchild) Colby hadn't arrived yet plus Kelly with children Emily, Isabelle, Matthew, Joshua

Q. *What pets do you have?*

Roland found 2 stray kittens at the dump pit in Reach and begged us to have one. It was a little grey cat without a tail, we called her Lulu, his friend took the other. The boys had pet rabbits and chickens which they carted about under their arms. My last 2 cats were called Tiddles & Fluff, I miss them and still think I see Fluff walking across the room.

Q. *What is your hobby?*

I started playing carpet bowls in 1981. We won several tournaments, but my proudest moment was winning one with David on the Isle of Wight. I enjoyed helping to raise funds for Reach village hall with the late Joyce Harrison, we organised dances, discos, darts matches, dog shows and bingo once a week. Joyce and I were great friends and did the catering together, we made our own fun and were always laughing. I also used to help clean Reach church.

Q. *What do you enjoy about living in Reach?*

Reach is a unique village and has a community spirit. I enjoy the social functions here ie. Reach Fair and the garden party held on the village green for Prince William and Kate Middleton's Royal wedding.

At the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 we started Reach Sports Day and did the catering for teas for the village children, Albert Johnson brought up the ice cream at the end. A small crowd of travelling children played on the village swings, we offered them food as well, they thought it was lovely.

Q. *What is your philosophy in life?*

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Joss Goodchild

Out and About Summer 2021



As I write temperatures soar during a midsummer flourish, with this heat comes a particular stillness although small groups of swifts intermittently break it with their screeching fly-bys.

One of my most memorable sightings took place on 5 July when a swarm of bees flew straight through our garden, we heard the approaching low drone but were taken aback at how quickly and dramatically this noise increased. By the time they were overhead it was quite deafening.

The long grasses and wild flowers that provided precious habitat along Great Lane were mown on 2nd July, again destroying a valuable swathe of vegetation at a crucial time of year (ie. insects as food for growing chicks). Life would be much easier if I didn't care so much about preserving and improving tiny pockets of land for the greater good because nothing seems to be happening quickly. However, Nick Acklam drew my attention to the Highways' new nature friendly verge mowing programme www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/news/wildflowers-bees-and-plant-species-to-thrive-in-cambridgeshire-after-changes-to-roadside-verges and the forthcoming opportunity to improve our verges through a cut and collect system. He mentioned that 'on these issues the Highways Department is on our side and I think we can work with it to improve biodiversity'.

A Jenny wren built her nest and successfully raised chicks in a roll of electric rope hanging from a hook in one of our outbuildings. The camouflage was such that I did not notice the fledglings until feeding time gave them away.



The rabbits in our field, particularly the young ones, graze contentedly day and night. They show a worrying lack of fear of people and allow a very close approach. I vaguely wonder if the rabbit pox virus, so evident a few years ago, has partly damaged their senses.

A little owl visits our roof in Great Lane, its distinctive silhouette plain to see. A young tawny owl disturbs our nights with its begging call from the top of the telegraph post. The call resembles a creaking hinge.



Muntjac and roe deer, hares and brown rats are plainly visible in the fields bordering Great Lane. A pair of kestrels raised their young in Aves' farm buildings, the young birds scramble through the branches of our field ash tree, screeching for their parents to feed them. The adults watch patiently from nearby telegraph posts.

The swallows at our stables raised a brood which fledged successfully despite the horrid intentions of sudden flocks of crows. The chicks were fed by two sets of adult birds, their parents and, I think, last year's youngsters.

During May and June, the ermine moth made its presence known when blackthorn, spindle and hawthorn bushes in Reach Wood were coated in ghostly pale cobwebs and the leaves gently eaten by thousands of caterpillars. Incredibly these bushes mostly recover during the summer from this onslaught.



Dragonflies flit across the garden, their wings iridescent in sunlight. There are thirty-six species native to the UK. The common darter can be found in wetlands and woodlands, the broad-bodied chaser in gardens and the emperor, with its emerald green abdomen (or sapphire blue if male), near lakes and ponds.

Our garden birds are vanishing which is troubling. Groups of jackdaws have arrived, up to five mob the bird feeders despite our best deterring intentions. I miss our garden robin singing its summer melody, families of long tailed tits and the four almost tame mealworm-demanding blackbirds. Parts of the garden are wild and rambling which offers protection from occasional sparrowhawk attacks. A red kite hung overhead for a short time in July.

Sadly there are no wildlife sightings or informative observations on our countryside from Ron in this issue as he has been unwell recently. Wishing him a return to good health as quickly as possible.

20 June - I distinctly heard a male cuckoo, as these birds leave the UK at the end of June it is highly unlikely to have been the actual bird but instead the specialist researcher, Prof. Nick Davies, who often works locally using his imitation call to establish the birds' whereabouts.

27 June - Rosie Almond watched a family of moorhens chase a grass snake away as it swam in the "Catchwater" drain near their house.



Rosie's photo of a moorhen protecting her chicks by fending off a grass snake

July - Hilary Fielding saw a vivid yellow wagtail on the fencing at her field. A grass snake moved down the incline towards Reach Wood from the track at the back of Ditchfield. Has 2 pairs of visiting stock doves at her stables. Heard the distinctive piping cry of oystercatchers flying overhead near Tubney Fen.

Nick Acklam's nature notes:

23 May: a walk around Tubney Fen reveals the presence of at least four breeding pairs of Lapwing. This is significantly up on recent years. Other ground nesting birds appear to have done well (or at least better) this year too. On 12 June I watched a pair of Redshank perching and calling on Reach Lode bridge. I believe they had young nearby. Oystercatchers have also been visible and audible around the scrape on the other side of Reach Lode. I am sure there are variety of reasons for this but consider that the National Trust's abstraction water on to its lands last winter made a positive contribution.

13 June: a close-up view of a Sparrowhawk preying along the tall hedges either side of the track up to Church Hill. Its eventual entry into the hedge in pursuit of something I could not see is ferociously fast.

16 June: a Barn Owl offers an alternative approach to hunting, flying just above stalling speed over the pasture by Straight Drove.

22 June: disturbed by our arrival, seven Little Egret lift off from the pond at the base of the pasture by Straight Drove and perch rather precariously on the fringing Maple trees.

25 June: a Red Kite flies over Burwell Fen and a Whitethroat moves between perches in the Elder shrubs by Reach Bridge. Its curiosity means that I get really good close-up views. I am annoyed that I have not brought a camera.

17 July: Butterflies are present in profusion in the meadow at Reach Wood including this Marbled White.



Joss Goodchild

Neighbourhood Watch

In recent years, Neighbourhood Watch has been growing in East Cambridgeshire, but more is needed.

Why?

The type of crime has changed in recent years, the number of Neighbourhood Police and PCSOs has reduced drastically and the pandemic has made it more important to generate a community spirit and reduce isolation.

Neighbourhood Watch works through its coordinators; volunteers that are prepared to put in a little time to support their neighbours. We are seeking more coordinators within Reach and if you would like a little more information on the role of a coordinator, please go to:
https://sites.google.com/site/eastcambsnhw/eastcambsnwa%284%29

If you think this may be something you can take on, please contact Kevin Evans on 01353 614892 or email: kevin.g.evans@ntlworld.com

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club



Well as I sit here and write this, the sun is beating down with just the odd cloud in the sky. It's a great day for high contrast black and white photography, or I could just keep sitting here in the shade watching my rabbit retreat into the house in search of somewhere cooler. The three cats are going to love that. Might get some action shots later…..

Sitting here on a lazy day like today, my mind wanders, as it so often does, to all the images I have yet to process and of those unprocessed images, which if any, would be good enough for entry into competitions, both "home and away". What this means in real terms is that soon the new season of the Bottisham and Burwell Photographic club will be upon us; and with a bit of luck, we will be back in person too.

Therefore, looking way ahead to this September and beyond, these are my highlights from what the first half of the new season has to offer. Not counting the competitions.

Have you all got your calendars open and ready? Great.

7th September - First off, we have our welcome back evening, this is where we can show our "holiday snaps" taken during the summer and to see some of last year's winning images in real life. Also, to have a cuppa and a biscuit, very important and to make sure we all still look the same in person as we do on a zoom call.

14th September - A Demonstration of Photoshop. You may have read about me talking about this software, you may even have a copy yourself and think it looks frightening, photographer Ken Payne will show how it works with minimum fuss. I'll be there, notebook in hand!

12th October - "The Water's Edge" a print talk from Dorset based fine art photographer Tony Worobiec during his national tour. I've seen his work; this is not one to be missed.

26th October - a practical photographic evening given by me. Last time it was a fun little workshop with amazing light trails, this time it's - well, why don't you come along and find out. All I will say is bring a tripod and your camera.

2nd November - "New Horizons" a fun and bubbly evening talk is promised from photographer Naomi Saul all the way from Shillington.

23rd November - "The Three Coasts" an evening of great photographic images taken and brought to us by Mr Harry Wheeler, better known as harrybehindthelens.

7th December - Our festive quiz makes its welcome return! This truly is a fun filled evening and even includes Mince pies, well it is Christmas after all….

And that's not including all the competitions during the first half of the season.

Well, that takes us up to the New Year. Even more to come in 2022, but for now I'll let you all catch your breath before I let you all in on the treasures which await the club in the New Year – including a talk from yours truly. I think I'd give that one a miss….

If any of this is sounding like something you want to come along too, which I very much hope you do and it really does not matter what level of a photographer you think you are, or what you think your images look like, you can find out more about the camera club at either our website https://bottburpc.org or find us at our Facebook page by searching for Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club with your favourite internet search engine.

Or come along and meet us all in person, we will be meeting from Tuesday 7th September from 7:30pm at Lode Chapel, High Street, Lode, Cambridgeshire.

I hope this little pre-view of the camera clubs forthcoming programme has gotten you interested and intrigued.

I look forward to hopefully seeing you at the camera club in the future….

Until next time, happy snapping.

Elliot Needham
Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club.

Stagecoach

Following changes to Government Guidance in England from Monday 19th July, we know that many people will want to carry on wearing face coverings in busy public spaces. **So please continue to wear a face covering throughout your journey if you can**.

We'll continue with enhanced cleaning and keep windows open to increase air ventilation. All seats will be available on our buses and you can stand up too.

Let's be kind and think of others.

Burwell Museum



The Mill shutters were replaced in July

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported us this year either by volunteering or by coming to the museum on an open day or event day. Our volunteers have been particularly busy and you may have noticed that the windmill now has the shutters in its sails again – many thanks to the mill team for their extra days of work and to the site team for getting everything ready for the arrival of the cherry picker.

We've really enjoyed welcoming visitors back and it's been great to see families, adult groups, cubs and schools enjoying our events and education programme. You can book a visit for a group by contacting Alison on education@burwellmuseum.org.uk – we are open to the public on Thursdays and Sundays from 11-5 but other days and times are also available by arrangement.

During the summer holidays we are participating in the "Summer at the Museums" scheme run by the University of Cambridge Museums, so you are welcome to join us for "arty afternoons" on Thursdays between 1.30 and 3.30. Drop in activities – all welcome, but activities will be aimed at 7-11 year olds. We're still deciding on events, we need to stay COVID safe, so please watch out for posters and social media posts. We'll also be taking part in Heritage Open Days so look out for free entry and musical entertainment on Sunday 19th Sept.

The mill and museum are mostly run by volunteers and we'd love to have more help, so contact us on volunteers@burwellmuseum.org.uk for more information if you have some time to spare and could help with maintenance, front of house, fundraising and publicity or by becoming a trustee.

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The Dyke's End



Wicken Fen



Yellow Loostrife – courtesy of Julia Hammond

The Summer Nature Trail is open!

Our seasonal walk around the edge of Sedge Fen has reopened after its annual rest over the cold and wet months of the year. The delicate peat soils have had time to recover and the lush fen foliage and pops of colourful fen flowers are a joy to see. The route is just over 2 miles and is a beautiful and tranquil walk for a summer stroll.
Please note that it's not necessary to book for visits to Wicken Fen anymore. As government restrictions have changed and more places are open, we're able to manage safe visitor flow without the need to pre-book.

Summer of Fun

We're planning a series of drop-in activities across the school holidays including self-led trails through the reserve, pond dipping, mini beast hunting and introduction to balance bike sessions - see the programme alongside our article.

'Footprints' Community Engagement Project

Work on Wicken Fen Nature Reserve's exciting new heritage project, *Footprints*, has begun. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project will focus on creating opportunities for local people to access a range of recreational activities and to connect with nature, understand the cultural value of this special place and be part of its story. We're grateful to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for supporting this project.

As part of our Footprints project, we're launching an **Annual Neighbourhood BioBlitz** over the Bank Holiday weekend this August: Saturday 28, Sunday 29, and Monday 30 August. We want as many families as possible to get involved by spotting and recording as many species as possible in their community.

This could be in your garden at home, or in your village community green spaces. We'll be making downloadable resources available to help you with identifying what you find and recording it and a team of experts will be available to help you via our social media channels too. We're hoping that children, young people and local communities will enjoy learning more about the nature on their doorstep. Keep an eye on our online channels for more information.

We're also working with Sport England and Healthy You (East Cambridgeshire District Council) on an exciting cycling adventure using the Mobile Adventures app which we're hoping to launch in September.

'Murmurations' - 17, 18 and 19 September

This site-specific theatrical experience was written by playwright Steven Waters whose recent Song of the Reeds, starring Mark Rylance, was on Radio 4. Tangled Feet theatre ensemble will be selling tickets for performances via Eventbrite.

Farewell to MOTHER . . . .

It's your last chance to see MOTHER... After 2 years in place on Moore's Drove, the Studio Morison artwork will be decommissioned w/c 27 September, so do take the chance over the summer to have a quiet few moments sitting and contemplating in this unique space. There will be a final event on Saturday 25 September to celebrate its time here; tickets available via Wysing Arts Eventbrite.

For the latest information please visit our website and keep an eye on our social media feeds www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen

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Fenfinders – download the Mobile Adventure app, scan our QR code and the adventure begins! Follow the interactive map to find challenges, puzzles and complete tasks along our 2.5 mile route.

Pond dipping (ages 5+) and **Minibeast Hunting** (ages 3+): 30 minutes drop in sessions, £4 per child.

Introduction to **Balance Bikes**: 30 minute drop in session run by our team.
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Boat trips and **Cycle Hire**, both available daily – book ahead for busy times by calling 01353 720274.

Fen Cottage – explore the garden and peek inside to discover how local people lived 100 years ago.

The Giant Butterfly Trail and Get set, go! are self-led activities, suitable for everyone aged 3+. Available from 10am daily (July 19th to September 5th). No booking required. Call in to the Visitor Centre for more information when you arrive. Admission charges apply; free for NT members.

Lucy Frazer MP



I know this year has been very tough for so many people. But it has been great to see how our local communities have pulled together to help those in need.

After an immensely successful vaccine rollout we are slowly able to see life return to normal. We have seen that effective vaccines are a vital part of ending the COVID-19 pandemic. Through vaccination, we can stop those most at risk from getting the virus, reduce hospitalisations and see fewer deaths. The vaccine rollout, which is the largest inoculation programme this country has ever launched, has been a truly remarkable achievement.

In the spring I had the opportunity to visit Staploe Medical Centre to find out more about how staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to deliver the rollout in our region. The organisational demands of this challenge have been vast, but staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to ensure everyone who is eligible and wants a vaccine is able to receive one.

By the end of May, a total of 129,251 doses had been administered in South East Cambridgeshire and national estimates indicated that the vaccination programme had already averted over 39,000 hospitalisations and over 13,000 deaths in older adults. There is also now evidence that vaccines are effective at protecting against infection and transmission, which is especially promising as we look to the future.

I know how extremely grateful the local community is to all those involved in this inspiring collective effort.
Like many people, much of my time has been spent dealing with the virus and its impacts but I have also managed to ensure that work continues with local organisations on local issues.

And I wanted to let you know specifically about a few issues I have been dealing with in Reach. Improving healthcare in Ely has always been one of my highest priorities and I've been working with the local health authorities to increase the range of services at the Princess of Wales hospital. I am supporting plans for a £45 million upgrade and am pleased that Cambridgeshire Community Services has now secured planning permission for the proposals. This will need funding and I am continuing to make the case to government to make this vision for the Princess of Wales a reality.

I recently met with Reach Parish Council to discuss local and national planning issues. I was particularly interested to hear about the Parish Council's progress of its neighbourhood plan and I know that the Government are very keen to ensure that such plans continue to be a key aspect of planning policy, going forward.

I was also pleased to discuss the importance of improving transport infrastructure, such as bus and cycling routes for the village. The Government has announced a combined £5 billion investment for buses, cycling and walking, demonstrating its commitment to buses and active travel. I will continue to press the need for our area for receive its fair share of funding so that we can better connect villages in my constituency, such as Reach.

On a more regional level, I am also delighted that last month the government announced further school funding for our area – with an extension of the Fenland and East Cambridgeshire Opportunity Area. The additional £1,158,500 of funding is on top of the additional COVID funding which is being provided across the country. I pressed hard for our area to become an opportunity area. Funding over the last 5 years has helped, amongst other things, to fund mental health training for 1,200 school staff, with over 90% of participants reporting increased confidence in their ability to identify the early signs of mental ill health and offer support to those that need it. 45 mental health leads have been established, with 1,300 parents and carers accessing support.

I hope that you have a wonderful summer and enjoy this lovely weather! Don't forget, if you need help with accessing local services or have a question or a query that I may be able to help with, then please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

Best Wishes

Lucy

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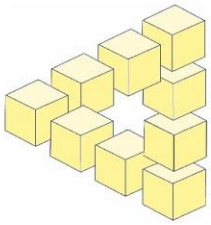

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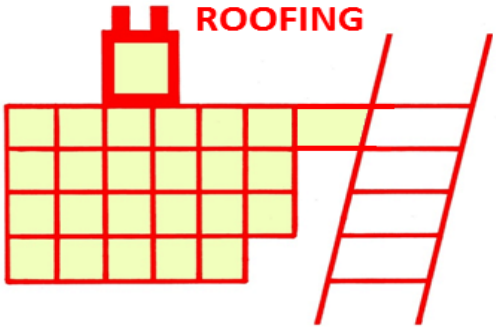

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Tales from a Reach Garden



Back in late May and early June the rains stopped and the weather warmed up, for a few days at east. Richard and I spent a lot of that time keeping an eye on the vegetables and soft fruit which had taken ages to get going thanks to the unusually cold spring months this year.

Eventually we pulled up the broccoli plants which had performed so well, but by then were only producing very spindly flower heads which were quick to form proper flowers. After replenishing the soil in the bed, the broccoli were replaced by pumpkin and squash plants which were outgrowing their pots and were ready to go in the ground. Finally, we planted the runner beans in vacant spots by the end of May. All the beds in our vegetable plot were full of vegetable plants and we waited for something to ripen and pick (besides asparagus and rhubarb). Meanwhile we did the usual garden jobs as well as going for walks, such as up to Reach wood where we spotted some bee orchid flowers growing to the side of a path. They are not a common species in Britain so seeing a small clump of these astonishing flowers relatively close to home was delightful.



Bee Orchid in Reach Wood

We have harvested a lot of fruit and vegetables since the middle of June. The radishes grew from seed sown in May to edible tubers in June to flowers by the start of July. Radish tubers are a delicious addition to salads, but when the flower stalks appear, the tubers become woody and inedible, so the few which hadn't been eaten were pulled up and composted. The redcurrants, strawberries, summer raspberries and blackcurrants have cropped, been picked and either eaten or frozen. We have cut lettuce and spinach for mealtimes at home fairly regularly since the middle of June.

Meanwhile, the potato plants didn't seem to be doing much other than grow slightly bushier. This year, for the first time we've grown a first early potato called "Home Guard", which is a heritage variety first grown in 1942 and which is claimed to be a reliable early cropping potato. The only reason we grew this variety at all is because other first early potatoes we had planted in previous years, such as "Rocket", "Duke of York", "Abbotts" and "Pentland javelin" were not available. They'd sold out. This was in January! Normally I buy the potatoes in February or early March and have plenty of choice, but thanks to lockdown, I started earlier. However, I guess lots of people had had the same idea - some may have even taken up growing their own vegetables as a hobby for the first time.



New potatoes (Home Guard) in May

Nevertheless, these seed potatoes were treated in the same way as previously: they were chitted and planted in soil about 30 cm deep before the end of March. We had to cover their growing bed with fleece during April and water them too, because the weather had become very cold yet sunny and dry and these are definitely not the best conditions for growing potatoes.

Richard dug up one of these plants in mid-June as the first flowers were showing. Well, the first plant produced a lot of tubers either the size of peas or cherry tomatoes. We ate what we could, but we left the rest of the potato plants in the ground to grow larger for a few more weeks, by which time the haulms (the foliage above ground) had died back. We are very glad we waited as the yields have been very good. I don't know if the relatively slow growth is normal for this heritage variety or because of the odd weather conditions this spring, possibly a combination of the two.



Potatoes being lifted in July

The odd spring weather seems to have had a similar effect on our broad beans (also known as Fava beans). We are growing three varieties this year: "Valenciana", "Red Epicure" and "Vectra". The beans were sown and planted at different times with the Valenciana variety sown first. Valenciana is a variety which can be sown in autumn for picking in late Spring as it can withstand typical cold temperatures in the average British winter and provides better yields if the beans are sown before the spring. So, I sowed these beans in pots indoors in early March and the baby plants went into the ground in the warm spell at the end of March. I did the same for Red Epicure and Vectra a few weeks later. However, while the Valenciana plants were struggling to cope with the cold April weather outdoors (i.e., they didn't grow much, if at all), the other two varieties had germinated indoors and I kept them indoors until night time temperatures were less frosty in May. The end result was that by the end of May it wasn't possible to tell which were the early and which were the later varieties. They've also produced two flushes of flowers, so that while I was picking pods from lower down the stems, I was dodging bees which were pollinating flowers higher up the stems. What this means is that we've had quite a good crop this year.

Broad beans aren't to everyone's taste and are rarely found in supermarkets these days. They are very versatile in the kitchen though and the flavour does vary according to the variety used. I think Red Epicure has the best flavour – it isn't as bitter as most varieties and if the beans are steamed rather than boiled, the red colour of the beans is maintained.

It's the skins of the beans which provide the slightly bitter taste of most varieties but if you don't mind the faff, the skins can be removed (easier to do after blanching) and the green bean cotyledons within the skins are much milder in flavour. Alternatively, the bean pods can be picked when the beans are smaller and sweeter. The more mature, larger beans have a grainier texture and are good addition to veggie "burgers".

We've picked more beans than we need at the moment and they don't keep for more than a couple of days outside their pods, so we normally blanch the beans and store them in the freezer until needed later on. In Mediterranean countries the broad bean pods are left on the plants until they've dried completely, then the bean pods are shelled and the bean seeds are stored dry. When needed the dried beans can be soaked overnight, then boiled, mashed and made into purees, dips and fava falafels. Maybe one year, we'll get to do this with some of the plants. This year, as in previous years, the tops of the plants will be lifted and the soil turned over, topped up with manure and then planted up with young leeks.



A large basket of broad beans – the third one this year

Danuta Gibson



Food Focus



I've always had an aversion to baked beans on the same plate as egg. I think once accidentally, I had runny fried egg yolk mixed with baked beans and that taste combo is up there with celery in the revolting department for me. There's also something about the texture of fried egg white with baked beans – not sure what, but I struggle.

Consequently, I initially approached Shakshuka with caution; wary of my tomato-egg concerns. However, strangely, fried or roasted tomatoes nestling next to a fried or poached egg aren't a problem – so I was prepared to give this dish a go. The surfeit of eggs also demanded solutions. So here is Ottolengi's Shakshuka recipe and after one from Falastin too by Sami Tamimi & Tara Wigley.

Standard Shakshuka



Ingredients – serves 2-4

2 tbsp	olive oil
2 tbsp	Pilpelchuma or harissa paste
2 tsp	tomato purée
2	large red peppers, cut into 0.5cm dice (300g in total)
4	garlic cloves, finely chopped
1 tsp	ground cumin
5	large, very ripe tomatoes, chopped (800g in total); tinned are also fine
4	medium free-range eggs
4	egg yolks
120g	Labneh, or thick yoghurt
Salt	

Heat the olive oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat and add the pilpelchuma or harissa, tomato purée, peppers, garlic, cumin and ¾ of a teaspoon of salt. Stir and cook on a moderate heat for about 8 minutes to allow the peppers to soften. Add the tomatoes, bring to a gentle simmer and cook for a further 10 minutes until you have quite a thick sauce. Taste for seasoning.

Make eight little dips in the sauce. Gently break the eggs and carefully pour each into its own dip. Do the same with the yolks. Use a fork to swirl the egg whites a little bit with the sauce, taking care not to break the yolks. Simmer gently for 8–10 minutes, until the egg whites are set but the yolks are still runny (you can cover the pan with a lid if you wish to hasten the process). Remove from the heat, leave for a couple of minutes to settle, then spoon into individual plates and serve with the labneh or yoghurt. Apparently it should be served with good white bread and nothing else.

Green Shakshuka



Apparently chunks of feta dotted on top are a lovely addition here, instead or as well as the yoghurt. A final sprinkle of za'atar also works really well.

Ingredients – serves 2

2 ½ tbsp olive oil
1 tsp green shatta (or 1tsp green harissa as an alternative)
15g unsalted butter
1 large leek, halved lengthways and the white parts sliced 2cm thick (180g)
400g swiss chard, leaves pulled off the stems and chopped roughly into 2cm pieces, stems cut into roughly 2cm dice
3 large spring onions, thinly sliced (60g)
½ a green chilli, finely chopped (5g)
1 clove of garlic, crushed
¾ tsp ground cumin
¾ tsp ground coriander
20g parsley leaves, roughly chopped
10g dill, roughly chopped
1 tbsp lemon juice
4 eggs
Salt and black pepper
Greek-style yoghurt to serve

Method

Mix 1 ½ tsps of olive oil with the shatta (or harissa) and set aside.

Put the remaining 2 tablespoons of oil and all the butter into a large saute pan (for which you have a lid) and place on a medium heat. Once hot, add the leek, then reduce the heat to medium–low and cook for 6 minutes, covered, stirring a few times, until the leek has softened but has not taken on any colour.

Add the chard stems – in batches, if you need to – and spring onions and cook for another 6 minutes, covered, stirring occasionally, until completely softened. Add the chilli, garlic and ground spices and cook uncovered for another minute before adding the chard leaves, parsley, dill and ¾ tsp salt. Stir to wilt slightly, then add 100ml of water and cook for 10 minutes, covered until the leaves cook down and completely wilt. Add the lemon juice and use a spoon to make four wells in the mix. Crack an egg into each well and sprinkle each one with salt and pepper. Cover the pan and cook for a final 4 minutes or so, until the egg whites are set but the yolks are still runny. Dot the shatta-oil mix over the eggs and serve at once with a spoonful of yoghurt alongside, if desired.

Catherine Gibson



Letter from the Vicarage



With the better weather and the easing of restrictions, it's good to be able to look forward in hope. There is still uncertainty and like most organisations & businesses, we're moving ahead cautiously, but over the last few weeks I've been really encouraged, as we have been exploring creative ways to take small steps forwards.

We're yet to restart singing indoors, but our 10am service often ends with a short time of singing outside, which has been uplifting for all. We have been having a weekly outdoor version of Refresh Café, for under 5s and their carers, with nursery rhymes, action songs and our bubble prayers. It has been lovely to sit in a big circle and join in together, even the week when the rain sent us to sing under the conker tree at St Mary's! We'll be continuing to meet for the first few weeks of the summer holidays, so please do get in touch with me if you'd like to join in, or book via our website.

We've been having outdoor Messy Gatherings and an outdoor Sunday@7 service. All small steps but bringing joy and hope. We're hoping that we will soon be able to open both our church buildings every day, for anyone to pop in. There will still need to be some Covid-19 precautions and we ask that you wear a face covering and sanitise hands on way in and out. Our in-building services continue in St Mary's and St Etheldreda's, with the current pattern of our main Sunday service at 10am at St Mary's, live-streamed to Zoom most weeks, with a fortnightly service earlier in the day at Reach. We'll be looking at special services and events later in the year. There are more details each week about how to get involved on our website https://stmarysburwell.org.uk/ and our Facebook pages:
www.facebook.com/stmarysburwell/ and
www.facebook.com/messychurchburwell

You may also like to listen to Cross Talk, presented each Sunday at 4.30pm by Churches Together in Burwell on Burwell Community Radio. Tune in to hear from each of the churches in turn and from time to time presenting a programme together https://burwell.radio/.

If you've been to St Mary's, Burwell, you may have enjoyed walking through the churchyard and perhaps followed the themed trails, changing every few weeks, and also seen the noticeboards explaining about the Churchyard Conservation Project. At Reach, we have begun to identify areas where more wildflowers grow, and hope to be able to pursue a similar programme of a wildlife friendly churchyard, once the building work at St Etheldreda's is finally completed.

The aim is that churchyards should be managed in a manner which increases the number and quality of habitats, for the benefit of wildlife, including vital pollinators. In the future we hope to involve others in small work parties, as we balance the sympathetic management of our beautiful churchyards for wildlife, with them being peaceful and special places for our community.

If you'd like to find out more about who we are and what we do, please get in touch and also if you would like to chat or if we can pray for you, if you are struggling, or know someone who is, or need help accessing Ely foodbank.

God bless you

Eleanor Williams
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St Etheldreda's Church – from Reach Development Group

I am pleased to say that the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) has now agreed to our proposals for the redevelopment of St Etheldreda's church. There is one 'reserved item', which is the decision about whether the organ will be retained or replaced with a more flexible instrument, but that can be finalised later and need not hold up progress with the rest of the project.

This is an important step and we can now move forward into the final stages of getting permission to start work. This stage is seeking approval from the Chancellor of the Diocese, who is the senior legal officer of the diocese, based at the Diocese of Ely Registry in London. Before the Chancellor makes a decision about a faculty petition, we are required to display a public notice and the plans for a period of 28 days, so that members of the public can send him their comments. This 28-day period will start as soon as we receive the official paperwork and the public notice will be displayed on the church notice board outside the church. The plans are already displayed inside the church which, owing to removal of the legal COVID restrictions, will be open more frequently. Please do go and have a look at them. Details of how to make a comment to the Chancellor, should you wish to do so, will be displayed on the public notice.

Meanwhile, we have provisionally appointed a contractor to start work as soon as the final permission is granted. We hope this will be sometime in September and we expect it to take about 8 to 10 months. During that period the building will, of course, be closed to the public, but we hope to hold services in the Village Centre and will publish more details in due course.

Pat Chalmers

On behalf of the Reach Development Group

Neighbourhood Watch

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The campaign helps you stay one step ahead and protect yourself against the increasing variety of scams happening every day. We've identified the following five behaviours scammers commonly use:

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- They act like they're similar to you, so you like them and want to please them (connection)
- They ask you to do one little thing which makes you do more (commitment).

Victims of scams report that in hindsight they felt something wasn't quite right at the time. This campaign aims to raise awareness of the tactics scammers use and encourages people to 'stop and think' if something doesn't FEEL, SEEM, LOOK or SOUND right.

And if in any doubt say NO! Remember, if something sounds too good to be true in invariably is.

We are delivering a series of scams awareness online talks in partnership with the Dedicated Card and Payment Crime Unit (DCPCU), the National Trading Standards Scams Team (NTSST) and Avast.

Anyone can attend, but we are now running waiting lists only for all the webinars apart from one! Last week we ran an online talk on **'Exploring the psychology behind scams and how scammers are so effective at their crimes'**. It was so popular we have decided to re-run it on 27th July, 5pm.
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Know Your District Councillors



Planning Committee on 7 July approved a 350 dwelling development on Newmarket Road, Burwell. The main issue of concern for local residents is the impact on the junction between Isaacson Road and Newmarket Road, which is the route for many of us to Exning and Newmarket.

The Operational Services Committee on 14 June approved the Council's second Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, including appointing a new part-time, temporary Climate Change and Natural Environment Senior Officer. They welcomed the publication of the Interim Recommendations of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Change Commission and agreed to work with partners to help take forward those recommendations wherever practical and viable to do so.

They agreed that the Council should become an official supporter of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough against Scams Partnership. With scams becoming an increasing problem for people, this partnership helps our residents protect themselves from scams. If you get an email, phone call or text and you are unsure of the sender do not:

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There are quite a few scams at the moment claiming to be from HMRC, often offering Covid payments/refunds. HMRC have advised that they will never send notifications by email about tax rebates or refunds.

Full Council met on 15 July and approved the Boundary Commission Proposals for the Parliamentary seat of East Cambridgeshire that will include the whole of East Cambridgeshire and two wards from South Cambridgeshire. The re-allocation is as a result of two more seats having been allocated to Cambridgeshire.

The East Cambs Covid-19 Coordination Hub has been continually engaging with a wide variety of agencies, community groups, mutual aid groups and communities to understand the needs of local people throughout the pandemic. It is recognised that new issues have emerged due to the pandemic and as we enter into further easing of government restrictions, we wish to ensure that communities across East Cambridgeshire have access to the support and services that they require.

ECDC had another email outage, and it may be that emails to us have been lost; please re-send your email if you had no response from us.

Our next Councillors' Surgery and meet your Councillors will be on Tuesday 21 September at 6.30 p.m. This will be held by Zoom – Meeting ID: 865 7631 8040, Passcode: 490667. If you prefer to join by telephone, the number is 01314 601196.

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Reach Cricket Team 2021



Sunday 23 May
Reach beat Journeymen by 3 wickets

A strong middle order performance by the Unsure brothers – or at least that is how they are recorded in the book – took the Journeymen to 158-6 off their 35 overs. In reply it was our borrowed player Jonathan Masters who made all the difference, notching up 73 runs. Reach hit the target in the first ball of the last over. When Reach's batsmen kept on running after surpassing the target, the Journeymen's fielder sportingly kicked the ball over the rope to be done with it.

Sunday 30 May
Barrow beat Reach by 58 runs

The Bank Holiday weekend took us to the grounds of Ickworth house. The pastoral surroundings didn't aid our bowlers, who toiled a little against a strong batting line-up. In reply John Gray made 52 before making a sporting retirement. It was not enough. By the time our overs ran out we had made 141-7.

Sunday 6 June
Reach beat Fen Ditton by 51 runs

A trio of 50s provided bulk to Reach's innings, with Michael Mead (54), Gwilym Davies (50) and Tim Davies (50) all retiring gracefully to let the others have a go. We had broken through the 200-run barrier off just 30 overs. Fen Ditton resisted and held their wickets, but were never quite on the pace, reaching 161-6 off their 30 overs, with Rob Steed (2 wickets for 21 runs off 6 overs) the pick of our bowlers.

Sunday 13 June
Reach beat Mellis by 3 wickets

Until the day beforehand we had been primed to do battle with the Guilden Morden Cherubs. When they withdrew at the last moment – possibly something to do with a football match at Wembley – we found opponents in the opposite direction, in a parkland setting at Thornham Magna in Suffolk, with a vulture which seemed to scream with excitement every time a wicket fell. Reach must have shattered its record for the number of dropped catches and the game seemed to be running away from us before a moment of magic. Will Kingsmill threw in a ball from the boundary to make a direct hit, running out one of Mellis' top batsman. Within a couple of balls his partner was gone too, when Michael Mead finally clung onto a slip catch off Tony Fordham's bowling. The partnership over, Mellis' innings dribbled away into nothing, to give us a small hope of overhauling their 181-9. It was a rapid 31 at the end by Hector Keutgen which made the difference, taking us to a victory which had seemed improbable.

Sunday 20 June
Guilden Morden Cherubs beat Reach by 7 wickets

With no England football match on the telly, the Cherubs turned out to play a rescheduled match. Any thoughts that they might resemble a Raphael painting were soon dispelled when we got out onto the pitch and realised that the mean-looking team before us were out to win it. Indeed, the Reach innings was soon looking more like a Hieronymus Bosch than a Raphael, with Tim Davies' 38 the only bright spot as we were dismissed for 107 in 25 overs. The uncherubic Cherubs took no chances, sending in their all-rounder to open the batting as well as the bowling. The violins were soon playing, with the Cherubs surpassing our score with just three wickets down.

Sunday 27 June
Extras CC beat Reach by 22 runs

An inspired bowling performance from Tim Davies (3-8 off 7 overs) and some tidy bowling from others (ironically we didn't concede a single extra, possibly for the first time ever), could not stop the Extras making 197-7. Michael Mead was in form again, scoring 54 in reply. In the end, we had to bring him out of retirement to make an improbable 25 off the last over. He managed two before being caught in the slips, and it was all over.

Sunday 4 July
Reach beat Little Shelford by 60 runs

Another Sunday, another 50 for Michael Mead. Reach pegged 199-6 on the board. Little Shelford managed 139 before succumbing, with Archie Fordham taking 3 wickets for 22 runs off 7 overs

Sunday 11 July
Reach beat Lidgate and Ousden by 98 runs

Poor last-minute team selection by the visitors did not help their quest. In a match shortened by the looming possibility of a rare England triumph on the football field, a borrowed Jonathan Dann (52) and Ewen Cameron (43), showing little courtesy towards Lidgate's fumbling square leg, provided the meat of Reach's runs. With Archie Fordham and Rob Steed (3 wickets for 4 runs off 4 overs) opening the bowling, Lidgate hardly got off the ground. Wickets tumbled and they were dismissed for just 67. At least they were spared the humiliation of having to take part in a penalty shootout.

Sunday 18 July
Woodford Green beat Reach by 5 wickets

Many of our players have never been south of Saffron Walden, let alone to London (at least not in the past 18 months) so the excitement of an awayday to the capital was palpable – even if we didn't quite get within the North Circular. Dominic Phipps (56), Chris Bridgeman (47) and Michael Mead, again (49) were all in the runs. Could 192 be enough? Alas, Woodford's opening bat refused to budge and they cruised over the line with two overs to spare, leaving us to drift off into Epping Forest thinking of what might have been

Ross Clark

Things to Ponder

1. When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison
2. The older I get, the earlier it gets late
3. When I say "the other day" I could be referring to any time between yesterday and 15 years ago
4. I've had my patience tested, I'm negative
5. If you're sitting on a public bench and a stranger sits down next to you, don't make eye contact, just say "did you bring the money"
6. When you ask what I'm doing today and I say "nothing" it doesn't mean I'm free, it means I am doing nothing
7. I hate it when a couple argue in public and I've missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on
8. I don't mean to interrupt people, I just randomly remember things and get really excited
9. When I ask for directions, plus don't use words like "east"
10. Don't walk a mile in my shoes, that would be boring - spend 30 seconds in my head, that'll freak you out

Fixtures 2021

Sun 25 Apr	**Home** start 1.30pm Kerala - LOST by 131 runs
Sun 2 May	**Home** start 1.30pm Ivanhoe - LOST by 1 wicket
Sun 9 May	**Home** start 2.00pm Milton - LOST by 44 runs
Sun 16 May	**Home** start 1.30pm Chippenham - **WON** by 46 runs
Sun 23 May	**Home** start 2.00pm The Journeymen – **WON** by 3 wickets
Sun 30 May	Away start 1.30pm Barrow – LOST by 58 runs
Sun 6 Jun	Away start 1.30pm Fen Ditton – **WON** by 51 runs
Sun 13 Jun	Away start 1.30pm Mellis – **WON** by 3 wickets
Sun 20 Jun	**Home** start 1.30pm Guilden Mordan Cherubs LOST by 7 wickets
Sun 27 Jun	**Home** start 1.30m Extras CC – LOST by 22 runs
Sun 4 Jul	**Home** start 1.30pm Little Shelford – **WON** by 60 runs
Sun 11 Jul	**Home** start Midday Lidgate and Ousden – **WON** by 98 runs
Sun 18 Jul	Away start 1.30pm Woodford Green – LOST by 5 wickets
Sun 25 Jul	Away start 1.30pm Stansfield
Sun 1 Aug	**Home** start 2.00pm Rain Men
Sun 8 Aug	**Home** start 2.00pm Chinar CC
Sun 15 Aug	**Home** start 1.30pm Waterbeach
Sun 22 Aug	**Home** start 1.30pm Sharks CC
Sun 29 Aug	Away start 1.30pm Milton 1.30
Sat 4 and Sun 5 Sep	Monmouth tour
Sun 12 Sep	**Home** start 1.00pm Stansfield
Sun 19 Sep	**Home** start 1.30pm Teluga Association Cambridge
Sun 26 Sep	**Home** start 1.00pm Phoenix CC

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held at the picnic benches on Tuesday 8th June 2021 at 6.30pm.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Not Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Not Present
Cris Fletcher	Councillor	Present
Nick Acklam	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Webb	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Charlotte Cane	District Councillor	Not Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

Apologies for absence
Received and approved. Councillor Acklam chaired the meeting

Forum for members of the public.
A member of the public attended the meeting to complain about the length restriction recently imposed on the corner of Great Lane and Fair Green. He has also contacted ECDC, CCC, Highways and Swaffham Prior PC with his concerns. It was agreed that the issue would be added to the July agenda for PC discussion. The PC understand that this is a time sensitive issue and that highways are the responsible party to be contacted.

Several members of the public attended to listen to the planning discussion.

A resident attended to ask the PC to add cricket pavilion grant funding to the July agenda and to listen to the cricket club approval discussion.

1. Declaration of Interests
There were none.

2. Planning – 21/00374/RMA Amendment. Land Off Clunch Pit Lane Fair Green, Reserved matters of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale of previously approved 18/01397/OUT for demolition of existing agricultural buildings, construction of two detached bungalows, associated parking & infrastructure.

Following discussion and consideration of the fact that the applicant had made changes to address the PC key concerns, it was decided that the PC had already stated they did not object and that there was no more to say. The PC also confirmed that they do not request the application to be called before the planning committee.

3. Plans for the July PC meeting to be at 6pm at the Picnic benches should the weather allow or should social distancing and Covid regulations not be removed.

4. Approval of the Cricket Club plans to “put down some hardcore in the gateway of the 24Acre field. The Cricket Club is very happy to provide the hardcore -- and a membrane to stop it disappearing into the mud -- and to do the job. This would just be for a few yards in the gateway where vehicles are inevitably forced to follow the same track which has become a little bit of a mess”

It was noted that there is a spring in the area which will be adding to the problem. And that the track is owned by County farms estates.
Councillor Trump suggested a drain may be added to the above solution.

Discussion concluded that this would be a sensible solution and improve the amenity. Approved.

5. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

6. Payments

E. on - Power on the green	£13.61
E.om – streetlights	£795.77
CR Contracting – mowing	£318.50
Fenland leisure – replacement swing seat	£101.16
GeoXphere Ltd - Parish online	£36.00

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held at the picnic benches on Wednesday 7th July 2021 at 6.30pm.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present
Andrew Trump	Councillor	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present
Cris Fletcher	Councillor	Present
Nick Acklam	Vice Chair	Present
Hannah Webb	Councillor	Present
Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Charlotte Cane	District Councillor	Present
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present

Forum for members of the public.
There were none.

1. Declaration of Interests
Councillor Trump declared an interest in the Fair Green/Great Lane bend discussion. Councillor Fletcher declared an interest in the planning discussion 21/00231/DISA

2. Planning –
21/00887/FUL - Willow Lodge 14 Chapel Lane, Proposed rear/side single storey extension
Discussion with applicant/site visit 23/06/21 10:30 Cris Fletcher & Hannah Webb.
Local Plan The proposed extension lies inside the village development boundary and conservation area.
The application is for a single storey extension (a garden room) to be erected on the footprint of an existing patio. The patio has a low boundary wall, and the proposed extension will feature this same wall height
Previous applications/appeals None
Loss of sunlight No
Overshadowing/loss of outlook No
Overlooking and loss of privacy No
Highway issues: Traffic generation, Vehicular access, Highway safety None
Noise or disturbance resulting from use, including proposed hours of operation N/A
Smells and fumes N/A
Capacity of physical infrastructure We were advised the current soakaway was adequate to cope with additional rainwater, in any event it is a building regulation and will be overseen by Building Control.
efficiencies in social facilities N/A
Storage and handling of hazardous materials and development of contaminated land N/A
Loss or effect on trees None
Adverse impact on nature conservation interests and biodiversity opportunities None
Effect on listed buildings and conservation areas None
Incompatible or unacceptable uses No
Local financial considerations offered as a contribution or grant N/A
Compliance with Reach Design Code Yes- (Policy RCH12) There is no loss of garden
Compliance with Reach Landscape Analysis Yes

Following discussion, the PC decided there are no concerns regarding this application and has no objections.
Councillor Webb to write to ECDC.

21/00231/DISA - The Old Paddock 48B Great Lane Reach, to discharge Condition 4 (Tree Protection Measures), 5 (Arboricultural Method Statement) and 6 (Surface Water) of decision dated 04/06/2021 for single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling and swimming pool
The PC noted that the IDB were content. The PC were concerned that the report supplied referred to an area of London and were concerned that other parts of the document may have been 'cut and pasted'. ***Clerk*** to write to ECDC and ask that the document be reviewed to ensure all parts were relevant to the site.

21/00891/FUL - North View House 16 Chapel Lane Reach, application for a concrete surface between the two stables which have planning permission and for a third stable - referred to as Stable No.3 (retrospective)
The PC were disappointed that this was the 2nd retrospective application associated with stables on this site. The PC has other no comment to make. ***Clerk*** to write to ECDC.

3. District Councillor Report
Planning Committee on 2 June approved significant redevelopment at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Ely. This will deliver more patient facilities and a multi-storey car park. The County Council is also planning care suites on the site, to allow people with complex care needs to continue to live independently.
Planning Committee on 7 July will be considering details for a 350 dwelling development on Newmarket Road, Burwell. This already has outline permission. The main issue of concern for local residents in Bottisham ward is the impact on the junction between Isaacson Road and Newmarket Road, which is the route for many of us to Exning and Newmarket.
The Finance and Assets Committee on 7 June updated the Terms of Reference for the Hearings sub-committee, which hears cases brought against Councillors. Most of the significant items on the Agenda – East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC) Management Accounts and managing some Council owned buildings in Ely were discussed in private session.
The Operational Services Committee on 14 June approved the Council's second Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan, including appointing a new part-time, temporary Climate Change and Natural Environment Senior Officer. They welcomed the publication of the Interim Recommendations of the

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Climate Change Commission and agreed to work with partners to help take forward those recommendations wherever practical and viable to do so. Despite this, the Leader of East Cambridgeshire District Council proposed an amendment to the overarching recommendation of the report when the recommendations were put to the Combined Authority's Board on 30 June for approval and abstained on the final vote.
They agreed that the Council should become an official supporter of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Against Scams Partnership. With scams becoming an increasing problem for people, this partnership helps our residents protect themselves from scams.
Full Council will meet on 15 July, with another Finance & Assets Committee meeting on 22 July, at which it should receive a report on the Council's Financial Outturn for the year to 31 March 2021 and ECTC's Management Accounts for the first quarter this year (although these will be in private session). The new Audit Committee will hold its first meeting on 26 July, at which it should receive reports from the internal and external auditors, review the draft Annual Governance Statement and the Risk Management report.

Discussion followed regarding the East Cambs Trading Company (ECTC) and the East Cambs CLT & its membership. ***Councillor Cane*** to supply the link for becoming a member of the East Cambs CLT and to report back on the ECTC at the next meeting as certain information was for private session only.

4. County Councillor Report
No report received.

5. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct.

6.1 Reach Grant Fund
An application had been received for up to £1050 for 3 recycled plastic picnic benches for the 24Acres. Approved, it was also suggested that this amount maybe able to be added to the ongoing grant application for the cricket pavilion.

6.2 Finance
£3, 113.62 had been received from ECDC as Reach PCs share of CIL monies (a levy that local authorities can choose to charge on new developments in their area. The money should be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community, and neighbourhoods). ***Clerk*** to set up a reserve for this money until it is decided what it should be used for.

6.3 Parish Council Members
It was noted that the hedge on the corner of Weirs Drove was still very overgrown. ***Clerk*** to again right to Highways to complain.

The strategic plan of ECDC planning to look at the effect of all solar farms applications in the area was not moving forward. ***Councillor Acklam*** to write to Lucy Frazer again asking for more support, and to enquire about joining together with other local PCs to campaign on this.

Environmental issues and a biodiversity plan were discussed. It was felt that help from villagers would be required to form a group and to liaise with other interested groups within the village and surrounding villages. Cambridge Zero initiative, people from Swaffham Prior, Swaffham Bulbeck and Burwell may also be interested in being involved. It was agreed that a village meeting should be held to assess the amount of interest. ***Councillor Acklam*** to arrange.

Councillor Acklam will also keep up the dialogue with Highways regarding the verge and green space cutting and any initiatives to encourage biodiversity.

The Dykes End had made enquires regarding the process of tree works in the front garden. ***Councillor Cane*** to make contact.

6.4 Play Spaces
Nothing to report

6.5 Rights of Way
Nothing to report.

6.6 24Acres Committee
Nothing to report

6.7 Neighbourhood Plan
Draft Plan
A copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan has been delivered to every household in the parish as part of the pre-submission consultation. Digital versions of the draft Plan were sent to over 100 statutory consultees identified by ECDC. Recipients of the draft Plan have until 31 July to respond. Villagers can comment by hard copy form or online via the webpage.
The Group held an open-air drop-in session for villagers on 1 July. A summary of the questions asked and the Group's answers below. The Group will meet on 13 July to discuss options for encouraging the village to comment on the draft. After the consultation period closes the Group will collate, verbatim, all the responses and add this to the evidence pack underpinning the Plan. The Group will then decide whether and how to amend the current draft. The draft Plan will then be returned to the PC for second approval before we refer it to ECDC and independent examination. If we clear these hurdles then the Plan will go to a referendum of residents on the electoral roll, so that the village has a final say on the document.
Funding
We have approval from Locality for a third and final grant of £2,771.40. This will allow us to complete the NP process as costs for the referendum will be met by the ECDC.

Outlook
We hope to undertake the referendum in late 2021 or early 2022.

As part of pre-submission consultation work the Reach NP Project Group held a drop in session between 1830 and 2030 on 1 July 2021. Ten villagers attended. A summary of the matters raised and the Group's responses is provided in this note.

1. What lies behind the proposed changes to the development envelope?

There are just three proposed changes to the envelope. These were determined following a lengthy evidence gathering process and are designed to reflect:
• what villagers said they wanted the Plan to deliver in the 2020 residents' survey - modest housing growth, recognition, and enhancement of the Hythe as an archaeological and recreational site and protection of the landscape setting of the village together with the quality of views into and out of the Village.
• growing recognition of the size and significance of the port of Reach as an archaeological structure. About a third of the core area of the port is formed of the land which it is proposed be removed from the development envelope
• the conclusions of the independent landscape appraisal which stated that the area containing the port of Reach "is sensitive to development within the wider fen landscape where it may undermine rural qualities or open expansiveness…. For these reasons' development should be avoided in the vicinity of the Hythe and on the slopes leading to the rear of the village and conservation area"
• Local authority planning approval for development at the two sites proposed as additions to the envelope. Given that they adjoin the 2015 Development Envelope and that the Neighbourhood Plan cannot revoke these permissions; it should be acknowledged that the Development Envelope should be extended to include them. Such an approach has been encouraged by East Cambridgeshire District Council and is also being employed in the Haddenham Neighbourhood Plan.
• Local authority planning refusal, supported by the Planning Inspectorate, on appeal, for housing development on the area proposed to be removed from the development envelope. The planning refusal was based on the landscape sensitivity of the site on the edge of the village. There were a number of objections to this application. There is also a Section 52 legal agreement dating from 1989 that takes away permitted development rights of this site on the grounds of its sensitivity.

2. Is the Plan clear enough on tourism?

The Plan does not offer a definitive policy on the issue. Whilst the Group accepted that the village needs to be in control of what appears to be increasing tourism to Reach, last year's residents' survey revealed the village to be evenly divided on whether to promote Reach as a recreational destination. The Plan recognises that car parking for external visitors is a challenge but does not prescribe solutions as, again, the village was evenly split on whether an additional car park was the answer. It is currently unclear if the surge of weekend visitors to Reach during lockdown would be sustained, although over time numbers of visitors are likely to increase as people seek to access National Trust Wicken Vision land. It is important to agree a collective view on this issue but it was felt that this could not be achieved in the timetable of the Plan. The village could pick up on this in due course and, if required, add to revised versions of the Plan.

Can more be done to improve vehicle-free access to Burwell?

The Plan makes a firm case for such provision. However, approval of the Plan will not in itself deliver vehicle-free access but does provide the village with a firm basis on which to lobby the District and County Council for such provision and to seek funding for a vehicle-free route. The requirement for a vehicle-free route between Reach and Burwell is already on the County Council greenway list. An approved Neighbourhood Plan could only help in pushing us to the top of that list.

3. What about provision of on-street chargers for electric vehicles?

We will look into this. There is some work underway nationally to examine the feasibility of charging points at the base of lamp standards. The increase of electric vehicles in the village may also require upgrades to the electricity supply infrastructure which we will also explore.

4. What is the purpose of the inventory of buildings of historic significance?

The process that led to the Listing of buildings in the 1960s was flawed and superficial. Buildings of merit that should have been captured in the process, in Reach as elsewhere, are thus currently given insufficient weight in planning matters. Furthermore, the character of Reach is influenced more by the assemblages of old but unlisted buildings. The inventory is designed to address these two shortcomings. A more detailed version of the inventory will be posted on the NP webpage shortly.

6.8 Friends Of Reach Wood

Nothing to report.

6.9 A to B1102 Group

Burwell PC are now represented with Elizabeth Swift from Burwell PC joining the group.

A question was asked of the GCP Board at their meeting on 1st July. Questions to the GCP from the AtoB1102 transport group

If the Eastern Access Project is to meet the needs of all those who travel within Greater Cambridge, what does the project do to meet the needs of those communities to the North and East of Cambridge who work, learn, shop, and use the services of the city?

Many issues, including those listed below which need addressing if the proposed changes take place in Cambridge:

- *The 2 planned Greenways to the East, do not connect. How will this be rectified?*
- *Will the new Park and Ride site be delivered before private car access into Cambridge is restricted?*
- *How will the extra traffic at Quy be monitored and reduced?*
- *How will GCP work with all relevant stakeholders to improve public transport to encourage people*

out of their cars? It is currently inadequate with no buses in the evening or on Sundays. To say "it is outside our remit" is simply not acceptable.

What will incentivise the modal shift required to make the proposed changes anything other than a disaster for the communities who live around, work and travel in and around Cambridge?

Frustratingly although it was read ahead of the item on the agenda not one reference was made to it, or any answer given.

- Also, on 1st July we received a response from Lucy Frazer offering help to intervene with GCP if required. We will be taking up this offer.
- Concerns were raised about the traffic flow regarding the solar farm proposal up Heath Road Swaffham Prior
- Further concerns were raised with disruption to traffic with the myriad solar farm developments accessing the Burwell switch gear. I have opined that I think we need the group need to focus more on transport than traffic concerns and have mentioned Nick's work and concerns about lack of oversight regarding solar farm planning. It may be Burwell PC wish to liaise regarding this.
- It has been proposed by one of the A-B1102 Group that a Park & Ride be developed near Burwell in order to allow for less car journeys into Cambridge. This is simply a "pie in the sky" at present but does have some merit and there may well be further work on this. I have asked if the idea is to be developed as a serious option cycle access from Reach be included as part of the scheme

7. Cricket Club grant application

The cricket club had asked that should their present pavilion grant application be refused, that the PC would support any other grant application they may make. Approved.

8. Fair Green / Great Lane bend.

Following the complaint from a local farmer regarding length restriction on this bend, Highways had granted Newton Farms a derogation form the ban on over-long vehicles for the month of August (Mr Hurrell confirmed that harvesting of the fields that feed into the Swan Lake Barns would not begin before then. He thought that his vehicles would only be negotiating the bend for four days next month). Contact details will be published, and someone will be available 'day and night' should there be any problems. The only over-length vehicles

that have a dispensation to traverse the corner would be clearly signed as Newton Farms and each would have an A4 derogation documentation fastened to its windscreen.
Should there be incident, the PC & Newton Farms could review it together and form a collective view on what had happened and on remedial action.
Councillor McMillan to be point of contact for village residents and any incidents which may occur.
The PC were disappointed that Highways had approved this derogation without consultation, or even informing the PC of the new agreement.

It was also noted that Swaffham Prior residents and PC are unhappy with the signs regarding the length restriction that have been placed in their village.

9. Plans for the August PC meeting.

No meeting shall be held unless an urgent issue arises. The next meeting would be held on the second Wednesday of September in the village hall. ***Clerk*** to enquire about hall availability.

10. Swaffham Parochial Charities

Councillor Trump had been contacted by Swaffham Prior PC asking if the PC was prepared to nominate a representative to the Swaffham Parochial Charities. The role had been fulfilled for many years by John Robinson. The Parochial Charities donates funds to residents and interests in Reach. Most notably it lets the allotments on Barston Drove to villagers. The PC felt it was important that the village had a representative but felt it did not need to be a member of the PC. ***Councillor Acklam*** to seek volunteers.

6. Payments

E. on - Power on the green	£16.13
S Bailey – Clerk salary	Confidential
S Bailey – Stationary	£62.57
CR Contracting – mowing contract	£276.50
CR Contracting – 24Acres mowing	£42.00



Diary Dates

August	Event	Location	Time
Wednesday 4	Parish Council Meeting	Virtual Meeting	7.45pm
Thursday 5	Recycling Day (Green)		
Thursday 12	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 19	Recycling Day (Green)		
Thursday 26	Recycling Day (Blue)		

September	Event	Location	Time
Friday 3	Recycling Day (Green)		
Wednesday 8	Parish Council Meeting		7.45pm
Thursday 9	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 16	Recycling Day (Green)		
Tuesday 21	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	8.00pm
Thursday 23	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Thursday 30	Recycling Day (Green)		



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	07:28	07:36	08:08*	08:49
07:50	08:28	08:36	09:08*	09:49
09.50	10:28	10:36	11:08*	11:49
11:50	12:28	12:36	13:08*	13:49
13:50	14:28	14:36	15:24*	15:49
15:50	16:28	16:36	17:30	17:55
18:15	18:53	19:06		
19:15	19:53	20:06		

Cambridge to Bury - Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Cambridge Drummer Street	**Reach**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Bury Bus Station**
06:50	07:28	07:36	08:08*	08.49
07:50	08:28	08:36	09:08*	09:49
09.50	10:28	10:36	11:08*	11:49
11:50	12:28	12:36	13:08*	13:49
13:50	14:28	14:36	15:08*	15:49
15:50	16:28	16:36	17:08	17:55
18:15	18:53	19:01		
19:15	19:53	20:03		

Bury to Cambridge - Monday to Friday (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Bury Bus Station	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Reach**	**Cambridge Drummer Street**
		06:19	06:33	07:12
		06:39	06:53	07:32
	08:40	09:06	09:20	09.59
10:05	10:35*	11:06	11:20	11:59
12:05	12:35*	13:06	13:20	13:59
14:05	14:35*	15:06	15:20	14:59
15:05	15:35*	16:06	16:20	15:59
16:05	16:35*	17:06	17:20	16:59
17:05	17:35*	18:06	18:20	17:59

Bury to Cambridge - Saturdays (excluding Bank Holidays)				
Bury Bus Station	**Newmarket Bus Station**	**Burwell Ness Road**	**Reach**	**Cambridge Drummer Street**
		06:19	06:33	07:12
		06:49	07:03	07:42
	08:40	09:06	09:20	09:59
10:05	10:40*	11:06	11:20	11:59
12:05	12:40*	13:06	13:20	13:59
14:05	14:40*	15:06	15:20	15:59
15:05	15:40*	16:06	16:20	16:59
16:05	16:40*	17:06	17:20	17:59
17:05	17:40*	18:06	18:20	18:59

* 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**

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

This photo was taken from the back lane behind the cottages that face the village Lower Green. In the foreground the rear garden of the 'White Horse' pub and beyond a very pleasant view of the church and 'Ship Inn'. The 'Ship' is standing directly in front of the school and is an attractive building which must have been full of character. The church with scaffold in place was still undergoing repairs after being struck by lightning in 1958.

To the left side of the 'White Horse' garden, out of shot, was a large clunch barn that was taken down in the 1970's. My Grandmother, Edith Washtell, would regularly send the grandchildren up from 'White Roses' with a bag full of empty Guinness bottles and an order for replenishment. We would knock on the green door next to the water butt and Wilf King the landlord would eventually appear always complaining that he 'should not be doing this you know'.

The pub finally closed in 1967 leaving Reach a dry village for a number of years.

Chris Patterson

Contact Information

Parish Council – see "Know Your Parish Council"			
Village Hall			
	Chair	Grahame Radford	01638 742814
	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
	Churchwarden	Dr Stephen Martin	01638 611235
	Churchwarden at Burwell/Reach	Jacqui Portman	01638 741058
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency/Non-Emergency)		999/101
	Water (Anglian Water)		08457 145145
Doctors, Burwell			
	Contact Phone Numbers		01638 741234, out of hours dial 111
	Surgery Hours		Mon to Friday, 8.30am to 6.00pm
	Website		https://www.theburwellsurgery.co.uk/index.aspx

Then and Now pictures – see facing page













Tumble trying to eat tea

*The **Reach Riders Group** seized a window of opportunity for fund raising recently*
Afternoon teas were served on the village green
It was a wonderful opportunity for villagers and their friends and family to meet outside in a lovely setting and have some social interaction
The weather was kind (in fact perfect) and guests were treated to a variety of sandwiches, cakes and scones, all home-made by members of the committee, members of the RRG and their families and friends
There was a raffle, with some lovely donated gifts to make up the hampers
We were treated to some wonderful music provided by Peter, who is very active in the open mic events held locally
The event raised significant funds for the group (and additional donations were also very gratefully received) which support the maintenance of the arena
Huge thanks go to all those involved, to everyone who bought tickets for the event as well as raffle tickets
It was a lot of hard work and organisation but a great event well received

Sue Cameron