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From the Editor



So, we're nearly halfway through 2023 – time seems to be absolutely flying – and Summer is on its way.

In the village, we've had an eventful May, as ever. The Fair was excellent, one of the best one's I've been to; and you can see the full report from Claire and her team on page 16 of this issue.

And we celebrated the Coronation big time! The weather was kind to us – and so was Robert Mallyon who generously kept three Fairground offerings in the village so that we could use them for free at our Garden Party. These were aimed at the children of the village but as you'll see from the back cover, nobody seems to have told the "grown-ups"! Big thanks go to everyone who contributed to the event.

There's a lovely article about the Dyke's End on page 22, penned by Dan, in which he and Ruth reflect on their first year running the pub. It's clearly been a bit of a learning curve for them, but learn they have and we now have a pub to be proud of again. And very pleasingly, they are the new custodians of the leasehold, it having been recently purchased from Francis.

There's also the opportunity for you to pass on your thoughts to the Parish Council regarding two potential village improvements. The first one, on page 21, is designed to protect our byways and the second on page 23, is to protect us, by maybe introducing a 20mph speed limit in the village. Please have a read and let Susan Bailey have your thoughts on: clerk@reachparishcouncil.org.

It may have escaped the attention of 97% of you but the annual Parish Meeting came and went in May. This is a mandatory meeting that is held so that parties such as the PC, the Village Hall and other organisations that impact the village, can provide us with a short summary of what they achieved over the last 12 months – and then answer our questions. It's not a Parish Council meeting, it's a Parish meeting and anyone can contribute to it. It's a shame that we don't take advantage of its existence. Minutes are taken but space did not allow them to get into this magazine – but if you want a copy of them, I can email one to you, let me know (davidmparr:btinternet.com).

David Parr

About the Magazine

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Village Update



Hurrah for the start of summer! With lovely sunny days for the fair and the Coronation party, it really feels like we're on our way to a sunnier season. Me and the girls even went out for a paddle in the kayak on Reach lode last weekend – although we did need a hot chocolate afterwards to defrost!

Potholes

All road users will have noticed the increase in potholes since this winter (currently 10,000 reported across Cambridgeshire, compared to 5,000 this time last year!), and thankfully some have now been fixed. Cambridgeshire County Council have received extra funding (an extra £3.617m!) to help tackle the repairs needed.

The money will be spent on an additional programme of work where the council will 'find, record and fix' minor surface issues before they develop into potholes. This will be done using new technology which provides an improved way of surveying the condition of roads and will help direct where this work will be delivered. The extra money also means there are more crews on the ground – normally there are four crews and two dragon patchers available across the county, now there are eight crews and five dragon patchers working hard to repair potholes. Please do keep reporting any potholes or highway faults using the online tool at: https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/highwayfaults

Pothole facts from Cambs County Council:

- If a pothole is large and deep, it should be fixed within five days.
- If it is smaller and less of a hazard, it should be fixed within 21 days – these ones are marked in yellow.
- The portion of the budget for specifically fixing potholes is £2.2M. The average cost of fixing a pothole is £42.
- The dragon patcher is a specialist machine, nicknamed the 'dragon' because it fires out flames to dry out the road surface. It is then cleaned with compressed air and sealed with a stone mix and hot bitumen. It is much quicker and simpler compared to traditional methods.

Mental Health Campaign for LGBTQ+ young people

A new campaign is aiming to support young LGBTQ+ people in Cambridgeshire with their mental health. #MyWaysToWellbeing highlights how individuals can use five different ways to keep themselves mentally well while also stressing there is no shame and lots of good, positive reasons in accessing support across the county.

The Kite Trust.

Gender and sexuality
Supporting young people

Cambridgeshire County Council is working with The Kite Trust to run the campaign during Mental Health Awareness Week (15-21 May) with research from the charity Just Like Us showing that LGBT+ young adults are more than twice as likely to hurt themselves deliberately than non-LGBTQ+ young adults. Moreover, LGBTQ+ young adults were three times as likely to face a mental health condition than their non-LGBTQ+ counterparts. The Kite Trust is a charity which supports the wellbeing and creativity of LGBTQ+ young people in Cambridgeshire, Peterborough and surrounding areas. More information can be found at: https://thekitetrust.org.uk/.

Cost of Living

The District Council Community Team are still available on the Community bus, offering advice on a variety of subjects including benefits, housing advice, debt and financial support and how to access help during the cost of living crisis. The bus stops at Burwell every Thursday between 10am and midday at Mandeville Hall (the timetable of its other stops can be found on the council website: (https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/housing/community-bus-timetable). Cost of living advice is also available on their website https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/cost-living/cost-living and includes advice on: government payments, charities and support schemes, support with energy costs, help with food costs, information on community groups, advice on staying healthy, and debt and money advice.

Keep well and enjoy the sunshine!

Alex de Giorgio-Miller

Events Team

To start this report, we should look back at the Coronation Tea Party that went so well on the Sunday after Reach Fair. The Events Team organised it but the contribution by others was huge and without it these events simply can't happen.

The food is always an important component and Tash Bridgeman and her family took on the role of sandwich makers. Everything was fresh and delicious and virtually no food was wasted.

Similarly, Ian Reinhardt with the help of Dan and Matt (and others), made sure that the barbecue offering was outstanding, as he and they have done many times before.

The Ceilidh Band were exceptional and kept everyone entertained. They are called Frog on a Bike and we highly recommend them https://frogonabike.co.uk.

And the Fairground rides, courtesy of Robert, were a huge, unexpected, plus. He and his wife June love our village.



And finally, we had the weather on our side – big time. Nothing better than having a bit of sun at a garden party.

We all enjoyed being part of this and now we'll be looking forward and planning other such get-togethers for this lovely village – we'll keep you informed.

David, Debbie, Hannah and Jo

Burwell Surgery

Like Marmite, you either love it or hate it but it would appear that locally, AskmyGP has met with popular approval. Latest figures show that more than 70% of patients access medical assistance via the AskmyGP platform and of those responding to the user satisfaction survey over the last year, 98% said that their experience was "Very Good" or "Good".

Introduced in the spring of 2020, AskmyGP was invaluable during the pandemic allowing doctors to continue treating patients in safety. Once established, the numbers have increased year on year with the latest figures confirming that Burwell Surgery is now in the top bracket of those using AskmyGP.

It's not hard to see why patient satisfaction is so high: qualified staff at the Surgery review all AskmyGP requests quickly and most are dealt with within a few hours, in ways which fit in well with busy lives. The time saved means that those patients who need to see a doctor face to face are seen quickly.

In acknowledging that the system has performed well for most, there is a realisation that not everyone has online access or able to operate it. No one should be put off by this because it is still absolutely fine to telephone and seek help that way. Staff on reception will log the enquiry using the same system.

Monday mornings are especially busy, whether it is seeking help via AskmyGP or through the reception desk. Of course, urgent cases should always seek help immediately, but if consulting a doctor on Tuesday or later in the week is possible, then it really makes a difference to the GPs' workload.

AskmyGP has a screen showing which doctors are working on each day and an option for consulting a named doctor. Only a small percentage of patients choose to take up this offer. If you are being supported with a long-term condition it is useful for the same doctor to follow a patient's progress, so don't hesitate to select the doctor you usually see.

Our doctors are keen to emphasise that they try to answer AskmyGP requests as soon as possible and most patients are contacted within hours unless they have requested another time. Contact can be by phone, email or video, with face to face consultations available for those who specifically request them or need them.

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) would love to hear from anyone who has any comments to make about the service and how it can be improved or further tailored to the needs of Burwell patients. Please contact the PPG at admin.burwellsurgery@nhs.net.

Reach Riders



Lessons at the arena have recommenced with local instructor Lucy Tuck

We are planning to set up a WhatsApp group for all members and then have a separate one for the lessons.

Bank account details will be changing too in the near future, so look out for that communication - new membership forms will reflect the change.

We are also going to be treating the jumps with wood preserver to keep them in good condition.

If there is any feedback or anything else you would like to see at the arena please feel free to get in touch.

Sue Cameron



Village Hall



Things are going well at the Village Hall and bookings have increased thanks to Natasha's prompt response to enquiries.

There is ballet, tea and willow craft making, choirs, yoga, tai' hi, children's parties, and drumming practice! Our biggest concern for discussion is the future viability of the VH with high costs of oil and electricity so we have been gathering information and advice about alternatives. We have talked to other village halls who have or are in the process of converting their halls to solar heating and other alternatives as well as engineering firms who for a fee are willing to come and give us a detailed estimate of our future needs even if that proves to be a new efficient boiler and solar storage batteries.

Grant aid for this will depend on the future demand and level of support we have in the community so it's important to gather as many friends and supporters as we can! This will all take a long time to plan and fund so would you consider joining our small committee to help inject some energy and expertise into planning for the future. We are so lucky to have a large hall available to anyone to book meetings and gatherings right in the centre of the village and that should be celebrated.

The committee meets every other month for a couple of hours and share the same vision to keep the Hall open and accessible for all to enjoy. Please contact me for more details.

Following on from the successful Wine Tasting Evening in February and prompted by requests to do the same again, we hope to put on another Wine and fun evening in November and hope for the same support, so watch this space!

Sue Elliott Hon Sec

Reach Village Hall Committee 742268

Rosanna's Ramblings



We headed up to the far north – Orkney, via Edinburgh, two days after the Reach Fair. It was a strange sort of culture shock – from the busy-ness and bustly-ness of thousands of people (well, it feels like thousands … I don't know the actual number) descending on our 'sleepy village', the tinkling of hundreds of bicycle bells, the jingling of dozens of Morris dancers' bells, the clanging of one mayoral bell, the hubbub around the cakes, the cacophony of fairground noises and amplified singers, the jolliness in the pub, the queasy whinings of small children who have consumed too much sugar, the unfamiliar rummaging in purses for the small change we've almost forgotten about, the satisfying if frustratingly slippery rustling of wads of plasticky banknotes being counted at the end of the day …



… to silence. Apart from curlews and oystercatchers bubbling hauntingly and peeping fretfully over miles of moor and grassland, over deserted crescent beaches. Apart from the wild wind that greeted us unrelentingly for the first few days we were there.

… to the chill of a nearly white-out haar fog that enveloped us for two days.

… to the now familiar feeling of relief, or re-setting, or re-calibrating internally to a profoundly welcome sense of homecoming, far away from home.

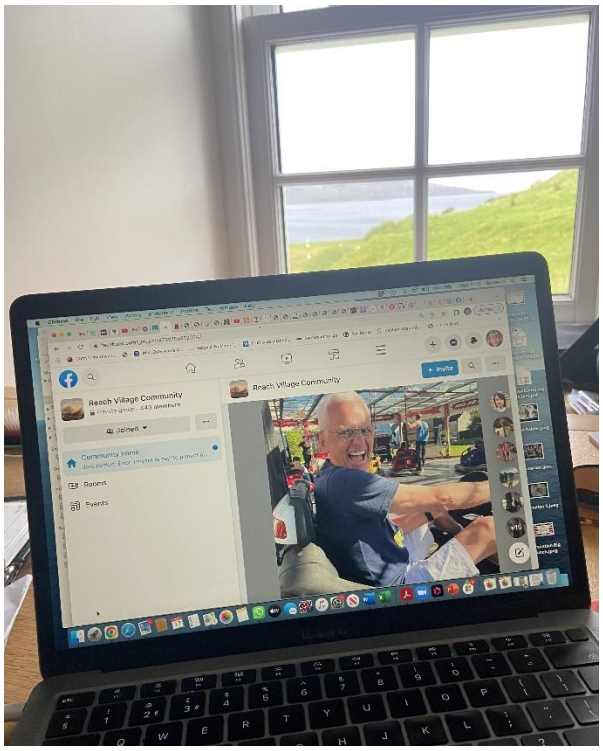
We arrived at our dog-friendly AirBnB late on the Friday afternoon – it's a LONG way up to Orkney when you enjoy the process of getting there (almost) as much as of being there and you have a young dog who needs to get his running about done in scenic locations. We settled in quickly as we'd been to the same place last June, unpacked, wrapped up against the wild cold wind to walk Milo, had some food and collapsed into bed in the half light of the far north. Honestly we were both exhausted, not least because of working right up to the last minute, me with seeing as many acupuncture patients as possible before taking an unprecedented three weeks off and Charles because of a frenzy over the previous couple of months writing and then promoting, his book on Etheldreda that was produced at whirlwind-like speed. The night before we left, he was talking in front of 150 eager people at a Toppings bookshop event at Ely. So, exhausted wasn't an exaggeration.



And we woke up on the Saturday morning to more wind, and haar and wrapping up and walking Milo on the nearby deserted beach. But after that, we quite gave ourselves over to The Big Event – the Coronation. We knew groups of people, whole communities, would be gathering to watch it together, in Reach and elsewhere. But our special occasion revolved around actually working out how to turn on the television, as we don't have one at home and watch it all on a screen somewhat larger than that of my laptop. As a result, far away from friends, family and community as we were, we felt very much connected to our various 'tribes' and the filthiness of the weather gave us ready permission to hunker down and be couch potatoes without feeling guilty that we weren't out admiring landscape, archaeology, boats (in the case of Charles – boats don't float *my* boat at all!), early wildflowers – or even my beloved yarn shops and potteries. In fact, the being far from home and all the usual obligations probably made it feel easier to join in with the mass event as, truth be told, neither of us are particularly comfortable engaging in organised fun.

We're happier with small numbers of close friends – unless we're standing in front of larger numbers giving a talk or organising them. We're perhaps a bit bossy but these days we both prefer to avoid the leading from the front and we don't naturally follow the lead of others. Hence the not joining in with things very much.

Anyway, we enjoyed the Coronation and both surprised ourselves by feeling a bit tearful at times. Charles is a committed monarchist, I'm less so but certainly prefer the monarchy to any of the alternatives. The thought of any of our recent prime ministers being Our President is enough to send me wanting to run off to the hills. Or Orkney, even, where the old Norse traditions are still so embedded in the culture that it's easier to feel more comfortably part of the Scandinavian world than anywhere else when you're there.



The sense of belonging, but far away, continued the next day, with the awareness that Reach was in the throes of the village's Big Lunch celebrations and Facebook duly showed us the delightfully gleeful photo of Our Editor on the dodgems, as well as of our church community at Little St Mary's in Cambridge hosting 250 people at a street party lunch. More moist eyes, as we watched a video of that event made by our friend Oksana, a Ukrainian refugee. Belonging while absent. Better than not belonging while present, which can happen easily and as we probably all know from experience, can feel very bad indeed.

After a week on Orkney, we spent 3 days in a marvellous glamping pod in Achiltibuie on the far north west coast of mainland Scotland. Now there's another distant place where more than one Reach resident of our acquaintance feels utterly and profoundly At Home.

And then on to Skye, to stay at the little house that's been in the family of one of our Cambridge friends for decades – so away again but thinking of him and of the shared friends who'd stayed at the house just before us and left a fridge half-full of food for us. And poignantly, thinking about the recently departed mutual friend of all of us whose funeral we'll return to. And the other recently departed old friend of Charles's, whose funeral we will miss because we can't get back in time, but who lived for years in Reach some decades ago. The circles keep turning, just as the nesting birds were just beginning to populate the cliffs in Orkney for another year of speedy breeding.

We'll be back in Reach by the time this comes out, curious to see how much the broad beans have grown, how well Luke has cut the grass for Charles and how diligently Rowan has been watering my tomato seedlings and my houseplants from Ely.



And we'll be glad to be home, Charles has an Etheldreda talk to give at Ely Museum and another book to give a final edit to. I have loads of patients booked in and … my own book to edit before it goes off to the publishers! It doesn't stop, and we wouldn't want it to.

Rosanna Moseley Gore

CentrePeace

Tuesday 10 - 12.30
Wednesday 2 - 4
Thursday 10 - 12.30
Friday 10 - 12.30
Saturday 10 - 12.30

CentrePeace is run by volunteers and supported by our churches. Opening times may be extended as more volunteers feel able to come forward.
If you wish to volunteer, please get in touch with Hazel Williams (743897), even if you have worked in the shop in the past.

Nature in Reach



Another year, another May. I've said it before, but this really is my favourite time of year in the UK. My memories of the dark winter months recede and Reach feels like a little slice of paradise, with the green byways and flower laden hedgerows.

It seems to have been a particularly good year for Hawthorn - the trees are literally dripping in flowers and the still evenings are filled with the heady scent of pollen. It plays hell with my hayfever, but I wouldn't have it any other way.



The familiar cuckoos can be heard, even from the village and the swifts are screaming over the green, I first noted the swifts arriving just in time for the Coronation. But I've yet to see a house martin this year, and sadly it doesn't seem to be just me - with the BTO BirdTrack data suggesting sightings are significantly down on the historical average (see graph below). Joss also reports a downturn in the numbers of some of our visitors from Africa.

Wildlife Sightings April/May 2023 Joss Goodchild

Observations. The number of corvids, i.e. magpies, jays, crows, jackdaws is increasing significantly in and around the village whereas, once, they preferred the rural outskirts. I fear for the significant impact this will have on the birds of gardens and fields whose eggs and young they predate.

The number of swallows and swifts has noticeably reduced in Reach this year. Friends with stables and outbuildings, where swallows nest year after year, have remarked on a reduction of at least 50%.

6.4. Butterflies in the garden, peacocks, brimstones.

9.4. First sight of a swallow, singing on the overhead wire at our field (off Great Lane).

9.4. Bat in Great Lane, think pipistrelle, our first this season.

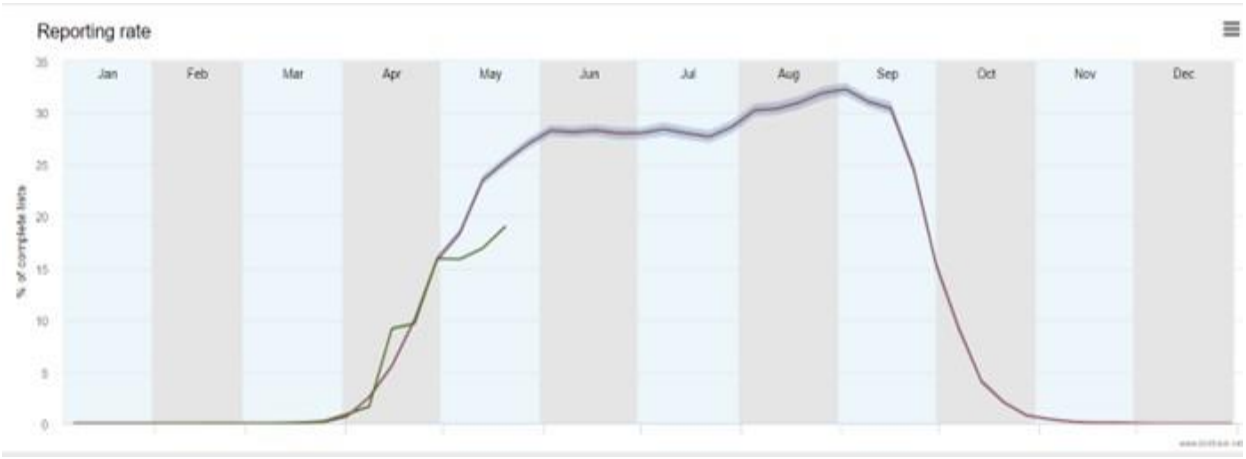
14.4 Great spotted woodpeckers (male & female) on our garden peanut feeder. Also blackcap and greenfinch.

Rosie Almond mentioned that her dog walk had been accompanied by the lovely rural sound of a woodpecker.

11.4. Red kite over the village and, again, 2 days later. Ron and Penny saw it close to in their garden, noted it's size, a large bird of prey.

12.4. Two swallows at our field. A third arrived the next day.

7.5. Heard swifts overhead. Ron rang to say they'd seen them too. Since seen/heard a maximum of only 6.



Source: BTO BirdTrack - showing frequency of House Martin sightings compared with the historical trend.

7.5 Sue and Ron noted 9 blue tit babies in their garden bird box at Ditchfield, also chaffinch, reed bunting, robin.

8.5. Best sighting in ages - Ron rang to say a turtle dove (rare these days) had flown into their garden to drink at the pond.

10.5 Kestrels nesting near our field. Pied wagtails also.

12.5. Hares visible in outlying fields. Roe deer also. Muntjac daily on the tracks to Reach Wood.

Jacqui Lewis mentioned the disturbance to her garden birds, which scattered and did not return, following the arrival of a hobby.

16.5 Cuckoo's mournful cry for a mate clearly audible at 9.20pm.

20.5 On the outskirts of the village I saw the most gloriously coated rabbit, its fur a rich golden hue, grazing with a group of ordinary-coloured ones. Remembered Ron mentioning the presence of these many years ago.

21.5 Orange tip, small white and common blue butterflies in the garden.

22.5 Two shelduck above the field this morning, quacking, I thought they must be heading for the mere on Tubney Fen. They were then joined by another half dozen and continued circling overhead, flew off towards Burwell.

Wildlife Sightings Mar-May 2023 Nick Acklam

(Nick was absent from the village for most of May)

18 March: the fresh remains of a Black-headed gull lie on Tubney Fen. The precise plucking and dissection suggest it has fallen victim to a female Sparrowhawk or, just possibly, a Peregrine.

26 March: a Red Kite circles over Great Lane for some minutes.

27 March: a further lengthy sighting of a Red Kite, this time over the field behind the Village Hall. Fresh and extensive evidence of badger excavations in the margins of the fishing pit to the northeast of Reach Lode.

30 March: a Brimstone butterfly in the garden, the first I have seen this year.

6 April: a Sparrowhawk flies level and fast across our garden at hedge height. Birdsong is immediately silenced.

11 April: a Shelduck circles the fields to the west of Little Fen Drove as if looking for something. Its behaviour seems odd.

17 April: a Shelduck, again, flying from the area of the previous sighting towards Burwell Fen.

14 May: our first Cuckoo of the year, heard in trees that fringe the pond of the Pocket Park. We have been away and missed the Cuckoos' return to our neighbourhood but this was undoubtedly later than in recent years. A Hobby, flying over Chapel Lane and the Hythe.

15 May: a Cuckoo heard and seen in lodeside trees. A Little Owl perched on the telephone wire on Burwell Road just outside the village. Despite dusky conditions, bird has a presence that defies its small size.

20 May: an Orange tip butterfly on the allotment. A Common Blue butterfly in the garden.

Cath Tayleur

Neighbourhood Plan

At a Parish Council Meeting on April 4th the Neighbourhood Plan was presented for approval and submission to ECDC. A number of villagers attended, to support or oppose the motion. The PC decided to defer the decision to see if a mutually agreeable way forward could be found. It was decided that another meeting would be held in 2 weeks where the 'deferral team' could put forward any possible proposals.

At the same meeting one building was removed, at the request of its owner, from the "Buildings of Local Significance" - all the other changes in the consultation statement were approved.

At an extraordinary meeting on 27th April there were further representations from the public. The deferral team reported that there was not a way to resolve the issue. After discussion, the Parish Council approved the decision to submit the Neighbourhood Plan to ECDC.

People for Places have been instructed to submit the plan as soon as possible to ECDC (along with supporting evidence, the Basic Conditions and Consultation Statements). The Locality Grant Annual Report for our funding over the last calendar year has been submitted by the Neighbourhood Plan Chair to Groundwork UK (the accountable body for Neighbourhood Plan funding).

Upon receiving the submitted Plan proposal the local authority will publicise it and invite comments (six weeks). These comments will be sent subsequently to the independent examiner for their consideration.

The local authority will organise and cover the costs of the independent examination and referendum. The independent examiner will be appointed by the local authority with the consent of the qualifying body. The independent examination will consider the submitted documents and comments made during the consultation period. The independent examiner will examine whether the plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' and other relevant legal requirements (eg consultation) and may then recommend that the Plan proceed to the referendum stage (i.e. it meets all the legal requirements) or may suggest that modifications are needed to the plan before it can proceed to the referendum.

Catherine Gibson

Bottisham and Burwell Photographic Club



Our club celebrated its 50th Anniversary by staging an Exhibition at Mandeville Hall, Burwell over the weekend of 20/21 May. The event was a great success with photographic colleagues, friends and the general public coming to view 169 prints and 260 digital images over the two day period. Visitors commented on the excellent display and the standard of work produced by such a small club in the East Anglian area.

Three of the founder members were in attendance, Martin Rushworth, Andy Hanson and Daphne Hanson who founded the club in September 1973 after a six week photographic course at Burwell Village College. The club has continued to meet every Tuesday evening from September to May, and now meets at Swaffham Village Hall from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm.

We concluded our meetings before the summer break with a talk by local photographer Ann Miles on 25th April who explained the art of macro photography and on 2nd May The Roger Human Print Trophy was judged by Sue Wilson from Newark. Our Club Outing takes place during the summer and this year the members have chosen Southwold and Walberswick on 11th June.

Our programme for next season has already been arranged and our meetings commence 12th September with a Welcome Evening for members to enjoy a social celebration of last season when cups and trophies will be presented to the award winners of our annual Print and Projected Digital Image competitions.

New members are welcome to come along to that meeting to join in the celebration and to learn more about our club and our new programme which includes talks on Long Exposure Photography, Editing Techniques in Photoshop and Lightroom, Night Photography and a Portrait Workshop.

If you are interested, please contact our Secretary, Debra Bennett and for further information email: secretary.bandbpc@gmail.com or visit our website www.bottburpc.org where you will find further information and a gallery showing a selection of our members' work.

I look forward to meeting you.

Daphne Hanson DPAGB HonPAGB

Wicken Fen



A large red damselfly, courtesy of Rob Coleman

Summer news

The Summer Nature Trail is the longest route around the Sedge Fen. It has been given time to rest to allow the delicate peat soils to recover and will open on 1st June. It's a special part of the reserve, full of lush green foliage, fen plants and flowers. This circular route is approximately 2¼ miles long and is a beautiful place to look out for marsh orchids, dragonflies and butterflies. Boat trips and cycle hire are great ways to explore the reserve. If you'd like more information about what we offer, our Visitor Centre team can always help; we're available from 10am to 5pm daily on 01353 720274.

Footprints project community engagement: Fairs, feasts and festivals

Our programme of local fairs for June and July includes Waterbeach Feast on 10 June, Gs Open Farm on 11 June and Burwell Carnival on 1st July. Come and find us to say hello – we'd love to see you.

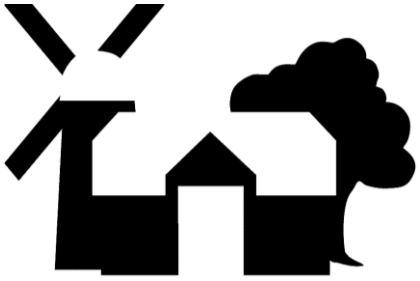
BioBlitz Saturday 8 July

We're excited to hold our first BioBlitz at White Fen and the Norman Moore Pond. The idea is to find as many different species in a specific location on a specific date. This gives us a snapshot of the nature there that can be used by the team at Wicken Fen and local and national databases that monitor wildlife. You don't need to be an expert; we'll have spotter sheets and guided walks with experts to help you identify what you find. Save the date and keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more information. Local groups and organisations wanting to come along and get involved can contact Julia Hammond at: julia.hammond@nationaltrust.org.uk

For the latest reserve information including details of our events, please visit our website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen.

Julia Hammond

Burwell Museum and Windmill



Burwell Museum and Windmill Events 2023

Hi everyone, we attended Reach Fair at the beginning of May, congratulations to the organisers and villagers for such an engaging event, we can't wait to do it all again next year. We loved meeting everyone to talk about the Burwell Museum and Mill, we have been visited by some who we met already.

Here is our events calendar for this year.

Burwell Arts and Crafts Event
Sunday 11th June, 10am-4pm (Entrance Fee Applies)

Showcasing local workmanship and artistry with workshops, talks and interactive sessions. Wil of Steel our resident Blacksmith will be crafting items in our Forge using the same tools as our ancestors including hammers , anvils and pliers. Blacksmith talks need to be booked on arrival.

Back to the 1940's
Sunday 9th July, 10am - 4pm (Entrance Fee Applies)

Come back in time to 1940's to dance, dine, swing and sing with Sarah Mai, Cambridge Swing Dance Group , Michael Antony and the GI 41-45 WW2 Military Re-enactors.
Come dressed 1940's style if you so wish, to truly participate and bring to life this unique era. Put a swing in your step!

Classic Car and Motorbike Show
Sunday 20th August, 10am-4pm
(Entrance Fee Applies)

With over 40 classic cars, motorbikes and vehicles from the 1920's onwards, join us to see these beautifully restored vehicles of historical significance. Meet the owners and enjoy the individual story telling of each and every car their personal stories, their history and heritage.

Heritage Open Day
Sunday 10th September, 10am-4pm (Free Entry)

Heritage Open Days is England's largest community led festival of history and culture involving local volunteers and organisations. HOD brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history.

The Barrie Bushell Observatory Parade of Planets Sunday in September Date and Time TBC (check our Website, Entrance Fee Applies)

Barrie Bushell of Swaffham Road Burwell passed away last year kindly leaving his observatory and home crafted telescope to The Burwell Museum. Join us and the Cambridge Astronomy Society for a night with the stars in September.

Octoberfest Harvest Moon Day
Sunday 1st October, 10am-4pm
(Entrance Fee Applies)

Join us for a family fun day celebrating the Harvest Festival with Apple Bobbing, Pumpkin Carving, Scarecrow photo, Wheelbarrow Racing, Needle in a Haystack, Sack racing.

With hot and hearty food, toffee apples and hot cocoa, let's bring to life living in a fen edge village at harvest time.

Sara Phipps

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Respite for Dementia Carers



My name is Mike Donoghue.
I'm part of the team running Dementia Respite Provision at Swaffham Prior Village Hall every Thursday from 10am to 3pm - we offer Respite to Carers.

We only take a maximum of six people per hour in order to give close support care to people with Dementia.

My number is 07884 042590 – anytime

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Food Focus

Within Reach Fish Focus



This month I'm coming back to a chef I've used consistently over the years, Jamie Oliver, with some new recipes from his website as well as an old favourite. All of them are fishy and straightforward. They are available online, but I am saving you the stress of looking on there as it is so plagued with adverts that it makes finding and following a recipe far more stressful than necessary. If you manage to hit the x in the right spot (and consequently get rid of the advertisements) it is the source of lots of interesting looking, quick and affordable recipes.

One Pan Herby Green Rice & Fish



I have to admit that I haven't actually tried this, but it sounds delicious and relatively simple. It's on the to-do list. It serves 4, cooks in 15 minutes and is super easy.

Jamie's blurb says: "turn regular rice into something extraordinary and exciting with this joyful one-pan dish". Now, I want you to think of this recipe as more of a principle – it's fairly flexible and can be taken in lots of different directions.

Jazz it up with your favourite seafood, mix up the greens you choose or throw in some additional vegetables – whatever you fancy. For me, this makes the perfect midweek meal – fresh, tasty, ready in 15 minutes flat and with minimal washing up. Yes please!

Ingredients

- 8 spring onions
- 2 cloves of garlic
- 1 bunch of fresh coriander (30g)
- 100 g baby spinach
- 1 mug of basmati rice (300g)
- 4 x 150g white fish fillets, such as cod, haddock, pollock, megrim, skin off, pin-boned, from sustainable sources
- olive oil
- 4 tablespoons natural yoghurt
- 2 teaspoons harissa
- optional: ½ a fresh red chilli
- 1 lemon

Method

1. Trim 8 spring onions (put to one aside for later), peel 2 cloves of garlic and pick the leaves from 1 bunch of fresh coriander (30g), reserving a few to garnish, then place in a blender.
2. Add 100g of spinach from Snakehall Farm, along with 2 mugs (600ml) of water and blitz until smooth – you may need to work in batches.
3. Tip 1 mug of rice (300g) into a large shallow casserole pan, pour over the green sauce, mix well and cook on a high heat uncovered for 5 minutes.
4. Give the rice a good stir, then carefully place 4 x 150g white fish fillets on top. Season to taste with sea salt and black pepper, drizzle with 1 tablespoon of olive oil, then cover with a lid. Reduce the heat to low and cook gently for a further 5 to 7 minutes, or until the rice is fluffy and fragrant and the fish is pearly white and flaking.
5. Dollop 4 tablespoons of natural yoghurt into a bowl, ripple through 2 teaspoons of harissa and drizzle lightly with olive oil.
6. Finely slice the remaining spring onion and ½ a fresh red chilli (if using), then scatter over the top along with the reserved coriander leaves. Cut 1 lemon into wedges for squeezing over, then serve along with the harissa yoghurt. Delicious with a crunchy green salad.

I used the next recipe just this week when looking for a simple way to turn some leftover salmon into fishcakes – they were delicious and even the children liked them. We've had them for 2 meals now and I served them both times with Jamie Oliver's Salsa Verde (adult condiment) and mayonnaise (children's condiment).

Salmon, Potato and Fresh Parsley Fish cakes

This recipe serves 4, cooks in 1 hour (plus cooling and chilling time – I'm not sure this is necessary) and is not too tricky.

Ingredients

- 300g potatoes
- 100g salmon fillet, skin on, scaled, pin-boned, from sustainable sources
- olive oil
- a few sprigs of fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon plain flour, plus extra for dusting

Method

1. Peel the potatoes, cut into 2cm chunks and cook in boiling salted water for 10 minutes (or use baked potatoes – scoop out the potato and discard the skin).
2. Rub the salmon fillet all over with 1 teaspoon of oil and a pinch of sea salt and black pepper, then place in a colander and cover with tin foil.
3. When the time's up on the potatoes, place colander directly over the pan of boiling potatoes. Turn the heat down to medium-low and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the salmon and potatoes are both cooked through.
4. Meanwhile, pick and finely chop the parsley leaves, discarding the stalks.
5. Once cooked, remove the fish from the colander to a plate, and discard the skin. Drain the potatoes, and leave to steam dry for 1 minute, then tip back into the pan.
6. Mash the potatoes, spreading the mash round the sides of the pan to help it cool down quickly. When the potatoes are cooled, transfer to a bowl.
7. Flake the salmon into the bowl, add 1 tablespoon of flour, the chopped parsley and a really good pinch of sea salt and black pepper. Finely grate over the lemon zest, then mash and mix together really well.
8. Dust a plate with a little flour. Divide the mixture into 4, then lightly shape and pat into circles about 2cm thick, dusting them with flour as you go. Put them onto a clean plate also dusted with a little flour. If you're going to freeze them, wrap them in clingfilm at this point and put them into the freezer. Otherwise simply pop them into the fridge for an hour before cooking – this will allow them to firm up slightly.
9. Heat 2 tablespoons of oil in a large frying pan over a medium heat, add the fishcakes and cook for 3 to 4 minutes on each side, or until crisp and golden – you may need to work in batches. I actually brushed them with oil and put them in the oven at a high temperature (200°C fan) for about 30 minutes (watch carefully), as I couldn't be bothered to stand frying them. It worked really well.
10. Serve straight away, with veg or salad and lemon wedges for squeezing over.

Fantastic Fish Pie

"I don't need a recipe for fish pie" I hear you say…"I can make it with my eyes shut"…but be prepared for the experience to be improved and made simpler, courtesy of Jamie. I thought this until I tasted one someone else had made using his recipe – and now I always make it this way. It seems decadent, but it is delicious. I've actually given up putting eggs in fish pie too as I find they just go rubbery, but you may feel they are an essential part.

This recipe serves 6, cooks in one hour (plus cooling) and is not too tricky.

Ingredients

- 5 large potatoes
- 2 large free-range eggs
- 2 large handfuls of baby spinach
- 1 onion
- 1 carrot
- olive oil
- 250 ml double cream
- mature Cheddar or Parmesan cheese
- 1 lemon
- 1 heaped teaspoon English mustard
- 1 large handful of fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 450 g haddock , or cod fillet, skin off, pin-boned, from sustainable sources
- 1 whole nutmeg , for grating (optional)

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 230°C/450°F/gas 8.
2. Peel and dice the potatoes into 2.5cm chunks, then put into boiling salted water and bring back to the boil for 2 minutes.
3. Carefully add the eggs to the pan and cook for a further 8 minutes, or until hard-boiled, by which time the potatoes should also be cooked.
4. At the same time, steam the spinach in a colander above the pan. This will only take a minute. When the spinach is done, remove from the colander and gently squeeze out any excess moisture.
5. Drain the potatoes in the colander. Remove the eggs, cool under cold water, then peel and quarter them. Place to one side.
6. Peel and finely chop the onion, then peel, halve and finely chop the carrot (I actually grate it).
7. In a separate pan, slowly fry the onion and carrot in a little oil for about 5 minutes, then add the double cream and bring just to the boil.
8. Remove from the heat and finely grate in 2 good handfuls of cheese, then squeeze in the lemon juice and stir through the mustard.
9. Pick and finely chop the parsley and stir into the cream mixture.
10. Slice the fish into strips then place in an earthenware dish with the spinach and eggs and mix together, pouring over the creamy vegetable sauce.

11. The cooked potatoes should be drained and mashed – add a bit of oil, sea salt, black pepper and a touch of nutmeg (if using). Spread on top of the fish. Don't bother piping it to make it look pretty – it's a homely hearty thing.
12. Place in the oven for 25 to 30 minutes, or until the potatoes are golden.
13. "Serve with some nice peas or greens, not forgetting your baked beans and tomato ketchup. Tacky but tasty and that's what I like" (Jamie's words not mine – I can't think of anything worse! peas and broccoli, that's what I like).

Catherine Gibson

Cricket Report

What a difference it makes when you install a water supply to a cricket ground. Last year's drought rapidly transformed into deluge, leaving the pitch in about as much need of further lubrication as a Glaswegian wedding at two in the morning. Nevertheless, we did manage to get the season underway with an intra-club match on St George's Day. Suffice to say it was tears and celebrations for Reach in equal measure. Then for the campaign. Could we repeat last year's feat in finishing runners-up in our division of the Adams Harrison midweek league? I can probably answer that already, but we may as well go through the detail:

Wednesday 26 April - Linton (90-2) beat Reach (87-8) by 8 wickets

The gulf between division 4 and division 3 of the league became immediately clear in our first fixture of the season. Last year we played Linton 2nd XI; this year we found ourselves pitched against the mighty firsts. It turned out to be a team of leeches (George and Stanley) which quickly sucked the lifeblood out of the Reach batsmen after our top three (Michael Mead 18, Tim Davies 24 and Ewen Cameron 26) were dismissed. Nevertheless, the leeches took 18 of their allotted 20 overs to overhaul us, with just the two wickets to Connor Benton -- and just the one broken Reach thumb.

Wednesday 3 May - Fulbourn Institute (175-3) beat Reach (77-5) by 98 runs

Do I really have to write about this one? Okay, then. Fulbourn thrashed us out of contention and worse, made sure that we would get through the first three weeks of the season without any Reach player other than Connor Benton taking a single wicket. Tim Davies then hit 34 in reply and Lewis Jarman batted through the second half of our innings like a night watchman. Had there been three further days available for play it is just about conceivable that he could have been there to hit the winning runs. Maybe.

Wednesday 10 May - Reach (93-5) beat Chesterfords (79-8) by 14 runs

The outfield at Chesterfords Cricket Club hasn't been mown since 1978 and has since been colonized by several herds of roaming wilderbeest and gazelle, preyed upon by big cats who, come nightfall, can often be heard howling at mid-off.



The umpire giving out another Chesterfords batsman

Nevertheless, we did manage to get in a game of cricket. Put into bat, it was clear that hitting fours along the ground was a non-starter, though we did succeed in notching up a number of runs while the opposition searched for the ball in the undergrowth at square leg. A score of 93, helped with 28 from Chris Bridgeman, wouldn't always be enough, but the Chesterfords batsmen, struggling to see through the gathering dusk, fell 14 runs short. One Reach fielder was felled along the way, but the rest of team did just about manage to get off the field before the hungry big cats awoke from their slumbers. This was, in fact, a cup game – with the result we are through to the quarter finals.

Sunday 14 May - Reach (72-1) beat the Journeymen (70 all out) by 9 wickets

The Journeymen lived up to their name, taking 30 overs to scratch together 70 runs. That was never going to be enough and Reach took just 8 overs to overhaul their score, with Tim Davies again leading the scoring with our first half century of the season – appropriately enough on his birthday. But that wasn't quite the end of the story. The Journeymen took on an extra player for a hastily-arranged 10 over beer match who seemed magically to transform their performance – this time the tables were turned and they defeated a tired and emotional Reach team by some distance.

Wednesday 17 May - Cam Kerala (144-9) beat Reach (81 all out) by 63 runs

Last year, hungry for midweek cricket, Saheer Babu offered his services to Reach and played several games for us. But was it all a cunning ploy to study our batting techniques for weaknesses? This year, he returned to his real team – Cam Kerala – and took five of our wickets. It. Is. Not. Fair.

Ross Clark

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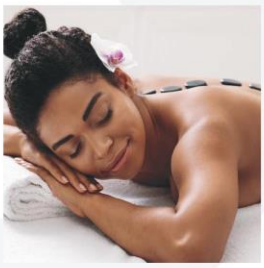





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Reach Fair



The preparation and planning of Reach Fair 2023 was a little more taxing than is usual.

We obtain quotes from our external contributors from October onwards prior to the Fair in May. We are all aware of rising inflation and it was evident from the outset that our costs would be considerably higher. Logically if the Fair is to remain viable (which it must) we had to respond by looking at our charges. The principal changes that we implemented comprised the charge for the car park, which was raised from £7 to £9 and the Salad Stall raised its prices from £5 to £7 as the feedback from the public last year was that the salads were under-priced.

We also investigated sponsorship and were delighted to receive support from Marshalls who celebrate 60 years of service, well known estate agent Morris Armitage and Robinson and Claydon vehicle services who are based in Reach.

It's important to note that while we increased our charges, we also increased our donations to the numerous clubs that contribute to the Fair and we also maintained the usual number of pitches for charities which are made available without charge. Burwell Print attended the Fair for the first time this year and it was lovely to see them. They prepared the posters and signs for the Fair and are always very efficient and their service is of excellent quality. It was also the first time at the Fair for Burwell Museum and Windmill and we hope that had a good time. Well done to Hoggywobbles, hedgehog hospital, your stall was very popular.

This time last year the Fair was a sub-committee of the Parish Council, but it was felt that this position was a little anomalous and that it would be more appropriate for the Fair to obtain independent status. Accordingly with the assistance of David Parr, for which we are hugely grateful, the Team examined the options of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) or a Community Interest Company (CIC). The latter was chosen and judged most appropriate as it provides for the organization of the Fair but not the distribution of the resultant funds. The latter is a considerable task and the Team felt that it was best taken on by others (currently the Parish Council distributes the funds from Reach Fair via the Grant Fund, but this situation is under review).

Having achieved CIC status, the Team had to arrange insurance – sounds straightforward – but Gayle Chapman who took on this task found it to be complex and at times frustrating.

While the weather was very kind to us on the day with the great thunder clouds just skirting around Reach Fair the wet weather in the weeks leading up to the Fair was unsettling. The field used for the car park was re-sown last year and a drought had caused the seed not to have fully taken, leaving large patches of brown earth. It was thought that the field might be un-useable and we even investigated costs for temporary matting. Many outdoor events were cancelled in April due to wet ground conditions and the Fun Fair, for example, had lost several bookings. We regularly monitored the weather forecast but this seemed to be highly variable. As it turned out the field was useable (hoorah and huge sighs of relief) and we are grateful to Martin Rix, the tenant, for his co-operation and patience.

Working with consultants from East Cambs District Council (ECDC) Safety Advisory Group we prepared a detailed Event Management Plan and this has enhanced the provision for health and safety. Unfortunately, in the past couple of years, the traffic management companies have not been 'as efficient' as they should have been, and the Team is looking into alternative options to improve matters. We met with Martin Ellwood, Event Liaison Officer, Cambridgeshire County Council and he gave us detailed advice about the provisions for the road closure and traffic management and we are very grateful for his continuing advice. On a lighter note, Stewart Broome, Senior Licensing Officer, ECDC, made life easier by guiding us through the required licenses. He confirmed that no street trading permission was required due to the special status that Reach Fair holds: the ancient Royal Charter exempts us from the need to obtain permission. Hoorah King John!

Having worked our way through the above the Team implemented other improvements with an online rota for volunteers; the purchase of additional card payment machines; and the Village Hall was opened for Charity and additional Craft Stalls.



Unfortunately, the straw bales that we use are regularly shredded by children jumping on them (tut tut). This makes the straw un-useable, and it is difficult to clear away. In addition, with the rising cost of bales we decided to make a wooden back drop for the Coconut Shy and we are most grateful to Andrew Towers for his craftmanship.

Dan and Ruth Marsh of the Dykes End took on the beer tent on Fair Green and made a great job of it. Dan is also a member of the Team and we very much welcome his input.

And so, with all the planning complete and the rain staying away, the Fair took place. It was a lovely day and much enjoyed. Of course, the Fair is opened by the Mayor of Cambridge and pennies are thrown to the crowd. This year everyone in the mayor's party received a posy, prepared by Anne Emmett, Debbie Quilter and children from the village. The posies evoke an old Reach Fair tradition and had the colour theme of red, white and blue in recognition of the Coronation of King Charles III. The Maypole Dancing by the children of Swaffham Prior School was spot on. It was lovely to watch the children thrilled by the sheer joy of dancing. Both stages entertained the visitors across the long afternoon with people relaxing in sunshine.

We welcomed back the ever-popular dance troop Performance Without Limits and Tang Soo Do martial arts. It was the second year back for Graham Buxton who played on Fair Green. Having completed several gigs elsewhere over the weekend Graham remained full of energy and gave it his all. Much to the delight of his fans and the crowd. Jezo has been coming to Reach Fair for many years and this year his contribution was outstanding with magic shows, comedy and a tug of war. Jezo also arranged a Punch and Judy show at short notice. We are grateful to all our contributors: Newmarket Explorers (on the village games), Swaffham Prior and Reach Scouts (the BBQ) and the Sea Cadets (the car park). A mention should also go out to Pat Chalmers for organising the delicious Cream Teas in the newly refurbished church. Great, also, to have the Bookstall, thank you, Charles Moseley.

Please see our financials on the following page.

Feedback is always welcome so let us have your thoughts (the good, the bad and the ugly). We hope that you appreciate that we are always trying to improve the Fair and your feedback and ideas are important to us.

Lastly, we thank you, the villagers of Reach, for your outstanding support and assistance leading up to the Fair, the day itself, and the clearing up thereafter. So many villagers and their families and friends contribute to the success of the day that makes all the angst worthwhile. Until 2024 . . . .



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		2023		2022		2019		2018	
		Income	Costs	Income	Costs	Income	Costs	Income	Costs
Item	**Commercial Stalls**								
1	Bars	£1,045		£950		£950		£950	
2	Charity Stalls	£0		£0		£0		£0	
3	Craft Stalls	£1,520		£1,280		£1,560		£1,510	
4	Entertainments	£310		£280		£220		£220	
5	Fairground	£3,000		£2,700		£2,700		£2,568	
6	Food Stalls	£2,610		£2,090		£2,375		£2,715	
7	Reach Residents Stalls	£0		£40		£20		£20	
8	Sponsorship	£950							
9	Donation from Mayor for hospitality	£0		£350					
	TOTAL	**£9,435**		**£7,690**	**£0**	**£7,825**	**£0**	**£7,983**	**£0**
	Village Activities								
10	BBQ	£3,884	£1,648	£3,550	£1,575	£3,123	£823	£1,971	£790
11	Bottle Stall	£404	£4	£594	£0	£675	£15	£299	£0
12	Car Park and Traffic Management	£5,557	£2,208	£5,508	£2,242	£3,334	£2,601	£3,356	£2,562
13	Coconut Shy	£218	£86	£258	£53	£136	£25	£98	£25
14	Football Game	£254	£50	£166	£17	£203	£25	£172	£25
15	Salad Stall	£1,396	£228	£1,198	£221	£872	£160	£1,213	£211
16	Tea Tent	£969	£253	£979	£309	£885	£109	£708	£305
17	Village Games	£125	£54	£177	£57	£174	£74	£204	£69
	TOTAL	**£12,806**	**£4,531**	**£12,430**	**£4,475**	**£9,402**	**£3,832**	**£8,021**	**£3,987**
	Other Costs								
18	Advertising/Programmes		£416		£780		£367		£1,331
19	Cadets/Scouts		£1,275		£1,275		£550		£550
20	Entertainments and PA System		£4,318		£3,580		£3,434		£3,168
21	First Aid		£396		£360		£305		£305
22	General Expenses		£731		£543		£1,260		£408
23	Refuse Collection		£972		£676		£760		£552
24	Straw Bales		£35		£152		£240		£420
25	Toilets Hire		£1,128		£948		£660		£600
26	Insurance		£673						
	TOTAL		**£9,944**	**£0**	**£8,314**	**£0**	**£7,576**	**£0**	**£7,334**
27	**INCOME**		**£22,241**		**£20,120**		**£17,227**		**£16,004**
28	**COSTS**		**£14,474**		**£12,789**		**£11,408**		**£11,321**
29	**PROFIT**		**£7,767**		**£7,331**		**£5,819**		**£4,683**
30	**To Village Hall**				**£1,829**				
31	**To Grant Fund**		**£7,767**		**£5,502**		**£5,269**		**£5,233**
	Investments/Exceptional Items								
32	A-Frame								£57
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34	Feather Flag Signs								£350
35	Tarpaulins								£88
36	Tables						£556		
37	Sumup machines		£142		£320				
38	Signs (road, village, info)				£604				
	New coconut shy		£195						
39			**£336**		**£924**		**£556**		**£1,012**

Notes

1 Line 12 may be adjusted as negotiations are ongoing about reduced payment for poor performance.

2 Line 22 includes chair hire, sumup machine purchase, CIC set up costs and wood for new coconut shy.

Huge thanks go to everyone who contributed during the preparations and on the day

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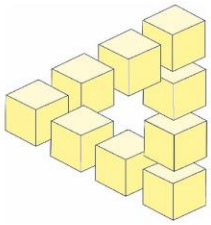

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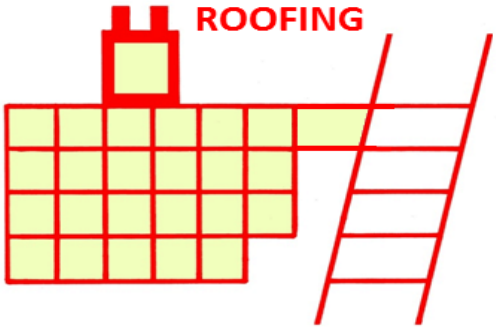

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Tales from a Reach Garden



Here we are in May, it's late spring apparently, but my aching joints are not convinced - the weather has been surprisingly cool and damp so far. Spring is my favourite time of year; I practically measure the weeks in terms of what's in bloom during these colourful months of the year starting with snowdrops in February.

Some blossoming is temperature-dependent, such as daffodils which will flower in December if the temperatures are mild enough, or in April if they are not. Other plants, such as strawberries, are dependent on day length for flowering, so will flower at the same time of year (almost) regardless of temperature. Our strawberry plants have been in flower for a couple of weeks already but almost every year some of the flowers are damaged by frost in May.

The blackthorn hedges were late flowering this year, but eventually blossomed at the same time as the cherries. Blackthorn was not the only late starter, thanks to the long winter and continuing cool conditions, tree blossom season started late this year and so many different types of trees "bloomed" at the same time creating an intense, eye-itching burst of tree pollen.

It wasn't just tree blossom that was affected, in a normal year our tulips would be in full flower in early April, but this year they waited till May. They were worth the wait, but heavy rain brought their late blooming season to an abrupt end. Normality has resumed now in mid-May, it's the turn of the irises and alliums to flower in the garden and hawthorn to bloom in the hedgerows.



Alliums



Bearded Iris

We have continued to monitor the garden to see what has survived the winter and what has disappeared. One of the winter casualties is just about clinging on. The tough, fibrous leaves of the phormium that was brown and desiccated, were cut down to about 30cm (a foot) above ground in April. Remarkably, growing at the edge of the wreck of the plant, some of the strap-like leaves have survived and are green and growing but most of the rest of the plant appears to have died. Eventually the dead part of the phormium will be cut away to allow the thriving portions to room to expand. This will almost certainly involve digging around the roots and sawing through the base of the dead leaves. Hopefully the surviving bit of phormium will grow back to be the attractive focal point in the border that it used to be instead of the very sad, ragged eyesore that is there now.



Phormium in March 2023, see overleaf for comparis



Phormium in May – it's not dead yet!

The cool damp conditions have been a mixed blessing – they have certainly encouraged weeds to grow, but the softened damp soil has also enabled them to be pulled up relatively easily, even in mid-May. In the vegetable garden our perennial beds of rhubarb and asparagus have benefitted from the cool damp weather this spring. The old stems were removed at the end of winter and both beds were mulched with some well-rotted manure and compost. The sky has done the watering for us. They've been cropping prolifically this month and more than made up for the loss of the freeze-dried, shrivelled broccoli. In fact, the asparagus spears grow at least 30cm or more after just one day's rainfall, so we have to keep an eye on them.



An overnight crop of asparagus

The prolonged cold weather meant that we planted our potatoes later than usual. They were chitted as normal, but the soil was too cold and wet to plant them when they were ready – we could tell this from the puddles which had formed on the top of normally free-draining soil. The potato tubers would rot in the ground under those conditions. We waited for the puddles to disappear then on a warmish dry day late in April the first earlies, a tasty variety called "Orla" were planted. Occasionally, the bed has had to be covered in fleece to help keep the soil warm, because even a sunny day can be cold thanks to the biting, northerly winds. The extra care seems to be helping, the bed of new potatoes is flourishing with a covering of healthy potato leaves now. In just a few weeks we should be able to enjoy our first crop of potatoes this year.



The new potatoes are growing well

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The Parish Council has, over the years, received various complaints and letters of concern, regarding the deterioration of the surface of these byways, especially over the winter months and has been asked on numerous occasions to try to do something to prevent/repair this damage which, once done, often remains throughout the year, in the form of deep ruts, making it dangerous and often inaccessible for other users.

It has been suggested that **Blackberry Drove and Straight Drove** are very important tracks for the villagers. As they lie largely within the Parish Council boundaries, these have been selected initially for attempted repair and protection.

To date, two options have been suggested:

Repair the existing damage using road planings (crunched up tarmac etc. from highway repairs). This will level out and make good the surface in the short term and hopefully reduce the attraction for "Green Laners" who prefer mud and ruts.

Creating "Restricted Byway" status for BlackBerry Drove and Straight Drove. This is a legal process, whereby the Byway is gated at appropriate points to prevent vehicular access during the winter months, usually from the end of October to the beginning of April. Agricultural and other legitimate vehicles are given keys/combination codes to allow necessary access during this period.

It is usual to have a gap adjacent to these gates, wide enough (approx. 1.25m) to allow free access to all other users.

Gates would naturally be positioned so as not to interfere with access for the residents/landowners of Blackberry Drove.

The map below (taken from the Definitive Map) shows Reach Byways marked with blue arrows, Blackberry Drove and Straight Drove are highlighted in Pink.

Before embarking on this expensive and potentially contentious project, the PC would like to invite villagers to give their support (or not), opinions, suggestions and ideas for repairing and protecting these two Byways.

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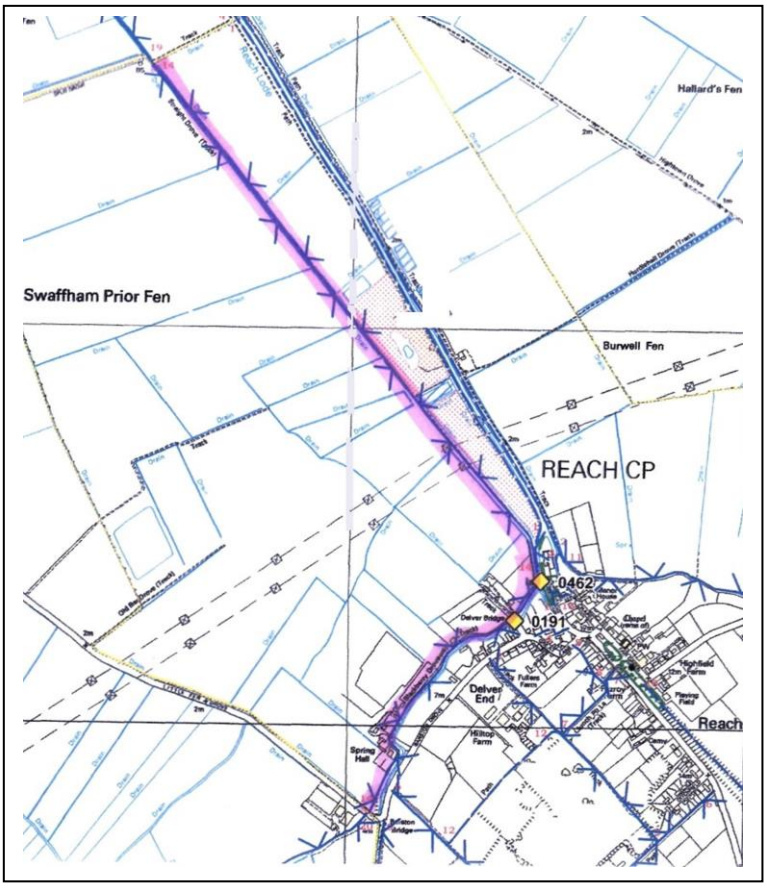

The Dyke's End – 1 Year On!

Easter weekend saw our one-year anniversary at the Dyke's End and as publicans. It was a funny first day behind the bar in 2022, we didn't announce we were officially opening and so we thought we'd have a 'soft launch' - one hour later we were packed to the rafters before we'd even worked out how to use the till. A boozy baptism of fire.



I'd worked in bars before, as had Ruth. I was a bar supervisor for the best part of two years in Leicester during and after Uni - 12 hour shifts at a busy pub with 20 beers on tap filled with locals and students alike. Incidents were rare, but I'd seen some action. But in reflection, I don't think anything had really prepared me for what I was about to encounter in the village of Reach. Sure, I'd placed some orders, received some deliveries, I'd even been on a cellar management course at the local brewery (Everards), so I felt I had a good understanding of what was involved in running a pub. I didn't.

I knew nothing. I didn't know about the hours; I didn't know about the marketing or events; I didn't know about the maintenance; I didn't know about the staff; I didn't know about the accounts; I didn't know about any of it. There was a kitchen full of equipment I didn't know how to use, no chef that I could find (and I looked everywhere, including in the chest freezer), just myself and Ruth staring cluelessly at a commercial building, the lease and assets of which we had purchased, right at the start a new global recession and cost of living and energy crisis. Owning your own business, as we were discovering, as with much of life, is about timing.

When I say purchase, I didn't purchase anything. Mrs Marsh purchased. I was just the lackey. What's more, I wasn't going to spend money on a pub - I'm not daft. But I would have a go at running it. That was the deal. And off we went.

Decorating came first. The upstairs flat resembled …well, it needed some work. So we got Mr Marsh's old pick-up truck and went to the tip. Next came painting. A lot of painting. Beams, walls, stairs, ceiling, the lot. Upstairs and downstairs. A total refresh. New carpets. The plumbing had stopped working in the gent's toilet, luckily I've always had a real knack for things like…calling dad. And that sorted it. Then we had new electrics and light fittings installed upstairs (how had anyone survived up there without lights? How did they read?). The garden needed some attention - another phone call to the newly-formed maintenance department was made. We were getting somewhere. All the gear, still no idea.



The main thing (possibly the only thing) we had going for us was that I liked beer. Real ale. A full mash home brewer and fully decorated CAMRA member for the best part of the last decade. I was well into it. That meant that real ales had to take centre stage. A free house is a rarity these days and they provide a wonderful opportunity to explore and offer something different to patrons. One resident beer (which ended up becoming Wherry from Woodforde's in Norfolk) would provide a recognisable brand and consistent staple. The other beer pumps would be an ever-rotating beer selection, from the finest breweries the region had to offer.

Food? After various forays and skirmishes in the kitchen and the advice still ringing in my ear from a visiting restaurant consultant: 'There aren't enough covers and the kitchen is too small to make money…', the only thing that we really found worked from a financial perspective was doing it ourselves. So that's what we did.

We've kept it simple, with pub classics and themed nights, Sunday lunch, Fish and Chip Night, pies, all of which has allowed us to buy and sell only what we need rather than produce waste, making the food offering sustainable and (as it should be) profitable. A pub that's occasionally a restaurant, rather than vice versa. Regardless of the offering, what we've always tried to do is ensure quality throughout everything we do - the beers, the pies, the meats, the music.



Ruth with friend, helper and entertainer, Emily

And now here we are, one year later. What's changed? With two Reach Fairs under our belt, still all the gear and a bit more of an idea, but definitely still learning. We've also recently purchased the leasehold from the previous owner, meaning we now no longer pay rent (but rather a commercial mortgage!). So onwards and upwards.

Running a pub, as most publicans will tell you these days more than ever, isn't easy. The bills are high and margins small. So, thank you to everyone for all your support over the last year, it's been both crucial and very much appreciated. Every beer counts. We'll look forward to seeing you all in the pub for a well-kept ale very soon.

Cheers!

Dan and Ruth

Is 20 Plenty for Reach?

The County Council has made it easier for villages to have 20mph speed limits and the Parish Council would like to know if residents want Reach to be 20MPH.

If Reach became 20mph all the signage and road markings would be changed to notify people, but there would be no physical restrictions such as speed bumps or road narrowing. Some drivers would probably still exceed the limit but would drive less fast than they currently do as they enter and leave the village.

The County Council suggests that 20mph restrictions will:

- make streets safer by reducing speeds and enabling a more equitable use of the road space for all users (vulnerable road users, sustainable transport, businesses, and car users)
- encourage residents to walk or cycle by reducing speeds
- reduce noise and pollution by amending the way vehicles accelerate/decelerate

A new 20mph limit should be in an area with features that justify a lower speed limit to drivers, for example, an area that has:

- evidence of traffic incidents or potential dangers within an existing 30/40mph
- vulnerable road users e.g. pedestrians (of all ability), cyclists, equestrian users and motorcyclists
- visible homes, shops, and business frontages
- a school or a school route
- a cycling route
- a quiet lane designation
- an area that would benefit from more active travel such as cycling and walking

Reach meets many of these criteria, with many homes fronting onto the road and many cyclists and equestrians. You could even make a strong argument for 20mph on the roads to and from Burwell and Swaffham Prior, to make cycling, riding and walking safer. Once in Burwell or Swaffham Prior there are cycle paths to connect into Cambridge and villages along the way and to Bottisham Village College.

If residents want 20mph on some, or all of these roads, the Parish Council would carry out a more formal consultation and then seek the support of our County Councillor and then apply in good time for the next round of bids (likely to be 30 April 2024).

Please let the Parish Clerk, Sue Bailey, know your views at - clerk@reachparishcouncil.org. The Parish Council will discuss these responses at their meeting on Tuesday 4 July.

Letter from the Vicarage



Summer's nearly here (we hope!), which means BBQs, garden parties and fetes. We're delighted that the first St Mary's Church Fete since before lockdown, will take place in St Mary's churchyard, Burwell, on Saturday 10th June from 2.00 till 4.00pm.

This year's ecological "Green" theme ties in with the Climate Coalition's "Great Big Green Week" that runs from June 10th – 18th. Come and browse the Bric-a-Brac, Plant and Book stalls, take part in the Grand Raffle and the Children's Games and maybe enter the Cake Competition or create a fruit and veg masterpiece for our Fruit and Vegetableaux Competition. With a Messy Church Tent, a BBQ, Cream Teas and hopefully, Parachuting Teddies From The Tower, it's going to be a great family afternoon. If you would like to take part with a Charity or Trade stall, please contact Jo Proctor (LLM@stmarysburwell.org.uk). If you feel able to donate a raffle prize or would like to volunteer to assist on the day, please contact Rob Proctor: tech@stmarysburwell.org.uk

Carers Week this year is June 5th – 11th and is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges unpaid carers face and recognise the contribution they make to families and communities throughout the UK. It also helps people who don't think of themselves as having caring responsibilities to identify as carers and access much-needed support. We are holding a Thanksgiving Service for Carers on Sunday June 11th at 3.00pm at St Mary's, followed by tea and all are welcome. Later, on Sunday July 2nd at 3.00pm, we are delighted to be hosting a service at St Mary's for Renewal of Marriage Vows, followed by cake and a celebratory drink. If any couples would like to find out about taking part and renewing your marriage vows, please contact me.

This year marks 1,350 years since St Etheldreda set up a joint monastery for men and women in Ely - the first religious community established there. There is a Diocesan Festal Eucharist at noon on Saturday 24th June and then on Sunday 25th June all churches named in honour of St Etheldreda are invited to an Ecumenical Festal Evensong and Procession at 4.00pm. More details can be found on Ely Cathedral's website and Facebook page. Our own Thanksgiving Celebrations in Reach, will be on Sunday 30th July. Bishop Dagmar is joining us for Holy Communion at 10.00am. At 11.15am there will be refreshments, followed by a short service of Thanksgiving and Dedication for the building work. All are very welcome to join us for the service or come along at 11.15am to join us for cake and the Dedication.

Over the last few months, we have been working in partnership with other groups in the village, as the Burwell Food Support Group and a recent initiative is a weekly Pop-up Pantry on Friday afternoons 2.00 – 3.00pm at Burwell Day Centre, for a trial period, with cupboard basics, short life fresh food items, toiletries & hygiene products. Anyone in financial need is welcome to access support, without a voucher, to help them get back on their feet. Ely Foodbank has also been operating alongside, with a weekly Foodbank Centre. Check on social media for the latest updates or get in touch if you would like help to access support.

To find out more about what's going on at St Mary's or St Etheldreda's in Reach, please see our Facebook pages and website. Most weeks, we aim to livestream our weekly 10am Sunday service on Facebook. Café Church is usually the first Sunday of the month, beginning with refreshments, time to chat and themed activities, followed by a short service. Next dates are June 4th, July 9th and August 6th. Messy Church has a regular pattern of Sunday afternoon gatherings and we welcome families with children of all ages who want to have fun, explore faith and share a meal. All Ages, All Welcome. Refresh Café is our group for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups, which meets on Friday mornings at St Mary's from 10.00am, with a simple sandwich lunch from 11.30am. We offer a very warm welcome to any little ones and their parents/carers and continue during school holidays, welcoming older children as well for these extended sessions. We are also hoping to set up a similar group in Reach, probably on Monday mornings. If you'd like to help, please contact me and we will arrange for you to go through the Church of England's safer recruitment process.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about these or any of our events or services, including weddings, christenings and baby thanksgivings, or if you would value an opportunity to chat.
Revd Canon Dr Eleanor Williams, Vicar of Burwell with Reach, 01638 741262 vicar@stmarysburwell.org.uk
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Reach Church Development Update

Good progress has been made since the last update and we can now say that the main project to refurbish the church is complete.

The altar rail and the plaque for Maisie are in place. The digital piano has been delivered and the rest of the furniture and other items have been taken out of storage and re-instated in church.





The lightning conductor was finally installed (with the contractor wearing a bee suit and taking care to minimise disruption to the bees!) and the builders could then hand the church over to us formally. It is now, therefore, open every day and we are grateful to the team of key holders from Reach who look after this on a rota basis.

The cream teas and bookstall at Reach Fair were well patronised and it was great to have space and flexibility to arrange tables instead of just having the rows of pews for people to sit on while enjoying their scones. Though the kitchen in the church is tiny, it was great to have running water instead of having to fetch water in buckets to fill the urns!

Now that the main project is finished, we can turn our attention to other matters like the bell, the clock and the boundary walls and the churchyard. The Biodiversity plan for the churchyard includes surveying the existing flowers and insects during the first year and creating/maintaining suitable habitats. If anyone would like to get involved in this work, please contact me in the first instance.

We hope many of you will be able to join us on Sunday 30th July 2023 when Bishop Dagmar, Bishop of Huntingdon, will join us for the official opening and re-dedication of the church. Look out for more details nearer the time. This is Bishop Dagmar's first visit to Reach and it would be good to give her a warm welcome.

Pat Chalmers on behalf of Reach Development Group
administrator@stmarysburwell.org.uk

CELEBRATING COMPLETION OF THE REFURBISHMENT of ST ETHELDREDA'S REACH

with special guest
The Bishop of Huntingdon
Sunday 30th July 2023
at St Etheldreda's Reach

10.00am Communion Service

11.15am Refreshments & Dedication Ceremony

St Mary's Burwell
St Etheldreda's Reach
Loving God, Loving People

Know Your Parish Council

Your Councillors are:

Charlotte Cane	Vice Chair
Cristine Fletcher	Chair
Catherine Gibson	Councillor
Edward Hall	Councillor
Luke Mercer	Councillor

There are currently 2 vacancies, please contact Susan Bailey if you are interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council

Charlotte Cane	District Councillor
John Trapp	District Councillor
Joshua Schumann	County Councillor

Meetings take place in the **Village Hall** on the first **Tuesday** of each month. They start at **7.00pm** and all Reach villagers are welcome to attend.

Your Clerk is Susan Bailey
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Know Your District Councillors



Thank you to everyone who voted and especially to those who voted for us to continue as your Councillors. We are looking forward to continuing to represent Bottisham ward residents at the District Council.

Across the District the Lib Dems won the most votes - 18,831, the Conservatives came second with 18,226 votes and Labour won 8,489 votes. But the Conservatives won the most seats and the Council is made up of 15 Conservatives and 13 Lib Dems.

This report is a brief review of the 2022/23 year.

Refuse Collection and Street Sweeping

The service has now improved, but there are still issues. For example, there were some missed/late bin collections in January, because of problems with vehicles. And the delivery of the black bin bags was delayed and patchy – we were still getting residents with no black bags in May. Despite these shortcomings, the Conservatives agreed an additional £500,000 fee to ECSS for the 2022/23 financial year and budgeted for a similar extra sum in the current financial year.

It was reported to the Operational Services Committee that waste collection rates had improved in Jan-March 2023, with 99.87% of all collections achieved first time. But that "resources have continued to be focussed on collection services and this has challenged the ability of the street cleansing service to complete requests. Priority in the street cleansing service is in turn given to higher profile areas within the District." Unfortunately, this means that in Jan-March 2023 just 15% of fly tipping was removed within 2 working days, against a target of 98%. This was also considerably down on last year when 61% was cleared within 2 working days.

East Cambs Trading Company

In April the Conservatives agreed a £7.5M loan to the Council's Trading Company. ECTC has drawn down £6M of this loan, leaving £1.5M to cover their cash flow going forward. The loan is due to be repaid in full by 31 March 2026

Buses

In October, we nearly lost the number 11 and 12 buses. After a strong local campaign, the Combined Authority funded the number 11 run by Stephensons, who also continued the number 12 route as a commercial route. We now have these routes for at least another year, but continue to press for improvements, not least to get the number 11 stopping at Bottisham.

Meet your Councillors

We enjoyed our conversations with residents during the past few months, and listening to your views, your misgivings and your suggestions. We hold meetings most months, which are open to any resident without booking. People come to discuss ideas for making our villages even better to live in, concerns about Council services, or raise their own problems. Our next District Councillors' meeting is on Tuesday 20 June at 6.30pm at Swaffham Prior Village Hall. The following District Councillors' meeting is on Wednesday 19 July at 6.30pm in the Committee Room at the Bottisham Sports & Social Club. We have enjoyed going to social events in the ward, such as coffee mornings, and would be delighted to join in social events if invited. We are always happy to be contacted directly:

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held at in the village hall on Wednesday 4th April 2023 at 7.00pm.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present	Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present	Charlotte Cane	District Councillor	Present
Cris Fletcher	Councillor	Present	Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present
Matt Newman	Councillor	Present			
Ed Hall	Councillor	Present			

Apologies for absence – There were none.

Forum for members of the public.
30+ members of the public attended the meeting to speak about & hear the discussion regarding the approval of the NP for submission to ECDC. Most of the comments were with regard to the changes to the development envelope proposed by the NP. There were strong feelings both for and against approval of these changes. Several people spoke for both sides.

Comments for the approval included – don't want to lose the identity of the village with development on the Fen edge of the village, the NP is urgent & fully supported, excellent work, thanks to everyone for getting the plan to where it is today, fully support, should approve and pass to ECDC & then to the village for a vote, the Hythe is full of history and needs to be protected, its visual amenity both in landscape and in the built environment, the NP has been constructed with care and openness, respondents high, preserving the special nature of village, we have a duty not only to the present inhabitants but also to those who will come after us, the Hythe and its environs are historically important, that area is also visually important. The Development Envelope as set out in the Draft Plan of July 2021 recognises both those issues, and I would urge the Council to vote in favour of submitting the draft as it stands as a declaration of policy and intent.

Against the approval – NP members are only on the committee to stop 16 Chapel lanes garden being included in the planning envelope, NP is now a campaign group, cannot see how the petition can be ignored, a petition is an allowable form of consultation for NP, decision making process was wrong, the PC lacks integrity, there is a lack of trust of the PC, the PC had an agenda but should be impartial, NP had not been dealt with in an honest fashion, PC should serve the community, the NP does not reflect the aspirations of the village, A complaint had been submitted regard a Councillor so the NP should not continue, PC is the foundation of democracy.
It was stated that there were 6 residents in the hall who would call a Parish meeting to reject the PC & therefore stop the NP. A new PC would restore people's confidence.

A member of the public also spoke with reference to their property, and its inclusion in the list of Buildings of local significance along with the statement: "The formal designation of the identified Buildings of Local Significance as Local Heritage Assets by ECDC will be pursued." He argued that the list is not professionally derived, and evidence was given to the PC which stated that the building had been completely rebuilt in the 1970s. He requested the PC drops it from this list and leave it as simply being an important property within the conservation area.

The PC Rights of Way Officer attended to listen and take part in the Byways discussion.

Declaration of Interests
There were none.

1. Co-option of new councillor
Members of the public were not asked to leave for a confidential item as the Chair felt this would be too disruptive considering the numbers in the hall. Councillor Cane asked the PC members and the candidate if they objected to the item being taken in public and there were no objections.
Luke Mercer had applied to join the PC. Proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor Fletcher. **Approved.**
Luke joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting. Councillor Cane asked Councillor Mercer if he had any interests to declare and he confirmed he had none.

The Neighbourhood Plan – 3 statements to be approved
Before discussion started The Chair stated that she had taken advice from the District Solicitor, and that Councillors must decide whether they are predetermined. The advice stated that those who had signed the petition, unless they had changed their minds were predetermined. Two councillors had signed the petition. Councillor Fletcher stated she still had lots of questions to ask, she was here with an open mind, with a neutral view, she was not predetermined. Councillor Newman stated he was now open minded and not biased, he is not predetermined.

The Chair of the NP group was then asked to speak, she had provided a full report to the PC prior to the meeting. She stated that the NP was to create a framework for planning more detailed that the Local Plan, with opinions from the village. All changes are evidence lead, with evidence from professional consultants, and were supported with views from village consultations which followed the official NP processes. ECDC are content with the changes, it is unfair to say that the Group just did it, a lot of time & discussion had taken place. If the majority do not agree it will fail at referendum, please let the village decide.

2. The PC resolves to make the changes proposed in the Consultation Statement, appendices 5 & 6 to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan July 2021
The request to remove the property from the list of identified Buildings of Local Significance as Local Heritage Assets was discussed. The evidence supplied showed that although there had been obvious changes. Based on the resident's request & the fact that the entire property is within the Conservation area & therefore already has protection. Councillor Hall proposed the request be accepted, seconded Councillor Fletcher. 4 for, 1 against, 1 abstention. **Approved** & will be removed.

With regard to accepting all the other changes proposed in the Consultation Statement, appendices 5 & 6 to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan July 2021, Councillor Cane proposed they be approved, seconded Councillor McMillan. **Approved** unanimously.

3. The PC resolves to retain the development envelope as set out in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan July 2021
With regard to the contentious change of the proposed development envelope. Councillor Fletcher ask several questions. What are the reasons and why has the development envelope changed. Why has some land been removed, some included and some not added in. Also asking why certain properties, including her property, had not been included in the development envelope. Councillor Cane stated that she wasn't comfortable with that line of questioning. Councillor Fletcher concluded that she felt the NP group just decided to take the line of the development envelope through people's gardens. The NP Chair responded by stating a detail answer to this was in the document supplied but to summarise the decision was based on the planning history of the plot, village support for the Hythe & its restoration, other consultee opinion the NT for example, and the landscape, ecology, and archaeological reports. Other areas by The Hythe had been removed from the plan and those in the village which had planning permission approved were added. The group had been conscious of not including land which would indicate ribbon development on the outskirts of the village. ECDC planning require zero housing requirement in the village for the next 10 years. It was discussed that it was an anomaly to have a piece of land in the development envelope that had a section 52 order on it and that the planning inspectorate had refused planning on appeal. The PC needs to make a strong statement to support the section 52 order, & the archaeology of the Hythe. Is it possible to include the garden but with added comments to give the protection required? The NP must be consistent.

There was concern that once the NP had been tainted by problems it is difficult to get village acceptance, but the NP needs to move forward. ECDC may make changes and people can make representations to the planning inspectorate. Then the village referendum will decide.

Councillor Fletcher suggested that the PC should ask the village to vote on the single issue, then the PC will represent those that vote. It was argued that the NP looked at planning issues, professional consultations as well as representations from the village. And that it would be impossible to make sure this was a fair vote. There was also concern that if delayed the NP would be put at risk & funding would not continue.
Finally, it was proposed by Councillor Fletcher & seconded by Councillor Newman that the decision be deferred to see if a mutually agreeable way forward could be established that would satisfy all parties and allow a positive future referendum. **Approved** 3 for, 2 against, 1 abstention.

4. The PC resolves to submit the Neighbourhood Plan, thus amended to ECDC for examination
This point had to be deferred due to the above decision.

At the end of the NP section of the meeting most of the public left the room. Feelings still ran high and there were two incidences of verbal abuse towards the PC, one of which approached the table & was aimed particularly at Councillor Fletcher. The Chair asked everyone to stop and leave the room quietly and respectfully.

4. The state of the byways around the village

Every winter the byways local to the village get badly rutted and impassable due to the weather and use by farmers and 4x4 drivers. The byways become unusable in parts. Byways can legally be restricted for the winter months with only authorised users being given access. The PC would have to pay for the consultations, the gates and all works done. It may be possible to use the Burwell Solar farm money, but this would need to be authorised. It was agreed that this was a discussion for the May Annual Parish Meeting & the PC would need to know how the village, and those that used the byways felt about this, including the farmers & NT. ***Councillor Fletcher*** to speak to Burwell PC who had done this many years ago. The Rights of Way officer also agreed to be involved.

5. Planning

There was none.

6. District Councillor Report

The Operational Services Committee had a presentation from the CCC Youth and Community Coordinator, Lizzi Wales, as well as from Sergeant Pike of Cambridgeshire Constabulary, and they mentioned their involvement with youth in the County. They cited how they were able to reduce youth anti-social behaviour in Bottisham, and their Road Safety Awareness courses; their approach was to work in partnership with local communities, and they have a programme of Summer Detached/Outreach youth work project. Well worth discussing with them any concerns over youth ASB - Email: Lizzi.Wales@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

The District may be having black bins for general waste, and a sum of money has been set aside for this; it depends on the directive from central Government on how waste is to be collected. The Committee also approved the purchase of new HVO-fuelled waste vehicles for our waste fleet; HVO (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) fuel has almost the same emissions of carbon dioxide as electric vehicles, but the capital cost is about 40% of the cost of electric vehicles. This will reduce the Council's carbon footprint significantly. It was also decided to introduce in-cab technology for routing, a feature that had been advocated by Charlotte and John almost a year ago.

At the Finance and Assets Committee, there was a bid for £10,060 from Kennett CLT for funding towards their completing the development and purchase off the developer. This is a fund set up by ECDC to help CLTs start their ventures into providing affordable housing for the community. Any CLT may bid for start-up funds from the pot of £100,000 that was set aside for this purpose.

The bid from Kennett CLT shows how complicated the finances of ECTC are. ECTC took the planning proposals to ECDC for outline planning permission. Once they had permission, the land, with permission, was sold to Bellway homes who are now developing the site. ECTC received significant financial benefit from this arrangement. But now the CLT must make payments to Bellway Homes, for which ECDC is giving them a grant.

So, there is money coming in to one ECDC pot and going out from another ECDC pot. Where there is money coming in from ECTC which is genuinely additional, it is often money which would come from any developer – e.g., CIL payments. It is therefore really difficult to see what, if any, financial benefit is coming to ECDC from ECTC.

Also at the same Committee, it was reported that ECDC was successful in its bid from UK Shared Prosperity Fund and was allocated £839,851 (sic). £180,000 was set aside for a Pride of Place East Cambridgeshire fund to enable Parishes to create or improve local spaces for the pride of the local residents and for access to improve health and well-being.

There were also funds set up for Business Growth (£208,000, Local Enterprise Support Scheme for start-up businesses (£111,851), for more cycle feasibility studies (£150,000), for promoting East Cambridgeshire as a place to visit and explore (£100,000), and for promoting Digital Inclusion (£90,000). Information about bids for these funds will be forthcoming.

The Audit Committee met mainly to review the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 and the external audit report. The external audit report sent out with the papers was incomplete and we were given a verbal update which was very hard to follow. Even with that update, the audit was not complete – including the work on how the two trading companies had been included in the accounts. This is an area where the auditors have found material errors in previous years. Charlotte proposed that the Committee should meet again to consider the final audit report and the post audit Statement of Accounts, but this was defeated, and the accounts were approved subject to any changes resulting from the audit "that, in the opinion of the Section 151 Officer, do not impact on the overall substance of the Accounts." Charlotte did at least succeed in getting it agreed that the final audit report would come back to the Committee, as the Forward Agenda had made no provision for this.

The Accounts for 2021/22 have still not been published, even though the 2022/23 financial year has finished. This is not unique to ECDC it is a national problem which has been getting worse year on year since the government scrapped the Audit Commission in 2015 and transferred its responsibilities to the private sector.

According to the National Audit Office in 2015/16 97% of local authorities published their accounts on time, by 2019/20 just 47% of local authorities published on time. The NAO also predicts that audit costs will rise by 150% for 2023/24 onwards compared to 2022/23 fees.

7. County Councillor Report Not received.

8. Minutes of previous Meeting - to be approved as correct Approved.

9.1 Reach Grant Fund Nothing to report.

9.2 Finance The final report for the financial year showed that the PC had a small under spend.

9.3 Parish Council Members
Councillor Cane reported that Burwell PC agreed with Reach that the Burwell Solar Farm moneys should not go through a 3rd party as this makes thing unnecessarily complicated. It was agreed by the two PCs that there should be a charity set up run by the two PCs, with Burwell providing the administration and hosting the registered office. This would now be put before EDF for agreement.

Councillor Newman had received an anonymous complaint regarding poor parking. Again, it was stated that the PC cannot accept anonymous complaints but could keep all detail confidential.

9.4 Play Spaces
Our contractor had looked at the grass and the matting issues. Councillor McMillan had looked at the surface under the swings on the green, one area in particular is worn significantly. Three screws were found to be loose ***Councillor McMillan*** to tighten. Quotes and advice on the soft areas on the playground are needed. The surface, which is rubber chips, has grass has grown through which has brought soil to the surface which upsets its resilience.
It was agreed that the PC should await the safety inspection in May for advice. ***Clerk*** to arrange.

9.5 Rights of Way See item above.

9.6 24Acres Committee Nothing to report.

9.7 Neighbourhood Plan
Following the decision to defer the decision on the NP approval. A two week time limit was set. ***Councillors Fletcher, Newman & Hall*** to produce a document and plan on how to move things forward. ***Clerk*** to arrange and set a date for an extraordinary meeting.

9.8 Friends Of Reach Wood
Clerk reported that the WT had placed new Dog Walking Code signs at the entrances to the wood.

9.9 A to B1102 Group Nothing received.

9.10 Reach Fair Group
The Fair CIC would take over the payments to the Village Hall for storage of 'Event' items. These items belong to the PC and are covered under the PC insurance.

10. Results of review of the process taken in the draft NP decision regarding the development envelope
Due to time constraints, this item was also deferred to the Extraordinary meeting.

11. Appointment of 2nd rep to Burwell Solar Farm Community Liaison Group
Ed Hall agreed to be the second Reach PC representative.

12. Setting up the Grant Fund as a charity
This item could not be discussed as papers had not been received. ***Clerk*** to add to June meeting agenda

13. Should Reach apply for a speed limit of 20mph, and if so which areas
It was thought appropriate that this item should be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

15. Payments
CR Contracting – mowing contract £96.50
CAPALC – Cemetery training course £120.00
Places4people – NP support £720.00 **NB.** This payment was reduced to **£480** as the NP was not approved.
S. Bailey – clerk salary £confidential

Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held at in the village hall on Wednesday 27th April 2023 at 7.00pm.

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present	Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
David McMillan	Councillor	Present	Charlotte Cane	District Councillor	Present
Cris Fletcher	Councillor	Present	Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present
Ed Hall	Councillor	Present			
Luke Mercer	Councillor	Present			

Apologies for absence – There were none.

The following statement was made by the Chair, Councillor Cane

"At the last meeting there was some behaviour which was not acceptable at a Parish Council meeting. I therefore remind people that we should treat each other with respect. In particular:
The public address lasts for a maximum of 15 minutes, unless I use my discretion to allow up to a further 15 minutes.
Each person can speak for a maximum of 3 minutes
Nothing defamatory should be said – this includes accusations against individuals or groups of people or references to any complaints which have not yet been decided.
Once the public address is over, no member of the public can speak.
As members of the public leave, whether during or after the meeting, they must do so quietly & calmly. They must not come towards the Councillors in a manner which could be perceived as threatening.
We are all neighbours, let's try to act accordingly."

Forum for members of the public.

30+ members of the public attended the meeting. Again, there was strong feeling for and against approval of the changes to the development envelope within the draft NP. Several people spoke for both sides.
Comments for the approval opened with thanks to the PC for their efforts & the challenges they had faced. The decision must be supported by the evidence which is strong & clear regarding the Fen edge & The Hythe. Ultimately the only way to decide is to move to referendum. 16 Chapel lane went through planning & was refused, went to appeal & was refused so why would NP development envelope include it. The Hythe is such a special place it must be protected. As part of PC at the time of approval, I was happy to support the change as the application for planning & appeal had been rejected. It is easy in retrospect to talk about what was done wrong with the document. The information was there if people had looked. Planning decisions need to be taken by East Cambs District Council; NP gives the village view. Reach does not support fen edge development. Next step will allow individuals to make representations to ECDC planning. Ask that PC discuss based on facts. There is no new evidence to consider from when the decision was made in 2021. NP is to safeguard the village which is the most important thing.

Against the approval – The decision making process was partially flawed, some Councillors may not have been fully informed which if they had been may have resulted in a different conclusion, the consultation did not include the present development envelope map. The survey results & comments were not available until 1 year after the process because the consultant was too busy, this is not acceptable. Very distressing situation worst, the village has seen. Owners of 16 Chapel Lane should have been informed. The consultation should have had, do you agree questions for each of the proposed changes to the development envelope. The petition was ignored. A compromise had been offered but not considered. Consultation document badly was written.

Review of decision process, item 5, should be moved to before the approval section as there are several issues which have been partially upheld with the review & therefore the NP drafting must be seen as flawed.

Co-option of new councillor

Catherine Gibson had applied to join the PC. Proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor Hall. **Approved unanimously.** Catherine joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Fletcher read a statement – "at the last meeting we deferred the decision as we felt we could find a compromise which would satisfy both parties & would help the NP go to referendum. We studied other NP decisions & learned that a lot of them failed, not due to the whole document but due to one item that could not be resolved. The discussion started on Wednesday morning after the meeting between ourselves & the NP officer at ECDC & it initially appeared that there could be a mutually agreeable way forward. However, the further we investigated the more apparent it became that we would never find a solution that would suit all.

I signed the petition not because I am against the NP but because I considered that the decision to move the development envelope was done without the knowledge & consultation of the resident of 16 Chapel Lane. Therefore, I can no longer say I am open minded & now I have to declare myself predetermined & according to the ECDC solicitor I will not take and further part in this discussion."
She then joined the members of public for the rest of the meeting.

The Neighbourhood Plan – statements for approval
Councillor Cane spoke to state that the decision to be made was whether the NP should be submitted with the new development envelope, to the ECDC examiner. The examiner is a planning expert and will hold a consultation so everyone can respond. Advice will be provided if necessary and then it will move to referendum. All the electorate will be able to vote in a secret ballot and the majority will decide.

1. The PC resolves to retain the development envelope as set out in the Draft Neighbourhood Plan July 2021
Noting that the PC resolved at its meeting on 4 April 2023 to make the changes proposed in the Consultation Statement, appendices 5 & 6 to the Draft Neighbourhood Plan July 2021, the PC resolves
The deferral team spoke to the ECDC NP officer to clarify & concluded there was no way to resolve the issue & please everyone. They are the planning authority; their experts will look at it. Concluded there is nothing more the PC can do. All letters sent in to the PC had been read. The process should now move to the next stage & advance to the referendum.
Proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor Mercer. **Approved unanimously.**

2. The PC resolves to submit the Neighbourhood Plan, thus amended to ECDC for examination
Proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor McMillan. **Approved unanimously.**

3. Approval of payment for balance of People4Places invoice for the Neighbourhood plan submission work £240.00
Proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor Gibson. **Approved unanimously.**

4. Minutes of previous Meeting - to be approved as correct.
Proposed by Councillor Mercer, Seconded by Councillor Hall. **Approved unanimously.**

5. Results of the review of the process taken in the draft NP decision regarding the development envelope.
Councillor Cane stated that certain points in the review were inaccurate. The review highlighted that the petition was not considered. This is a misunderstanding by the Councillor tasked with the review who was not a councillor at the time.
The petition was discussed, and it was decided that it contained GDPR issues, it didn't say who it was addressed to or what would happen with the data. The signatories were therefore not published but the NP Group inferred that the petition was meant for them and/or the PC so the NP group & PC discussed it at length and noted that about 90 villagers had signed it.

The delay on publication was not due to the consultant being overworked but due to many factors. Mostly the number of respondents, many of which were in paper form which had to be typed up & considered. Covid must also be a consideration.
The decision just approved supersedes the decision the review discusses so it is best to continue with the process, to continue with the review would not be a good use of time.
The review and the highlighted errors should be noted. Proposed Councillor Cane, seconded Councillor Mercer.
Approved unanimously.

Draft Minutes of Reach Parish Council meeting held at Reach Village Hall on Tuesday 9th May 2023

Attendance

Charlotte Cane	Chair	Present	Susan Bailey	Clerk	Present
Cris Fletcher	Councillor	Present	Charlotte Cane	District Councillor	Present
Ed Hall	Councillor	Present	Joshua Schumann	County Councillor	Not Present
Luke Mercer	Councillor	Present			
Matt Newman	Councillor	Not Present			
Claire Halpin	Councillor	Not Present			

1. Apologies for absence
Accepted. Councillors Newman & Halpin both submit resignation letters following the uncontested election results.

2. Election of Officers; Chairman, and Vice Chairman.
Chair – Councillor Fletcher was proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor Hall. Approved unanimously.
Vice Chair – Councillor Cane was proposed by Councillor Fletcher, Seconded by Councillor Hall. Approved unanimously.

3. Co-option of New Councillor.
Catherine Gibson had applied to become a Councillor. Proposed by Councillor Cane, Seconded by Councillor Hall. Approved unanimously.

4. Declaration of Interests
There were none.

5. Planning - 23/00368/FUL 14 The Hythe. Demolition of existing single garage & construction of replacement garage, structure to match the original. Councillors had not visited this site & where therefore unable to discuss the application.

23/00499/TRE The Dykes End 8 Fair Green. T1 Yew crown reduction 1.5m to reduce shading of pub garden and front of pub. Councillors Hall & Fletcher had visited with Nick Acklam, Trees officer & Steve Boreham. Following discussion with the applicant it was thought that the case for pruning the tree (to reduce heavy shading in the garden) was reasonable and that the PC should support it.
However, it was felt that the specification of the works should be changed somewhat to ensure that the objective was met & the full amenity value of the tree was retained . It was suggested:
- there is no apical pruning as this would encourage lateral growth of a kind that would increase shade in the garden rather than reduce it
- there is a canopy lift to a height of 2.5 metres or thereabouts (with a degree of discretion left to the tree surgeon to ensure that a balanced canopy is retained)
- a reduction of the radius of the canopy by 600 mm and perhaps a little more where the tree grows over the road used by dray vehicles and which has led to damage to branches, creating a risk of disease to the tree.
- removal of dead wood within the canopy
- trimming of the growth around the trunk of the tree up to a height of 2.5 metres (where the canopy emerges). The radius of this hedge-like growth can be reduced by 600 mm.
- This work should be avoided in the summer months.

Clerk to comment to ECDC stating that the PC supports the application subject to meeting with the tree surgeon on site to agree the details of the work.

6. Minutes of previous Meeting
Approved as correct with the addition from Councillor Cane.
At the previous meeting a member of the public had made public the fact that there was a code of conduct complaint submitted to the monitoring officer at ECDC. Since then Councillor Cane had received the below and wanted this to be made public also.

"Further to the complaint made by XXXXXXXX regarding Councillor Cane, I can confirm that on 28th April 2023, I went through XXXXXXX complaint in detail.
There were 7 parts to XXXXXX complaint. One part of the complaint I rejected in its entirety as it relates to Parish Council procedures, I failed to find any evidence to support 2 further parts and the remaining 4 parts have no evidence to support the allegations.
I therefore wrote to XXXXXX to confirm that as it stands, I am unable to investigate further.
Councillor Cane has asked me to let you know, as unusually, XXXXXXX chose to make her complaint public and therefore, it is only right that my decision should be made public as well."

4. Election of additional officers, Rights of Way & Play Spaces, any additional officers
Rights of Way officer – Hilary Fielding, proposed by Councillor Cane & seconded by Councillor Fletcher. Approved unanimously.
Play Spaces Officer – Councillor Hall, proposed by Councillor Fletcher & seconded by Councillor Cane. Approved unanimously.
Tree Officer – Nick Acklam, proposed by Councillor Cane & seconded by Councillor Gibson. Approved unanimously.
Burwell Solar Farm Liaison Group – Councillor Hall, proposed by Councillor Fletcher & seconded by Councillor Cane. Approved unanimously. And Councillor Mercer, proposed by Councillor Cane & seconded by Councillor Fletcher. Approved unanimously.

Clerk to add village hall officer, Swaffham Prior Parochial Charity & AtoB1102 rep. to the June agenda.

5. Information Items

6. Payments

CR Contracting – mowing	£276.50	Npower – Streetlight electricity	£933.06
CAPALC- Councillor Training	£75.00	Fuse Collaboration Services – IT	£672.05
CAPALC – Membership fees	£288.09	Village Hall – yearly hall hire	£211.20

Snakehall Farm welcomes Lucy Frazer MP

Recently, I visited the Prospects Trust at Snakehall Farm in Reach to see the work the charity does to provide employment training and opportunities for people with disabilities and additional needs.



It was a pleasure to meet some of the 75 'Co-workers' on site, including Sarah (pictured, front), who has conscientiously developed her work-based skills through attending the Prospects Trust twice-weekly for 13 years. I was also so impressed by the resources available at the 18-acre organic farm – most notably the weatherproof pod, which ensures the co-workers can safely continue their work outdoors in all weathers.

And it is exciting that more is on the way. Mark Cornell, the Farm Manager and Rhian Cornell, the Finance and Compliance Manager, also shared their plan to transform a 7.5 acre field into a community green space with wildflower meadows, tree and hedge planning and pond areas to promote biodiversity and carbon offsetting.

None of this would have been possible without the investment that has come in from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, a charity which connects philanthropy with local charities to improve the quality of life for people in Cambridgeshire; in particular, those who are vulnerable or face disadvantage in life. Their 'Innovate' and 'Cultivate Cambs' funds have been a source of great financial provision for Prospects Trust throughout their existence.

For voluntary/community groups or social enterprises who are encouraged by this story and are intrigued by the contribution of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, I would encourage you to check the eligibility of some of their grants with an August deadline at: https://www.cambscf.org.uk/august-deadline. These grants include the Arm Community Fund (for projects that benefit children, young people and families facing life crises), the Cambridgeshire Technology Fund (for initiatives which wish to apply the latest technology to improve people's lives), and the John Stewart Memorial Fund (to support people who are disadvantaged or disabled to benefit from sport).

Lucy Frazer

Burwell and Reach Car Scheme

The Burwell and Reach Car Scheme offers those with travel restrictions or mobility issues a drive to the doctor, dentist, hospital, optician, hairdresser, shopping or just a visit to a friend, at a cost of 30p per mile. Just leave a message on 07399 154913 with your requirements and someone will get back to you. Or contact me, Pam King in Reach on 07484 852889.

If anyone in Reach would like to volunteer to drive we are always grateful for extra people. Just leave a message on the answerphone 07399 154913. DBS certificates are required but easy to obtain through the scheme.

Diary Dates

June 2023	Event	Location	Time
Sunday 4	Holy Communion	St Etheldreda's, Reach	8.30am
Tuesday 6	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Tuesday 6	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tuesday 13	Recycling Day (Brown/Green)		
Tuesday 20	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sunday 25	Holy Communion	St Etheldreda's, Reach	8.30am
Tuesday 27	Recycling Day (Brown/Green)		

July 2023	Event	Location	Time
Tuesday 4	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tuesday 4	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Sunday 9	Holy Communion	St Etheldreda's, Reach	8.30am
Tuesday 11	Recycling Day (Brown/Green)		
Tuesday 18	Recycling Day (Blue)		
Tuesday 25	Recycling Day (Brown/Green)		
Sunday 30	Holy Communion and Dedication Service	St Etheldreda's, Reach	10.00am

Bus Timetable

Stephenson's Number 11 – no service Sundays and Public Holidays - NS not Saturdays, Sa Saturdays only

	NS	Sa	Sa	NS										
Newmarket, The Guineas Bus Station	--	--	700	700	820	920	1020	1120	1220	1320	1420	1520	1620	1745
Newmarket, Studlands, Park Avenue	--	--	710	710	830	930	1030	1130	1230	1330	1430	1530	1630	1755
Burwell, Ness Road	639	649	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Burwell, Hawthorn Way	641	651	723	723	843	943	1043	1143	1243	1343	1443	1543	1643	1808
Reach, Post Office	653	703	--	--	855	--	1055	--	1255	--	1455	1555	1655	1820
Swaffham Prior, Bus Shelter	658	708	737	737	900	957	1100	1157	1300	1357	1500	1600	1700	1825
Lode, Church	--	--	--	--	--	1004	--	1204	--	1404	--	--	--	--
Stow cum Quy, Station Rd Bus Stop	708	718	747	751	910	1012	1110	1212	1310	1412	1510	1610	1710	1835
Cambridge, Marshalls Airport	718	728	757	804	920	1022	1120	1222	1320	1422	1520	1620	1720	1845
Cambridge, Drummer St Bus Station	732	742	811	816	934	1034	1134	1234	1334	1434	1534	1634	1734	1859

Cambridge, Drummer St Bus Station	650	750	850	950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1450	1550	1715	1815	1915
Cambridge, Marshalls Airport	702	802	902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1727	1827	1927
Stow cum Quy, Station Rd Bus Stop	712	812	912	1012	1112	1212	1312	1412	1512	1612	1737	1837	1937
Lode, Church	--	--	920	--	1120	--	1320	--	1520	--	1745	--	--
Swaffham Prior, Bus Shelter	723	823	926	1023	1126	1223	1326	1423	1526	1623	1751	1848	1948
Reach, Post Office	728	828	--	1028	--	1228	--	1428	--	1628	--	1853	1953
Burwell, Hawthorn Way	738	838	938	1038	1138	1238	1338	1438	1538	1638	1803	1903	2003
Newmarket, Studlands, Park Avenue	752	852	952	1052	1152	1252	1352	1452	1552	1652	1817	1917	2017
Newmarket, The Guineas Bus Station	802	902	1002	1102	1202	1302	1402	1502	1602	1702	1827	1927	2027

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

The opening of the annual fair once included a mayoral procession to The Hythe.

On this occasion the procession passing ‘Dolphin Cottage’ (now “Black Eyed Susan Cottage”) is being led by the pied piper and local school children all clad in Medieval costume. I can only guess at the date of the photo, but it may well be late 1950s. I remember the barn attached to the cottage being demolished sometime in the 1960s.

Just to the right of the children on the Drying Green in front of ‘White Roses’ was a small culvert and one of the village water taps.

Chris Patterson

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	Secretary	Sue Elliott	01638 742268
Marquee Bookings		Claire Halpin-McDonald	01638 743330
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
Emergencies			
	Electricity (Eastern Electric)		0800 783 8838
	Police (Emergency) Police (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













The village Coronation Tea Party went really well, with huge thanks going to everyone who made it happen and special thanks to Robert, who made the dodgems available, free of charge to the “children” of the village! Pictures courtesy of Debbie Quilter and Nathan Bridgeman