

# Village Voices April 2010



Village Voices is produced by the parish churches for the local community providing news and information for:  
**Guyhirn-Gorefield-Murrow-Parson Drove-Rings End-Tholomas Drove-Thorney Toll-Wisbech St Mary**  
A warm welcome to all newcomers&visitors to our villages!

## *Vicar's Verbal's*

Which team do you support? Teams are so much a part of our lives: I couldn't function here as Vicar without a team of good people behind me (or, more often than not, twenty paces in front of me) sharing the work of ministry and bringing their wisdom, humour and patience to the business of the Gospel. I guess most of us support or belong to teams. Belonging to a team means bringing your own gifts to a common enterprise – sometimes you lead or make a significant contribution, sometimes you follow others and have only a humble contribution to make. In our everyday teams we occasionally have to stick with the task in hand even though we may not agree with the way in which the team has decided to proceed. Provided the team is fulfilling its role with honesty and integrity, individual team members may have to press on with their allotted tasks even though – left to themselves – they might have done things differently. A General Election is looming. If we see it in terms of three or more opposing teams battling it out when we vote 'for our team' and not for 'the others', we will be disappointed if another team wins. But if we accept that the business of government is really the work of one big team (Team U.K. if you like) in which we are all members, and which is driven by the essential contributions of many smaller teams, then we should be more concerned to ensure that the whole process works properly rather than feeling frustrated if the outcome isn't to our liking. After all, it's the taking part that counts.....*Matthew*

## *Chapel's 350<sup>th</sup> Birthday...or is it?*



Guyhirn's historic Chapel of Ease was built in 1660, if we are to accept the date on a carved stone above the entrance door. This is the only clue to the erection of the lovely old building. The design and style of the building is indicative of the Commonwealth period, but, no remaining documentation concerning those responsible for the purchase of the ground and the cost of building has been discovered. And who was RP whose initials are carved on the same stone?

However, in all the circumstances it seems appropriate to celebrate the anniversary, and the Friends are putting together a programme of events which they hope will appeal to everyone. The Churches Conservation Trust, who *is* responsible for the Chapel, will be involved. Details of the programme will be published in next month's *Village Voices*. At the time of going to press the following arrangements are being progressed:

Easter Day Service. 9.30am April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ascension Day Service. 6.30pm May 13<sup>th</sup>

A 350 Anniversary Launch Buffet Supper in the Village Hall on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Exhibition of photographs of the Chapel's recent history.

Annual Thanksgiving Service. July 17<sup>th</sup>

A Programme of Readings and Songs in the Chapel on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The 350 Anniversary Season will end with the Epiphany Service on January 8<sup>th</sup> 2011.

In addition to these events, pupils and teachers at Guyhirn School will be playing a significant role in the celebrations during the Summer Term.

## **FIRE DESTROYS OUR NEIGHBOURS' CHURCH**

As *Village Voices* was being prepared to go to the printers, the news was coming through online that St Mary's church, Westry, was on fire. Later in the morning the lovely 19<sup>th</sup> century church was in ruins and declared unsafe. Matthew Bradbury, on behalf of our three parishes immediately offered help and assistance to our neighbouring parish in its tremendous loss. Please remember the vicar, Revd Anthony Chandler, and the congregation of St Mary's in your prayers and thoughts in the coming months.

## Easter Services

### Sun March 28 Palm Sunday.

**Gorefield.** 10.00: Holy Communion.

**Parson Drove.** 10.30: United service at St Mark's.

**WSM & Guyhirn.** 10.50: Procession in the village followed by Sung Eucharist at 11.00.

**Mon March 29** Gorefield. 7.30: Holy Communion.

**Tues March 30** WSM & Guyhirn. 7.30: Holy Communion.

**Wed March 31** Parson Drove. 7.30: Holy Communion.

### Thur April 1 Maundy Thursday.

WSM & Guyhirn. 6.45: Agape.

8.00: Eucharist

The Watch and at 11.45: Compline.

### Fri April 2 GOOD FRIDAY

**WSM & Guyhirn.** 1.00-2.00: Walk of Witness.

**Parson Drove.** 2.15-3.00: Meditation. Fr Matthew.

**Gorefield.** 2.15-3.00: Meditation. Brian Payne.

**WSM & G.** 2.15-3.00: Meditation. Lilian Brigden.

### Sat April 3

WSM & Guyhirn. 8.00pm: Easter Vigil.

### Sunday April 4. EASTER DAY

**Parson Drove.** 9.30: Holy Communion

**Gorefield.** 10.00: Holy Communion with Ven D Fleming.

**WSM & Guyhirn.** 8.00am: Holy Comm

11.00: Sung Eucharist

## PECKOVER HOUSE GARDENER EXPLAINS HER WORK

The March meeting of Parson Drove Women's Institute began as usual with the singing of *Jerusalem*, followed by the business of the evening.

We were then treated to a delightfully illustrated and very informative talk by Alison Napier, the head gardener of Peckover House, Wisbech. We heard about the annual calendar of work which is needed to maintain the gardens at their very high standard. We also saw beautiful photographs of the many flowers, plants, shrubs and trees, which grow within the Victorian gardens.

Ann Payne.

## CRAFT STALLS TO BE AT PARSON DROVE SHOW

There are to be Craft stalls at this year's Parson Drove Show which is to be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The price is £10 per stall and may be booked by calling Phyl on 700823. This is a new venture for the Show, which is aid of the Air Ambulance and Parson Drove Amenities.

The copy deadline for *Village Voices* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email news, etc. to [paynewsm@btinternet.com](mailto:paynewsm@btinternet.com) or on paper to

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Or phone Terry Brigden on 450481.

## "HELP FOR HEROES" COFFEE MORNING

There is to be a Coffee Morning in Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

All proceeds will go to "Help for Heroes".

## POPULAR METHODIST TEA SERVICES

Brian Payne is the speaker at the next Tea Service in Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church at 4.30pm on Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup>. The guest speaker on April 28<sup>th</sup> will be Lorna Burrows speaking about Action for Children

## JEWELLERY DISPLAY DAZZLES THE GOREFIELD LADIES!

Gorefield Ladies Group's February meeting took the form of a dual event. Glenys Grimm welcomed all present to an Enigma Crystal Jewellery party, introduced by Chris Burbage. Ken and John, of the Fenland "Shadows" Guitar Club, played music from the 60's during the evening. The large display of Swarovski Crystal Jewellery, which is supplied to Miss England, was available for members to see and purchase, whilst the musical accompaniment got the toes tapping in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Glenys thanked Chris, Ken and John, and also reminded people that the next meeting is in the Village Hall, on Wed. March 24<sup>th</sup>. Tim Meakin, the well known florist, will be conducting an Easter Display Workshop. Everyone will be invited to attempt an arrangement after Tim's demonstration. Materials can be arranged by contacting 01945 870276. or members can bring their own supplies.

## + Regular Services +

### St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove.

March 28: 10.30. United Service. Mr T Simpson.

April 4. 10.30: Mr L Ball

April 11. 9.30: United service, Parish Church.

April 18. 10.30: Mrs S Ashew.

April 25. 10.30: United service. Rev L Stoker.

### Murrow Methodist Church

March 28: 10.30. United service. Rev Dewdney.

April 4. 10.30: Local arrangement.

April 11. 10.30: Revd N Hannah.

April 18. 10.30: Revd M Pillay.

April 25. 10.30: Local arrangement.

### Good Friday Methodist Services April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

3.00pm: St Andrew's. Revd D Ely.

6.30pm: Marshland St James. Revd D Bulloss.

### Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church:

Every Sunday exc 1<sup>st</sup> :- 11am. sung eucharist.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:- 8am Communion, 11am Family Service

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:- Evening Prayer: 6.00pm

### Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:- 9.30am Communion.

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:- 9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:- United Service at St Mark's 10.30.

March 7: Greeter: Pauline. Coffee: Sandra

March 14: Greeter: Trevor Coffee: Liz.

March 21: Greeter: Pam. Coffee: Bridget + Rupert.

Flower Rota Easter Day April 4: All help, please.

April 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>: Mrs P Spriggs & Mrs P Judge

### St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 10.00am: Holy Communion

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 10.00am: Morning Worship

## *The Register*

### ***We welcome into the Church family***

**Chloe Payne**, who was baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup>  
**Owen Brown**, who was baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### ***We say farewell to our friends, and send love to the families***

**Walter Whitwell**, of Gorefield, whose funeral was at Mintlyn Crematorium on Tuesday February 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**Winifred Mary Edwards**, of The Gull, Guyhirn, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Marie Hoddy**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Thursday February 18<sup>th</sup>, followed by burial in WSM Cemetery.

**Matthew Butler**, of Leverington, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Friday February 19<sup>th</sup>, followed by burial in WSM Cemetery.

**Hilary Foster**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup>, followed by burial in the churchyard.

**Maurice Daly**, whose funeral service was at the Roman Catholic church, Wisbech on Tuesday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, followed by burial in Parson Drove churchyard.

**Olive Fry**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn Crematorium on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Jean Mary Boor**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove on Thursday March 11<sup>th</sup>, followed by burial in the churchyard.

**Nora Jones**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn Crematorium on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### ***In memoriam***

**Ken Bliss**, of Parson Drove, whose ashes were interred in Guyhirn Garden of Remembrance on Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **WENDY ASKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THE "RACE FOR LIFE"**

*Race for Life* is a series of UK-wide women-only fundraising events organised by Cancer Research UK. Although participation is limited to women, men can get involved by volunteering and marshalling at the event. *Race for Life* involves running, jogging or walking a 5-kilometre course and raising sponsorship from friends and family for doing so. The money raised is donated to the charity and funds cancer research and campaigns. *Race for Life* was conceived specifically for raising awareness of women's cancers. The first *Race for Life* event took place in 1994 when 680 participants participated in a race in Battersea Park, London and raised £36,000. *Race for Life* has subsequently grown to become one of the UK's largest fundraising events. Since its inception, *Race for Life* has raised over £240 million for Cancer Research UK. One regular participant is Wendy Foster, of Wisbech St Mary. Wendy is passionate about taking part in this race and raising money for this important charity, and she invites your support. Please telephone her on 410451 to offer your sponsorship. The local *Race for Life* is on Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, at 7.30pm on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **BUSY MONTH FOR THE MOTHERS' UNION**

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we welcomed Gerry and Rita Woodhouse for a talk and quiz about antique china which was very interesting.

The MU Wave of Prayer will be on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the day before our next meeting when we will welcome Carol to talk to us about her cookery programme.

MU Dedication is in Ely Cathedral on April 17<sup>th</sup>, and the Wisbech Deanery MU Quiet Afternoon is in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church with Revd Matthew Bradbury from 2 to 4pm on Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone is most welcome.

**Lilian Brigden.**

### **LOTS OF GOODIES AT THE MART!**

The next Mart in Wisbech St Mary Church House is Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> from 8.30am to sell-out (usually 10.00am). This popular event features home-made cakes of every size, local produce, bric-a-brac. Call in and see what there is to offer....and then stay for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. We look forward to saying Hello!

### **MARGARET GEORGE RETURNING TO GUYHIRN**

For the first time for fifteen years the photographs of Margaret George, the Guyhirn vicar's daughter, are to be shown in a special presentation in Guyhirn Village Hall on Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Details in next month's *Village Voices*.

## **ELVIS SING-ALONG AND SUPPER AT GOREFIELD**

Tony "G" the local Elvis entertainer was in very good voice at the most enjoyable supper, held on Friday 5th March, in Gorefield Village Hall.

Nearly 60 people attended the annual event and joined in with the singing and dancing after an appetizing jacket potato supper which was prepared and served by the Hall Committee.

The committee expresses its thanks to all who attended the evening, which raised £356.00 towards the upkeep of the Village Hall, which will help to keep the Hall in good repair for the enjoyment of the residents who support the venue.

The volunteers and Committee Members are to be congratulated on their work to ensure this Hall will be remain available for the use of everyone in the village.

## **VICTORIAN VISITORS AT WSM**

At the March meeting of WSM Women's Fellowship, Jim Samuels and his wife came dressed in Victorian costumes and shared with us tales and facts from places between Wisbech and London entitled "Stranger than Fiction".

Thursday April 22nd is the night of our Spring Social beginning at 7pm with Doreen Reed sharing with us more of her humorous stories and poems. This will be followed by a buffet supper - so please don't forget your knife, fork & spoon.

If you haven't got your ticket yet, you can get it from Mary or Liz - priced at £5. We need to know numbers by the end of March please.

**Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish**

## **PARSON DROVE TO BE THE FIRST GREEN COMMUNITY?**

If you have ever wanted to save money on your energy bills, to enhance local nature or improve local facilities this could be your opportunity. Parson Drove Parish Council and Fenland District Council are working together to take action that will not only benefit local residents but make Parson Drove the first Green Community in Fenland.

Green Communities is a national programme from the Energy Saving Trust that aims to support, facilitate and promote community based energy projects. It exists to help you make a success of your ideas and projects. Communities across the UK have been taking action to become Greener. From insulating all the homes in the village, to community greenhouses or local food networks there are lots of things that people are doing to reduce their impact on the environment and to improve quality of life for everyone.

There will be a public meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in St Mark's Church, Parson Drove, at which everyone is welcome. This will be your opportunity to talk about the environmental issues that are important to you; what actions you would like to take to make a difference in Parson Drove; and how we can achieve this together. If you require further information, or if another village or hamlet would like to consider a project, contact Isabel Edgington on 01354 602167 or [iedgington@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:iedgington@fenland.gov.uk)

## **PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP CHANGES NAME AND VENUE**

This well established Wisbech St Mary group, which is now known as Little Saints Parent and Toddler Group, can be found in the small community room at the new Community Centre, Station Road. It is open to parents and children from babies up to school age.

The session will run on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 to 11.30, in term time only. Cost is £2.50 for a parent and one child, and 80p for any additional child.

For more information contact Sarah White on 410503 or Karen Baigent on 410818.

**Mary McClagish**

## **THORNEY TOLL DATES**

Three more events in Thorney Toll Village Hall have been announced.

There is to be Poker and Chinese night on April 30<sup>th</sup>; July 25<sup>th</sup> is the Funday starting at 2pm, and an auction will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

## **THANK YOU!**

A very successful Bingo was held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March in Gorefield Village Hall. Refreshments were available during the interval, and a draw was held.

Lovely prizes were won including sausages, eggs, bacon, pork pies, basket of fruit etc. Proceeds were in aid of the Village Hall.

Special thanks to Colin and Margaret Tibbs and a dedicated team of helpers for organising these fortnightly events which are keenly looked forward to by people of all ages.

## **FINAL BINGO SESSION**

The final Bingo of the season in Gorefield Village Hall is in aid of Charity. The proceeds will go to "The Friends of the Hospital". It will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.

## **TEAMS REQUIRED FOR QUIZ NIGHT AT PARSON DROVE**

Parson Drove Cricket Club will be holding a Quiz Night in the village hall on Friday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. There will be teams of 4, and the charge of £5 per person includes a hot supper. Make a diary date. Contact Rob on 700202 for details.

## **MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS**

Harrison - Murrow

J Edis - Guyhirn

T Bennington - Wisbech St Mary

P Barnes - Murrow

H Wiseman - Wisbech

J Almey - Wisbech

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Mavis & Mary - Murrow

M Collins - Murrow

T Wright - Wisbech

E Langford - Thomolas Drove.

## **READERS SAY “TAKE HOME YOUR DOG’S MESS!”**

After reading a news item in last month’s issue of “*Village Voices*”, a number of readers have expressed their support of the correspondent who complained about the “anti-social practice” of dog walkers not clearing up their dog’s faeces in public places.

The problem was brought to the attention of Wisbech St Mary Parish Council at their March meeting. Councillors agreed to make it clear to those involved that dog fouling must stop. The council have now provided additional dog bins along the river bank in Guyhirn, which is one of the worst affected public paths. The bins are situated between Gull Corner and Selwyn Corner.

All villages and hamlets in this area have the same concerns. The message from the majority of residents is quite clear.

**Please clean up the mess your dog makes.**

The next step may be a move to Name and Shame.

## **CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU Important Notice**

The CAB advise that they will not be able to hold a session at Parson Drove during April. They send their apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.

## **CAMBRIDGESHIRE OLDER PEOPLE’S FORUM (COPE)**

COPE is a self-help Forum and registered Charity run by a small team of volunteers, that speaks up on issues affecting the over 50’s. COPE currently has a registered individual membership of over 2,566 living in Cambridgeshire. Membership is free. COPE informs members with regular free Newsletters, and Forums with keynote speakers and a “Question Time” sessions. COPE aims to alleviate loneliness, promote active ageing and encourages isolated members to attend social events. COPE’s research team have produced easy to read leaflets with local information on Benefits, Bereavement, Elder Abuse, Homecare, Housing, Medication, Pensions, Personal Safety, Public Transport, and Useful Local Telephone Numbers.

People join COPE to meet like minded people with similar interests; to go on organised trips to theatre, shows and other places of interest for educational or just fun to attend local venues for scrabble, quiz, pub lunch and walks. Also available are monthly newsletters full of information and interesting articles, in simple language and no jargon – a good easy read – with recipes, jokes – a very informative ‘Did you know’ corner and general interaction with membership through the snippets page

For more details contact COPE on 01223 364303.

## **WSM LUNCHEON CLUB**

The lunch dates for April are Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at the *Bridge Inn*. If any member can not attend, please tell Marjorie (410511) or the Inn (410555).

## **JOHN PECK SOCIETY**

The next meeting of the John Peck Society will be held on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Parson Drove Village Hall. A talk entitled “The Church Warden’s Widow Lady, and Other Stories” will be given by David Low, who will be telling 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century stories and gossip of Newton that John Peck may well have heard when he was young and living in the village.

John Peck (1787-1851) was born and lived in Newton. In 1808, when he was aged 21, John moved to Parson Drove to farm on his own, and eventually he bought Inham Hall. It is interesting to see a picture of this in Dian Blawer’s excellent booklet entitled “The trade of a farmer, John Peck of Parson Drove”, published by the Wisbech & Fenland Museum and obtainable from there and at our Society meetings, also at the Cage.

As John lived for so many years in Newton, it should be fascinating to be taken back to those days and given a flavour of life as he knew it. David Low has done an immense amount of research into the village and Church of Newton, so come prepared to return in spirit to an age when John would have been aware of such contemporaries as Nelson, Napoleon, and maybe Beethoven.

Entrance for non-members £3.00. Refreshments.

Annual Membership Subscription £5.00.

## **GOREFIELD BOWLS CLUB**

Gorefield Bowls Club are holding an Open Day Drive on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Fish and chips to follow (numbers required)

New members welcome. If interested please ring Margaret Hunt on 01945 461729

## **GOREFIELD CAR BOOT SALES**

There will be Car Boot Sales on the playing field Wolf Lane, Gorefield on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April. Booters 07.30am. Toilets and refreshments available, Contact numbers 01945 870387 or 07918122217

## **PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the **Murrow Playing Field Association** will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup> commencing at 7pm.

Following the AGM there is to be an Open Meeting. All residents are warmly invited to attend and participate.

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### **JULIE'S PATCH**

**Pc Julie Coales, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, writes each month in *Village Voices***

1. Now that Spring is here, I am sure you will soon be dusting off the lawnmower and getting out your gardening and DIY tools. Have you ever thought about how much it would cost to replace these items if they were stolen? Are your tools security marked? Do you have the makes/models/serial numbers of your electrical appliances?

How secure is your shed/garage? Garages and sheds are often full of expensive tools, which are ideal for breaking into the rest of the house.

Never leave a garage or garden shed unlocked especially if it has a connecting door to the house. A thief could get in and work on the door inside without being seen. Fit strong padlocks to shed and garage doors.

2. There have been reports in the past few days of a person calling at, or entering, premises and asking for money. Make sure you keep your doors locked and only admit people you know.

If you need to contact me: 0345 456 4564 x3799.

### **COMMUNITY FAIR AND NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

The Fair, covering the north of Fenland, that is the villages of Guyhirn, Gorefield, Leverington, Murrow, Newton, Parson Drove, Thorney Toll, Tydd St Giles and Wisbech St Mary, will be held on Saturday April 24th between 11:00am and 2:00pm at the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

Additionally, from 2pm there will be a 'Neighbourhood Forum' which will focus on community safety issues and will encourage a wider debate on police priorities.

The community fair will be very similar to those held throughout the district last autumn. They will include stalls supervised by partner agencies (including Fenland District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council), offering advice, help and information on a wide range of subjects and an opportunity to raise concerns. To encourage families to attend there will also be various fun activities and competitions for children. Free transport will be provided for those who need it.

For further information please telephone 01354 654321 or email [communityfair@fenland.gov.uk](mailto:communityfair@fenland.gov.uk) or call 01354 654321.

### **THE CrimeBUSter RETURNS**

The CrimeBUSter is returning to the North Nene area on the following dates:

April 8<sup>th</sup>: Thorney Toll 10.00-11.00

April 13<sup>th</sup>: Gorefield Woodman's car park 8.30 – 12.30.

April 15<sup>th</sup>: WSM Community Centre 8.30 – 12.30.

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Parson Drove Village Hall 8.30.- 12.30.

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Leverington 8.30 – 12.30.

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Guyhirn 8.30 – 12.30.

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Murrow 8.30 – 12.30.

The refurbished bus is travelling around Fenland to provide a comfortable, visual and accessible information centre, delivering practical solutions to improving personal and community safety

#### **Advertisement**

### **PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL VACANT GARDEN ALLOTMENT**

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Applications may now be made, in cases of need, for clothing, children's shoes and specific needs.

Application forms can be obtained, by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

The Clerk: Mrs R J Gagen, 78 High Road Gorefield, Wisbech, PE13 4NB for return by 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The locations, stops and arrival times are:

Alternate Tuesdays:- **March 23<sup>rd</sup> April 6<sup>th</sup>, 20th**

Murrow	Station Ave	10.30
Murrow	Front Rd Paddocks	10.55
Parson Drove	The Bank	11.15
Parson Drove	Newlands Corner	11.40
Parson Drove	Henlow Farm	12.10

Enquiries: at

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

Alternate Wednesdays:-  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Gorefield	
School	15.15
Post Office	15.40
Mill Height	15.55

or 0345 045 5225

Alternate Fridays:- **March 19<sup>th</sup> April 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>**

Rings End	March Road,	10.00
Guyhirn	Selwyn Corner	10.25
Bunkers Hill	Lay-bye	10.45
WSM	Cannon Close	11.05
WSM	Church Road	11.30
WSM	Blundell Terr	11.55
Lev Common	Pear Tree Cres	12.15
Guyhirn	Chapelfield Av	15.20

## THE SUPER SCHOOLS CHALLENGE 2012

Two pupils from Gorefield School describe their meeting with an Olympic athlete.

On 23rd February 2010 Larry Achike, the Olympic triple jumper, came to our school with Todd from Team Super Schools. Team Super Schools is trying to visit 2012 schools up until the London Olympics in 2012. We were invited to sign our school's name on a huge Union Jack which all schools visited will sign.

At first, all the pupils had a photograph taken with Larry and he signed autograph books and paper for us. Then we had to do exercises – sit-ups, press-ups and star jumps. After we had all finished we went in to assembly where Mrs. Hoyles chose a pupil, Angel-Lillie Bows to sign the flag. It was hard to find a place on the flag with so many names already there.

Larry then showed us in small steps how to do a triple jump and some pupils volunteered to have a go. The furthest Larry has ever jumped is 17.01 metres, that is far!

After they had finished at our school they went straight away to visit another school and Larry also had training the same day.

All the pupils had some of their family and friends sponsor them.

**Laura Ashley McClure**

**Year 6 Gorefield School**

On 23rd February Larry Achike, a triple jumper athlete, (hop, skip and jump), came to Gorefield Primary School. Everyone was allowed to have a picture taken with him and if you had brought a piece of paper or autograph book signed by him.

Afterwards we had a bit of fun doing exercises, press-ups, star jumps and sit-ups. Larry then showed us all how he triple jumps and because he is so tall he nearly hit the wall!

I was chosen to sign the big Union Jack that every school they visit will be asked to sign.

Later on that day, everyone who wanted an autograph from Larry Achike received one.

That was one fun day at Gorefield School. We never thought we would be able to meet an Olympic Superstar!

**Angel-Lille Bows**

**Year 6 Gorefield School.**

*Onochie ("Larry") Achike was born on January 31, 1975 and is an English athlete of Nigerian origin. He was born in Islington, London. A former rugby player, he eventually specialized in triple jump and won the gold medal at the 1998 Commonwealth Games. He placed 5th in the 2000 Olympic Games, setting a new personal best of 17.30m during the contest. Larry finished 7th in the 2008 Olympics held in Beijing with a 17.17m jump. His club is Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers in North London.*

## Useful contacts

### Churches

Revd Matthew Bradbury	410814
Lilian Brigden (Reader)	450481
Revd Nigel Hannah [Methodist]	466426

**Village Halls** (bookings)

Gorefield	870829
Guyhirn	450835
Murrow	700212
Parson Drove	700729
Thorney Toll	07887754869 or 07961957878
WSM Village Hall	410539

### Parish Council Clerks

Gorefield	870454
Parson Drove	700501
Wisbech St Mary	474191

### Schools

Gorefield School	870321
Gorefield Pre-school	870439
Guyhirn School	450247
Murrow School	700357
Murrow Pre School	07754758332
Payne School Parson Drove	700275
Parson Drove Pre-School	07880 606450
WSM School	410312
WSM Play Group	07944 719586

### Post Offices

Parson Drove	700511
Gorefield	870273
Wisbech St Mary	410288

### Health & Security

Parson Drove Surgery	700223
North Cambs Hospital	585781
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553 613613
Social Services	481100
P. Drove Surgery Car Service	07766534280
WSM Community Car Scheme	07592407283
Gorefield Social Car Scheme	01945 870539
Childline	0800 1111
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Dog control/Animal welfare	01354 622442
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Fenland District Council	111101354654321
Samaritans	08457909090
Victim supportline	08453030900
<b>Police (non-emergency)</b>	<b>0345 456 4564</b>

# Gorefield Parish Council Newsletter

## April 2010

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**Gorefield Parish Council** meets on the first Tuesday of each calendar month. Meeting are held in Gorefield School and start at 7 pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings as observers but there are not permitted to be part of the meeting. However the Council is always willing to allow participation and representation from members of the parish prior to the commencement of the formal meeting.

**Website** [www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com)

The Parish Council, with the help of John Timms at Design Site, has its own website for your use. Visit [www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com) to view Parish Council minutes, Councillor contact details, Parish Plan etc. The website also provides a wealth of information about our village and its community in general.

Notice of meetings and other relevant Council literature can always be found on the Parish Council Notice Board located outside the Shop and Post Office on High Road.

The Council has produced a Welcome Booklet for Gorefield that contains useful contact names and numbers. These have been delivered to every household but a replacement copy is available by contacting the Clerk.

Gorefield Parish Council is pleased to be associated with *Village Voices* and welcomes the opportunity to be able to regularly share information and communicate freely with the Parish.

**Vacant Land** The Parish will have 10 acres of land becoming vacant from October 2010. If you are interested please write to the Clerk with your contact details to ensure you receive details of how to apply when they become available sometime in the New Year. The land will be advertised in the usual manner if you choose to wait until that time.

### Extracts of the Minutes of the meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

#### **Highway Matters**

Fred Hardwick to be asked to look at all the road in the village for pot holes. Flooding outside the Woodman's – some work has been done and the situation was much improved following last lot of rain. Fred Hardwick has promised to look at the water problem along High Road near West End.

#### **Play Equipment**

The new equipment is now being erected. The new gate should be installed on Wednesday and the erection of the youth shelter should be started on Thursday. Bark has been removed from around the

rocket, swings and roundabout. This is being replaced with earth and then covered with turf and safety surfacing. Timber has been ordered for repairing existing benches and for posts for the sign, which is in the process of being prepared. Chairman has received confirmation from Ashley List that the natural play area can be completed after 31<sup>st</sup> March, as at the moment the ground is unsuitable for heavy vehicles to be used. The acceptance inspection will be carried out on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The existing swings and benches need rubbing down and repainted. There has been a complaint from a property owner close to the site who was concerned about overlooking and health and safety. The Chairman has consulted with the planning department at Fenland DC and there is no contravention of the planning laws. Phillip Peacock has been consulted over the health and safety issue and confirmed that there is no problem. A launch event is to be arranged and £200 will be given for this. Agreed to have this on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010 combined with a Car Boot sale. Ashley List to be consulted about who should be invited and what form it should take. Possibly could have a bar-b-q for the children. Details to be finalised at next meeting.

#### **Playing Field**

Transfer in hand with David Ball. Declaration of Trust with the National Playing Field Association has to encompass the whole field. The new play equipment has now been added to the Parish Council insurance policy. There is still a query about whether the Playing Field Committee still needs to have their own insurance. Clerk will clarify this with insurers.

#### **Replacement Pavilion**

Chairman has met with a representative from a company that produces wooden buildings but the prices for these are about £1,000 per m<sup>2</sup> which is more than quoted for brick built construction. Peggs Construction have been asked to give a price on the latest plan. There was good news from Fenland DC last week as they are now to put £500,00 aside for rural communities so there may be an opportunity to get further funding from this.

#### **Community Payback**

Further information received from Cambridgeshire Probation Service. Did not think there was anything that needed doing at the moment. The Village Hall Committee could be interested. Councillor Ridley will pass the information on to them.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Copies of the CPALC Bulletin were circulated to all Councillors present. All other correspondence to be circulated to Councillors

#### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Letter received from St Paul's Church Council requesting a donation towards the upkeep of the Church yard. Agreed to donate £920 amount received from Concurrent Functions Grant.

Gorefield Playing Field have presented their grass cutting invoice which is £1,118.34 + VAT (received £1,030 through Concurrent Functions) agreed to pay on their behalf.

Letter received from Gorefield Bowls Club requesting a donation to help with repairs to their building following vandalism. Agreed to make a donation of £100.

Further information received from The Cambridgeshire Regiment Association. They have been asked to find £5,000 towards the £40,000 which is required for the memorial and have to date £4,067. Agreed to make a donation of £100.

Agreed to make a donation of £250 to both the Air Ambulance and Citizens Advice Bureau.

Agreed to make a donation of £100 to Fenland Association of Community Transport and Victim Support.

#### **Reports from Councillors**

A request has been made for bus stop signs to be erected in the village along with hard standing areas. Clerk to make enquiries as to who is responsible for providing these.

A full version of these Minutes is available at [www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com)