

Village Voices August 2010



Village Voices is produced by the parish churches for the local community providing news and information for:
**Gorefield- Guyhirn-Harold's Bridge Murrow-Parson Drove-Rings End-Tholomas Drove-Thorney Toll-
 Wisbech St Mary**

A warm welcome to all newcomers&visitors to our villages!



Guests at the official opening of Parson Drove Pharmacy (see page 7)

THE HISTORY OF WISBECH CASTLE

Parson Drove Women's Institute held their July meeting on a beautiful summer evening. After singing *Jerusalem* several items of business were discussed, and names taken for future visits. Our summer meal is to be at the *Five Bells* in August, and menus were chosen by members. An early mention was made of the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday September 24th.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Brian Payne, and his very interesting talk on the history of Wisbech Castle was enjoyed by everyone. He was thanked by Mrs Sarah Bradbury.

Ann Payne

LADIES LEARN HOW TO CATCH EELS

The Gorefield Ladies Group held their June meeting at the Village Hall, with the traditional eel catcher", Peter Carter, giving a talk and presentation on "Eels, Punts and Willow" in which he described his family's life on the Fens. Peter explained that he is the last eel catcher still making use of the hives and griggs. Glenys Grimm thanked him for such an entertaining evening. The raffle was held, and refreshments were served by Brenda Stamp and Eileen Dunn.

Birthdays wishes for June included Brenda, Marge & Glenys. Names were taken for the evening outing, to the Wisbech Boathouse and harbour, on Wed July 28th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who generously sponsored me for taking part in the *Race for Life* in Peterborough recently to raise money for Cancer Research. I raised a total of £170, which will go toward the event's target of £118,000. Thank you, and same again next year, please!

Wendy Foster

VICAR'S VERBALS

St Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain, for forty days it will remain'and, guess what, as I write this on 15th July its tipping down! We were talking about Saints at the monthly meeting of our little band of young servers and acolytes and I was telling them the legend that rain today means wet weather until St Bartholomew's day on 24th August. St Swithin was a much loved Bishop of Winchester in the ninth century, whose remains were moved, on 15th July, from his humble grave to a fine tomb in the cathedral, against his recorded wishes, bringing a deluge down upon the unfortunate monks who defied his orders. I made it clear to the youngsters that the colourful legends about Saints were often fictitious and, sadly, obscured the true holiness of these wonderful and Godly men and women. I was also able to inform them, much to their delight, that the term 'saint' is used in the Bible to refer to all of God's faithful people – whether they live extraordinary lives or not – and that they too are 'saints'. My heart goes out to all the local teenagers who are waiting for exam results in these uncertain times. It is our job to bring sunshine into the lives of youngsters even if things are rather bleak at the moment; and anyway, every sapling needs some rain to grow to maturity.

Matthew.

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CORRECTION

The photograph of Guyhirn railway station shown in the July issue of "*Village Voices*" was wrongly attributed to the Margaret George Collection, c1930. It was, we believe, taken by Mr Alan Carter some thirty years later. We apologise, and hope that Alan will forgive us.

VISIT TO WALSINGHAM SHRINE

Following last year's successful visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, a return visit is to take place on Saturday August 28th 2010. Travelling by car, anyone from the three parishes is warmly invited to join the visit. Lifts can be arranged. Please contact Father Matthew (410841) or Brian Payne (410755).

WSM MOTHERS UNION

We welcomed Caroline Dobson to our meeting on Tuesday July 6th. Her talk was entitled "Prayer", which gave us a very thoughtful and moving afternoon. There will be no meeting in August to allow for holiday time. On Tuesday September 7th we will meet in WSM & Guyhirn church at 2.15pm for Holy Communion, after which we continue our meeting in Church House, with

memories from "A Tiller Girl".

We will be holding our annual Macmillan Coffee morning in the Church House on September 24th from 9am to 12noon. Come and have a cup of coffee with us, and maybe buy a cake that catches your eye. Everyone is most welcome.

Lilian Brigden

The Register

We welcome into the church family

Isabella Payne who was baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Sunday July 11th.

We wish every happiness to

John Benstead and Trisha Thorpe-Veal, who were married in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Saturday June 19th.

Andrew and Beverley Welby, whose marriage was blessed on Sunday May 23rd at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church.

[We apologise to Andrew and Beverley that an incorrect surname appeared in the July issue of *Village Voices*]

We say farewell to our friends and send love to the families

Baby Maxwell Childs, of Parson Drove, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on Friday June 18th.

Allan Raymond Barrett, of Murrow, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on Tuesday July 6th.

In memoriam

Eric Spencer Green, whose ashes were laid in Gorefield Garden of Remembrance on Sunday June 20th.

Frederick Callard, whose ashes were laid in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Garden of Remembrance on Sunday June 27th.

+ Regular Services +

Murrow Methodist Church

Aug 1st: 10.30. Mr A Stapleton.
Aug 8th: 10.30. Holy Comm. Rev N Hannah.
Aug 15th: 10.30. Rev L Stoker.
Aug 22nd: 10.30. Local arrangement.
Aug 29th: 10.30. United service. Mrs S Askew.

St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove.

Aug 1st: 10.30. Local arrangement.
Aug 8th: 9.30. United service in Parish Church
Aug 15th: 10.30. Local arrangement.
Aug 22nd: 10.30. United H.Comm. Rev N Hannah.
Aug 29th: 10.30. United service at Murrow.

Walton Fellowship

Aug 18th: 2.30pm. H. Comm. Rev D Bulloss.

St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

except 3rd Sunday. 10.00am: Holy Communion
3rd Sunday. 10.00am: Morning Worship

Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:

1st Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.
2nd & 3rd Sundays:- 9.30am Communion.
5th Sunday:- 9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer
4th Sunday:- United Service at St Mark's 10.30.
Flower Rota : Aug 1, 8, 15. Mrs B Selway.

Aug 1 Greeters: Pauline & Diane. Coffee: Sandra.

Aug 8 Greeters: Sue & Jenny. Coffee: Liz.

Aug 15 Greeter: Trevor. Coffee: Pam.

Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church:

Every Sunday exc 1st :- 11am. sung eucharist.

1st Sunday:- 8am Communion, 11am Family Service

3rd Sunday:- Evening Prayer: 6.00pm

CONFIRMATIONS 2010

I am now compiling the list of those who will be joining us for confirmation this year. If you, or someone you know, would like to join our group of (mainly) young people preparing for confirmation this year, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact me on 01945 410814 or you can e-mail me at matthew.bradbury@ely.anglican.org. Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday evenings in September and October starting on 8th September and culminating in a Deanery Confirmation service at St Peter and St Paul Wisbech at 6.30pm on Sunday 31st October.

OVER £800 RAISED AT ST MARY'S FETE

A total of £817 was raised at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church garden fete, held in the church grounds on what must have been one of the hottest days of the year!

The organisers would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the success of the annual event. All proceeds will go to help defray the week by week running costs of the fourteenth century building.

THANK YOU 2

Many thanks to everyone who supported the WSM Open Gardens Day this year, and a special thank you to the hard-working villagers who opened their gardens for this year's charity. Over £850 was raised for East Anglia's Children's Hospices.

Most of the gardens will again be open next year on Saturday June 25th from 10am-5pm. See you there.

Margaret Rickard

THE MART RETURNS TO ITS USUAL LOCATION

The popular WSM Mart is back on Saturday August 14th in the Church House, opposite the church gate, from 8.30am to sell-out, usually about 10am. Home-made cakes, produce and bric-a-brac will be on sale. Join us for coffee and biscuits and a chat. There is a welcome for all residents.

THORNEY TOLL OFF TO THE SEASIDE!

Thorney Toll's annual trip to the Blackpool Illuminations takes place on the weekend of 15th to 17th October. The coach will depart from the Toll at 9am and is scheduled to return on Sunday 17th at 10pm. The coach will also pick up in March and Whittlesey. The cost, £95 per person, includes en-suite rooms, bed and breakfast, and a tour of the lights.

There are a few seats left. Contact John on 07887754869, or Sue on 07765020615.

GOREFIELD FLOWER, CRAFT AND VEGETABLE SHOW

Schedules and entry forms for the Show will be available during the first week in August. Once printed they can be obtained from Gorefield Post Office, David Pope on Back Road, or Marie Humphrey by calling 410436. Additional flyers will be sent out in August to promote this event and the Scarecrow Festival.

SUMMER ART EXHIBITION

A diverse range of selected work by talented artists will be exhibited at the Wisbech and Fenland Museum from August 7th until September 18th. The exhibition is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

An Opening Reception is to be held on August 6th from 7pm to 9pm, with live music, a raffle and a buffet supper. For information visit www.atelier-east.co.uk

GUYHIRN GARDEN FETE NOTICE

The Guyhirn Village Hall committee regret to announce that it has been unable to gather enough support from residents to stage the proposed Village Garden Fete in September.

THE BIBLE FROM SCRATCH

How much do we really know about the Bible? Have you ever wondered who wrote each of the books, or who decided which books it should contain? Do you know the difference between an apocalypse and a prophesy, or wonder why the Gospels seem to contain conflicting ideas about Jesus? And what exactly is The Apocrypha? The Vicar will be holding a series of four light-hearted study evenings in August at 7pm in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, at which we will be looking afresh at the Bible and 'having a poke around' inside this amazing and life-changing work. Whether you are a regular church or chapel-goer in any of the villages, or just curious, why not join us? The first session is on Thursday 5th August. All welcome, young and old! For further details please contact the Vicar on 410814 matthew.bradbury@ely.anglican.org.

LUNCHEON CLUB AT THE BRIDGE INN

Dates for the WSM Luncheon Club for August are Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st. Meet at the *Bridge Inn* at midday. Please let Marjorie on 410511 or the *Bridge* 410555 if you can't attend.

GYMKHANA CANCELLED

Due to unforeseen circumstances it is with regret we are unable to hold the usual Gymkhana at Parson Drove this year.

We would like to thank all those who have helped in the past, and hopefully, sometime in the future, we will be able to continue with the event, which we have held for so long and have enjoyed running, and hope we will be able to look for your support then. Thank you **June and John**.

ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN MORNINGS

Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church will be open for anyone to visit, to have a look round, to pray, or just to sit and relax, from 9am to 12noon every Tuesday morning in August. Tea and coffee will be available. Why not come in for half an hour, have a look at our lovely stained glass and statues, and soak up the heavenly atmosphere of five hundred years of prayer and worship?

TODDLERS PLAY EQUIPMENT GETS ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Additional funding has been approved by WREN for toddlers' play equipment to compliment the new Adventure Patch on Gorefield Playing Field. Councillor Norman Carroll who has been project leader on this said, 'This is excellent news and allows us to expand the Adventure Patch to provide the much needed equipment for our younger children'. The Parish Council, under Norman's lead, is continuing to seek funding for adult exercise equipment, and if successful, it will be the only equipment of its type in the District.

A NEW PHARMACY IN PARSON DROVE

A new independent pharmacy business in Parson Drove was opened by the Mayor of Wisbech on July 14th. The pharmacy adjoins the Parson Drove Surgery. The old dispensary at the Surgery has been entirely incorporated into the new pharmacy meaning that dispensing services for existing patients at Parson Drove Surgery (PDS) are not affected. Having an independent pharmacy means that patients at PDS can now get dental, hospital and other prescriptions dispensed alongside their usual prescriptions from the surgery. Similarly, local residents in Parson Drove and surrounding villages who are not patients at the surgery can now get their prescriptions dispensed locally at greater convenience. Parson Drove Pharmacy has a large modern open-plan retail space selling medicines, toiletries, household items and much more. Free off-road parking is available. A self-contained consulting room is available for customers requiring confidential consultation with the pharmacist. The pharmacy can collect repeat prescriptions from surgeries in Wisbech and other locations.

The Pharmacy can provide a wide range of new services over and above a basic dispensing service. These include:

- providing a medicines support service to Nursing and/or Care homes.
- dispensing veterinary prescriptions.
- CamQuit stop smoking service.
- Medicines Usage Reviews.
- Redi-Repeat - a managed repeat prescription service.
- delivery of medicines for housebound patients or patients with other transport difficulties.

More services are planned in the near future including emergency contraception, minor ailments treatment service and chlamydia testing and treatment service. Anyone needing more information about the new pharmacy can contact the pharmacist Paul Hemsall at Parson Drove Pharmacy, 242 Main Road, Parson Drove, Wisbech, Cambs. PE13 4LF. Tel: 01945 701778.

RACES AND SAUSAGES

A Race Night with a Sausage Supper will be held in Parson Drove Village Hall on Saturday August 14th. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £5. Proceeds for Parson Drove Amenities Fund. Contact: Louise Hayes on 701312.

TUG OF WAR AT MURROW FAYRE

Murrow Primary School Fayre is to be held on Sunday 5th September from 11am to 3pm. There will be many attractions including bouncy castle, pony rides, face painting, tug of war competition, space hopper races (adult and child) BBQ and bar, fairground rides, jewellery and beauty products stalls. There are car boot pitches available at £5.00. which should be booked in advance as spaces are limited.

Trade stalls welcome at £15 a pitch. Contact Mark Clarke on 077990 12395 for tug of war entry forms or if you require any further information.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BELL

One year on, Dawn and I would like to celebrate with our customers old and new, our first year at the *Bell Inn*, Murrow, on July 31st. with Music, BBQ. and an open Bowls competition. £2.50 per person.

All money from this and the BBQ will go to Macmillan Nurse's. Dawn and I would like to say "Thank you" to every one who has made us very welcome in the village, and we look forward to many years here at the *Bell*. You can visit our pub through our web site, or just drop in. www.thebellinnmurrow Andy Kedziora

NEWS FROM GOREFIELD PRE-SCHOOL

Gorefield Pre-School had two stalls at the Gorefield show, there was a tombola, lucky dip and a straw game, which you were guaranteed a sweet each time you pulled out a straw! We also had a bric-a-brac stall with various items for sale. At 1.30pm the Pre-school children walked around the ring in their 'designer t-shirts' which they made themselves and were very proud of! The event was a big success and we raised £296. Part of the funds raised paid for a coach to take the children on their annual school trip to Church Farm in Stow Bardolph and a lovely day was had by the children, staff and parents. Thank you to all committee members (husbands included!) and staff that helped on the stall and also to everyone that participated with the games on our stall!

Liz Rowell

WALK AROUND PARSON DROVE

A walk around Parson Drove, organised by the Tourist Information Centre in Wisbech, is to be held on Wednesday July 28th. After visiting St John's church at 7pm, the walkers will drive(!) down to The Green where they will resume their perambulation. All welcome, just turn up; admission £2 per person. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

PLAY RANGER'S PLAY SESSION AT GOREFIELD

The Ormiston Trust Play Ranger, Lisa Peel, will be running a play session on the Gorefield playing field, Wolf Lane, on Thursday 5th August from 1030 until 12.00

AUGUST CAR BOOTS AT GOREFIELD

There will be car boot sales on Gorefield Playing Field on Saturdays 7th and 21st August. Booters 7.30am. Toilets and refreshments available as usual. Contact: 870387.

JULIE'S PATCH Pc Julie Coales, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Now that summer has arrived we are all making the most of the good weather. Leaving house doors and windows open to let some fresh air and a breeze in, and leaving vehicle windows open to help keep the car cool, makes things so much easier for the opportunist thief who usually gets in through an open door or window. DONT give them the opportunity.

Use good strong locks on windows and doors
Use limiters to restrict opening of windows.
Keep valuables out of sight.
Mark your property.

For crime advice and information on how to keep your property safe, contact our Community Safety Unit. If you need to contact me 0345 456 4564 x3799. mobile 07734577682, or e-mail me at julie.coales@cambs.pnn.police.uk

***Do you want to know what your neighbourhood policing team is doing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your area?**

Then sign up to e-cops, a free e-mail newsletter from Cambridgeshire Constabulary. You can keep up to date with community news and policing in your neighbourhood and you can let us know your thoughts and issues by replying to e-cops emails. Visit the following address and complete the registration form. www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops

Crimes Past

A PUGNACIOUS PARTY AT RINGS END

from the "Wisbech Telegraph" 1872

At Wisbech Borough Court John Greenwood, John Moules, and William Cawthorne, labourers, of Guyhirn, were charged with being drunk and disorderly on the highway at Rings End on the 21st August 1872. The defendants pleaded guilty.

Pc Richardson, who is stationed at Rings End, said he was on duty near the Black Hart public house about half-past ten on Tuesday night, and heard two of the defendants say they would give a certain man a good thrashing. They were stripped to fight, and he had no doubt they would have thrashed the man if he (the officer) had not been there. The other defendant was acting as a sort of backer for his mates. They were all three drunk. After remaining about twenty minutes they went away quietly.

The Clerk: Then they behaved pretty well when you spoke to them?

Pc Richardson: Yes, sir.

The defendants promised that it should not occur again. The Chairman, Alderman Ford, said "That is the proper way to meet the case.

The Bench allowed the proceedings to be withdrawn upon payment of 9s 6d costs each.

GOREFIELD COMMUNITY CAR SERVICE

Many thanks to those of you who have volunteered and helped us in the last three months. The scheme has seen more journey requests than we have volunteers to help, however we have managed to help in the majority of cases. Our sincere apologies where we have failed.

I think it is true to say that that largest benefit has possibly been felt by those attending the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Kings Lynn. We are currently now in need of a volunteers who have a vehicle with the capacity to accommodate a folded wheelchair or walking frame. If you think we can help you, or you can help us, please contact 07500 479 444.

Chris Harvey

CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau are resuming monthly sessions at Parson Drove pavilion on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30pm. However, advisers will only attend if it is known in advance that there will be clients for them to see.

Sessions are planned for August 24th, September 28th, October 26th and November 23rd. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than the Monday before each session.

Advice can also be obtained by calling 01945 464367, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

CAN HOME-START HELP YOU?

Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents play the key role in giving their children a good start in life and helping them achieve their full potential.

Across the UK more than 15,000 Home-Start volunteers visit families at home each week, supporting parents in situations as diverse as isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability or who are just finding parenting a struggle. They provide non-judgemental practical and emotional support to families with at least one child under the age of 5 and help build the family's confidence and ability to cope.

Home-Start is looking for additional volunteers. Their volunteers all have parenting experience and before supporting a family they attend a 40 hour accredited programme led by the scheme's co-ordinator which prepares them for their role. It's about developing skills they already have and using these in a Home-Start context, for example we help volunteers to develop active listening skills, examine their attitudes and beliefs so that the support they offer is non-judgemental. We also help them to understand the importance of confidentiality and child protection.

Home-Start in Wisbech has been operating for over 20 years. We are based in the Rosmini Centre, 69a Queens Road. 01945 582552

Scheme Co-ordinator: Kirstie Freeman-Ayres

If you have a child under 5 and think Home-Start could help please contact Kirstie. Alternatively, if you would like to find out more about being a Home-Start volunteer give us a call and we will send you an information pack.

CHAIRMAN MICHAEL WRITES

Would you like to help make Gorefield an even better place to live? Street Pride gives volunteers the opportunity to make a difference to their local environment by holding 'clean up' events, planting bulbs, making the parks and open spaces more attractive by maintaining areas and reporting environmental crimes, such as illegally dumped rubbish, and graffiti. Being a Street Pride volunteer is also great fun, good exercise and ideal for meeting like-minded people. The intention of Street Pride is "To build community pride and ownership through improving the local environment and making Fenland a cleaner, greener and safer place to live, work and visit."

Gorefield will be holding its first Street Pride event on September 25th so keep an eye out for further information coming your way or call me on 01945 410644 for details.

Coun Michael Humphrey

ACTIVITIES AT PARSON DROVE

Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Village Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays, 2pm to 4.30pm. Session £2.

Luncheon Club meets at the *Butcher's Arms* alternate Thursdays at midday, Details from M Shelley 700729.

Whist Drives are held on the third Tuesday of each month at St Mark's.

The Fitness League meets Thursdays 9.15am to 10.15am at St Mark's.

Contact Helen 01406 330565.

Line Dancing at the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1.30pm to 4pm, and Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Michelle 701239.

PAMPERED CHEFS AT GOREFIELD

A pampered Chef party was held at Gorefield Village Hall on Wednesday 30th June. A glass of Pimms or juice was ready on arrival; both went down well on such a warm evening! It was a great social evening, where everyone got to sample the prepared foods which included a chicken and broccoli ring, Mediterranean tartlets, Waffle berry pudding and rolo tarts. There was plenty to go round and most people came back for seconds! Once all the foods had been demonstrated people were then able to purchase products that were used to make the various dishes. The evening was organised by Gorefield Pre-school and they raised £129 which will go towards new toys for the children. Thanks were expressed to all committee members who helped on the night, with special thanks to Julie Brown for the use of her culinary skills!

MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

Miss Clear - Murrow
J Morley - Murrow
M Kay - Murrow
J Randall - Dowham Mkt
S Bernhardt - Parson Drove
D Andrew - Gorefield
R Barnes - Murrow
N Boor - Parson Drove

THE CURIOUS WORLD OF THE BUTTERBUMPS OF THE BOGS

The Greater Fens Museum Partnership is staging "Fenland Stories", a series of tales and activities for children aged 5 – 15 during August. Events will take place at museums throughout Cambridgeshire, including the following dates at Wisbech & Fenland Museum.

Tuesday August 3rd. 10am – 12pm.

Green Men and Marsh Spirits

Listen to the old stories of the Fens, tales of Tiddy Mun and the Green Coaties, spirits of the great fen, protectors of the fen people. Then make a spirit mask to keep.

Tuesday August 3rd. 1pm – 3pm.

The Curious World of the Butterbumps of the Bogs.

Investigate the amazing wildlife of the fens before they were drained. Learn about "devil's darning needles", "old nogs", "butterbumps" and other wonderful wildlife.

Tuesday August 17th 10am – 12pm.

Samuel and the Worm

A strange and ghostly tale from the haunted Fens, a story of giant worms, ghosts, and dead hands that will amaze you! Make a giant worm or a puppet ghost.

Tuesday August 17th. 1pm – 3pm.

Giants, Ogres and Monsters of the Meres

Explore through the frightening world of creatures and people that lived in the Fens. Listen to scary Fenland stories and make your own mini-monster.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Charge for children £1.50, adults free.

LEARN TO PLAY THE KEYBOARD

Home tuition service is offered by Tanya Drew for those who wish to learn to play the keyboard. Tanya can be contacted on 410473, and children are especially welcome.

WASH WEEK EVENTS

A week of events celebrating the rich and diverse heritage of The Wash and North Norfolk coast is planned for the week beginning August 15th. Events will explore the history, wildlife, culture and ways of life using walks, talks, family events and boat trips. They include "**A celebration of Hunstanton cliffs**" an exhibition of photographs, fossils and rocks relating to the Hunstanton cliffs, and associated activities during the past 100 years. Open during the Wash Week at the Coal Shed Gallery, Le Strange Terrace. 10am-4pm.

Birdwatching cruise. Saturday August 7th. Join the South Lincs RSPB Group at Boston for a sail down the Witham into The Wash and up the Welland. Search out the special wildlife that The Wash has to offer including seals and many types of birds. Lasts 4-5 hours. Adults £14, children £7. Reductions for RSPB members. Booking is essential: 01529 460877.

Fossil hunting along Hunstanton beach. Thursday August 12th. 11am-1pm. An event suitable for families. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact 01485 532223.

For details of all the Wash Week events contact the Wash Estuary Strategy Group on 01406 425518.

MURROW OVER 60'S LOOK FOR NEW MEMBERS

We are still looking for new members. We hold our meetings twice a month on Wednesdays from 2pm-4pm. We enjoy having a chat, playing Bingo and Dominoes, and have three or four outings a year, plus a free Christmas lunch with entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you soon

Maureen Woollard

NEW SEASON OF BINGO! AT PARSON DROVE

There will be Bingo sessions in Parson Drove Village Hall on September 2nd, October 21st, and November 4th. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Proceeds for Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

ROGUE TRADERS – HELP STOP THIS ILLEGAL ACTIVITY!

Does this sound familiar?

"The moss on your roof needs removing otherwise it will cause damage...."

"You've got a loose tile on your roof..."

"I have some tarmac left over from a job...."

"We were working on your neighbours when we noticed ..."

"The trees in your garden need cutting back otherwise....."

These are some of the false claims made by rogue traders who have cold called to persuade people to pay for services or goods they don't want or need. These rogue traders target the elderly and vulnerable and deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory, unnecessary or even no work at all. Work is left unfinished, property damaged and often intimidation is used to obtain money. People have even been taken to the bank to withdraw their savings.

We are working with Trading Standards and other agencies to stop and arrest these unscrupulous "traders". But we need your help. Have you had cold callers knock at your door touting for business? Have you had flyers advertising services put through your letter box and still have them? Are there any "traders" that you are unsure about in your area? Do you suspect your neighbour is being targeted and ripped off by a "trader"? If you have answered yes to any of the questions - we would like to know details of the traders and their vehicles.

Contact the Police on 0345 456 456 4 or Trading Standards Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06. In an emergency please ring 999. Send any flyers to Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, Cambridgeshire County Council, PO Box 450, Cambridge, CB23 6ZR. for the attention of Adrian Love.

Voices Past 1

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER

From the "Wisbech Telegraph" Saturday February 6th 1858
"An inquest was held at Wisbech St Mary on the body of a widow named Mary Francis, aged about 70, who was found in her home burnt to death on the preceding Thursday. Deceased appears to have been sitting on her chair when her clothes took fire, and she was literally roasted. The legs of the chair were also burnt away, and it had sunk down with the corpse upon it, which presented a shocking spectacle. Verdict: 'Accidental death'".

Mrs Mary Francis was, in fact, 77 years of age. She was a former school mistress at the Free School in Tholomas Drove, employed by the Trustees when the Reverend William Stanton was Master.

Useful contacts		
Churches	Schools	Health & Security
Revd Matthew Bradbury 410814	Gorefield School 870321	Home-Start 582552
Lilian Brigden (Reader) 450481	Gorefield Pre-school 871042	Parson Drove Surgery 700223
Revd Nigel Hannah [Methodist] 466426	Guyhirn School 450247	Parson Drove Pharmacy 701778
Village Halls (bookings)	Murrow School 700357	North Cambs Hospital 585781
Gorefield 870829	Murrow Pre School 07754758332	Queen Elizabeth Hospital 01553 613613
Guyhirn 450835	Payne School Parson Drove 700275	Social Services 481100
Murrow 700212/700200	Parson Drove Pre-School 07503165432	P. Drove Surgery Car Service 07766534280
Parson Drove 700729	WSM School 410312	WSM Community Car Scheme 07592407283
Thorney Toll 07887754869	WSM Play Group 411864	Gorefield Social Car Scheme 07500479444
or 07961957878	WSM Little Saint's Toddlers 410503	Childline 0800 1111
WSM Community Centre 01945410473	Murrow Children's Centre 701237.	Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
Parish Council Clerks	Post Offices	Dog control/Animal welfare 01354 622442
Gorefield 870454	Parson Drove 700511	Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
Parson Drove 700501	Gorefield 870273	Fenland District Council 11101354654321
Wisbech St Mary 474191	Wisbech St Mary 410288	Samaritans 08457909090
	Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564	Victim supportline 08453030900
Websites: www.gorefield.com	www.guyhirn-online.org.uk	www.wisbechstmary.org.uk

LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFEEES

EDUCATION TRUST (Charity Number 311325)

Help for Students in the Leverington, Gorefield and Parson Drove Parishes

Applications are invited from residents of Leverington, Gorefield and Parson Drove for grants to young people, aged 18 or over, who are attending College or University for Higher Education.

Additionally, students' aged 16 to 18 attending post GCSE Courses may be eligible for some support towards travel costs

CLARKES MUSIC SERVICES TRUST (Charity Number 269579)

Musicians of the parishes of Leverington and Gorefield who are in need of financial assistance are invited to apply for grants.

For an application form for either Trust, send a SAE to: The Clerk

Mrs R Gagen

78 High Road

Gorefield

Wisbech, PE13 4NB

Closing date for completed application forms is Friday 3rd September 2010

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The locations, stops and arrival times are:

Alternate Tuesdays:- **July 27th, Aug 10th and 24th.**

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

Alternate
Wednesdays:-
**July 28th, Aug 11th
and 25th
Gorefield**

School	15.15
Post Office	15.40
Mill Height	15.55

Alternate Fridays:- **August 6th and 20th**

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

Enquiries: at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Or Tel. 0345 045 5225

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Voices Past 2

GUYHIRN 350

Whilst celebrating the 350th anniversary of the building of Guyhirn's Chapel of Ease, we may wonder who worshipped in the little building and where they came from. There is no direct evidence that the chapel was built by Huguenot or Walloon drainage workers, or by the infamous Culyites, but we do have knowledge of some of the refugee families who were living and working in the Thorney and Guyhirn areas in 1660.

Listed here are some of the families, extracted from the Thorney Abbey registers, who may have set foot in the newly built Puritan chapel. Many descendants still live in this area.

Amory	Egar	Merquelier (Markillie)
Arbault	Frouchart	Morillion
Beharrel	(Frusher)Flauau	Manie (Money)
Beaumarm	Foster	Pryem
Becue	Fontaine	Prime
Blancar (Blanchard)	Fovargue	Pinchon
Blisque (Blick)	Frisbie	Savatt
Chavatte	Goglaer	Scanfaire
Cuelie (Culy)	Gokelar	Smaghues
Casteel	Gribau	Smaque
Dauerow	Hernue	Seneschall (Snushall)
Dubois	Hennoc (Hancock)	Sy
Duboo	Hapio	Swart
Doby	Hangar	Turgusin
De Lannoy (Delaney)	Hernue	Tegredin (Tegerdine)
De La Rue	Le Conte	Tigidine (Tegerdine)
Descamps	Le Pl (Lepla)	Tyssen
Du Quenne (Quisney, Quince)	Le Flour	Verliez
Delespierre	Le Grand	Vienin (Venni)
De La Haye (Delahoy)	Le Leu	Veneille
De La Hoi (Delahoy)	Le Roy	Vandebec
Descoups	Le Talle	Vanvalkenburgh
De Sain	Le Houcgh (Hook)	Vaterloo
Dumollin	Le Fevre (Lefevre)	Wantier
	Massingarbe	Yserby (Isaby)

ON GUYHIRN CHAPEL

by Jean Pearce, 1978.

When refugees left foreign soil
A peaty fen to tame
They did not search for ease or fame
But purity through toil.

Chapel of Ease, though 'ease' is queer
In high-backed wooden pew
As throughout reigns, to fervent few
Intolerance brought fear.

Above strong door initials state
Incised for all to see
The 1660 and R.P.
Our history from that date.

With large old key unlatch the door
And underneath your feet
Warm honey tones so mellow greet
From terra-cotta floor.

As chapel hat pegs pry from wall
Clear windows hallow light
And conscience dictates what be right
In prayers to meet God's call.

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Ring now on 01945 582561 to book onto a course or ask for your 'FREE' brochure !!!

Wisbech St. Mary Sports & Community Centre

Welcome to our first quarterly update - Hope everyone enjoyed the Village & Country Fayre!

WSM Community Centre -Current User Groups & Times – please come and try a session or even start a new group.....!

Mon. Ballet/Dance – Meet weekly on Mondays from 3.30 – 7.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact **Mrs. Edwards 01406 540023**

Short Mat Bowls – Meet weekly on a Mon. eve. from 7.00 – 10.00 Contact **Avis 01945 410452**

Tues. Parents & Toddlers – Meet Weekly Tues. morn 9.30 – 11.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact **Sarah 07796 304583**

Murrow & District Children's Centre – Bumps 2 Babes – Meet Weekly Tues. 1.00 – 2.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact **Anne-Marie 01945 701237**

Dance Group – Meet on a Tues. 2.00 - 4.30 monthly and Sat. Night, monthly Contact **Alf 01945 450432**

Tea Dance – Meet monthly on a Tues. 2.00 – 4.30 Contact **Tanya 01945 410473** (Next date listed on notice board)

Line Dancing – Meet weekly on a Tues. eve 7.30 – 9.00 Contact **Brian 01354 656641**

Wed. Girl Guides – Meet weekly on Wed. 6.30 – 8.00 Contact **Sarah 01354 659269**

Ballroom & Latin Dance Instruction – Watch this space – Coming shortly at 8.00 contact **Brian 01354 656641**

Pool Team – Wed. nights from 8.00 – contact **Nick 410038**

Thurs. The Youth Club – Meet weekly on a Thurs. eve. from 7.00 – 9.00 Contact **Paul 01945 410610 or Brian 01945 410986**

Good Companions – Meet on a Thurs. once a fortnight 2.00– 4.30 Contact **Betty 01945 410708**

Fri. Darts Team – Fri. nights – Contact **01945 410432**

WSM Social Fishing Club – Fish every 2 weeks – Contact **Simon 01945 410274**

WSM Football Club – provides football for all ages. Ladies, men, girls, boys contact **Martin 01945 410243**

Please tel. contacts if you are interested in joining any of the groups, or tel. the numbers below if you would like to start, or be involved in, a new interest or activity.

We are keen to promote new daytime use for activities, training (OHP & large screen), meetings, workshops, conferences etc. not forgetting any private hires for social events or parties.

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*For room or hall hire/bookings please tel. 01945 410473 or the Community Centre on 01945 410432 See us at: [www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com)*  
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Don't forget to pop into the Station Bar – Open from 6.30 pm during the week and from 12.00 noon Sat.& Sun. – modern, air conditioned, friendly atmosphere. –

Some of the Events / Entertainment planned in 2010

July 31st - The Joe Loss Big Band –Eighty Years Celebration for the Band - a few tickets avail.

Sept. 25th - Charity Disco – tickets avail.

Oct. 30th - Motown Halloween Disco with Ian Gray

Nov. 27th - '80's Live Band ('Kick up the 80's) & Disco

December - Various entertainment including Children's Christmas Party on Sun. 12th & NYE Events