

# Village Voices August 2011



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 newcomer and visitors to our villages!



Guyhirn Church and Vicarage c1880

### *'Vicar's Verbals'*

Weddings are always a delight and I am especially honoured to be conducting more this year than in my previous years in the parishes. Many of the couples I am marrying have been living together for several years, some have quite large families already, and I always ask them, 'Why get married now?' The answers are generally similar, that they have intended to 'tie the knot' for quite some time but other things have occupied them such as careers, house-hunting, children, caring for elderly relatives and so on. I can quite understand this and in many ways it makes sense to be absolutely certain about your commitment to the person with whom you will vow to spend the rest of your life. It also has the advantage that their children can be joyfully present on the happy day. 'And why in church?' I ask. The answers again are similar – it's something about the place. A church is after all the 'family home' of a village, a kind of spiritual well to which people return to draw deeply at the important times in their lives. It is also about asking for God to be especially present in the promises made and to bless the union which is, in the eyes of Christians, holy and sacred. When you hear the bells ring out on a summer Saturday, or see the wedding cars pulling up, please say a little prayer for the happy couple and bless them in the way that Jesus blessed the couple whose wedding he attended in Cana. *Matthew.*

### **JULY ISSUE: THE BEST "VOICES" SO FAR!**

The July 2011 issue of "Village Voices" was packed with information and created a record of sorts! There were 72 items of news, which provided a total of 7,500 words. This bumper issue marked the beginning of a new year for advertisers, eager to reach the 2,700 households in the "Voices" delivery area north of the Nene. We thank those who advertise with us, and we commend their businesses to our readers.

### **CHARITY BIKE RIDE A HUGE SUCCESS**

Andy and Dawn at the *Bell, Murrow*, wish to thank everyone who supported their annual ten-mile bike ride for charity. A grand total of £759 was raised from the ride, a quiz, a raffle and a BBQ. Special thanks to Peter and Steve the BBQ chefs, to Emma and Tony Jarvis the "Piles", to Tony Hale and his family for raising over £450, and to Michael at the *Chequers*.

### **OPEN GARDENS DAY A BLOOMING SUCCESS: £730 RAISED**

This year's Wisbech St Mary Open Garden Day on June 25th was a resounding success. The nine varied and beautiful gardens were visited by over 120 people enjoying the warm weather, and the amazing sum of £730 was raised for the Elisabeth Svensden Trust for Children and Donkeys. Daisy the donkey paid a visit to Clear View, Cross Drove, in the afternoon and was always surrounded by photographers and patters! The huge hanging basket, sponsored by Delamore, was won by George from Lakenheath in Suffolk.

Margaret Rickard, the organiser, expressed her thanks to all the gardeners whose effort and hard work made the day so worthwhile.

If you missed the Open Gardens this year they will be open again next year at about the same time, same places.

*Sadly, Elisabeth Svensden, died on May 11<sup>th</sup> this year, aged 81 years. Her Trust and Donkey Sanctuary is now run by her son Paul.*

# *The Register*

## **We welcome into the church family**

**Daisy Ann Baker**, who was baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Amelia Kate Williams**, who was baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **We wish every happiness to**

**Bradley Shannon and Karen Baigent** who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Ashley Ziebart and Claire Theobald** who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Betty Chambers**, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Monday June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**David Bird**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn Crematorium on Thursday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Doris Nora Lankfer**, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**David Wilson**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Thursday July 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Margaret Rose Knowles**, whose funeral service was at St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Rosa Murfitt**, whose funeral service was in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by cremation at Cambridge, on Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Jackie Eden**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Friday July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **In memoriam**

**Tim Watson** whose ashes were interred in Gorefield Garden of Remembrance on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Trevor Payne**, formerly of WSM, whose ashes were interred in Leverington Garden of Remembrance on Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **EMERGENCY FUND-RAISING EVENT**

Newton Parish Church has suffered the lead being stolen twice last year, and the insurance company unfortunately wouldn't pay out the second time so the church has a substantial shortfall. It is hoped that the following event will raise a substantial amount for the restoration fund.

## **Charity Darts Exhibition**

by

**Martin (Wolfie) Adams World Champion**

and

**Captain of the England Darts Team**

**27 July 2011**, 7.30 at **Tydd St Giles Community Centre**. Tickets £5 (children under 11 accompanied by adult free). Bar and food available. Excellent raffle **and a chance to play against Wolfie**. Dartboard will be auctioned at end. Contact Sandy on 01945 411873."

## **£540 RAISED FOR HELP 4 HEROES**

A sponsored walk around Guyhirn Playing Field on June 11<sup>th</sup> raised the magnificent total of £540 for the Help 4 Heroes charity.

Jenny Edwards, Lisa Newton, Marion Ashman and June Clenshaw would like to thank everyone who supported them so generously. Well done, ladies!

## **THANK YOU**

Many thanks to everyone who helped organise the party after the Gorefield Show, it wouldn't have happened without your help! Thanks to all of you who attended the party, I hope you had a very enjoyable evening.

**Andy Buffham**

## **OVER SIXTIES CLUB SEEKING NEW MEMBERS**

Parson Drove Over Sixties Club meets on alternate Thursdays at 2pm in St Mark's church. New members are welcome. Contact M Shelley on 700729.

## **Choral Evensong at St John the Baptist, Church End, Parson Drove**

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 5pm an invited choir will lead us in a festival choral evensong in the ancient church of St John the Baptist, Church End, Parson Drove. This will be a unique and rare opportunity to see the church in use, to sing beautiful hymns, to hear fine canticles and chants ringing around its wonderful acoustics, and to join together in a traditional form of worship which was the standard fare of Sunday evenings for four of the church's six hundred year history. There will be a collection in aid of The Churches Conservation Trust by whose generous and painstaking work the church is preserved. Do join us – more details are available from the Vicar, the Revd Matthew Bradbury on 01945 410814.



## **SIXTY DIAMOND YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

Heartiest congratulations to Alwyn and Phyllis Johnson, of Church End, Parson Drove, who celebrate their Diamond Wedding anniversary on Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>.

When not involved in a busy farming life, Alwyn and Phyllis have been actively involved in a variety of village organisations, not least the John Peck Society. Throughout their married life they have enthusiastically supported the village churches. Alwyn is a former churchwarden at St John the Baptist, and Phyllis held a similar position at Emmanuel Church for many years. They were until recently the local contacts for the Churches Conservation Trust, who is now responsible for St John's.

Alwyn and Phyllis will spend the day with friends and family, including their four great-grandchildren. "Village Voices" joins with their family and friends in wishing them many more happy years of married life.

## **MOTHERS' UNION TAKES A BREAK**

Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> was our last meeting before the summer break. We return on September 6<sup>th</sup>, when we meet at 2.15pm in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church for Holy Communion, followed by a talk from Revd Matthew Bradbury and refreshments in the Church House. Everyone is most welcome.

## **THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM DESCRIBED AT THE WI**

Parson Drove Women's Institute held their meeting in St Mark's on July 12<sup>th</sup>. After the singing of 'Jerusalem', accompanied on the piano by Mrs Sheila Vials, the business of the meeting was conducted by the president. This was followed by a very interesting talk about the National Memorial Arboretum by Rev Alan Jesson. He was able to convey through words and pictures the atmosphere of this beautiful memorial. Tea, biscuits and chat completed the evening.

**Ann Payne**

## **GIANT YARD AND GARAGE SALE**

A giant Yard and Garage Sale takes place throughout the village of Guyhirn on September 17<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 2pm. Residents can make some extra cash by putting a few balloons up outside their houses on the day and display any items they want to sell. The organisers say "chuck out your chintz and clear out your clutter. We hope to make this an annual event, so join in for your chance to earn some welcome extra cash".

## **LADIES NOT IN LAVENDER!**

The last meeting of the WSM Women's Fellowship had to be cancelled as unfortunately, by the time Norfolk Lavender gave the final confirmation, we were told that there would be no shop or cafe facilities - not what we understood on booking last year.

The first meeting of our 'new year' will be on September 8<sup>th</sup> in WSM School Hall at 7pm when Rena Carey will be talking about hats. New members are always welcome.

**Liz Hunt and Mary McClagish**

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# 1961 DELAMORE 2011

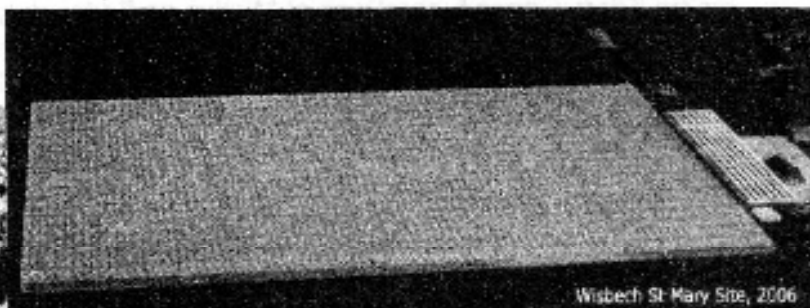
## The First Fifty Years

It was in 1961 that Ron and Rita Delamore started planting the roses and daffodils that would ultimately lay the vital foundations of fifty successful business years of R Delamore Ltd. Since 1961 Delamore has grown from a local family business into one of Europe's largest suppliers of young plants. From roses to daffodils, we now produce over 2,000 varieties of plants, which are grown and developed in our modern glasshouse, which in itself covers over 15 acres of land. This year, 2011, marks our amazing 50th Anniversary and we are proud to share this achievement with our local community. The local councils were instrumental in our move to Wisbech St Mary back in 2005. They were in complete support of our new 56 acre site on Station Road, and we couldn't have developed such an innovative headquarters without their support. Our new home is equipped with all the latest horticultural technologies; these include underground and above ground heating, lighting, shades, sprinklers, and automatic ventilation, which provide optimal growing conditions for our plants. Our loyal workforce has over 500 years of experience within the horticultural industry and we are proud that many of our local staff actually come from the local community too. We are proud to support the local economy in terms of offering employment opportunities for local citizens, while we are equally as proud to be supporting the community in other ways too. Since moving to our Wisbech St Mary site we have established excellent relationships with the local councils, primary and secondary schools, the Wisbech in Bloom committee and various other organisations. This has enabled us to give something back to a community that has been so welcoming to us since our move six years ago.

To mark our 50th Anniversary this year we have held various events to celebrate this landmark, including local vegetable growing competitions with two Secondary schools, community days for local organisation and schools, and again supporting the Wisbech in Bloom competition for the third consecutive year. Our philosophy of staying true to our community, partners, products and customers has always and will continue to be at the forefront of our delivery, and with this in mind, we look forward to the next fifty years of blissful and fruitful business at Wisbech St Mary. **Adam Parry, Marketing Co-ordinator.**



Ron and Rita Delamore founded the business with wife Rita in 1961



Wisbech St Mary Site, 2006

### GRAND DINNER AND NEW GARDEN TO MARK DELAMORE'S ANNIVERSARY

After touring the vast modern greenhouse, over 150 people gathered for a splendid Dinner to celebrate Delamore's anniversary. The guest speaker at the function, which was attended by local dignitaries, council leaders and representatives of the horticultural industry, was broadcaster and journalist Peter Seabrook.

The following day the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Richard Barnwell, cut the ribbon to open a new garden at the nursery, watched by children from Guyhirn C E School, Wisbech St Mary C E School, Peckover Primary School and Ramnoth Road Junior School who won the Best Hanging Basket competition. Wayne Eady, Delamore Managing Director, said the company was committed to working even more closely with the local community, especially with the village schools.

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## GUYHIRN TURNS OUT FOR FLOWER ARRANGING DEMONSTRATION

Nearly a hundred people attended a very successful flower arranging demonstration in Guyhirn Village Hall. Well-known local auctioneer Nick Grounds captivated his audience with beautiful arrangements of flowers and foliage, and amused them with his non-stop anecdotes.

The proceeds of the evening, which included an auction of some of the arrangements, were for much-needed Hall funds.

## 137 MOTORISTS CAUGHT SPEEDING

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams are continuing to hold local Speedwatch checks. The results for June were

### Friday 10th June

Church Road, Leverington - 129 Vehicles Checked, 15 Speeding  
High Road, Guyhirn - 98 Vehicles Checked, 2 Speeding  
Murrow Bank, Murrow - 79 Vehicles Checked, 1 Speeding

### Wednesday 15th June

Church Road, Leverington - 150 Vehicles Checked, 10 Speeding  
Gorefield Road, Leverington - 125 Vehicles Checked, 40 Speeding

### Thursday 16th June

High Road, Gorefield - 65 Vehicles Checked, 12 Speeding  
High Road, WSM - 200 Vehicles Checked, 3 Speeding  
Leverington Common, - 180 Vehicles Checked, 16 Speeding

### Tuesday 21st June

Church Road, Leverington - 197 Vehicles Checked, 8 Speeding  
High Road, Guyhirn - 203 Vehicles Checked, 1 Speeding

### Wednesday 29th June

High Road, Guyhirn - 123 Vehicles Checked, 1 Speeding  
Murrow Bank, Murrow - 72 Vehicles Checked, 11 Speeding  
Main Road, Parson Drove - 86 Vehicles Checked, 17 Speeding

Letters containing a warning and appropriate advice have been sent to all of the registered keepers of the offending vehicles. Motorists caught by police officers don't get a second chance. The Speedwatch events will be continuing in all the villages surrounding Wisbech throughout 2011, and the local results will be published in "Village Voices" each month.

If anybody feels concerned about speeding related issues, or wishes to become involved with the scheme as one of the local volunteers, then please contact your Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0345 456 456 4 extension 3799

## COUNTRY FAYRE: ANOTHER SUCCESS

The trustees of the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre have expressed their thanks to all who contributed to the success of this year's Country Fayre. They said, "Our grateful thanks to everyone for making this a real community event. It was superb that so many from within the community took part, from early preparation prior to the weekend, right up to being part of the main arena entertainment and including the less desirable part of cleaning up and getting back to normal afterwards".

Following a recent public feedback/review meeting, planning has already started for next year's event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012. It has been suggested that the theme for the scarecrow competition for next year should be 'The Olympics', everyone being encouraged to take part, including village organisations.

The first *Beerfest* also proved to be a very successful event, and it is again planned for next year as a lead up to the Country Fayre starting from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

## ADVENTURE PATCH LAUNCHED

The Adult Exercise equipment on the Gorefield Adventure Patch (GAP) has been launched. The event marked the final stage of the Parish Council's work on turning the playground into a place where children and families can go and enjoy the amenities. The cost for all this work has been considerable and has mainly come from grants that the committee have been successful in obtaining through the very good offices of Coun. Norman Carroll, who has worked extremely hard for a long time in ensuring that the Council's vision of what was wanted, has been achieved.

## CHAIRMAN HITS OUT AT VILLAGE VANDALS

The chairman of Gorefield Playing Field committee, George Ridley, has appealed for residents' support to prevent further cases of vandalism on the Adventure Patch and in the village.

He said, "It saddens me to report that there has over many months been a very small number of youths intent on trying to destroy what we have built up on the playing field. Their behaviour has been unacceptable and criminal in some respects. Norman Carroll at the launch explained that the area is for the parishioners' enjoyment and particularly for the enjoyment of the children. For my part I would urge every one who uses the play equipment to ensure that you do so safely and without fear of intimidation or abuse of any kind. If any resident should be abused or intimidated in any manner, they should report this immediately to the police on 0345456456 4. The more we do this the quicker the perpetrators can be dealt with. Remember, it's your playground and it will serve your needs and that of your children for a very long time, particularly if we help to maintain its present state and remove the vandals and those who would do it harm".

## HISTORY GROUP TO VISIT MUSEUM

The Villages History Group, which meets in the WSM Community Centre each fourth Tuesday, has been invited to visit the Wisbech & Fenland Museum on Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Arriving at 7pm, members will see the priceless collections of artefacts, and will have a look below stairs at the Museum, which is now achieving international status.

New members from neighbouring villages warmly welcomed. Details on 410755.

## CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **Tuesday August 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than **Thursday August 18<sup>th</sup>**.

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

+ **Regular Services** +

**St Paul's Church, Gorefield:**

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

**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.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer  
Aug 7: Greeters. Pauline +Diane. Coffee: Sandra.  
Aug 14. Greeter: Pam. Coffee: Barbara.  
Aug 21. Greeters: Sue + Jenny. Coffee: Sheelagh.  
Flowers for August: Mrs S Boughen.

**W 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

**Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am**

Aug 7: Mrs R Simpson  
Aug 14: Local arrangement  
Aug 21: Holy Comm. Rev N Hannah.  
Aug 28: Local arrangement

**St Mark's Methodist Church,P Dr**

Aug 7: 10.30. Local arrangement.  
Aug 14: 9.30. United service in Parish Church.  
Aug 21: 10.30. Local arrangement.  
Aug 28: 10.30. United service. Rev D Ely.

**Wisbech St Mary Methodist**

Aug 7:Mrs A Emmerson  
Aug 14:.  
Aug 21:Mrs S Askew  
Aug 28: Rev P Dewdney

**THE RED HAT SOCIETY  
DESCENDS ON HUNSTANTON**

The Guyhirn chapter of the Red Hat Society, better known as the Fenland Fillies, clutching their bus passes, headed out for a day at the seaside. Leaving on the 9.40am X1 bus, they were off to Hunstanton for a day of fun and frolics. First up on the agenda was obviously a cup of coffee and a bit of retail therapy, then we headed for the crazy golf. After two hours of laughter and some unorthodox shots we headed off for lunch. This, of course, had to be a bag of fish and chips eaten on the promenade. After an ice cream dessert we headed back to the bus stop, via a few more shops, and headed for home. All in all a grand day out!

**Pearl Davies (Pearly Queen)**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND**

AT

**WISBECH ST MARY CHURCH**

Advance notice

Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 7pm.

**MARCH 2000**

**BRASS BAND CONCERT**

Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**11.00am**

Throughout the weekend

**DISPLAY OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTEFACTS OF GUYHIRN  
AND WISBECH ST MARY**

**Children's Harvest Competitions**

**WISBECH ST MARY'S MONTHLY MART**

The popular Mart that is held in the Church House, Wisbech St Mary, each month has been running for many years. Although it is held in church house it is open to all residents, and everyone in the village is warmly invited to call in to see the produce on offer. In addition to home-made cakes, etc, there may be vegetables or bric-a-brac, or even a raffle. Most important of all is the opportunity to sit and chat with friends over a cup of cheer. The ladies who organise the Mart would love to see the room packed each month. See you there, on August 13<sup>th</sup>, it opens at 8.45am for just over an hour.

**GOREFIELD'S FOURTH SCARECROW  
FESTIVAL**

This year's festival will be held between

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September,**  
and the theme is

**COLOURFUL CREATURES --- GREAT AND SMALL**

This year there is a new Children's Scarecrow category.

Judging takes place between August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. Entry forms will be available from Gagen's shop, Village Shop and Post Office, David Pope 870059 or Marie Humphrey 410436

**Scarecrow Route**

Residents and visitors are invited to travel around the village on **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August**, between 11am and 4pm, starting at the Playing Field, Wolf Lane, to view and judge the Scarecrows.

**There is also a Treasure Hunt, Refreshments and a Draw.**



## Fact from F A. C. T.

Registered users of the Fenland Association Community Transport (FACT) bus scheme will have received a letter from them explaining why their service differs from that expected from other forms of public transport, and answering criticisms about punctuality. As one of the Gorefield Community Car Scheme Co-ordinators, Chris Harvey explains "I often recommend FACT to clients. I totally support their role and their work which is becoming essential with an increasing elderly community to serve, but their service is not just for the elderly or the infirm. Their vehicles, I understand, are standard mid-sized buses, the specification of which allows journey by journey modification to accept wheel chairs and mobility scooters. This modification is often done the night before, and advance booking is therefore essential to allow this". FACT also explained in their letter the need to plan a route to allow pick-up from off-schedule locations. FACT has in its excellent portfolio the 'Dial-A-Ride' service which is essential to a rural area, because it allows the routes to deviate journey upon journey, yet follow basic previously set out schedules which allow time for door step pick-up and setting down. Unfortunately this can not be done and still stick to a rigid timetable like a main stream service bus. Mixing a door to door service with a village by village schedule is a skilful piece of planning. 'Dial-A-Ride' is not the only service FACT provides, and not all their services are covered by the bus pass. When booking read their literature carefully, and be sure you ask them for the right service. FACT can be contacted on 01354 661234.

### ELGOOD'S BEER FESTIVAL 2011

Elgood's are holding a Beer Festival at the North Brink Brewery, Wisbech, from September 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. Details from 01945 583160 or [info@elgoods-brewery.co.uk](mailto:info@elgoods-brewery.co.uk)

### FOUND

**A key fob and key was found on Murrow Playing Field on 14<sup>th</sup> July. If you think this may belong to you please telephone 01945 701776 with identification.**

### WSM LUNCHEON CLUB

Lunch dates for August are Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at midday at the *Bridge Inn*. If any member cannot attend please contact Marjorie (410511) or the *Bridge Inn* (410555).

### SUNSHINE CLUB OUT AND ABOUT

Murrow Sunshine Club has held meetings in June and July, and birthdays have been celebrated by Dorothy Britton and Edna Payne. The Club welcomed Audrey Savill as the club's newest member.

Discussions have taken place concerning the village hall, which will soon have to be replaced due to its condition. Members have recently been given the opportunity to say what they would like to see in a new hall.

The club were looking forward to an outing to Great Yarmouth on July 20<sup>th</sup>, and the next outing will be to Wickstead Park on September 1st for a matinee performance of "The Good Old Days" show.

### NEW TERM OF WATERCOLOUR PAINTING BEGINS

New members, whether beginners or Improvers, are invited to join Mike and Diana for the new term of classes at Gorefield Village Hall. There is a class just right for you, whether it be painting flowers or landscapes. Starting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, there are classes during the day or during an evening.

Contact the tutors, Mike and Diana Stuart on 870411 to learn more, or to enrol in these very popular classes.

### NEWS FROM NORMAN

"Another great meal enjoyed by 41 members of the **Gorefield Luncheon Club** in the Church Hall. The new people in the *Woodmans* have not started serving food yet, so the next Lunch will be in the Church Hall on Wednesday 3rd August.

In the mean time we will look into the possibility of moving back to the pub.

"**The Play Ranger** (Lisa Peel) will be holding her next play session on the playing field on **Wednesday 17th August** from 10.00 until 12.00.

**Bring your toddlers along for  
a great time.**

Norman Carroll

### MURROW VILLAGE HALL OFFICERS ELECTED

At the recent Annual General Meeting of Murrow Village Hall Management Committee the following officers were elected:

Mrs Maureen Woollard, Chairperson; Mr Peter Barnes, Vice Chairman; Miss Mary Lane, Secretary; and Mrs Julia Barnes, Treasurer.

The telephone number for the secretary is 701776. The hall bookings telephone numbers are unchanged

## CAR BOOT SALES DATES

Saturdays 6th and 20th August, at the Playing Field, in Wolf Lane, Gorefield. Sellers at 7.30am, £4 per pitch. Toilets and refreshments available. Contact: 870387 or 07918122217.

## MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

Mr Ackhurst - Murrow  
Mrs Boston - Parson Drove  
Mrs Day - Parson Drove  
Mrs May - Murrow  
Mr Wadsley - Guyhirn  
M Pike - Murrow  
B Coates - Parson Drove  
L Wilson - Wisbech St Mary

## ZUMBA COMES TO GUYHIRN

Zumba, a fitness programme inspired by Latin dance, is the newest, hottest way to keep fit. You can attend zumba classes run by Dawn at Guyhirn Village Hall from Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> from 11am to 12 noon. The cost is £4 per session.

### Useful contacts

#### Churches

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

#### Village Halls (bookings)

Gorefield 870829  
Guyhirn 450835  
Murrow 700673 700212  
Parson Drove 700729  
Thorney Toll 07887754869 07961957878  
WSM Community Centre 01945410473

#### Parish Council Clerks

Gorefield 870454  
Parson Drove 700501  
Wisbech St Mary 474191

#### Schools

Gorefield School 870321  
Gorefield Pre-school 871042  
Guyhirn School 450247  
Murrow School 700357  
Murrow Pre School 07754758332  
Payne School Parson Drove 700275  
Parson Drove Pre-School 07503165432  
WSM School 410312  
WSM Play Group 411864  
WSM Little Saint's Toddlers 410503  
Murrow Children's Centre 701237.

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WSM Com Car Scheme 07592407283  
Gorefield Com. Car Scheme 07500479444  
Childline 0800 1111  
Crimestoppers 0800 555 111  
Dog control/Animal welfare 01354 622442  
Drugs Helpline 0800 776600  
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CCC Highways Maintenance 03450455212  
Samaritans 08457909090  
Victim supportline 08453030900

#### Websites:

[www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com)  
[www.guyhirn-online.org.uk](http://www.guyhirn-online.org.uk)  
[www.wisbechstmary.org.uk](http://www.wisbechstmary.org.uk)

**Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564**

## FRUIT FLOWERS VEGETABLES CRAFTS ON SHOW

Gorefield's Fruit, Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show takes place on Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Exhibits 9am to 11.45am. The show is open to the public from 2.15pm and the trophies will be presented at 3pm. An auction of produce begins at 4pm.

Entry forms will be available from Gagen's shop, Village Shop & Post Office, David Pope 870059 or Marie Humphrey 410436.

**During the show the 2011 Scarecrow Festival results will be announced.**

## PRIZE BINGO AT MURROW

There is to be a Prize Bingo session in Murrow Village Hall on Friday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6.45pm and Eyes Down at 7.30pm.

As always, excellent prizes, raffle and refreshments. Details: Donna on 700084.

## MURROW AUTUMN OPEN FLOWER+VEGETABLE SHOW VILLAGE HALL SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Exhibits accepted between 9am & 11:30am

Show opens @ 2pm

Presentation of awards @ 3pm - Followed by auction

Schedules available from Mrs M Woollard, Roseacre, Front Road, Murrow. Tel: 700673.

## HATE CRIME SERVICE LAUNCHED

A new service for victims and witnesses of hate crimes has been launched in Fenland by Cambridgeshire Police.

**Open Out** is a confidential service where people can report hate crimes, when someone is targeted because of their race, faith, gender or disability, and get support and advice.

Karolina Bober, Open Out co-ordinator, said: "Hate crime can often have a devastating effect on victims, leaving them feeling isolated and sometimes too embarrassed to talk to anyone. The Open Out scheme offers victims confidential support and advice. There is no pressure to report the incident to police, however this is an option and the Open Out co-ordinators can support victims through the process.

Research suggests that as many as 95% of hate crimes go unreported. This can be because the victim doesn't feel comfortable reporting the crime or may not realise it's a crime. I would urge anyone who thinks they have been a victim of a hate crime to report it to police or call the confidential Open Out service on 01223 823 552, visit [www.openoutcambs.org](http://www.openoutcambs.org) or to the police online at [www.cambs.police.uk](http://www.cambs.police.uk)



## Mobile Library Stops

<u>1<sup>st</sup> +3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> + 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> +4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Jan 28<sup>th</sup> +Feb 11<sup>th</sup> + 25<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>
Murrow School	10:00	10:40	Rings End, March Rd	09:45	10:05
Murrow Station Ave	10:45	11:00	Bunkers Hill Lay-by	10:15	10:35
Murrow Front Rd Paddocks	11:05	11:20	Wisbech St Mary Church Rd	10:55	11:25
Parson Drove The Bank	11:30	12:00	Wisbech St Mary Cannon Close	14:40	15:30
Parson Drove Newlands Corner	12:10	12:25	Guyhirn Chapelfield	15:45	16:05
Parson Drove Henlow Farm	12:30	12:45			
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: Jan 27<sup>th</sup> + Feb24<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: February 16<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15	Gorefield School	15.00	
			Gorefield Post Office	15.45	
			Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	

### LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFEEES EDUCATION TRUST

(Charity Number 311325)

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

Applications are invited from parents of students who are residents of **Leverington, Gorefield and Parson Drove** for grants to young persons 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  
Cambs PE13 4NB

**Closing date for completed application forms is  
Friday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011**

### LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFEEES

#### TO LET BY INFORMAL TENDER ON 3 YEAR FARM BUSINESS TENANCY

2 ACRES (APPROX) GRADE 1 ARABLE  
LAND  
SUTTON ROAD/PARSON DROVE LANE  
LEVERINGTON

Interested parties should submit their offer of  
rent per acre for the field  
in writing marking envelope Land Tender by  
**noon on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011**  
to The Clerk Mrs R J Gagen 78 High Road  
Gorefield PE13 4NB

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Or phone Terry Brigden on 450481.

### *Voices Past from the courts*

#### APPLICATION TO BE LIBERATED FROM HER SERVICE

As reported in the "Cambridge Chronicle" April 1854

A careworn-looking female named Coleman who said she was housekeeper to Mr Thorpe, farmer, of Guyhim, made an application to the Isle of Ely Bench to be liberated from her service in consequence, as she stated, of the ill usage she had received. She was under no regular agreement, having lived with him for 22 years and had borne him four children.

This was admitted by Thorpe, and at the suggestion of the magistrates, the parties retired with a view to effecting an amicable arrangement. On re-entering the Court it was stated that Thorpe had offered the complainant 3s per week for each of three children, and to maintain the eldest. This offer was rejected by Coleman as she thought it would not be permanent and preferred taking out three bastardy summons, which were granted.

#### ALLEGED ASSAULT ON A FEMALE

from the "Wisbech Advertiser" January 1882

Benjamin JACKSON, labourer, a youth about 17 or 18 years old, was summoned for assaulting Sarah Jane WISEMAN at Wisbech St Mary, on the 22nd December. The defendant did not appear.

The service of summons having been proved, the complainant, a respectable-looking young woman, stated I am 20 years of age, and live in the service of Mr Hill, farmer, of Murrow Splash in the parish of Wisbech St Mary. On Thursday, the 22nd December, my master and mistress were absent from home, having gone to market, and I was alone with the defendant, who lives in the same service. When we were getting our dinner the defendant took hold of me and threw me down. He pulled my clothes about and I expected he would get the mastery over me. He did it against my will. He has assaulted me before, but I did not make any complaint about it. I had told him that if he did so again I should tell my mistress. When my master and mistress came home on the day in question, I told my mistress what had happened. The Bench ordered further proceedings should be taken against the defendant.

# WSM Community Centre - User Groups & Times

Lots of clubs, activities, theatre productions, shows and entertainment - also please look for local updates, posters etc.

**Mon. Street Dance/Ballet** Instruction - Weekly on Mondays from 3.30 - 6.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Mrs. Edwards 01406 540023

**Short Mat Bowls** - Weekly on Mon. eve. from 7.00 - 9.30 contact Avis 01945410452

**Tues. Parents & Toddlers** - Weekly on Tues. morn 9.30 - 11.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Sarah 01945 410503  
**History Group** - Monthly (fourth Tues. in the month) from 7.00pm - (held in the Sidings) Contact Brian 01945 410755

**Dance Group** - Monthly Tues. from 2.00 - 4.30 monthly and Sat. Night, monthly contact Alf 01945 450432

**Tea Dance** - Monthly Tues. from 2.00 - 4.30 Contact Tanya 01945 410473 (latest date displayed on notice board)

**Line Dancing Instruction** - Weekly Tues. eve from 7.30 - 9.00 Contact Brian 01354 656641

**Ballroom & Latin Dance Instruction** - Weekly Tues. eve. at 9.00pm contact Brian 01354 656641

**Wed. Girl Guides** - Weekly on a Wed. 6.30 - 8.00 Contact Sarah 01354 659269

**Pool Team**- Weekly on Wed. nights - contact Nick 410038 from 8.00

**Thurs. The Youth Club** - Weekly on a Thurs. eve. from 7.00 - 9.00 contact Paul 01945 410610 or Brian 01945 410986

**Good Companions** - Fortnightly on a Thurs. once a fortnight 2.00 - 4.30 (held in the Sidings) contact Betty 01945 410708

**Fri. Computer/Internet training** - Weekly on Fri. morn. 10.00- 12.00 (held in the Sidings) Contact George 07584 490261

**Darts Team** - Weekly on 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

**For general enquiries or bookings - Please contact us on 0845 2255566 or via website [www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com)**

## ***"Entertainment at the Centre during 2011 ~***

**Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> ~ The Joe Loss Big Band, quality entertainment suitable for all, tickets avail, shortly**

**Fri. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - Comedy Night, in the Main Hall-**

**Sat Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - A 'Motown' Experience - Superb Live band.....**

**Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Children's Christmas Party**

**Fri. & Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Nights, 4 course meal, entertainment etc...**

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - New Year's Eve Events - family/children's entertainment in the main hall & entertainment in the Station Bar.**