# Village Voices August 2012



Village Voices is produced by the parish churches for the local community providing news and information for:

Gorefield- Guyhirn-Harold Bridge-Murrow-Parson Drove-Rings End-Tholomas Drove-Thorney Toll

Wisbech St Mary

### A warm welcome to all newcomers and visitors to our villages!

### Vicar's Verbals'

Back from lovely holidays - and very lucky we were too, with weather and accommodation - and we count ourselves truly fortunate to be able to afford a foreign holiday when many people cannot. The Greek Islands are heavenly of course and part of their delight is the different way of life. The towns are not dissimilar to our own, although the very civilised idea of siesta makes their days longer and lazier. But out in the country things seem to be frozen in time. with tiny two or three roomed houses overlooking field of melons and olive orchards with a few goats mooching around in the yard and Mama sitting on a stool preparing food. People are more religious too. Even some of the soldiers cross themselves as they whiz past the big church in town in their jeeps and trucks. And the blue-roofed chapels are always open; no-one would dare desecrate the beautiful Icons or pinch the coins from the collection plate by the candle stand. I have tried to bring some of their timeless tranquillity back to the Vicarage with a couple of Icons I bought in a shop in the high-street (can you imagine having a shop in Wisbech which sold nothing but religious artefacts!). I suppose the constant sunshine helps - and we have precious little of that. But a smile costs nothing, and a few minutes chatting with a soggy passer-by might be all the warmth they need this month Matthew.

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lan Groome, holding the Olympic Torch with pupils and the headteacherof Murrow Primary School, with the chairman of WSM Parish Council

### THOMAS CLARKSON COMMEMORATION AT GOREFIELD PARISH CHURCH

To celebrate the inclusion of anti-slavery campaigner Thomas Clarkson in the Church of England Lectionary after several years of negotiation with the Church authorities, a Special United Service will be held in St Paul's church, Gorefield on Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

Thomas Clarkson, Wisbech's most famous son, was a leading campaigner against the slave trade and slavery in Britain and the British Empire. He was instrumental in collecting information that was laid before Parliament which resulted in the passing of the Slave Trade Act in 1807.

A presentation of the life and work of Clarkson will be included in the Service which will bring together the congregations of Wisbech St Mary, Parson Drove and Gorefield churches. Residents and visitors are warmly invited to join in this important commemoration.

### OVER £800 RAISED ON WSM OPEN GARDEN DAY

The annual Open Garden Day in Wisbech St Mary was an outstanding success. Over £800 was raised from nearly a hundred visitors to the gardens, and the organisers have expressed their appreciation for that support, and also wish to thank the individual gardeners who presented their gardens so beautifully.

The money will go to the Norfolk Hospice, Tapping House, Snettisham.

### HARVEST SERVICE TO BE THE LAST SERVICE IN WSM METHODIST CHAPEL

The Methodist Church in Wisbech St Mary will close on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>. A Harvest Festival celebration will bring to an end 86 years of service to the village and surrounding area. The chapel members will be joined by members of the congregation of the Parish Church, and anyone with memories of the chapel is invited.

The service begins at 3pm.

### THANK YOU FROM EMMANUEL CHURCH

Emmanuel church's Summer Fete was held a fortnight later this year due to the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, and was moved to the Village Hall because of the very wet conditions underfoot and the threat of more rain on the day, which proved to be a wise decision. We thank everyone who supported the event and everyone who worked hard in any respect to make it a pleasant social occasion and a financial success. The sum of £840 was raised for church funds, a considerable increase on the previous year. Thank you everyone for your continued hard work and commitment for this important annual event in the Church Calendar. It was nice to see that we were again well supported by our friends from neighbouring parishes. Trevor Rawlings

### MART AND CHURCH OPEN FOR BUSINESS AT ST MARY'S

Saturday August 11<sup>th</sup> is the day when the popular Mart will be open at WSM Church House, and the church will be open for residents and visitors to call in.

The Mart opens at 8.45am and closes at sell-out, usually about 10am. There will be a delicious choice of home-baking, marmalade, honey, jam, and perhaps some plants. Stay and have a cup of coffee or tea before carrying on with your busy Saturday morning. You don't have to be church members to go to the Mart!

Across the road, the church will be open from 10am to Noon for anyone to drop in for a quiet moment or two, to meet friends, or perhaps to talk to a member of the Ministry Team.

## "VILLAGE VOICES" ON THE PODIUM!

"Village Voices" has won the Bronze Certificate in the Specialist Magazine category of the 2011 Cambridge Community Magazine Awards. The presentation ceremony was held in Cambridge and was sponsored by the Cambridge Building Society.

A spokesman for the Society said "We are pleased to once again support these awards and recognise the work going on in our local communities. The annual awards have become an important event in the calendar and prove very popular every year. The magazines that these editors and publishers produce are really important to the local communities and we are pleased to be able to recognise this as part of our commitment to the communities that we operate in".

The Silver Certificate went to "The Mill" the parish magazine of St Vigor's church, Fulbourn, and the Gold was won by "GOBA News", the magazine of the Great Ouse Boating Association, based at St Ives.

### THANK YOU!

The "Village Voices" Management Team would like to thank two stalwart Deliverers who have each recently retired for health reasons. Joan Neal and Mick Jenner have delivered this newsletter for many years, and we have very much appreciated their dedication and support. We would like to hear from anyone who could help us with deliveries in the Station Avenue area, Murrow, and in Beechings Close, Wisbech St Mary. Please ring 410755.

### The Register

We welcome into the Church family

Teddy Smith, who was baptised at St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday June 24th.

Mackenzie and Gracie Freeburn-Broadhead, who were baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday July 1st Hollie Payne, who was baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday July 1st

Charlie Whyte, who was baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday July 15th.

We wish every happiness to

Darren Osborn and Kathleen Prentice, who were married in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup> Benjamin Hancock and Rebecca Collins, who were married in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>

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

Rosemary Thornton, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Monday June 25th

Dorothy (Dot) Cundy, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Edna Desborough, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Monday July 9th

Eileen Elbury, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Monday July 9th

Geoffrey Walker, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Friday July 13th

In memoriam

Cicely Anderson, whose ashes were laid in Guyhrin churchyard on Wednesday June 20th

Davis Meredith, whose ashes were laid in Gorefield churchyard on Friday July 6th

Jean Ranger, whose ashes were laid in Guyhirn churchyard on Saturday July 7th

Brenda McCullough, whose ashes were laid in Wisbech St Mary Garden of Remembrance on Saturday July 14th

### SPEEDWATCH RESULTS IN OUR VILLAGES

28% of vehicles checked in WSM were speeding

Fri 8th June: Leverington Com. Vehicles checked 153; speeding 8
Fri 8th June: Main Rd, P Dr Vehicles checked 88; speeding 11
Wed 13th June: High Rd, GorefieldVehicles checked 48; wed 13th June: High Rd, Guyhirn Vehicles checked 90; Speeding 1
Mon 18th June: Station Rd, WSM. Vehicles checked 47; speeding 1
Wed 27th June: Front Rd, Murrow Vehicles checked 29; The police thank all volunteers who were able to assist in the operation of the scheme.

### SCARECROW FESTIVAL DETAILS

The Scarecrow Festival at Gorefield this year is from August 18th to September 8th, and the theme is Olympics, Sports and Games. There is also a children's section. On the Bank Holiday weekend, August 25th and 26th, there is a Treasure Hunt around ther Scarecrow route, starting at the Playing Field. There will also be Table top and Garage Sales along the route. Everyone is invited to vote for their favourite scarecrow. Details from Marie on 410436.

### CASEY AND BARBARA'S BINGO EVENING

Casey and Barbara are holding a Bingo Session in Parson Drove Village Hall on Thursday August 2nd to raise funds for the annual pensioners' Christmas Party. Doors 6.30; eyes down 7.30pm. Prizes gratefully received. Everyone welcome.

### WSM LUNCHEON CLUB DATES

The Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club will meet at the Bridge Inn on Tuesdays August 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at midday. If members can not attend please contact Marjorie on 410511 or the Bridge Inn on 410555..

### SCHOOL BECOMES THE ALDERMAN PAYNE SCHOOL

From September this year the school at Parson Drove will be renamed Alderman Payne School. The name perpetuates the memory of one of the Isle of Ely's best known public servants in the first half of the twentieth century. John William Payne ("John Willie" to most people) was born in Guyhirn in September 1887, so the renaming of the school celebrates the *actual* 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. He farmed in Murrow, living at Sycamore Lodge, and played an active part in village life, particularly within the Methodist Chapel. A self-taught man, he entered the world of local government and was chairman of the former Isle of Ely Education Committee for over 25 years, and was instrumental in providing new schools in towns and villages throughout the county. Parson Drove school, opened in 1933, is the only one to bear his name. He died in 1959. Before local authorities were re-organised in 1974 an alderman was a senior member of a

### MEETING TO PLAN FOR 2013 VILLAGE FUN DAY

county council who served in a similar way to the present Cabinet system of local councils.

Murrow Playing Field Association is hoping to organise a village fun day in 2013 and would like your help. There will be a meeting in the village hall on Wednesday September 19th at 7.00pm for anyone who would like to be involved.

Anyone unable to get to the meeting, but would still like to help, please contact the secretary on 701776 or by email on <a href="mailto:lianemary@aol.com">lianemary@aol.com</a>

### **USE YOUR MOBILE LIBRARY**

Cambridgeshire County Council currently has four mobile libraries stopping at 421 locations in 245 villages and communities throughout the county. It's a great place for catching up with friends and neighbours whilst supporting a local community resource.

They visit most locations once a month e.g. the first Tuesday of the month. For your nearest mobile library stop you please consult "Village Voices" or visit www.Cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library then click on 'find my nearest library'.

- service is free to join and use.
- Each Mobile Library vehicle carries up to 3,000 items of stock including fiction, non fiction, large print, books on CD and cassette, DVDs. Books for children of all ages.
- You can request books/cassettes/CDs/DVDs. They have access to all the books in Cambridgeshire Libraries.
- Any books borrowed from the Mobile Library can be returned to any other Cambridgeshire Library and you can return books from other libraries to the mobile, so no need to worry about missing your due date.
- You can renew and order books online, please ask onboard for your 'PIN' to get you started.
- Books are issued for 5 weeks and you can renew for up to three months.
- Unfortunately there is a charge when books are returned late.
- All vehicles have a lift for wheelchair users or those who find stairs difficult.

Mobile Library Stops			
1st Thursday: 2nd August	Arr	<u>Dep</u>	
Murrow School	10:00	10:40	
Murrow Station Ave	10:45	11:00	
Murrow Front Rd Paddocks	11:05	11:20	
Parson Drove The Bank	11:30	12:00	
Parson Drove Newlands Corner	12:10	12:25	
Parson Drove Henlow Farm	12:30	12:45	
3rd Thursday: 16th August	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	
Murrow School	10:00	10:40	
Murrow Station Ave	10:45	11:00	
Murrow Front Rd Paddocks	11:05	11:20	
Parson Drove School	11:30	12:45	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	
Gorefield School	15.00	15:40	
Gorefield Post Office	15.45	16:00	
Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	16:25	
4th Thursday: .23rd August	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15	
2 <sup>nd</sup> +4 <sup>th</sup> Friday: 10 <sup>th</sup> + 24 <sup>th</sup> August	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	
Rings End, March Rd	09:45	10:05	
Bunkers Hill Lay-by	10:15	10:35	
Wisbech St Mary Church Rd	10:55	11:25	
Wisbech St Mary Cannon Close	14:40	15:30	
Guyhirn Chapelfield	15:45	16:05	

### **COFFEE MORNING PLANNED**

A coffee morning, as part of the Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, is being planned for Friday September 28th from 10am to 12.30pm in Gorefield Parish Room. The organiser would be grateful for any offers of help, both on the day and also before hand for cakes and collection of bric-a-brac for a bring and buy stall. If there are enough helpers, there may be some games and other activities. Please contact Ellen on 871469 for details.

### ALL ABOUT THE RIVER NENE

The children of Lions Class at Guyhirn School have written this report:

Mr. Payne came in to talk to Lions class at Guyhirn Church of England Primary School, about the River Nene. He talked to us about how the river has changed over the past years; with some interesting facts. He told us that quite a while ago four children had just moved into Guyhirn. They did not know anything about the river and they went across the road to the river. Also they saw 3 pieces of wood, and they built a raft, 1 child fell off and drowned. The river isn't very safe because it is very deep and there are risks of drowning if you go swimming. We enjoyed learning about the river and will use the talk to write a report.

#### FOOTBALLERS SEEK SPONSORSHIP

Gorefield Athletic football team is an adult side with anyone aged 16 upwards playing. The team plays in the Cambs League Division 5D on Saturdays. The manager has twenty years experience, and holds coaching badges Level One and Two. The team also has the benefit of training once a month with a member of the Aston Villa coaching staff. Players meet for training at the Gorefield playing field on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-30 till 8-30. New members are welcome. The players are currently looking for a sponsor to help provide training tops. If anyone can help call Martin Pettit on 07548668424

### STREET PRIDE WORK PROGRESSING

Gorefield Street Pride meets on the third Saturday of each month at 10 o'clock at the Playing Field. Our primary objective is to clean up our village in any way we can given our time and resources. By the time this goes to press we will have once again walked the village and picked up litter and hopefully we will have cut back the overhanging branches of trees alongside the school playing field and possibly started again on trying to clean up the chapel graveyard. I would ask that anyone who has loved ones resting there try to attend and offer some assistance as this will be a big job lasting some time. As always we welcome any newcomers and children to our event and encourage all to do as much or as little as you can to assist in keeping our village a clean and safe place for all of our residents and children. Any ideas for future work will be gratefully received and hopefully applied. **G** Ridley

### PARSON DROVE SCHOOL'S SUCCESSFUL

Ms Blyth the head teacher at Payne Primary School would like to thank the local community for all their support this year. They had a fantastic time at their Jubilee Tea Party with many village residents attending. The summer fair was very successful and raised over £800 to go towards building a roof for the school swimming pool.

The school's next big fundraising event will be a Christmas craft and food fair on the first weekend of December and they would like to invite local crafts people to book a stall. Call Karen Fevyer (Parent council secretary) on 701518 for more information.

"Village Voices" is sorry for the late delivery of the July issue, and the omission of the following items of news. We apologise to the deliverers and our correspondents. The situation was caused by technical difficulties in setting up and printing the newsletter.

### QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATED AT ST **MARKS**

A four-day event comprising a flower festival and an exhibition of memorabilia was held in St Mark's Methodist church, Parson Drove, to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The flower arrangers must be congratulated on having done a superb job, blending colour, taste and style, to produce an overall effect eminently in keeping with the occasion.

In the upper room the memorabilia exhibition included a very impressive display of fine porcelain and presentations by the John Peck Society and the Drainage Board, the latter featuring historic photographs of the 1950s floods. There were also many other smaller exhibits including postage stamps and coins, as well as some interesting historic documents. Of special interest were Mrs Eva Cole's albums of newspaper cuttings of local events spanning half a century of village history.

The stewards and members of St Mark's would like to extend their grateful thanks to everyone who helped to make this event such a success **David Pearce** 

### LADIES GROUP ENJOY HANDICRAFTS ON A SUMMER EVENING

On a really beautiful summer evening in May, several members of the Gorefield Ladies Group, both old and new, attended a meeting for a craft lesson. Glenys opened the meeting with a welcome to everyone and details of the

forthcoming 'Open Garden' visit given. This will be to March Road, Friday Bridge, on Wednesday June 27th, at 7pm. The next meeting, on Wednesday July 25th, at 7.30pm, will be 'Jamie Oliver at Home', presented by Amanda Paul.

Louann Tyler was welcomed and gave a very detailed demonstration of the process to make decorated card trinket boxes and purses. Many items had previously been prepared by Louann, including a varied selection of flowers and butterflies. All Ladies were given their own choices of materials and were greatly helped by Louann, to make their own products. Glenys warmly thanked Louann and the raffle draw was held. Refreshments were served by Jean Brown and Chris Ashton.

Gillian Smith celebrated her birthday in May. Glynis Grimm

### TEACHING AT WSM CHURCH SCHOOL PRAISED BY INSPECTORS

Ofsted Inspectors visited Wisbech St Mary Church of England Primary School in May, and have rated the school as good - the second highest grade available. In their report, the inspectors said: "Teaching is good. There is some outstanding practice. Classes are managed well and relationships are good. Teaching assistants make a good contribution to learning. "Pupils, parents and carers recognise the good teaching and progress within the school. Teaching is always at least satisfactory and very often good. Where teaching is best, it is because of clearly planned activities that encourage active participation in class." Headteacher Yvonne Lamb said: "It is good to see that the inspectors praised the teamwork of staff and governors and its impact on providing the best possible education for all the children at Wisbech St Mary School."

### **MURROW VILLAGE HALL BINGO**

A Prize Bingo Session will be held in Murrow Village Hall on Friday August 3rd. Doors open 6.45; eyes down 7.30. Excellent prizes. Raffle and refreshments. All proceeds for Village Hall funds.

### LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFEES 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 <u>young persons</u> aged 18 or over,

who are attending College or University for Higher Education.

Additionally, students aged 16 to 18 attending post GCSE Courses <u>may</u> 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, Cambs. PE13 4NB.

Closing date for completed application forms is

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012

### BRING, BUY OR SWOP AT GUYHIRN PRODUCE EVENT

A novel Bring, Buy or Swop produce sale is taking place in Guyhirn Village Hall on Saturday August 25<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who has a glut of fruit and vegetables or plants is invited to take them along to the hall to swop them for other items that are available, along with people who may want to bring home-made produce such as chutneys, jams, cakes or even home made craft items. Local businesses are being invited to join in the fun.

More information is available from Abbie, who can be contacted on abbie.brook@centrica.com

#### **BREAKFAST AT THE "WOODMANS"**

Gentlemen! Come and partake of an excellent breakfast with stimulating discussion over the eggs and bacon! Or just have a chat over the sausages!

Whatever you decide you are invited to join the Men's Breakfast at the "Woodman's Arms", Gorefield at 8.30am on Saturday August 18th. See you there!

### SUNDAY LUNCH IN THE VILLAGE HALL

A Sunday lunch is to be held in Parson Drove Village Hall on September 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12.30pm. The price is £10 per head; under-10s half-price. Proceeds are in aid of the Alzheimers Society.

The menu, served from 1pm, is Sausage and mash; Steak Pie and mash; or Chicken Dinner. Sweet and coffee or tea, plus Bar. For reservations phone Barbara 700761 or Casey 700276.

### JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT GOREFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Friday June 1st Gorefield Primary School celebrated the Queens Diamond Jubilee in style. The children came dressed in red, white and blue with lots of Union Jacks on display. A 'design a crown competition' was judged by the Chair of Governors and was won by a child in Reception. The children spent the morning doing lots of activities to do with the Royal family. In the afternoon the children were joined by members of the governing body, and played games and had cakes and squash for tea. The school was overwhelmed by the generosity of parents and carers for the cakes that they provided. Lots of thought had gone into the cakes including one that spelt out 'God Save the Queen!' Finally the children were presented with Jubilee Coins donated by the Parish Council. A great day was enjoyed by all.

### THE MOTHERS' UNION BOOK OF INSPIRATION

At the Mothers' Union meeting in July we talked about our ideas for the Book of Inspiration that is being compiled with entries from each branch of the Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union. The Rose Fair Evensong on July 6<sup>th</sup> was enjoyed by everyone. There will be no meeting in August. On Tuesday September 4<sup>th</sup> we start our meeting in Wisbech st Mary & Guyhirn church with Holy Communion at 2.15pm. Everyone most welcome.

Lilian Bridden.

### GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL SECURES £50,000 FROM OLYMPIC FUND

Gorefield Parish Council has secured Olympic legacy funding from Sport England's *Inspired Facilities Fund*, which is part of the £135 million *Places People Play* legacy programme that is bringing the magic of a home Olympic and Paralympic Games into communities across the country. Every sports facility that receives funding will carry the London 2012 Inspire mark – celebrating the link to the Games.

The £50,000 grant will be used to fund a project to build a new Community Hall and Sports Pavilion on the village playing field. The scope of this project will include a multi-use community hall, modern changing facilities, kitchen and bar, separate toilets, foyer and storage space. This will enhance and allow expansion of the existing sport, leisure and community use, foster new and exciting opportunity for all ages and abilities and improve their quality of life.

Sport England's Chair, Richard Lewis, said:

"This National Lottery investment will create a lasting sporting legacy for Gorefield. It shows we're offering the legacy that people want for their local community"

Parish Council Chairman Michael Humphrey said: "We are delighted to have secured this investment, which means we move ever closer to the required total needed to replace the old outdated and fire damaged building. This project began back in 1991 when a group was first set up for this purpose. Over the years they raised in excess of £60,000 for the project, but in 2009 they disbanded and the Parish Council, as Custodian Trustees of the Playing Field, continued with the project. The new facility and location will not only provide a safe environment but the range of potential services and a flexible building design will promote future growth and sustainability and in particular encourage social interaction and cohesion together with additional opportunity for better health and sports recreation".

Gorefield Parish Council is one of hundreds of projects across England benefiting from lottery investment through the second round of the *Inspired Facilities* fund. And Sport England today launched a further £10 million funding round to help local community sports groups to upgrade their facilities.

Places People Play is being delivered by Sport England, working partnership with the British Olympic Association (BOA) and the British Paralympic Association (BPA) with the backing of The London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) and the London 2012 Inspire mark. LOCOG Chairman, Lord Coe, said: "This is a fantastic funding project that will deliver a real legacy from the London 2012 Games. It will provide a whole range of sporting opportunities for young people through improved facilities and will, I hope, inspire them to take up sport."

### What is happening to the Bees?

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEES

Although thought of primarily as a honey producer, with an economic value of at least £16 million the value of the honey bee to the horticulture and agriculture industry in terms of its ability as a pollinator is nearer £200 million. The important contribution of honey bees and bumblebees to British wildlife in pollinating crops and wild flowers is impossible to quantify.

Although bee health in the UK and worldwide is being compromised by parasitic mites, various diseases, and habitat loss, some claims have been made of a possible link between the decline in bee population and the use of some insecticides.

#### **BEE INFORMED**

Garden care products, including insecticides based on synthetic or naturally sourced ingredients, are highly effective but must be used responsibly. If they are used and disposed of according to the label instructions, they will not harm the environment or affect the wildlife in your garden. Before deciding whether or not to use insecticides in our gardens, it is best that we BEE INFORMED Insecticides are used to control damaging and unwanted pests. Some carry specific bee risk warnings and care should be taken not to apply them onto open flowers or when bees are actively foraging (between dawn and dark) Insecticides fall into two categories:

Contact – as their name suggests, kills pest directly upon contact.

**Systemic** – as well as killing pests on direct contact, they are absorbed into the plant and kill pests when they feed on the plant sap or tissue, often giving protection for several weeks.

### PROTECTING YOUR GARDEN WITHOUT HARMING BEES

There is no reason to stop using tried and trusted pest control treatments in your garden. To ensure that your fruit and vegetables, flowers, bushes and lawns are healthy and free from harmful insects and disease while maintaining a safe habitat for bees, you just need to BEE RESPONSIBLE.

Always read the product label and follow the instructions exactly

**Do not** spray when bees are about; it's generally better to apply early morning or in the evening when bees are less active

Do not directly spray open blooms

Do not spray lawns when weeds are in flower; mow first to remove flower heads

### **BEE PRO-ACTIVE**

and try some of the following ideas to encourage bees into your garden:

**Plant** pollen and nectar-rich species such as phacelia, borage, foxgloves, ivy, poppies, lavender, cotoneaster ,sedum, dahlia, geranium, and clover.

Scatter wild flower seed onto a patch of bare soil to create a 'wildlife' area.

**Plant** catkin producing trees ,like willow, to provide early season forage for bees.

**Provide** suitable nesting sites; all sorts of things can be used – cardboard tubes, plant pots, even old teapots!

**Think** about becoming a beekeeper and make sure you join your local bee keeping association.

### For bee recovery call Cyril on 476711

### GOREFIELD SCHOOL SEE THE OLYMPIC FLAME.....AND BUTTERFLIES!

by Charlotte Cebryk (Year 6)

It was an exciting morning in eagle's class. I ran into class eager to get on the bus and go to see the Olympic torch. Mr Finney our teacher announced that we were going to make our own Olympic torches. He explained clearly what to do and showed us an example he had made. We were all really keen to get started- I coloured my torches letters pink and added yellow circles for the torches holes. After that we added 'flames' (made from card obviously). Soon everyone had finished and it was time to go. On the bus we were all singing songs from the play. The trip on the bus was short, so before we knew it we were at Long Sutton.

We all filed off of the gigantic bus with jolly smiles on our faces. There was a main road!! Luckily, Mrs Palmer spotted two police officers in the distances they were big beefy and had flamboyant florescent jackets. 130 pupils clustered over the forever-ending road. After a little while of walking we found a nice spot and sat there on our coats. Time was passing slowly boredom was kicking in.... Suddenly a parade of police officers zoomed by on speedy motorbikes high fiving us as they went by. Then out of the blue three bright floats drove past us a Cola, Lloyds TSB and Samsung one. They were handing out free bottles of coke and flags (unfortunately we didn't get any). I was just talking when I heard a buzzing cheer from the distance. It was the OLYMPIC TORCH! A woman was holding the torch up high in the air with 4 substitute runners beside her. The torch shined and flickered in the warm sun as she ran past.

After we had seen the torch we walked to the butterfly park. We sat down on the wet grass ate our lunch and had a little play. Finally we got to go in the butterfly house! There were all different types of butterflies and they were beautiful (there were also loads of creepy crawlies). Once we had came out of the hot room we went to see the graceful birds. Owls, eagles, ferrets, horses and many other birds/animals were there. The day was coming to an end, we filed back onto the bus and said goodbye to everything. Soon after a short drive we were back in Gorefield. Additionally, Mr Finney showed us some pictures he took. Finally after a long day it was HOME TIME!

### SUPER SLIDES OF THE SCILLY ISLES

At their July meeting members of Parson drove Women's Institute saw numerous slides of the Scilly Isles. They were described by Mr and Mrs Munns who are regular visitors to the Scillies, and have been for many years. We were very well initiated into island life and culture.

After tea and biscuits arrangements were made for a Cake Stall outside Mrs Vialls' shop on Saturday July 21<sup>st</sup>. We hope for good weather and many customers!

Ann Payne

### GIANT GARAGE AND YARD SALE THROUGH GUYHIRN VILLAGE

Following last year's successful Garage and Yard sale throughout the village, a similar event is to be held on Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup> between 10am and 2pm. Lots of bargains!

#### GOREFIELD CAR BOOT SALES

There will be Car Boot Sales on Saturdays 4th and 18th August on the Playing Field, Wolf Lane, Gorefield. Booters 07.30. Toilet and refreshments available. Still £4 per Pitch. Contact numbers 870387 or 07918122217

### EAGLES CLASS VISITS GRAFHAM

By Kate (Year 5)

Excitement was swimming through Eagles class of Gorefield School on a beautiful misty morning, as they got ready to go to Grafham Water centre.

"I'm excited but nervous," the girls declared (they always say that). Waiting for the bus to come we got bored and impatient, but we knew it would come. A loud sound was heard from outside our window, the bus was here: IT WAS HERE!

Our trustworthy parents waved goodbye as the coach took off. The excited children sang memorable songs from our play that we performed on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup> of July... Soon enough, there were squeals and cheers of delight from the front of the bus.

WE WERE THERE! Just around half an hour later we were already on our first activity: THE FUNBOATS! The funboat instructor; Roger went through the safety rules and the instructions for sailing and then.... OF WE WENT! We all followed the speedboat to the other island opposite Grafham.

After that we got the chance to Capsize. I did it twice with Robert. In we plunged into the deep green water. An important looking inspector whom you might know (teachers) from Ofsted, watched us with interest as we swam like otters in the cold water. When we were saved, the inspector gave a little applause and smiled slightly saying "well done, well done," over and over again.

If you thought the fun boats were fun then you should hear about the canoes! Jaz (our instructor) told us to split into groups of three to get in a canoe. In our canoe there was Robert, Eva and I. Canoeing to Fossil Island was scary because there were a lot of vicious waves. But I soon got my confidence. Once we got to Fossil island, we played some games - wet games. We played Gladiators (wet game) and fruit salad (another wet game). But my favourite was called Titanic (or all aboard). The whole of group B (that's us!) had to clamber into a single canoe and try to balance it. Unfortunately we had too many people on one end on the canoe so it tipped, throwing us into the cold water. Once we got back to the dormitories we had a shower and got ready for lunch.

Like most days fun just has to end. As we waved goodbye to the instructors, I swear I saw a single tear run down Jaz's cheek...

### MURROW AUTUMN OPEN FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

VILLAGE HALL - Saturday 1st September 2012

Exhibits accepted between 9am - 11:30am SHOW OPENS 2PM PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AT 3PM FOLLOWED BY AUCTION

Schedules from Mrs M Woollard, Roseacre, Front Road, Murrow

Tel. 01945 700673

### **COUNTRY COMPANY AT MURROW**

Country Company will be performing in Murrow Village Hall on Saturday August  $11^{th}$  at 7.30pm in aid of Murrow Methodist Church. Tickets £7. Details from 700200.

### ST. PAUL'S TREE APPEAL

Removal of deadwood to all of the 30 trees in the Churchyard at Gorefield has been completed. Two of the trees have been felled.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are most grateful to those people who contributed a total of £530.00 towards the cost, the remainder of which was met by the Parochial Church Council, who trust that the trees will remain safe for the next twenty years or so.

### **ACTIVITIES IN PARSON DROVE**

**Short Mat Bowls Club** meets in the Village Hall on Wednesdays & 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.

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

### CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **Tuesday August 14**<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than **Thursday August 9**<sup>th</sup>

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

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#### NURSERY RHYMES AT THE LUNCH CLUB

As always the members of the Gorefield Luncheon Club enjoyed a splendid meal, courtesy of The Woodmans on Tuesday 4th July 2012, plus the usual raffle, and the quiz this time tested everyone's memory as it was the names of nursery rhymes. Those with young grandchildren were at an advantage. My thanks go out to the people that make the occasion go with a swing, Kelly, Karaina, Eddie and Julie, also the 'back room team of Jean, Francis, Brenda and Steve, without whose help things would take a little longer! If anyone is 50 or over, (we will accept 49 and a bit), come and join our happy band and have a laugh and a giggle, contact me on 01945 870387.

### SUNSHINE CLUB MEMBERS WILL BE ROCKIN'

Murrow Sunshine Club has tickets available for an outing on Wednesday 12th September to see ROCKIN' AROUND THE CLOCK at Wicksteed Park, Kettering. The cost including lunch, afternoon tea and door to door transport is £25 p.p.

For further details please phone Shirley Bell on 701335

The Club also has seats available for a day trip to Sheringham on Wednesday 1st August. Cost is £10 p.p. Please contact Shirley on 701335.

### HELP NEEDED TO CLEAR THE ELDER TREES

Wisbech St Mary church is urgently looking for a working party to help clear a number of elder trees and other bushes growing wild in the churchyard. This is vital work to enable the churchyard to remain a neat and tidy oasis in the centre of the village, and to compliment the work of Terry Brigden who spends so much time mowing the grassed areas. This appeal is to anyone in the parish, and you do not need to be a member of the church. For details contact Brian on 410755

#### **MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS**

G Brown - Murrow
Mrs Seargent - Murrow
B Lane - Murrow
B Wilshaw - Murrow
I Harrison - Murrow
Mr Brighty - Murrow
B Coates - Parson Drove
S Rust - Wisbech St Mary

### "Village Voices"

The "Village Voices" Management Team is very grateful to those businesses and organisations who have taken advertising space for another year. We hope that our readers will continue to support local businesses whenever they can.

To advertise in "Village Voices" please contact 01945 410755.

### 21st FLOWER AND VEGETABLE SHOW

The 21<sup>st</sup> Gorefield Flower, Fruit, Vegetable & Craft Show takes place on Saturday September 1st in the Village Hall, Gote Lane. Exhibits and entries between 9.00am and 11.45am; public viewing from 2.30pm. The prizes will be presented at 3.00pm followed by an auction. Details: 410436.

#### FENLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

One of the Fenland Family History Society's aims is to record and preserve historical material including recording memorial inscriptions from gravestones and memorial stones and windows in churches. Our team has been working at Wisbech St Mary church for several months, and we are pleased to inform that the next stage in now in hand by producing the information on a CD, a copy of which we will present to the church to enable them to easily search for the record information.

We would like to thank Brian Payne for his help and assistance with this project. Our next Thursday meeting will be September 27th in St Peter's Church Hall, Wisbech from 7 pm. Our computer researchers meet on the first Tuesday of each month offering help and advice. Our next session will be on August 7th at Wisbech Library 10 - 12 noon. For further info please call Bridget Hunter on We love kicking in the pool and sometimes get Miss Fendley wet. 587723.

### **FAREWELL TO SOME OLD FRIENDS**

Country Company (Sandra and Clive) put on their final performance in Parson Drove prior to retirement on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall, sponsored by St Mark's Methodist Church. This was a happy occasion enjoyed by a full house, at the end of which Sandra and Clive were presented with a variety of gifts, including a flower arrangement, a basket of fruit and a picture of Parson Drove as a momento of their many popular appearances here.

The concert realised a profit of £300 towards church funds, and a leaving collection raised £130 which was donated to Action for Children. During the evening a representative of the latter gave us an interesting talk on the work of the charity. David Pearce.

### Gorefield Jubilee Pool:

a Poem by Robins Class (Years 1 and 2)

The waiting was finally over. Our new big blue shiny pool was ready. The calm clear water was filled to the top. The water was steaming because it clashed with the cold air The splashing begins when we enter, creating waves around the pool. We swim and we splash all around the pool as we get to swim everyday in the glistening water. Thank you for our pool.

#### HELP AT HOME CHARITY LOOKS FOR VOLUNTEERS

Care Network Cambridgeshire, a local charity, provides free short-term practical help for people who are recently out of hospital or ill at home, as well as helping older and vulnerable people stay independent.

They desperately need more volunteers in this area to provide assistance to those people who are in need of help. For details please contact Mihye Harker, Direct Services Administrator, Care Network Cambridgeshire, on 01954 211919 between 9am and 3pm Monday to Wednesday.

### 'CAMBS CELEBRATES AGE 2012'

Would your community group like to be involved in this year's Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age which takes place during the month of October each year? For the last few years a core group of community focused organisations have worked together to adapt their regular events held during October to reflect the theme set each year, or set up a special event/activity either on their own or in partnership with others. These have included film shows in rural villages, guizzes, music events, fashion shows and healthy eating cookery demonstrations.

Existing groups already providing activities such as dancing, bowls, bingo etc may wish to use October as an opportunity to celebrate what they are already doing to encourage older people to stay active. Those planning to launch new groups to include older people or existing groups aiming to recruit more older people may wish to use October as a time to promote these through Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age.

If you would like to find out more about Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age and how to plan and promote your activities please get in touch with either Thelma Wadsley at Care Network Cambridgeshire: thelma.w@care-network.org.uk or Katherine Nightingale at Fenland Arts: katherine@fenlandarts.org.uk. 01354 652769 / 07869 135922.

#### **Regular Services**

### **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.

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>. Greeters: Pauline+Diane. Coffee: Sandra. Aug 12<sup>th</sup>. Greeters: Sue+Jenny. Coffee: Sheelagh. Aug 19<sup>th</sup>. Greeter: Trevor. Coffee: Barbara.

Flowers for August: Mrs S Cox.

### St Mark's Methodist Church,P Dr 10.30am

Aug 5th 10.30: Mr J Gautrey.

Aug 12th 9.30: United service in the Parish Church.

Aug 19th 10.30: Local arrangements.

Aug 26th 10.30: United service. Holy Comm. Rev N Hannah.

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

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

### Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>: Local arrangements. Aug 12<sup>th</sup>: Mr G Beeken Aug 19<sup>th</sup>: Mrs A Emmerson. Aug 26<sup>th</sup>: Mrs J Killingback.

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

### **Useful contacts**

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### WEATHER FAILS TO EXTINGUISH OLYMPIC FUN AT MURROW SCHOOL

Heavy early morning rain prevented the children of Murrow Primary School from carrying out their plan to escort the Olympic torch around the village. However, there was much excitement in the school, and "Village Voices" has received this report from the children.

On Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July, we were very unfortunate to have our sponsored walk postponed, due to typical British weather. But fortunately, torch bearer Ian Groome, showed one of the 8000 Olympic torches to the whole of our school. All of our pupils at Murrow Primary School got a chance to have a picture with the Olympic torch. We also had some World War 2 veterans come in and show us all some of their equipment, and told some of their exciting stories.

The walk, which will be raising money for breast cancer and Anglia Heroes and Veterans fund, has been rescheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> of July. We will be walking around Murrow village, starting at Murrow Primary School. We hope to see you there! Many thanks,

Murrow Primary School

### DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS IN A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN

Gorefield Ladies Group had a wonderfulouting on June 27th. It was a surprisingly warmand brightevening to view Gwen and Pete Dowdy's beautiful garden and home. A group of 14 members attended and after an explicit tour of the garden a large selection of delicious refreshments were served. Pete explained the ideas associated with the "Quiet Garden Trust", to which they are affiliated. contributions, and donations to the Trust were collected. Glenys thanked Gwen and Pete.

Celebrating June Birthdays were: Eileen Dunn, Glenys Grimm, Marg Gudgin and Brenda Stamp.

The next meeting will be held at Gorefield Village Hall on Wed. 25th July when Amanda Paul will be hosting a "Jamie Oliver at Home" evening. New members always welcome. **Glenys Grimm** 

#### MARTIN MOVES ON

Local PCSO Martin Bogunovic is moving to Chatteris, and has sent the following message:

"I wish to inform you that I will shortly be undertaking a new role as community support officer for the Chatteris District and will be leaving my post in rural Wisbech. This change will be effective from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

I will be replaced by PCSO David Russ and will be working closely with him over the next few weeks to ensure that there is as smooth a handover as possible. I will hopefully get to visit as many of you as possible in due course to make some introductions. I wish to thank you all for your help and support over the past two and a half years"

#### RACE FOR LIFE POSTPONED

The Race for Life on Ferry Meadows, Peterborough, which was scheduled for July 10<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed because of the waterlogged ground. The event will now take place on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

The postponement means that there is now an extra opportunity to sponsor Wendy Foster, of Wisbech St Mary, who takes part in the race each year. Contact Wendy on 410451.

### **WSM Community Centre - User Groups & Times 2012**

Lots of clubs, groups and activities – also please look for local updates, posters etc.

Mon. Murrow Children's Centre – Weekly Mon. 12.30 – 3.00 (The Sidings) parents/carers & children. Contact Christina 01945 701237

**Street Dance/Ballet** - Instruction – Weekly on Mondays from 3.30 – 6.00 (held in the Sidings) Contact Mrs. Edwards 01406 540023

**Women's Institute** – Monthly (third Monday in the month) from 7.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Rosemary Green 01353 661508

**Zumba, Fitness Dance** – Weekly Mon. eve. 5.45 – 6.45 Contact Kathleen 07880543821 **Short Mat Bowls** – Weekly on Mon. eve. from 7.00 – 9.30 Contact Avis 01945 410452

<u>Tues.</u> 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 Centre 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. Aerobics – Weekly on a Wed. morn. 9.30 – 11.30 (from Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>) Contact Katie 07789 792089 Girl Guides – Weekly on a Wed. 6.30 – 8.00 Contact Sarah 01354 659269 Pool Team – Weekly on Wed. nights from 8.00 – Contact Nick 410038 Cash Bingo – Monthly (fourth Wed. in the month) – Contact Sandra 01945 411873

Thurs. The Youth Club – Weekly on a Thurs. eve. from 7.00 – 9.00 Contact Paul 01945 410610 Good Companions – Fortnightly on a Thurs. 2.00 – 4.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Betty 01945 410708

Darts Team – Weekly on Thurs. nights – Contact 01945 410432

<u>Fri.</u> *Murrow Children's Centre* – Weekly Fri. 9.00 – 1.30 Catering Courses (Station Bar Kitchen)
Contact Christina 01945 701237 *Darts Team* – Weekly on Fri. nights – Contact 01945 410432

Quiz Night - Monthly (last Fri. in the month) - Contact Paul 01945 410610

Sun. Zumba Fitness Dance – Weekly on Sun. morning from 10.30 – Contact Nicola 01945 411874

**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

New groups, activities and sports always welcome..!!

### A SAMPLE OF THE FORTHCOMING ENTERTAINMENT AT THE CENTRE

August 4<sup>th</sup> Sat. ~ Main Hall, Cancel your Holidays!...Cabaret Night with "Leroy Brown" the Ultimate Soul Machine. Plus..."Anna" Superb Soul & Motown singer, back from touring Europe, Plus..."Ajay" Great Lady of Comedy and Powerful Vocals – Dance the night away or just listen to some great music. Tickets only £10 – Doors open 7.30

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> Sat. ~ Station Bar – Great Voice and Entertainment "James Hearne"

Oct. 13th Sat. ~ Station Bar - Karaoke from 8.30.....

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> Sat. ~ Main Hall – 'Big Ten'...The Leading Ska Tribute Band ....Music from Bad Manners, The Specials, Madness, The Beat etc. Tickets only £10

Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> Sat. ~ Station Bar – After the Fireworks...Professional Young Vocalist/Entertainer "Aaron Bolton"

For further details, general enquiries or bookings – Please call in the Centre or contact us on 0845 2255566 or via info@wsmcommunity.com or website www.wsmcommunity.com