

Village Voices

February 2010



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

IT'S SNOW JOKE!

The recent severe weather caused havoc with many events over the Christmas period.

One of the biggest disappointments was the cancellation of the Christmas Festival in WSM church on December 18th which was to have featured the Cantus choir. Snow and ice and plunging temperatures made it impossible for people to turn out.

Attendances at Midnight Mass in WSM & Guyhirn and Parson Drove churches were affected.

For the first time in recent years the Church Mart in the Church House, WSM, was called off in January.

The annual Epiphany Service in Guyhirn's Chapel of Ease was postponed until Saturday January 30th at 2.30pm.

150 years ago, Christina Rossetti described a winter scene which matched our Christmas in 2009:

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan;

Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.

Snow has fallen snow on snow, snow on snow;

In the bleak mid-winter, long ago.

A NEW SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S

A change to the service pattern at St Paul's church, Gorefield, is planned. The vicar, Matthew Bradbury, explains:

"With effect from February 21st, as a result of discussions at our annual review meeting, we are introducing a 10am Morning Worship service on the third Sunday of the month instead of the current 8am Holy Communion. This will be a 'lighter' service than the weekly Holy Communion which is held on the other three Sundays, and is aimed at newcomers as well as those who have been attending church for many years. All are most welcome and we hope that new people will take the opportunity to join us".

LENT GROUPS FOR ANGLICANS AND METHODISTS

There are to be Lent Groups in the parishes this year. The days, times and venues are to be announced, notices being placed on the church and chapel notice boards. The Groups are traditionally church discussion meetings, but it is hoped that members of the two Methodist churches will also take part.

TEA SERVICES AT W S M

The next Tea Service will be on Wed Feb 24th when the speaker is Mrs Butcher. The service start at 4.30pm.

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT VISITS GUYHIRN CHAPEL

Local Member of Parliament, Malcolm Moss, visited the Chapel of Ease at Guyhirn recently as part of the Churches Conservation Trust's 40th anniversary celebrations. Mr Moss, who admitted that he had never before been inside the chapel, paid tribute to the work of the Trust and the local Friends of the Chapel. Afterwards, he visited St John's Church, Parson Drove, with the CCT's Field Officer, Sally Porter.

Vicar's Verbal's

The snow is still lying deep around the Vicarage as I write these words. I hope by the time you read them the worst of the bad weather will have passed. The extra time in my study has given me an opportunity to catch up with some paperwork and plan the next church rota. I am consequently thinking about events which will not happen until the summer heat is already waning! Meanwhile there has been a debate on the radio about whether it is right to take the opportunity the snow has presented to stay off work and play snowballs with the kids. I remember the last bad snowfall, before I was a vicar and our boys were still at school. I couldn't get in to my office in Cambridge but felt I should stay in the house, near the phone, and read some files. Sarah on the other hand took the boys and our border collie out into the fields and had a wonderful time. Now the boys are grown up and the chance for me to frolic with them in the snow has long gone. How I wish I had put aside my work and joined them when I could. Jesus told his disciples not to make too many pious and hopeless plans, and that it was essential that they lived for the moment, letting the Holy Spirit guide them into the wonderful things happening right under their noses. Don't miss the chance to laugh with your loved ones today – tomorrow the moment will have melted like the snow. *Matthew.*

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The Register

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

Eva Fowler whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Monday December 21st followed by burial in WSM cemetery.

Revd Canon H R Barker whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Tuesday December 22nd followed by cremation at Mintlyn.

Win Beckett, of Guyhirn, whose funeral was held in Emneth church on Monday January 4th, followed by burial in Emneth churchyard.

Nicholas John Pope, formerly of WSM, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Monday January 4th.

Hilda Rowell, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Wednesday January 13th followed by burial in the churchyard.

Derek Robert ("Snowy") Rowell, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Thursday January 14th followed by burial in the churchyard.

Obituary

+ CANON HUGH BARKER MA

Great sadness was expressed throughout the Diocese upon hearing of the death of Father Hugh Barker, 90, former vicar of Wisbech St Mary, and Rural Dean of Wisbech from 1972 - 1975. In 1975 he moved to become Rector of Walpole St Peter and subsequently became Rural Dean of Marshland.

Hugh Barker was educated at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read theology and received his Masters degree in 1945. He was ordained in St Paul's Cathedral on D-Day, June 6th 1944. He became Vicar of Old Kent Road, London and Walworth before coming to St Mary's in 1962. He was appointed an Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral in 1981.

Hugh and Margaret were married in 1960, and were blessed with a son and a daughter, Paul and Sue.

One of his great passions was cricket, and was a follower of Sussex Cricket for over 70 years.

Following his retirement he continued to take services in the Wisbech area. Most Thursday mornings he returned to Wisbech St Mary church to lead Holy Communion. His presence at the Lady Chapel altar is now very much missed.

Father Barker made no secret of his affection for his former parishioners in Wisbech St Mary. He loved the church, and it was his express wish that his funeral should be held in St Mary's.

On the evening of December 21st, in a simple, but beautiful short service attended by his family and the local ministry team, Hugh's coffin was received into the chancel, and a short vigil was held.

The following day the church was filled with clergy and friends from all walks of life. A very impressive service was conducted by Father Matthew Bradbury assisted by Rev Sandra Gardner. The Venerable David Fleming delivered the eulogy, and Paul and Sue Barker paid tributes to their father.

At the conclusion of the service, the committal was pronounced at the church door, and a much respected priest and friend quietly left his church.

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Canon Hugh Barker served the Ely Diocese for 57 years in a variety of roles. In particular his retirement was filled with requests to assist in interregnums and last minute difficulties. Some people were surprised, therefore, that no senior member of the cathedral or diocese was present at his funeral.

+ Regular Services +

St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove

Feb 7: 10.30. Mr J Gautrey.
Feb 14: 9.30. United Service, Parish church.
Feb 21: 10.30. Local arrangement.
Feb 28: 10.30. United service. Rev P Dewdney.

Murrow Methodist Church

Feb 7: 10.30. Mr T Simpson.
Feb 14: Rev N Hannah. Holy Communion.
Feb 21: 10.30. Mr G Beeken.
Feb 28: 10.30. Mr L Ball.

Shalom

Feb 26: 7.30. St James's, Marshland.

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

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 10.30am.
Feb 7: Greeter: Diane. Coffee: Sandra.
Feb 14: Greeter: Liz. Coffee: Trevor.
Feb 21: Greeters: Jenny and Sue. Coffee: Liz.

St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

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

GUYHIRN CHAPEL OF EASE New date for annual service

Adverse weather conditions forced the postponement of the annual Epiphany Service at the beginning of January. The service has been rescheduled for **Saturday January 30th** at 2.30pm, and will celebrate Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

MURROW METHODIST CHURCH urgently requires a volunteer organist, to play for their services on Sunday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30am. Please contact Mrs M Woollard on 01945 700673. The church members would be most grateful if someone could help support their village services.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The congregations of our three churches are invited to a service in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Ash Wednesday, February 17th at 7.30pm. The service, which will include the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, marks the beginning of Lent.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday is a term used for the day preceding Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Christian season of fasting and prayer called Lent. The word shrove is the past tense of the English verb shrive, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of Confession and doing penance. Thus Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the shriving that English Christians were expected to do prior to receiving absolution immediately before Lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of "shrovetide", a season that developed after the Protestant Reformation. In England and many other countries, the festival was widely associated with the eating of rich foods made with eggs, sugar and butter, such as pancakes. It is often known simply as Pancake Day, originally because making such foods used up ingredients such as fat and eggs, whose consumption was traditionally restricted during fasting associated with Lent.

THANK YOU 1

The winners of the Christmas Draw in aid of the Gorefield Playing Field were as follows:

Turkey: Mrs E Goult.

Hamper: Shellie Maxwell

Whiskey: Adam Cole.

Other prizes: R Cousins, Mrs M Mellor, Alec Gagen, Maggie Tuck, Lucy Stanford, Rosie, Colin Tibbs, Mary Walden, Paul Tibbs, Shane Spriggs, Paul Gay, Marjorie P.

The Playing Field committee thank everyone for their support.

John Hunt.

THANK YOU 3

Thank you to all those who purchased Christmas Cards at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Church during December. £125.50 was raised for church funds

TO AN UNKNOWN FRIEND

A good Samaritan came to my aid on Friday December 17th at the top of Mill Road, Murrow, when my car skidded on the ice. If she gets in touch I will return her sunglasses with grateful thanks. My telephone number is 870602.

ASH WEDNESDAY

In the Western Christian calendar, Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and occurs forty-six days (forty days not counting Sundays) before Easter. It is a moveable feast, falling on a different date each year because it is dependent on the date of Easter. It can occur as early as 4 February or as late as 10 March. Ash Wednesday gets its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of people as a sign of repentance. The ashes used are gathered after the Palm Crosses from the previous year's Palm Sunday are burned. Ash Wednesday is, therefore, a day of repentance and it marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults.

THANK YOU 2

At the start of this new year, Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parochial Church Council would like to express its appreciation to those who organise the Mart each month, and to thank all those residents who regularly support it.

These friendly occasions, which contribute in no small way to help the church's finances, are much enjoyed by all the visitors.

However, we do urgently need one or two new volunteers to assist in organising the Mart. If you could spare a couple of hours on the second Saturday morning of each month, we would be pleased to hear from you. You don't have to be a member of the church.

Details from Ann 410755, Caroline 410342 or Lilian 450481.

THANK YOU 4

The Wisbech St Mary Carol Singers, who braved the terrible weather on the weekend before Christmas, raised the magnificent sum of £320. The singers would like to say a big "Thank-you" to everyone for the wonderful response. The money has been equally divided between the Children's Society and N C H Action for Children. Thanks, also, to those who sang and those who collected.

PARISH COUNCIL RESIGNATION

Mr James Carney has resigned as a Wisbech St Mary Parish Councillor, because of his move to another part of the country.

It is important that the vacancy is filled as soon as possible. Anyone interested in being a councillor should contact the Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Jobson, on 01945 474364 for details.

MARMALADE MART SPECIAL

The Marmalade Mart will be held on Saturday February 13th from 9am till sell-out (usually 10am) in WSM Church House. Preserves, home-made cakes, produce, etc., available. Coffee, biscuits and a chat before continuing your Saturday chores!

STRICTLY RUSTY RELICS

The Rusty Relics will give a performance in St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove, on Saturday March 6th at 7.30pm. Tickets £5, including a light supper. If you feel up to it bring your dancing shoes!

LADIES OFF TO SEE THE SWANS

On Thursday 14th January twenty-seven members met at the *Red Lion Inn* on North Brink for our New Year's meal, enjoying good food and good company.

Our next meeting, on Thursday 11th February, is the coach trip to the Welney Wetland Centre to see the floodlit feeding of the swans. Please don't forget - the coach leaves WSM school at 5pm as we need to be at Welney by 6pm. It will be a cold night!
Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish

MOTHERS UNION STARTS THE YEAR

Our New Year meeting was cancelled because the snow and ice on the pavements made walking so dangerous.

Our first meeting of 2010, therefore, will be on Tuesday February 2nd at 2.15pm in the Church House, WSM. Everyone from the three parishes most welcome.
Lilian Brigden.

WSM LUNCHEON CLUB

Luncheon Club dates at the Bridge Inn, WSM are Tuesdays February 2nd and 16th at 12 noon. Please let Marjorie (410511) or the Inn (410555) know if members can't attend.

YOUNG AND OLD ENJOY CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT EMMANUEL

The Emmanuel Gift Tree, in its 'sapling year', was a great success and 17 gifts were delivered to the Wisbech Children's Society. The tree is a means of providing for local children who will not have the pleasure of gifts or the joy of a family gathering this Christmas.

One of the largest congregations of the year attended the annual Christingle Service at Emmanuel Church, where the young and not so young joined in a candle-lit procession to celebrate the coming of the 'light of the World' the Christ Child, Jesus.

The Church was also filled with the lively, young voices of the children of the Payne Primary School when they were joined by parents, family and friends at their annual Christmas 'Carols and Readings Service.'

TRADITIONAL CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS AT ST PAUL'S

The annual Service of lessons and Carols is a well known and popular tradition at the Church of St. Paul in the village of Gorefield.

On Sunday December 20th welcoming lights shone from the Church across the glistening snow, as villagers and visitors alike made their way to the service. The interior of the church was beautifully decorated by volunteers and included a lovely Christmas tree, kindly donated by Ashley Baldrey.

Rev. Matthew Bradbury welcomed everyone to the service, at which the lessons were read by David Humphrey, Lilian Brigden, John Ward, Kitty Hall and Rev Matthew.

The choir led the carol singing and also performed '*The Echo Carol*', '*Hush a bye*' and '*Said the cat to the mouse*', which the children particularly enjoyed singing. During the service Rev. Matthew gathered the children round the crib to bless it and sing 'Away in a manger' after which Michele Larkin and Katrina Mason sang the duet 'Little Child Jesus'. Following the blessing everyone united to sing '*White Christmas*' which was very appropriate! The organist for the service was David Stone.

The choir sang '*We wish you a merry Christmas*' and mince pies and sherry were served by Rosemary and her helpers.

Usually from mid November each year, villagers rally round to form a large choir for this service. We are really grateful that Katrina not only invites us into her home to practise but also manages, with the help of mum Daphne and organist David, to have us singing together harmoniously in time for Christmas!

Bill Peggs, Church warden, thanked everyone for coming, the choir and organist for their contribution, the vicar and those who had conducted services and supported the church during the past year, including everyone who worked hard to keep the churchyard in such immaculate condition!

Brenda Stamp

WOMENS INSTITUTE HEARS ABOUT THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

The January meeting of Parson Drove Womens Institute was well attended despite the biting cold and frozen paths. We began with the singing of Jerusalem, and then dealt with the business of the meeting.

We then met Julia Carter and Diane Ray who regaled us with an hilarious but very informative presentation of their expedition to the Great Wall of China. They described graphically the physical effort of their trip, and gave a power-point presentation of wonderful photographs taken from the Great Wall and the cities they visited. We were in no doubt about the success of their visit and the enjoyment they gained from it.

After a welcome cup of tea, the meeting closed and we went out once more into the bitter weather!

Ann Payne

JULIE'S PATCH

Pc Julie Coales, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

ILLEGAL HARE COURISING

As you may be aware we are now in the middle of the illegal Hare Coursing season. Please be on the look out whilst you are out riding or walking in the countryside for groups of men with lurcher or greyhound type dogs. These men usually turn up on farmland in 4x4 cars and vans, they will walk across farmers' fields in search of hares, then release the dogs to kill the hares.

Please do not approach or confront these people but telephone Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 0345 456 456 4 if you see them gathering, or 999 if you see them out on land.

VEHICLE SECURITY

Over the Christmas and New Year period Cambridgeshire Constabulary were distributing leaflets/postcards reminding you about vehicle security. Vehicles are still being broken into so here are a few ideas to try and keep your property safe.

Lock doors and close windows when you leave the car. Never store your car's documents in the car. Remove all valuables from the car. Remove satellite navigation devices including the support cradle and suction pad. Remember to wipe away any suction pad marks left on the windscreen or dashboard. Don't leave anything on display. Vehicles have been stolen while the owners went inside leaving the car engine running to de-frost the vehicle. Don't leave your car unattended with the engine running.

If you need to contact me: 0345 456 4564 x3799 or e-mail me at julie.coales@cams.pnn.police.uk

GOREFIELD LADIES TO TRY THE "MARBLING EFFECT"

Gorefield Ladies Group met for their December meeting at the Rising Sun Leverington, where they enjoyed a Christmas Meal. Fortunately this was just before the first heavy snow and 18 members were able to attend.

An extremely lovely bouquet of flowers was presented, with a vote of thanks, to Glenys Grimm, the group Leader. Her gratitude was expressed with thanks for everyone's support during 2009.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday January 27th, at 7.30pm. in Gorefield Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along for an enjoyable evening of Craft by Ali, a local craftsperson, teaching "The Marbling effect", on card to make various items, which will then be practised by members. New members welcome. Enquiries to Glenys on 01945 870276

STRICTLY COME FUN & FITNESS

Want to get moving in the winter months, meet new people, have fun, while getting a bit of exercise? Then dancing may be for you!

LIVING SPORT runs many classes in the Fenland area including 'Dancing for Fun and Fitness' at Leverington Village Hall on Saturday's and Tea Dances alternating at Whittlesey and Friday Bridge on Thursday afternoons. All the classes are fun, relaxed and informal, you don't require a partner to join in, and 2 left feet are welcome!

New comers are always welcome and classes range from £1.50- £2 payable on the day. If you would like to find out more about your local classes please call Claire on 01487 849912, or email: claire.smith@livingsport.co.uk

CUB SCOUTS VISIT WISBECH ST MARY CHURCH

Local Cub Scouts from the 15th Wisbech (North Level Parishes) Scout Group, held their Monday Pack Meeting in church on November 30th.

The recent visit was part of both the Cubs' Community Challenge Badge and the Local Knowledge Badge and enabled them to discover some fascinating facts about the history of the church and the importance which it has for the local community. Brian Payne also outlined changes which have taken place in community life in the village.

Of particular interest was the original troop flag which is laid up in the church and dates to the very early days of scouting in the village. It is believed that this troop, then known as the 1st Wisbech St Mary, was one of the earliest troops to be established in the area. The evening concluded with the investiture in church of three Cub Scouts by Group Scout Leader, Geoff Wilkinson which was attended by a number of parents.

The group which comprises Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts attracts young people from all the villages north of the Nene, being amalgamated with the former Leverington Group in 1995.

The Group continues to meet in the former Church Hall adjacent to the Old Vicarage and the site, Barton Crofts Scout Centre, welcomes visiting scout campers throughout the year. We would be pleased to hear from any former scouts who are still in the village, and of course from any residents who would like to join us.

Contact Geoff Wilkinson on 01945 870271

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Voices Past 4

SKATING IN THE FENS

The recent severe weather has brought back memories of fenland skating. In Victorian times, when agricultural labourers were unable to work on the frozen land, they practised their skills at skating on the Ouse, Nene and Cowbit Washes.

The five leading professional skaters in the second half of the nineteenth century were all related, and lived in the Welney area of Norfolk alongside the Ouse Washes. William "Turkey" Smart, the eldest of the quintet, was born in 1830. William "Guttapercha" See was born in 1831, George "Fish" Smart in 1857, George See in 1862 and James Smart in 1865.

Welney's fame began when William Smart easily won the Championship in 1854 and retained the title until he sustained an agricultural injury to his leg in 1861. He was feted across the Fens for his splendid style, his outstanding speed and his straightforward approach to the sport.

William See was second only to Smart. He had improved year by year until he was an even match for "Turkey". After Smart recovered from his injury the two went on to compete against each other for the next six years, until the younger skaters came along. They continued entering heats, though not winning through to the finals, until 1881 when they had both turned 50, and even then no-one outside the Fens could match them. To close their careers, in January 1881, they raced each other on a quarter-mile course, which "Turkey" won in 1 min 4 secs. On the same day a nephew of one, James Smart, and the son of the other, Isaac See, both 15 years old, began their careers by racing each other.

George "Fish" Smart, nephew of "Turkey", was champion in 1878, and for many years held his head and shoulders above all comers. He won more than a hundred first prizes, and suffered only one or two defeats which he described as "accidental".

James Smart, the nephew of both former champions, came to prominence in 1887 by winning a 10 mile race on Cowbit Wash, in 36 min 41 secs. James and his cousin George See were chosen to represent England against Holland in the first international races held on February 17th 1887 near Rotterdam, over a mile course. See won in 2 min 53 secs, a world record. The next day they competed on a course of 1 mile 1630 yards. See won that race 7 seconds faster than Smart. Smart and See, as popular as ever, continued to compete at skating matches on the Continent for several years. On the skating scene, also, was the Tebbutt family. The longest distance travelled over the Fen rivers and drains on skates in one day was undertaken by Messrs A, CG, and L

Tebbutt, three brothers. They covered seventy-one miles. Louis Tebbutt skated one hundred miles in eleven hours thirty minutes, the fastest amateur record, at Zwischen, Germany, on February 11th 1885.

Nearer home, a prominent local amateur skater who won several prizes was Edward Oldham, of Tholomas Drove.

Fifty years earlier in 1838 the "Cambridge Chronicle" reported

"Last week an interesting skating match took place on Saturday on a very fine piece of ice on Guyhirn Wash between four youths of that place under 15 years of age, and four youths of similar ages from Tholomas Drove, the challenge having been given by the former for a sovereign a side.

Five races out of seven were won by the Tholomas Drove youths. They were well contested, and a great number of persons assembled to witness them. It is remarkable that there was not a single cross word.

Youngs, Tholomas Drove beat **Holmes**, Guyhirn
Tigerdine, Tholomas Drove beat **Payne**, Guyhirn
Hubbard, Guyhirn beat **Johnson**, Tholomas Drove
Bedmore, Guyhirn beat **Bettinson**, Tholomas Drove
Youngs beat **Hubbard**
Tigerdine beat **Bedmore**
Tigerdine beat **Youngs**
"Tigerdine received 10 shillings; Youngs received 5 shillings"

It is interesting to note the Fenman's particular style of skating. Every muscle in the body was brought into use. The Fen skater's body goes straight down the course with an up-and-down, but no side, movement, whilst the legs alternately come under the centre of gravity to support the body, and then strike outwards and backwards, propelling the skater forward. The arms also are swung from side to side to balance the striking leg.

The skates are fastened to the boots by straps and a screw which goes into the boot heel to stop it slipping. To give it stability two spikes stick into the sole of the boot. The blade, or iron, is not curved from heel to toe as in figure skating, but flat, rising at the toe in a prow. This flatness enables the skater to keep a straight course, and to strike on the whole length of the blade. Throwing his weight on the sharp heels of his skates, a Fenman can stop almost in an instant when at full speed. The skate is raised at the heel to give the skater a forward position, and is usually fastened a little towards the inside of the foot, allowing the skater to easily get on the outside edge when he first puts his skates on the ice. On this outside edge the blade can bite the ice and keep the skater on a straight course whilst the other leg is striking.

A wide range of local and Norwegian skates are deposited in the Wisbech & Fenland Museum.