

# Village Voices

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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!

## Oh, Great Spirit!

A prayer composed by Chief Yellow Lark,

a Blackfoot Indian

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise, so I may learn the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy: myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame.

## Reverend Canon H R Barker MA



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As *Village Voices* went to press, we heard of the death of Father Hugh Barker, for 15 years vicar of Wisbech St Mary and later of Walpole St Peter. A much-loved priest and friend, his presence among us will be greatly missed. We extend our love and condolences to his wife Margaret and their family. A full obituary will be included in the February issue of this newsletter.

Father Barker's funeral will take place at Wisbech St Mary church on Tuesday December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm.

## *A message of thanks from the Vicar*

This is a big 'thank you' to all our Village Voices deliverers across the three parishes. When I came to these parishes I was very excited to hear that there was a free magazine which was delivered to nearly every house in two out of the three parishes and that – to my delight – Gorefield wanted to be included too. I asked the management committee whether they were sure the magazine could be delivered there too. 'No problem!' they replied 'we have volunteers waiting'. I can't tell you how pleased I was, and this is a sincere thank you to all of you who trudge the highways and byways delivering the magazine everywhere, both young and old. I understand (and please tell me if I am wrong) that our youngest Village Voices Valiants are Harry, aged 10, and his big sister Charlotte – I wonder who is the oldest? I recently visited a household on one of the droves right at the edge of one parish and tentatively asked if they received Village Voices, expecting them to say 'you're joking - nothing comes out this far', but they enthusiastically replied 'oh yes!' and produced a well thumbed copy from the sideboard. So, once again, thank you all very much. Without your dedication and hard work we would not have such a successful magazine. If anyone else would like to join 'the Valiants' – perhaps by sharing a long round or covering someone's patch when they are on holiday, then please get in touch with the Editor on 410755.

# *The Register*

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

**Nora Tansley**, whose funeral service was held in Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Wednesday November 18th.

**Francis Ball**, whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in WSM cemetery, on Friday November 20th.

**Joy Gilbert**, whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by cremation at Peterborough Crematorium on Monday November 23rd.

**Elizabeth Smith**, whose funeral service was held in St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Friday November 27th.

**Barbara Fowler**, whose funeral service was held in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Friday December 4th.

**Douglas Bales**, whose funeral service was held in St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by cremation at Mintlyn, on Friday December 11th.

### In memorium

**Frederick Ruddick**, whose headstone was set in Parson Drove churchyard in November.

## MOTHERS' UNION

Marjorie Palmer led our Christmas meeting on Tuesday December 1st which was enjoyed by all.

Our New Year meeting will be on January 5th, at 2.15pm, in Church House, Wisbech St Mary. Everyone is most welcome.

**Lilian Brigden.**

## HOME-MADE CAKES, TEA AND A QUIZ AT PARSON DROVE WI.

The December meeting of Parson Drove Women's Institute was an evening of two parts. The first half encompassed the business and a preview of the speakers booked for 2010. We can, I'm sure, look forward to an interesting and entertaining year.

The second part of the evening featured delightful home-made refreshments and welcome cups of tea. These were served during the break between two sessions of a thought-provoking quiz. Little did we know how little we knew! We now look forward to 2010 with great enthusiasm.

**Ann Payne**

## TEA WITH THE MINISTER

Circuit Minister Revd Nigel Hannah is the speaker at the Tea Service in Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church on Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Tea is served at 4.30pm.

## THE NEW YEAR MART

The New Year Mart in the Church House at Wisbech St Mary will be held on Saturday January 9th. As usual there will be home-made cakes, produce, preserves, etc. Why not stay for a cup of coffee or tea and catch up with the village news. You will be very welcome.

## SECRETARIAL HELP NEEDED

Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parochial Church Council is seeking an experienced Secretary. This voluntary position is not onerous, and is mainly minute taking with some correspondence. The PCC usually meets bi-monthly in the Church House at Wisbech St Mary. Details in the first instance from the Vicar on 410814.

## + Regular Services +

### Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church:

Every Sunday exc 1<sup>st</sup> :- 11am. SUNG EUCHARIST.  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:- 8am Communion, 11am Family Service  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:- Evening Prayer: 6.00pm

### Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:- 9.30am Communion.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:- 9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:- United Service at St Mark's 10.30am.

**Coffee Rota:** Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: Sandra, 10<sup>th</sup> Bridget & Rupert, 17<sup>th</sup> Liz, 31<sup>st</sup>: Pam.

**Greeters:** Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pauline, 10<sup>th</sup>: Liz, 17<sup>th</sup>: Trevor, 31<sup>st</sup>: Jean.

### St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 10.00am: Holy Communion  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 8.00am: Holy Communion

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

Dec 27<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Mr M Brown.  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30. Mrs E Bennett.  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>: 9.30. United service, Parish Church  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Mrs W Chandler  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. United Covenant Service and Holy Communion. Revd N Hannah.  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: 10.45. United Service at WSM.

### Murrow Methodist Church

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10.30. Revd D Nash.  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Mr John Gautrey.  
Jan 17<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Covenant Service and Holy Communion. Revd N Hannah.  
Jan 24<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Local arrangement.  
Jan 31<sup>st</sup>: 10.45. United Service at WSM.

### Special Services Circuit Service, Dec 27<sup>th</sup>: 10.30.

Circuit United Service at Upwell.  
**Shalom.** Jan 29<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm. Outwell.

## THANK YOU 1

Many thanks for all the gifts that were brought to the Christingle Service in Wisbech St Mary church on December 6th. They were sorted into male and female gifts for the Ferry Project, and for children and families that are looked after by the Ormiston Trust. Once sorted, I found there was a total of 105 gifts; 70 for the Ferry Project and 35 for the Ormiston Trust. This was a fantastic number, and Father Matthew and I thank God for your love and generosity to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**Lilian Brigden.**

## THANK YOU 2

A big "Thank you" from Emmanuel church to everyone who helped in any way, and to all those who came along to support this most successful and enjoyable event. We were pleased again to welcome stallholders from the Sutton area, Kings Lynn, and places in between. Thank you to Mrs Markillie for sponsoring the venue, and to Father Christmas for calling in to see us at this busy time of the year for him. A total sum of £700 was raised for church funds. Thank you all very much.

**Trevor Rawlings.**

## THANK YOU 3

The Honorary Organiser for the Poppy Appeal 2009 in Murrow and Parson Drove (Mr S C Hunt) wishes to thank everyone who helped to raise a magnificent £1595.57 for the Royal British Legion.

The results of the collection were "Swan Inn" £24.50; "Bell Inn" £32.71; "Five Bells" £52.42; Murrow School £60.90; B Hunt £97.61; Mrs Leader £59.63; S Vialls £24.98; Mrs Spriggs £72.06; Mrs Thrower £115.34; "Snips" £18.83; Mrs Sanderson £82.05; PD Post Office £22.56; Mr Wright £75.87; Pam Judge/Janice Clarke £75.53; Mr Booth £91.20; ABC Meats £51.33; Poppy Tombola £470.35; Wreaths £80.00; Church Collection £87.70.

Mr Hunt would like to thank all the collectors and those who gave prizes for the tombolas.

Anyone wishing to become a collector, particularly in Murrow, please contact Mr Hunt on 700580.

## THANK YOU 4

Casey and Barbara would like to extend their thanks to their good friends who have helped with the Bingo throughout the year, setting up the hall and clearing it afterwards, and in so many other ways. The Christmas Bingo made £400 which will go towards the Senior Citizens' party. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

## THANK YOU 5

Wisbech St. Mary Playgroup Committee would like to thank all those who donated items for the Jumble Sale in October. £140 was raised by this event and the money went towards the Christmas Party. Thank you once again, your continued support is very much appreciated.

**Mary McClagish.**

## DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

**Parson Drove Surgery Car Service** needs drivers to help provide transport for people who are unable to use public transport. Own cars may be used and a mileage allowance for expenses incurred is paid, plus free additional insurance cover.

So, if you like helping people, have a few hours to spare each week, and hold a clean driving licence, the Service would be pleased to hear from you. Call in the first instance 07766 534280.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

**Cam Sight** is a Cambridgeshire charity helping people with sight loss. They are looking for volunteers who would like to visit a visually impaired person in your neighbourhood for a chat, or read their correspondence to them, or even guide them on a short walk. Full training would be given. If you are interested please contact Joy Hallifax Volunteer Coordinator for Cam Sight, 167 Green End Road, Cambridge, CB4 1RW telephone 01223 420033, or email [joy@camsight.org.uk](mailto:joy@camsight.org.uk)

## *Vicar's Verbals*

Ring out the old, ring the new! What will 2010 bring? I gave up New Year's resolutions long ago as they always seemed to bring failure and disappointment. If you want to commit to something new, or change the way you live - as the sports slogan goes - 'just do it'. I gave up smoking years ago, when our oldest son was born, and somehow it didn't need the enormous amount of willpower I had expected. I just got sick of the smell on my clothes and the taste in my mouth; mind you....I took up eating too many pies instead! Have you made yourself a promise this New Year? If so I hope it goes well. A lot of us make promises to deny ourselves the things which are bad for us. I wish more people would make a resolution to allow themselves more of the things which are good for us, like time with family and friends, less anxiety about what the future might bring and more enjoyment of the blessings we have now. I once asked a rather peppery old vicar what New Year's resolution he had made. 'I'm giving up asking people stupid questions' he replied.

Oops! *Matthew.*

Rev M L Bradbury, The Vicarage,  
Church Road, Wisbech St Mary,  
Cams. PE13 4RN.

## THANK YOU 6

Gorefield Playing Field Association held its Christmas Bingo on December 11th. While the turnout was a little disappointing nearly £200 was raised for Playing Field funds. A big thank you to everyone that helped in any way, and thanks also to everyone who supported it.

**Michael Humphrey.**

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## JULIE'S PATCH

Now that winter is well and truly here, just take a few extra minutes before you start your journey. **Motorists:** is the journey necessary? Take time to clear your windows of frost and snow. Don't try looking through a small gap in the windscreen, you need to be able to have a clear view all round. Allow extra time for your journey. Drive according to the conditions. If you have had to de ice your car, you can be certain there will be ice on the road somewhere. Are all your lights working? This applies to day as well as night. Are your tyres at the correct pressure and depth?

**Pedestrians:** We all wrap up against the cold, wearing our hats, scarves and hoods. Make sure you can see clearly when you cross the road. Take that extra look!

**Cyclists:** Are your lights working and reflectors clean? Are you wearing a reflective jacket? Have a safe and Happy New Year

**Pc Julie Coales, Cambs Constabulary.**

## LINEDANCE TASTER SESSION

Guyhirn Linedance Group are having a "taster" session on Friday January 15th 10.30 – 11.30, in Guyhirn Village Hall. Yvonne Reeve said "We are an extremely friendly group who enjoy learning fairly simple dances for fun and light exercise under the gentle and patient guidance of our teacher, Carolina Smith. Do come along and join us. All ages are welcome". The cost is only £1 for this session, and refreshments are included

## NEWS FROM THE PUBS

Andy & Dawn at the Bell Inn, Murrow, would like to wish all their customers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. and also to all the people that produce the Village Voices.

The opening times for the Christmas period are Christmas Eve 12 till 11pm, Christmas lunch 11 till 2pm, Christmas night closed. Boxing Day 1pm till 10.30pm. New Years Eve Lunch. 11 till 3pm New Years Eve night. This event is closed, all tickets have been sold.

## MURROW BOOK CAFÉ SEEKS UFOs

The Book Cafe now opens on Tuesday mornings from 10-12pm. As well as the usual books, computers and jigsaws the group is interested in visitors bringing in any craft projects they are working on, such as a piece of knitting, cross- stitch, tapestry, papercrafts etc.

The idea is to give yourself a little 'me' time in a group of like minded people. Sit and gossip, eat cake and relax without feeling guilty at the housework around you. Un Finished Objects (UFO's) are a thing of the past!

Our usual times are Tues.10-12, Thurs 2 - 4 and 2nd Sat of the month 12-2pm. Our Saturday sessions also have the popular book sale. No book costs more than 50p.

**Come and join us. The Book Cafe needs your support.  
Diana Thrower**

## NEW COUNCILLOR AT GOREFIELD

The vacancy that existed on Gorefield Parish Council has now been filled by co-option. Two expressions of interest were received and **George Ridley** was selected to fill the vacancy.

George, who is relatively new to the village, as a boy of 15 signed up as an apprentice Signaller in the Royal Corps of Signals for military service. At 21 he signed up for Her Majesty's Prison Service where he has served for nearly 37 years. George is now in his last three years of service and the following is an extract from his application for co-option.

'I want to be able to take an active part in changes to the local community and to be able to see and touch the changes that the Parish Council can make. I believe that if the will exists then it is possible to radically improve our community and there can be no greater sense of fulfilment.

It is time for me to put back into my new community the things that I have always taken for granted during my many postings around this country. I want to work as a member of the team of councillors for the betterment of the parish. I am prepared to stand up and take whatever responsibility is required, to justify the words I speak and improve the lives of our neighbours. It is important to get involved and to stay involved.'

The Parish Council welcomed Mr Ridley at a recent meeting and is looking forward to working with him in the future. The Council thanked Annie Appleby for her expression of interest and reminds everyone that May 2011 will see all Parish Councillors seeking re-election.

## LOCAL YOUTH CLUBS

**Murrow:** Wednesdays 4.30 to 6.00pm. in the Village Hall.  
**Parson Drove:** Mondays 6.00 to 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Both clubs welcome young people aged 10 to 16. The charge is 50p per week and £1 membership fee. Contact Alice on 07770 821 690 for details.

## MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

S Rust - Wisbech St Mary	G Clea - Murrow
L Wilson - Wisbech St Mary	R Reader - Murrow
G Chapman - Murrow	D Lane - Murrow
H Wiseman - Wisbech	G Pike - Murrow

## WSM LUNCHEON CLUB

Lunch dates for the start of 2010 are Tuesdays January 5th and 19th, meeting at midday at the Bridge Inn, Wisbech St Mary. If anyone can't attend the lunch please contact Marjorie on 410511 or the Bridge on 410555.

**Village Voices would like to receive regular news items and reports from schools, clubs and pubs.**

**We would be particularly pleased to hear of individual achievements by residents, young and not so young.**

Contact numbers appear on the front page of this newsletter

## DATE ANNOUNCED FOR OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE

The new Sports & Community Centre in Wisbech St Mary is to be opened on the weekend of **February 27th and 28th 2010**.  
The official opening will be on the Saturday when user groups will be promoting their activities.

Entertainment will follow in the evening.  
A variety of entertainment for families and children is planned for the Sunday afternoon.  
The Centre's trustees hope that everyone will visit the new building during the weekend.  
Further details will appear in next month's Village Voices.

### CAKE SCULPTURE AT GOREFIELD LADIES GROUP

The November meeting of Gorefield Ladies Group, held in the Village Hall, was well attended, despite a wintry evening. Members were welcomed, by Group Leader, Glenys Grimm, and details were taken for those looking forward to attending the Christmas Evening meal, on Wednesday December 16th. A demonstration of sugarcraft and sculpture followed, given by Paula McLeod, from The Creative Cake Company. Brochures were circulated showing Paula's prize-winning work. She gave an interesting explanation of the type of cake used for the base sculpture and step by step instructions, on her sugar craft decoration. After questions, several members were able to try the craft themselves. Refreshments were served by Marion Fisher and Barbara Mitchell, during which the raffle was held. December birthday wishes were extended to Valerie Walpole and Paula was thanked by Glenys. The January meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th. An opportunity to learn a new craft of decorating cards and hand-made boxes using the "marbling" method. The demonstration will be given by Ali, a local craft teacher.

**New members welcome.**

### CHRISTINGLE SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S.

Rev. Matthew Bradbury conducted the morning Christingle service on Sunday 6th December. After giving a brief history on the origins on the Christingle, Matthew was helped by Nathan and Elizabeth to explain its symbolic meaning; an orange represents the world, the red ribbon round it represents the blood of Jesus, fruit and sweets represent the fruits of the earth and the four seasons and the lighted candle represents Jesus as the 'Light of the World'. Nathan and Elizabeth then took Christingles to members of the congregation who had not brought their own. After lighting their candles everyone united in singing the Christingle Song in preparation for Christmas.

**Brenda Stamp**

### CALLING ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS!

The Wisbech and District Flower Club meet every 3rd Monday in St Peter's Church Hall, Wisbech, at 7.30pm. Flower arranging demonstrations by NAFAS members are enjoyed, together with practical workshops. Anyone who likes flower arranging is invited to join the Club. Details from **Betty on 582668**.

### PRE-SCHOOL'S SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**Gorefield Pre-School** held a Christmas Fayre in the Village Hall on November 28th. The event was a success and raised over £340, which will go towards new toys and equipment for the new Pre-School building - which should hopefully be completed in February 2010.

At the Fayre there were stalls selling children's books, jewellery, preserves, trinkets and homemade cards. There were lots of activities for the children (and adults!), including a face-painting stall, and there were lots of sparkly butterfly faces around the hall. A lot of people had pretty hands too after visiting the nail painting table.

A treasure hunt was won by Sophie Turner and 'guess how many sweets in the jar' was won by Charlotte Cebryk. Everyone was a winner on the straw game and an enjoyable morning was had by all!

Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and those who donated prizes and made cakes for the cake stall.

**Liz Rowell (Gorefield Pre-School Fundraiser)**

### WSM SOCIAL CLUB

A few New Year's Eve tickets are still available for the event in the Social Club The next Tea Dance is Tuesday afternoon, January 19th in the Function Room.

### SOCIAL CLUB MOVES HOME

The Wisbech St Mary Social Club is on the move! The Club closes its doors at the High Road premises on Friday February 12th with special entertainment with Lloyd.

On the following day the Club moves to its new home at the Community Centre. The members would appreciate any help that residents could give them in moving items, etc.

The Club will reopen as soon as possible. Details from Graham Drew.

### WOMEN'S DATE AT THE RED LION

The next meeting of the WSM Women's Fellowship will be at the Red Lion in Wisbech on Thursday January 14th 2010 for our New Year meal. Members need to be seated by 6:30pm please.

Looking forward to meeting you all then - and wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from **Liz & Mary**.

## WSM PURPLES STAY WARM AND ON TOP

Staying warm and dry will no longer be a problem for the Wisbech St Mary Purples U11 boys football team. The 2008 winners of the FA Fenland Youth U10 League Division 2 have received sponsorship from M & C Design. The sponsorship from the local graphic design company has allowed the Purples' manager, Dave Rose, to purchase new team jackets, which are both shower proof and warm, a must for the winter.

The Purples have started the new season in style with outstanding performances from the whole team, and are aiming for a second league title. They currently lead the FA Fenland U11 Boys League. Caroline Roberts from M&C Design commented that "the new jackets will help the boys to bond as a team off the pitch, as Dave Rose has on the pitch".

At the end of November the team was Harry Wilkinson-Roberts, Reagon Rose, Lucas Ablett, Tiago Ferreira, Ben Turner, Sam Bedwell-Byatt, Craig Peeling, Bartek Ziabka, Luke Marney, Danny Murphy and Callum Elsey. Their coaches are Dave Rose and Andy Stewart.

## STREET PRIDE ANNUAL MEETING

Parson Drove Street Pride Group invite all residents who are interested in helping to keep the village neat and tidy to their Annual General Meeting on Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

## CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU DATE

Citizens Advice Bureau personnel will be in attendance at the Parson Drove Pavilion from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on Tuesday January 26th.

## WSM SHORT MAT BOWLS

WSM Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Village Hall each Monday evening 7pm to 9-30pm. New members are very welcome. Contact 01945 410452 for details."

## WISBECH LIBRARY GOING HOME

The temporary Wisbech Library at the Queen Mary Centre will be closing on Thursday December 24th 2009.

The refurbished Community Library in Ely Place will re-open at 10am on Monday February 1st 2010.

From Saturday January 2nd until the new library opens, there will be a mobile library service on Wisbech Market Place on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9.30am to 4pm. This arrangement will not affect the mobile library times in the villages.

Books will NOT be due for return during the closed period. For further details ring 0345 045 5225

## A NEW INDEPENDENT PHARMACY OPENS IN THE SPRING AT PARSON DROVE

During the Spring of 2010 a new independent Pharmacy is to open in Parson Drove at the Health Centre. The Pharmacy will be able to offer all the usual services you can expect from a Pharmacy, and the new Pharmacist will be able to offer help and advice. The business will be open to all, whether you are a patient of Parson Drove Surgery or not.

**Further details will be released in the New Year.**

## EXTENDED GP HOURS AT PARSON DROVE

Parson Drove Surgery have announced that it now offers appointments on Monday and Thursday evenings. The appointments will be pre-bookable only. The Surgery will only be open for those appointments and the Dispensary will remain closed, and the surgery will not be open for general enquiries or emergencies.

**The usual Out of Hours Services will apply.**

## TURKEY & TINSEL FOR SUNSHINE CLUB MEMBERS

Murrow Sunshine Club has held meetings in November and December. Several members went to Scarborough for a 5-day Turkey & Tinsel break, and the weather was reasonably kind.

The Club is looking forward to its Christmas Dinner on December 16th, when it hopes to be entertained by pupils from Murrow School.

We would like to wish all the parish people a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

**D Ralf**, Hon.Secretary

## ACTIVITIES AT PARSON DROVE

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

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

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

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

Contact Helen 01406 330565.

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

## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The locations, stops and arrival times are:

Alternate Tuesdays:- <b>Jan 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup></b>		Alternate Wednesdays:- <b>Jan 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup></b>		Alternate Fridays:- <b>Jan 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	
Murrow	Station Ave	10.30	Gorefield	Rings End	March Road, 10.00
Murrow	Front Rd Paddocks	10.55	School	Guyhirn	Selwyn Corner 10.25
Parson Drove	The Bank	11.15	Post Office	Bunkers Hill	Lay-bye 10.45
Parson Drove	Newlands Corner	11.40	Mill Height	WSM	Cannon Close 11.05
Parson Drove	Henlow Farm	12.10		WSM	Church Road 11.30
				WSM	Blundell Terr 11.55
				Lev Common	Pear Tree Cres 12.15
				Guyhirn	Chapelfield Av 15.20

Enquiries: at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library) or 0345 045 5225

### PEST CONTROL SERVICE

Fenland District Council's pest control treatment service is provided by Elston Environment Services, who offer treatment for rats, mice, ants, fleas, bedbugs and wasps at the following charges (inclusive of 15% VAT)

Wasps and hornets: £46.00

Rats: £34.26 inc follow-up visit.

Mice: £41.10 inc follow-up visit.

Fleas, ants and bedbugs: £51.88.

If the resident receives 100% Council Tax Benefit, Job Seeker's Allowance or 100% Housing benefit, then they qualify for the Council's hardship criteria.

Elston may be contacted on 0800 046 7644.

### BBC'S HOME MOVIE ROADSHOW

Later this year BBC2 is launching a new series which will travel the country in a hunt for the nation's home movie archive. This is the nation's story through the eyes of its most important historians: the British people.

The BBC is looking for any amateur-filmed footage that reflects the events of the last 70 years. They are interested in people's hobbies or the big events in their lives, from street-parties, fetes, weddings, local festivals, even local industries. If you have old cine, video or film footage in any format, and would like to be involved, please contact the producer Samia Murphy on 0203 189 3228 or [samia.murphy@diverse.tv](mailto:samia.murphy@diverse.tv) or write to Diverse Production, 1 Ariel Way, London, W12 7SL.

### Useful contacts

Churches	Schools	Health & Security
Revd Matthew Bradbury 410814	Gorefield School 870321	Parson Drove Surgery 700223
Lilian Brigden (Reader) 450481	Gorefield Pre-school 870439	North Cambs Hospital 585781
Revd Nigel Hannah [Methodist] 466426	Guyhirn School 450247	Queen Elizabeth Hospital 01553 613613
<b>Village Halls</b> (bookings)	Murrow School 700357	Social Services 481100
Gorefield 870829	Murrow Pre School 07754758332	P. Drove Surgery Car Service 07766534280
Guyhirn 450835	Payne School Parson Drove 700275	WSM Community Car Scheme 07592407283
Murrow 700212	Parson Drove Pre-School 07880 606450	Gorefield Social Car Scheme 01945 870539
Parson Drove 700729	WSM School 410312	Childline 0800 1111
Thorney Toll 07887754869	WSM Play Group 07944 719586	Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
or 07961957878		Dog control/Animal welfare 01354 622442
WSM Village Hall 410539	<b>Websites:</b> <a href="http://www.guyhirn-online.org.uk">www.guyhirn-online.org.uk</a>	Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
<b>Parish Council Clerks</b>	<a href="http://www.gorefield.com">www.gorefield.com</a>	Fenland District Council 111101354654321
Gorefield 870454	<a href="http://www.wisbechstmary.org.uk">www.wisbechstmary.org.uk</a>	Samaritans 08457909090
Parson Drove 700501		Victim support line 08453030900
Wisbech St Mary 474191		<b>Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564</b>

### LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFEES

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

VACANT FROM 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010  
2 ACRES (APPROX) GRASS Paddock  
ALLENS DROVE GOREFIELD

Interested parties should submit their offer of rent per acre for the field in writing to The Clerk Mrs R J Gagen 78 High Road Gorefield PE13 4NB offers to be in region of £100 per acre

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## Clerk

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

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

Extract from the

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

**Present:** Councillors: Humphrey (Chairman), Holt, Mrs Hunns, Cooke, Mrs Hall, Ridley and Carroll  
Mr and Mrs Harvey

Chairman welcomed Councillor George Ridley to his first meeting who signed his declaration of acceptance of office

377/09 Minutes of previous meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 were confirmed and signed.

378/09 No additional items for discussion

379/09 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

380/09 **POLICE LIAISON** PC Coales unable to attend meeting

381/09 **NATALIE ROWLANDS NOMINATED OFFICER FOR FENLAND DC** Unable to attend meeting

382/09 **MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA**  
**Wreath for Remembrance Day** A poppy wreath was purchased and Councillor Mrs Hall laid it at the memorial in the church. It was very much appreciated. A wreath will now be supplied through the British Legion each year.

**A1101 Black Spot Meeting.** Meeting held at Tydd St Giles 23.11.09. Chairman attended. Finance has now been put in place to make some improvements

**New Streetlight outside Village School.** Cambs CC have been contacted about this light. A new one was erected but has never been connected to the electricity. Awaiting a connection date from EDF Energy.

### Highway Matters

E-mail received from Fred Hardwick. He has ordered a new village sign/speed limit sign for Gote Lane. Has ordered 3 replacement carriageway gullies for High Road. New gully pot and lateral to be installed outside The Rodham Gote Lane. Has got prices from Atkins for cutting back hedgerows/trees at Highside Parson Drove

end, Popple Drove and Mill Lane junctions with Leverington Common and opposite Station Road – work should be completed for toddlers and adults. Tesco has intimated that they may be able to help with a grant.

**Parish Plan.** Chairman has received an e-mail from John Timms. He is still contacting people. When this is completed Chairman will organise a meeting.

**Playing Field .** Chairman has met with David Ball, solicitor about drawing the document to transfer the ownership of the playing over to the Parish Council by Christmas. Will have a look at Cattle Dyke and take action if necessary. Has asked Fenland DC to get the footpaths swept of leaves.

**Replacement Litter Bin.** The litter bin in question is not owned by Fenland DC so it must be owned by the Parish Council. Fenland DC will replace it at a cost of £300. Agreed to go ahead and have it replaced.

**Play Equipment.** Councillor Carroll and Chairman met with representatives for the Play Pathfinder Funders. They were not happy with the amount of swings being provided in the scheme. Old swings are now to be renovated and a new seat for the rocket is to be provided. Two toddler swings are to be provided separate from those for juniors. Krystal Humphrey is preparing an artists impression of the scheme which is to be submitted by 8<sup>th</sup> December. Due to the old swings being kept funds are now available to put safety matting around the roundabout. Natural play area to be provided by using concrete blocks for climbing. Garden area also to be provided. Councillor Carroll is also trying to find funding for equipment day to day running of the field will still be in the hands of the management committee. Also had discussions about the Deed of Dedication.

**Replacement Pavilion.** Chairman has met with Jason Richardson and is waiting to hear from him with confirmation that the £50,000 promised from Fenland DC is still available. The best option now seems to be to build a building with the finance that is available and add onto it if and when more funds are available.

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