

# Village Voices July 2010



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

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

## OVER £800 RAISED AT EMMANUEL FETE

The annual Garden Fete in aid of Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove, was a very enjoyable and successful event, and we are again indebted to Dr & Mrs Rosier for the use of their lovely garden, a very convenient and attractive venue as always. It has been held on the first Saturday in June since time immemorial, and over the years the weather on the day has varied tremendously from tropical heat-wave with people fainting, to Artic northerly winds giving rise to the risk of hypothermia. Fortunately this year we had a lovely warm sunny day and a good stream of visitors to support the stalls and competitions on offer, and to enjoy a cup of tea in the church. A sincere thank you to all who worked hard to help stage this important event in the church's programme of financial fund raising to help meet our running costs. A warm thank you to every one who supported the event in any way, the magnificent sum of £820 was raised for church funds. **Trevor Rawlings**

## IT'S GARDEN FETE TIME AGAIN!

The annual Garden Fete to support Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church will be held in the church grounds on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the main fund-raising event of the church, and residents of the villages are invited to drop in during the afternoon. It costs nearly £400 each week to keep the fourteenth century church open for the needs of parishioners. For over 600 years its doors have been open for baptisms, marriages and funerals. Please help us to continue this valuable service to our community. Come and have a go at Pot stacking!

### Please Can You Help Us?

The management team would like to hear from anyone who could help to deliver "Village Voices" in the Guyhirn area. Your help would be much appreciated. Please contact Anne Wallis on 450466 for a chat.

## Vicar's Verbal's

Was it a weasel or a stoat? Recently Sarah and I had the privilege of taking part in a retreat at Launde Abbey. A retreat is mix of study, worship, prayer and 'down time' – a chance to re-charge your spiritual batteries if you like, and although, as retreat leader, I had to be 'on duty', for the 2½ days, it did afford us both an opportunity to relax and enjoy the lovely countryside and wildlife which surrounds the old house. One afternoon, while Sarah and I were sitting under a gorgeous may tree in full bloom, watching the goslings on the monks' fish pond, a small furry creature came racing through the long grass and face to face with us both. I don't know who was more surprised – it plainly wasn't expecting to meet us there - and we were equally startled. After giving us a quizzical look, the little fellow shot off in the opposite direction. 'It's a stoat', I cried – 'No', said Sarah 'a weasel'. 'How can you tell?' I replied. 'Well' she said, 'a weasel is weasily recognised, but a stoat is stoatally different'.... The old ones are always the best I suppose! If retreats and holidays are a chance to encounter and delight in the wonderful and the unexpected, this one certainly ticked all the boxes: although I'm not sure how the weasel felt about it.

*Matthew.*

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## + 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.  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer  
 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30.  
Flower Rota : July 4,11 & 18: Pauline and Diana.

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

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

### **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

### **Murrow Methodist Church**

July 4<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Church Anniversary. Mr G Beekin.  
 July 11<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Holy Comm. Revd N Hannah.  
 July 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Local arrangement.  
 July 25<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Mrs A Emmerson.

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

July 4<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Local arrangement.  
 July 11<sup>th</sup>: 9.30. United Service, Parish Church.  
 July 18<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. Mrs E Bennett.  
 July 25<sup>th</sup>: 10.30. United Service. HC. Rev N Hannah.

### **Walton Fellowship**

July 21<sup>st</sup>: 2.30. Holy Comm, Rev D Bulloss.

## *The Register*

### *We welcome into the Church family*

**Alistair Michael Tattingham**, who was baptized in St Paul's church, Gorefield on Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Carrie Ann Woodward and Tia Aliyah Welby** who were baptized in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Lucas Parry** who was baptized in St Paul's church, Gorefield on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Alfie and Ellie Curson**, who were baptized in St Paul's church, Gorefield on Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Alicia, Illana and Naomi Taylor**, who were baptized in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

### *We wish every happiness to*

**Andrew and Beverley Woodward**, whose marriage was blessed on Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church.

**Jonathan Summers and Stefanie Drawbridge** who were married in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove on Saturday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Stewart Morris and Marina Charles** who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Olive May Rhodes**, formerly of Wisbech St Mary, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Monday May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Pam Ward**, whose funeral service was held at St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>. followed by cremation at Peterborough.

**Marie Archbold**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Wednesday May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**John Dent**, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Miriam Joan Sullivan**, whose funeral service was at Murrow Methodist Church, followed by cremation, on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Eileen Garner**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by burial in WSM cemetery, on Wednesday May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**John William Davall**, whose funeral service was at St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Dorothy Hawes**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by burial in WSM cemetery, on Friday June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Flo Taylor**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

### *In memoriam*

**Iris Bowles**, whose ashes were laid in Gorefield churchyard on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Obituary**  
**John William Davall**

Although essentially a private man, John Davall was outgoing and sociable in his work for Gorefield village. He served on the Parish Council, and was a founder member of the Luncheon Club. He was an energetic member of the Bowls Club, and served as its chairman until his death in May.

John Davall was a man of strong opinions on many subjects which he was happy to share with anyone! He had indicated that he wanted to be buried in Gorefield churchyard, but was in two minds about having the service in the church because, he feared, no-one would come. Such fears turned out to be groundless as the church was filled with his friends. One of his friends said "He was a very kind man, and it is sad he did not realise how many friends he had made, and that he would be so sadly missed".

**FELLOWSHIP LADIES  
PLAN AHEAD**

Thank you everyone for your ideas for the Women's Fellowship meetings next year. Mary and I hope to get the programme sorted soon.

Our final meeting on the programme this year is on Thursday July 8th at 7pm in the School Hall when Alistair Hopkin, the Wisbech Mayor's Beadle will be our speaker. New members are always welcome.

**Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish**

**GUYHIRN SCHOOL  
CELEBRATES  
CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY**

Children at Guyhirn Primary School are helping to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the village's Chapel of Ease. The pupils have recently been visiting the ancient building to draw its outstanding features and to learn of its history. Later in the term the school will hold events in the Chapel.

**Advance Notice**

**MURROW'S AUTUMN OPEN  
FLOWER + VEGETABLE SHOW**  
will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday September 4th  
Schedules available now from:- Mrs M Woollard, Roseacre, Front Road, Murrow. tel. 01945 700673

**MAYAN INDIAN ARTEFACTS  
ON SHOW**

Leader Glenys Grimm welcomed members and newcomers to the May meeting, held in Gorefield Village Hall. Eighteen people attended to hear the Rev. Janet Phillips give an illustrated talk on her holidays to Mexico and the history of the Mayan Indian Tribe. Articles of their recent handmade clothing were on display with other examples of their handicraft.

Gillian Smith was wished a Happy Birthday. A raffle was held and refreshments were served by Margaret Burrows and Joy Andrew.

Next month's meeting will take place on Wednesday June 23rd at 7.30pm with Peter Carter the traditional eel catcher, giving a talk and slide show. Names will also be taken for the outing in July to the Boathouse and Wisbech Harbour.

**COUNTRY AND GOSPEL  
EVENING**

A Country and Gospel Evening is to be held at St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm. Tickets £7 including light refreshments from Chris Coates on 700307 or Roma Andrew on 870602.

**SUMMER FAYRE RE-  
SCHEDULED**

Due to unforeseen circumstances Murrow Primary School's Summer Fayre has been re-scheduled from Sunday 27th June to Sunday 5th September. Further details to follow.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT  
CHAPEL OF EASE**

The Friends of Guyhirn Chapel of Ease are holding their annual Thanksgiving Service on Saturday July 17<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm. The service commemorates those who worked so hard to save the building from demolition in the 1970s. To attend a service in the Puritan chapel is a unique experience, and everyone is very welcome.

The service will be followed by the annual meeting of the Friends together with refreshments.

**MOTHERS' UNION JULY  
MEETING**

On Tuesday June 1<sup>st</sup> we discussed our theme for 2010 which is "Relationships not Rules".

Our next meeting is on Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup>, when we hope to have a speaker on "Prayer", in Church House, Wisbech St Mary at 2.15pm. Everyone is most welcome.

**Lilian Brigden**

**THE MART IS AT THE  
GARDEN FETE!**

There will be no Mart at Wisbech St Mary on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> as the cake stall will be at the Church Garden Fete which opens at 2pm. All the usual home-made produce will be there! (*See separate notice.*)

**CONFIRMATIONS 2010**

If you, or someone you know, would like to join a group of (mainly) young people preparing for confirmation this year, or would like to find out more about confirmation, please contact the Vicar on 01945 410814 - or you can e-mail him on [matthew.bradbury@ely.anglican.org](mailto:matthew.bradbury@ely.anglican.org). Confirmation classes will be held on Wednesday evenings in September and October, culminating in a Deanery Confirmation service at St Peter and St Paul, Wisbech, at 6.30pm on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup>.

### VISIT TO WALSINGHAM SHRINE

Following last year's successful visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, a return visit is to take place on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. Travelling by car, anyone from the three parishes is warmly invited to join the visit. Lifts can be arranged. Details will be available nearer the date.

### INSTITUTE LADIES TRY ENCAUSTIC ART

Parson Drove Women's Institute met on Tuesday June 8<sup>th</sup>, and the meeting began as usual by singing "*Jerusalem*". The business included a report of the Spring Council meeting. Members were then entertained by Margaret Sparrow with her talk and demonstration of Encaustic Art. We were later encouraged to participate, and most people went home proudly bearing their artistic efforts!

**Ann Payne**

### THANK YOU!

Graham and Margaret Rickard would like to extend a big thank you to the 109 visitors who braved freezing rain on the Saturday, and gale-force winds on the Sunday, to support our Open Garden Weekend at Cross View, Wisbech St Mary at the end of May. With their help £444 was raised for the NGS charities.

They hope to see everyone again next year – same time, same place!

### GOREFIELD SHOW PARTY- THANK YOU

A very big thank you to everyone who helped organise the party after the Gorefield Show, it wouldn't happen without all of your help!

Thanks to all of you who came along to the party, I hope you all had a very enjoyable evening.

**Andy Buffham**

### PAM'S MAGNIFICENT SERVICE

A dedicated volunteer has been honoured for 18 years of work at Parson Drove Day Centre. Pam Garford goes to the centre once a week to help, serving tea and chatting to the clients. Her friendly face can also be seen on trips out and special events at the centre. Not satisfied with helping inside the centre, Pam also keeps the gardens looking nice.

At the same party a member of staff, Pat Blackmore, received flowers on her retirement.

The Parson Drove Day Centre caters for up to 18 people each day. Many clients are elderly and frail and many have dementia. The centre's staff run many activities to stimulate their body and mind with word games, quizzes and chair bowling. The centre is looking for more people to help. Ring Monica on 700885.

### PARISH LUNCH TICKETS AVAILABLE

Tickets are now available for the Summer Lunch which is being held at Trafford Farm, Wisbech St Mary on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>, by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Desborough. This is the latest of an occasional series of very popular lunches which started nine years ago to support WSM church. Everyone in our parishes and beyond is invited to attend this special occasion set in beautiful surroundings.

Tickets are £12.50 adult and £6.50 primary school children. Available from 410755 or 410206. Early booking is advised.

## Voices Past

### ORGAN OPENING CEREMONY AT GUYHIRN

*from the "Wisbech Advertiser" April 25 1888*

The organ recently erected at Guyhirn church by Messrs Claypole & Sons, of Peterborough, was opened for Divine Service on Wednesday last. Both the instrument, at which Miss Roper ably presided, and the arrangements for the opening ceremony proved satisfactory.

The composition of the organ is as follows:

*Great organ: 1, open diapason; 2, stopped diapason; 3, principal; 4, fifteenth; 5, mixtures.*

*Swell organ: 6, keurdophon; 7, gedast; 8, gemshorn; 9, flute.*

*Pedal organ: 10, bourdon.*

*Couplers: 11, swell to great organ; 12, pedal couplers.*

The opening service was preceded by a sale of work in the school, the proceeds of which amounted to about £10 8s. Much work which had been so kindly given remained unsold, to dispose of which a clearance sale will be held in the autumn. Great praise is due to the many willing helpers, in contributing to the success of this sale of work. The tea also proved satisfactory, about 150 partaking of it, and to whom the kind tea-makers gave good attention.

At the evening service the church was crowded, and the following clergy were present:

Rev F Carlyon, rector of Leverington;

Rev G Woodgate, rector of Tydd St Giles;

Rev H M Winbolt, vicar of Sutton St Edmunds;

Rev R D Jones, vicar of Wisbech St Mary;

and Rev J B Higham, curate of Thorney.

The prayers were read by the vicar, Rev William Carpenter; the lessons by the Revs R D Jones and G Woodgate; and an excellent and appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev F H Cox, Rural Dean and vicar of Elm, the text being taken from the 150th Psalm.

The reverend gentleman remarked that praise, as the expression of gratitude, joy, and Christian faith, formed a very important part of our worship. Praise and singing, sustained by the aid of musical instruments, formed an important part of the worship in the ancient Church as described in the Old Testament Scriptures. The voice of praise was constantly heard from our Blessed Lord and his followers, as we read in the New Testament. When our Lord was about to prepare His disciples for that dark hour of His sufferings, they joined together in singing a hymn. The early Christians were celebrated for their heartiness in singing hymns to Christ as God, and the book of the Revelation shows what the triumphant song of praise of the redeemed will be by and by, with "harpers harping with their harps".

He trusted the new organ, now dedicated to God, might be a real help in sustaining the praises of the congregation, and he would conclude with the words of the great musician Haydn, who on being applauded at the rendering of the words "Let there be light" in the great oratorio "The Creation", replied, "Not so, give God the glory". Let this be our aim, "Give God the Glory".

The collections at this service, the organ recital, and on the previous Sunday realized £7 7s 1d.

## FRUITS AND CRAFTS AT GOREFIELD'S ANNUAL SHOW

*Gorefield's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fruit, Flower, Vegetable and Craft Show will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall Gote Lane. Exhibits to be in by 12 noon. Show opens to the public at 2.30pm.*

*Following the Show a Public Auction of produce will be held at 4pm. The organisers hope everyone will come along to purchase, lots of produce, fruit, vegetables, cakes, jams etc.*

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL

This year's Scarecrow Festival at Gorefield will be running from Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August until Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September. Judging will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August and the presentation of Trophies will take place at the Flower & Craft Show on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This year the Festival will feature public voting to be held over the weekend of the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August. There will be a marked route from the Playing Field. For more details call Marie on 410436.

## ELGOOD'S SUNDAY SPECIALS

The gardens at Elgood's Brewery will be open on Sundays July 4<sup>th</sup> and August 1<sup>st</sup> from 1pm to 4pm.

The gardens and Visitor Centre are open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 11.30am to 4.30pm until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Brewery tour at 2pm.

Details: 01945 583160.

## BID TO REVITALISE GUYHIRN VILLAGE POND

The Guyhirn Pond Working Party is asking everyone from all villages who would like to see Guyhirn village pond restored to a more attractive looking feature. Wisbech St Mary Parish Council has assisted by having the dangerous trees removed, and the remainder pollarded.

Brenda Reay says, "The ideal thing to do with the pond is to terrace the banks to make it easier to maintain, and to drag and dispose of the excessive duckweed from the pond. Plant some more water based plants around the pond and to fill in part of one end so that a seating area can be designed with decorative plants.

At present the moorhens are hatching some chicks. We also have toads/newts etc in the pond, so the work we did last year seems to be paying off and attracting wildlife back. At present the water level is far too high to be able to work safely, but I am sure this will change in the next few weeks and a working area will be dry enough".

Anyone wishing to help to get the pond back to an attractive amenity please contact either Terry or Brenda on 450814. As a group, it will only take a few hours per week to clear the pond and surrounding area and the more help the Working Party can get the sooner it will look nicer.

## A VERY IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Hello, my name is Margaret and I am your local **Swarm Co-ordinator**.

If you find a swarm of bees, unless you are a bee-keeper, **PLEASE** don't approach them, contact me on -

**01945 410724**; Mobile **07 88 55 909 55** and I will remove them safely for you.

If I am unable to answer, either leave a message, contact telephone number and the time, or telephone any of the following:

Gordon - 01945 880791 (Wisbech)

Brian - 01945 880837 (Wisbech)

Terry - 01553 674051 (King's Lynn)

John - 01553 772005 (King's Lynn)

The first sign of a swarm is a huge 'cloud' of circling bees, and the sound can be quite alarming. However, they are less likely to sting you than one from a hive because they are full of honey and are just looking for a place to live.

After a few minutes they will alight on a branch, or chimney, or fence post etc, in a large clump, about the size of a football, and will stay there resting for about 20 minutes before moving off and repeating the process about 100 yards away.

Move away from them and try to keep calm. If you flap at them they may feel threatened.

**On no account must you try to spray them with aerosol chemicals or water. Bees are a threatened species and without them humans will struggle to survive.**

## DELIVERING VILLAGE VOICES.

Whilst delivering *Village Voices* we called at a local farm which sells duck and chicken eggs. We met the lady of the house and enquired what had happened to the duck eggs as none were on display. She informed us, with a catch in her throat, that that a family of four ducks had been killed by a fox and she was devastated by the loss. However, she continued by saying that she still had 2 ducks, 2 goats, 2 horses and several chickens to look after.

**Sheila**

## OPEN DAY AT BLOCK FEN CENTRE

The RSPCA Block Fen Animal Centre, Wimblington, is holding an Open Day on Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm. There is free admission, and attractions include dog displays, a pet photographer and a Dog Show commencing at 12 noon. Entries from 11am please.

There will be stalls and activities, tea and home-made cakes, and a Hog Roast. Children's amusements include Quad Bike rides.

Further details from Glynis Bull, a member of the Block Fen Supporters' Group.

## Advance Notice

## GUYHIRN VILLAGE FETE

Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> is the date planned for a village fete in Guyhirn. It will take place on the playing field and there will be a range of activities for all ages! Anyone interested in taking part in a car boot sale, have ideas for a stall, or would like to help in any way, please contact Gemma on 450487 or Sue on 450788

**Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church**

**ANNUAL GARDEN FETE & FUN DOG SHOW**

**Including the popular monthly Mart**

**SATURDAY JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> from 2pm.**

**Home-made produce. Stalls, Games of skill  
Pot stacking!**

**Grand Draw. Refreshments. Music etc.  
ARENA EVENTS BY CHILDREN OF WISBECH ST MARY  
CHURCH SCHOOL  
commencing at 2pm.**

**MURROW SUNSHINE CLUB**

The Club held a meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the attendance was unfortunately one of the lowest recorded with just 18 members present. This meant that the outing on June 9<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled. The list for the next outing to Great Yarmouth on July 7<sup>th</sup> was passed round, and it is hoped that there will be much more interest in this one.

There was one birthday celebrated this month by Mrs Horspole.

**D.Ralf, Hon Sec.**

**NEWS FROM GOREFIELD PRE-SCHOOL**

A "Pampered Chef" party is being held at Gorefield Village Hall on Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. There will be a selection of food dishes prepared and cooked on the night for everyone to enjoy! The event is being organised by Gorefield Pre-School. Details: Liz Rowell on 07787 917252.

**Foneaid - Collection of  
unwanted mobile phones**

We have restarted our collection of unwanted mobile phones with 'Foneaid' to raise funds for play equipment. If you have any unwanted, old or even broken mobile phones we would love to have them (no need for the charger). They can be dropped into the pre-school during term time between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday, or contact pre-school on 01945 871042

**Grand Opening  
Saturday 17th July 2010**

The staff and committee are very pleased to announce that we are having a Grand Opening on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 -12 with the ribbon cutting at 10.45am. All are welcome to attend and have look round our new school and play area. We would also very much like to thank everyone that has helped over the past 10 years in fundraising towards the new building.

**Raffle Prizes**

Gorefield Pre-School are always in need of raffle prizes for our fundraising events if anyone has any unwanted gits/chocs etc which they could donate please contact Liz Rowell on 07787 917252 who would be able to collect any items.

**A STRAWBERRY TEA WITH  
THE PARSON DROVE PLAYERS**

We are holding our Strawberry Tea on July 25<sup>th</sup> at 4-30pm in the Methodist Chapel, Parson Drove. The play we will be presenting is called "Sebastian" and we shall be taking this play to Hunstanton on July 10<sup>th</sup> at the Princess Theatre.

The cost will be £6 per person. Tickets may be obtained from the following people George Frost Tel 8780213 or Ann Watson Tel 450381

**LUNCHEON CLUB DATES**

Wisbech St Mary Luncheon Club will meet on Tuesdays July 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the *Bridge Inn* at midday. Let Marjorie know if you can not attend on 410511, or the *Bridge Inn* on 410555.

**SHORT MAT SUCCESS AT St EDMUND**

Sutton St Edmund Short-mat Bowling Club, some of whose members live in Parson Drove, have just completed a successful fund-raising project. The Club has been able to send a cheque for £600 to the Alzheimers Society to help fund research. This was a remarkable effort by a small club and they are to be congratulated.

**CHANGE FOR THE OVER SIXTIES CLUB AT  
PARSON DROVE**

During the passage of time the minimum age requirement implied by the above title has come to be honoured rather more in the breach than in the observance. The members have therefore decided unanimously to rename themselves as the Parson Drove Good Companions Club. New members will always be welcome, whatever their age!

The Club meets in St Mark's on alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm. For details contact Mike Shelley on 700729

**GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL**

An evening with  
**MARGARET GEORGE**

A power-point presentation by  
**BRIAN PAYNE**

Old photographs of Guyhirn, taken by a Vicar's daughter, to be shown in the village for the first time for fifteen years.  
An evening of nostalgia for young and old.

**Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm.**

Tickets £5 including Ploughman's Supper Concessions £4  
Admission free for Primary school children  
available from Hall Committee members

## FOOTBALL CLUB APPEALS FOR VILLAGE SUPPORT

Parson Drove Football Club is looking for support from the local community. The club desperately needs new faces and ideas to take them forward, and would like to hear from anyone who would like to get involved, however small the role. Help is required with fund-raising, administration, match days and assisting players who would like to trial for the club.

The club says it would welcome Russian oligarchs, but, failing that, anyone that feels they can give a helping hand. The players would like support from the touchline next season, so supporters are welcome and entrance is free.

For details contact John Cook on 701324 or Mick Lynn on 700069.

## SUCSESSES AT THE BELL INN

Dawn and I, would like to say well done to the Bell Inn, Murrow, Saturday and Sunday football teams for winning their leagues. Not forgetting Val Lowe, who was awarded Division 2 Secretary of the year and League Secretary of the year. Well done Val, you deserve it for the hard work you put in to the football teams, and for all you have done for the playing field. Congratulations to the Snookerette A team for winning the league, and to the novice B team for being awarded the wooden spoon. Come on the Bowls team! If anyone would like to join any of our teams please come along and speak to one of the team's secretary's. Bowls are played at the Bell on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Snookerette is on Thursdays. Once again well done to you all.

**Andy & Dawn**

## GOREFIELD PLAYING FIELD 200 CLUB WINNERS

Week	Winner
1	Gill Holt
2	George Frost
3	Steve Smith
4	Robert Holt
5	Bill Williams
6	M Fisher
7	Liam Goult
8	Yvonne Goodwin
9	Lucy Stanford
10	Roxi Devlin £250
	Alan Holt £50
	Ron Pope £10

## WISBECH ST MARY VILLAGE & COUNTRY FAYRE

**Sunday 27th June 2010.**

Opens 10.00am – on the Sports Field

Admission –£4 & Children £1

**'Please Note' Free Park & Ride Transport from Wisbech**

Falconry, Dog Handling Display, Live Music, Model Aircraft Display, Stunt Motor/Cyclists, Parachute Display Team, Dog Agility Plants, Shrubs, Reptiles & Animals Trade and Craft Stalls, Entertainers, Vintage & Classic Vehicles, Farm Machinery, Country Crafts, Children's Activities, Amusements, Licensed Bar, Food Stalls

**See us at: [www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com)**

For Further information, Please Contact: Paul (01945 410610) or Graham (01945 410473)  
Charity no.1086309

**Exhibitors & Items Still Welcome:**

The organizers would like to hear from anyone who could help in any way at the Fayre

## CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau are resuming monthly sessions at Parson Drove pavilion on Tuesday afternoons at 1.30pm. However, advisers will only attend if it is known in advance that there will be clients for them to see. Sessions are planned for July 27<sup>th</sup>, August 24<sup>th</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than the Monday before each session.

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

## GOREFIELD CAR BOOT

The next Car Boot Sale on the playing field, Wolf Lane, Gorefield is on Saturday July 24th, Booters 07.30am. Toilets and refreshments available, Contact number: 01945 870387

## FAMILY FUN DAY ON GEORGE'S FIELD

The residents of Tholomas Drove are holding their annual Fête/Family Fun Day to raise money towards recreation facilities on George's Field, Plash Drove, on Saturday July 10th from 2pm to 5pm.

Attractions include Air Rifle Range, BBQ, Bottle Stall, Bouncy Castle, Cake Stall, Children's Games, Plant Sale, Stocks, etc.

All proceeds will go towards providing recreation facilities on George's Field.

## MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

N Kilby – Leverington,  
J Houlihan – Throckenholt  
R Lynn – Murrow  
M Cross - Parson Drove  
V Smith – Murrow  
D Harrison – Murrow  
D Page - Parson Drove  
J Rose - Parson Drove

## 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.

## Voices Past 2

### FRUIT PILFERING AT WISBECH ST MARY

*from the "Wisbech Advertiser",  
Wednesday September 5th 1883*

At the Isle Magistrates' Court, Wisbech, James Knoll, labourer, was charged with wilfully and maliciously damaging a pear tree, by shaking the same, and taking twelve pears, value 3d, the property of Mr Henry Sharpe, at Wisbech St Mary, on the 26th August. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Pc BUNNS stated: I know a field in Wisbech St Mary in the occupation of Mr Henry Sharpe, in which there are some pear trees. On the 26th August I saw Knoll picking up some pears that were lying on the ground. He then took hold of a branch of a tree and shook it, bringing some of the fruit to the ground. He picked up some of the pears and put them in his trousers pocket, and then went into Mr Marriott's field. I spoke to him and asked him what he was up to. He said he had picked up a few pears which had fallen over the dyke. I said the pears he shook off the tree had not fallen over the dyke. He admitted he had got about a dozen pears. The defendant said he would not give them to me.

The defendant said that although he told the officer he had about a dozen pears, he had none at all in his possession, as he had eaten all that he picked up. He denied that he shook the trees at all.

The Chairman of the Bench said the defendant could not expect the Bench to believe what he said after admitting that he told the officer an untruth. The defendant persisted in saying that he did not shake the tree.

Mr James Long, (foreman to Mr Sharpe), informed the magistrates that these proceedings were taken entirely as a caution to others, as his employers had so many fruit trees about the district which they could not protect. What made the present case worse, too, was that the offence was committed on a Sunday.

Superintendent Anker said there had been so many complaints that he specially instructed the officer to watch the orchard.

The Bench ordered the defendant to pay a fine of 1s, for the damage to the tree 3d, and 1s 6d costs.

### MOTOR CAR DAMAGE IN ST MARY'S

There have been several separate instances of criminal damage to motor vehicles occurring in Wisbech St Mary in recent weeks. These crimes were committed mainly in the Church Road and Churchfield Way areas, where the paintwork of the vehicles had been damaged by a sharp object. These are despicable acts of vandalism, and if anybody has any information to offer regarding these incidents they should contact the police. Similarly, if residents see anybody acting suspiciously in any of our villages they should call the police immediately. Cambridgeshire police can be contacted on 0345 456 4564, or 999 if an emergency.

#### JULIE'S PATCH

**Pc Julie Coales, Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

We all know that if we are travelling in a vehicle we should be wearing a seat belt, yet there are still some people that flout the law and do not wear a seat belt. For those that say they are only travelling a short distance, statistics show that you are more likely to have an accident whilst on a short journey than on a long journey. Children know that they should wear their seat belts etc, so there is no excuse for you adults. We have seen the adverts showing the consequences of being involved in a collision when not wearing a seat belt. Have you seen someone that has been involved in an accident and not worn their seat belt? Not always a pretty sight!! Remember CLUNK CLICK before every trip.

Drivers using a mobile phone whilst the vehicle is in motion are another group that think they can flout the law. Again we have seen the adverts and the tragic consequences of driving whilst using the mobile phone. No phone call is that important that it cannot wait until you can stop safely.

Since January 1<sup>st</sup> this year over 2000 tickets have been issued for seat belt and mobile phone offences. If you want to take the risk of driving whilst using the phone or not wearing a seat belt, I am very generous and carry plenty of tickets to give away.

You can contact me by phone 0345 456 4564 x3799 or e-mail me at [julie.coales@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:julie.coales@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

#### NEW CRIMEBUSTER DATES ANNOUNCED

"Village Voices" has received notification of the dates and venues of the Crimebuster bus during the next three months. The visits are timed for 8.30 to 12.30, but it may be wise to check the times nearer your date.

Gorefield / Woodmans car park. July 13th

Thorney Toll July 15th

Wisbech St Marys/Church Road July 23rd

Leverington /Perry Road August 5th

Parson Drove/Village Hall August 19<sup>th</sup>

Murrow September 21<sup>st</sup>

Guyhirn September 23<sup>rd</sup>

There will be contacts for the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Fire Service, Roddons, Revenue and Benefits, Anti-social Behaviour and Environmental issues.

#### Forthcoming Fundraising Events for Gorefield Pre-School

Gorefield Pre-school will be holding a fashion show on Friday 17th September (to be confirmed) at Gorefield Village Hall. A Quiz night is also to be confirmed for the summer/Autumn.



## MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The locations, stops and arrival times are:

Alternate Tuesdays:- **June 29<sup>th</sup> July 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>**

Murrow	Station Ave	10.30
Murrow	Front Rd Paddocks	10.55
Parson Drove The Bank		11.15
Parson Drove Newlands Corner		11.40
Parson Drove Henlow Farm		12.10

Alternate  
Wednesdays:-  
**June 30<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Gorefield  
School 15.15  
Post Office 15.40  
Mill Height 15.55

Alternate Fridays:- **July 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Rings End	March Road,	10.00
Guyhirn	Selwyn Corner	10.25
Bunkers Hill	Lay-bye	10.45
WSM	Cannon Close	11.05
WSM	Church Road	11.30
WSM	Blundell Terr	11.55
Lev Common	Pear Tree Cres	12.15
Guyhirn	Chapelfield Av	15.20

Enquiries: at Tel. 0345 045 5225

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

## Useful contacts

### Churches

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

### Village Halls (bookings)

Gorefield	870829
Guyhirn	450835
Murrow	700212/700200
Parson Drove	700729
Thorney Toll	07887754869 or 07961957878

WSM Community Centre 01945410473

### Parish Council Clerks

Gorefield	870454
Parson Drove	700501
Wisbech St Mary	474191

### Schools

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

### Post Offices

Parson Drove	700511
Gorefield	870273
Wisbech St Mary	410288

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

### Health & Security

Parson Drove Surgery	700223
North Cambs Hospital	585781
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553 613613
Social Services	481100
P. Drove Surgery Car Service	07766534280
WSM Community Car Scheme	07592407283
Gorefield Social Car Scheme	07500479444
Childline	0800 1111
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Dog control/Animal welfare	01354 622442
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Fenland District Council	111101354654321
Samaritans	08457909090
Victim supportline	08453030900
<b>Police (non-emergency)</b>	<b>0345 456 4564</b>

## Notice

### John Bend Charities, Parson Drove

Applications are invited for education grants from parents of year 6 children going on to secondary school in September, A-level students, and young persons entering university. Also this year grants will be made to children starting Primary School.

The criteria for all applications are that they must live in the parish of Parson Drove, and have lived in the parish for at least 5 years. The Primary School children must have lived in the parish for the majority of their lives.

Applications must be received by July 20<sup>th</sup> 2010. Please contact Mrs T Jarvis, 5 Swan Bridge Farm, Fen Road, Parson Drove. Phone: 700697.

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Mrs Jacqueline Hunns. Tel: 01945 870189  
George Ridley. Tel: 07545 732908

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**Website** [www.fenland.gov.uk](http://www.fenland.gov.uk)

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### **Councillor for Roman Bank & Peckover Division**

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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 they 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.

### **Website** [www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com)

The Parish Council, with the help of John Timms, has its own website for your use. Visit [www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com) to view Parish Council minutes, Councillor contact details, Parish Plan etc. The website also provides a wealth of information about our village and its community in general.

Notice of meetings and other relevant Council literature can always be found on the Parish Council Notice Board located outside the Shop and Post Office on High Road.

The Council has produced a **Welcome Booklet** for Gorefield that contains useful contact names and numbers. These have been delivered to every household but a replacement copy is available by contacting the Clerk.

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

**Gorefield Adventure Patch.** The long awaited official launch of the new Adventure Patch, which was postponed due to the weather on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, finally took place on a wonderful warm and sunny Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Hosted by the Parish Council the event was well supported by the invited guests, representatives of village organisations, parents, grandparents and most of all children of all ages. After a few words by the Council Chairman the ribbon was cut at 10.30 by Beth Morse, a pupil of Gorefield Primary school and the Patch was officially open. Everyone then enjoyed free entertainment, a bouncy castle, face painting and refreshments. The new equipment is part of funding secured to provide play opportunity for the 8 - 13 age range but the Council is continuing to source funding to bring new equipment to the Patch for toddlers, juniors and BMX users. A bid has also been made for funding to provide equipment for adult exercise.

**Community Speed Watch.** Speedwatch allows the public to get actively involved in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through their neighbourhood. It is used in areas where speeding has been identified as a priority at quarterly neighbourhood panel meetings. The scheme is run by Cambridgeshire Police alongside the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Road Safety Partnership. It is about educating motorists in the law in relation to speeding and monitoring any trends in speeding in neighbourhoods. Volunteers are trained to use speed indicator devices which displays vehicle speed. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter from their local neighbourhood policing team, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community. For more information on how to get involved, please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

**Parish Plan.** The Parish Council first adopted the current Parish Plan in 2007. During that time there has been good progress on certain elements of the action plan while others have proved more difficult and effectively stalled at this present time. To address this situation the Parish Council is working with Hetty Thornton from Fenland District Council to try to resolve the issues and kick-start some action. She will be working with Parish Councillor Alan Holt, and members of the Parish Plan Steering Group to identify areas of concern.

For anyone new to the village a copy of the Parish Plan is available by contacting the Clerk at the address shown above. An update on progress will follow in due course.