

Village Voices July 2011



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

A warm welcome to all newcomer and visitors to our villages!

THORNEY TOLL SILVER TROWEL LOCATED IN U.S.A.

A commemorative trowel used at the laying of the foundation stone of the Victorian Mission Church at Thorney Toll has been located as an item in a Fine Arts auction in Phoenix, Arizona. The inscription on the valuable silver and ivory trowel reads ***"Presented to Reverend Joshua Cautley on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of St. Paul's Mission Church in Thorney Toll, Guyhirn on June 12th, 1872"***.

The item came to light as a result of an e-mail sent to Brian Payne from a resident of Scottsdale, Phoenix, Brian Zimmerman. Joel Henry Prescott III, his brother-in-law, had recently died and his effects were being auctioned at the end of June. Mr Zimmerman assumes that the trowel was purchased on a trip to England some years ago, and he wondered if the church was still in use.

Every effort is now being made to secure the trowel at auction, or to make a private purchase from the family, so that it might be brought home to Thorney Toll and deposited in the Wisbech & Fenland Museum.

The Rev Joshua Cautley BA was the priest-in-charge of Thorney Abbey from 1853 to 1885. The Mission Church was built on land alongside the turnpike road owned by farmer Jolley Preston. The vicar of Guyhirn with Rings End, which included Thorney Toll, was Rev William Carpenter, later vicar of Gorefield.

....and the foundation stone?

When the Mission Church was demolished many years ago, it was thought that the foundation stone was removed to a neighbouring farm. If you have it, or know where it is, please let us know so that, if we are able to obtain the trowel, we can photograph the two items together at their first meeting for 140 years! Please ring 01945 410755.

Vicar's Verbals

We had a wonderful time at the Gorefield Show on 12th June, where we were invited to judge some events. Sarah had the onerous business of awarding the 'Concourse d'elegance' for the lovely horse drawn carriages, and I had the delicate but less serious duty of awarding the prizes at the dog event. The categories were *Waggiest tail*, *Most like owner* and *Best six legs!* As it turned out, it was a fairly simple task; an exuberant young Labrador, a cheery lad with a shock of blond hair and his little champagne coloured Chihuahua, and a brisk young lady with her smart Weimeraner all stood out as obvious winners. Most of us who have pets make a huge emotional investment in them, perhaps too much. Our own slightly crazy spaniel-collie cross Tyggah is like another child to us and when we lost our last dog, a border collie, we thought the sky had fallen in. I sometimes wonder whether we can justify all the love and money we lavish on our pets when there are countless children dying of disease and hunger, whose lives could be transformed for less than the cost of one trip to the vet. Recent publicity about the international conference on vaccination makes it abundantly clear that we in the wealthier nations can make a huge difference to those from the poorer. Perhaps I should tot up what we spend on Tyggah and make sure I donate the same to charity.

Matthew.

APOLOGIES

We are sorry that a very small number (less than 60) of the June issue of "Village Voices" were delivered from the printers with a page missing.

We are also sorry that the note concerning the "Songs from the Shows" concert indicated that the proceeds would go initially to the Christmas Party Appeal. Any income from the event will go to St Mark's Methodist church.

The Register

We welcome into the Church's family

Olivia Jean Rowell, who was baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Sunday May 22nd.

Alice Clarke, who was baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday May 29th.

We wish every happiness to

Sam Kilby and Holly Epps, who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday May 28th.

Matthew Story and Sarah Knight, who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, on Saturday June 4th.

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

Lesley Tibbs, whose funeral service was at St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Thursday May 19th, followed by cremation at Mintlyn.

Connie Brown, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Monday May 23rd.

Diana Cooper, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Wednesday May 25th, followed by burial in the churchyard.

James Jamieson, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Thursday May 26th.

Reginald Chenley, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Monday June 6th.

Doris Payne, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Wednesday June 8th, followed by burial in Guyhirn churchyard.

Trevor Payne, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Wednesday June 15th

THORNEY TOLL HISTORIC PUB UNDER THREAT OF CLOSURE

"Village Voices" understands that the *Black Hart* public house in Thorney Toll is under threat of permanent closure unless trade improves. The brewery that owns the property may have decided that it is no longer viable as a public house business.

The historic pub, situated next door to the site of the Toll House on what is now the A47 trunk road, has provided refreshment for local residents and passing travellers for over two hundred years. Unfortunately the business nowadays is mainly passing trade, and the current economic situation has not helped.

Graham and Maria King, the pub's tenants commented, "It is a real shame if a service pub like ours has to close down as we serve more than the local area, mainly due to the fact that we are the only pub on the A47 for 40 miles either way.

Although we have not been a traditional community pub, we would like to thank those regulars who have supported us week-in week-out, especially one gentleman who has apparently been a regular at the pub since coming in for a beer on the day that the Second World War broke out!"

A MESSAGE FROM JESSICA

The 'Young People Guyhirn' Easter village hall occasion was a great success and 21 young people attended. It would be great to think more about young people's ideas to see if we can make our ideas happen. Written by Jessica Goode, age 11

A CALL TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF GUYHIRN

Following the Easter event held in April, which Jessica describes, a public meeting to establish the independence of 'Young People Guyhirn' and to adopt a constitution is to be held on Tuesday July 5th at 7pm in the Village Hall. Anyone interested is urged to attend and get involved in this important project. Details from Julie on 450409 or youngpeopleguyhirn@gmail.com

AN INTERESTING TIME FOR WOMENS INSTITUTE MEMBERS

May and June were very busy months for the members of Parson Drove WI. On May 17th we were hostesses for a Group Meeting when the title of our entertaining talk was "Life in the Big House" given by Deana Hudson, the real "Mrs Hudson"! She was an excellent speaker who brought "Upstairs Downstairs" to life.

On May 25th some members went to Gedney Hill where Mike Theobald spoke, and showed a DVD, about his visit to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. We had been asked to wear hats, and many people did! We were served delicious refreshments, and we all enjoyed our Gedney Garden Party!

Many members helped at the church's Garden Fete on June 4th.

Our speaker on June 14th was Annette Beeton, who spoke about her involvement with Burghley House. Her delight in working there was evident, and we all enjoyed her talk

Ann Payne

WISBECH ST MARY'S MONTHLY MART

The popular Mart that is held in the Church House, Wisbech St Mary, each month has been running for many years. Although it is held in church house it is open to all residents, and everyone in the village is warmly invited to call in to see the produce on offer. In addition to home-made cakes, etc, there may be vegetables or bric-a-brac, or even a raffle. Most important of all is the opportunity to sit and chat with friends over a cup of cheer. The ladies who organise the Mart would love to see the room packed each month. See you there, on July 9th, it opens at 8.45am for just over an hour.

WORDS AND MUSIC AT CHAPEL OF EASE

A pleasant afternoon entertainment was held in Guyhirn's Chapel of Ease at the beginning of May. Prose and poetry were read by Wendy Neal, Elaine Harvey and Brian Payne, and music was provided by Emma Harvey and a friend. It is hoped to continue holding such events in the chapel in the future.

MEET REV RYK PARKINSON

I was born in Kent in 1951 where my parents were smallholders. As my maternal grandfather was a farmer I suppose farming is in the blood, though my paternal grandfather was a Methodist minister. I was lucky enough to spend my childhood in Kent only leaving at the age of 18 to go off to University in the far north, Manchester. I graduated with a respectable degree in Civil Engineering and moved to Hampshire to build roads and bridges. After 3 years I had itchy feet and joined the Royal Engineers in the Army. My initial contract was for 18 months but I ended up retiring after 24 years service which gave me wonderful experiences around the world (something I'm always happy to talk about over a pint). On retirement in 1999 my family and I moved to Leverington so my daughter could attend the college and I obtained a job lecturing Civil Engineering at the College of West Anglia in King's Lynn.

I met my wife, Elizabeth, whilst in the Army and after a short courtship over long distances we were married 32 years ago. We have one son, who works as a helicopter design engineer in Hertfordshire, and one daughter who lives with us, running her own home help business. To give another male in the house we have a 10 year old Labrador who keeps us fit. My interests are narrow gauge steam railways, agricultural heritage, gardening and classical music – though that has to be listening as my musical skills are non-existent. I also love to travel around the Fens soaking up the beauty of the landscape and the skies.

In 1993 I was licensed as a lay minister in the Church, serving in Nottingham and then Rochester before moving to the Fens. However, in 2004 I felt the call to ordained ministry and I was selected for training. In 2007, after 3 years training, I was ordained in Ely Cathedral to serve as a Curate in Leverington. After serving nearly 4 years as a Curate I was recently licensed as your Associate Priest assisting Revd Matthew Bradbury. Elizabeth and I have been very touched by the warm welcome we have received and we look forward to getting to know you better.

SUN SHONE ON THE FETE

The annual Garden Fete organised in aid of Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove, was held in warm sunshine in the grounds of Southea Grange by kind permission of Dr and Mrs Rosier. The stall, refreshments and games raised a total of £665, and the churchwardens would like to thank everyone who supported the Fete so generously.

ALL CHANGE ON THE PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE

At the annual meeting of the Gorefield Playing Field Committee held on June 6th, the chairman, John Hunt, stood down after 24 years of unstinting service to the village, and Colin and Margaret Tibbs stood down as secretary and treasurer respectively. The committee expressed its thanks to them all, and hoped they could count on their support in the future. The following were elected to the vacant posts, George Ridley, Chairman, Norman Carroll, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, and Michael Humphrey, Secretary.

A MEMORIAL TO MARION

A beautiful wooden seat has been placed in Gorefield churchyard in memory of Marion Baker who died last year. In the presence of members of her family, the seat was dedicated by Brian Payne and Rev Ryk Parkinson. Mrs Dawn Mace received the seat on behalf of the Parochial Church Council.

A MESSAGE FROM THE "BELL"

I would like to say, congratulations to Aaron for opening a shop in Murrow. It is what we need, and I hope that the villagers use it and give it a try. I went in on Aaron's first day to wish him all the very best and found that for a small place he had a good range of every day items. There is that very old cliché, *use it or lose it*. I know most of my customers will and already have.

Now it's up to the rest of Murrow. **Andy**

PLAYING FIELD ANNUAL MEETING

"The Annual Meeting of Murrow Playing Field Association will be held on Monday July 11th in Murrow Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. Everybody welcome. Please send apologies to Mary Lane, secretary, on 701776 or email Llanemary@aol.com"

122 MOTORISTS CAUGHT SPEEDING

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams are continuing to hold local Speedwatch checks. Letters containing a warning and appropriate advice have been sent to all of the registered keepers of the offending vehicles. The Speedwatch events will be continuing in all the villages surrounding Wisbech throughout 2011, and the local results will be published in "Village

Voices" each month.

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

The results for May were as follows :
Fri 13th: Church Rd. Leverington. 26 .
Fri 13th: High Road, Guyhirn 3

Wed 18th: Gull Road, Guyhirn. 0. Wed 18th: High Road, Guyhirn. 1
Thurs 19th: High Road, WSM 0.
Thurs 19th: Leverington Common 3 .
Thurs 19th: High Road, Gorefield. 18
Thurs 19th: Church Ln, Tydd St Giles. 11
Wed 25th: High Road, Guyhirn. 4
Wed 25th: Church Rd. Leverington. 33.
Tues 31st: High Road, Guyhirn. 14.
Tues 31st: Main Road, P Drove. 9.

+ Regular Services +

St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

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

Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:

1st Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.
2nd & 3rd Sundays:- 9.30am Communion.
4th Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30.
5th Sunday:-9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer
July 3; Greeters: Pauline & Diane. Coffee: Sandra.
July 10: Greeters: Sue & Jenny. Coffee: Shelagh.
July 17: Greeter: Trevor. Coffee: Pam.
July 31: Greeters: Sue & Jenny.
Flowers: Mrs P Judge.

St Mark's Methodist Church,P Dr 10.30am

July 3rd: Local arrangement.
July 10th: **9.30am**.United service, Parish Church
July 17th: Local arrangement.
July 24th: United service. Rev N Hannah.
July 31st: United service, Murrow.

Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am

July 3rd: Chapel Anniv. Local arrangement.
July 10th: Mrs A Emmerson
July 17th: Local arrangement.
July 24th: Rev D Ely.
July 31st: Mr T Simpson

Wisbech St Mary 10.45am

July 3rd: Local arrangement
July 10th: Youth Worship Team
July 17th: Rev N Hannah
July 24th: Local arrangement
July 31st: **10.30am**. United service, Murrow.

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

**LADIES GROUP HEAR ABOUT LIFE-SAVING
AIR AMBULANCE**

Gorefield Ladies Group met on May 25th, when Glenys Grimm welcomed members, and details of the Group's outing in June were confirmed.

The evening's speaker was Mary Dunn, of the East Anglia Air Ambulance, who explained the work of the life-saving charity, which relies on continuous fund raising. Details of the areas covered by the Yellow Rescue helicopters were explained, and how the staff was trained. Mary explained the vast amount of work undertaken and carried out by this voluntarily run operation.

She was thanked by Glenys. The raffle was held, and refreshments were served by Chris Ashton & Inga Campbell. Gillian Smith had a May birthday.

The Group's July meeting will be a floral demonstration and workshop by Ann Purt, well known established local florist.

Further details available in early July from Glenys, 01945 870276

**RESIDENTS AND COLLEAGUES EXPRESS
THEIR THANKS TO A MUCH
RESPECTED DOCTOR**

A reception and presentation to mark the retirement of Dr B N Khetani is to be held on Wednesday July 20th from 6pm to 8pm in Parson Drove Village Hall.

Patients, former patients and colleagues will join together for drinks and light refreshments, as they offer Dr and Mrs Khetani their thanks and best wishes upon their retirement from the Parson Drove Practice.

"Village Voices" invited Dr Khetani to comment on his time as a General Practitioner in the district. These are his thoughts:

"I would like to thank the editor for allowing me this space.

As most of you are probably aware, either through the grapevine or, hopefully, through the Health Authority, that I have now retired from the National Health Service, and therefore, sadly, from Parson Drove Surgery.

It only seemed yesterday that I joined Dr Hattersley in what was then the truly sleepy small fenland village of Parson Drove. However, 28 years have elapsed!

Over those 28 years I have known parents, grandparents and children, and also have seen those children grow up to be fine young men and women, many with their own families now.

I consider that it was my great privilege to serve the population of these parishes who are patients of Parson Drove Surgery. If I am asked if I had my time again, would I study medicine, I would say 'Yes'. If asked would I be a GP, I would say 'Yes' to that, too. If I was asked would I consider becoming a GP in Parson Drove, I would grab it with both hands and shout 'YES!'

Although retired from the surgery, my wife and I are not moving away, and would like to thank you all for the tremendous love, warmth and affection that you all have given us both over the years (including those who have sent me messages by cards, telephone and e-mail for a happy retirement), and hope to be in your company more on an informal and social basis from now on"

Dr Bharat Khetani.

THANK YOU 1

In a message to "Village Voices" Caroline Dobson sends her thanks to everyone for their good wishes as she takes up residence in King John's House, King's Walk, Wisbech. Caroline writes "All are welcome to ring number 13 when in town. Lovely view, loo and a drink!"

Caroline has also reminded us that the Ecumenical Prayer Group, started when Barbara Barbour came to WSM, has temporarily stopped meeting, but not stopped praying. Anyone wishing to help to continue the Group is invited to contact Matthew, Ryk or Lilian.

**GUYHIRN CHAPEL OF EASE
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The annual Thanksgiving Service of the Friends of Guyhirn Chapel of Ease is to take place on Saturday July 18th at 2.30pm. The guest preacher will be Rev D Ely. Visitors from all churches are warmly welcomed.

The Friends' annual meeting and refreshments will follow the service

PARSON DROVE - ANGLIA IN BLOOM

There will be a Best Kept Front Garden competition for this years Anglia in Bloom in Parson Drove.

Anyone interested in entering this competition should contact Mick Shelley (700729) or John Cook (701324) stating their name and address. Judging will begin in the week commencing July 11th."

COUNTRY COMPANY AT ST MARKS

St Marks' Methodist Church presents Country Company on Sunday July 17th at 6.30pm in the church. Admission £7 including light refreshments. Collection for 'Action for Children'. Advance tickets: Chris Coates, 700307.

TONY G RETURNS

A concert by Tony G, "The voice of Elvis and many more" will take place in Parson Drove Village Hall on Sunday July 3rd at 2.00pm. Admission £5 including tea, coffee and a Draw. Proceeds will go to Casey and Barbara's Christmas Party appeal. Advance bookings: Barbara 700761

CONCERNS ABOUT THE NUMBER OF SERIOUS ACCIDENTS ON THE A47

A few weeks ago a 90-year-old motor-cyclist was killed in an accident on the notorious A47 trunk road. It was the latest in a series of serious accidents to blight the single carriageway road between Wisbech and Thorney. Many such crashes occur between Guyhirn and Thorney Toll. In November, six people were injured when two cars collided and ended up in a two-metre deep ditch close to the junction of Knarr Fen Road. Days later, a dozen people had to be taken to hospital after a collision between a coach and a 4X4 triggered a five-vehicle pile-up further east along the A47, near Thorney Toll. And in October, two drivers escaped with minor injuries following a crash, also near Thorney Toll, which sent one car plunging into a ditch and crashing into a tree. These events add to the rising number of A47 accidents some of which result in fatalities. The residents of Thorney Toll are continually campaigning for a speed restriction through the hamlet. Cllr David Sanders, member of Peterborough City Council for Eye and Thorney, said, "*In light of recent accidents, and the fact this main artery is becoming ever-increasingly busy, there's clearly a case for the Highways Agency to consider seriously a dual carriageway on the stretch between Guyhirn and Thorney. It's a busy road and it's going to get busier.*"

JOHN BEND'S UNITED CHARITIES Parson Drove

Applications are invited by letter from young people who have lived in the parish for 5 years or more and are going to University, College, or starting A-levels in September. Please supply details of the courses and venues.

Applications must be in by July 22nd 2011 to
Mrs T Jarvis,

5 Swan Bridge Farm, Fen Road, Parson Drove,
PE13 4JP. Tel: 700697.

THANK YOU 2

I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind with cards, letters, phone calls, visits, flowers, cakes and chocolates etc, during my recent health problems. Thank you also for your prayers.

Every single good message has been much appreciated. Thanks again .
Daphne Twitchett

EMERGENCY FUND-RAISING EVENT

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

Charity Darts Exhibition

by
**Martin (Wolfie) Adams World Champion and
Captain of the England Darts Team**

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM POST GOES

Following funding cutbacks and a review of priorities, the Community Development Team at Fenland District Council has been restructured, and Thelma Wadley's post as CDO has been deleted. Thelma has, for the past five years, been very much involved with advising parishes concerning their Parish Plans, and supporting a wide number of initiatives, particularly concerning young people.

Thelma said," I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed working in the parishes alongside very many committed volunteers working to enhance services and amenities for local residents, and how sad I am to be leaving at the end of July. I wish everyone well for the future, and thank them for their support".

BOWLS CLUB IS 90!

Not since 1921 have bowlers at Gorefield had such a magnificent celebration, as this year the Bowls Club is 90! Bowlers past and present were invited to celebrate the special occasion with champagne and cake which was cut by President Tom Dobbie.

In the afternoon the members played in a drive for the Missin Cup which was won by Ardie Kleyn, with runners up Joe Blunt and Colin Newby. The day concluded with a BBQ.

'STREET PRIDE' DATES ANNOUNCED

"Street Pride" events are to be held as follows

July 2nd: The Cage, Parson Drove. 10am.

July 10th: Parson Drove in Bloom. Front garden judging at 10am.

£546 RAISED FOR CHEMO ROOM

Monica Greenwood would like to thank everyone who attended her coffee morning in Churchfield Way, WSM, in aid of the Chemo Room at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. Monica said, "Thank you to all who gave their time and donations. It was held as a thank-you for Jane's treatment last year". A grand total of £546 was raised.

GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL CONCERT SUCCESS

On Saturday May 21st Gemma Harvey and her singing pupils hosted 'Music for a Spring Evening' charity concert at Guyhirn Village Hall. A great night was had by the eighty strong audience and the performers. A total of £280 was raised for the Hall funds. The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported this event.

HELP OFFERED TO DEMENTIA CARERS

Do you care for someone suffering from Dementia? The Home Share Service, operated by Cross Roads Care Cambridgeshire, is offering a free 5-hour break once a week for carers. They operate a service where their health and social care trained staff open up their own homes on a weekly basis for people suffering from dementia. Drinks, a hot lunch and a choice of activities are provided in a safe and friendly domestic setting.

If you think you could benefit from this service, please ring Emma Pearson on 0845 241 0954, who will arrange to visit you.

OPENING OF ADVENTURE PATCH

The official launch of the Gorefield Adventure Patch (GAP) will take place on Saturday 23rd July from 10.00 to 14.00. This is the opportunity for the people of Gorefield to thank all those that have donated the money and contributed in other ways to the success of our play and exercise equipment. Apart from the official opening and it's surrounding publicity it is planned to make it a gala day with extra play opportunities and demonstrations of the equipment. The Playing Fields Committee and Parish Council hope to make this Family Fun and Gala Day an annual event to enhance the community spirit of the village.

Norman Carroll

FORTHCOMING CAR BOOT SALES

Several Car Boot Sales, organised by the Parent Teachers Association of Wisbech St Mary Church of England school, are planned for 2011.

The dates are Saturdays **July 23rd**, **Sept 24th**, **Oct 22nd**.

This year there is an earlier set-up time of 8.00am for car booters, and an earlier start for shoppers at 9.00am. Seller's cars £5, trailers and vans £8.

On each occasion there will be limited parking on site for Disabled Badge Holders. No dogs or smoking are allowed onto the premises. A snack wagon and toilets will be available on site.

GOREFIELD'S 4TH ANNUAL SCARECROW FESTIVAL

Our theme this year is 'All Creature Great and Small' so there is a wide choice for everyone to consider. Those of you that have entered before will know how much fun it can be planning and building your inspirational exhibits. The atmosphere in the village really does come alive and the number of visitors coming to view grows each year. Last year over the August Bank Holiday weekend many visitors and villagers alike toured the 'Scarecrow Route' viewing and scoring the exhibits. There was also a competition to name a Scarecrow. Anyone can enter, the more the better, exhibits can pop up anywhere from rooftops, in trees or gardens, even outside the churchyard. Well done to the Church, which was judged to be the winner last year. So it's time to get thinking, start creating ready for Saturday August 20th which is the start of the Festival which will run until September 11th. This year as well as the Judging Panel we will again be running the 'Scarecrow Route' with a 'Public Vote' over the Bank Holiday Weekend. If you require any more information please call Marie on 01945 410436 or David on 870059

Michael

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

Village Halls (bookings)

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

Parish Council Clerks

Gorefield	870454
Parson Drove	700501
Wisbech St Mary	474191

Schools

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

Post Offices

Parson Drove	700511
Gorefield	870273
Wisbech St Mary	410288

Health & Security

Home-Start	582552
Parson Drove Surgery	700223
Parson Drove Pharmacy	701778
North Cambs Hospital	585781
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553 613613
Social Services	481100
P. Drove Surgery Car Service	07766534280
WSM Com Car Scheme	07592407283
Gorefield Com. Car Scheme	07500479444
Childline	0800 1111
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Dog control/Animal welfare	01354 622442
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Fenland District Council	01354654321
CCC Highways Maintenance	03450455212
Samaritans	08457909090
Victim supportline	08453030900

Websites:

www.gorefield.com

www.guyhirn-online.org.uk

www.wisbechstmary.org.uk

Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564

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or on paper to Anne Wallis in Guyhirn (450466)

Elaine Harvey in Gorefield (870558)

David Pearce in Parson Dr (700454)

Brian Payne in WSM (410755)

For advertising, e-mail Jennie at ads.villagevoices@btinternet.com

Or phone Terry Brigden on 450481.

THANK YOU 3

Gorefield Pre-school would like to thank everybody who took part in the games on their stall at the Gorefield Show and donated money on their parade. Rebecca Brown says "We are pleased to announce we raised £232, and we can now pay for the bus for our summer outing. A big well done to all the children who took part in the parade, they all looked fantastic and gave the judges a hard choice! The winners for the parade were Annalise Goodale for the girls, and Kai Peggs for the boys

THANK YOU 4

The organisers of the Special Bingo evening in memory of Mrs Pat Spriggs would like to thank everyone that donated prizes and supported the event. A grand total of £620 was raised, which was shared between Southea Churchyard Fund and the Fenland Friendship Club.

CARS, BIKES AND TRIKES AT PARSON DROVE SHOW

This year the Show will be held on **July 16th and 17th**.

The weekend starts on Saturday with a Clay Shoot and Fun Fair from 12 noon followed by a disco and live music from Catch 22 at 6.30pm

Sunday is Show Day and the gates open to the public at 10 am.

There will be a 14 trophy show and shine, arena events, competitions, side stalls, fun fair and craft fair, with a Blues Brothers tribute band to keep visitors entertained during the afternoon. Refreshments available both days Admission £3.00 per person per day, or £5.00 for weekend ticket including free overnight camping.

Proceeds are for Air Ambulance and local charities.

More details: visit www.parsondrove.net

GEORGE'S FIELD ANNUAL FETE

The annual Fete which supports the George's Field facility in Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove, will take place on Saturday July 30th from 2pm.

Usual attractions will include Bouncy Castle, Cake stall, Air Rifles, Books and Bottle stalls, Lucky Dip and a raffle.

Everyone welcome.

THANK YOU 5

In spite of a thoroughly wet day, Wendy Foster, of Wisbech St Mary, completed the women's 'Race for Life' event at Peterborough recently. Wendy wishes to thank everyone who supported and sponsored her again this year. She raised the magnificent sum of £190. Congratulations, Wendy!

WOMENS FELLOWSHIP OFF TO THE LAVENDER FARM

Twenty three members came to our last meeting, which was held at the Octavia Hill Birthplace Museum. Peter Clayton gave an introductory talk and then members wandered through the museum, finding out how Octavia Hill had been one of the pioneers of social reform in the 19th century. We finished the evening with tea and cake in the cafe.

The next meeting will be the coach trip to the Norfolk Lavender Farm on Thursday 14th July, leaving WSM school at 4:30pm. The tickets cost £10 to include the coach trip and tour of the lavender fields.. This trip is open to members and their partners if we have seats available. Tickets are available from either of us - please phone or leave a message. We need to know numbers by the previous week, Thursday 7th July.

Our meetings are usually held in the School hall at 7pm and new members are always welcome.

Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish

LUNCH CLUB INCREASES ITS MEMBERSHIP

Another superb meal was supplied by Roffe's to the Gorefield Luncheon Club in the village hall in June. With a raffle and quiz a good time was had by all. From 27 members back in October, our membership now stands at 46. Anybody interested in joining our happy band can contact Jean Mill on 870549 or Norman Carroll on 870387 or 07918122217. Our next meal will be in the village hall on Wednesday 6th July.

Norman Carroll

CHANGES IN RECYCLING BANKS ANNOUNCED

Fenland District Council has announced changes, with immediate effect, to recycling banks in Wisbech St Mary and Thorney Toll.

A textile and shoe bank, and a media bank (books, CDs/DVDs) are to be added to the facility at Church Road, WSM. The brown glass bank is to be removed, but the clear and mixed glass banks will remain.

The mixed glass bank is to be removed from Lindens Close, Thorney Toll.

HISTORY GROUP TO WELCOME ITS FIRST GUEST SPEAKER

The newly formed Village History Group holds its next meeting on Tuesday June 28th at WSM Community Centre at 7pm.

The guest speaker is Bridget Holmes who will talk on the life and diaries of farmer John Peck of Parson Drove. Peck's writings give a vivid account of his work in Parson Drove and the surrounding villages as a farmer and constable.

The meeting is open to non-members, admission £2. Everyone welcome from neighbouring villages.

HORSES, DOGS AND A SPITFIRE SHINE AT GOREFIELD SHOW

The Gorefield Show was yet again a huge success not only due to the organizers but also due to the sunshine. The show kicked off early with the magnificent heavy horses in the main ring and their smaller relatives in rings 1 & 2. Competitors had come from miles away and had made a huge effort to prepare their animals. As the public began to arrive on the showground they were entertained by carriage driving, local school children in fancy dress and hilarious novelty dog classes.

One of the highlights of the day was a fly past by an RAF Spitfire which was on its way back from the Trooping the Colour fly-past over Buckingham Palace. It flew over the showground three times, creating an amazing spectacle before returning to base.

As ever the refreshment tent was sold out by the end of the day and the stalls and side shows were kept busy all day. All in all it was a great success, due to the committee who work tirelessly to put on this annual event.

Not only is 2012 the year of The London Olympics and The Queens Diamond Jubilee it is also Gorefield Show's 50th anniversary so already plans are being put in place for its own Golden Jubilee which promises to be an extra special event. Details from Mrs Jo Mitchell (secretary) 01945 870988 Email: p.j.mitchell@btinternet.com

WSM MOTHERS' UNION

We met on Tuesday June 7th and discussed the Spring Council. Our next meeting will be Tuesday July 5th at 2.15pm in WSM Church House. Everyone is most welcome.

Lilian Brigden

THANK YOU 6

Whilst doing a stint in the refreshment tent at the Gorefield Show I was approached by a member of the public who complimented everybody on what a great show it was. It was her first visit to the Gorefield Show and she said she would definitely be back next year. So to everybody that helped to make the show such an amazing day give yourselves a big pat on the back.

Tracy Kimber

AN EVENING OF FLOWER ARRANGING AT GUYHIRN

An entertaining evening of flower arranging and
chat with the well-known demonstrator

NICK GROUNDS

will be held in Guyhirn Village Hall on Friday July 15th
at 7.30pm.

Ticket £5 including refreshments available from
450835 or 450355

All proceeds are for Village Hall funds.

YOU READ IT HERE FIRST!

Cambridgeshire Constabulary has announced that part of Wisbech Neighbourhood Policing Team has been reorganised into a proactive enforcement team. This team sees extra police resources being sent to Wisbech town and has a totally different approach to standard neighbourhood policing. Rather than reacting to what has already happened, this Team intends to get to the criminals first, stopping them in their tracks, before they can commit crime. The team will operate in a mixture of uniform and plain clothes patrol to keep the criminals guessing.

VV: Let us hope the villages get the same proactive cover!

GUYHIRN GULL CAMPAIGN TO SLOW DOWN ROAD USERS

Guyhirn residents are campaigning for Cambridgeshire County Council Highways Department to immediately impose speed reductions in Guyhirn, especially along Gull Road. Letters and petitions have been sent to the County and District Councils, Stephen Barclay MP, and the Secretary of State for Transport, Philip Hammond MP.

Designated as 'derestricted', Gull Road has allegedly seen various accidents and near misses. The latest being at Tall Trees, where a car left 50-foot skid marks before demolishing a sign and just missing a large tree. In recent years the road has become fully residential and is home to older residents and young families, and as such is no longer suitable for a 60-mph limit. One of the campaign organisers, John Gray, said "It is unfortunate that motorists, many from local villages, see fit to race along the road at breakneck speeds with disregard for the people who live here"

For more information: jwg2438@gmail.com

W S M Parish Council has repeatedly asked for a realistic speed restriction in Gull Road, Guyhirn. At one point councillors offered to re-site the restriction signs themselves. The parish council continues in its efforts to open a dialogue with Highways officers.

ACTIVITIES AT P D

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

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

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

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

MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

Mrs Bellamy - Parson Drove

P A Woodward - Murrow

C Gover - Murrow

M Blom - Wisbech

A Markillie - Parson Drove

R Patrick - Parson Drove

B Dollman - Shouldham

Mrs E Andrew - Murrow

£100 - Winners

W Jarvis - Murrow

D Barnes - Murrow

CRIMEBUSTER DATES

The CrimeBUSTER bus will be at the following venues from 8.30am till noon.

August 4th. Station Ave. Murrow

August 5th. Woodman's, Gorefield.

August 23rd. High Road, Guyhirn.

August 24th. Main Road, Parson Dr.

August 25th. Church Road, W St Mary.

Sept 6th. Linden Close, Thorney Toll.

Sept 29th. Perry Road, Leverington.

Borough Council of
**King's Lynn &
West Norfolk**



Care and Repair Handyperson Service

Care & Repair's Handypersons Service is provided by King's Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council and covers Fenland as well as West Norfolk. The aim is to provide a reliable and trustworthy home maintenance and home adaptations service to all residents, including home owners, but especially the elderly and vulnerable. The Service carries out general repairs and maintenance inside and outside the home including plumbing and minor electrical work; - adaptations to the home for falls prevention, home security improvements, fire safety and home energy work; - All type of work is considered.

We have directly employed handypersons with full Criminal Records Bureau clearance who are certified as Trusted Assessors by the Disabled Living Foundation.

There is a charge for the service which varies depending on the Council area. However, some of the types of work carried out are eligible for grants, subject to availability, and in this case the service is delivered free of charge.

For more information, please contact Care and Repair on 01553 616371.

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"Village Voices" is pleased to acknowledge a generous donation from the trustees of John Bends United Charities, Parson Drove.

Advance Notice
**MURROW AUTUMN OPEN
 FLOWER & VEGETABLE SHOW
 VILLAGE HALL SAT 10th SEPT**

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

WSM LUNCHEON CLUB

WSM Lunch Club meets on Tuesdays July 5th and 19th at 12 noon at the Bridge Inn. Please contact Marjorie on 410511 or Bridge Inn on 410555.

Fenland District Council Councillors' Attendance Record at Meetings April 2010 to March 2011.

Parson Drove & Wisbech St Mary Ward.

***C. Bellamy** Possible 32, Attended 30
R.Scrimshaw Possible 33 Attended 33

Elm & Christchurch (Rings End) Ward.

M. Cotterell Possible 22 Attended 21
 ***P. Webb** Possible 18 Attended 18

Roman Bank (Gorefield) Ward.

P. Hatton Possible 30 Attended 28
M. Humphrey Possible 40 Attended 32
C. Seaton Possible 20 Attended 18

*Retired at May 2011 election.

FENRATS GRAND SUMMER EVENT

SUNDAY 31st JULY 2pm-5pm

to take place in the marquee at

"GUANOCK HOUSE" SUTTON ST EDMUNDS

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs M Coleman

Tickets £10

to include a complimentary drink, light refreshments and music by
THE WISSISSIPPI JAZZ BAND

Followed by an

AUCTION OF PROMISES

including: Flight from Fenland, Golf Club Membership, Meal for 2,
 Baby Sitting, Visit to Local Brewery, Crate of Beer, Cake, Hair
 Cut, Meal cooked in your own home for 6, and many more!!

For tickets for this event phone 01945 **87008??**.
 Proceeds to Fenrats Fighting Fund

CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **Tuesday July 26th** at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than **Thursday July 21st**.

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

RSPCA OPEN DAY ON THE 17th

RSPCA Block Fen animal centre is holding an Open Day on Sunday July 17th, from 11.00am to 4.00pm.

There are many attractions for a family day out, including a dog show, craft stalls, games and children's activities, as well as refreshments, raffle, Tombola and many more stalls. Dog Show. entries will be taken from 11am, and judging begins at 12 noon For more details about classes please contact Block Fen, Block Fen Drove, Wimblington PE15 0FB, tel no 0300 123 0726

The organizers hope that everyone will go along to support the wonderful work of the RSPCA re-homing centre. Entrance Fees: Adults £2, Children & OAPs £1, children under 5 Free.

For RSPCA Block Fen, turn off the A141 onto the B1093, and then turn off to the RSPCA Centre and Parachute Centre which is signed.

Mobile Library Stops

<u>1st +3rd Thursday: July 7th +21st.</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>2nd +4th Friday: July 8th +22nd</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>
Murrow School	10:00	10:40	Rings End, March Rd	09:45	10:05
Murrow Station Ave	10:45	11:00	Bunkers Hill Lay-by	10:15	10:35
Murrow Front Rd Paddocks	11:05	11:20	Wisbech St Mary Church Rd	10:55	11:25
Parson Drove The Bank	11:30	12:00	Wisbech St Mary Cannon Close	14:40	15:30
Parson Drove Newlands Corner	12:10	12:25	Guyhirn Chapelfield	15:45	16:05
Parson Drove Henlow Farm	12:30	12:45			
			<u>3rd Wednesday: July 20th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	
			Gorefield School	15.00	
			Gorefield Post Office	15.45	
			Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	
<u>4th Thursday: July 28th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>			
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15			

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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.

Website www.gorefield.com

The Parish Council, with the help of John Timms, has its own website for you 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**.

Gorefield Parish Council Annual Assembly April 5th 2011 Extracts from the Chairman's Report.

My report this year comes at the end of a four year term of the Council, a term that has seen many successes while some issues remain difficult to resolve. The new Council from May will face new challenges as the Government push forward their Localism Bill which will see new responsibly passed onto Parish Councils providing more local choice and decision making.

❖ Playing Field

Early in the year the Parish Council became Custodian Trustees of the Playing Field and its assets on Wolf Lane. This effectively protects the playing field and its use for future generations. The Council now takes responsibility for insuring and maintaining the field and its assets while the day to day management responsibilities remain with the Playing Field Association. Their constitutional arrangements and Charity status remain unchanged.

❖ Play & Exercise equipment

During the year the Council has been successful with funding applications to improve the facilities available on the Playing Field. £40,000 Play Pathfinder was followed by grants of just over £8,000 from WREN, and a similar amount from Lottery funding and finally Donarbon agreed a grant of just over £10,00 for adult exercise equipment. Further contributions from both the Parish Council and the Playing Field Committee means that approximately £70,000 has been invested in the Gorefield Adventure Patch during the year.

Project Leader Councillor Norman Carroll has worked long and hard on this and is to be congratulated, indeed his success was noted and he was recommended to attend a reception with the Queen at Windsor Castle in recognition of his work within the community. Well done.

❖ Pavilion

The Council has continued, without the same success as the previous item, to push for a replacement Pavilion on the Playing Field. The need for this was made more urgent when the existing Pavilion was the target of an arson attempt which rendered the old building unusable.

Following lengthy discussion our insurers agreed to allow the building to be replaced rather than repaired and that is the current position. The Playing Field Committee has reinstated the use of part of the old building as an interim measure to allow football to continue and plans are now well advanced with regard to a new building. The Council has recently submitted a full planning application for the Pavilion and work is ongoing to get accurate figures for the build cost. We will still be short of capital funds for the new build but should soon be in a position to accurately know how much we fall short and where we can apply.

❖ Parish Plan

The Parish Plan remains a regular agenda item at Council meetings. During the year a review involving Steering Group members, a Parish Councillor and a District Officer was held to refresh the plan and look at what was, or was not getting done. The new Council will need to continue the work to address the actions contained within the Parish Plan.

❖ Street Pride

In September Gorefield held its first Street Pride event, a litter pick. The following month the group was planting bulbs, cutting back undergrowth and litter picking. While the Council were involved with laying the foundations of this group it is now, completely independent and properly constituted with a Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The group meets every third Saturday of each month for two hours. Anyone is welcome to attend; this really does make a difference to the village environment. Thanks must go to all those involved and to Jeanette Milner from Fenland District Council who coordinates all the Street Pride Groups in the district

❖ Village Voices & Website

We continue to subscribe to, and communicate with the Parish using the Village Voice publication.

The Parish Council website gorefield.com continues to be a valuable source of local news and information and we are very grateful to all those volunteers that give endless time to these projects

My personal thanks must go to all the members of the Council for their input and involvement during the year.

A special thank you to those of you who have attended any meetings, seminars or presentations for or on behalf of the Council.

Finally special thanks to our Clerk, Rosemary, for all her hard work and dedication during the year.