

Village Voices May 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!

Vicar's Verbals

I decided to cycle back to Wisbech St Mary from a meeting at Gorefield the other night. The lovely thing about cycling is that you see, hear and smell all the things you miss when you are driving. The sun had set during the meeting and it was twilight when I set off – that lovely time the Scots call 'the gloaming'. A hush had settled over the trees and bushes and I raced a barn owl along Cattle Dyke as she floated silently over the ditches looking for her supper. The wheat fields exuded a wonderful smell – neither of vegetation nor of earth but of something else – what I can only describe as the smell of plants growing. Farmers and gardeners will know what I mean. I suppose we all experience times when the world seems to stand still and the moment captures something of the essence of life itself. This was one of those moments. Sarah and I are in our fifties and our boys are now making their own lives elsewhere; I suppose this time at the Vicarage is therefore the 'early evening' of our lives when we are privileged to pause, breathe deeply and feel the growth of new life around us. We are trying to capture the beauty and fragrance of life's fleeting moments. Are you?

Matthew.

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VISIT BY HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

On the afternoon of Sunday May 9th members of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust will be visiting Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove, (at approx 3pm) and then Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Church. Tea will be provided at WSM and a short service of Evensong will complete the visit. The HCT's main function is to provide financial assistance to the parishes of Cambridgeshire, particularly when the churches have repair projects in hand. The congregations of our churches are invited to meet the Trust members at either, or both, churches.

SPECIAL SERVICES IN MAY

Rogation Sunday is May 9th.

On Trinity Sunday, May 30th, parishioners from the three parishes are invited to attend a **United Service** in WSM & Guyhirn church at 11am, which will be followed by a picnic.

The following day a **Solemn Mass** will be celebrated on the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The service, at WSM, starts at 7.30pm.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES

For very many years Ascension Day has been commemorated in Guyhirn's ancient Chapel of Ease. This year the service, from the Book of Common Prayer, takes place on **Thursday May 13th at 6.30pm**. Residents are invited to join the congregation to maintain this tradition on this important day in the Church's calendar.

A service for the North Nene parishes (including WSM, Parson Drove and Gorefield) will be held at **7.30pm** in St Leonard's church, Leverington.

Guyhirn Chapel of Ease **350 Anniversary**

The Chapel's anniversary year started with an historic service on Easter Day morning. This was the first time for over a hundred years that such a service had been held. To mark the occasion, hundreds of spring bulbs were planted by kind volunteers. The anniversary will be officially launched at a buffet supper in Guyhirn Village Hall on Friday May 14th. Residents and friends are very welcome. To help with catering, if you would like to attend please ring 410755 for an invitation.

POPULAR METHODIST TEA SERVICES

Lorna Burrows is the speaker at the next Tea Service in Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church at 4.30pm on Wednesday April 28th speaking about Action for Children. Local man Don Barber will occupy the rostrum on Wednesday May 26th.

CHRISTIAN AID 2010

A well respected charity helping recipients to help themselves by providing wells or better livestock for breeding. Kenya is the target this year. You can help by collecting from your neighbours and friends from May 9th to May 16th. I hope to cover Station Road. Please help us to cover the whole of the parish of Wisbech St Mary, even if you only do ten calls. The Rosmini Centre in Wisbech is hosting a meeting from 6pm to 8pm on April 30th when I hope to receive the necessary authorisation and envelopes. Counting will be done at "Whizzers", Station Road, WSM, on Sunday May 16th at 12.15pm with a light lunch available.

Please contact me on 410342 if you can help. Thank you.

Caroline Dobson.

+ Regular Services +	
<p>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</p> <p>Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove: 1st Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service. 2nd & 3rd Sundays:- 9.30am Communion. 5th Sunday:-9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer 4th Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30. Greeters: May 2: Pauline + Diane. Coffee: Sandra. May 9: Pam. Coffee: Bridget and Rupert. May 16: Sue and Jenny. Coffee: Liz. <u>Flower Rota</u> : May 2, 9, & 16. Mrs M Clingo</p>	<p>St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove. May 2nd: 10.30. Local arrangement. May 9th: 9.30. United service, Parish Church. May 16th: 10.30. Rev D Ely. May 23rd: 10.30. H.Comm. Rev N Hannah. May 30th: 10.30. United service at Tydd. Rev M Pillay.</p> <p>Murrow Methodist Church May 2nd: 10.30. Mr G Beeken May 9th: 10.30. Mrs W Chandler May 16th: 10.30. H.Comm. Revd N Hannah. May 23rd: 10.30. Mr N Thompson May 30th: 10.30. United service at Tydd. Rev M Pillay.</p> <p>St Paul's Church, Gorefield: except 3rd Sunday.10.00am: Holy Communion 3rd Sunday.10.00am: Morning Worship</p>

EASTER AT ST. PAUL'S GOREFIELD

The Easter Sunday service was conducted by the Venerable David Fleming. The church was beautifully decorated with spring flowers and other Easter arrangements.

During the service lessons were read by Janet Ward and David Fleming, who also spoke on the symbolism of the egg at Easter.

Easter eggs were given to everyone by David Fleming, who was ably assisted by server Nathan and acolyte Elizabeth, during the morning. The organist was David Stone. The service was most enjoyable, as the Venerable David Fleming has often led services here in the past, and it was a meeting of old friends and a sense of renewed fellowship.

Brenda Stamp

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 28th 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.

MOTHERS' UNION

We welcomed Carol to our meeting on Tuesday April 6th, who told us about her week of filming for her TV debut on "Come Dine with Me". Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 4th at 2.15pm in the Church House, WSM, when we will have a report from the Spring Council. Everyone most welcome.

Lilian Brigden

WSM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our Spring Social will be held on Thursday April 22nd at 7pm in the school hall - a week later than our usual meetings as the school is closed for the Easter Holidays. Our guest speaker is Doreen Reed - writer and storyteller, and the entertainment will be followed by a buffet. If you have any used stamps Doreen will collect them for a charity.

The May meeting on Thursday 13th features Christopher & Janet South with "Snap out of it". It will be followed by a Bring & Buy for charity.

Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish

THANK YOU!

The management team of *Village Voices* would like to thank John Bend United Charities, Parson Drove, for their generous donation towards the production of this newsletter.

The Register

We welcome into the Church family

Alexander Smith who was baptized in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday March 21st.

We say farewell to our friends, and send love to the families.

Wendy Lockwood, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Thursday April 1st.

June Winter, whose funeral was at Peterborough crematorium on Wednesday April 14th.

In memoriam

Eileen Selah whose ashes were interred in Parson Drove Garden of Remembrance on Wednesday March 17th.

Douglas Bales, whose ashes were interred in Gorefield Garden of Remembrance on Saturday March 20th.

THE REBIRTH OF A WATERWAY DESCRIBED AT WOMENS INSTITUTE

The speaker at the April meeting of Parson Drove Women's Institute was David Barnard, who gave a power-point presentation entitled "The Welle Creek Story; the rebirth of a waterway". He is a very well-informed and enthusiastic speaker, and gave us a clear insight into all the effort which had been done to make the waterway navigable and enjoyable once more. We were indebted to Mr Barnard as he came at very short notice, after the scheduled speaker suffered an accident.

Our next meeting is on May 11th at 7.30pm in St Mark's Hall, when our speaker will be the Mayor of Wisbech's Beadle, Alistair Hopkins. Visitors are always welcome.

Ann Payne.

CALLING ALL WALKERS

If you are interested in walking in the evenings in Gorefield we meet at the Village Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7pm.

POOR ATTENDANCE AT AGM

At a poorly attended annual meeting of the Parson Drove Amenities Committee on March 25th, the following committee members were elected en-bloc: Chairman, Alan Killingworth; Vice-chairman, Joss Markillie; Secretary, John Cook; Treasurer, Julia Cook. Committee members, June Netley, Hazel Elbury, Tom Wright, Louise Hayes, Mick Lynn and Laura Burgess. Booking secretary, Mike Shelley.

Alan writes: "I should like to thank the current committee members for agreeing to carry on. I should also like to extend my thanks to Gordon Ford who has decided to step down to take a well earned rest. Gordon has been involved with the committee for many years and during that time has worked tirelessly raising funds, supervising the bar and organising cabarets. In addition he has also worked hard in his capacity as Project Manager making sure the projects we have undertaken have been completed satisfactorily. There is no doubt he will be missed".

WSM PARISH ASSEMBLY

The Wisbech St Mary Annual Assembly will be held in Guyhirn Village Hall on Monday May 24th at 7pm, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. All parishioners are invited to attend.

MEET JAN AND HILARY AT THE MART

The next Mart in WSM Church House, hosted by Jan and Hilary, is on Saturday May 8th from 9am to sell-out (usually 10am). All the usual high-class home-made produce will be available. Have a cuppa before you leave, and catch up with the village news!

MURROW BRIC-A-BRAC STALL

Murrow Methodist Chapel's bric-a-Brac stall will be open for business outside the Chapel on Saturday May 8th from 11am to 2pm. Homemade cakes, jams & marmalades, and bric-a-Brac

Come & browse & support your local village.
Maureen Woollard

MICHAEL MULDOON IN CONCERT

The Irish and Country singer Michael Muldoon will be performing in concert at Parson Drove Village Hall on Saturday May 1st at 7.30pm. Michael has recently been performing with Daniel O'Donnell and at venues all over Europe.

Tickets £7.50 from Chris Coates 700307 or Roma Andrew 870602.

PARSON DROVE LUNCHEON CLUB

The Parson Drove Luncheon Club meets in the *Butcher's Arms* on alternate Thursdays at midday. New members welcome.

Contact: M Shelley on 700729.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Wisbech St Mary Short Mat Bowls Club meets each Monday evening from 7 to 9-30pm at the WSM Sports Centre. New members very welcome. Contact Avis on 410452 for further information.

FLOWER POWER AT GOREFIELD LADIES GROUP

Gorefield Ladies Group's meeting was opened by Glenys, who welcomed members and guests whilst Tim Meakin, the well known florist, was busily preparing for his flower arranging workshop.

Everyone made their own Easter table decoration, after following Tim's careful instructions. Everyone enjoyed themselves whilst concentrating on the lovely displays. No disasters and everyone headed home with their extremely good arrangements.

Tim was thanked and the raffle held, the first prize being Tim's own arrangement. Tea was served by Brenda Frost & Lyn Howley.

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday April 28th, at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. There will be a slide show by Hazel Wood, on her unique work for the Air Missionary Ministry.

Enquiries: Glenys 01945 870276

PARSON DROVE IN BLOOM AGAIN?

Following their success in gaining a Bronze award in last year's Anglia in Bloom competition, the Street Pride Group have entered Parson Drove village in this year's event. In order to improve on last year, the Group is inviting all residents to take part in its Best Kept Front Garden competition. Gardens will be independently judged from the roadside. Judging will take place in July, and the winner will be announced at the Car Show on Saturday July 17th.

No entry forms are necessary, but residents wishing to enter are asked to notify Robert Scrimshaw on 700202 or John Cook on 701324.

WOMENS SECTION EVENING EVENT

The Guyhirn Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section is holding an Evening Event in the Village Hall on Thursday May 20th starting at 7pm. There is to be a number of stalls including Jewellery, Fancy Goods, Handmade cards, Crafts, etc.

Entrance is 50p, which includes tea and biscuits. Proceeds for Section funds.

"CLEAR VIEW" GARDEN OPEN

The beautiful garden of "Clear View", Cross Lane, Wisbech St Mary, will be open to visitors as part of the National Garden Scheme Open Days on May 29th and 30th, from 10am to 5pm, by kind permission of Margaret and Graham Rickard. The garden is also open by appointment (tel:410724) every day from April to the end of June.

The garden is just under 2 acres and has a cottage garden, herbaceous borders, rose beds, large lawn and plenty of seats on which to eat home-made cakes and teas, a lake, bird hide, allotment, two honeybee colonies (which will be blocked off) and the whole garden is wildlife and insect friendly. Last year the owners identified a rare Ruderal bumblebee making a visit, and a rare Tortrix moth as well.

Cranwell (clarinet and keyboard) will occasionally be playing light music.

The house will be very obvious with yellow bits all over the front and yellow road signs too.

MORE MEMBERS NEEDED TO CELEBRATE CLUB'S BIRTHDAY

As the Parson Drove Over-60s Friendship approaches its 52nd birthday, new members are invited to join in the celebrations. The Club has met fortnightly since its inauguration, and at present meets in St Mark's chapel on alternate Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm.

Details: M Shelley on 700729.

NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

The committee of the Churchfields Residents Association in Wisbech St Mary have successfully negotiated the replacement of the estate's sewage treatment plant in Mowbray Close. Work is expected to start shortly and should be completed by the end of the summer.

GOREFIELD PAMPERED CHEFS TO MEET

A "Pampered Chef" party is being held at Gorefield Village Hall on Wednesday June 30th 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.

GOREFIELD ADVENTURE PATCH OFFICIAL OPENING

The official opening of the Gorefield Adventure Patch on the Playing Field, Wolf Lane, is on Saturday May 8th, from 10.00am until 14.00pm. The tape will be cut at 10.30. Ice Cream van and refreshments will be available. As well as the new play equipment there will be a bouncy castle, face painting, model making and a clown will be in attendance.

HAVE A GOOD LAUGH WITH THE ANGLIAN PLAYERS!

The March based Anglian Players Spring production this year is Phillip King's farce "See how they run.". This rip-roaring comedy is being directed this year by Simon Forbes Fletcher to commemorate his 50th year in the theatre, assisted by Sara Kedge.

The show runs from Wednesday 19th - Saturday 22nd May, 7:30 to 10:30 with a matinee on the Saturday, at the Youth & Community Centre, Station Road, March. Tickets are available from The Pet Shop in March, or our Ticket Hotline – 07594792342, £6.50 each or £5.50 concessions.

THE SCARECROWS ARE RETURNING!

The Village Scarecrow competition in Wisbech St Mary will take place again in the week before the Village Country Fayre which is on Sunday June 27th. Time to be planning unusual scarecrow dress and activity!

CLUB'S PLEA FOR MORE MEMBERS

Murrow Sunshine Club has held meetings on March 24th and April 17th. Birthdays were celebrated in April by Mr Bell, Mr Benstead, Mrs Godfrey and Mrs Harvey.

The Club is now very concerned about the lack of attendance at meetings; it is now eight months since we had 30 or more members at a meeting. We would like to hear from anyone who wishes to join us. Please ring Mrs Wykes on 700655 or myself on 410642.

D Ralf, Hon Secretary.

GOREFIELD PLAYING FIELD AGM

The annual meeting of Gorefield Playing Field Committee is to be held in the Village Hall on Monday May 10th at 7.30pm.

Parson Drove Cricket Club 2010 Fixture List

1	Welney	25 th April	H
2	Chatteris (Fenland Trophy Cup)	2 nd May	A
3	Werrington	16 th May	H
4	St. Ives (Fenland Trophy Cup)	6 th June	A
5	Leverington (Fenland Trophy Cup)	13 th June	A
6	Spalding	20 th June	A
7	Ely	27 th June	H
8	Wicken	4 th July	A
9	Werrington	18 th July	A
10	Welney	8 th August	A
11	Spalding	15 th August	H
12	Wisbech (Fenland Trophy Cup)	22 nd August	A
All matches on Sundays starting at 2pm			

WSM OPEN GARDENS DAY 2010 Return of Muddy Boots Jazz

The Wisbech St Mary Village Open Gardens Day this year is Saturday June 26th, from 10am to 5pm. The charity being supported is E.A.C.H. – the East Anglia Children's Hospice.

Muddy Boots Jazz will be playing at "Clear View" from about 11.30am, and John Crocker, one of Europe's leading jazz clarinetists, will again be playing. The organisers are looking for more gardens, so if anyone would like to show off their garden for this most deserving of charities please contact Margaret Rickard on 410724. Your garden doesn't have to be huge, or even full to overflowing with flowers, as long as there is room for visitors to stand and enjoy your efforts it will be perfect. The public will only have access to the areas you decide should be open.

JULIES PATCH

Pc Julie Coales. Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Are you a considerate, legal parker or do you just leave your vehicle where it suits you? The Police have received a number of complaints about vehicle parking, so here are just a few reminders to keep you on the right side of the law.

Parking on the footpath is an offence. What could happen to the pedestrian who has to walk on the road because you have blocked the path, or to the mum with the pushchair or the wheelchair user that cannot get by?

Parking without lights. The best way to remember is that a car can be parked on a road at night without lights if it is parked close to the kerb, with the flow of traffic, and there is a speed limit of 30mph or less. Anything else, and lights should be displayed.

Parking outside schools. Most schools have parking restrictions outside and they are there to keep the area clear and safe for the children. There is usually no parking allowed during the "drop off" or "pick up" hour. Check the yellow lines and time plate to see when you can/cannot park. Don't forget to keep the school bus Zig-Zag area clear.

In general, if vehicles are left in a dangerous position, or are causing an obstruction, the Police have the power to have them removed and as well as a fine, you will have to pick up the cost of recovery. Think before you park! I carry plenty of tickets and will issue them if need be! If you need to contact me: 0345 456 4564 x3799.

JULIA WINS BOWLS MEMORIAL TROPHY

Parson Drove Short Mat Bowls Club meets on Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2pm to 4.30pm. On April 9th the competition for the "Ray Burks Memorial Trophy" was held in the Village Hall. The winner was Julia Cook, with Lisa Chung in second place. The afternoon concluded with a sumptuous buffet provided by members. As a result of recent events, two charities will share £184. New members welcome. Contact MF Shelley, secretary, on 700729.

MURROW VILLAGE HALL AGM

The annual general meeting of the Murrow Village Hall management committee will take place on Wednesday June 2nd at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All welcome. The committee hopes that the village residents will turn out to support their Hall. Apologies please to Mary Lane, secretary, on 701776.

TWO GOREFIELD CAR BOOTS

The next Car Boot Sales in Gorefield will be held on Saturdays 8th and 22nd May. They are on the Playing Field in Wolf Lane and organised by the Playing Field Committee.

PRE-SCHOOL BINGO A SUCCESS

Gorefield Pre-School held a Bingo night on Friday March 19th, in Gorefield Village Hall. A good evening was had by all and £266 was raised which will go towards new toys and equipment for the new Pre-School building. Thanks were expressed to David Pope for the bingo calling, all committee members for their help on the evening, and to all those who came and supported us on a wet Friday evening!

Liz Rowell, Fundraiser

NEW COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME CO-ORDINATOR

Chris Harvey writes: Since its inception in the spring of 1981 Don Bailey has been the Gorefield Community Car scheme's co-ordinator for this village. Don has now decided that it is time to take a well earned rest. It is therefore time for us to express our thanks to Don. Gentlemen who serve the community as you have deserve all our admiration; thank you again. I feel privileged to have been asked by Don and the current team to take on the roll of co-ordinator and blessed that all of them have said they will mentor me over the initial pitfalls etc!

The scheme has had steady, but not heavy, use in recent years. It must be remembered that official figures indicate that this area, surprisingly, has a higher than average number of non-car owners. Gorefield, in particular, has a higher than average age population.

We would like to expand the pool of volunteer drivers. Waiting times at all treatment centres are unfortunately getting longer, and a larger team of drivers would reduce the frequency of visits and would make the waiting time less onerous.

It is my belief that the scheme has more to offer than its prima fascia purpose of just providing a convenient lift. Without it many patients would travel alone on difficult, protracted public transport routes, if indeed they are available. The scheme's drivers offer a friendly face to return to after treatment, and their presence more comforting than any public transport operative can ever be, yet we are not an ambulance service with any formal medical training. Essentially drivers must have been CRB checked and demonstrate a mature attitude to road craft. You will not get rich helping this scheme, but we will not see you out of pocket. The true reward is the satisfaction and knowledge that you contributed to a warm and caring village community in a very positive way.

The benefit to scheme users is that at what is often a difficult time, you do not have the extra worry of transport system failures causing missed appointments, and you are in the comfort of a relatively private space alongside sympathetic company, and you can also take a companion with you. At the moment, should there be a sudden increase in use, we probably would struggle to meet demand, but please do not be put off asking.

If you can offer help, or want to make use of this service, please contact the team as early as possible. Co-ordinators Tel 07500 479 444; 9 -10.30 answer phone at other times, or I am to be found regularly assisting the St.Paul's churchyard gardeners between 0900 and 12.00 most Thursday mornings. Just come along and introduce yourself.

e-mail gorefieldcs@orangehome.co.uk

www.gorefield.com/services/transport.html

Advance Notice

**AUTUMN OPEN FLOWER &
VEGETABLE SHOW**
Saturday September 4th
MURROW VILLAGE HALL
Details: Maureen Woollard.

JOE LOSS ORCHESTRA AT WSM

The Joe Loss Orchestra will be appearing at the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre on the evening of Saturday July 31st. There are some tickets still available from Graham on 410473.

NOTICE

Would **Mr Andy Clarke**, who enquired recently about advertising space in *Village Voices*, please contact Terry Brigden on 450481.

MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

Mrs Fennelow - Wisbech St Mary
D Kennelly - Murrow
C Claxton - Murrow
C Mockeridge - Murrow

S Bennington - Murrow
S Bell - Murrow
M Collins - Murrow
R Neve - Murrow

WSM LUNCHEON CLUB DATES

Lunch dates for May are Tuesdays 11th and 25th, midday at the *Bridge Inn*. Let Marjorie, 410511, know if you can't attend.

Notice

Over the past few years there have been a number of parishioners walking dogs over land to the rear of John Bend Way, Parson Drove. This field has now been cropped and the Trustees would like to point out that it is private property, and request that anyone walking on the field should stop doing so.

The farmer will be spraying insecticide and weedkiller which may harm animals on contact, and it would therefore be wise not to take animals on the field.

**The Trustees of John Bend Charities,
Parson Drove.**

CRIMEBUSTER BACK AGAIN

If you would like any security advice or assistance from your Neighbourhood Policing Team, Fire Service, Roddens, Revenue and Benefits or have issues regarding anti-social behaviour or environmental issues why not visit the CrimeBUSTer on the dates and locations below:

Village Hall Parson Drove, Tue 27th April from 08.30 - 12.30

Perry Road Leverington, Thursday 6th May from 08.30 - 12.30

GET YOUR F.A.C.T. BUS PASS

The Fenland Association for Community Transport serves the Fenland area with transport, which is open to anyone. It is accessible, affordable and safe, and can be used for shopping, doctors, clubs, etc.

All drivers are MiDAS trained. We are operating door-to-door transport in this area 6 days a week plus special days out to Peterborough, Stamford, Huntingdon St Ives, and Cambridge.

Membership is £5, which gives you a bus-pass and enables you to travel free. To become a member ring Sadie on 01354 661234

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 20th 2010. Please contact Mrs T Jarvis, 5 Swan Bridge Farm, Fen Road, Parson Drove. Phone: 700697.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The locations, stops and arrival times are:

Alternate Tuesdays:- **May 4th and 18th**

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

Enquiries: at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

Alternate

Wednesdays:-

May 5th and 19th

Gorefield

School	15.15
Post Office	15.40
Mill Height	15.55

Or Tel. 0345 045 5225

Alternate Fridays:- **April 30th, May 14th and 28th**

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

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Lilian Brigden (Reader)	450481	Gorefield Pre-school	870439
Revd Nigel Hannah [Methodist]	466426	Guyhirn School	450247
Village Halls (bookings)		Murrow School	700357
Gorefield	870829	Murrow Pre School	07754758332
Guyhirn	450835	Payne School Parson Drove	700275
Murrow	700212	Parson Drove Pre-School	07880 606450
Parson Drove	700729	WSM School	410312
Thorney Toll	07887754869	WSM Play Group	411864
	or 07961957878	WSM Little Saint's Toddlers	410503
WSM Community Centre	01945410473	Post Offices	
Parish Council Clerks		Parson Drove	700511
Gorefield	870454	Gorefield	870273
Parson Drove	700501	Wisbech St Mary	410288
Wisbech St Mary	474191	Websites: www.guyhirn-online.org.uk	
		www.gorefield.com	
		www.wisbechstm.org.uk	
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		North Cambs Hospital	585781
		Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553 613613
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		P. Drove Surgery Car Service	07766534280
		WSM Community Car Scheme	07592407283
		Gorefield Social Car Scheme	07500479444
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		Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
		Dog control/Animal welfare	01354 622442
		Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
		Fenland District Council	01354654321
		Samaritans	08457909090
		Victim supportline	08453030900
		Police (non-emergency)	0345 456 4564

The WOODMAN'S COTTAGE

ALAN & BARRY'S CRAFTS
come to Gorefield

The Woodman's Cottage public house has rapidly become the heart of the village.

Adam and Neil who run the Woodman's, are very keen that they, and their staff, become a big part of the community.

To this end, they plan to stage lots of community crafts, workshops and sales, among other events in the Stables Bar.

There was a craft supplies sale held by television celebrities
ALAN & BARRY CRAFTS
on Saturday April 24th

The first workshop is to be ceramic painting for adults on
Saturday 22nd May
12 noon - 4pm
£15 per person
All materials supplied.

Please ring Ali on 701310
to book a place on the workshop

Details of further craft events at the Woodman's Cottage will appear in the Village Voices.

We look forward to seeing you.

A MESSAGE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hello, My name is Donna Thompson and I am a PCSO at Wisbech Police Station, I have taken over the Neighbourhood Watch in Wisbech and the surrounding villages.

Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme that is set up to prevent crime by promoting the value of improving security, increasing vigilance, creating a caring community and reducing the opportunities for crime by increasing crime prevention and awareness.

The first Neighbourhood Watch was set up in 1982 in a village in Cheshire. They decided as a village enough was enough as burglaries were increasing. They decided to watch out for each other's houses, and with the backing from the local police they were able to reduce the amount of crime dramatically, that news spread across the country and now over 10,000,000 people and 162,000 schemes are up and running throughout the UK.

Some of the benefits are :-

Less crime in your area because you are working as a community and more aware of the problems.

Stronger community spirit as you get to know each other

A safer environment for you all as a community

Better links with the local police

The need to be aware of the issues in our communities

We all lead busy and hectic lives, and we do not always get to know who our neighbours are. Often we come and go from home to work and do not know what is going on in our community, or our street or village.

Setting up a NHW scheme where you live would help strengthen the community where you are and as a group tackle problems better than as an individual.

If you are concerned about your Neighbourhood and would like to become involved in Neighbourhood Watch please call me on 0345 456 4564 ext. 3799 or email me at

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ARE YOU SINCERE?

This poem was discovered by a member of Parson Drove Methodist Church in 1949.

On my way I met a stranger
And he bade me walk with him
It appeared that he was weary
And his eyes with tears were dim.
Looking at him, lo t'was Jesus
And I questioned, why the tear?
With a sigh he made his answer
"Lo, my own are not sincere".
I said "Lord, where art thou going?
And he made a strong reply
"Lo, I go to yonder city
once again to bleed and die.
In the homes, the schools, the churches
In the place where men make gain
By their pride and their indifference
I am crucified once again".

As we neared the bustling city
My companion disappeared
And my search for him was fruitless
Of his presence none had heard.
Then to a church I turned my footsteps
Thinking there to find my Lord
But I found a man of 'learning'
Ridiculing God's own Word
Then to the halls of education
I quickly found my way
Thinking that the world's great Teacher
Would be welcomed there that day.

I was wrong in my conclusion
There the Christ I did not find
They were teaching evolution
Blind leaders of the blind.
In the places of amusement
They took Christ's name in vain
In the Mart where men do business
They denied the Christ for gain.
In the homes were dusty Bibles
And no prayers were ever said
Worldly books and jazzy music
Dominated there instead.

In the sweatshops there were children
Undernourished sad and pale
Mothers, too, were there in numbers
Working lest the crust should fail.
I saw fathers chained and shackled
Saw them gaze through prison bars
I heard sighs and cries and curses
I saw bloodshed, strife and wars.

As I left the bustling city
Lo, the Christ again I met
On his forehead there were blood drops
And his cheeks with tears were wet.
As I stooped to kiss his mantle
Lo, I heard a sigh of pain
Then he spoke and I heard him say
"I am crucified again". **D F Nygren.**

Voices Past

MURROW METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY

As reported in the "Wisbech Telegraph" Saturday May 22nd 1869

The 35th anniversary of the Primitive Methodist Sunday School was held on the 16th and 17th May. On the Sunday morning a sermon was preached on "Train up a child" by Mr W Smith, of Wisbech.

The services in the afternoon and evening were conducted by the Rev W Yeadon, superintendent of the Wisbech circuit. Very interesting pieces and dialogues were recited by the children at each of the services, and were listened to with deep interest by the large and crowded assemblies, giving great satisfaction, and reflecting credit upon the Governess of the day school, by whom they were principally trained. The singing was also much praised and went off well.

On the following day the children with their teachers and friends rode through the village in wagons with their flags flying, and singing hymns selected for the occasion at their various halting places. They received the pleasing sum of £1 8s 4d. for the school fund. Then, returning to the barn, the children were regaled with their annual treat of tea and plum cake. After tea they adjourned to the paddock, where they were treated with nuts, and enjoyed themselves until driven into the barn by the rain.

The friends in the meantime were enjoying themselves at the tea provided in the chapel to the number of nearly 100. On the tables being cleared away a public meeting commenced, presided over by the Rev W Yeadon; the report being given by Mr C Reddan, the superintendent of the Sunday school, in which a balance of £1 7s 5d with the proceeds of the last year, made a total of £9 12s 11d. The expenditure for the year was £8 0s 4d, given to the children in shape of rewards in books, etc. More of the children then came forward and recited pieces again, and after singing another hymn, Mr J Dring addressed the meeting on the advantages of Sunday school training.

Votes of thanks were carried unanimously to Mr W Newsham, for the use of his barn, paddock, and wagons, etc., and the ladies who presided over the tea tables, etc. The total collections, donations, and proceeds of the tea, amounted to nearly eight pounds.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH OF FORMER SCHOOL TEACHER

From the "Wisbech Telegraph" Saturday February 6th 1858

"An inquest was held at Wisbech St Mary on the body of a widow named Mary Francis, aged about 70, who was found in her home burnt to death on the preceding Thursday.

"Deceased appears to have been sitting on her chair when her clothes took fire, and she was literally roasted. The legs of the chair were also burnt away, and it had sunk down with the corpse upon it, which presented a shocking spectacle. Verdict: 'Accidental death'".

Mrs Mary Francis was, in fact, 77 years of age. She was a former school mistress at the Free School in Tholomas Drove, employed by the Trustees when the Reverend William Stanton was Master.