

# Village Voices May 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!

## Vicar's Verbals

This morning I discovered that the analogue signal on our TV set has gone and with it a whole system of broadcasting has passed away. Those of us old enough to remember what '625 lines' and 'vertical hold' mean may feel a certain sadness at the close of an era in which grainy, flickering, black and white images brought into our living rooms the funeral of Churchill, the '66 World Cup, the speeches of Kennedy and Martin Luther King, and the lunar landing. Our modern digital system isn't perfect, although we are now promised fewer frozen and pixillated screens, but it has to be said it is an improvement on those days of standing on a stool by the French windows holding up the indoor bi-pole aerial in order to stop the picture jumping, or the time my parents insisted on watching the last episode of the Forsyte Saga, even though the 'tube' was going, when all we could see was the white collars and teeth of the characters. What was the very best and latest thing for one generation becomes quaint and even ridiculous to the next. Are we guilty of regarding our old people in the same way, even though everything we do today is only possible because of their labour and ingenuity, the sweat of their brow and the courage of their hearts?

**Matthew.**

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## BISHOP OF HUNTINGDON VISITS WSM SCHOOL

The Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Rev Dr David Thomson visited Wisbech St Mary Church of England School to meet teachers, staff and pupils. Class 5 wrote to him:

Dear Bishop David,  
Thank you for coming into our school. We especially enjoyed seeing you in your beautiful robes.

It was interesting to hear about the 400 year anniversary of the King James Bible through your presentation. The information you gave us about the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of church schools, including your detailed explanation of how and why they were founded, was fascinating.

We will treasure the plate you presented us with and the commemorative bookmarks.

It was great that you came to our classrooms and spent time with us. We hope that you will come back soon.

Best wishes,  
Class 5.

### SPECIAL SERVICES IN MAY

Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>: St Paul's, Gorefield. Holy Communion & Healing Service 7pm.

On **Sunday May 8<sup>th</sup>**: there will be rare opportunity for everyone from the three parishes to join in a service of Choral Evensong in the historic church of **St John the Baptist, Parson Drove**, commencing at 7.30pm.

On **Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 11.00am** there is to be a joint service at **Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn** church when Revd Ryk Parkinson will be licensed as Assistant Priest in our three parishes. An opportunity for parishioners to meet Ryk as he begins his work among us.

## MURROW COUPLE CELEBRATING 70TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

A Murrow couple have celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary. Ron and Betty Brown, of Station Avenue, Murrow, married at Sutton St Edmund's church in April 1941 after their teenage friendship blossomed. They have always lived in the Fens and moved to Murrow 64 years ago. They have had four children (Terry, Ann, Eileen and Kim) during their marriage.

Mrs Brown, 88, said: "I always expected us to be together for our whole lives as in those days marriage always meant for life. You have to go through your ups and downs together. Couples today throw in the towel too easily when things get tough, and people think the grass is greener on the other side.

The key to a long and happy marriage is just to be content and not wanting something you can't have"

Mr Brown, 90, has been a lorry driver for most of his life and his wife says she has worked in "anything that came along" to help make ends meet. The pair now have seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

# The Register

## We welcome into the church's family

**Declan Wilmot**, who was baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Graham Riley**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by cremation at Mintlyn on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Darrel Else**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard on Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Marian Venni**, whose funeral service was at St Andrew's Methodist church, Outwell, followed by burial in Outwell cemetery, on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Betty Pooley**, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Mavis Allitt**, whose funeral service was at St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Sarah Louise Thrower**, of Wisbech, whose funeral service was at St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Thursday March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**John Nicholson**, whose funeral service was at All Saints church, Elm, followed by burial in Elm cemetery, on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Terry Coleman**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in WSM cemetery, on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Roland Outen**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Ken Grange**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Alice Downey**, whose funeral service was at St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium on Friday April 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Gordon Ford**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by cremation at **???????** on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## In memorium

**Mary Bailey**, whose ashes were laid in Gorefield churchyard on Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 on church property 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, it opens at 8.45am for just over an hour.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY AT ST PAUL'S

Rev Matthew Bradbury conducted the morning service on Sunday April 3rd. Some of our young people, Elizabeth, Nathan, Oscar, Eva and Holly, helped Rev Matthew to demonstrate the importance of the love and guidance we receive from our mothers and other people who care for us. Oscar and Eva each recited beautiful poems that they had written for their mother. Lessons were read by the vicar and Nigel Westmorland who helps care for two members of our congregation. Some colourful primula plants were given to the ladies who were present. Organist was David Stone for the lovely family service.

**Brenda Stamp.**

The copy deadline for *Village Voices* is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. Please email news, etc. to [paynewsm@btinternet.com](mailto:paynewsm@btinternet.com) 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](mailto:ads.villagevoices@btinternet.com)

Or phone Terry Brigden on 450481.

### MUMMY!

You're the best Mum I could ever hope for,  
And no one could possibly love you more!  
When you walk me to school, Its my best time of day,  
'cause it's special to me in every way!

When you clean the house you leave a speck of love,  
And when there's a queue you just don't shove!  
The best Mum on earth it really is you,  
And thanks for my outfit with a frilly tu-tu!

Thanks for the things that you've taught me to do,  
And you wash my hair well, with that lovely shampoo!  
And just make sure you remember that you are the  
best Mum in the world!!!!

I love you to pieces for EVER!! Don't forget that!

**Eva Mason**

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PLAN AHEAD

Thank you for all your ideas at the planning meeting. Mary and I have met and are awaiting confirmation from a number of speakers - so hopefully we will have another busy year. Our meetings are held in Wisbech St Mary School hall at 7pm and new members are always welcome.

May 12th is our next meeting and our Spring Social. Lesley Mardle will be entertaining us, to be followed by the ploughman's Supper. Tickets are £5 with a choice of Ham, Cheese or Quiche Ploughman's supper. Please ring Mary or me if you need a ticket. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish

## PARCHMENT DECORATIONS AT LADIES GROUP

Gorefield Ladies Group were busy at their meeting on Wednesday 27th March. Glenys Grimm welcomed all members and two guests, and gave a short message about forthcoming events over the next three months. Louanne Tyler then gave a demonstration of her work with parchment using special inks, parchment pens and embossing tools. Members were then working intensely making their own decorations. Afterwards refreshments were served by Eileen Dunn & Gillian Smith.

On Wednesday April 27th, there will be an open meeting at Gorefield Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. The speaker will be June Barton, "Queen of the Salt Marshes," presenting an illustrated talk on "Pigsties, Coppers & Old Privies" Enquiry details to 01945 870276

The Gorefield Ladies Group are extremely grateful to the Heavy Horse Show Committee, for their recent donation. This will be used to supplement our limited budget in providing help towards the costs of the monthly speakers' fees.

Glenys Grimm

## COFFEE MORNING FOR CHEMO ROOM

On Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> Monica Grimwood, of 6 Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary, will be hosting a Coffee Morning at her home in aid of the Chemotherapy Room at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, which her daughter attended last year. Cakes, bric-a-brac and raffle are on offer from 10am to 2pm. Everyone welcome.

## A PLEASANT AFTERNOON IN GUYHIRN CHAPEL OF EASE

### "Anniversary"

A delightful programme of words and music by local people to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chapel.

**Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm.**

Admission free.

## MOTHER'S UNION DIARY DATES

Many thanks to Marjorie for her invitation to see the DVD at 'Tudor Lodge' for our April meeting. Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup> is our next meeting in WSM Church House at 2.15pm.

On Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> the Spring Council will meet at St Peter's church, March. On Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> there will be the Quiet Afternoon from 2pm to 4pm at St Augustine's church, Wisbech.

Lilian Brigden

## HELP 4 HEROES

The Guyhirn Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section are organising a sponsored walk around Guyhirn playing field on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am.

The members are inviting everyone to join them to raise money for this important charity. For sponsor forms, or to make donations, please contact June on 450212.

## Advance Notice

### **Murrow Methodist Church**

are holding a Country & Gospel Evening on **Saturday October 29th 2011.**

Details from Sheila Barnes 01945 700200

## + Regular Services +

### **Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am**

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Local arrangement.  
May 8<sup>th</sup>: Holy Comm. Rev N J Hannah.  
May 15<sup>th</sup>: Songs of Praise.  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Mr Newton.  
May 29<sup>th</sup>: Local arrangement.

### **St Mark's Methodist Church, P Dr 10.30am**

May 1<sup>st</sup>: Rev N J Hannah  
May 8<sup>th</sup>: 9.30am: United service, Parish Church.  
May 15<sup>th</sup>: Mr T Osborne  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>: United Service. HC. Rev N J Hannah.  
May 29<sup>th</sup>: Local arrangement.

### **Methodist Church Special Services**

Good Friday: Outwell 3pm. Rev D Ely.  
Emneth 4pm. Rev D Bulloss.

### **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

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

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

### **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.  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:- United Service at St Mark's 10.30.  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:- 9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer  
May 1<sup>st</sup>. Greeters: Pauline & Diane. Coffee: Sandra  
May 8<sup>th</sup>. Greeter: Pam. Coffee: Bridget.  
May 15<sup>th</sup>. Greeter: Trevor. Coffee: Pam.  
Easter flowers: Mrs P Johnson & Mrs P Williams.

## GOREFIELD COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

Following our AGM, and as we start another year, we would like to express our gratitude to Gorefield Show Committee, Gorefield Parish Council and Cambs County Council for the moral, financial and administrative help that supports this service.

The scheme co-ordinator can be contacted on 07500 479 444.

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## A NEW VENTURE AT THE "BELL"

Andy and Dawn are pleased to announce that a charity account has been opened by The Bell Inn, Murrow. Andy explains: "All money raised will be placed into 'The Bell Inn Charity Foundation' account and distributed to local people, young or old, living in Murrow, who may be in need of a little extra help. There will also be the option to donate to other charities. Any monies paid out to help local people will be decided by a committee. If you would like any further details please feel free to pop in to the pub for a chat".

## THANK YOU 1

Alan White would like to thank everyone who attended his surprise 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party at the WSM Community Centre recently. During the evening his family and friends raised £350 for "Children with Leukaemia". Alan and Vanessa thank everybody for their generosity.

## THANK YOU 2

Marie Humphrey would like to thank everyone for the help and support she had with the Gorefield Playing Field Association Easter Bingo. There was hardly an empty seat in the Church Hall and there was a good selection of prizes. A total of £365 was raised for the Association.

## GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL Music for a Spring Evening

A showcase of singing and music, performed by local children and adults. Featuring a diverse mix of songs, from musicals to modern pop!

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 7pm**

Tickets £3, Contact Gemma for more information and tickets on 01945 450487

## PARSON DROVE INSTITUTE ENTERTAINS ITS NEIGHBOURS

At the April meeting of Parson Drove Women's Institute it was joined by fellow WI members from other Institutes. The evening began with an enthusiastic rendering of "Jerusalem" accompanied on the piano by Mrs Sheila Vials. Our speaker was Doreen Reed, who entertained us wonderfully with her own humorous poems.

After tea and biscuits, the business of the evening was conducted. Plans were finalised for our Cake Stall to be held outside the village store on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Ann Payne**

## STREETPRIDE CELEBRATION EVENING

On the third Saturday of each month we meet at Gorefield Playing field for our village Streetpride, a meeting that sees local villagers litter pick, cut down branches and generally tidy up the village. Just recently we, along with others in the group, were invited to a celebration evening at The Boathouse, Wisbech. Whilst at the event my family were lucky enough to accept an award on behalf of Gorefield for all our good work. Our two daughters always come and help, here is what our eldest daughter thinks of Streetpride and the celebration evening:-

"I really enjoy picking up the litter in Gorefield when we meet for Streetpride. I liked going to the celebration evening because I got to see the boats, we had yummy food and drink, and we got a certificate for keeping the village tidy. I wished they had balloons."

**Erin Richmond, Age 5 years**

## MUSIC AND CAKES IN THE GARDEN

"Clear View" in Cross Lane, Wisbech St Mary, is opening its garden for the National Garden Scheme on 28th and 29th May, from 10.00am to 5.00pm. Cranwell, (clarinet and keyboard), will be providing occasional light music. Refreshments, home made cakes and produce, will also be available.

Admission, on the gate, £3; children under 16 free.

The garden is also open by appointment, from April to July. Contact 410724.

## PARSON DROVE VILLAGE SHOW

The Parson Drove Village Show will be held this year on Sunday July 17th. The organisers are eager for craft stallholders and traders to contact them to book accommodation. For details contact Phyl on 01945 700823 or [Kaliselly@btinternet.com](mailto:Kaliselly@btinternet.com) All proceeds to Air Ambulance & Local Charities.

## FOR SALE

FURNITURE, BOOKS,  
MUSIC, KITCHEN, LINEN  
and BRIC-A-BRAC.

at "Whizzers", Station  
Road, Wisbech St Mary,  
on Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup>  
10.00am to 3.00pm.

## CASEY AND BARBARA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY NEWS

It will come as good news to many people to learn that Casey and Barbara have decided to run their Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in Parson Drove this year after all. For further information watch "Village Voices".

This is going to need fundraising efforts, especially in view of escalating costs, and a committee will be formed to manage it. In the meantime, the first event with proceeds going towards the Christmas party will be a bingo session on Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> - details right.

## BINGO

**Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Parson Drove Village Hall**  
Doors open 6.30pm  
for  
Eyes Down at 7.30pm.

Donations of prizes will be gratefully received.

Elections for Parish Councils and Fenland District Council take place on  
**Thursday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.**

Details of Polling Centres are on each person's Polling Card.

At the time of going to press (April 15<sup>th</sup>) the following persons have been nominated for their respective council(s). Full details of all the candidates are available on the Fenland District Council website.

There is no contest for Gorefield Parish or the Rings End Ward of Elm Parish.

## LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATES Parish Councils

### Wisbech St Mary Parish. 11 seats.

**Allen** Charles Christopher Halls Farm, Guyhirn,  
**Barnes** Peter 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow,  
**Britain** Barry Fort Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhirn.  
**Clarke** Mark Anthony 4 Railway Cottages, Long Drove, Murrow,  
**Davies** Peter Martin Riverside, High Rd, Guyhirn,  
**Fish** John David 17. Linden Close, Thorney Toll,  
**Fowler** Tony Bramble Corner, Plash Drove, Tholomas Drove.,  
**Fryett** Colin 24 Camargue Drive, March,  
**Jennings** Terry Holly Farm, High Rd, Guyhirn,  
**Payne** Brian 7 Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary,  
**Reay** Brenda Holly Farm, High Road, Guyhirn,  
**Scrimshaw** Robert Edward The Rambles, Hooks Drive, Murrow,  
**Thrower** Diana Louise 85 Front Road, Murrow,

### Gorefield Parish. 7 seats. No contest.

**Carroll** Norman Frederick 126, High Road, Gorefield,  
**Hall** Kitty Anne Shippey Griffin House, 130 High Road, Gorefield,  
**Holt** Alan John Fablow, 48, Back Road, Gorefield,  
**Humphrey** Marie Lillian Aynsley Lodge, Allens Drove, Gorefield,  
**Humphrey** Michael John Aynsley Lodge, Allens Drove, Gorefield,  
**Hunns** Jacqueline Mary Attilas, 4 Back Road, Gorefield,  
**Ridley** George Henry 104 High Road, Gorefield,

### Elm Parish, Rings End Ward. 1 seat. No contest.

Cotterell Marjorie 344 Low Road, Elm,

### Parson Drove Parish. 7 seats.

**Bellamy** Cyril Brayfield 6 Brewery Close, Parson Drove,  
**Bellamy** Grace Annabell 6 Brewery Close, Parson Drove,  
**Booth** Gavin George Rodney 3 John Bends Way, Parson Drove,  
**Cook** John Henry Beau Rivage, Fen Rd, Parson Drove,  
**Everett** Pat 8 The Bank, Parson Drove.  
**Leach** Peter Gerard Joseph 39 Ingham Hall Gdns, Parson Drove,  
**Scrimshaw** Robert Edward The Rambles, Hooks Drove, Murrow,  
**Smallcombe** John Harold 3 Brewery Close, Parson Drove,  
**Spriggs** Peter Raymond 7 River Side Gdn, Parson Drove,

## LOCAL ELECTION CANDIDATES Fenland District Council

### Parson Drove & Wisbech St Mary. District. 2 seats.

**Booth** Gavin George Rodney 3 John Bends Way, Parson Drove,  
Liberal Democrat  
**Goode** David Edward 15 The Bank, Parson Drove,  
The Labour Party Candidate  
**Lane** Mary Helen 78 Murrow Bank, Murrow,  
Liberal Democrat  
**Scrimshaw** Robert Edward The Rambles, Hooks Drove, Murrow,  
The Conservative Party Candidate  
**Tierney** Steve 6 Alexandra Road, Wisbech,

### Elm & Christchurch (Rings End). District. 2 seats.

**Cotterell** Mac Clovelly, 344 Low Road, Elm,  
The Conservative Party Candidate  
**Pinnock** Robert 22 Abington Grove, Elm,  
Independent  
**Poole** Nicholas Richard Riverside, 1 Glebe Gardens, Guyhirn,  
The Labour Party Candidate  
**Roscoe** Verity Jade Colbert 19 Pound Road, Chatteris,  
Liberal Democrat  
**Sutton** Will Ilizarov Lodge, Padgetts Road, Christchurch,  
The Conservative Party Candidate  
**Webb** Phil 2 The Leam, Friday Bridge.

### Roman Bank (Gorefield) District. 3 seats.

**Hatton** Philip The Paddocks, Barton Road, Wisbech,  
The Conservative Party Candidate  
**Humphrey** Michael John Aynsley Lodge, Allens Drove, Gorefield,  
The Conservative Party Candidate  
**Scott** Kay Farmside View, 123B Leverington Common,  
The Labour Party Candidate  
**Seaton** Chris Tall Trees, The Barracks, Gorefield,  
The Conservative Party Candidate  
**Smith** Nicholas 25 Bush Lane, Wisbech,  
Liberal Democrat

## LISTED BUILDINGS IN OUR PARISHES

On 4 April the *National Heritage List for England*, English Heritage's new online database, went live online. The List gives information on all designated heritage assets in one place for the first time. Local properties on the List include:

<b>Wisbech St Mary</b> Wisbech St Mary church. Manor House Inham Hall	<b>Harold Bridge</b> Honeyhill farmhouse <b>Guyhirn</b> St Mary Magdalene church Chapel of Ease War memorial	St John the Baptist church Various headstones at St John's Emmanuel church The cage
<b>Tholomas Drove</b> Ripes House Home farmhouse	<b>Gorefield</b> St Paul's church Bridge at corner of Fendyke Lane and High Road.	Clough Cross bridge and sluices Clough Cross workshop War memorial The Chestnuts
<b>Murrow</b> Hollycroft farmhouse Corpus Christi church War memorial and railings.	<b>Parson Drove</b> The Laurels Yucca House The Old Rectory	The Hollies Rookery farmhouse KG Telephone Box, the Green. The Nurseries Sycamore House and Barn

## **GOREFIELD SHOW TIMETABLE IS ANNOUNCED**

The Gorefield Show is to be held in Wolf Lane on **Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Once again a marvellous show is in prospect with many popular features to entertain the crowds.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

**8.00am:** Horse and Pony Show, all day in 2 rings

**9.30am:** Judging of Heavy Horses.

**12.30pm:** Carriage Driving

**1,00pm:** Vintage Tractors

**1.30pm:** Novelty Dog Classes

**2.00pm:** Return of Carriages

**2.30pm:** Heavy Horse Turnout

**3.00pm:** GRAND PARADE

**3.30pm:** Vintage Cars

Other attractions will include Birds of Prey, children's sports, Bouncy Castle, swing boats, stalls, trade stands, refreshment tent and bar.

### **For further information please contact:**

Linda Brownlow: 01945 700323 Pony show

Graham Ward: 01945 870207 Heavy Horses

Michael Tibbs: 01945 870829 Vintage Tractors

Jo Mitchell: 01945 870988 Secretary

Rosemary Peggs: 870640 Stalls & Trade stands

## **RACING AT THORNEY TOLL**

A Race Night will be held in Thorney Toll Village Hall on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm. All proceeds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall. All welcome.

## **EYES DOWN AT MURROW**

A Prize Bingo session is to held in Murrow Village Hall on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6.45pm and eyes down at 7.30pm. Excellent prizes. Raffle and Refreshments. All proceeds for the Village Hall.

## **"ELVIS" AT PARSON DROVE**

On Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, in St Mark's Methodist church, Parson Drove, there is a concert featuring Tony G, described as "the voice of Elvis and many more".

The performance starts at 7.30pm, and the admission is £5.

## **FENLAND FILLIES HAVE THEIR FEET NIBBLED!**

The Fenland Fillies, the Guyhirn chapter of the Red Hat Society, are still "growing old disgracefully". They have been to the theatre, the cinema, walking in the country, taking afternoon tea at Congham Hall, bowling, shopping and also to a fishy spa and had their feet nibbled! All these trips involve eating, in restaurants or pubs!

Contact the Pearly Queen on 01945 583852 for details of the Society.

## **OUTINGS AND MEALS COMING UP FOR THE SUNSHINE CLUB MEMBERS**

Murrow Sunshine Club has held general meetings in March and April, and a committee meeting on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Birthdays were celebrated during April by Mrs Godfrey, Mr Benstead, Mrs Harvey, Mr Bell and Mrs Best.

At the committee meeting dates were decided for outings and meals, but the venues for the outings have yet to be fully established.

The Club wishes all our villages a very Happy Easter, hopefully with some nice weather.

## **GOREFIELD CAR BOOT SALES**

Car Boot Sale will be held on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> on the Playing Field, Wolf Lane, Gorefield. Sellers 7.30am. £4 per pitch. Toilets and refreshments available. Contact: 870387 or 07918122217.

## **MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS**

D Lynn

B Challis

E K Laws

G Burt

A F England

M Collins

J Almey

M England

In February 2011 at Sutton St. James Indoor Bowls Centre a Memorial Competition was played between Gorefield Bowls Club and Caunard Metal Box (CMB) Bowls Club in memory of a prominent Gorefield player of approximately 25 years, Brian Warren. John Dack of CMB and friend of Brian organized the event and provided a trophy, which will be played for annually. Gorefield being the first winners will defend their title against CMB on 12th February 2012. The money raised, £206, was presented by Brian's widow June Warren to Sister Susan Mills of the Macmillian and Hudson Palliative Care Unit at the Wisbech Hospital where Brian was cared for until he passed away on 1st September 2010.

June Warren and Betty Reeve, two Gorefield Bowls Club Ladies, have reached the English Bowling Federation National indoor finals to be played at Newark Indoor Bowls Centre week commencing 25th April 2011.

## **124 MOTORISTS CAUGHT SPEEDING**

The Neighbourhood Policing Team are continuing to hold local Speedwatch checks.

The results for March were:

Fri 11<sup>th</sup>: March Rd, Friday Bridge - 32 speeding

Wed 16th - Murrow Bank, Murrow - 5 speeding

Wed 16th - Leverington Common - 13 speeding

Thurs 17th - High Road, Guyhirn - 6 speeding

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Church Rd, Leverington - 48 speeding

Wed 30th - High Road, Gorefield - 20 speeding

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.

## **GOREFIELD BOWLS CLUB**



## LITTER PICKING IN THE SUNSHINE

We met at Pocket Park on Saturday the 19th of March with the intention of finishing off the clearance of bushes etc. There were 8 adults and 2 children turned up on the day, six of us worked on Pocket Park and two adults and the two children went off litter picking . The kids look great in their little yellow tabards and litter picks.

We were using our shared powerful chipper / shredder to mulch up the branches and all went well until we had a slight mishap and the drive belt decided to split on us. The weather was glorious with plenty of sunshine and good humour. (Grateful to Jennette for the supply of bottled water). It always amazes me when I look at the work that is done and the difference it makes to what is a really nice little piece of land. Hopefully now we have broken the back of the work we can concentrate on thinning out what is left but we will leave that to the horticultural types amongst us.

Everyone is welcome to come for ten minutes or two hours, or as much as you feel able to do. We meet on the third Saturday in the month at 10.00 hrs at the pavilion playing field and make our way to the different locations. We normally finish around 12.00.

In May we will meet on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Any suggestions would be welcome in advance to enable us to plan the work over the year.

**George Ridley**

### **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 April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 PRE-SCHOOL**

would like to thank everyone who attended their bingo night on Friday 18th March. It was a very good night and we managed to raise £268 to spend on new indoor/outdoor equipment for the children. Also I would like to thank everyone who helped me to make the evening a success.

**Rebecca Brown** (Fundraiser)

### **WSM LUNCHEON CLUB**

Lunch dates for May are Tuesdays 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Please ring 410511 or 410555 if members are unable to attend.

### **CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE**

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup>** at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than **Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>**.

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

### **MUSIC MAGPIE- COLLECTION OF OLD CDS/DVDS**

This year Gorefield Pre-school has started a collection of used/unwanted cds/dvds. If you have any you wish to donate please contact Rebecca on 07826927918 so we can arrange for them to be collected. Thank you

### *Voices past*

#### **LUCKY ESCAPE**

**as reported in the "Wisbech Telegraph" Saturday 23 June 1860:**

"On Tuesday morning a Mr Watson, of Wisbech St Mary, was driving to Lynn with two young ladies when his horse took fright near the boundary of Tilney St Lawrence parish, and ran backwards into a very steep and dangerous drain, there being seven or eight feet of water.

Mr Watson got out of the cart before it was in the water and escaped unhurt.

The two young ladies received some bruises and a cooling bath, but were rescued without serious injuries. Great fear was entertained that the horse would be drowned, but by cutting the harness and cart shafts the horse, said to worth one hundred and fifty pounds, was set free.

Mr Watson liberally rewarded the men who assisted."

#### **BAND OF HOPE MEETINGS**

**as reported in the "Wisbech Telegraph" Saturday 18 February 1860**

"Guyhirn South Brink Band of Hope Temperance meeting was held on Tuesday 14th inst, when upwards of 100 persons sat down to tea. 13 people signed pledges.

A similar meeting was held at Murrow Primitive Methodist Chapel, when 19 people signed pledges".

## GOREFIELD PRE-SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Gorefield Pre-school will be hosting our annual quiz night on Friday 13th May. It will be taking place at Gorefield village hall. Doors open at 7pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £6 per person in advance or £6.50 per person on the door (price also includes a supper.) Maximum of 6 people per team please. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Rebecca on 07826927918.

## Parson Drove Charity Fair

The annual Charity Fair at Parson Drove will be held on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup> in St Mark's church from 10am to 1pm. Light lunches will be available.

This important occasion is jointly sponsored by St Mark's and Emmanuel churches. Proceeds are donated to a charity drawn by lot.

Offers of participation by local organisations would be warmly welcomed by Mr Chris Coates on 7000307

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### Gorefield Parish Council Allotment Gardens

The Parish Council has obtained a lease on the garden land at the bottom of Churchill Road. There is an access road and ample parking.

The gardens are approximately 220 sq. mtrs (10mtrs X 22 mtrs) with a yearly rent of just £15.

For more details please contact the Clerk, Mrs R Gagen, Sportsmans Lodge, High Road, Gorefield.

### PLAYING FIELD ANNUAL MEETING

Gorefield Playing Field will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Monday May 9th in the Pavilion on the playing field. The old fire damaged pavilion should soon be replaced with a new building offering an opportunity for new groups to form, maybe a youth club? If you think you could help with football, especially junior and youth teams, please come along and get involved. The field now has some of the best children's play equipment in Fenland, it is certainly the only village with the adult outdoor exercise apparatus. However there is still lots of scope for sports groups of all kinds, what about cricket, even archery or short mat bowls? None of this is possible without your help and support, please come along on the 9th May

**Michael Humphrey**

### MURROW VILLAGE HALL AGM

The annual meeting of Murrow Village Hall will be held on Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm.

Please come along and support your local village amenity. Everyone welcome.

### PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

As announced last month's "Village Voices" now has a print of 2,700 copies. Most people are surprised to learn that there are some areas of the three parishes that do not have a regular delivery of the newsletter. For various reasons some long-serving deliverers need to have a rest and we are looking for residents to replace them. We need some kind people to cover, for instance, Chapel Avenue area in WSM, Mill Road in Murrow, and the Honeyhill area of Gorefield. You can deliver as many or as few as you wish. Please contact Brian Payne in the first instance on 410755.

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### NEW SERVICE TO LOCAL VILLAGES

## JACKIE'S DOMESTIC CLEANING

Do you need a Spring Clean?

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### Mobile Library Stops

<u>1<sup>st</sup> +3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: May 5<sup>th</sup> +19<sup>th</sup>.</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> +4<sup>th</sup> Friday: May 13<sup>th</sup> + 27<sup>th</sup></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>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: May 26<sup>th</sup>.</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: May 18<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Arr</u>	
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15	Gorefield School	15.00	
			Gorefield Post Office	15.45	
			Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	



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

**Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564**

## GOREFIELD LUNCHEON CLUB

April 5<sup>th</sup> was the last lunch supplied by Alison and Phil at the 'Woodman's Cottage'. Members were sad to see them go. It was decided to hold an Easter Bonnet Parade, six ladies paraded and one of Alison's last duties was to judge it. All who entered received consolation prizes, but the Easter Egg went to Elaine Smith. While the new owners settle into the pub, it is intended to continue the club in the Church Hall with outside caterers. The first of these is Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>. (please note the change of day).

### 'WOODMAN'S COTTAGE' LEASE SOLD

"Village Voices" understands that the lease of the 'Woodman's Cottage' Public House has been sold.

Alison and Phil have expressed their thanks to all who have supported them during their six-month stay. Mr Wayne Reeve and his partner Donna are expected to take over the pub on Tuesday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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*

#### **STRAYING STOCK IN ROGUES' ALLEY**

as reported in the "Wisbech Advertiser" in 1880

**JOSEPH SMITH**, a farmer of 67 acres, of Cant's Drove, was charged with allowing four horses and two cows to stray on the highway in Wisbech St Mary parish on 27th June. Defendant admitted the charge, and was fined 1s with 8s costs.

**DANIEL WARD**, of Wisbech St Mary parish, pleaded guilty to allowing a horse to stray on the highway on the 27th June, and was ordered to pay 4s costs.

**BENJAMIN DUXON**, of Cant's Drove, was also charged with allowing four horses, four cows, and two calves to stray on the highway on the 27th June. Defendant pleaded guilty. Fined 10s and 8s costs. The defendant said "I'll have them on the road every day and night too".

**JOHN CLAXTON**, of Gull Drove, was charged with allowing a cow to stray on the 27th June.

Defendant denied the charge, which was proved by Pc Butcher, and he was ordered to pay 1s fine and 9s costs.

**WILLIAM FARMEADOWS**, farmer, of Wisbech Fen, was charged with allowing a cow to stray on the highway in that parish on the 6th September.

Defendant's mother appeared, and admitted the charge. Ordered to pay 3s costs.

**BENJAMIN DUXON, Senr.**, of Cant's Drove, pleaded guilty to allowing three cows, a mare, and a foal, to stray on the highway on the 2nd September. Fined 4s and 6s 6d costs. The defendant said he would not pay, as it was not his fault that the stock was on the road, they having broken out. The Clerk said that unless the money was paid a distress warrant would be issued. The Defendant said he could not help it, and left the Court without paying.

**JOHN LISTER**, farmer, of Wisbech Fen, was summoned for allowing a cow and a calf to stray on the highway on the 6th September.

Defendant's wife appeared, and pleaded guilty. Ordered to pay 3s costs.

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# **WSM Sports & Community Centre**

**WSM - 2011 Scarecrow Disolav & Competition Thurs.23<sup>rd</sup> June**

***This Year's Theme is "The Royal Wedding" and as usual Judging will take place on the Thursday afternoon prior to the Country Fayre (23th June ~ starting at 3.00pm)***

Please position your 'creation' on your property so that it is visible from the road to be judged.

Please Tel. or Text 07989 722573 with your Name, Address & Tel. Number to make sure we don't miss it!  
**Prize for winner and runner up!! Good Luck...**

***Once again please let's make our village look colourful....Bring out your flags, bunting and balloons...to help decorate our Village....!***

## **'Fenland Beerfest' 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June**

New this year - WSM Beerfest held in the Community Centre Hall starting Thurs evening through to Sun. evening. Come and taste a variety of real ales along with Food and Live music with local bands The Breeze' and 'Ad Lib'.....More details to follow.....

## **WSM Village & Country Fayre Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> & Sun. 26<sup>th</sup> June**

This year a two day event starting at 11.00am each day. More superb entertainment including an 'aerobic flying display' and the famous 'Jive Ponies'....plus even more fun and activities..... More details to follow..... some space for craft and trade stalls still available....

## **Entertainment at the Community Centre**

**Sat. May 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 'Pyevarotti' - Singer, Comedian & Impressionist ~ in the Station Bar, free entry**

**Thurs. to Sun. June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Beerfest including Music and Food in the Main Hall**

**Sat/Sun. June 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June ~ Village & Country Fayre**

**Sat. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> ~ The Joe Loss Big Band, quality entertainment suitable for all, tickets avail, shortly**

**Fri. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Comedy Night, in the Main Hall.....**

**Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ A 'Motown' Experience - Superb Live band.....**

## **User Groups & Times**

**Mon. Street Dance/Ballet Instruction** - Weekly 3.30 - 6.30 (held in the Sidings)

Contact Mrs. Edwards 01406 540023

**Zumba, Fitness Dance**- Weekly eve. 5.45 - 6.45 Contact Kathleen 07880 543821

**Short Mat Bowls** - Weekly eve. 7.00 - 9.30 Contact Avis 01945 410452

**Tues. Parents & Toddlers** - Weekly morn 9.30 - 11.30 (held in the Sidings)

Contact Sarah 01945 410503

**History Group** - Monthly 7.00pm (Third Tues. in the month) held in the Sidings

Contact Brian 01945 410755

**Dance Group** - Monthly 2.00 - 4.30 and Monthly on a Sat. Night, contact Alf 01945 450432

**Tea Dance** - Monthly 2.00 - 4.30 (Next Dates May 10th & June 21st) Contact Tanya 01945 410473

**Line Dancing** - Weekly eve 7.30 - 9.00 Contact Brian 01354 656641

**Ballroom & Latin Dance Instruction** - Weekly eve. 9.00pm contact Brian 01354 656641

**Wed. Girl Guides** - Weekly eve 6.30 - 8.00 Contact Sarah 01354 659269

**Pool Team** - Weekly eve 8.00 Contact Nick 01945 410038

**Thurs. Youth Club** - Weekly eve. 7.00 - 9.00 contact Paul 01945 410610 or Brian 01945 410986

**Good Companions** - Fortnightly 2.00 - 4.30 (held in the Sidings) contact Betty 01945 410708

**Fri. Computer training** - Weekly 10.00 - 12.00 (held in the Sidings) Contact George 07584 490261

**Darts Team** - Weekly - Contact 01945 410432

**WSM Social Fishing Club** - Fish every 2 weeks - Contact Simon 01945 410274

**WSM Football Club** - football for all ages, Ladies, men, girls, boys contact Martin 01945 410243

Please note our new tel. no. for general info, is 0845 2255566 and website [www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com)