

# Village Voices November 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!

*"They shall grow not old,  
as we that are left grow old"*

## **SERVICES FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>**

St Paul's, Gorefield: 10.00am.

Emmanuel, Parson Drove: 10.45am

WSM & Guyhirn: 10.55am.

Murrow War Memorial: 12 noon.

**Guyhirn War Memorial:** 12.30pm.  
All residents, particularly ex-service men and women, are invited to join the congregations at these services. Whilst mindful of past sacrifices, we will remember our armed forces currently engaged in conflict in Afghanistan and the sacrifices they have made.

*"At the going down of the  
sun, and in the morning,  
We will remember them"*



## **IN FLANDERS FIELDS**

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset  
glow,  
Loved and were loved, and we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.

**Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae MD  
Canadian Army,  
Born 1872, died from pneumonia whilst  
on active duty in 1918.**

## *All Souls Services* **\*\*Please note amended date\*\***

### **Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Church**

The annual All Souls service will be held on **Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**. All are welcome. The service is a time when we remember in prayer and meditation departed loved ones; those who have died recently and those who passed away in former years. The service lasts about forty minutes, is quiet and undemanding, and is suitable for those who do not attend church very often, as well as for regular worshippers.

### **Guyhirn Chapel of Ease**

A similar, but shorter, service will be held in the quiet atmosphere of Guyhirn's Puritan Chapel on **Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2.30pm**. If you have lost someone dear and would like to remember them with us, then please join us at one of these services. If you are unable to attend and would like a person remembered, please contact the vicar on 410814.

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE VICAR**

It was Benjamin Franklin who wrote *'there never was a good war, or a bad peace'*. When we remember our fallen and wounded heroes this month it would be well to reflect upon those words and remind ourselves that even the wars we consider to be 'just' were fought because of the failure of good people somewhere to speak out against evil. Every time I read the names on the village war memorials or look at the faded photos of the fallen which remain where they were pinned nearly one hundred years ago behind the organ in St Paul's, Gorefield, I think about the rich lives those young men (and of course now women) might have had, the children they might have raised and all the beautiful things they would have brought their loved ones in the years which they sacrificed for our safety. I wear my poppy with pride but also with profound humility; for every flash of red is a dead son or daughter, every paper flower is an unspoken word of protest against greed, militarism and hatred, every wreath is the scar which each community still bears, both for its losses and for its failures. The young men who came back from the battlefields of Flanders demanded of us that theirs would be the war to end all wars. We failed them, and still do.

**Matthew**

## HARVEST SERVICE AND SUPPER AT ST. PAUL'S

The Annual Harvest Festival was held at St Paul's Church Gorefield on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>. Revd. Janet Philips conducted the morning service and thanked everyone who had prepared and decorated the church so beautifully. During the service Janet was assisted by Roy Cott, Bill Peggs, David Newling, server Nathan and acolyte Elizabeth. Approximately 70 persons attended the Harvest Supper on the Sunday evening in the Village Hall. They enjoyed spicy chicken casserole followed by apple crumble which were prepared and served by Joy Andrew, Rosemary Peggs and their helpers.

After supper Bill Peggs led a very entertaining auction of produce which had been generously donated, to raise funds for the church. Bill thanked Joy, Rosemary and helpers and everyone for their support. It was a very enjoyable evening and over £600 was raised.

**Brenda Stamp**

### *The Register*

We welcome.....

**Ava Sophia Williams**, who was baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Harvey Smith**, who was baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

We wish every happiness to.....

**Tony Connor and Suzanne Jansen**, who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Daniel Penniston and Elizabeth Lowndes**, who were married in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

We say goodbye to....

**June Turner**, whose funeral service was at St Paul's, Gorefield, followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium, on Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Malcolm Bliss**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup>, and whose ashes were laid in Wisbech St Mary Garden of Remembrance on Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Margaret Julia Smith**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in Wisbech St Mary cemetery, on Thursday September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ann Bell**, whose funeral service was at St Paul's, Gorefield, followed by cremation at Mintlyn Crematorium on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Barry Summers**, whose funeral service was in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by cremation at Mintlyn, on Wednesday September 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Bill Smith**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in Wisbech St Mary cemetery, on Monday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Doreen Long**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in Wisbech St Mary cemetery, on Tuesday October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Vera May Ashton**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium, on Tuesday October 12<sup>th</sup>.

In memoriam

**Betty Turner**, whose ashes were laid in Wisbech St Mary Garden of Remembrance on Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**George Frederick Bailey**, whose ashes were laid in Gorefield churchyard on Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>.

### *"Stir-up Sunday"*

Stir-up Sunday is an informal term in Anglican churches for the last Sunday before the season of Advent, this year November 21st. The term comes from the opening words of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer of 1549: *Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Through an association of ideas, the day subsequently became connected, especially in England, with the preparation of Christmas puddings. The ingredients of the pudding were stirred whilst making a wish by individual members of the family on this day. Recent research shows that today's children are now missing out on these Christmas rites of passage. Almost half of children never get involved with making the Christmas dinner, and six in ten have no experience of stirring up a Christmas pudding. Alarming, many children, even those living in rural areas, currently have no practical experience of the countryside, which in turn makes them far less likely to venture into the kitchen. This could be a recipe for disaster when it comes to health prospects and "agricultural literacy" of the next generation.

## THE WORK OF A CELEBRANT

The September meeting of Gorefield Ladies Group was held in the Village Hall. Glenys Grimm, welcomed everyone back after the summer break, and the new programme for 2011 was distributed and discussed. The guest speaker was Ann Balls who works for Lincolnshire County Council as a Celebrant. Ann explained how fulfilling her work is, as she has the authority to conduct civil weddings and funerals also baby naming and the renewal of marriage vows ceremonies.

Refreshments were served by Jean Mill and Margaret Tibbs. Celebrating birthdays were Chris Ashton and Brenda Frost.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday October 27th when the speaker will be Les Warren introducing his hobby of genealogy.

## W S M WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS THE EEL MAN

At our October meeting the last remaining Eel Man, Peter Carter of Outwell, gave a most interesting and humorous talk about his life and work in the Fens, and the history of his eel catching ancestors. I think a number of us will be visiting his shop in Outwell where he sells baskets and other objects made of willow.

November 11th sees the visit of Mark Clingo who will talk about Magpas. We will also have a Bring & Buy sale with profits going to Magpas. New members are always welcome. We meet in WSM school hall at 7pm.

**Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish**

## SUGAR CRAFT AT PARSON DROVE WI

At the October meeting of Parson Drove Womens Institute the visitor was Joanna Gamble, who spoke about, and demonstrated, Sugar Craft. She kept us all enthralled as we watched her create a 'rose and holly' Christmas cake decoration. We also saw photographs of the many beautiful wedding cakes she has made and decorated. Before the demonstration we had our business meeting and afterwards tea and biscuits, raffle and birthday gifts.

**Ann Payne**

## TEAS, TOOLS and SCARECROWS at HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove, was decorated with the theme 'Farm and Garden Tools'. Several displays of farm implements, garden tools, logging equipment and spinning wheel were set up and scarecrows from Gorefield were seated in the pews. An abundance of fruit, flowers and vegetables added to the weekend decorations. On Saturday a tractor parked outside the church advertised 'Teas amongst the Tools' and refreshments were served during the day with many folk calling in for 'a cuppa and a chat'. A Family Harvest Service amongst all the displays was held on Sunday and on Monday the produce was donated to the Parson Drove Day Care Centre. An imaginative and interesting village event – why not put it in your diary for next year!

## MOTHERS UNION TO HOST THE MART

The WSM Mart will be held on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup> in the Church House, opposite the church gate, from 8.45 to 10.00. It is to be hosted by the Mothers' Union who invite everyone to call in to see a display of cakes, produce and bric-a-brac. Before you leave enjoy a cup of coffee and a biscuit, as you catch up with local news!

## TEA SERVICE DATES

The next Tea Service at Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church is on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> when the speaker will be Mrs Edith Bennett. Ruth Buchanan will be the guest speaker on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

There are no Tea Services in December or January.

## CHRISTMAS FAIRS AT EMMANUEL AND ST MARKS

Emmanuel and St Mark's churches in Parson Drove are holding Christmas Fairs in the Village Hall. There will be the usual stalls and attractions, and a visit by Santa Claus. Contributions of cakes, bottles and quality bric-a-brac will be gratefully received.

Emmanuel's fair is on Saturday December 4th from 2 to 4pm. St Mark's follows on Saturday December 11th from 10am to 1pm.

+ Regular Services +	
<p><b>St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove.</b> Nov 7: 10.30. Rev L Stoker. Nov 14: 11.45. United service in Parish Church Nov 21: 10.30. Mrs E Bennett. Nov 28: 10.30. Holy Comm. Rev N Hannah.</p> <p><b>Murrow Methodist Church</b> Nov 7: 10.30. Holy Comm. Rev N Hannah Nov 14: 10.30. Mr G Beeken Nov 21: 10.30. Miss E Middleton Nov 28: 10.30. Rev D Bulloss</p> <p><b>St Paul's Church, Gorefield:</b> except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 10.00am: Holy Communion 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. 10.00am: Morning Worship</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service. 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:- 9.30am Communion. 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30. Nov 7: Greeters. Pauline &amp; Diane. Coffee: Sandra. Nov 21. Greeters: Sue &amp; Jenny. Coffee: Pam <u>Flower Rota</u> .: Mrs C Leader.</p> <p><b>Wisbech St Mary &amp; Guyhirn Parish Church:</b> 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</p>

# RINGS END SCHOOL 150

Rings End National School and Mission House was opened 150 years ago in October 1860. Four months earlier the ceremony of laying the foundation stone took place on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately it rained on the assembled company as they processed from Mr Coulson's farmhouse to the spot where the school would be built. The site had been given by the Rev P C M Hoskins, vicar of Whittlesford, Eleven clergymen and a number of the leading inhabitants of Wisbech were present, together with a large number of ladies.

The "Wisbech Advertiser" reported 'The proceedings were commenced in the driving rain by the choir who sang two verses of "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun".'

The corner stone was laid by Mr Hoskin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A bottle was then placed in the cavity of the stone, containing a piece of parchment inscribed with the names of the clergy, churchwardens Robert Baxter and Lewis Tomson, R W Batterham the builder, and Joseph Adams, W A Stevens, W M Rust, Robert Coulson, John Leverington, T Tebbs and Mr Vawser, all inhabitants of Rings End.

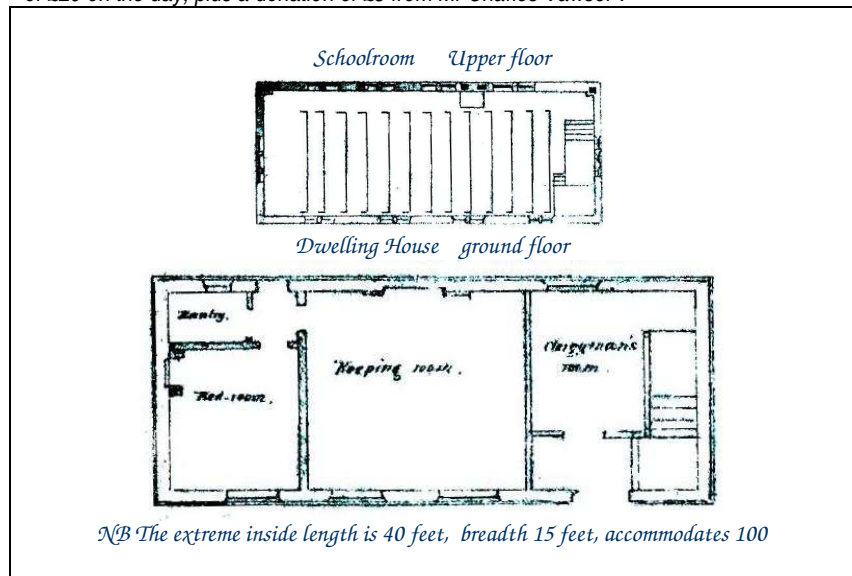
The newspaper quotes from Rev Hoskin's address to the crowd in which he said "He urged the importance of sending their children regularly to school, and they must not only send them regularly, but set them an example at home, that the children might see those lessons exhibited in the conduct of the parents".

After the stone was laid the company moved to Mr Coulson's barn where tea was provided for "300 people. The visitors being too numerous for the barn, a long time elapsed before all were supplied".

A meeting followed the tea at which the circumstances that had resulted in the decision to build the Mission House were described. On 11<sup>th</sup> April 1856, the day on which the first stone of Wisbech bridge was laid, the vicar went to Rings End for a drive and called on Mr Coulson who was ill. The farmer impressed upon the vicar the need for a church. Coulson offered his barn as a meeting place and in July 1856 the first service was held in the barn and 92 people were present.

After the stone-laying ceremony several people pledged financial support. The "Wisbech Advertiser" records "a collection

of £20 on the day, plus a donation of £5 from Mr Charles Vawser".



The plan of the new building showed the schoolroom on the first floor with seats to accommodate 100 pupils. Downstairs, the head mistress had a 'keeping' [living] room, a bedroom and a pantry. There was also a room for the visiting clergyman.

## A former pupil at Rings End School has provided some memories of her schooldays:

*"I started attending Rings End School at the tender age of three. Quite common these days, but not back in the forties. My Granny lived in the schoolhouse, so I went there for my lunch.*

*There was a large black tortoise stove in the main room of the school, which warmed our milk in winter months. This put me off drinking milk for the rest of my life. My first teacher was Miss Bridgestock, and the headteacher was Miss Anne Pletts. Both rooms were upstairs, and the toilets were outside at the far end of the playground; alright in the summer but not so good in the winter!*

*We had a visiting dentist each year, who parked his van in the playground. He was not a welcome visitor to most of us.*

*There was an air-raid shelter in the playground, which we had to use on more than one occasion. It was very dark and frightening to little ones like me.*

*My favourite memories are of Christmas, when we put on plays for our parents to see. Another highlight of the year was the Schools Music Festival when we were bussed into Wisbech where we all did our bit. I was in the band and played the triangle! Happy Days!*

-  
**Freda Powell (nee Long).**

## The Whispering Willow tells Tales from the Fens

For centuries people have told stories to pass on their history and legends from one generation to another. *Fenland Stories* is a modern approach to that ancient tradition. Using high quality animation, drama and the latest digital film-making technology, today's Fenland people have produced a collection of superb films to retell traditional tales and modern myths. The films are screened in the trunk of the Whispering Willow at Wisbech & Fenland Museum from 7<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> December. Suitable for adults also! Admission free. More details on 583817.

## FAMILY'S GIFTS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

[From The Fenland Citizen]

When Wisbech St Mary mother Jane Albutt was diagnosed with breast cancer in December, her family thought things couldn't get any worse. But on the same day, her young son was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. It has been a difficult year for the family, with Jane undergoing chemotherapy and radiotherapy to treat her cancer and twelve-year-old son Alex learning to manage his diabetes and inject himself with insulin four times a day. Now, ten months later, the Albutt family have shown their appreciation for the help they received following those devastating diagnoses by presenting two cheques, totalling £1,652, to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in King's Lynn. Jane, who lives in Wisbech St Mary with husband Paul and children Alex and Libby (9), said the support they received from the hospital, family and friends, including stepson Sam (20), was amazing. The family raised the money last month with a disco at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre after deciding they wanted to say thank you to the hospital, with the money split between the breast cancer unit and Rudham ward.

### AT HOME

#### CAROLINE'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> 2010

Wisbech St Mary Community Centre  
7.30 to 10.30pm

**Your presence, not presents, desired.**

Offering for Flood Victims please.

#### WSM MOTHERS' UNION

Our Deanery Tea meeting at St Augustine's church hall on October 5th was a great success, and everyone enjoyed our speaker Lesley Mardle. A really good afternoon!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday Nov 2nd at 2.15pm when we have been invited by Marjorie Palmer to her home to watch a special DVD. All welcome. **Lilian Brigden**

#### THE SINGING FARMER COMES TO GUYHIRN

Winston, the Singing Farmer, is one of East Anglia's favourite entertainers, renowned for his one-man shows. His singing and humour has won him a following from fans all over the world. Winston's songs are light-hearted and are great fun for young and old alike.

The Singing Farmer will appear at Guyhirn Village Hall on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets £6 adults, available from Marie 450835, Jan 450355 or Brenda 450814. Early booking is advised. Doors open at 7pm. A licensed bar and refreshments will be available. Proceeds are for Village Hall funds.

## £1900 RAISED AT LOCAL COFFEE MORNINGS

The Parson Drove W I Ladies would like to thank all who attended the MacMillan Coffee morning on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Thank you also to those who gave donations, cakes, and raffles prizes, and helped in any way. A total of £201.50 was sent to Macmillan Cancer Support.

**Helen Sanderson**

Bob & Shirley Bell would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Macmillan Coffee morning in Murrow on September 17th such a big success. The total raised was £318.70'

**Shirley Bell**

Wisbech St Mary Mothers Union would like to thank everyone for supporting their MacMillan Coffee morning in the Church House. The total of £215.50 was augmented by Dawbarns Solicitors' lunch, and a sponsored parachute jump by Charlotte Everson, a member of Dawbarn's staff, making a grand total of £1002.

**Lilian Brigden**

Thank you to everyone that supported the Macmillan Coffee morning at Aynsley Lodge, Gorefield on Friday September 24<sup>th</sup>. Your generosity on that day meant that a wonderful £375.00 was raised for the charity. Thank you.

**Marie Humphrey**

#### £2,200 RAISED AT CAR SHOW IN PARSON DROVE

Money raised at this year's Parson Drove Car and Bike Show was presented to two organisations at a ceremony in the *Swan Inn*. Representatives from the East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Parson Drove Amenities Management Committee received cheques for £1,200 and £1000 respectively. Chairman of the show committee, Roger Reader, said the total amount raised was slightly up on last year, and there was a substantial rise in the number of vehicles that appeared at the show, which was held in July.

#### THANK YOU 1

Dawn and Andy would like to thank every one for a very successful Harvest Festival Charity Auction at the Bell, Murrow. Thank you to all those who very kindly donated gifts, and to everyone who spent lots of lovely money making a fantastic total of £688, which will go toward our year of fund raising for Mencap. I would like to say how proud I am to be the landlord of the Bell, and proud of the very loyal customers. Thank you for your support. **Andy**

#### THANK YOU 2

Roger Reader would like to thank all relatives and friends for the wonderful cards, presents and generous donations received for Cancer Research amounting to £528.75 at his 60th Birthday Party on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### SALVATION ARMY BAND CONCERT

Peterborough Salvation Army Band will give a concert in Parson Drove Village Hall on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. Admission £5, pay at the door. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Proceeds for Emmanuel church funds. Details: Pat 700135 or Jos 700373.

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

In response to a number of enquiries, a Local History Group is to meet each month in Wisbech St Mary Community Centre. The first meeting is **Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3.00pm.**

The meetings will be informal and will be building up an archive of old photographs of the district, copies of ancient documents concerning the parishes in the *Village Voices* delivery area, and other historical resources.

Everyone will be welcome. Details of membership of the Group will be decided at the first meeting which will be free.

## SAUSAGE SUPPER TIME AGAIN!

The Sausage Supper and Auction will be held on Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> in aid of Parson Drove Village Sports.

The popular event takes place in the Village Hall from 7pm, and the tickets are £7.50 from Pat Spriggs 700135 or Jos Markillie 700373.

## GREEN FINGERS AND SPARE TIME WANTED!

Wisbech St Mary Church of England School is looking for volunteers with a couple of hours to spare each week to help maintain the school's environmental area. Anyone interested should contact Amanda Williams on 07578534884 or at [amandaclarewilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:amandaclarewilliams2000@yahoo.co.uk)

## NEW SEASON OF BINGO! AT PARSON DROVE

There will be Bingo sessions in Parson Drove Village Hall on, and November 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open 6.30pm for 7.30pm start. Proceeds for Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

## ANOTHER EVENING WITH MARGARET GEORGE

A further selection of the photographs of the Guyhirn vicar's daughter  
**GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL**  
**Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**  
Admission £4 including light refreshments

**An evening of nostalgia for all ages**

## LOTS OF THINGS GOING ON AT WISBECH ST MARY PLAYGROUP

by Mary McClagish, Playgroup Leader

Some people may wonder what exactly goes on at our playgroup. Is it just play? We thought that we would let you know. Returning in September after the long summer break, we welcomed several new children. We have been looking at the weather, especially the wind and the rain, and have drawn, coloured and cut out kites for display and even went to fly some kites on the school field. That was fun. We played outside in the rain wearing our wet weather gear and used the new umbrellas which we got with our Tesco school vouchers. Thank you everyone who gave us the vouchers. We also got some weaving frames which have been woven with leaves and twigs, and a bug house. The children have collected leaves for printing, collage and for our Autumn display.

You have probably seen us around the village on our 'walk-o-diles'. When we are out, we are always looking for colours, numbers and shapes in the environment. If you see us, give us a wave.

At the beginning of October we visited Play to Day which was great fun. As well as all the above we manage to get time for painting, sand play, water play, playdough, jigsaws, stories, mark making, role play and the computer.

If you have five minutes to spare, or have a skill to share, please give us a ring on 411864 and speak to Mary or Helen.

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## JULIE'S PATCH

Pc Julie Coales, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

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### **Don't give the criminal a helping hand.**

If your credit card has been lost or stolen report it to the issuer immediately. Check bank and credit card statements as soon as they arrive, and report unfamiliar transactions to your bank or credit card companies. Never give personal or account details to anyone who contacts you unexpectedly, either by phone, post, e-mail or in person. If you change your address, tell your bank, credit card companies and all other organisations with which you do business. The Royal Mail has a re-direction service. Most people now use a credit card of some sort that requires a PIN no. Do you keep that number to yourself or leave it written down somewhere for anyone to find? Do you give people your PIN no?

### **KEEP YOUR PERSONAL IDENTITY SAFE!**

You can contact me by phone 0345 456 4564 x 3799 or e-mail me julie.coales@cambs.pnn.police.uk Mobile 07734577682

## BERT AND LINDA WIN TOP PUB PRIZE

Landlords of the *Wheel Inn*, Wisbech St Mary, Bert and Linda Harris, have won the prestigious Best Pub Front Competition held in conjunction with the 'Wisbech in Bloom' gardens competition. The award was in recognition of the marvellous display of flowers and hanging baskets outside the *Wheel* during the summer. The shield and certificate, sponsored by Elgoods Brewery, were presented at the annual prize-giving at Elgoods Gardens on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Other local winners were

Mr and Mrs Bellenes, 10 School Close, WSM.

Nancy West, 5 Station Road, WSM.

Claire Baker, 40 Front Road, Murrow.

Jayne Salter, Christmas Cottage, Fitton End.

## WORK STARTS ON NEW MULTI-USE GAMES AREA

Parson Drove's Section 106 Leisure Project Group Working Group are delighted to report that Fenland District Council has given final approval for the construction of an outdoor all-weather multi-use games area, which will be located adjacent to the pavilion. This will allow football, netball and basketball to be played as well as a separate tennis court. Work started in September and the facility should be ready for use shortly. It will be available at all times and will be free of charge. James Carter said, "We are looking at various options for the remaining funds including the provision of a skateboarding ramp".

## GOREFIELD ADVENTURE PATCH

I think it is time I gave an update and a few thanks for the help and encouragement I have received in obtaining the play equipment on the Gorefield Adventure Patch. In the planning stages it was the children and their parents that helped me complete the consultations needed for any bid for funds. The result of those consultations went a long way in me obtaining £40,000 funding from Cambridgeshire County Councils Play Pathfinder fund. That provided the equipment for the 8-13 year olds. The newly installed Zig Zag Twister, Tea Cup, Parrot Seesaw, Threeway Triangle and Spring Jupiter is thanks to a £8180 grant through the Landfill Communities Fund of Waste Recycling Group (WRG) administered by the Environmental Body WREN. The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of the National Lottery good causes funding across the UK. The Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need, their grant provided the Toddlers swings and the BMX track. My thanks go to the members of the Playing Fields Committee and the Parish Council for their ongoing support. In the future there will be a remote control track for small remote control cars or motorbikes, a Maze and Hopscotch, this is being funded 'in house'. I am waiting for the result of a bid to Donarbon for ten pieces of Adult Exercise equipment which will allow 20 people above the age of 12 to exercise at the same time.

**Norman Carroll**

**Post script:** we have received the grant for our Adult Exercise Equipment!!

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR STREET PRIDE GROUP

Clean streets and open spaces was the focus for the newly formed Gorefield Street Pride Group when it met for the first time on Saturday September 25th. However Street Pride is about more than just litter picking and plans for the next event include bulb planting and cutting back growth where it overhangs the footpaths. There are numerous tasks that the group could help with to enhance the village environment and your ideas and help would be welcomed. Anyone wishing to join the volunteer group can do so at the next event, meeting at the Village Playing Field on November 6th at 10am.

**Michael Humphrey**

## WISBECH ST MARY SCHOOL'S FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

Wisbech St Mary school's annual Bonfire and Fireworks Spectacular will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The gates will open at 5.15pm, and the Bonfire lit at 5.30pm. The firework displays, given by a professional pyrotechnic company, will start at 6.15pm and 7.30pm.

There will be a Grand Draw with fantastic prizes to be won. Lots of attractions are planned, including games, tombola's, fair rides, hot food and much, much more.

The admission charge is £4 for adults and £3 for children. Children under school age free. Another fantastic night is in prospect.

## THE NORMAN INVASION OF WINDSOR CASTLE!

Congratulations to Norman Carroll JP who has received an invitation to a Reception at Windsor Castle given by HM The Queen and HRH The Duke of Edinburgh for those involved in rural communities in the United Kingdom.

Norman gives an enormous amount of time and energy to providing amenities for Gorefield and everyone hopes he will thoroughly enjoy his visit to Windsor.

## SUPER PRIZES AT VILLAGE BINGO

Excellent prizes, such as a freeview box, a slow cooker, a dinner service set, deluxe kitchen knife set, duvet and pillows are waiting to be won at a Prize Bingo to be held in Murrow Village Hall on Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6.30 for eyes-down at 7.30pm. There is a raffle and refreshments, and all proceeds go to Hall funds.

## VILLAGE HALL GOREFIELD

Gorefield Village Hall is organising a series of **Bingo** sessions in aid of Hall funds. The dates are November 5<sup>th</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup>

Eyes down 7.30pm. Refreshments available during the interval.

## BOWLS CLUB PRESENTATION EVENING

Approximately 60 people attended the end of season presentation evening of the Gorefield Bowls Club held in the Village Hall. The hot meal was provided by Roffe & Daughters and the entertainment featured Robert London. The presentations were made by the president Tom Dobbie, and the following were trophy winners: -

Berwick Cup:- Ardrle Kleyn  
Missin Cup:- Alan Huns  
Ward Cup:- Debra Wright  
Gilbert Cup:- Ardrle Kleyn  
Holmes Cup:- Chris Wright  
Pat Brown Cup:- M Hunt

Clarke Cup:- Patrick Morton + Bernie Gawley  
Triples Cup:- J Mitchel, P Morton + L Smith  
Afternoon League:- B.J's (Keith Bellamy capt)  
Runner up :- Norman Warriors (J Norman capt)  
Afternoon K.O. cup:- Ward Wonders  
(Janet Ward capt).

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## THEATRE GROUP'S PRODUCTION

Does keep fit or line dancing all sound a bit too energetic? Fed up with missing your numbers at the bingo?, Then here is something different for a night out.

Gorefield Theatre Group are staging "**IS THERE ANYBODY THERE?**", a comedy by Anne Knight, at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre from the 25th to 27th November. Tickets are on sale at £6 with concessions for group bookings. For tickets please contact Marie on 410436.

## COULD YOU HELP TO DELIVER VILLAGE VOICES IN MURROW?

A vacancy has occurred in the *Village Voices* delivery team in Murrow. If you could help us, please contact Julie **Barnes on**

## SUNSHINE CLUB URGENTLY NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

The club held meetings in September and October, but unfortunately attendances have fallen despite efforts to bring in new members. Birthdays being celebrated are Mrs J Clark, Mr Glew, Mrs Grosspietschz, Mrs Patrick and Mr Wykes. **G Ralf, Hon. Sec.**

## LUNCHEON CLUB DATES FOR NOVEMBER

WSM Luncheon Club will meet at midday at the Bridge Inn on Tuesdays November 9th and 23rd. Members please contact Marjorie on 410511 if you cannot attend.

## PARSON DROVE CRICKET CLUB CLOSES

It has been announced that Parson Drove Cricket Club has had to close due to falling numbers. They have been struggling to raise a team for a while, and the vandalism to their outdoor nets meant that the Club could not continue.

The club would like to thank the Amenities Committee, the Parish Council and the village in general for all their help and support over the last few years. All remaining funds have been handed to the Amenities Committee.

## FOOTBALL CLUB BINGO

Parson Drove Football Club are holding Prize Bingo sessions in the Village Hall on Wednesday October 27th and Thursday November 25th. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

## CHRISTMAS BINGO

Gorefield Playing Field Committee are organising a Christmas Bingo on Friday November 12th in the Church Hall, Gote Lane. Doors open 6.30 Eyes down 7.30.

## WSM SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

meet on Monday evenings from 7-00pm to 9-30pm at the Sports & Community Centre. New members are most welcome, please contact Avis Norris 410452.

## DOG FOULING

The Amenities 95 committee at Parson Drove remind people that not cleaning up after their dog on the playing field is an offence, and could lead to a large fine. Bins are provided for the waste.

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) 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 [ads.villagevoices@btinternet.com](mailto:ads.villagevoices@btinternet.com)  
Or phone Terry Brigden on 450481.



## CALL FOR EVERYONE TO BE VIGILANT

There have been several incidents of attempted burglaries or unusual activity locally. If you see suspicious activity where you suspect a burglary is in progress let the police know in the first instance so they can deal with it immediately. The natural reaction would be to get into contact with your neighbour, **but it is really important you ring 999 to let the police know so they can get to you quickly.** Try to establish if there is a vehicle being used and provide as much detail as you can, the main information being licence plate, followed by make and colour. Give as much of a physical description of the offenders as possible. Would you recognise them again? All this information can help the police to catch the offenders - by working together with the officers we can make it difficult for criminals to operate in these villages. Please be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity, however minor you might feel, on 0345 456 4564. or in an emergency 999.

### CABARET NIGHT

Parson Drove Amenities 95 committee are holding a Cabaret Night in the Village Hall on Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Entertainment will be provided by singing duo Cutting Edge, and the hilarious Perry Winkle. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £22, to include a 4-course meal, available from Louise 701312 or Jules 7012324.

### MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

Mrs Pike - Murrow  
G Clear - Murrow  
S Bernhardt - Parson Drove  
A Bernhardt - Parson Drove  
Mrs Sargent - Murrow  
Mrs Wilshaw - Murrow  
G Clear - Murrow  
V Jepson - Murrow

### CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than Monday Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>. Advice can also be obtained by calling 01945 464367, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

### New Mobile Library Stops

<u>1<sup>st</sup> +3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: Nov 4<sup>th</sup> +18th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>2<sup>nd</sup> +4<sup>th</sup> Friday: Nov 12<sup>th</sup> + 26th</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: Nov 25th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: Nov 17<sup>th</sup></u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15	Gorefield School	15.00	
			Gorefield Post Office	15.45	
			Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	

#### Advertisement

### PARISH OF WISBECH ST MARY

### JOHN BENDS CHARITY

Applications are invited from needy persons who have been resident in the above Parish for six years, for inclusion on the Dole List. Those already on the list need not apply.

**Application forms, which must be returned by 30th October 2010, can be obtained by applying to :**

The Clerk  
Mrs Linda Brownlow  
The Limes  
Harold Bridge  
Gorefield, Wisbech, PE13 4PU.

#### Public Notice

### LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFEEES

(Charity Number 232526)

### CHARLTON DOLE

(Help for those in the Parishes of Leverington and Gorefield who are in need, hardship or distress)

The Trustees of the Leverington Charity Feoffees invite applications from senior citizens, widows and widowers who have been resident in the Parishes for the last 4 years.

Application forms can be collected from the Post Offices at Leverington and Gorefield or by sending a stamped addressed envelope to:

**The Clerk, Mrs R J Gagen, 78 High Road,  
Gorefield, WISBECH, Cambs PE13 4NB**

All completed application forms must be returned to the clerk by  
**19th November 2010**

## WSM Community Centre - User Groups & Times

Lots of clubs, activities, theatre productions, shows and entertainment - also look for local updates, posters etc.

Mon. *Dance Instruction - Street Dance/Ballet - Meet weekly on Mondays from 3.30 - 6.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Mrs. Edwards 01406 540023*

*Short Mat Bowls ~ Meet weekly on a Mon. eve. from 7.00-9.30 contact Avis 01945 410452*

Tues. *Parents & Toddlers - Meet Weekly Tues. morn 9.30 - 11.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Sarah 07796 304583*

*Murrow Children's Centre - Meet Weekly Tues. 1.00 - 2.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Christina 01945701237*

*History Group - Meet monthly Tues. at 3.00pm (Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> and Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>) - (held in the Sidings)*

**Contact Brian 01945 410755**

*Dance Group - Meet on a Tues. 2.00 - 4.30 monthly and Sat. Night, monthly contact Alf 01945*

*450432 Tea Dance - Meet monthly on a Tues. 2.00 - 4.30 Contact Tanya 01945 410473 (date listed on notice*

**board)**

*Line Dancing - Meet weekly Tues. eve 7.30 - 9.00 Contact Brian 01354 656641*

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

Wed. *Girl Guides - Meet weekly on Wed. 6.30 - 8.00 Contact Sarah 01354 659269*

*Pool Team -Wed. nights-contact Nick 410038 from 8.00*

Thurs. *The Youth Club - Meet weekly on a Thurs. eve. from 7.00 - 9.00 contact Paul 01945 410610 or Brian 01945410986*

*Good Companions - Meet on a Thurs. once a fortnight 2.00 - 4.30 (held in the Sidings) contact Betty 01945410708*

Fri. *Computer/Internet training - weekly on Fri. morn. 10.00 - 12.00 (held in the Sidings) Contact George 07584490261*

*Darts Team- Fri. nights - Contact 01945 410432*

*WSM Social Fishing Club - Fish every 2 weeks - Contact Simon 01945 410274 WSM Football Club - provides football for all ages. Ladies, men, girls, boys contact Martin 01945 410243*

Visit our Website: [www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com)

For General Information contact the Community Centre on 01945 410432 For Hall and Room Hire/Bookings etc. tel. 01945 410473

~ Entertainment - 2010 ~

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Children's Halloween Disco, party games, fancy dress, refreshments etc. - £2.50 & £5 adult

Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Live Music with The Soft Tone Needles' & Man Gray' Disco - The Best of - Motown & Northern Soul-£9

Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Live Music with 'Kick Up the 80's' & 'Diamond White' & Tim Lee - Disco, The Best of the 80's, Blondie Tribute & Disco - £10 Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Children's Xmas Party (0 - 10 years) Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Night - with 4 course meal - £27 Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> -Christmas Party Night-with 4 course meal.-£27 Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> ~ New Years Eve - Main Hall - Children/Family Entertainment

- Station Bar - Entertainment/buffet

**For Information or Tickets contact the Centre, JS Holmes Ltd, or Dave Parrin Cars**