

# Village VOICES November 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!**



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

## **SERVICES FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>**

St Paul's, Gorefield 10.00am  
Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am.  
Emmanuel, Parson Drove 10.45am (with  
Methodist Church)  
Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn 10.55am (with  
Methodist Church)

Murrow War Memorial 12 noon.  
Guyhirn War Memorial 12.30pm.

All residents and visitors, particularly ex-service men and women, are warmly invited to join the congregations at these services. Whilst mindful of past sacrifices, we will remember our armed forces currently engaged in conflict, and their comrades who have laid down their lives.

*"At the going down of the sun, and in the  
morning, we will remember them"  
"May light perpetual shine upon them"*

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

I am delighted to announce that on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, Lillian Brigden (LLM), Mike Brown (ALM) and Brian Payne (ALM) were re-licensed as Lay Ministers to the three parishes of Wisbech St Mary with Guyhirn and Rings End, Gorefield, and Southea with Murrow and Parson Drove.

Bishop Stephen has made it clear that lay people will form an increasingly important part of the ministry of the Church of England in the Diocese of Ely. Revd Ryk Parkinson, Revd Janet Phillips and I are privileged to have the assistance of three such dedicated and experienced lay colleagues.

**M Bradbury – Vicar.**

## **Remembrance**

**Ryk Parkinson, Associate Priest.**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am many people will stop, stand in silence and remember those killed in the 2 World Wars and subsequent conflicts. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> thousands will gather around war memorials in town and village in an act of remembrance. A service of remembrance will be held in each of our villages – we will remember them.

Those of us who have served in the forces will carry our own memories. When I visited the Armed Forces Memorial in Staffordshire I found the names of 6 colleagues engraved on its walls, **colleagues that had** died on military operations or in terrorist attack. It was a moving experience, especially as I also visited the Cambridgeshire Regiment memorial for the Far East prisoners. However, public remembrance had started to fade until the reports of casualties in Iraq and Afghanistan rekindled public awareness of the cost of conflict in human lives – both those killed and the greater number of those wounded. The growth of attendance at the Wootton Bassett (now Royal Wootton Bassett) repatriations was a prominent sign of the peoples' wish to show respect for those who paid the ultimate price. Freedom parades and medal ceremonies are more common and feature prominently in TV and press reports, and the care and rehabilitation of the wounded is now given a high priority, as is the care of bereaved relatives. It is not only right that we should care for those who are prepared to face danger to protect us, it is our Christian duty to care for those who suffer, physically and mentally, however such suffering may occur.

Let us also remember the Christian belief that God so loved us that his son, Jesus Christ, died for each one of us that we might be **saved for the suffering** of sin and given a new life. Christ too, laid down his life for others.

So, please join us at your local Remembrance Service, at church or memorial, on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> as we honour those military and civilian people who were prepared to sacrifice their lives to give us the freedom we enjoy today.

*"When you go home, tell them of us and say  
For their tomorrow, we gave our today"*

## **ALL SOULS SERVICES.**

**Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church** The annual All Souls service will be held on **Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**

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 November 5<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.

### **'Vicar's Verbals'**

Ministers spend a lot of time going into hospitals – perhaps not as much as we would like – as visits to parishioners tend to be rather brief affairs within the limitations of the working day. It is only as a patient, or the loved one of a patient, that we find ourselves waiting in corridors, wards and coffee bars, whiling away the anxious hours before our beloved appears swathed in bandages, pale but smiling, to be wheeled up to their ward. Waiting for my dear wife to come back from knee surgery I watched the ebb and flow of people; a whole population of individuals in overalls, scrubs, uniforms and smart suits, scuttling purposefully upon their interrelated, mysterious missions like termites in a giant humming mound. I was struck by just how many people it took to keep the organisation running smoothly. Each worker with a particular task – some glamorous and highly technical – others repetitive and humble – but each beautiful creature adapted perfectly to its task – and each one utterly essential to all of the others. No supplier of latex gloves, no water trolley pilot, no anaesthetist, no record keeper, no bed pusher, no electrician, no orthopaedic surgeon, no nursing assistant....and the complex business of healing just one patient would founder. A visiting American friend, a doctor, once said to me that the National Health Service is the jewel in Britain's crown and that we should do everything in our power to protect and nurture it. Amen to that. **Matthew.**

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### **The Soldier**

If I should die, think only this of me:  
That there's some corner of a foreign field that is  
for ever England.

There shall be in that rich earth a richer dust  
concealed;  
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,  
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,  
A body of England's, breathing English air,  
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,  
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less  
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England  
given;  
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;  
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,  
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

**Rupert Brooke, 1914**

### *The Register*

#### **We welcome into the church family**

**Willow Marie Fowler**, who was baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Lydia Grace Plume**, who was baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Holly and James Favyer**, who was baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **We wish every happiness to**

**Craig Howlett and Kim Pollock**, who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Andy Spriggs and Sonja Pyle**, who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Jim Youden**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Tony Godfrey**, whose funeral service was at Fenland Crematorium, followed by a Thanksgiving Service in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mavis Stallen**, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Mary Slattery**, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on Thursday September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Gladys Catt**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### **In memoriam**

**Betty Mitchell**, whose ashes were laid in St Paul's churchyard, Gorefield, on Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **ST. PAUL'S HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE AND SUPPER**

Revd Ryk Parkinson and Brian Payne conducted a most enjoyable Harvest Festival Service. The Church was beautifully decorated by church ladies and friends, the windows being full with flowers, vegetables and various ornaments relating to farming and the countryside.

The harvest supper was held on Sunday evening and was well attended. Many thanks to Joy and Rosemary for organizing this event, and to all who helped in preparing and serving the meal, washing up, donating goods and prizes for the raffle etc.

After an enjoyable meal the goods were auctioned by Mr Graham Ward (in the absence of Bill, our usual auctioneer) who sold the goods with good humour and much merriment. The evening closed with music of the 60's by Clive.

A profit of £445 was raised in aid of Church funds.

**Rosemary Peggs and Roy Cott**

## HARVEST AT WISBECH ST MARY

Wisbech St Mary Church of England School held their Harvest Festival service in the church at the end of September, bringing gifts of produce and groceries. During the Sunday service members of the congregation also brought gifts of fruit and vegetables.

The church was able to distribute gifts of fresh fruit, vegetables, tins and packets to Worrell House, Wisbech St Mary, Gorefield Residential Home, the WSM Luncheon Club to add to their raffle, and ten individual gifts.

## MOUTH-WATERING MART

The September meeting of the popular monthly Mart held in the Church House, Wisbech St Mary, was awash with home-made cakes! A marvellous display of cookery and other items awaited customers.

The next Mart, on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup>, will be hosted by the Mothers' Union members. Home-made cakes, plants, produce and a raffle will be on offer. The Mart is open to all village residents from 8.45 to sell-out time, usually about 10am. Before you leave, have a chat over coffee and biscuits. See you there!

## BRASS BAND CONCERT A SUCCESS

The popular March 2000 Brass Band thrilled the audience in WSM church at a concert held as part of the Harvest Festival weekend.

Some 30 musicians played familiar pieces and some items from modern composers and arrangers.

During the evening the Band played "We plough the fields" as a tribute to Len Quince who was celebrating his seventieth year as a server at the church.

The concert raised £300 for church funds.

### + Regular Services +

#### 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

#### 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.

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Readers-Teresa & Roger

Greeters-Pauline & Diane.. Coffee-Sandra.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: Greeter-Trevor.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: Readers-Barbara & Bridget

Greeters-Sue & Jenny.. Coffee-Sheelagh.

November flowers: Mrs P Warriner & Mrs D Spalton.

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

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

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

#### Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am

Nov 6<sup>th</sup>: Revd N Hannah

Nov 13<sup>th</sup>: Remembrance Service. Mr G Beeken.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>: Local arrangement.

Nov 27<sup>th</sup>: Revd L Stoker.

#### St Mark's Methodist Church, P D

Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 10.30: Local arrangement.

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 10.45: Remembrance service, Parish church.

Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 10.30: Mrs S Askew.

Nov 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30: United service. Mr A Stapleton.

## FELLOWSHIP LADIES MEET THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS

Twenty one members of the Wisbech St Mary Women's Fellowship met at the Council Chambers in Wisbech and enjoyed meeting the Mayor and Mayoress. Mrs Susanna Farmer in her role as deputy town clerk gave a very informative talk about the building and its history, and Mr Jonathan Farmer spoke about the role of the Town Council. After tea and biscuits in the council chamber, the members looked around and went into the Mayor's parlour. One member tried on the Mayoral Chain to see how heavy it felt when wearing it. She felt that it was quite comfortable but wouldn't want to wear it for long. The Mayor and Mayoress were thanked for giving up their time, and good wishes for a speedy recovery were sent to the beadle, Alistair Hopkin, who had originally invited the group.

We are really looking forward to our next meeting on Thursday 10th November which will start with a demonstration of decorated cupcakes by Cheryl Ridley. This will be followed by a hands-on activity where we all have a go at decorating two cupcakes each! Our meetings usually take place in WSM school hall on the second Thursday of the month and new members are always welcome. Our annual subscription is only £2, and the evening fee is £1:50 per session for those you attend - if you miss a meeting, you don't have to pay for it.

**Liz Hunt and Mary McClagish**

### £686 RAISED FOR MACMILLAN

Many thanks to everyone who supported WSM Mothers' Union Macmillan Coffee Morning in September. The total was £186. A collection at a lunch at local solicitors Fraser Dawbarns raised £500, making our total £686. Thank you all very much.

**Lilian Brigden**

## £600 HARVEST THANK YOU

Dawn and Andy at the *Bell Inn*, Murrow, would like to say a very big thank you to all those who donated items towards their Harvest Festival Charity auction, and to everyone that attended and helped raise the fantastic sum of £612. Dawn and Andy are donating £388 from the *Bell Inn* charity foundation fund, making a total of £1000. The money will be split between Mencap and the Sequal Trust

\*\* The Sequal Trust is a registered charity covering the whole of the UK. The main objective is to provide relief to children and adults who are severely disabled and depend on electronic communication aids and adaptations to alleviate their problems. The Sequal Trust is membership based and open to people of all ages with speech, movement and learning difficulties. The charity receives no public funding, and relies on donations, legacies, investment income and membership subscriptions for income.

## THORNEY TOLL TROWEL RETURNS TO THE PARISH IN DECEMBER

The silver and ivory ceremonial trowel used at the laying of the foundation stone for St Paul's Mission Church and School, Thorney Toll, in 1872, has been returned to the parish. The trowel was purchased at an auction in Pheonix, Arizona, during the summer.

Residents of Thorney Toll, together with parishioners from other parishes, are invited to attend Thorney Toll Village Hall on Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm to welcome home this interesting artefact. The trowel will then be deposited in the Wisbech & Fenland Museum for safekeeping.

It will be particularly nice to meet members of local families who have memories or photographs of the building.

Donations will be invited to help defray the cost of purchasing, and transportation from America.

### DELAMORE IS THE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

Flower producer Delamore Young Plants was the big winner at the third Fenland Enterprise Business Awards - taking the title of Business of the Year. The company, based at Wisbech St Mary, also won the Medium Business of the Year award for its high standards and offering long-term stable employment to more than 100 staff

Judges described Delamore as "a very impressive company making significant contributions to the Fenland economy and employment. A worthy winner of the Business of the Year award". Guests were told that Delamore, formed 50 years ago, has been "very successfully brought into the 21st century by its current owners". The judges said: "Delamore has successfully adapted to changing markets by diversifying and provides more than 100 employees with long-term stable employment as well as providing casual/seasonal employment for many more. Setting standards that others in its industry follow, Delamore is a worthy winner".

### HEDGEHOGS NEED GARDENERS' SUPPORT

A recent report, entitled *The State of Britain's Hedgehogs*, shows that hedgehog numbers have dropped by 25% in just ten years! In response the British Hedgehog Preservation Trust (BHPT), along with the People's Trust for Endangered Species has launched a three-year campaign, which will draw together data from surveys over the last decade about the status of hedgehog populations in the UK.

An exciting public participation campaign –Hedgehog Street – aimed at encouraging hedgehog-friendly gardening practices has been launched by BHPT. We can help by becoming 'Hedgehog Champions'. See the website [www.hedgehogstreet.org](http://www.hedgehogstreet.org) for a special pack.

To view the report and learn more about our wild European hedgehogs (*Erinaceus europaeus*) and how we can help them go to the website at [www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk](http://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk)

### IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENT AT PARSON DROVE SURGERY

A patients' participation group has recently been formed at the Parson Drove Surgery. It will be known as the Parson Drove Patients' Group and its members represent the Practice's wide catchment area around the Cambridgeshire and Lincolnshire border.

Dr Andrew Chandler, senior partner at the Practice, said "Parson Drove Surgery GP partners welcome the newly formed Parson Drove Patient Group.

"The NHS is undergoing major reorganisation which will mean changes for the practice and patients alike. It is vitally important that good communications are developed and maintained between patients and the practice, so that there is full understanding of the National and Local changes that we face and that we can work together to develop the practice and improve patient care.

The purpose of the Patient Group is to act as a reference group to support and advise the practice as it develops.

The Group members are not available to the patients of the practice to manage any individual complaints, but are there for you to talk to about any issues you would like raised to help improve the services offered by the Practice. They would also like to hear of any positive feedback about the practice".

#### Patients' Group Questionnaire

The newly-formed Patients' Group at Parson Drove Surgery has produced a questionnaire which gives registered patients the opportunity to comment on their experience when using the surgery. The feedback will assist the new Group in identifying areas where the practice can look to improve the service for patients. The questionnaires are now available from the surgery, the pharmacy, shops, post offices and other outlets, and should be returned to the surgery no later than Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>. Patients' names are not required, and answers will be kept in the strictest confidence.

### CALLING MURROW'S ARTISTS

My name is Terry Rogers, I have been painting and selling my Art for 50 years. I paint and draw in all mediums, and would like to get together with like-minded artists or those who would like to be artists. I am hoping to start Murrow's own Art Group, and am wondering if there is any interest in the village and surrounding area.

The Club would be open to all ages, all skills and all medias of art, and would be held in Murrow Village Hall. Lessons would be given, and guest artists may be invited to demonstrate their mediums if the club is large enough.

It could be possible to have a yearly exhibition, and for artists to enter competitions.

I know that there are some of you that paint and draw, and many who would like too, so if you are interested please contact me on 700236, or [teltrish221@btinternet.com](mailto:teltrish221@btinternet.com), or call and see me at 80 Back Road, Murrow, for a chat.

### Mobile Library Stops

<u>1st +3rd Thursday: Nov 3rd +17th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	<u>2nd +4th Friday: Nov 11th +25th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>
Murrow School	10:00	10:40	Rings End, March Rd	09:45	10:05
Murrow Station Ave	10:45	11:00	Bunkers Hill Lay-by	10:15	10:35
Murrow Front Rd Paddocks	11:05	11:20	Wisbech St Mary Church Rd	10:55	11:25
Parson Drove The Bank	11:30	12:00	Wisbech St Mary Cannon Close	14:40	15:30
Parson Drove Newlands Corner	12:10	12:25	Guyhirn Chapelfield	15:45	16:05
Parson Drove Henlow Farm	12:30	12:45	<u>3rd Wednesday: Nov 16th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	
<u>4th Thursday: Nov 24th</u>	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>	Gorefield School	15.00	
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15	Gorefield Post Office	15.45	
			Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	

## CASEY AND BARBARA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This popular Christmas Party will be held in Parson Drove Village Hall on Friday December 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5pm. It will be open to all over-60s resident within Parson Drove boundaries. There is limited space so book early with Barbara (700761) or Casey (700276) before November 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Bingo Sessions

Two Bingo sessions have been organised to help finance the party. They are in the Village Hall on Thursdays November 17<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>, and the doors open at 6.30 for 7.30 start. Casey and Barbara would appreciate offers of prizes.

### GOREFIELD LADIES' GROUP

The September meeting of Gorefield Ladies' Group was very well attended with several guests from Newton Ladies' Group to hear some humorous Folk Stories from Sue Stephenson.

We were all very well entertained with tales of her life and times at Puddle Paddock. Sue was thanked by Glenys, and the raffle was held. A buffet supper was enjoyed by all and drinks were served by Brenda Stamp and Jean Mill. Celebrating birthdays in September were Chris Ashton and Brenda Frost.

The next meeting will be on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This will be an open meeting to enjoy an illustrated talk by David Grimes. His subject will be the history of Kings Lynn including the harbour, port, town buildings and churches.

The speaker at the November meeting will be Patricia Harris, Complimentary Therapist.

**G Grimm**

### LOCAL MAN TO SWIM 1416 LENGTHS OF HUDSON POOL!

The Aspire Charity is a national charity that supplies practical help to people who have been paralysed by spinal cord injuries. After perhaps lengthy stays in hospital, the patients will need wheelchairs and quite possibly alterations to their homes.

The Aspire Swim is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year and swimmers undertake to swim 22 miles in the 12 weeks from September 12<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>. 5000 swimmers throughout the country have accepted the challenge. David Davies, of Leverington Common, is taking part and will be swimming 1416 lengths of the Hudson Centre pool, the equivalent of 22 miles, the width of the English Channel. David, a former teacher, is thought to be the only person in Fenland taking part. By the time you read this he should be well over halfway and should complete the swim with days in hand.

If anyone would be willing to sponsor David or make a donation to this most worthy cause, please ring 01945 410987 or email [david.davies47@btinternet.com](mailto:david.davies47@btinternet.com)

### FLOWER ARRANGING AT THE WI

Parson Drove Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Their speaker was Margaret Shelley who demonstrated her flower arranging skills by producing autumnal and Halloween arrangements. Some lucky members were able to take these arrangements—as they were winners in a special raffle!

Everyone was reminded of November's Sausage Supper and Annual Meeting.

**Ann Payne**

### FUNDRAISING FOR NEW POOL TOPS £4000

The fundraising for Gorefield Primary School New Pool has so far has raised over £4,446. The money raised has been made through generous donations from local villagers, farmers and a donation from Gorefield Show Committee, and also by a sponsored silence by Anya Goodale, and a cake stall held by the children at school.

Our forthcoming events include:

A '**Jamie Oliver at home**' party where you will find everything you need, whether you're baking, entertaining, cooking with the kids or just want to stock up on your essential kitchen kit. On Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> in the School Hall at 7.30pm. Free entrance!

A **Craft session** on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall, 2pm-4.30pm – come along to make Christmas decorations and cracker decorations/gift boxes. Price for the session is £7.50, tickets available from Liz Rowell (numbers are limited)

A **bingo night** on Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup> in the School Hall. Eyes down at 7pm.

An **Auction of Promises** to be held at The Woodmans, Gorefield, on Friday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. A fun evening where all sorts of things are up for auction including, Christmas present wrapping, household chores, ironing, car washing.

A **sponsored channel swim** a group of Mums, Dads, grandparents and friends are getting together on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> (4.30pm – 6.30pm) to complete 21 miles in 2 hours at The Hudson Leisure Centre, Wisbech.

For further information regarding any of these events, or have any other ideas, please contact Lucy Turner on 871355 or Liz Rowell on 870054.

Details of further events in next month's "Village Voices".

### CHRISTMAS FAIRS AT EMMANUEL AND ST MARK'S

Emmanuel and St Mark's churches in Parson Drove are holding Christmas Fairs. 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 greatly received.

Emmanuel's Fair is on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2 to 4pm in the village hall.

St Mark's follows on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm in St Mark's church

### NEW AMENITIES WEBSITE

Parson Drove Amenities 95 has a new website [www.parsondroveamenities95.org](http://www.parsondroveamenities95.org) where you can find all the latest information and contact details.

## Useful contacts

### Churches

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

### Village Halls (bookings)

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

### Parish Council Clerks

Gorefield	870454
Parson Drove	700501
Wisbech St Mary	474191

### Schools

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

### Post Offices

Parson Drove	700511
Gorefield	870273
Wisbech St Mary	410288

### Health & Security

Home-Start	582552
Parson Drove Surgery	700223
Parson Drove Pharmacy	701778
North Cambs Hospital	585781
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553613613
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	01354622442
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Fenland District Council	01354654321
CCC Highways Maintenance	03450455212
Samaritans	08457909090
Victim supportline	08453030900

### Websites:

[www.gorefield.com](http://www.gorefield.com)

[www.guyhirn-online.org.uk](http://www.guyhirn-online.org.uk)

[www.murrow-village.com](http://www.murrow-village.com)

[www.parsondroveamenities95.org](http://www.parsondroveamenities95.org)

[www.wisbechstmary.org.uk](http://www.wisbechstmary.org.uk)

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

## WSM MOTHERS UNION

On October 4<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Marian Ford, the Licensed Lay Minister from St Wendreda's Church, March, who brought along many books, cards and other religious things from the March Christian Book Shop for us to see. Our next meeting will be Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> at Marjorie Palmer's home, Tudor Lodge, High Road, when her friend Rachel will give a talk on travel. Our meeting starts at 2.15pm and ends with refreshments. Everyone most welcome. **L. Brigden.**

### CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Advice can also be obtained by calling 01945 464367, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1pm

## BRITISH LEGION TOMBOLAS

The Parson Drove and Murrow Branch of the British Legion are holding two tombola sessions in November. The first, in aid of the Poppy Appeal, is on Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup>, and the second, on Thursday November 24<sup>th</sup>, is for Branch funds. Both sessions are in Parson Drove Village Hall, with doors opening at 6.30pm for Eyes Down at 7.30pm.

### MURROW FAMILY RACE NIGHT

A Family Race Night will take place in Murrow Village Hall on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> in aid of Village Hall funds. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. The event is strictly tickets only, which are available at £4 adult, £2 child from Donna Barnes on 700084 or 07917765881, or GB Autos, Murrow on 700196. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle.

## GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL

Saturday November 19 from 11am to 3pm

A unique display of  
**VINTAGE PHOTOGRAPHS**  
of  
**GUYHIRN**  
and **WISBECH ST MARY**

Admission £1

### NEWS FROM THE BOOK CAFÉ

Oxfordshire SANDS is a charity which raises money for research into Neonatal death and still birth. People are knitting small white blankets to help this charity in the Book Cafe in Murrow every Wednesday morning between 10.30am and 12 noon. Residents are invited to call in and collect a pattern, see how easy it is and join in. The organisers hope to have 5 blankets completed by Christmas. Details from Eileen Sattin on 700476.

Coming soon: a computer course, 'Skills for work', will be offered using new laptops and software. Further details available from Diana on 01945 700213.

The Book Cafe is open for book loans, computer access and simple refreshments on Wednesday mornings 10.30-12noon, Thursday afternoons 2pm - 4pm, and the second Saturday of each month 10.30am - 12.30pm.

## LUNCH CLUB RETURNS TO THE "WOODMANS"

Gorefield Luncheon Club recently had its first meal back at "The Woodmans" and were treated to a choice of Beef Stew or Curried Chicken which everybody enjoyed. Members are all looking forward to their next meal on Tuesday November 1<sup>st</sup> when they have a choice of Steak and Kidney pie or Roast Chicken, with Bread and Butter pudding or Fruit Flan!

## FOOTBALL CLUB RACE NIGHT

Guyhirn Football Club is holding a Race Night at the *Oliver Twist*, Guyhirn, on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All welcome.

## CABARET NIGHT AT PARSON DROVE

A Cabaret Night is to be held in Parson Drove Village Hall on Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6.30pm. A four-course meal is included and *The Business* will provide the music. Proceeds from the event will support Parson Drove Amenities 95. Tickets £22 from Louise Hayes on 701312 or 07587179082.

## WSM LUNCHEON CLUB DATES

Lunch dates for November are Tuesdays 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the Bridge Inn at 12 midday. If members cannot attend please contact Marjorie on 410511, or Bridge Inn on 410555.

## LAST DATE FOR DECEMBER COPY

The last date for copy for the December issue of "Village Voices" is **Monday December 12th 10pm**. This is to hopefully enable the copies to be delivered before Christmas. Thank you for your co-operation.

## GUYHIRN'S SUCCESSFUL GARDEN & GARAGE SALE

Guyhirn recently held its first giant Garden and Garage sale. Marie Coles, who helped organise the event, said: "I wanted to get the community spirit back and thought of the sale. It's quite similar to the one they have in Friday Bridge and was just as successful. It was going extremely well until we had the horrific rain, but everybody stayed with their stalls. Around 30 to 40 people were selling things, some successfully raising more than £200. We have had a lot of positive feedback and more people have said they will get involved next year as we plan to make it an annual event. Trying to get back the village spirit is quite hard but we are getting there".

### Did you hear about.....

.....the priest who was finishing his sermon in his well-attended church one Sunday morning. He said to his congregation "Next Sunday I will be preaching on the subject of Lying. As preparation, I would like everyone to read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of the gospel of St Mark"

The following Sunday, as the priest was about to begin his sermon, he asked the congregation "How many of you read the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter of St Mark, as I asked?"

Many hands went up. "Then you are the ones I need to speak to", said the priest, "Mark has only 16 chapters!"

## GOREFIELD PRE-SCHOOL NEWS

The Gorefield Pre-school will be holding a Christmas bingo evening on Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>. This evening will take place at the Gorefield Village Hall. Doors will open at 6-45pm ready for eyes down at 7-30pm. All money raised will be put towards the children's Christmas party. Pop along for a fun filled night and maybe leave a winner!!

Gorefield Pre-school will be holding their annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Gorefield village hall, from 10am until 1pm. There will be many stalls ranging from homemade cakes and jewellery to Christmas trinkets, including fun activities for the children too! Stalls are £6 each or 10% of profits made on the day. Anyone interested in having a stall please contact Rebecca on 07826927918

## GREEN COMMUNITY EVENT

Parson Drove is the first Green Community in Fenland. With rising fuel prices this has never been more important.

You are invited to come along on the 5<sup>th</sup> November to the free event and discover how renewable energy and greener living can help reduce your utility bills. Why not discover how you can benefit from solar energy without buying solar panels just by renting your roof; or see if you could get a grant for external wall insulation or a heat pump?

There will be a planner on hand to answer any planning questions you may have. There's something for the whole family with children's activities too; and if you are as keen to be green as we are, you could enter an energy competition to win £150

## CRIMEBUSTER DATES FOR NOVEMBER

The Safer Fenland Partnership CrimeBuster will visit the following villages with representatives of the police and the local authority:

Gorefield	15 Nov	8.30-11.00
Wisbech St Mary	15 Nov	11.30-14.00
Murrow	22 Nov	8.30-11.00
Parson Drove	22 Nov	11.30-14.00
Guyhirn	29 Nov	8.30-11.00
Thorney Toll	29 Nov	11.30-14.00

## 589 VEHICLES CHECKED; 37 SPEEDING

Here are the latest set of Speedwatch results in our parishes:  
Gorefield (High Road) - 77 Vehicles Checked, 14 Speeding  
Guyhirn (High Road) - 80 Vehicles Checked, 1 Speeding  
Leverington Common - 180 Vehicles Checked, 8 Speeding  
Murrow (Murrow Bank) - 58 Vehicles Checked, 7 Speeding  
Parson Drove (Main Rd) - 70 Vehicles Checked, 6 Speeding  
Wisbech St Mary (High Rd) - 124 Vehicles Chkd, 1 Speeding

## **RAINBOWS AND BROWNIES ARE COMING TO MURROW**

Mary Lane is currently a Guide Leader and Senior Section Leader in March with over 30 years experience. In response to requests by parents she has been given permission to establish Rainbow and Brownie Groups in Murrow. They hope to start in January of next year and will meet in the village hall.

Rainbows are the youngest section of the Guide Association aged between 5 and 7 years old. Meetings are usually an hour long and during that time the girls will undertake a variety of activities.

Brownies start at the age of 7 and can stay until around the time of their 10<sup>th</sup> birthday. The meeting usually lasts one and a half hours and the girls work in small groups for part of that time and as a whole for the remainder.

Initially it is only planned to set up Rainbows and Brownies so if you would like your daughter/s to be involved, please telephone 701776 for more details. Mary will be visiting Murrow School and making information available at Payne and Guyhirn schools in the near future.

As well as the children we will also need some more adult helpers. No experience is necessary as full training will be given, but you will have to undergo a CRB check. Again, if you would like more details please call the above number.

### **SUNSHINE CLUB'S SAUSAGES!**

Murrow Sunshine Club held a meeting in September and one in October when sixteen members enjoyed a Sausage Dinner. Birthdays in October were celebrated by Mr Wykes, Mrs Patrick, Mrs Grosspiezsch and Mr Clear. New members will be warmly welcomed.

### **WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FORMED**

A number of mixed-aged ladies attended a meeting recently in Wisbech St Mary Community Centre to consider forming a branch of the Women's Institute. Federation Officers outlined the aims and aspirations of the WI, and the meeting voted to form a branch. Meetings, with visiting speakers, will be held on the third Monday of each month in the Sidings Room at the Centre at 7.30pm. Further details from Alma on 410843.

## **OVER £500 RAISED AT CHILDRENS SOCIETY COFFEE MORNING**

A coffee morning at the home of Ann and Colin Desborough in September raised the magnificent sum of £534 for the Childrens' Society. Ann would like to thank the committee for helping with the stalls, and all who attended, gave prizes, or donations.

The Childrens' Society's next event is a Quiz in St Peter's Hall, Wisbech, on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **MANOR HOUSE ATTACKED**

As we go to press we learn of an outrageous attack on the 18<sup>th</sup> century Manor House in Wisbech St Mary. An iron bar and bricks had evidently been used and as a result, 7 windows have been destroyed (5 of which had been replaced once already), glass broken in a further six windows, two doors and the vine house.

Anyone who has any information should contact the police immediately. In the meantime the owner Mr Picton apologises to the village for the appearance of the House until repairs are carried out.

### **SAUSAGE SUPPER AND AUCTION**

This popular event will be held on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> in Parson Drove Village Hall, at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets £7.50 from Jos Markillie on 700373. Proceeds in aid of Parson drove Village Sports.

### **CHECK YOUR HOME SECURITY.**

**Information from Cambridgeshire Constabulary**

This summer has seen a sharp increase in the number of dwelling burglaries across the Wisbech sector. The majority of these offences have occurred during the daytime or evening period and most have been committed at properties where the occupants were away or on holiday. The main items of interest to thieves for this type of crime are jewellery and large electrical items. Some simple tips to prevent against this type of offence: -

- Use timer switches to operate household electrical goods whilst you are away. Lights, radios and even television sets can all be timed to come on when you are not home.
- Do not leave curtains or blinds open when you are not home. This makes it far too easy for potential thieves to spot items of interest –
- Under no circumstances leave any windows open, even if only on the latch. This includes upstairs windows and skylights. Ensure all doors are locked and bolted where possible.
- Use a trusted friend or relative to house-sit whilst you are away. Ask somebody trusted to attend your address occasionally to remove the build up of mail, which is a tell tale sign of a vacant home.
- Do not advertise the fact that you are going to be away.
- Ensure that any existing home security measures such as burglar alarms and motion sensor lighting are fully operational.
- Report any suspicious activity at properties you know to be empty immediately to Police. You will never be criticised for calling in, even if it turns out to be completely innocent.



## MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

B Wilshaw - Murrow  
N Kilby - Leverington  
A Marshall - Wisbech  
S Lakey - Murrow  
P Roberts - Kings Lynn  
M Grosspiezsch - Parson Drove  
D Britton - Guyhirn  
W Dolman - Wisbech

## 'FLU JABS AVAILABLE

Patients of Parson Drove Surgery are reminded that further influenza vaccination clinics are being held on the following dates:

Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9.00 –12 noon.  
Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>, 4.00 – 7.30pm.  
Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9.00 am–12 noon.  
Monday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 4.00 –7.30pm

## JOIN THE CAROL SINGERS!

Each year an intrepid band of residents tour Wisbech St Mary singing carols and having fun. This year they will meet at the Church House at 5pm on Sunday December 18, and are looking for additional singers of all ages. The tour usually finishes with mince pies and refreshments! Contact 410755 if you are interested.

### Notice

## LEVERINGTON CHARITY FEOFFES

(Charity Number 232526)

### CHARLTONS DOLE

(Help for those in the Parishes of Leverington & 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  
**19<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

## ACTIVITIES AT PARSON DROVE

**Over 60s Club** meets on alternate Thursdays at 2pm in St Mark's. New members welcome, Contact: M Shelly 700729.

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

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

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

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

### Notice

## JOHN BEND'S UNITED CHARITIES

Parson Drove

Applications are invited for the annual grant given each year to parishioners over 65, and who have lived in the village for 5 years or more.

Application forms are available from the Clerk, and all will be treated confidentially. Anyone already receiving this grant will automatically receive an application.

Please apply to: The Clerk,  
Mrs T Jarvis,  
5 Swan Bridge Farm  
Fen Road  
Parson Drove  
PE13 4JP  
Tel: 01945 700697.

**Applications must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> 2011.**

### Notice

## JOHN BENDS CHARITY PARISH OF WISBECH ST MARY

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  
**November 30<sup>th</sup> 2011**,  
can be obtained by applying to the Clerk

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

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## **WSM Community Centre - User Groups & Times**

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

**Mon. Street Dance/Ballet** Instruction – Weekly on Mondays from 3.30 – 8.30 (held in the Sidings)  
Contact Mrs. Edwards 01406 540023

**Women's Institute** – Monthly (third Monday in the month) from 7.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact  
Rosemary Green 01353 661508

**Zumba, Fitness Dance** – Weekly Mon. eve. 5.45 – 6.45 contact Kathleen 07880543621

**Short Mat Bowls** – Weekly on Mon. eve. from 7.00 – 9.30 contact Avis 01945 410452

**Tues. Parents & Toddlers** – Weekly on Tues. morn 9.30 – 11.30 (held in the Sidings) Contact Sarah  
01945 410503

**History Group** – Monthly (fourth Tues. in the month) from 7.00pm – (held in the Sidings) Contact  
Brian 01945 410755

**Dance Group** – Monthly Tues. from 2.00 - 4.30 monthly and Sat. Night, monthly contact Alf 01945  
450432

**Tea Dance** – Monthly Tues. from 2.00 – 4.30 Contact Tanya 01945 410473 (latest date displayed on  
notice board)

**Line Dancing Instruction** – Weekly Tues. eve from 7.30 – 9.00 Contact Brian 01354 856641

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

**Wed. Girl Guides** – Weekly on a Wed. 6.30 – 8.00 Contact Sarah 01354 659269

**Pool Team** – Weekly on Wed. nights from 8.00 – Contact Nick 410038

**Thurs. The Youth Club** – Weekly on a Thurs. eve. from 7.00 – 9.00 contact Paul 01945 410610 or  
Brian 01945 410986

**Good Companions** – Fortnightly on a Thurs. once a fortnight 2.00 – 4.30 (held in the Sidings) contact  
Betty 01945 410708

**Fri. Darts Team** – Weekly on Fri. nights – Contact 01945 410432

**Sun. Zumba Fitness Dance** – Weekly on Sun. morning from 10.30 – contact Nicola 01945 411874

**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

For general enquiries or bookings – Please contact us on 0845 2255566 or via website  
[www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com)

### ***Entertainment at the Centre – Autumn 2011 ~***

**Fri. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Comedy Night ~ 3 comedians ~ [www.hahaheehee.com](http://www.hahaheehee.com) ~ main hall**

**Fri. Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Quiz Night in the Station Bar**

**Sat. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Halloween Charity Disco ~ main hall**

**Sat. Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ The 'Tacky Tigerz' ~ 70's Glam Rock to present day ~ Info. as above ~  
in the Station Bar ~ (following the School Firework Display) ~ free entry**

**Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Motown and Soul Band [www.motorcityvipers.co.uk](http://www.motorcityvipers.co.uk) ~ main hall**

**Sun. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Children's Christmas Party ~ main hall**

**Fri. & Sat. Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Xmas Party Nights, 4 course meal, entertainment ~ main hall**

**Sat. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Xmas Eve ~ Rik King ~ Entertainer ~ [www.riking.com](http://www.riking.com) ~ Station Bar ~ free entry**

**Sat. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> ~ New Year's Eve ~ Events in the Station Bar and Main Hall**

For Further Information please see local updates, posters or contact number/website as above