

Village Voices

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Village Voices is produced by the parish churches for the local community providing news and information for:
Guyhirn-Gorefield-Murrow-Parson Drove-Rings End-Tholomas Drove-Thorney Toll-Wisbech St Mary
A warm welcome to all newcomers & visitors to our villages!

Vicar's Verbals

Sometimes things just don't work out the way we think they will. Friends will know that I spent part of my summer holidays writing a short play for the Chapel of Ease at Guyhirn but will be frustrated to learn that I have now had to cancel it due to difficulties beyond my control (*see right*). On the positive side I have had the excuse for doing some interesting research, meeting some very talented people and putting together a resource which can be used another time. When I feel disappointed in a church project I try to reflect that some of the Disciples were also rather disappointed with Jesus. Many of them thought he would raise local 'insurgents' and kick out the Romans – others thought he would rid the whole world of every human misery and cause of suffering – but some things just don't work out the way we think they will. Christians are called upon to dig in and keep working and trusting even when their best laid plans come to nothing. We need to look beyond current setbacks and believe that, in the fullness of time, all will be well. This is what Christians call hope. 'Hope' is not a naïve abdication of responsibility (Daddy will fix it for us) but a mature acceptance that we can never see the whole picture, and that even our failures are blessed if they are the fallen fruit of earnest labours. **Matthew.**

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MURROW METHODISTS' HARVEST WEEKEND

The weekend begins on Saturday October 10th with the popular monthly stall of bric-a-brac, jams, cakes and books. There will also be a display entitled 'Schooldays' with memories of school from Murrow students from 1920s to the present day, from 11.30am until 2pm.

On Sunday the Harvest Festival service begins at 10.30am. Rev Leslie Stoker will be leading the Harvest songs and prayers.

The weekend concludes with a super tasty Harvest Supper on Monday Oct 12th in the schoolroom. Tickets will be available from Church members or at the Saturday stall. £5 only for a splendid supper of jacket potato, real pork sausages, beans or peas, followed by homemade apple pie and cream, cheese, biscuits, tea and coffee. The supper is followed by the sale of harvest produce.

All are welcome; come and join in the fun of a traditional Harvest Festival.

Eileen Sattin, 01945 700476.

GOREFIELD LADIES GROUP

Although there was no meeting of the Ladies Group in August, suggestions came forward for speakers to be contacted in readiness for next season's calendar.

Glenys, as Group Leader, has been able to contact the majority of these guest speakers and has drawn up a provisional list, which will be on view for approval at the meeting on September 23rd.

A reminder that on October 28th, at 7.30pm, in Gorefield Village Hall the speaker will be Kevin Rogers, with a slide show. New members welcome.

Contact Glenys on 870276

GUYHIRN CHAPEL OF EASE SERVICES

Sunday October 18: A Service to commemorate St Luke. 9.30am with hymns.

Saturday October 31: All Souls Commemoration. 2.30pm.
An opportunity for bereaved families and friends to spend a quiet time together in the Chapel remembering those they love but see no longer.

WSM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Our next meeting will be on Thursday October 8th in the school hall at 7pm. The speaker will be June Barton, who will be entertaining us with a talk entitled "Privies and Pigsties"

New members are always welcome.

We will be visiting Welney Wetland Centre on February 11th 2010 to see the floodlit feeding of the swans. Tickets are £10 - to include entrance fee, bus trip and refreshments.

Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish

On April 20 1821 Good Friday, the Reverend Jeremiah Jackson, curate of Leverington, wrote in his diary:

"My Gorefield schoolchildren attended Leverington church and much gratified me by their neat appearance and proper demeanour. The parents of these poor children gladly pay half the expense of schooling, and are thankful for the privilege of sending them. Compare with this the Wisbech thoughtless view".

NEW COMMUNITY GROUP GRANTS SCHEME

The Criminal Justice System has established a new grants scheme for community groups. Community Cashback is a new scheme in England and Wales which gives local people a say in how £4 million of recovered criminal assets (for example confiscated cash or property) should be spent in their communities. The scheme is open to applications for community projects that address issues relating to the prevention of nuisance, anti-social behaviour or criminal activity in the local area. Further information is available from the [Criminal Justice](#) website.

JULIE'S PATCH

Now that the summer holidays have finished and the children are back at school, we will soon be altering the clocks. This is a month I normally visit the local schools to remind them about keeping safe and being seen by wearing bright or reflective clothing or carrying a torch. Some adults can learn from the children. How many times have you seen someone walking along a poorly or unlit road with dark clothing or riding a cycle without lights? **BE SAFE...BE SEEN.**

Halloween is only a few weeks away and children still enjoy trick or treat. Consider the feelings of others as not everyone, particularly the elderly, enjoy the event. If you are going out **BE SAFE...BE SEEN.**

If you need me call 0345 456 4564 Ext 3799 or e-mail julie.coales@cambs.pnn.police.uk

RURAL NORTH COMMUNITY FAIR

A Community Fair for villages in the north of Fenland is to be held on Saturday October 17th at Parson Drove Village Hall from 10am to 4pm. The Fair will give residents of all parishes north of the Nene the opportunity to discuss matters of concern with local authorities and public agencies. Refreshment and Freebies are promised. Free transport to the Fair can be booked on 01354 654321.

HELPING THE ANIMALS IN AFGHANISTAN

The Brooke Hospital is the UK's leading overseas equine welfare charity and their aim is to improve the lives of horses, donkeys and mules working in the poorest parts of the world. These animals form the backbone of the economy in many developing countries, supporting countless poor communities where many people earn less than a dollar a day.

The Brooke's mobile vet teams and community animal health workers, and their partner organisations worldwide, provide free treatment to animals and train animal owners. Currently, the Brooke has a crisis appeal for help in providing urgent assistance in Afghanistan. A coffee morning was held locally last month to raise funds. Further donations are invited. Please contact Ann Hyland on 410334 (evenings best).

GUYHIRN TO LOSE BANK FENCE

The overgrown broken-down fence on the river bank along High Road, Guyhirn, is to be removed.

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council has been told by the Environment Agency that the unsightly fencing will be taken down shortly. A section of fencing above the concrete piling near the school and village hall will be retained for safety reasons. The Agency will, however, retain the right to re-instate the fencing if necessary in the future.

**The Parish Council is asking for bins to be provided for people walking their dogs along the public footpath on the top of the bank at Guyhirn. The amount of dog faeces left on the bank is unacceptable, and dog owners are asked to cooperate by taking it home.

DOOR TO DOOR TRANSPORT

Do you have difficulties getting to places for appointments, shopping trips, or just to meet friends? Fenland Association for Community Transport (FACT) operate a service providing door-to-door transport for local residents. The buses offer wheelchair access and passenger lifts.

Residents need to register to use the dial-a-ride journeys. An annual membership fee of £5 per person is payable on registering. Journeys will then cost £4 for a standard return; £2 return, or £1 single for carers and children under 16. Residents in Fenland who are aged 60 or over, and have access to a **National Bus Pass can use the service free of charge, the only cost payable is the annual membership fee.**

A booking scheme is in place and for details of the service ring the FACT office on 01354 661234.

Pick-up times			
Guyhirn	10:30	12:00	14:00
Murrow	10:40	12:10	14:10
Parson Drove	10:50	12:20	14:20
Wisbech St Mary	11:00	12:30	14:30
Gorefield	11:10	12:40	14:40
Leverington	11:20	12:50	14:50
Return Times		13:00	16:00

SHOW SUCCESS AT MURROW

A bumper number of entries in the Murrow Autumn Flower & Vegetable Show helped make it a huge success. The Playing Field Trophy was awarded to Mr R Pollington for gaining the highest total of points. The Jim Miller Trophy was awarded to Molly Eyres for the best exhibit in the Junior Class. The Tom Benstead Memorial Trophy was awarded to Mrs A Wykes for her cross stitch picture, which was also judged to be the best overall exhibit in the show. The auction of produce helped raise a profit of £221 for Murrow Playing Field. The organisers wish to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the show such a success.

CHOOSING A NEW BISHOP OF ELY

The Diocese of Ely is seeking views from members of the public on the qualities they would like to see in their next Bishop. The process of finding a new Bishop of Ely follows the announcement of Dr Anthony Russell's retirement in January 2010.

The first step is to put together 'A Description of the Diocese and Statement of Needs' which will outline the vision for the next stage of the Diocese's life and the kind of person best suited to lead it. This time round the Diocese is extending its consultation to give everyone an opportunity to submit their views.

"We are keen to hear from a broad range of people living in Cambridgeshire and west Norfolk and we are inviting them to give their views," said Chairman of the Diocesan Vacancy in See Committee, Archdeacon of Cambridge, the Ven John Beer. "As a Bishop is both a public and religious figure, the Church wants to consult as extensively as possible. At this stage the Committee is not looking for names."

Once the Statement of Needs is completed, it will be submitted to the Crown Nominations Commission which, alongside six diocesan representatives, will work with the Archbishop of Canterbury to choose the next Bishop early in 2010. It is anticipated the new Bishop of Ely will take up his duties by the autumn.

During the interregnum the Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, will have overall pastoral care of the Diocese until the new Bishop is enthroned.

Typewritten submissions on not more than two sides of A4 should be sent to the Ven John Beer, St Botolph's Rectory, 1a Summerfield, Cambridge, CB3 9HE or by email to archdeacon.cambridge@ely.anglican.org The closing date for public comments is 26 October 2009. An open meeting will be held on 30 November 2009 in Ely Cathedral at 7.30 pm.

JOHN PECK SOCIETY

"All at sea in the 19th century"

The next meeting of the John Peck Society will be held in Parson Drove Village Hall on Tuesday October 20th, at 7.30pm, when Ian Smith will take members on an armchair cruise in an illustrated talk: "All at sea in the 19th Century". John Peck's sea trips were typical of travel 150 years ago. But how did he fare on those early steam paddlers? John Peck (1787-1851) loved travel, and his diaries record numerous expeditions, either on horseback, by coach, train or boat, or merely watching hot air balloons from Parson Drove, Boston, King's Lynn, Peterborough and London. His early reading lists include works by explorers, so it is not surprising that besides boating locally on the river and drains, he went on more adventurous trips from Wisbech to Hull, Liverpool to Anglesey and, most notably, from Dover to Calais and back.

The talk by Ian Smith, who has been on the high seas many times, will give a fascinating insight into travel by sea for the early tourists in the 19th Century.

Entrance for non-members £3.00. Refreshments.

A MESSAGE FOR GOREFIELD'S SCARECROW CREATORS

Dear Gorefield Scarecrow creators and hunters, what a wonderful turn out we had, they were all so brilliant, and such a difficult job for the judges. Alec and Rosemary Gagen were judged the winners with their 'Clerk' scarecrow. She was very efficient looking and could easily get a job in any office. The winners have chosen next year's theme which is **CARTOON CHARACTERS** so you can all start thinking about 2010. Next year we plan to have a route mapped out for people to follow, starting at the Playing Field, allowing the public to vote as well as the Judges. Give yourselves a pat on the back for such an excellent Festival this year and lets hope for a bumper one in 2010. Thanks to you all for making the effort and making Gorefield the No.1 village.

Marie and David.

+ Regular Services +

St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove

Oct 4th: 10.30. Mrs Mary Pillay
 Oct 11th: 9.30. United service, Parish Church.
 Oct 18th: 10.30. Mrs J Killingback
 Oct 25th: 10.30. United service. Holy Communion. Revd N Hannah/Rev M Bradbury.

Murrow Methodist Church

Oct 4th: 10.30. Rev N Hannah
 Oct 11th: 10.30. Harvest Fest. Rev L Stocker.
 Oct 18th: 10.30. Youth Worship Team
 Oct 25th: 10.30. Rev P Dewdney.

"Shalom": Oct 18th: 7.30pm Outwell.

Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church:

Every Sunday exc 1st :- 11am. SUNG EUCHARIST.
 1st Sunday:- 8am Communion, 11am Family Service
 3rd Sunday:- Evening Prayer: 6.00pm

Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:

1st Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.
 2nd & 3rd Sundays:- 9.30am Communion.
 5th Sunday:- 9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer
 4th Sunday:- United Service at St Mark's 10.30am.

Emmanuel Flower Rota: Oct 4, 11, 18 Mrs J Rawlings.

Coffee Rota: Oct 4th: Mrs B Selway, 11th Mrs E Newton, 18th Mr T Rawlings.

St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

except 3rd Sunday. 10.00am: Holy Communion
 3rd Sunday. 8.00am: Holy Communion

The Register

We welcome into the church's family

Evelyn Irons-Smith, baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday August 23rd.
Olivia Newby, baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday September 6th.

We wish every happiness to

Katie Overson and Gary Mann, married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday August 22nd.

Clair Bosson and Robert Howard, married in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Saturday August 29th.

Jane Robinson and Timothy Fowler, married in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Saturday September 12th.

Maryann Mace and David Ashton, married in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Saturday September 12th.

We send our love to the families as we say goodbye to

David Haynes of Parson Drove, whose funeral service was at Peterborough Crematorium on Monday August 17th.

David Turner, whose ashes were laid in Gorefield churchyard on Saturday August 22nd.

Joan Fowler, whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Wednesday August 26th, followed by burial in the cemetery.

Doris Smith, of Gorefield, whose funeral service was at Mintlyn Crematorium on Friday September 4th.

THANK YOU 1

The Murrow Fun Day Committee would like to thank all those who supported the Fun Day on 22nd August.

The event was opened by the Mayor of Wisbech, Coun. Mrs Yvonne Lawrence and attractions included popular local band *The Brink*, face painting, cake stall, bar, hog roast, bouncy castles, Fenland Model Aircraft, Crimebuster bus, plant and pet stalls, 5-side football, bottle stall, tombola, raffle and lots more.

The event surpassed our expectations and may even have made a small profit. We hope to build on this for future years – watch this space!!
Mary Lane.

WSM MOTHERS' UNION

Our September meeting started with Holy Communion in church, followed by a very enjoyable short talk from Rev Matthew Bradbury.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 6th at 2.15pm in the Church House, WSM, when our speaker will be Brian Payne. Everyone is most welcome.

THANK YOU 2

The Children's Society Coffee Morning held on Tuesday September 8th at Trafford Farm, Wisbech St. Mary, home of Ann and Colin Desborough, raised £231:61 for the society. Ann would like to thank everyone who was involved in any way with the event, and in particular those who attended, gave donations, prizes, cakes and served coffee, without whom the success would not have been achieved. The money raised on the morning will provide 20 homeless teenagers with a blanket, clothes and toiletries.

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR P D

The **Annual Carol Concert** in Parson Drove Village Hall is to be held on Friday November 20th. The concert featuring the Peterborough Salvation Army Band, is in aid of Emmanuel Church funds.

Christmas Fair The Parish Church's annual event will be in the Village Hall on Saturday December 5th 2pm to 4pm.

A Band Concert will be held in Village Hall on December 5th at 7.30pm by Hilgay Silver Band, for St Mark's church.

VISITING CHOIR AT EMMANUEL

A Choral Evensong will be held in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Sunday October 4th at 6pm. The service, which will be augmented by a visiting choir, is part of the church's harvest celebrations. Visitors from neighbouring churches most welcome.

CAN YOU SING OR RING?

Wisbech St Mary church would welcome anyone from *Village Voices* catchment area, or beyond, to join a choir, or to swell the numbers of the bell-ringing team. Singing and ringing enhances the life of a church. Contact *Village Voices* and we will put you in touch.

METHODIST TEA SERVICES

The speaker at the WSM Methodist Church Tea Service on September 30th is Lila Ford. On October 28th the vicar of WSM will be speaking.

The services, to which everyone is welcome, begin at 4.30pm.

BINGO CANCELLED

The Bingo evening planned for Thorney Toll Village Hall on October 19th, has been cancelled.

C.A.B. AT THE PAVILION

Citizens' Advice Bureau personnel will be in attendance at the Pavilion, Parson Drove Sports Field, from 1.30 to 3.30pm on Tues September 22nd.

BINGO BEGINS AGAIN

Casey and Barbara are starting their Bingo evenings again on October 8th. Future sessions on November 12th and December 10th. Proceeds are for the annual Christmas party in the village hall.

W.S.M. GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions meet on alternate Thursdays in WSM Village Hall from 2.30 to 4.30pm. Tombola is played and outings arranged.

All ages are welcome.

For details ring Betty on 410708

MURROW PRIZEWINNERS

Recent 200 Club Winners were
J Barnes - Murrow
S Neville - Murrow
A England - Murrow
N Boor - Parson Drove
J Hopkin - Murrow
K May - Murrow
E Cross - Parson Drove
S Bernhardt - Parson Drove

GOREFIELD CAR BOOT

Car Boot Sale on Saturday October 3rd on the Playing Field, Wolf Lane, Gorefield - Booters 0730am - Toilets and Refreshments available - £4 per pitch. Contact: 01945 870387 or 07918122217.

WSM YOUTH CLUB

WSM YOUTH CLUB meets in the Village Hall on Thursday evenings from 7 till 9pm. All 10-16 year old youngsters very welcome to join in and to bring some new ideas. Contact: 01945 410986.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

The WSM Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Village Hall each Monday from 7pm to 9.30pm. New members welcome. Contact 01945 410452 for details.

Parson Drove Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Village Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays 2.00 to 4.30pm. Each session £2. New members very welcome

LUNCHEON CLUBS

The W S M Luncheon Club meets at the Bridge Inn at midday on Tuesdays 13th and 27th October. Please let Marjorie on 410511, or the Bridge Inn on 410555, know if you cannot attend.

The Parson Drove Luncheon Club meets at the "Butchers Arms" alternate Thursdays at midday. For details, contact M Shelley, 01945 700729

THE RED HAT SOCIETY COMES TO GUYHIRN!

We are the women in red hats. We enjoy life to the fullest, no matter where we are or what we are doing! We are the mothers, daughters, sisters and grandmothers of society. We are Ladies! In the Red Hat Society, we throw most rules to the wind, but we still remember our manners. When we gather in public, we believe in being courteous to each other and to those around us. Want to know more?, then come along for coffee at the *Oliver Twist*, Guyhirn, at 11.30 am, on Monday October 12th, or to one of our monthly meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month also at the *Oliver Twist* at 7pm.

Contact: Jan Purdy on 450355.

PAYNE SCHOOL'S RACE NIGHT

The Payne School is holding a Race Night in Parson Drove Village Hall on Saturday October 10th at 7.30 for 8pm. Tickets: Adults £5, children £3, including choice of fish or sausage and chips supper. Contact Robert 07860 576030 or Colin 07511 656933

INTERESTED IN KNITTING?.

Would you like to join a Knitting Group? Lyn Howley is hoping to form such a group in this area.

If you would like to meet new knitters, enjoy a chat, and have fun, please contact Lyn on 01945 701574.

PILL POEM

A row of bottles on my shelf
Caused me to analyse myself
One yellow pill I have to pop
Goes to my heart so it won't stop.
A little white one that I take
Goes to my hands so they won't shake.
The blue ones that I use a lot
Tell me I'm happy when I'm not.
The purple pill goes to my brain
And tells me that I have no pain.
The capsules tell me when not to wheeze
Or cough, or choke or even sneeze.
The red ones, smallest of them all
Go to my blood so I won't fall
The orange ones, very big and bright
Prevent my leg cramps in the night
Such an array of brilliant pills
Helping to cure all kinds of ills.

But, what I'd really like to know
Is, what tells each one where to go?

*Written by Dorothy Hurst, Orton Waterville
WI for the August issue of the Huntingdon
& Peterborough WI Newsletter.*

ACTIVITIES AT PARSON DROVE

Whist Drives: Third Tues of each month at 7.30pm. at St Mark's.

The Fitness League meets Thursdays 9.45 to 10.45am. at St Mark's. Movement to music for all ages, young or mature. Helen 01406 330565.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

The locations, stops and arrival times are:

Alternate Tuesdays:- **Oct 6th and 20th**

Murrow Station Ave	10.30
Murrow Front Rd Paddocks	10.55
Parson Drove The Bank	11.15
Parson Drove Springfield Rd	11.35
Parson Drove Newlands Corner	11.50
Parson Drove Henlow Farm	12.10

Alternate Wednesdays:-
Oct 7th and 21st

Gorefield	
School	15.15
Post Office	15.40
Mill Height	15.55

Alternate Fridays:-**Oct 9th and 23rd**

Rings End	March Road,	10.00
Guyhirn	Selwyn Corner	10.25
Bunkers Hill	Lay-bye	10.45
WSM	Cannon Close	11.05
WSM	Church Road	11.30
WSM	Blundell Terr	11.55
Lev Common	Pear Tree Cres	12.15
Guyhirn	Chapelfield Av	15.20

Enquiries: at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library or 0345 045 5225

Police Notice

Recently a number of empty houses have been targeted by burglars and squatters in and around the Wisbech area.

The premises which have been targeted are homes which generally are unoccupied due to their elderly owner going into hospital or a nursing home, or properties which are empty due to the owners relocating.

If you are aware of a neighbour going into hospital, or a property which is empty, please be extra vigilant and do the neighbourly thing and keep an eye out for their home.

Perhaps you are going to be away from your property for a long period of time, and are concerned about leaving your home unattended, then please follow these few security measures

1. Speak to a family member or neighbour who you trust, and if possible give them a spare key so that they can come in and clear the mail from the doorstep and check that all is ok.
2. Buy some timers for lamps, these are not expensive and you can set a time for your lamps to come on and go off.
3. Do not leave blinds or curtains closed all day and night.
4. Make sure that all doors and windows are locked and secure.
5. Speak to your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator if you have one in your area.

CRICKET CLUB QUIZ NIGHT

Parson Drove Cricket Club are holding a quiz night on Friday 30th October in Parson Drove Village Hall. They are looking for teams of four people, £5 per person. Included in the entrance fee is a hot supper. Additionally there will be a bar available and raffles.

EAT AND BUY AT THE SUPPER AND AUCTION

The annual Sausage Supper and Auction in aid of the Parson Drove Village Sports Facilities, will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday November 7th, 7 for 7.30pm. There is a Raffle and Licensed Bar.

Tickets £7.50 per person are available from Viall's shop, or Jos 700373 and Pat 700135.

'An Insect in Amber' cancelled

With regret I have had to cancel the joint project with a local theatre company to stage the historical play at Guyhirn Chapel of Ease on October 22nd to 24th due to insoluble casting difficulties. We will look at reviving the project next summer when it may be easier to find players. My apologies to all concerned.

Matthew

Useful contacts

Churches	Schools	Health & Security
Revd Matthew Bradbury 410814	Gorefield School 870321	Parson Drove Surgery 700223
Lilian Brigden (Reader) 450481	Gorefield Pre-school 870439	North Cambs Hospital 585781
Revd Nigel Hannah [Methodist] 466426	Guyhirn School 450247	Queen Elizabeth Hospital 01553 613613
Village Halls (bookings)	Murrow School 700357	Social Services 481100
Gorefield 870829	Murrow Pre School 07754758332	P. Drove Surgery Car Service 07766534280
Guyhirn 450835	Payne School Parson Drove 700275	WSM Community Car Scheme 07592407283
Murrow 700212	Parson Drove Pre-School 07880 606450	Gorefield Social Car Scheme 01945 870539
Parson Drove 700729	WSM School 410312	Childline 0800 1111
Thorney Toll 07887754869	WSM Play Group 07944 719586	Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
or 07961957878		Dog control/Animal welfare 01354 622442
WSM Village Hall 410539	Websites: www.guyhirn-online.org.uk	Drugs Helpline 0800 776600
Parish Council Clerks	www.gorefield.com	Fenland District Council 111101354654321
Gorefield 870454	www.wisbechstmary.org.uk	Samaritans 08457909090
Parson Drove 700501		Victim supportline 08453030900
Wisbech St Mary 474191		Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564

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PARSON DROVE STREET PRIDE

P D Street Pride Group invite all supporters to join them in their next litter picks which have been arranged on the following dates: Sat 3rd Oct meet at Village Hall at 10am

Sat 14th Nov – meet at the Cage at 10am

New volunteers always welcome.

NEW RURAL DEAN AT MARCH

The Bishop of Ely has appointed the Revd Nigel Whitehouse, formerly of Leverington and WSM, now Team Rector of Whittlesey St Andrew & St Mary, Pondersbridge & Coates, as Rural Dean of the March Deanery

CAKES, PRODUCE, JAM & CHAT!

The next Mart at WSM will be on Saturday October 10th from 9am to sell-out (usually 10am). After you have purchased your cakes, produce, jam and bric-a-brac, stay and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and catch up on the village news!

THE CAGE'S FRIENDS

The historic Cage on the Green at Parson Drove is open on Sundays and Wednesdays 2 to 5pm.

If you are interested in helping, please ring Roger on 700501 or Anita on 701220.

Voices Past No3

OWEN GARVEY'S LETTER FROM "THORNEY TOUL"

In the mid-nineteenth century there was a substantial population of Irish families living in and around Thorney Toll, 3 miles west of Guyhirn. They worked long hours on the large arable farms in Wisbech Fen. Most families remained very loyal to their Catholic upbringing, and appreciated visits from a priest and the occasional event that brought the community together. By the end of the 1890s the Irish population had built their own Roman Catholic church at Thorney Toll, which was under the care of the priest from Wisbech.

This letter, addressed to the Editor, and printed in the "Wisbech Telegraph" on Saturday July 2nd 1864, is reproduced here exactly as it was written...with more than a hint of an Irish accent!

Sir,

Will ye resave two or three lines about our Tea Party at Thorney Toul last Monday, which his Riverence, and the ladies and gintlemen around, so kindly got up for us. Niver did I think, when I left the ould counthry, that I should find such great and noble hearts as the ladies and gintlemen in the Fens possess. Indeed, Sir, there is not a gintleman in the whole county Tipperary that can be compared to Mr Whitfield, Mr Turnell, Mr Crane, Mr Huddleston, Mr Bourt and other gintlemen in Wisbech and Thorney Fens.

And, sure, if the gintlemen were so kind to us, the ladies of course were still kinder. They did not mind my gray frieze coat, nor Pat Molloy in his shirt sleeves, as some of the fine ladies do in yer large towns. They are too noble hearted to be too particular. Ah, niver shall I forget Mistress Turnell, Miss Ashley and my old Master's young ladies Misses Huddlestons, and all the ladies how kind they were to come and make tea for us. How patiently did they wait for nearly three long hours to pour out cup after cup. And, faith, it is not only at tea parties these ladies

are good to us, but when any of our families are poor and sick in the could winther, they come like angels into our humble homes, are gentle and kind towards us, and bring us wine and other good things. And their visits are more gladdening to us, because we respect our old Faith.

Well, yer Honour, to go on with the party, we had a very fine evening for it. About 200 persons including 60 children sat down to a very good tea. Mr Preston and Mr and Mrs Twomey, etc., provided for the party. Mr Whitfield's barn which he so kindly lent was very nicely decorated for the occasion.

After we had dhrunk our tea and listened to the fine music, we had a great game of football. Mr Turnell presided over the races and all the sports. The ladies and gintlemen enjoyed themselves with the music and dancing. It was, indeed, all beautiful and quite heavenly.

About 9 o'clock we asked his Riverence whether we should give three cheers for Mr Whitfield for his kindness. The Priest came amongst us and immediately proposed them. Three wild cheers burst through the air for the worthy gintlemen, and three for Mr Turnell, and three for the ladies and gintlemen who had honoured them with their presence, and the last three, with hats thrown up, were for our Priest. "God save the Queen" was played and the field immediately cleared. The Priest tould us before he left for Wisbech that we should always feel indebted to Mr Whitfield and Mr Turnell and all the ladies and gintlemen of Wisbech and Thorney Fens, who contributed so much of their means, and so much more by their presence, to the Catholic Tea Party at Thorney Toul.

I am, Sir, your obadient sarvant,

Owen Garvey".

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Gorefield Parish Council meets on the first Tuesday of each calendar month. Meetings are held in Gorefield School and start at 7 pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend these meetings as observers but there are not permitted to be part of the meeting. However the Council is always willing to allow participation and representation from members of the parish prior to the commencement of the formal meeting.

Website www.gorefield.com

The Parish Council, with the help of John Timms at Design Site, has its own website for your use. Visit www.gorefield.com to view Parish Council minutes, Councillor contact details, Parish Plan etc. The website also provides a wealth of information about our village and its community in general.

Notice of meetings and other relevant Council literature can always be found on the Parish Council Notice Board located outside the Shop and Post Office on High Road.

Gorefield Parish Council is pleased to be associated with *Village Voices* and welcomes the opportunity to be able to regularly share information and communicate freely with the Parish.

Councillor Davall, who has been a Parish Councillor since 1993, has resigned for personal reasons mainly concerning his health. John has been a valued Member over those years and I am certain his presence and unique approach will be missed. Thank you John for your support and we wish you well for the future.

This resignation creates a vacancy on the Council and after following the required procedure the Council may need to co-opt someone to fill the position.

If you are interested and would like to represent the community please consider the following

Co-option

There are no rules regarding co-option of members. The Parish Council may choose who they like but the person must be qualified to have been a candidate (see extract below).

There are several methods of co-opting used by Councils but the most popular is one whereby the Council puts up a notice in various places, within the Parish, inviting anyone interested to write to the Parish Council Chairman, giving reasons why he or she would like to be co-opted onto the Council.

The Chairman then reports any letters to the Council, who then either co-opt direct or invite applicants to appear at the Council meeting for an interview.

Newly co-opted members are also required to complete a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Qualifications for Candidature

To be qualified to be elected a member of a parish council a person must be 21 years of age or over, and a British subject or citizen of the Republic of Ireland, and either:

- (i) be a local government elector of the parish, or
- (ii) have during the whole of the twelve months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish; or
- (iii) his principal or only place of work in the twelve months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate have been in the area of the parish; or
- (iv) have resided either in the parish or within 3 miles thereof during the whole of the 12 months preceding the day on which he is nominated as a candidate.

There are certain disqualification's for election, of which the main (see 5. 80 of the Local Government Act 1972) are.. -

- (a) holding a paid office under the local authority;
- (b) bankruptcy;
- (c) having been sentenced to a term of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) of not less than three months, without the option of a fine during the five years preceding the election; and
- (d) being disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices.

Michael Humphrey.