

Village Voices

September 2009



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 Verbal's

It must have come down with a terrible crash last night, but fortunately no-one heard it, and more importantly the car wasn't in the garage. You see the shelf I had put up rather hurriedly last year to accommodate a great pile of car-related items, ripped itself off the wall throwing heavy tins and tools all over the garage. So guess what I spent this morning doing? But I only have myself to blame. As I wearily took the old shelf apart I noticed that I had only used four one-inch screws to attach the whole thing to the wall. Perhaps it was because the brick is so darned hard and it was such a pain to drill the holes. But it only goes to show that sometimes we get exactly what we deserve. Make a bad job of something and it will come back to bite you. And I got to wondering whether there were any other things I have done recently where I have rushed or skimped on the preparation or execution. Dealing with the people I meet is just the same. A missed opportunity to spend quality time listening to someone's concerns and taking the trouble to find out exactly what they need, and how to make a real difference for them, is something I suppose we all regret. Still, the shelf is back up now – twelve 'two inch eights' ought to do it!

Matthew.

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING AT PARSON DROVE

St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove is holding its Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday September 27th at 10.30am. when the preacher is Revd M Pillay. The service will be followed by a Salad Lunch. Anyone wishing to stay for lunch please advise church members by September 21st; cost £5.

GOREFIELD HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year's Harvest Festival service in St Paul's church, Gorefield, will be held on Sunday September 27th at 10.00am. In the evening the Harvest Supper and auction of produce will be held in the Village Hall, 6.00 for 6.30pm. Tickets £6 from Rosemary on 870460.

METHODIST TEA SERVICES

The popular Tea Services at Wisbech St Mary Methodist Church return on Wednesday September 30th at 4.30pm when the speaker is Liza Ford. Everyone very welcome. **The Church's Bazaar** will be held in the chapel on Saturday October 3rd. Details in next *Village Voices*.

MORNING WORSHIP AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE

The next service in Guyhirn's Chapel of Ease is on Sunday September 13th at 9.30am. Everyone is very welcome. Come and experience the unique atmosphere in the ancient building

Harvest home!

*"Come, ye thankful people come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in
'ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!"*

During September and at the beginning of October we meet to celebrate the harvests of corn and fruit. Everyone is invited to join the congregations in our churches and chapels to thank God for providing plentiful food, and to sing those traditional harvest hymns.

Harvest is the process of gathering mature crops from the fields. Reaping is the cutting of grain for harvest, traditionally using a scythe, sickle, or reaper, but now monster combine-harvesters are used. Harvest timing is a critical decision to be made by our farmers, balancing the likely weather conditions with the degree of crop maturity. The harvest marks the end of the growing season, or the growing cycle for a particular crop, and this is the focus of celebrations of many religions. So join us in our Harvest Festivals as we raise the roof with those magnificent songs of harvest home!

*"All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the
Lord,
for all his love!"*

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR GLASSES?

A pair of respectable spectacles in a Coakley box was left in WSM church after the Family Service on August 2nd. To recover them, please contact Lilian or Terry on 450481.

“AN INSECT IN AMBER”
October 22nd, 23rd & 24th.

Have you ever stood and looked at the Chapel of Ease at Guyhirn and wondered who built it and why? Have you ever wondered why it was not adopted as the parish church, or why it is so plain outside and inside? Have you ever wondered why the building was never consecrated, or why there are no reliable records of its origins? Perhaps the answer is in the date over the door!

‘An Insect In Amber’ is a short play which aims to explore some of these questions by dramatising the last moments in which it remained a Puritan Chapel at the close of the Cromwellian Commonwealth. Young people from the Angles Theatre will be staging a drama specially written to explore some of these unanswered questions.

School children from our local primary schools and older students will be invited to the performances on Thursday and Friday 22nd and 23rd October respectively. On Saturday 24th, the performance will be for parishioners and other ticket holders. All performances commence at 1.30 to take advantage of daylight. The performances help to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Churches Conservation Trust, in whose care the Chapel rests, together with the celebration of the 900th anniversary of the Diocese of Ely.

Tickets are free (visitors will be invited to make a donation to Chapel restoration and maintenance funds) and are available from the Vicar, Revd Matthew Bradbury who can be contacted by e-mail on matthew.bradbury@ely.anglican.org or by phone on 01945 410184.

CHURCHWARDENS’ PLEA

Local churchwardens, respectively responsible for the burial grounds at Guyhirn, Gorefield and Parson Drove, are asking members of the public to assist in keeping the churchyards free from litter and dead flowers by using the refuse bins provided. These bins, however, are only collected on a fortnightly basis, so if they happen to be full visitors are asked to take the debris home for disposal. By assisting in this way the grounds where loved ones rest can be maintained with respect and dignity.

THE MAGNIFICENT MART

The next Mart will be open in the Church House, WSM, on Saturday September 12th from 9am to sell-out (usually 10am).

On sale, as usual, will be home-made cakes, produce, preserves and bric-a-brac. Coffee and tea are available whilst you catch up on the village news before you return to the Saturday chores!

The Mart is held every month and is extremely popular and provides a regular income for church funds. Two or three people take turns to organise the event, and we are looking for volunteers to add to the rota. Please contact Caroline 410342 or Ann 410755 if you would like to have a go.

GOREFIELD LADIES AMONG THE FLOWERS

Gorefield Ladies Group enjoyed a perfect evening's visit on Wednesday 22nd July to NGS open gardens at Outwell.

Tim Meakin, the owner and well known florist, escorted our group and answered many questions. There were numerous interesting plants, shrubs and trees, which inspired us all. Refreshments were served, under the gazebo, and plants were sold, with all the donations going to charity.

Members birthdays for August, included Jean Mills & Margeret Tuck.

The next meeting is in the village hall, on Sept 23rd at 7.30pm, with the Ramsey Story Tellers.

There has been no meeting in August but ideas for speakers for the 2010 programme are requested.

Please contact Glenys Grimm on 870276.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL AT SAINT MARY’S

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary is commemorated on Tuesday September 8th. A Solemn High Mass will be celebrated that evening at 7.30pm in Wisbech Saint Mary & Guyhirn Church. Everyone from our three parishes is warmly invited to join the congregation as we meet on this sacred day.

WSM WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Our first meeting of the "New Year" will be on Thursday September 10th at 7pm in the school hall. The speaker is Tim Dent who will talk about the Woodland Trust.

We look forward to meeting you all and welcome any new members - just come along to the school on 10th September. **Liz Hunt & Mary McClagish**

MOTHERS’ UNION NEWS

Our first meeting after the summer break will be on Tuesday September 1st at 2.15pm in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church for Holy Communion, followed by a talk by Rev Matthew Bradbury, and a cup of tea to finish. Everyone most welcome. **Lilian Brigden.**

THANK YOU 1

The chairman of the Parson Drove Amenities '95 committee, Alan Killingworth writes:

“On behalf of the committee I should like to extend a vote of thanks to Roger Reader for the excellent Classic Car & Bike Show which was held over the weekend 25/26 July. The weekend was a great success entirely due to the hard work your committee put in during the last 12 months. I am sure everyone appreciates the effort that goes into making a show of this nature run as smoothly as it did. Thank you also for the generous donation. I hope you intend to repeat the process next year and assure you we will give you any support you require”.

The Register

We welcome into the Church's family:

Marley Eaden, baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday July 19th.
Isla Groves, baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove on Sunday July 19th.
Phoebe Limpus, baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday July 26th.
Jake Allen, baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove on Sunday August 2nd.
Annabel Giles, baptised in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove on Sunday August 9th.

We wish every happiness to:

Emma Pooley and Stephen Chamberlain, married in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Saturday July 18th.
Christine Clements and Mark Smithdale, married in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Saturday July 25th.
Sam Fox and Billy Cunningham, married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, on Saturday August 1st.
Natalie Jackson and Andrew Smith, married in Emmanuel church, parson Drove, on Saturday August 1st.

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

Doris Venni, whose funeral took place at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard on July 16th.
Eileen Pople, whose funeral took place at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard on July 22nd.
Catharine Odell, of WSM, whose funeral was at Mintlyn Crematorium on July 24th.
Tony Richardson, whose funeral took place at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in the cemetery, on July 24th.
Raymond Feary, whose funeral took place at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by burial in Guyhirn churchyard on July 28th.
George Butcher, of Gorefield, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on August 4th.
Percy Paine, of WSM, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on August 5th.
George Reader, formerly of Parson Drove, whose funeral took place at Emmanuel church, followed by burial in the churchyard, on August 10th.

THANK YOU 2

Many thanks to all the people who regularly save in the Children's Society boxes in Gorefield. This year we raised the great sum of £206.23. Thanks, also, to Brenda Peckover for her help again. **Daphne Twitchett**

THANK YOU 3

"Thank you to everyone who helped to organise, or who attended, Tholomas Drove Fête. We raised over £500 towards fencing George's Field to make it safer for everyone to use. We hope to see you again next year!"
Caroline Hyden (on behalf of the Committee).

+ **Regular Services** +

St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove

Sept 6th: 10.30. Revd L Stoker
 Sept 13th: 9.30. United service in Parish Church.
 Sept 20th: 10.30. Holy Comm. Revd N Hannah.
 Sept 27th: 10.30. Harvest Festival United service
 (see separate item)

Murrow Methodist Church

Sept 6th: 10.30. Local arrangement.
 Sept 13th: 10.30. Holy Comm. Revd N Hannah.
 Sept 20th: 10.30. Mr J Gautrey.
 Sept 27th: 10.30. Local arrangement.

"Shalom"

Sept 29th: 7.30pm. St James's, Marshland.

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
 Other services as announced.

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 Sept 6th, 13th, 20th. Mrs C Leader.

St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

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

EXERCISE WITH JOY

Are you interested in walking with others? If the answer is 'yes' then meet Joy Andrew outside Gorefield Village Hall Tuesdays and Thursday Evenings at 7pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am starting 1st September. No charge. If you would like more information ring Joy on 870179.

THE OLD APPLE ORCHARD IN RUMMER'S LANE An Appreciation

My thanks to Mr Wheatley and DEFRA for the splendid way in which our historic apple orchards are being cared for. It is a joy to walk Squib and Vicky there, and to meet other equally appreciative dogs and their owners. I hope everyone in Wisbech St Mary is aware of the facility with its good place to park at the side of the road.
Caroline J Dobson.

MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

S Akhurst - Murrow
C Gover - Murrow
A Laming - Holbeach St John
M Skeels - Murrow
J Youden - Murrow
J Barnes - Murrow
D Kennelly - Murrow
R Mason - Wisbech St Mary

COFFEE MORNING DOWN ON THE FARM

The Children's Society is holding a National Coffee Morning on Tuesday September 8th 2009. Locally, everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of coffee at Trafford Farm, Station Road, Wisbech St Mary at 11am. The event will be hosted by Ann Desborough, who hopes as many people from our villages as possible will help to raise funds for this excellent cause.

FULL UP!

The annual trip to Blackpool, organised by the residents of Thorney Toll, is now sold out.

ADVANCE NOTICES of THORNEY TOLL EVENTS

In Thorney Toll Village Hall on October 10th there is to be a Harvest Auction starting at 7pm.

"You bring it, we will sell it".

Fully Licenced bar, All proceeds to Village Hall funds, so everyone is invited to come along and have a great night.

On December 5th 2009 there will be a Christmas Fayre starting at 7pm

"You bring it, We will sell it", All funds to Village Hall.

PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION'S SHOW

The Gorefield Playing Field Association's 18th ANNUAL FRUIT, FLOWER, VEGETABLE and CRAFT SHOW will be held on Saturday 5th September, in the Parish Rooms, Gote Lane.

Schedules of over 26 classes (including children's), rules and entry forms can be obtained from Marie Humphrey on 410436, David Pope on 870059, and the Post Office

Exhibits should be entered between 9am and 11.45am. Judging takes place at 12 noon, and the public viewing starts at 2.30pm. Prize-giving at 3.30pm, will include the winners of the Scarecrow Competition. A Draw and Auction of produce follows.

It promises to be a great afternoon!

MURROW VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

At the recent annual meeting the following persons were elected:

Mrs Maureen Woollard, Chairperson,

Mr Peter Barnes, Vice Chairman,

Miss Mary Lane, Secretary,

Mrs Julia Barnes, Treasurer.

The Secretary's telephone number is 701776.

The telephone number for hall bookings remains the same, 700212.

CHILDREN'S HOSPICE NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Milton Children's Hospice, near Cambridge, is looking for Collection Box Organisers and Publicity Officers. Both roles would involve a few hours a month and full training will be given. Your help will enable them to ensure that they can continue to provide care to those children with various life-threatening conditions and complex health care needs and support to their families

If you are interested in becoming part of the Children's Hospice at Milton, which is a registered charity, and would like to learn more about the work of EACH please go along to the Volunteer Open Day on Monday 12 October 2009 from 3pm-6pm.

Contact Nicky Jackson or Beccy Turner on 01223 205180 or email nicky.jackson@each.org.uk to book your place and to answer any questions.

GET HELP OR PRACTICE YOUR IT SKILLS

Andrew is a volunteer from Wisbech and he is available in the Murrow Book Café for helping with computing if you are a beginner, or know a little and want to go further. He also runs a course in Wisbech Library.

He will be in Book Café on Thursday September 3rd and 22nd, October 6th and 22nd, November 9th and 24th from 6-7pm.

JULIE'S PATCH

Pc Julie Coales, Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Recently there have been a spate of thefts of ladies handbags and purses in and around Wisbech town centre. Sometimes the first time the losers are aware that their bag/purse is missing is when they go to pay for their shopping. If you carry a handbag, put the strap across and in front of you, do the fasteners up. Don't leave your bag unattended at any time. How many times have you seen a handbag on a trolley while the owner is down the aisle or busy talking?? If you have your bag and contents stolen, you might have to think about cancelling credit cards, changing locks on doors etc etc. Think what you carry in your bag! Don't carry more than you need - particularly cash. Men, watch the wallets in the back pockets!!! They can make an easy picking
If you see anything unusual, or want to contact the police, ring 0345 456 4564.

WISBECH SAINT MARY PARISH CHURCHYARD

When the churchyard was extended to the west and north of the church in 1858, the Rev Henry Jackson, and his churchwardens decided to plant trees around the complete boundary of the burial ground. Most of those trees have survived, creating a green oasis in the centre of the village.

Earlier this year the Parochial Church Council (PCC) instructed a qualified and experienced arborist to advise on the present condition of the remaining 47 trees. His report was accepted by the PCC.

Whilst in general terms the trees are reasonably healthy, they are not expected to survive for more than thirty to forty years, and are already subject to various diseases but which are not considered life-threatening.

The arborist's recommendation was that some trees should be felled immediately as they were considered a risk to public safety. All the remaining trees have had remedial attention, including the removal of dead wood and over-hanging branches. The cost of this essential work is almost £10,000, which will be the subject of grant applications.

In the light of the arborist's report, the PCC proposes to implement a policy of replanting where trees are felled. This will ensure that the churchyard remains a place of peace and beauty, and does not have a negative impact on the wildlife. The first phase of replanting will concentrate on the roadside boundary. Established young trees will be carefully sited so as to preserve the views of the church building. The PCC wishes to give parishioners the opportunity to sponsor or purchase a tree, perhaps in memory of a loved one, or a special occasion. Others might wish to contribute, anonymously if they wish, to a replanting fund. There will be an Open Day in October when sponsors will be able to meet the tree specialists to discuss which would be the appropriate range of species for this particular site.

For details, please contact Brian Payne on 410755 or paynewsm@btinternet.com

[The replanting project referred to above does not include the neighbouring District Council cemetery]

The tree project was entrusted to East Anglia Tree Care, of March, and carried out to our entire satisfaction. They can be contacted on 01354 656096 or 07980 679535.

BOOK CAFÉ NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The Murrow Book Café would like to be open on extra days but they need more volunteers to issue books or make tea/coffee or help with IT queries. At present there is a thriving session on Thursday afternoons when regulars enjoy a chat, a cup of tea, return books or e-mail a friend/grandchild or look up a train time or holiday. All the facilities are available to the community in and around Murrow absolutely free. The only charge is for refreshments.

If you could help the Café to be open on other days please contact Eileen on 700476 or Diana on 700213. The Book Café is a great way to get involved with the community and make new friends.

GUYHIRN POND GROUP WIN COMMUNITY AWARD

On Saturday August 15th, at West Park, March, Fenland District Council together with BBC 'Breathing Places', presented Brenda Reay, on behalf of 'Friends of Guyhirn Pond', with a certificate as winners of the community groups category in the Fenland Great Nature Challenge. This was for work carried out last year in getting some way into improving the condition of Guyhirn Pond and getting wild life back in and around the pond. We still have a long way to go in restoring this pond and are looking for willing helpers to continue the task. As soon as the Parish Council have carried out work on dangerous trees around the pond we will be back to continue the work. FDC and Street Pride have offered to continue to work with us as part of the prize, and Alvenor Aquatics have awarded us £50 vouchers for use on the pond renovation. **Terry Jennings**

INVITATION TO LEARN BASIC I.T. IN PARSON DROVE

Adult Basic IT classes run by Dan and David, volunteer tutors, are re-starting at Payne School Parson Drove on Monday evenings 4.00-5.30pm in September. Alternatively we are also running sessions at Parson Drove Community Access Point at the Pavilion on Thursday mornings. Get help with your Basic PC skills or even your digital photographs. For details of either class ring David on 700935 or Dan on 700787.

CHANGES ON THE WAY IN GOREFIELD

There have been some important changes happening to village organisations in Gorefield, changes which are aimed at driving forward the delivery of new facilities for the whole village. Firstly some news about the Sport and Amenity group which was formed in the early 1990's under the Chairmanship of Maurice Young with the vision of funding, building and running a new Community Centre on the village playing field. After 18 years of fundraising, planning, consultation meetings and funding applications this group has now been dissolved. This decision was taken after our last lottery application was rejected and it was decided a new approach was needed not only to the size and scale but also to delivery of this project. The funds raised by that group which totalled in excess of £65,000 have been passed to the Parish Council for them to hold as custodians. The Parish Council has now applied to Sport England for additional funding, and coupled with secured funding of £50,000 from Fenland District Council, the Parish Council hopes to be in a position to fund a replacement Pavilion with changing facilities, social area and meeting space. Many of the Sport & Amenity Committee members have joined the Playing Field Association to continue the fundraising and work with the Parish Council to provide this much needed facility. The important point about this change is that all fundraising events, previously labelled as Sport & Amenity Centre, will now be run under the heading of Gorefield Playing Field Association. These include Car Boot Sales, Flower and Vegetable Show and Whist Drives to name but a few. Sadly Maurice died unexpectedly but I am sure he would approve any move to provide new facilities. The involvement of the Parish Council is welcomed and it is hoped that any such partnership will be to everyone's advantage especially the residents of Gorefield. One positive example of this is the news that Councillor Carroll has secured conditional funding of £40,000 for new play equipment to be situated on Gorefield Playing Field. This bid is for play equipment for the 8 to 13 year age range but Councillor Carroll is already chasing funds to provide add-on schemes to cover all age groups. We will endeavour to keep everyone informed of progress on a regular basis through articles in *Village Voices* so please watch this space.

PARSON DROVE CAR AND BIKE SHOW

This year's show on 26th July was very well attended both by members of the public and exhibitors. The final profit raised over the weekend was £2,520 and this will be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Parson Drove Amenities 95. The organisers would like to thank all sponsors and helpers who made the show so successful. The new World Pillowfight Champion is 17 year old Craig Bradshaw from Leverington who beat Tim Carr in the final.

Winner of the car destruction competition where the oil and water are drained from the engine and the car is run until it blows up was Eddie Barnes with 21 minutes and 16 seconds

Winner of the how many wheel rims in the car competition was also Eddie Barnes who was spot on with his guess of 39

Winners of the adults target bowls was Mr Garry Fitzjohn, Trevor Spriggs, Kieren Barry and Margaret Shelley and the children's winners were Prentice and Emily Donnelly.

Winners of the Egg Throwing Competition were Jackie Pugh and Diane Moore.

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 Tuesday September 22nd.

CAR BOOT SALES

Car Boot Sales will be held on Saturday 12th and 26th September on Gorefield Playing Field, Wolf Lane. Booters 7.30am Refreshments and Toilets available. Details: Norman Carroll

RURAL WISBECH WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

So far 2009 has proved to be an exciting year at the children's centre. Following on from our official opening in May we have been able to deliver a fun packed summer holiday programme despite the weather's best efforts to spoil it!! We are now looking forward to our autumn programme which includes the following;

Stay n Play - have fun getting messy, creative at these free play sessions Light Lunch Club - come along and enjoy cooking healthy meals and snacks on a budget.

Bumps to Babes - a support group for pregnant and new mums with information advice and support on all baby related topics. Sign Time - experience the fun of communication through baby sign whilst enjoying your favourite rhymes and stories.

For dates and times and general information relating of the above groups please contact Hilary on 07824 302441 or Anne-Marie on 0795091791.

All of our activities are FREE and we provide activities in Parson Drove, Guyhirn, Wisbech St Mary, Tydd St Giles, Gorefield, Leverington and Murrow.

139 Vehicles were entered in the various Show and Shine classes which were voted for by the public winners were :-

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| Class 1 Best Paint Job | No 42 Ian Budd |
| Class 2 Best Classic Car | No 5 A Carter |
| Class 3 Best Classic Bike | No 92 Gino Cosentino |
| Class 4 Best Custom Car | No 101 D Quarrington |
| Class 5 Best Custom Bike | No 36 D Lloyd |
| Class 6 Best in Show Car | No 70 J Upchurch |
| Class 7 Best in Show Bike | No 92 Gino Cosentino |
| Class 8 Best Kit Car | No 1 Roger Reader |
| Class 9 Best Tractor | No 21 Collin Britt |
| Class 10 Best Trike | No 96 Gary Cavey |
| Class 11 Best Costume for Vehicle | No 42 Ian Budd |
| Class 12 Shed of the Show | No 94 P Busby |

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Sept 12th & 13th 2009 Heritage Open Days celebrates England's architecture and culture by allowing visitors free access to interesting properties that are either not usually open, or would normally charge an entrance fee. Heritage Open Days also includes tours, events and activities that focus on local architecture and culture. Heritage Open Days provides visitors with a unique opportunity to explore and enjoy these sometimes hidden, often curious and always interesting places in English cities, towns and villages - and completely free of charge. Follies, contemporary buildings, churches, factories, tunnels, temples, offices, private homes, industrial sites, castles, windmills, town halls - guided walks, concerts, re-enactment, trails, role-plays, children's activities - the variety of places and ways to discover them are endless

Locally,

Saturday Sept 12th and Sunday Sept 13th the following will be open:

Friends Meeting House,
Wisbech Guyhirn Chapel of Ease (service for everyone on Sunday at 9.30am)
Masonic Temple, Crescent, Wisbech.
Town Council Chamber, Wisbech.
The Institute, Hill Street, Wisbech.

On Saturday only:

14 North Brink, Wisbech.
Peckover House (free entry)
Wisbech & Fenland Museum Library.



Make sure you are registered to vote

- Are you over 18 and live in the Fenland area?
- Do you want to have a say in local or national elections?
- Are you concerned about your quality of life?

To be included on the Electoral Register, you need to complete and return the Voter Registration Form which will be delivered to your house from 21 August 2009.

Although the purpose of the Electoral Register is to ensure you have the right to vote, **NOT** being on the Register could cause you difficulties e.g. opening a bank account or re-mortgaging your property.

If you have not received a form by 17 September 2009, please contact us.

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| <p>Alternate Tuesdays:- Sept 8th, 22nd 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</p> | <p>Alternate Wednesdays:- Sept 9th and 23rd Gorefield School 15.15 Post Office 15.40 Mill Height 15.55</p> |
| <p>Alternate Fridays:- Sept 4th, 18th Rings End March Road, 10.00 Guyhirn Selwyn Corner 10.25 Bunkers Hill Lay-bye 10.45 WSM Cannon Close 11.05</p> | <p>WSM Church Road 11.30 WSM Blundell Terr 11.55 Lev Com Pear Tree Cres 12.15 Guyhirn Chapel field Av 15.20</p> |
| <p>www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library or 0345 045 5225</p> | |

Useful contacts

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WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

September 2009 NEWSLETTER

During the year there has been a Parish Council election brought about by the resignation of Mr P Wait and Mr B Britain was duly elected. Mr K Bagg has resigned from the Parish Council due to work commitments and Mr C Allen was co-opted as his replacement. We would like to thank both Mr P Wait and Mr K Bagg for their support and to welcome Mr B Britain and Mr C Allen onto the Parish Council.

List of Councillors

| Name | Address | Tel No |
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| Mr C Allen | Halls Farm, Wisbech Road, Guyhirn, Wisbech, Cambs | 01733 849300 |
| Mr P Barnes | Westview, 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow, PE13 4HB | 01945 700200 |
| Mr B Britain | Fort Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhirn, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 4BH | 01733 849262 |
| Mr J Carney | 52 Murrow Bank, Murrow PE13 4HD | 01945 700569 |
| Mr P Davies | Riverside, Selwyn Corner, Guyhirn, Wisbech PE13 4ED | 01945 450234 |
| Mr J Fish | 17 Lindens Close, Thorney Toll, Wisbech PE13 4AR | 07887754869 |
| Mr C Fryett | Llanberis, Gull Road, Guyhirn PE13 4ER | 01945 450340 |
| Mr J Fish | 17 Lindens Close, Thorney Toll, Wisbech PE13 4AR | 07887754869 |
| Mr J Parrin | Paradene, Church Road, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4RN | 01945 410539 |
| Mr B Payne | 7 Churchfield Way, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4SY | 01945 410755 |
| Mrs D Thrower | Acquest, Front Road, Murrow PE13 4JQ | 01945 700213 |

List of Parish Council Meetings for 2009 and 2010 at Village Halls and The Chequers

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| Monday 17th August 2009 at The Chequers | Monday 9th November 2009 at Wisbech St Mary |
| Monday, 14th September 2009 at Guyhirn | Monday, 7th December 2009 at The Chequers |
| Monday, 12th October 2009 at Murrow | Monday, 4th January 2010 at Guyhirn |

Parishioners are invited to attend any of the above meetings and speak on any subject relevant to the Parish during the Open Forum at the beginning of every meeting.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly took place Monday, 18th May at the Thorney Toll Village Hall. There were 10 Councillors, 5 parishioners, and Pc Julie Coales our Community Police Officer. At this meeting the Parish Council accounts, together with those of the Pools Allotment Charity and the John Bends Charity were available. Details of these Accounts are: John Bends Charity Account for the year ending the 5th April 2009

The income was £7318.61 and the dole payout was £4480 to 112 people and the balance carried forward was £2218.09.

Wisbech St Mary Parish Council Accounts for the year ending the 31st March 2009

The income was £54394.37 and expenditure was £97183.08. Included in the expenditure figure were grants of £22,329.81

given to the following organisations within the Parish.

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| Royal British Legion | £49.50 |
| Wisbech St Mary Playing Field | £2540.16 |
| Guyhirn Cemetery | £350.00 |
| Southea PCC re Churchyard | £350.00 |
| Guyhirn Playing Field | £2540.15 |
| Murrow Playing Field | £2500.00 |
| Thorney Toll Village Hall | £6500.00 |
| Murrow Village Hall | £5000.00 |
| Guyhirn Village Hall | £2500.00 |

Also included in the expenditure was £4700 spent on Section 137.

Section 137 of the LGA Act 1972 as amended enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £5.86 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31st March 2009 was £16759.60 (2860 x £5.86). The following organisations benefited.

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| Murrow Pre School | £500 | Difibulator for Wisbech St Mary | £900 |
| Guyhirn Little Lambs | £500 | Village Voices | £400 |
| Guyhirn Friendship Club | £100 | Murrow Sunshine Club | £100 |
| Voluntary Bureau | £100 | Young People Guyhirn | £1000 |
| Cambs Police Shievalry | £500 | Wisbech St Mary's Luncheon Club | £100 |
| Vital Communities | £500 | | |

Also included in the expenditure was £55,000 spent on Capital items, £10,000 on purchase of land at Guyhirn for the Guyhirn Playing Field and £45,000 towards the Wisbech St Mary Community Centre.

The Annual General Meeting followed the Parish Assembly and Mrs D Thrower was elected as Chairman and Mr B Payne as Vice Chairman for twelve months.

Notices and Agendas of meetings together with Council minutes are displayed on all the parish notice boards and the Wisbech St Mary website on www.wisbechstmary.org.uk.

Mrs C Jobson, Clerk, 30 Les Baux Place, Wisbech, PE13 2SU