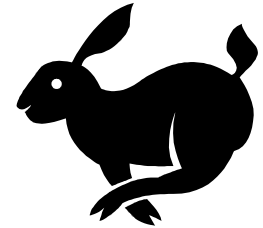


# Village Voices March 2011



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**Gorefield- Guyhirn-Harold's Bridge Murrow-Parson Drove-Rings End-Tholomas Drove-Thorney Toll-  
Wisbech St Mary**

A warm welcome to all newcomers&visitors to our villages!

## Vicar's Verbals

I was in our very excellent Doctors' surgery recently, waiting for an appointment. Their electronic display board, which normally calls the waiting patients into the doctor's consulting room, was obviously 'on the blink'. It had reverted to some sort of factory setting and was repeatedly scrolling gibberish:

**welcome:to:the:world:of:color**  
and a date in 1996. Even though the device was faulty, the receptionists were plainly unable to put it to sleep, doubtless because it was deeply embedded in the brain of their integrated appointments system. Although its message was utterly meaningless, the prominent position of the screen and its cascading red words irresistibly attracted the eye. So much around us is designed to capture and enslave our attention that we are often powerless to escape the assaults of all the placards, displays, screens and speakers. Advertising is the worst of course, cunningly crafted to attract, beguile and persuade us to part with our last penny for some bauble or gadget. Sitting spellbound under the display, I longed to climb on a chair and yank the wire out of the back of the wretched machine, but I reflected that, once repaired, it would become again an inelegant but serviceable device for disseminating useful information. A bit like me I suppose. **Matthew**

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## NEW RURAL DEAN TAKES OVER

Over 120 people from churches across the Deanery attended the Choral Evensong in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>, during which Rev Matthew Bradbury was licensed as Rural Dean of Wisbech Lynn Marshland. It was a beautiful service. A large united choir played a major part, this being one of Matthew's wishes, with excellent accompaniment by organist David Stone. We were very impressed with Matthew's singing of his part of the service.

The Archdeacon, the Ven Hugh McCurdy, provided the humour of the evening, as he outlined Matthew's duties, He then gave a stirring address, his theme being "The best is yet to come". The intercessions were ably led by Brian Payne.

The congregation enjoyed tea and cakes afterwards, organised by the ladies of the church.

**Bill and Rosemary Peggs.**

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GO ON A POSTCARD JOURNEY

At our February meeting Andrew Ingram described, in words and postcards, the work of Herbert Coates, a long ago resident of Wisbech, who brought into being the scenic postcard for this area. We were taken on a postcard journey from Wisbech through to Hunstanton, around to Great Yarmouth and back home to Wisbech St. Mary.

At the next meeting, on March 10<sup>th</sup>, David Reeve, head of security at Sandringham will be telling us about his job. Our meetings are held in the School hall at 7pm and new members are always welcome.

## MOTHERS' UNION HEARS OF RESTORATION WORK

We welcomed to our meeting on Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup>, George Payne and his wife from St Mary's Church, March, who told us how the restoration work was proceeding after the disastrous fire last year.

Our next meeting will be on March 1<sup>st</sup> in the Church House, WSM, at 2.15pm. Everyone is most welcome. **Lilian Brigden**

## RACE NIGHT RAISES £1000

Donna and Joe Barnes and Kay and Gary Brown would like to thank all sponsors and especially everyone for attending the race night at Murrow village hall on 5<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone enjoyed the event and the fantastic amount of £1081 was raised and donated to the village hall.

## ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR LENT 2011

In Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church.

Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday. 7.30pm

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion.

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Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>. 7.00pm.

Holy Communion and Healing Service.

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Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>. 7.30pm.

Solemn Mass: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

+ Regular Services +	
<p><b>St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove</b>            March 6: 10.30. Mrs M Pillay            March 13. 10.30: United service in Parish church            March 20. 10.30: Local arrangements            March 27. 10.30: United service. Holy Comm.  <b>Murrow Methodist Church</b>            March 6. 10.30: Youth Worship Team            March 13. 10.30. Rev N Hannah            March 20. 10.30: Local arrangements            March 27 10.30: Mrs A Emmerson.  <b>St Paul's Church, Gorefield:</b>            except 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.10.00am: Holy Communion            3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.10.00am: Morning Worship</p>	<p><b>Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:</b>            1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.            2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays:- 9.30am Communion.            4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30.            5<sup>th</sup> Sunday:-9.30am Communion or Morning Prayer            Mar 6<sup>th</sup> Greeters: Pauline &amp; Diana. Coffee: Sandra.            Mar 13<sup>th</sup>. Greeters: Sue and Jenny. Coffee Trevor            Mar 20<sup>th</sup>. Greeter: Pam. Coffee: Bridget.  <b>Wisbech St Mary &amp; Guyhirn Parish Church:</b>            Every Sunday exc 1<sup>st</sup> :- 11am. sung eucharist.            1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:- 8am Communion,11am Family Service            3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:- Evening Prayer: 6.00pm</p>

## The Acolytes' Guild

If you ever trouble to read the weekly pew sheet in church you may have noticed the occasional meeting of a mysterious society, *The Guild of Acolytes*. What is this strange organisation? Is it like something out of a Dan Brown novel: part of an international conspiracy to use the good offices of the Church of England to subvert and enslave the faithful to some nefarious end? Well...no.

The office of 'acolyte' is very ancient indeed (dating from the earliest churches in ancient Rome) and refers to persons who have been selected and trained to assist the priest and deacon at the altar during Holy Communion. Our Acolytes' Guild is a troop of youngsters who assist us at the altar on Sundays, by 'serving' and taking part in the gentle and ancient pageantry of our worship. Ten youngsters, varying in age between seven and sixteen, are learning the meticulous and sensitive business of laying up the altar, of liturgical processions, of presenting the bread and wine for consecration and accompanying priest and people as they approach the holy places in our church and our liturgy.

As part of that work we are learning many things together. We learn the scriptural and historical basis of the actions and words we use in church to frame the Sacraments. We learn about team work, about listening and observing, about stillness and movement, about receiving and giving blessings. But it's not all

study and 'Sunday best'. My colleague Lilian Brigden and I are also privileged to have some wonderful evening meetings with the youngsters where we use their inexhaustible imagination and irrepressible enthusiasm to look a little deeper at Bible stories and church history and even some quite complex issues of doctrine and tradition. When I tell you that our meetings over the last couple of years have involved treasure maps, radio controlled helicopters, a miniature steam engine, pancakes, and secret signs and ciphers, you may realise that we have fun as we learn.

I wish I could simply throw open the doors to any youngster to join us, but as is often the case in life, in order to gain membership you have, firstly, to make a real commitment to the life and work of the community you seek to join. Our youngsters earn their place in the Guild by coming to church regularly and taking part in the worship. They are not admitted until they are confident enough to understand and fulfil the responsibilities of servers and acolytes in the weekly services at church.

If you know a young person who would like to start coming to church, perhaps as a preparation for baptism or confirmation, or perhaps because they have started to ask probing questions about religion, spirituality or faith, do ring me or drop me a line; my details can be found under 'useful contacts'.

**Father Matthew.**

## *The register*

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

**Eric Bliss**, of Wisbech, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church, followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium on Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup>, and whose ashes were interred in Guyhirn Garden of Remembrance on Sunday February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Lisa Owen**, whose funeral service was at St Peter's church, March, followed by cremation at Fenland Crematorium on Friday January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Tim Watson**, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Kym Lutwyche**, of Gorefield, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Tuesday January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Edwin Higginbotham**, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Beatrice Tansley**, whose funeral service was at Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, followed by burial in the churchyard, on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Marjorie Roberts**, whose cremation at Fenland Crematorium was followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Wisbech St Mary Methodist church on Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Baby **Lotty**, who was interred in her grandfather's grave in Emmanuel churchyard, Parson Drove, on Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Peter Holt**, whose funeral service was at Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by burial in WSM cemetery on Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## LENT: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, it is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer. Purple is the symbolic colour used in churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals. Purple is used for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

## SHROVE TUESDAY IS THE DAY BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY.

It's a day of penitence, to clean the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Shrove Tuesday is sometimes called Pancake Day after the fried batter recipe traditionally eaten on this day.

But there's more to Shrove Tuesday than feasting on pancakes or taking part in a public pancake race. The pancakes themselves are part of an ancient custom with deeply religious roots: Penitence. Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shricing that Christians used to undergo in the past. In shricing, a person confesses their sins and receives absolution for them. When a person receives absolution for their sins, they are forgiven for them and released from the guilt and pain that they have caused them. This tradition is very old. Over 1000 years ago a monk wrote in the Anglo-Saxon Ecclesiastical Institutes: "In the week immediately before Lent everyone shall go to his confessor and confess his deeds and the confessor shall so shrive him".

Shrove Tuesday is a day of celebration as well as penitence, because it's the last day before Lent, a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge yourself, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed in Lent.

During Lent there are many foods that some Christians - historically and today - would not eat: foods such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. So that no food was wasted, families would have a feast on the shricing Tuesday, and eat up all the foods that wouldn't last the forty days of Lent without going off. The need to eat up the fats gave rise to the French name Mardi Gras ('fat Tuesday'). Pancakes became associated with Shrove Tuesday as they were a dish that could use up all the eggs, fats and milk in the house with just the addition of flour.

## IDENTIFICATION PARADE

We apologise that during the printing process of the February edition of "Village Voices" the caption relating to the photograph on the front page was unfortunately omitted. The caption reads:

*An undated photograph of a Women's Institute meeting at Parson Drove. L to R: Mrs Else, Mrs Mews, Mrs Powell, Mrs Vialls, Mrs Tansley, Mrs Ida Payne (WI County President making a presentation), Mrs Bingham, Mrs Grey, Mrs Mason, Mrs Redhead.*

Several people have enquired about the front page photograph in the January issue. The procession at Guyhirn celebrating the festival of Corpus Christi in 1972, consisted of (l to r): Cliff Edwards, thurifer, R S Bliss and C Britain, churchwardens, R Newton and P Packer, acolytes, the Vicar of Guyhirn (Father Donald Dickinson) carrying the Blessed Sacrament, Dom Aiden Harker OSB, a monk from Nashdom Abbey, Mrs Janet Dickinson and Mr John Jordan.

## RUSTY RELICS AT PARSON DROVE

St Mark's Methodist Church is the venue for a concert to be given by local entertainers the Rusty Relics on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 including a light supper

## CHRISTIAN AID SOUP AT "WHIZZERS"

Caroline Dobson invites everyone to her home, "Whizzers", Station Road, WSM, for home-made soup on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> between 12 noon and 2pm. The gathering is in support of Christian Aid, and a minimum offering of £1 is requested. The house-to-house collection will take place in May. More details of that in next month's "Village Voices".

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is a day of repentance and it marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes were used in ancient times, according to the Bible, to express mourning. Dusting oneself with ashes was the penitent's way of expressing sorrow for sins and faults. An ancient example of expressing one's penitence is found in the book of the prophet Jeremiah, calling for repentance: "O my people, gird on sackcloth, roll in the ashes" (Jer 6:26). The prophet Daniel pleaded for God this way: "I turned to the Lord God, pleading in earnest prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes" (Daniel 9:3). Just prior to the New Testament period, the rebels fighting for Jewish independence, the Maccabees, prepared for battle using ashes: "That day they fasted and wore sackcloth; they sprinkled ashes on their heads and tore their clothes" (1 Maccabees 3:47).

## WSM GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. This is the time of the year we remind everyone that the Christmas wreaths should be removed to make way for the Spring flowers for Mothering Sunday and Easter. If you are unable to clear them, I will remove them for you.

Thank-you once again for your help in keeping the Garden of Remembrance a peaceful place for everyone. May God bless you and keep you safe.

Lilian Brigden, (Reader).

## BINGO DATES AT THORNEY TOLL

Bingo sessions are to be held each month for the rest of 2011 in Thorney Toll Village Hall. The first session will be Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> followed by April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Doors open 6.30 for 7.30pm start. Subsequent dates will be given in "Village Voices".

## THANK YOU 1

A big "Thank you" to Andy and Dawn at *The Bell Inn*, Murrow. We read in the *Village Voices*, thanks so many times from them, we think its about time we say thanks to them both.

My wife and I have lived in Murrow for nearly four years, and Andy and Dawn have brought us close to other village folk; first names etc, getting the community together we call it.

So please, if you have not met Andy and Dawn come to *The Bell Inn* and see how friendly they are. Have a coffee, tea, beer, wine, a sandwich or a bar meal and feel the friendship.

**Syd and Clare, Front road.**

## MENINGITIS COFFEE MORNING

A Coffee Morning in aid of the Meningitis Research Foundation is to be held at "Tudor Lodge", High Road, Wisbech St Mary, the home of Mrs Marjorie Palmer. Everyone is invited to call in for a cup of coffee between 10am and 1pm on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup>. Donations may be sent to Marjorie at the above address, or phone 410511.

## DEMONSTRATION OF 'MAKE-UP' TECHNIQUES AT GOREFIELD

Gorefield Ladies Group, held their January meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. It was the first meeting of the New Year, with 28 people attending on a cold dark evening.

Glenys Grimm welcomed everyone, who all agreed that the December Christmas meal had been a great success. Suggestions for the June Outing were discussed, and a booking has been made for a two hour evening visit to Wisbech Castle on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, commencing at 7pm.

Names of members wishing to attend will be dealt with nearer the time, in the meantime members are asked to mark this date on their calendars.

Glenys then introduced Sharon and Vanessa, from Mary Kay Cosmetics, the cosmetic and skincare specialists. They demonstrated "make-up" techniques on two volunteers, Chris Ashton & Hilary Turner.

Refreshments were served by Brenda Frost and Sheryl Mace. Celebrating February birthdays were Roma Andrew and Margeret Tibbs.

The next meeting will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gorefield Village Hall at 7pm. Betty Turner will be talking about the work of East Anglian Children's Hospice

## NEW CHAIRMAN AT THE BOWLS CLUB

Gorefield Bowls Club held their AGM on February 6<sup>th</sup> chaired by the president Tom Dobbie. 32 Members attended including three new members. In addition, there were applications from two other people to join the club which were accepted. Of the new applicants, three people were from the village which was pleasing. The club was given a donation from the Gorefield Show Committee and members wished to thank them most sincerely.

The newly elected Chairman is Chris Wright; Vice chairman Margaret Hunt. The secretary, Kath Mitchell, has decided to stand down after at least 30 years in office. She was thanked by the Chairman for all the hard work she has done for the Club over the years and he hoped that she will still help with the teas etc. at games. In her place Debra Wright was elected as Secretary of the Club. All other officers remained in their positions.

The opening of the Green is 16<sup>th</sup> April 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm, if any of the villagers would like to go along they will be very welcome.

## THANK YOU 2

Following a recent meeting of the Gorefield Show Committee, the Treasurer sent a cheque in the sum of £3,250.00, from the proceeds of last years Show, to St Paul's Church. On behalf of the Vicar, Churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council, may I thank the Chairman and his committee, and to all those people of Gorefield who work for, and help, at the Show.

Your generous contribution to Church Funds helps us throughout the year to maintain the Church and its work, for the Church is there for all of the people, all of the time. With our sincere thanks,

**Bill Peggs, Churchwarden.**

## WENDY RUNS AGAIN!

The *Race for Life* this year is being run through Peterborough city centre and the Embankment from 11am on Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Wendy Foster, of Wisbech St Mary, will, as usual, be running and would welcome any support and sponsorship from readers of "*Village Voices*". All money raised goes to Cancer Research. Contact Wendy on 410451.

## CHARITY CYCLE RIDE FROM 'THE BELL'

A message from Andy Kedziora at the "Bell Inn", Murrow:

"Easter is coming and so is our second annual charity ten-mile bike ride. The route is as follows. Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, start off from the Bell Inn, Murrow, at 1pm towards Guyhirn, Head to Wisbech St Mary, turning left at the Bridge Inn, then down towards Parsons Drove, through the vilage turning left at the Swan to Murrrow ending at the Bell. Last year many people, including myself, were in fancy dress. and raised lots of money for charity. There will also be a BBQ. and a quiz in the evening. So come a long with your bike and join in the fun and make this a great fund raising day. Please collect your sponsorship forms from me, "Andy", at the Bell"

## GUYHIRN VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHED

Guyhirn's Village Hall has been refurbished and is now a credit to the village. A new floor has been installed, the kitchen redesigned and comfortable seating provided. The management committee have arranged a number of future events in the spacious Hall, but there are still dates available for clubs, parties, weddings, meetings in 2011. The details of the very reasonable hiring charges may be obtained from the booking secretary on 450835.

There have been concerns in the past as to whether the Village Hall would survive.. The vast majority of residents would like to retain the Hall and are to be asked to support its fund-raising events, and/or to join the management committee.

## PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Gorefield Parish Council's Annual Assembly will be held in the school on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All Gorefield parishioners are invited to attend.

The annual assembly is an opportunity for residents to speak to, or ask questions of, the Parish Council. A chance to share ideas and comments with the councillors.

The Annual Assembly will be followed by the April council meeting, to which residents may remain but not speak..

## NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICER ON PATROL

Our new neighbourhood police officer is Pc Shaun Mitchell, who takes over from Pc Julie Coales this month. Pc Mitchell will be working with two Support Officers, Sue Clarke and Martin Bogunovic. The team has already made contact with local schools. Shaun says they have been well received, and he hopes to continue the good work carried out by Pc Julie over a number of years. He has also indicated his intention to attend as many Parish Council meetings as he can, and to help local residents in any way possible. The Neighbourhood Policing Team can be contacted at Wisbech Police station on 0345 4564564 x 3799. (In emergency call 999).



## THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

Her Majesty the Queen will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of her reign on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012, and the whole country will be joining in the festivities. Wisbech St Mary Parish Council has resolved to offer financial assistance to any publicly organised celebrations in the parish. It will be contacting schools and village halls in Wisbech St Mary, Murrow, Guyhirn and Thorney Toll to co-ordinate dates and times of proposed events.

## PRE-SCHOOL "GOOD IN ALL AREAS" As reported in the "Wisbech Standaard".

Gorefield Pre-school has been judged to be good in all areas after the first report by inspectors since moving into its new purpose-built premises. During the inspection in December, an Ofsted inspector said the overall provision was good, with children's learning promoted through a knowledgeable and supportive staff team. The pre-school moved from its 60-year-old premises into its new £100,000 building in the grounds of the primary school last July. There were 25 children aged two to five years on roll. Inspector Sue Rogers said in her report: "Children's learning is well supported by a caring and committed staff team. Children are encouraged to be self-reliant, by having access to activities to promote their independence. "They spread butter on their crackers, pour their own drinks at snack time and eagerly put on their own coats and boots before playing outdoors." The children learn about healthy eating and grow fruit and vegetables. They harvest the vegetables and make them into soup. The well-resourced play areas provide exciting experiences for the children who use the purpose built dens to create imagined scenarios. Visits to the local library, church, shops and post office ensure the children learn about the community they live in.

## LIVE MUSIC AT THE WOODMAN'S

The local live band Bullitt will be playing in the Woodman's Cottage, Gorefield, on Saturdays February 26<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>. On each occasion they will play from 9pm until midnight.

## FRIENDSHIP CLUB MEETINGS

Parson Drove Friendship Club meets at St Mark's Methodist church at 2.00pm on alternate Thursdays to the Luncheon Club. Contact Dorothy Hopkins 700350 for details

## INN SIGNS AND THEIR ORIGINS

The speaker at the February meeting of Parson Drove Women's Institute was Mr Hugh Beech. He gave a very interesting and informative talk on the subject of Inn Signs. He illustrated his talk with his own interesting slides of many of the inns he has visited. He also explained the origins of some of the more unusual pub names. His talk was followed by tea and biscuits, and news was given of forthcoming events.

Ann Payne.

## MARCH MART MARMALADE

The next Mart at Wisbech St Mary is on Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup> in the Church House, opposite the church gate. It opens at 8.45am and closes when the produce has been sold, usually at 10am. Cakes and marmalade are among the home-made items for sale. Coffee, tea and biscuits are available whilst you have a chat and catch up with local news. If you are passing....just drop in!

## COUNTRY FAYRE TO BE A TWO-DAY EVENT

"Village Voices" understands that the popular Wisbech St Mary Country Fayre is to be held over two days this year. The Fayre will be open on June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> with all the usual attractions. A Beer Festival will be held from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June alongside the Country Fayre. The organisers of the Fayre are anxious to encourage other organisations from the village to hold events in the week leading up to the Fayre, so as to give a Village Festival atmosphere.

## GUYHIRN TOMBOLA

The Guyhirn Women's Section of the Royal British Legion are holding a Tombola in the Village Hall on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm. Good prizes, good company.

## WSM LUNCHEON CLUB

The dates for the WSM Luncheon Club are Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March, at the Bridge Inn. Members who can not attend, please let Marjorie (410511) or the Bridge Inn (410555) know.

## EASTER BINGO and HOT CROSS BUNS!

Gorefield Playing Field Association are holding an Easter Bingo on Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>. Doors open 6.30, eyes down 7.30pm. Excellent prizes, and Hot Cross Buns

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thorney Toll Residents Association will hold a meeting in the Village Hall on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7.30pm.

## 'AMENITIES 95' ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Parson Drive Amenities 95 will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>. Nominations to join the committee can be made in the Village Hall, Pavilion, Shop and Post Office on forms available.

All villagers welcome. It is your village hall, so please come along and have your say.

## ROYAL WEDDING FREE PARTY AND BBQ!

Thorney Toll residents are celebrating the Royal Wedding by holding a free Family Party and Fun Day, with a BBQ, Disco, Games, etc. on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a fully licensed Bar.

Everyone is invited to this wonderful event, which begins at 2.00pm.

## 'SHAPE YOUR PLACE' PRESENTATION

Terry Jordan and Sandy Willett will be attending the Gorefield Parish Council meeting on Tuesday April 5<sup>th</sup> to give a presentation on the Shape Your Place website. The Parish Council meets in Gorefield School at 7 pm. The presentation will be of interest to everyone in the parish so members of the public are welcome to attend

## GOREFIELD SHOW ANNUAL MEETING

Last years show made a profit of £6,479 which the committee was very happy with. At the annual meeting it was unanimously decided that the following should receive donations of 50% to the church, £3,250; 20% to the playing field association, £1,300; 20% to the village hall, £1,300.

The remaining £650 to be donated: Bowls Club £100; Ladies Group £50; Pre School £200; School £200

Any other applications made thereafter would be given sympathetic consideration and generally any group social or otherwise in the village can apply in writing for a donation. The money is split thus because when the Gorefield Show first started nearly 50 years ago, it was organised purely to raise money for the church, thus forming a constitution.

This year's show will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup> 2011 on the playing field. It has yet to be decided on a main attraction but there will be the usual shire and light horse show, plus all the other stalls, sideshows, refreshment tent and licensed bar. In the main ring the very popular carriage driving will be back. The committee is considering a couple of novelty dog classes to involve the public, although this has to be confirmed. There will be a new attraction for the children, which involves climbing into a human sized hamster ball and propelling it across water!

The Gorefield Show committee work very hard every year to make the day as enjoyable and as successful as possible despite sometimes adverse weather but they are always open to new ideas. If anyone from the village would like to help or join the committee they would be more than welcome and should contact Mrs Jo Mitchell (Show Secretary) on 01945 870 988 or e-mail [p.j.mitchell@btinternet.com](mailto:p.j.mitchell@btinternet.com) As always, the show organisers can also use extra help on the day.

## NEWS FROM THE WOODMAN'S COTTAGE

Phil & Alison are enjoying their stay in The Woodman's Cottage, Gorefield and would like to thank the Gorefield Luncheon Club for their support since they moved in. They would like to also thank all regulars and villagers from surrounding areas for their support these past three months.

Alison writes, "We are currently looking for Domino, Darts (Ladies & Gents), Crib teams as we are both games orientated and we would also like to do quiz nights to raise funds for charity and the village. We would like to see the Pub back as the Hub of the Village, we are looking for beginner's and experienced players, so come and join us in making this Pub the Hub."

## SUNSHINE CLUB DISCUSSES LOCAL ISSUES

Murrow Sunshine Club held meetings on January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>. There were open discussions about local transport facilities and the possibility of a shop in the village. There will be a committee meeting in the near future to plan summer outings and parties for this year. New members always welcome.

Birthdays being celebrated in February were Mrs H Clark, Mrs Brown and Mrs Woodward.

**D.Ralf. Hon Sec.**

## POLICE WARNING!

It has been brought to our attention that there may be a bogus caller claiming to be from the Water Board in and around the Wisbech area. Distraction burglary is a despicable crime which can be carried out in a variety of ways and often on elderly and vulnerable victims. There are a number of precautions people can take to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. It is also important that people remain vigilant to activity in their neighbourhood, particularly in areas with vulnerable or elderly residents. Always remember:

**LOCK** - Is your back door locked? If not, lock it before you answer the front door as distraction burglars often work in pairs - one distracts, while the other steals

**STOP** - Are you expecting anybody?

**CHAIN** - Put this on before you open the door. If you have not got one, it is a worthwhile investment. It will give you that extra 'safe space' and barrier between you and the caller and then,

**CHECK** - Ask for their identification card, take it and look at it carefully. Close the door and check the number in the phone book - not the number on the card. If they are genuine they will not mind waiting or coming back another day. Bogus Callers may be smartly dressed, and claim to be from organisations such as the Council, Gas, and Water etc. They can also be very convincing and persuasive. They often use props such as an identity card, or may even wear overalls with a company logo. Anyone with information should contact Wisbech Police Station on 0345 456 456 4.

## PARSON DROVE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Mike Shelley writes:

"Crime in Parson Drive is becoming an increasing worry with theft of oil and catalytic converters, etc. As one of the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, I would appreciate the support of local residents and present co-ordinators in joining a system that can warn or advise their nearest neighbours of any immediate cause for concern or crime committed. This would require all volunteers to give approval for their contact details being available within the system. For further details, contact me on 700729, or the police on 0345 4564564.

The Wisbech & District neighbourhood Watch AGM is being held in the Trinity Church Hall, Church Terrace, Wisbech, on Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm".

## FAMILY BINGO A SUCCESS

A family Bingo session in Gorefield Village Hall on Friday February 11<sup>th</sup> was a success. There were excellent prizes, and the Village Hall committee wish to thank Margaret and the organisers and helpers for achieving a "full house". The proceeds were for the upkeep of the Village Hall. The next fundraising Bingo at the Village Hall will be on Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> followed by March 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. They start at 7.30pm. Refreshments are available and a draw takes place during the evening. All are welcome to join in the fun – particularly families.

### CAMBRIDGESHIRE CONSTABULARY

The Neighbourhood Policing Team held a number of Speedwatch events at different locations during January.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan Front Road, Murrow - 10 vehicles caught speeding  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan High Road, Gorefield - 25 vehicles caught speeding  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Jan High Road, Guyhirn - 8 vehicles caught speeding  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Jan Gorefield Road, Leverington - 45 vehicles caught speeding  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Jan High Road, Guyhirn - 4 vehicles caught speeding

Letters containing a warning and appropriate advice have been sent to all of the registered keepers of the offending vehicles. The Speedwatch events will be continuing in all the villages surrounding Wisbech throughout 2011 and "Village Voices" will publicise the local results each month.

## CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than Friday **March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Advice can also be obtained by calling 01945 464367, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.00pm.

### GOREFIELD STREET PRIDE AT WORK

On the last Saturday in January, Gorefield Street Pride met again for another stab at clearing the brambles on the Pocket Park. The weather was kind to us and we were helped along by the use of a brand new wood chipper which made light work of disposing of the brambles. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who turned up to help, especially the children who were too small for bramble clearing. They helped to keep our village tidy by doing the vital role of litter picking.

It has been decided that we will meet on the third Saturday of the month at 10.00am on the Pocket Park at the junction of Cattle Dyke and Back Road. Please come along and join in, you will enjoy the friendly atmosphere and community spirit. You may have some ideas of your own for our next project, they will be most welcome. **A Holt**

### EVENTS COMING UP IN PARSON DROVE

**Parson Drove Playschool.** A Bingo evening will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup>. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

**Parson Drove Amenities 95.** A Bingo evening will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Eyes down at 7.30pm.

**Payne School, Parson Drove.** A Race Night will be held in the Village Hall on Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Payne School. Tickets £5 adult, children £3, are available from Colin Killingworth on 700744 or Robert Elbury on 078605766030. The time is 7 for 7.30pm and the evening includes a fish & chip, or sausage & chip, supper.

### crimeBUSTER IN YOUR LOCALITY

Fenland's Crimebuster is visiting local villages in the next three months to offer advice and guidance to residents "to help your community feel even safer". At each location the bus will be available from 8.30am till 12.30pm.

The dates are

**Murrow** Station Ave, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Guyhirn** High Rd, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Newton** Goodens Ln, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

### SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Parson Drove Short Mat Bowls Club meets in the Village Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays 2.00 to 4.30pm. Details from Mike Shelley on 700729.

### PRE-SCHOOL BINGO NIGHT

Gorefield Pre-Schools' Bingo Night is to be held on Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>. - Doors open 6.45pm, Eyes down 7.30pm. Excellent prizes and refreshments available.

### 2011 BOOT SALES AT GOREFIELD

The dates for Gorefield's Car Boot Sales during 2011 have been announced as follows: Saturdays March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; April 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; May 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>; June 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>; July 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>; August 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; September 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>; and October 8<sup>th</sup>. Reminders will be published in "**Village Voices**".

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY

Parish Council elections are scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> this year. The elections are held every four years and give an opportunity for residents in each parish to evaluate the work of their councillors during the past four years, and also to think about being a candidate themselves.

In the "Village Voices" delivery area there are three parish councils. The clerk of each council will be pleased to supply details of election procedure and to give advice. The clerks can be contacted as follows:

**WSM Parish Council:** Mrs C Jobson, 30 Les Baux Place, Wisbech, PE13 2SU. Tel: 474364. [carolyn.jobson@btopenworld.com](mailto:carolyn.jobson@btopenworld.com)

**Gorefield Parish Council:** Mrs R Gagen, 78 High Road, Gorefield, PE13 4NB. Tel: 870454. [rosemary@gorefield.com](mailto:rosemary@gorefield.com)

**Parson Drove Parish Council:** Mrs Y Reader, Back Road, Murrow, PE13 4JW. Tel: 700501. [Theclerk@parsondrove.net](mailto:Theclerk@parsondrove.net)

Elections will also take place on the same day for Fenland District Council. Anyone wishing to be a candidate for this election should contact Joanne Anderson, Electoral Services, Fenland District Council, Fenland Hall, County Road, March, PE15 8NQ. Tel: 01354 622383, who will be pleased to give guidance.

To be a candidate at the Parish or District elections the nomination paper, and consent to nomination, must be delivered to the Returning Officer, Fenland Hall, County Road, March, PE15 8NQ by noon on **Monday 4 April 2011**.

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## 60'S MEMORIES AT GOREFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Come on March 5<sup>th</sup> and be entertained by Tony G with sixties music. Tickets are £8. The evening starts at 7pm with a meal served at 7.30pm (please bring your own drinks). Proceeds are in aid of the Village Hall funds. Contact committee members for further details.

## PARSON DROVE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Parson Drove Parish Council will be held in the Cage on Wednesday 9th March at 7.00pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting and have the opportunity to raise any parish matter during Public Participation for a 15 minute period near the start of the meeting.

## ACTIVITIES AT PARSON DROVE

**Short Mat Bowls Club** meets in the Village Hall on Wednesdays and Fridays, 2pm to 4.30pm. Session £2.  
**Luncheon Club** meets at the *Butcher's Arms* alternate Thursdays at midday, Details from M Shelley 700729.  
**Whist Drives** are held on the third Tuesday of each month at St Mark's.  
**The Fitness League** meets Thursdays 9.15am to 10.15am at St Mark's. Contact Helen 01406 330565.  
**Line Dancing** at the Village Hall on Tuesdays 1.30pm to 4pm, and Wednesdays 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Michelle 701239.

## EXCITING NEW GREEN "SUPERHOME"

With all the talk about Green Living, it can be hard to find the facts about what this really involves. From 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Tony and Stella Richardson are opening their bungalow home in West Walton to talk about what they've done. Over the past few years they have installed a wind turbine, solar hot water, rainwater harvesting and photovoltaic panels (electricity from sunlight). As members of the "SuperHome" network ([www.SuperHomes.org.uk](http://www.SuperHomes.org.uk)), all of whom have reduced carbon emissions by at least 60% through an energy saving retrofit project, they have a lot of experience of what does and doesn't work, and are happy to share it. They are having guided tours at 11am and 2pm each day, and may be contacted on 01945 780761 for more details or to make a booking. Visit Tony and Stella also on [ingleside@ingleside2.plus.com](mailto:ingleside@ingleside2.plus.com)

## A PLEA FROM THE HEART

*"Dear God,  
For 2011, all I ask for is a big fat bank account and a slim body.  
Please don't mix up the two like you did last year!  
Amen"*

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

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## NORTH NENE LENT GROUPS

Our Lent Groups this year will consider how we might more closely approach God through the five senses.. They will take place on Tuesday afternoons at St Mark's Church, Parson Drove, at 2.30pm. The first meeting is on March 15<sup>th</sup>, led by Rev Matthew Bradbury, followed by March 22<sup>nd</sup> led by Lilian Bridgen. The courses are repeated at St Leonard's, Leverington on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm. The course is designed for anyone interested in the Christian faith. More details in next month's "Voices".

## Mobile Library Stops

<u>1<sup>st</sup> +3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday: March 3<sup>rd</sup>+17<sup>th</sup></u>			<u>2<sup>nd</sup> +4<sup>th</sup> Fri: March 11<sup>th</sup> + 25<sup>th</sup></u>		
	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</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 Cl	14:40	15:30
Parson Drove Newlands Corner	12:10	12:25	Guyhirn Chapelfield	15:45	16:05
Parson Drove Henlow Farm	12:30	12:45			
<u>4<sup>th</sup> Thursday: March 24<sup>th</sup></u>			<u>3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: March 16<sup>th</sup></u>		
	<u>Arr</u>	<u>Dep</u>		<u>Arr</u>	
Wisbech St Mary Blundell Terr	10:00	10:15	Gorefield School	15.00	
			Gorefield Post Office	15.45	
			Gorefield Mill Height	16.05	

Useful contacts		
<p><b>Churches</b></p> <p>Revd Matthew Bradbury 410814 Lilian Brigden (Reader) 450481 Revd Nigel Hannah [Methodist 466426</p> <p><b>Village Halls</b> (bookings)</p> <p>Gorefield 870829 Guyhirn 450835 Murrow 700212/700200 Parson Drove 700729 Thorney Toll 07887754869 or 07961957878 WSM Community Centr 01945410473</p> <p><b>Parish Council Clerks</b></p> <p>Gorefield 870454 Parson Drove 700501 Wisbech St Mary 474191 Victim supportline 08453030900</p>	<p><b>Schools</b></p> <p>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 Parson Drove PO 700511 Gorefield PO 870273 Wisbech St Mary PO 410288</p> <p><b>Police (non-emergency)</b> <b>0345 456 4564</b></p>	<p><b>Health &amp; Security</b></p> <p>Home-Start 582552 Parson Drove Surgery 700223 Parson Drove Pharmacy 701778 North Cambs Hospital 585781 Queen Elizabeth Hospital 01553 613613 Social Services 481100 P. Drove Surgery Car Service 07766534280 WSM Community Car Scheme 07592407283 Gorefield Com. Car Scheme 07500479444 Childline 0800 1111 Crimestoppers 0800 555 111 Dog control/Animal welfare 01354 622442 Drugs Helpline 0800 776600 Fenland District Council 01354654321 CCC Highways Maintenance 03450455212 Samaritans 08457909090</p>

## FORMER PAR SEEKS SPONSORSHIP FOR WOUNDED SERVICE PERSONNEL

Twenty-three years old James Tattingham, of Gorefield, will be taking part in the Reading Half Marathon on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2011 on behalf of BLESMA, the national charity for limbless serving and ex-service men and women and their dependants and widows.

It is the charity that directly supports all our service men and women who lose limbs, the use of limbs or eyes or the sight of an eye in the service of our country and are with them all whenever they are needed for the rest of their lives. Their work starts with rehabilitation - proving that there is life after amputation. Their work is about amputee helping amputee - the fellowship of shared experience. Their work is about life-long welfare support, about campaigning for what they deserve and about being there when old injuries come back to haunt. The youngest member is 19 and the eldest is 99 - truly they are BLESMA for life.

*James writes, "I recently served in the Parachute Regiment for 4 years and served on an operational tour in Afghanistan I the summer of 2008. I have witnessed the effects of war and the way it affects peoples's lives. My fellow Paras are currently serving in Afghanistan as I write this, doing their part for our country while we sleep safe at night. The main reason for me taking part in this event is that I have witnessed amputees before my very eyes, but I have also seen full recovery. I have seen a friend have both his legs and arm blown off, and because of this charity I saw him two months later after the tour actually walking. This is all thanks to charities such as BLESMA that people can go on to lead perfectly normal lives. It is outstanding. I feel that is so important that we continue to support our troops. So, I feel I should do my part here in the UK and show how much I appreciate everything they're doing for us and the risks they are taking by giving something back to them.*

*"I do have sponsorship forms available, but most people have been sponsoring me online at [uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JamesTattingham](http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/JamesTattingham). Through Virgin Money Giving, you can sponsor me and donations will be quickly processed. Virgin Money Giving is a not foe profit organisation and will claim gift aid on a charity's behalf where the donor is eligible for this."*

Unfortunately James's email arrived at "Village Voices" too late for inclusion in the printed March issue. The April issue will probably not be delivered before March 20<sup>th</sup>, the day of the half marathon, so, to enable everyone in the area to have the opportunity of sponsoring him, we have taken this unusual step of printing James's story on a flyer in the Gorefield copies and putting it on the websites. We wish him every success at Reading. James can be contacted on 07761 2545381

# **WISBECH ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL**

## **NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011**

Wisbech St Mary is one of the largest parishes in Fenland District. It includes Murrow, Guyhim, Thorney Toll, Tholomas Drove and Wisbech St Mary.

### **List of Councillors**

Mr C Allen Halls Farm, Wisbech Road, Guyhim, Wisbech – 01733 849300  
Mr P Barnes, Westview, 38 Murrow Bank, Murrow, PE13 4HB – 0945 700200  
Mr B Britain, Fort Farm, Gull Drove, Guyhim, Wisbech PE13 4HB – 01733 849262  
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Mr J Fish, 17 Lindens Close, Thorney Toll, Wisbech PE13 4AR – 07887754869  
Mr T Fowler, Bramble Corner, Plash Drove, Wisbech St Mary PE13 4SP – 01945 410425  
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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 2011 and January 2012**

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 2011- Thorney Toll Village Hall  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – Wisbech St Mary Community Centre  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 - Annual Assembly 7.00 pm followed by AGM at Wisbech St Mary Community Centre  
Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011- The Chequers, Tholomas Drove  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011- Murrow Village Hall  
Monday 1st August 2011- Guyhim Village Hall

Please note that we are again having our meetings in the Village Halls in order to try to make our meetings more accessible to all parishioners.

Parishioners are invited to attend any of the above meetings, and voice their opinions on any subject relevant to the parish during the Open Forum at the beginning of every meeting. The Parish Council is very pleased that many parishioners attend the Parish Council meetings on a regular basis, together with representatives from the police, District Councillors C Bellamy and R Scrimshaw and County Councillor Jill Tuck.

There will be Parish Council elections on the 5th May 2011. The qualification for being a councillor is simple. You must be over 18 years of age, and live in or within three miles of the parish OR have your place of business in the parish. People are required who care about their village and parish, and are willing to give up some of their time. Anyone interested should contact the clerk and she will send a pack outlining details of how to become a councillor. **Please do not be overwhelmed by this pack.** If you would like to discuss any of the contents, please contact either Carolyn Jobson, our Clerk, on 474364 or Diana Thrower, our Chairman, on 700213.

### **Precept**

The Parish Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2010 built a budget for the financial year 2011/2012 and has set the precept at £43,732.00, no increase on last year. The members intend to continue with the grants to local clubs and associations as far as possible within financial constraints.

### **Highway Matters**

- The Parish Council's jointly funded minor highway improvements to improve Wisbech St Mary/Bunkers Hill signing and lining to improve road safety, was in the top three

applications. We are waiting to hear whether, as in previous years, there will be funding for the top three to go ahead.

- The Parish Council continues to identify areas that are in need of streetlights, and if you know of an area where a streetlight is needed, please contact either one of the councillors or the clerk.
- The Parish Council continues to identify roads and footpaths that are in need of repair and continues to lobby the County Highways Department to ensure that the work is carried out as soon as possible.
- In the current financial year we have undertaken maintenance work on all bus shelters in the parish.
- The Parish Council are in the process of purchasing additional dog bins and litter bins for Guyhim.

Notices and Agendas of meetings together with Council minutes are displayed on all the parish notice boards and the minutes are on the Wisbech St Mary website on [www.wisbechstmary.org.uk](http://www.wisbechstmary.org.uk).

### **Poors Allotment Charity**

Due to the current financial position I am afraid that this no funds available for grants. The Poors Allotment are restricted to spending only the interest on capital and due to the credit crunch there is very little available at this time.

Mrs C Jobson  
Clerk to the Council  
30 Les Baux Place, Wisbech, Cambs PE13 2SU  
Tel: 01945 474364

## Wisbech St Mary Sports & Community Centre

### **One Year later... 'First Year's Birthday Event'....**

**Saturday - MARCH 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Open Day 11.00 - 4.00**

*Come and talk to our user groups - find out more  
- or just relax in the Station Bar...*

Lots of clubs, activities, stalls, theatre productions, shows and entertainment etc.

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

**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 7.00 - Third Tues. in the month from April – (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 (Next one 22<sup>nd</sup> March)

**Line Dancing Instruction** – Weekly Tues. eve from 7.30 – 9.00 Contact Brian 01354 656641

**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 – contact Nick 410038 from 8.00

**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. Computer/Internet training** – Weekly on Fri. morn. 10.00 – 12.00 (held in the Sidings) Contact George 07584 490261

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

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

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

Visit our Website: [www.wsmcommunity.com](http://www.wsmcommunity.com) or tel 01945 410432 for general information or Hall and Room Hire/Bookings. tel. 01945 410473

### ***~ Entertainment - to start 2011 ~***

**March 5<sup>th</sup> ~ The Community Centre Anniversary Birthday** – User group activities, information and demonstrations during the day

Music from Superb Entertainer/vocalist - Peter Jay\_in the Station Bar during the evening – from 8.30pm

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Darts Knockout Competition Final** with Steve Beaton – see posters for dates of qualifying knockout rounds.

**May 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 'Pyevarotti' – Singer, Comedian & Impressionist** – performs in the Station Bar – from 8.30pm

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> – BEER FESTIVAL.**

**June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> - COUNTRY FAYRE** – this year a two day event....