

Village Voices

October 2011



'Village Voices' is produced by the parish churches for the local community providing news and information for 2,700 homes in
**Gorefield- Guyhirn-Harold Bridge-Murrow-Parson Drove-Rings End-Tholomas Drove-Thorney Toll-
Wisbech St Mary**

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



Parson Drove School: Champions of the Wisbech & District School Football League 1938-39.

VICAR'S VERBALS

Sarah and I have just had a lovely break in Northumberland, a land of dramatic contrasts. In the wake of the flagging hurricane we have seen storm-torn skies painting rainbows in a roaring tide, and curious wobbling seals watching us watching them. We had explored enchanted lakeside forests under the timeless guardianship of ruined castles.

We have fallen in love with the cosy rented stone cottage with its low ceilings, open fire, whistling draughts and cheeky midnight biscuit-munching mice.

The harvest was late there; the familiar tracks of combine and grain trailer seemed out of place as they tipped and turned over hills and vales, whose contours paraphrase the nearby breakers.

A return to fenland, through the endless flat fields of Lincolnshire, seems an anticlimax, and yet, holidays in beautiful places so different to our own, make us remember how strange our own homes appear to visitors' eyes. They make us realise that what is exotic to us is ordinary to others, and vice-versa. A richness of life is to be able to stop and wonder at the beauty of our own back garden, and to recall a sense of novelty and delight in the places and faces we see everyday.

Matthew

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FENLAND HERITAGE SERVICE AT GUYHIRN CHAPEL OF EASE

Guyhirn's 17th century Chapel of Ease was the host to a well-attended special service celebrating the historic buildings and ancient sites in fenland towns and villages. The service, part of the National Heritage Weekend, was led by Rev Ryk Parkinson and Brian Payne. The Chapel received over 60 visitors during the weekend. Donations totalling over £80 were handed to the Churches Conservation Trust who work to preserve the Chapel.

HEALING SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S

A Healing Service will be held in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Tuesday October 11th at 7pm. An opportunity to remember and pray for loved ones who may be unwell.

Residents from all parishes very welcome.

*Come ye thankful people,
come
Raise the song of harvest
home!*

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

**St Mark's Methodist
Church, Parson Drove**
Sunday September 25th
10.30am.

**Emmanuel Church, Parson
Drove**
Sunday October 2nd 9.30am

**Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn
Church**
Sunday October 2nd
11.00am.
followed by Harvest Lunch.

St Paul's Church, Gorefield
Sunday October 9th
10.00am.
followed by Harvest Supper at
6.30pm
(see separate item)

Murrow Methodist Church
Sunday October 9th 10.30am
(see separate item)

All residents of our villages
most welcome at one or all
of these services.

*Now thank we all our
God
With heart and hands
and voices!*

TEAS AMONGST THE TOOLS!

Old Harvesting, Farming and Gardening tools will be on display at

EMMANUEL CHURCH, PARSON DROVE
Saturday 1st October

Come and have a cuppa among the tools
Teas/coffees served from 9.30am to 1pm

Sunday 2nd October

Join the Scarecrows at

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

9.30 am.

NEXT MART AT WISBECH ST MARY

The next Mart in the Church House at Wisbech St Mary is on Saturday October 8th, from 8.45 to sell-out, usually 10.00am. Home-made cakes, plants, produce, etc. on sale, and coffee, tea and biscuits are available if you have a few minutes to stop and chat. Open to all village residents.

WISBECH ST MARY CHURCH

Friday September 30th, 7pm.
BRASS BAND CONCERT
by

MARCH 2000

Admission £4.

Sunday October 2nd

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

11.00am

Saturday October 1st 10am to 4pm

Sunday October 2nd 1pm to 4pm

DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ARTEFACTS
OF GUYHIRN AND WISBECH ST MARY

Exhibition of photographs by Lisa Owen

ORGAN MUSIC

Refreshments

HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION

St Paul's church, Gorefield, is holding a Harvest Supper, followed by an auction of produce, in the Village Hall on Sunday October 9th at 6.30pm. Everyone welcome. The cost of the meal is £7 per person; bring your own liquid refreshment.
Bookings: Rosemary 870640 or Joy 870179

MOTHERS UNION HEARS ABOUT THE BRADBURY SEWING MACHINE

Tuesday September 6th was our first meeting after the summer break. After Holy Communion, we heard a very interesting talk about the Bradbury family and the Bradbury Sewing Machine. Our next meeting will be on October 4th, when we will welcome Marian Ford, the Licensed Lay Minister from St Wendreda's church, March. The meeting starts at 2.15pm in WSM Church House and ends with refreshments. Everyone is most welcome.

Lilian Bridgen

MURROW METHODIST CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER
CAKE, PRODUCE AND BRIC-A-BRAC STALL
11am - 2pm

Come and browse, there are plenty of bargains to be had and also see the church decorated for the Harvest Festival

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER
HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE 10:30am

All denominations are welcome - Come and give thanks for the Harvest and not only from the fields but also from orchards and gardens

MONDAY 10th OCTOBER
HARVEST SUPPER AND AUCTION - 6pm
Tickets for the supper £5 Available from church members

+ Regular Services +

Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn Parish Church:

Every Sunday exc 1st :- 11am. **SUNG EUCHARIST.**

1st Sunday:-8am Communion, 11am Family Service

3rd Sunday:- Evening Prayer: 4.00pm

Emmanuel Church, Parson Drove:

1st Sunday in month:- 9.30am Family service.

2nd & 3rd Sundays:- 9.30am Holy Communion.

4th Sunday:-United Service at St Mark's 10.30.

Oct 2nd: Greeters: Pauline & Diane. Coffee: Sandra.

Oct 9th: Greeter: Pam. Coffee: Barbara.

Oct 16th: Greeters: Sue & Jenny. Coffee: Sheelagh.

Flowers: Oct 2nd & 9th: Mrs B Selway.

Oct 16th & 30th: Mrs J Rawlings.

St Paul's Church, Gorefield:

except 3rd Sunday. 10.00am: Holy Communion

3rd Sunday. 10.00am: Morning Worship

Murrow Methodist Church 10.30am

Oct 2nd: Mrs M Pillay.

Oct 9th: Revd N Hannah. Harvest festival.

Oct 16th: Mr J Gautrey.

Oct 23rd: Local arrangement.

Oct 30th: United at Parson Drove.

St Mark's Methodist Church, Parson Drove.

Oct 2nd. 10.30: Revd N Hannah

Oct 9th. 9.30: United service, Parish Church.

Oct 16th. 10.30: Local arrangement.

Oct 23rd. 10.30: Revd Hannah. H Comm. United service.

Oct 30th. 10.30: Revd L Stocker.

PRESSED FLOWER DEMONSTRATION

At Parson Drove Women's Institute's meeting in September the speaker was Pauline Blackburn from Little Downham. She enchanted us all with her "Pressed Flower Craft" talk and demonstration, and brought with her a large selection of her cards, which were snapped up in record time by our members. All the proceeds going to Rett Syndrome UK, a charity of personal importance to Pauline.

After tea and biscuits, we held the business meeting and members were reminded of our Cake Stall on September 17th.

Ann Payne

WSM COUPLE BLOOM AGAIN!

Mr and Mrs Bellenes, of School Close, Wisbech St Mary, have once again won prizes in the annual Wisbech in Bloom competition. This year they won first prize in the Container category, second prize in Small Out of Town Gardens, and second prize in the Wildlife Friendly category.

The "Wheel Inn", Wisbech St Mary, retained the Elgood's shield for the Best Pub Front.

WSM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SUBSCRIPTION IS ONLY £2

WSM Women's Fellowship's first meeting of the new season was Thursday 8th September when Rena Carey shared with us her passion for the creation of beautiful hats. She explained how she creates the hats which can take weeks, and that all hats are hand sewn. Some members enjoyed modelling the variety of hats she brought!

Our next meeting, on Thursday October 13th is a visit to the Council Chamber in Wisbech led by the Mayor's Beadle, Alistair Hopkin. Please meet at the Council Chamber by 6.00pm sharp.

Our well-attended meetings usually take place in WSM school hall on the second Thursday of each month with excellent speakers and activities. New members are always welcome. Our annual subscription is only £2, and the evening fee £1:50 per session for those you attend - if you miss a meeting, you don't have to pay for it.

Liz Hunt and Mary McClagish

£1000 FOR GEORGES FIELD

The organisers of the Fete held on Georges Field, Tholomas Drove, in July, would like to thank everyone who helped and supported them on the day. The magnificent sum of £1,022.07 was raised.

A Fowler

The register

We welcome into the church's family

Vinnie James and Archie George Stearn, who were baptised in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Monday August 29th.

Ethen, Fraya and Primrose Dyer, who were baptised in St Paul's church, Gorefield, on Sunday September 4th.

We wish every happiness to

Richard Hircock and Lisa Smith, who were married in Wisbech St Mary and Guyhirn church on Monday August 29th.

Quentin Sharpe and Sharon Miller, who were married in Emmanuel church, Parson Drove, on Saturday September 3rd.

Andrew Bingham and Karen Chandler, who were married in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church on Saturday September 10th.

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

Mabel Smith, whose funeral service was held in Murrow Methodist Church, followed by burial in Parson Drove churchyard, on Monday September 5th.

Irwin Thornton, whose funeral was at Fenland Crematorium on Monday September 5th.

Rebecca Olive Phillips, whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by Cremation at Fenland, on Wednesday September 7th.

Dorothy Tegerdine, whose funeral was at Peterborough Crematorium on Wednesday September 7th.

Ann Christine Burton, of Wisbech, whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by burial in WSM Cemetery, on Thursday September 8th.

Betty Mitchell, whose funeral was at Mintlyn on Friday September 9th.

Raymond Quince, whose funeral service was held in Wisbech St Mary & Guyhirn church followed by burial in WSM Cemetery, on Friday September 16th.

Eric Bullen, whose funeral service was held in St Paul's church, Gorefield, followed by cremation at Mintlyn, on Friday September 16th.

In memoriam

Bill Rawlings, whose ashes were laid in Wisbech St Mary Garden of Remembrance on Sunday August 28th.

SCARECROWS TAKE OVER A VILLAGE!

by Marie and David

What a great success the Scarecrow Festival was with 28 scarecrows in all. New this year was the children's class, Sam and Lily won the first prize with their *Crows Nest*, second was *Chee Chee the Monkey* made by Oscar and Eva, third prize went to Daniel with *Bertie Butterfly*.

First prize in the festival went to Stuart and Sue Fisher with *Noah's Ark*, second was Cheryl Ridley with *Scare-Doe*, and third place was *Naughty Sheep* created by Lewis Mann. The theme was 'Colourful creatures great and small'. The village really came alive, and it was so good to see the scarecrows pop up here, there and everywhere. In folks' gardens, spiders and dragonfly's on walls, creepy-crawlies everywhere, the talent was so high, and everyone who took part had lots of fun. The Scarecrow festival route and Treasure Hunt was held over the Bank Holiday weekend, with visitors travelling around the route searching for the creatures and also judging and scoring. The treasure hunt was won by 8 year old Jemma Hanslip of Upwell.

So thank you so much for taking part and helping to make Gorefield the eye-catching village we are so proud of. Next year's theme is Olympics, Sports and Games, so let's hope we have another outstanding year and many more scarecrows joining in the fun.

Thank you once again for your support and we look forward to your wonderful creations next year.

PARSON DROVE WINS MAJOR BLOOM AWARD

Parson Drove claimed a magnificent silver gilt award in the large village category (1,001-2,500 residents) of the Anglia in Bloom 2011 awards. Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard to bring colour and neatness to the village. Parson Drove's playing field also earned a nomination in the best public open space award - finishing behind the eventual winner The Walks, in King's Lynn.

MURROW PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Murrow Playing Field Association will be held on Monday October 17th in Murrow Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm. All residents welcome. Any apologies should be sent to the secretary on 701776 or by email to Llanemary@aol.com

CRAFT FAYRE

Raising funds for Magpas Helimedix 24/7
Sunday October 16th, 12 – 3pm
Parson Drove Village Hall

Organiser Carol Bridle says: "It is our intention to raise funds for the local MAGPAS team who's work is so important to saving lives. Many of you will have seen and read about the horrendous accident that happened to a young man in Guyhirn earlier this year when he was working as a tree surgeon and slipped, falling onto his chainsaw. Had it not been for the quick thinking of his workmates and the availability of the MAGPAS crew, the ending for him could have been much more tragic.

Since then we have learned that they have lost much of their Government funding, and are dependant on donations and fund raising events such as ours. We hope as many people as possible will come along to support us, and at the same time pick up some really interesting items. A wide variety of crafts will be on offer including:

Handmade knitwear and toys; Handmade cards and calendars; Plants; woodcraft; Handmade wax candles and linen items; Pottery; Home-made cakes and preserves; Gothic items and Halloween ornaments; CD Clocks; Toiletry gift baskets, and children's face painting".

Refreshments will be available

Carol can be contacted on 700791.

ALISON TAKES PREMIER PRIZE AT SUCCESSFUL MURROW SHOW

The organisers of the Murrow Autumn Show were very pleased that the show was such a success again. All classes were well supported with several new exhibitors making an excellent overall display in the village hall.

The Tom Benstead Trophy was awarded to Alison Newman for her sugar craft chillies as "Best in Show". Richard Pollington gained most 1st points and received the Tom and Marion Tansley Memorial Trophy. Anna Bennett was awarded the Jim Miller Trophy for best exhibit (Cupcakes) in the Junior Cookery Class. After the presentation of trophies the auction of produce helped raise over £200 for Murrow playing field.

Thanks were expressed to everyone especially Roger, Yvonne and Jonathan Reader who worked so hard to make the show such a success.

NEWTON AND GOREFIELD LADIES MEET OVER SUPPER

A very interesting evening was spent at the Newton Ladies Group's August meeting by several Gorefield Ladies Group members. A delicious supper was served and Newton has been invited back to Gorefield's meeting on Wednesday 28th September, when a talk will be given by Sue Stephenson entitled "Puddle Paddock". Everyone welcome.

A future dairy date for the Gorefield Ladies is on Wednesday October 26th, in Gorefield Village Hall, which is an Open Meeting with an interesting illustrated talk by the well known speaker David Grimes. The subject will be "The world's great trams". Everyone very welcome.

SUNSHINE CLUB VISITS WICKSTEED PARK

Murrow Sunshine Club held meetings in August and September when attendance was 'below par'. Members and their guests went to Wicksteed Park in September, and enjoyed a dinner, matinee show and a light tea. Birthdays celebrated during September were Mrs Raggett, Mrs Stringer, Mrs England and Mrs Neal.

Our next event is a Sausage Dinner on October 5th.

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A47 SPEED CAMERA RE-INSTALLED AT THORNEY TOLL

Concerns regarding the accident risk on the A47 trunk road around Thorney Toll have often been voiced by residents and by local parish councillor John Fish. Coun Fish met with the NE Cambs MP Steve Barclay to point out the number of serious accidents that had occurred locally. There has been nine accidents in the past three years and five fatalities in six years. Coun. Fish explained that a safety camera in the hamlet had been deactivated during road works some two years ago, and that residents and Wisbech St Mary Parish Council had been anxious to get it re-instated, but had been told there were no plans to do so.

HALLOWE'EN FUN AT THE RSPCA

Join in the Hallowe'en fun at the RSPCA Animal Rehoming Centre in Block Fen, Wimblington, with lots of games to play including 'Hook-a-duck', Lucky Dip, 'Hunt the Black Cat' and Tombola. The coffee shop has home-made cakes. The Hallowe'en event is open on October 29th and 30th from 11.00am to 3.30pm each day.

All monies raised go toward the much-needed funding to continue the high standard of animal care provided at the centre.

THE PROBLEM OF BARKING DOGS

As the summer gives way to autumn, a number of residents in our villages have mentioned the nuisance caused by the continual barking of dogs of all sizes. Although inconsiderate dog owners are in the minority there may be some who are unaware of the extremely high financial penalties that may be enforced on owners of dogs that are proved to cause a nuisance. If an owner is used to their dog barking from habit they may not notice it. However, for their neighbour it could be purgatory. The quality of life of neighbours on either side of a perpetually noisy dog is seriously jeopardised. It might be that they can't go into their garden for fear of starting the dog off, or they have to resort to unusual methods of countering the barking. It is natural for a dog to protect its owner's property, but there should be a limit to its concern.

The Fenland Citizen Advice Bureau (CAB) comments:

If the dog is causing too much noise which disturbs you, the owner or person in control of the dog can be responsible for nuisance. Nuisance covers anything which substantially or unreasonably disturbs your enjoyment of your accommodation, or which affects your health. In extreme cases of nuisance it might be best to get the local authority environmental health department to take action against the owner.

It may be preferable to take a more formal approach. Occasionally a letter from a solicitor advising the animal owner of her/his liability or obligations and of the neighbour's rights may be the additional pressure needed to persuade the owner to get the problem stopped. If all else fails, the aggrieved person may exercise his/her right to go to court and ask for an order against the animal's owner to curb the animal, to stop or prevent the activity which is causing the damage or nuisance; *and/or* pay the person financial compensation for any personal injury or damage to property that he/she has suffered.

The CAB also points out that if a person thinks the dog constantly barking is due to neglect, it should be reported to the RSPCA. (www.rspca.org.uk). Whilst all these options can be considered, CAB would always recommend, where possible in the first instance, negotiation and talking to the parties concerned to come up with a mutually agreeable resolve.

CAREERS CONVENTION VISIT FOR YEAR SIXES

On the 28th June all the Year 6's in Wisbech got the chance to participate in the careers convention. The convention was about what we would like to have as careers when we were older. For most of us, it was an opportunity to broaden our options for the future. We got to question specialists about their jobs, the work environment and other general questions. I found out several things about other people's jobs and now have a couple of backup jobs if need be. Overall, I thought it was informative and fun. **Rohan Rastogi, Gorefield School**

BARN DANCE FOR NEW SCHOOL POOL

Gorefield Primary School are holding a Barn Dance on Saturday October 15th at Tydd St Giles Community Centre, doors opening at 7pm. Music and dancing to Eilidh's Ceilidh Band. Tickets are £10 adults, £5 children, under 3's free, including a sausage and mash supper! There will be a competition for the children of 'best dressed' Cowgirl and cowboy!. Tickets from Gorefield Primary School or contact Tina 07722 314082. All proceeds will go towards Gorefield Primary School New Pool Fund."

WSM LUNCHEON CLUB DATES

Lunch dates for October are Tuesdays 11th and 25th at midday at the *Bridge Inn*, Wisbech St Mary. If members can not attend, please ring Marjorie 410511 or the *Bridge* 410555

SAUSAGE SUPPER AND AUCTION

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES AT PARSON DROVE

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

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

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

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

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

The copy deadline for *Village Voices* is the 15th of each month. Please email news, etc. to paynewsm@btinternet.com or on paper to Anne Wallis in Guyhirn (450466) Elaine Harvey in Gorefield (870558) David Pearce in Parson Drove(700454)

For advertising, e-mail Brian at paynewsm@btinternet.com, or phone Terry Brigden on 450481.

SHOCK AS CAMBRIDGESHIRE POLICE FAIL TO ANSWER 20,000 CALLS IN TWO MONTHS

As reported by Raymond Brown in the *Cambridge News* September 14th 2011.

A massive 20,000 calls to Cambridgeshire police went unanswered in two months over the summer. The news comes as police prepare to launch an automated phone system.

On average, more than 333 people abandoned their calls to non-emergency lines every day during June and July.

A report to a meeting of Cambridgeshire Police Authority's scrutiny committee in September also revealed that only about half of calls to the non-emergency number, 0345 4564564 have been answered within the 30-second target time.

In a typical month, around 5 per cent of non-emergency calls routed to the force control room are abandoned. But in June and July, one in six – some 10,000 of the 60,000 non-emergency calls each month – were ended before they were answered.

The 999 system is meeting its 10 second target for answering calls in just under 90 per cent of cases.

A police spokeswoman said: "The force has made several business changes to its non-emergency call handling service to ensure it reduces cost.

"A decline in service was anticipated during the early stages of implementation and this will be improved through a series of developments in call automation. As part of the redesign, officers will also look again at how they react to crimes.

The spokeswoman added: "Before any officers are deployed, officers in the scheduled contact team will assess the nature of the call and, if appropriate, investigate further and resolve the incident over the phone."

The automated system is set to be introduced in October.

END OF SEASON BOOT SALE

The last Gorefield Boot Sale of the season will be held at the Playing Field, Wolf Lane, on Saturday October 8th. Sellers 7.30am, £4 per pitch. Contact numbers 870387 or 07918122217

CASEY AND BARBARA'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Advance Notice

Friday December 16th at 5.00pm in Parson Drove Village Hall. Open to Over-60s resident within Parson Drove boundaries. Limited space so book early with Barbara (700761) or Casey (700276) before November 31st. Two Bingo sessions have been organised in November and December to help finance the party. Full details in next month's "Village Voices".

MURROW 200 CLUB WINNERS

S Barnes - Murrow
L Taylor - Murrow
G Burt - Wisbech
H Woollard - Murrow
L Quince - Wisbech St Mary
A Newton - Murrow
L Markillie - Murrow
S Simms - Wisbech

New Zumba Fitness class

Sundays 10.30am from September 25th
Wisbech St Mary Community Centre
Contact Nicola for more information
(01945) 411874

CITIZENS ADVICE AT PARSON DROVE

The Citizens Advice Bureau will be at Parson Drove pavilion on **October 25th** at 1.30pm. Anyone wishing to arrange a consultation should telephone 01945 474926 not later than **October 20th**. Advice can also be obtained by calling 01945 464367, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1pm

Mobile Library Stops

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

GOREFIELD LADY BOWLERS ARE NEW EBF CHAMPIONS

The National English Bowling Federation Finals were held in Skegness during August.

Gorefield bowlers competed in the tournament having won the County Finals, and they went forward representing North Cambs Bowling Association and North Cambs Ladies Bowling Association.

In the Mixed Triples Chris Wright, Debra Wright and Margaret Hunt unfortunately lost in the first round. In the Secretaries Singles and 2 wood singles, Debra Wright made it through to the Semi finals in both competitions losing to the eventual winners in both.

In the ladies 3 wood Triples, June Warren, Debra Wright and Margaret Hunt, won the first game against Norfolk 20 – 11, the second game against Northants 19 – 12, the semi final against N/Essex 18 – 10, and won the final against Lincolnshire 16 – 15 to be crowned the 2011 EBF National Champions.

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

Village Halls (bookings)

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

Parish Council Clerks

Gorefield	870454
Parson Drove	700501
Wisbech St Mary	474191

Schools

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

Post Offices

Parson Drove	700511
Gorefield	870273
Wisbech St Mary	410288

Health & Security

Home-Start	582552
Parson Drove Surgery	700223
Parson Drove Pharmacy	701778
North Cambs Hospital	585781
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	01553 613613
Social Services	481100
P. Drove Surgery Car Service	07766534280
WSM Com Car Scheme	07592407283
Gorefield Com. Car Scheme	07500479444
Childline	0800 1111
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111
Dog control/Animal welfare	01354 622442
Drugs Helpline	0800 776600
Fenland District Council	01354654321
CCC Highways Maintenance	03450455212
Samaritans	08457909090
Victim supportline	08453030900

Websites:

www.gorefield.com
www.guyhirn-online.org.uk
www.wisbechstmary.org.uk

Police (non-emergency) 0345 456 4564

THOUGHTS ON SCARECROWS AND VEGETABLES

Having just taken over the chairmanship of the well established Gorefield Playing Field Association, I was particularly humbled during the Scarecrow event and Fruit and Vegetable show.

These two events have shown me the amount of work that a small group people actually do to get them organised and properly set up for delivery. I believe the scarecrow was outstanding again and well patronised.

The Fruit and Vegetable show only added to a marvellous day, where an abundant number of entries were judged and prizes awarded. Lovely to see the young ones taking an active part in the show as well. The day was topped off with what must be Gorefield's answer to our auctioneer in the guise of David Pope who did an outstanding job in selling off to those present any of the items donated for sale. It needs to be said that the success of this day was made that much easier because of the numbers who turned up, and to them I send my heartfelt thanks.

George Ridley

POLICE NOTICE **Parking near schools**

With the schools open again, this can bring its own problems. Therefore, can we please remind parents to be considerate to all those who live close to schools when dropping off their children. Particularly when parking do not block driveways or create any unnecessary obstruction. Please also consider your speed too, as the sudden increased volume of traffic at the beginning and end of the school day in these residential areas can become extremely dangerous for young and old alike. Despite our patrols at school time last year we are still issuing tickets to drivers who park illegally outside the schools ignoring road markings and signs. These markings and signs are there to protect both children and adults.

To park safely please remember the following:

Zig zags - not to be stopped on for any amount of time - potentially a £60 fine and 3 points on your licence

Single yellow lines - there will be a time plate showing when you can and can't park on the lines.

Double yellow lines - not to be parked on. Dropping off is ok but the driver should remain within the vehicle and move away as soon as passengers are safely out of the vehicle - potentially £30 fine

Solid white lines - these are usually outside property to prevent vehicles from blocking the drive way - potentially £30 fine

Parking on/near junctions - parking within 30 feet (10m) of a junction is prohibited - potentially £30 fine

Disabled badge holders - allowed to park in some places where other motorists can't - common sense still applies. If you are unsure please refer to your handbook supplied with the badge.

Unnecessary obstruction - anywhere the officer dealing deems the vehicle to be causing unnecessary obstruction - potentially £30 fine.

PARSON DROVE AMENITIES DINNER

Advance Notice

A Christmas Dinner and Dance is to be held on Saturday December 12th. Music by 'The Business'. Tickets £22, including four-course meal, from Louise Hayes on 701312.

STOP SMOKING SUPPORT AVAILABLE

Camquit, NHS Cambridgeshire's free stop smoking service, have launched a new clinic in Wisbech in an unusual but convenient location. You can now visit a specialist stop smoking advisor on the Wisbech Market Place!

Camquit will be providing stop smoking services every Thursday until January 2012 with advisors available between 8:30am and 2pm. Appointments can be made to see an advisor, or alternatively you can just drop by for some advice on quitting smoking, including Nicotine Replacement Therapy on prescription. Claire Mead, Camquit Coordinator said "The stall is unique as we will be offering stop smoking clinics there and then, and it is not just an information stand. We hope that this convenient location and time will suit many Fenland residents and that they will take up the services we are providing" Details: Camquit.nhs.uk or 0800 0184304.

GOREFIELD LUNCH CLUB

31 members of the Gorefield Lunch Club sat down to a lovely lunch on September 7th, followed by a quiz (names of flowers) and a raffle. Everyone attending selected their lunch (Beef stew and dumplings or Chicken Curry) for Tuesday October 4th when the Club returns to the 'Woodmans Arms'.

POTTERY FOR BEGINNERS ONE DAY COURSES NOW AVAILABLE

Welcome to ART DONALD

We are a two person team: Potter (Maggie) and Watercolour Artist (Mac) running ART DONALD from our fully equipped pottery and painting studios in Parson Drove.

Introduction to Pottery Course

At our one day, structured course, during the morning session, you will be introduced to basic clay handling techniques including creating coiled pots, pinch pots, tiles and the principles of glazing etc.

After a light lunch, you will also have the opportunity to try your hand at throwing pots on the wheel!

We have a maximum class size of 3 people ensuring that you get plenty of one-to-one time with Maggie.

If you discover you have hidden talents, we offer follow-on workshops to develop your skills and can also arrange individual one-to-one classes.

Interested in having a go? The courses run from 10am-4pm including a light lunch.

Please contact us on 01945 700821 for further details

CHARITY HALLOWE'EN DISCO

WSM Community Centre

Saturday October 29th from 7.30 till late.

Disco by "Q the Music".

Fancy Dress Optional Tickets £5 from 410610, 410243 or 583444 Children welcome.

All profits for QE Hospital Children's Rudham Ward.

HARVEST AUCTION FOR CHARITY

Andy and Dawn at the *Bell Inn*, Murrow, are organising a charity harvest auction on October 1st. starting at 8pm. Donations of all kinds are very welcome. Money and support are needed to help raise funds which will be divided between Mencap and the Sequel Trust.

WOOL WANTED FOR CHARITY KNIT

Double knitting wool is urgently required by a group of knitters in Wisbech St Mary. The ladies produce jumpers, teddies and blankets for charities which are sent all over the world. If you can help please contact Grace on 410794, who will be pleased to collect the wool.

585 VEHICLES CHECKED, 47 SPEEDING

The latest set of Speedwatch results in local villages reveal a drop in the number of speeding vehicles.

Gorefield (High Rd): 39 Vehicles checked, 6 speeding

Guyhirn (High Rd) 110 Vehicles checked, 2 Speeding

Leverington (Church Rd) 166 Vehicles 20 Speeding

Murrow (Murrow Bank) 65 Vehicles 5 Speeding

Parson Drove (Main Rd) 105 Vehicles, 13 Speeding

Wisbech St Mary (High Rd) 100 Vehicles 1 Speeding

GOREFIELD 200 CLUB WINNERS

Wk No 1 152 Allan Young

Wk No 2 35 Tom Gagen

Wk No 3 49 Val Goult

Wk No 4 73 Ray Tibbs

Wk No 5 45 Peggy Spooner

Wk No 6 100 Lloyd Rowling

Wk No 7 132 David Pope

Wk No 8 197 R Tranter

Wk No 9 64 A Rowell

Wk No 10:

£250 124 R Pope

£50 164 Roy Cott

£10 55 Joy Bullen

Free Range Eggs

from a small flock of hens ranging on herb-rich conservation pasture, free from pesticides and artificial fertilizers.

If required we deliver to Parson Drove, Gorefield and Wisbech St Mary

Fen Farm, Long Drove, Parson Drove

Telephone 700715

Mobile: 07840 762408



Wisbech St Mary Autumn Fayre and Fruit and Vegetable Show, mid-1950s.

THE GREAT FLOODS OF 1875

a description of severe flooding in the Fens
from the "*Wisbech Telegraph*" Saturday 24th July 1875.

"The unusually heavy rains which have fallen over this district during the last ten days have resulted in a great rise of water over the washes and low lands. For forty years there has not been so great a quantity of water in this immediate district, the ditches and drains which for many years have been almost dry, have become full to overflowing. The present generation can hardly realise the destruction of crops to which their predecessors were subject, and perhaps there has been a tendency to disregard those precautions which are necessary to meet such contingencies as the present season brings.

"The Waldersea engine cannot at present work at its full power as the boilers are under repair and the district is in some danger from inundation. The Marshland sluice, it is feared, is not equal to the duty of discharging an excess of flood water; the syphons of the Middle Level are not looked upon with confidence by those most interested in that district, and at the present juncture their action will be watched with very great solicitude. The North Level is desirous of testing the new protection sluice, and the present moment will be a good opportunity which it is to be hoped will result satisfactorily.

"The crops in Cambridgeshire have been considerably damaged by the recent heavy falls of rain. In most districts, particularly in the Fens, the barley is laid and not a little of the wheat. The river Ouse in several parts is overflowed, and droveways and even some highways are flooded. Travelling from Huntingdon to Cambridge nothing is seen but water. At Earith it is reported that there are three feet of water on the land. At Waterbeach, Welney, and between Downham and Lynn the fields are submerged and the hay crops throughout a greater portion of the Fens are destroyed.

"In the neighbourhood of Peterborough the Fens are completely submerged, and for a vast expanse the country has the appearance of a great lake. Railway traffic is much impeded, especially on the Midland & Great Northern line, and the river Nene continues to overflow it's banks. The damage which the crops have sustained must be great, as in many fields near Wisbech the water stands in pools, and the loss will be enormous if a change of weather does not speedily take place".

Clerk

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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, has its own website for you 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.

The Council has produced a **Welcome Booklet** for Gorefield that contains useful contact names and numbers. These have been delivered to every household but a replacement copy is available by contacting the Clerk.

Gorefield Parish Council is pleased to be associated with **Village Voices**

EXTRACTS from the MINUTES OF GOREFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillors Humphrey, Carroll, Holt, Ridley, Mrs Humphrey and Mrs Hall Also present Mrs Murfitt and Mr & Mrs C Harvey
Apologies Councillor Mrs Hunns and PCSO Bogunovic

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public wished to bring to the attention the Councillors the difficulties uses of mobility scooters encounter when they try to cross the Cattle Dyke junction due to the bad visibility caused by the Beech hedge around the boundary of Chiltern House. Clerk to contact the road safety team at Cambs CC to see if they can help with the problem.

A member of the public gave information to the Council with reference to a planning application which would be discussed later in the meeting.

66/11 Minutes of previous meeting held on 5th July 2011 were confirmed and signed.

67/11 None

68/11 None of the Councillors had any personal or prejudicial interests to declare

69/11 **POLICE LIAISON** PCSO Bogunovic unable to attend the meeting being on leave but had e-mailed a report to the clerk. Reported crimes since the last meeting one burglary in Cattle Dyke and theft of batteries from combine at Hassockhill Drove. Two incidents were reported antisocial behaviour on the playing field and white ford transit reported acting suspiciously in Gote Lane.

The issues on the playing field have reduced dramatically this is due to good work by the Parish Council and Roddons Housing.

Next Speed Watch date 9th August High Road/St Mark's Road junction.

70/11 MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA Report of rats at Richmond Green

Environmental Health were contacted and their contractor was to visit the site. But he said that they were not able to enter private property unless it was unoccupied. Clerk will contact them again for an update on the situation.

British Heart Foundation recycle bin Being delivered to the site tomorrow.

71/11 MATTERS ARISING ON THE AGENDA

(1) **Highway Matters** Clerk informed Peter Vale about the Council's dissatisfaction with pot hole repairs. The only answer received was that it had been passed onto Neil Band. No answer has been received from him. The Chairman will try to contact Mr Band. Councillor Ridley has received a price for a hard standing area for a bus stop at Cattle Dyke junction which is £3,000. The large pot holes at The Barracks have been reported.

(2) **Rural Transport** Forty completed rural transport survey forms have been passed on to Hetty Thornton, but as yet no feed back has been received.

(3) **Chapel Grave Yard** Clerk wrote to Mr Warren after the last meeting but has received no response. To write again suggesting that the Parish Council are keen to find a way forward and suggesting that Community Pay Back scheme could be used. It is not practicable for Street Pride to take this on because it would need regular attention therefore no other projects could be completed.

(4) **Play Equipment/Launch Event** The launch event was very well organised but it was very disappointing that very few people attended. Chairman thanked everybody that helped. Clerk will send out letters of thanks to Hetty Thornton, Lisa Peel and Charlene Denton.

Councillor Carroll has received a quotation from Cambs Acre for their Play Area inspection service. The basic cost of an inspection is £52.50 for up to 5 pieces of play equipment + £3.15 for every additional item + 45p per mile for travel costs. This would be carried out at quarterly intervals. Councillors agreed that independent inspections were necessary along with the monthly ones done by the Council. The Chairman will find out from Fenland DC if they can provide a similar service and at what cost.

Councillor Carroll has received an action plan from the last quarterly inspection dated 30th June 2011. The zip wire needs tightening, Councillor Ridley has tried to do this but it is a two man job. Chairman will help with this. The majority of the other issues are concerned with the matting which needs to be filled with top soil and seeded. Street Pride could help with this. The village sign has slight rust on the pole, the sign needs re-painting Councillor Mrs Humphrey offered her services for this, chamfer bricks around the base are crumbling and it needs weeding. Councillor Mrs Hall will approach Mr Howlett about this.

(5) **Playing Field/New Pavilion** The Chairman has received information from Fenland DC about a grant finder search package which he will e-mail to all the Councillors. Councillors Carroll and Ridley will investigate all possibilities to find the extra funding required for the new pavilion.

(6) **Parish Plan** A meeting has been arranged for 22nd September at 11 am outside the school to discuss parking and speeding problems.

(7) **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 1st September at 7 pm in the village hall. Clerk will write to all the groups in the village inviting them to attend. Posters will be displayed on the notice boards.