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now taken at the vestry mornings held at St Leonard's Leverington. They run between 10am and 12,



and the next vestry morning is on: 6th August.

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CHURCH OPENING

Tydd St Giles - Daily between 10am and 4pm. Leverington - Sundays After the morning service until 3pm

Murrow Methodist Church Every Sunday morning 10.30am - 11.30am

Everyone welcome



Parish Register

In our thoughts and prayers:

Funerals:

Pauline Olive Lester Funeral held at Wisbech St Mary on 15^{th} June 2022.

June Bliss ashes were interred at Guyhirn on 25th June 2022.

June Wilson whose ashes were interred at Wisbech St Mary on $13^{\mbox{th}}$ July 2022

Liam Brown funeral at St. Paul's Gorefield 9th June 2022 Susan Anne Fisher who died on 10^{th} July 2022 funeral at the Crematorium on 3rd August 2022.Cont.



Not the Vicar's Ramblings From Rev Janet

I have in my possession two small bread rolls; very light and completely dried out.

They were given to me many years ago by my grandmother, who baked them as a new bride, in her husband's family farm kitchen. I like to have a special peep at them on August 1st, because that was Nana Harriet's birthday but also Lammastide.

Lammastide is an ancient Christian Festival which took place in rural communities every year, celebrating the start of harvest. Lamm means "the mass of the loaf".

In the Hebrew tradition there is the Feast of Weeks when a sheaf of the first of the barley harvest was offered. So there is a lovely sense of dual thanksgiving from both Christian and Jewish communities. We are well spoiled nowadays with so much choice of basic cereal foodstuffs, that perhaps we forget that not so long ago, there was just bread, often baked each day.

"Be gentle when you touchbread,
Let it not lie
Uncared for,
Unwanted.
So often bread
is taken for granted.
There is such beauty in bread.
Beauty of sun and soil.
Beauty of patient toil,
Wind and rain
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Christ often blessed it.
Be gentle when you touchbread."

(by Freda Elton Young from in Excelcis)

Rev Janet



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DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OF IMPROVEMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE SEEN DONE?

Local Highway Initiative (LHI) Scheme

Simon King, County Councillor for GorefieldMurrow and Parson Drove, is delighted to have been appointed to the review panel for LHIs, which will continue until September.

LHIs are highway schemes submitted by parish councils or community groups for up to £15,000, with the local organisation or required to contribute 10%.

Please let me know of any improvements to the process you would like me to propose. Email: <u>sjeking@yahoo.com</u> Phone: 07939 696322

PARSON DROVE WOMENS' INSTITUTE

Our July meeting was a talk by Val Ware about her trip to Canada. We do not have a meeting in August, but in September we will have Ann Purt talking about Flower ArrangingWe meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Emmanuel Church Parson Drove at 7.30 pm all are welcome.

Phone 01945 700124 for more details.



MURROW STREET PRIDE GROUP DIARY DATES:

Social Events (Fundraising)

Friday 9th September Prize Bingo with excellent prizes in Murrow Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45 for eyes down at 7.30 pm. Refreshments for sale and a Raffle. Saturday 15th October Coffee and Cake morning to delight your taste buds in Murrow Village hall from 11.00 - 12.00. Raffle prizes to be won. Saturday 10th December Carols, Mulled Wine and

Mince Pies in Murrow Village Hall from 5.30– 7.30 pm.

Scheduled activity dates for litter picks: 27th August, 24th September, 29th October and 26th November.

Murrow Street Pridehas a friendly bunch of volunteers carrying out litter picks, caring for the planters throughout the village, sign washing, as well as other activities. Not everyone needs to take part in all events. Volunteers choose the activities they like to take part in. If you are not available to help with environmental enhancements in Murrow Village please join us at the fundraising events.

Contact Diane Cutler to find out more. Email address: <u>murrowstreetpide@gmail.com</u> Facebook: Murrow Street Pride Group



THE HOBBY GARDENER

August, the holiday month but gardens do not have holidays, there are always jobs that need doing. The flush of bright spring bulbs, shrubs

and full borders has gone to be replaced by the bright colours of summer. Dahlias,

rudbeckias, achilleas, agapanthus, and hollyhocks. My hydrangea, {I only have one}a white one has blooms the size of a dinner plate.



There are many varieties of hydrangeas, the most common ones beingmophead and lacecaps, and in recent years paniculata, there is also a climbing one. They need semi shade and grow best in acidic or neutral soils or planted in ericaceous compost especially if you want to maintain the lovely blue colour some of them have. Butterflies love the buddleia bushes, but they get very big and need hard pruning in the early spring if you want good blooms, as they flower best on the newseason's growth. Hollyhocks are amazing, they seed themselveæverywhereand seem to do best in other peoples neglecte**g**ardens {much to my annoyance}. I am not sure what I have



done wrong with my tomatoes, the plants are huge with plenty of tomatoes on them but despite the warm weather they are not ripening yet. I think I might remove a few leaves from the bottom of the stems to lethe

light in. A banana skin is supposed to help with ripening if hung among the plants, but I do not eat bananas. It worked planting French marigolds in with the plants as so far there has not been any sign of white fly. Keep deadheading in the borderand watch out for distressed plants that need watering. It is better to give the root a good soak than a dribble daily. Do

not worry if your lawn looks parched, it will recover when it rains. Use the time saved cutting it to put your feet up under a parasolwith a good book and a cuppa.



There is a Vacancy for a Verger at St Paul's Church, Gorefield

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Wisbech St Mary Church of England Academy





We are so proud of **Mrs Richardson and Miss Oliver** for their relentless efforts in preparing Year 4 for the multiplication check and of course, of the Year 4 children in learning their multiplication tables. We couldn't have been prouder to learn that we are at 96%. To put this into context, the average across the country is showing up at 20-30%!! Well done Mrs Richardson, Miss Oliver and all the Year 4 children. You are amazing and all your hard work has certainly paid off.



Pre-School children have been exploring how we can be healthy and safe. We have been moving to some songs about healthy eating and have been learning about what food is good for us and the "treat" foods, which are not so good for us, using

resources such as The Very Hungry Caterpillar story and healthy play foods in the home corner. We have also been discussing how we can keep ourselves safe, covering topics such as road safety, safety at home, keeping our bodies safe, online safety, water safety and sun safety. The children have learnt about who can help to keep us safe, and who to call if we need help, this can be from the uniformed services to parents, and from teachers to a shop assistant.

In late June, a group of KS2 children attended an athletics tournament at St. Peter's Junior School in Wisbech. They competed against other schools and took

part in various activities, including throwing, long jump and running. We were amazed at the dedication they showed to each event and the great sportsmanship they showed each other and to the children



from other schools. They were an absolute credit to us!



In July our Year 1 children attended the Wisbech Reads Literacy Festival which took place at Wisbech Castle. They joined in with a number of exciting activities, including a workshop, which was led by local author, Ellie Sandall and also undertook a visit to the library to learn how to take out a book. All the children have received a copy of Ellie's new and fantastic book "Balancing Bernie".

The local governing body at Wisbech St Mary Academy has a number of vacancies for the role of a school governor. Do you have some spare time? Would you like to be involved with the school? Would you like to know more? If so, or if you wish to have an informal chat about the role, please contact me at chair@wsmacademy.cambs.sch.uk

GOREFIELD LADIES GROUP



For our June meeting, we

celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a beautifully presented Late Afternoon Tea at Turners. There was a beautiful array of specially decorated Jubilee hats, which we had been encouraged to make and wear. Julie Watts was judged the winner, for her well-crafted entry.

Thanks were given to Karen and her helpers for our lovely meal, also, for looking after us all so well. There will be no meeting in August, the next meeting will be at Gorefield Village Hall on Wednesday 28th September 7.30pm when Samantha will demonstrate how to 'Put On A Happy Face'.

New members welcome. Brenda Stamp.

Parson Drove Horse Show Sunday 25th



September 2022 This year sees the 44th Show,

with classes to compete for including Equitation, Turnout,

Mountain & Moorland, Condition & Coloured, Mixed, and Fun & Handler classes. Classes start from 9:30 am through to the afternoon. If anyone would like to help on the day, please contact: Gavin Booth 01945 701157. The show will be held as usual on the Parson Drove Playing Field, PE13 4LA.

We look forward to seeing you.



In The Beginning... (by Diane Calton Smith)

Wisbech and its surrounding villages share a very long history, one that is as colourful as it is troubled. The Manor of Wisbech first cropped up in local records in AD1000. In those long past Saxon days, the tiny settlement was situated roughly where the Old Market is today. It had developed from a community of wildfowlers and fishermen living on the banks of the old Wysbeck River (now part of the Nene) and surrounded by the almost impenetrable marsh and reed beds of the Fens.

In AD 1000, the manor of Wisbech was one of many held by a high ranking couple called Oswy and Leoflede. When the couple's young son Aelfwin entered the abbey in Ely, Oswy and Leoflede marked the occasion by making a generous gift to Ely Abbey. In the presence of witnesses, they gifted the manors of Walpole, Wisbech (together with its outlying hamlets), Debenham, Brightwell and Woodbridge to the abbey. Aelfwin later went on to become a bishop, so it seems his parents' celebration was not in vain.

Saxon nobles like Oswy and Leoflede would later suffer an abrupt decline in their status and fortune under the Normans. When King William I, otherwise known as the Conqueror, defeated King Harold Godwinson at the Battle of Hastings in 1066, he took the English crown. This was the beginning of a brutal campaign of subduing the English. Saxon manors, land and riches were seized and passed into Norman ownership, the 'right' to do so protected by new laws.

Many ordinary folk suffered the loss of their fields, pasture and even the ability to feed themselves. They must have felt that their very heritage was being stolen from them. Their country had been invaded, their way of life changed forever.

All of this made me wonder what that new Norman world would have felt like for proud Saxons like Oswy and Leoflede, how they might have coped with this new foreign influence. These thoughts eventually became the basis of a new Fenland Mystery. Set in 1190, 'The Charter of Oswy and Leoflede' is proving very satisfying to write. The newly Norman world of twelfth century England is a fascinating place to be immersed in.

Alderman Payne Primary School Part Of Village Life AUGUST NEWS

On Thursday 9th June 2022 we celebrated Holi, welcoming Kalpesh back to perform Bollywood dancing with each class...and then



celebrating with the throwing of the paint! The children performed in front of their parents and carers – what a great time we had!



On Wednesday 15th June year 5 and 6 visited Gores Farm in Thorney where we met Suzi, the farmer and Jenny from the Country Trust. We learnt all about the process from field to shop. Suzi and Jenny showed us varieties of wheat (cruso and skyfall)

which is

grown here, milled into flour and then sold to a company called Warburtons, who make loaves of bread and lots of other baked products. We also learnt about how they grow potatoes, beans, sugar beet and mustard. We had a fabulous day on the farm – a big thank you to Suzi and her team.





Year 5 and 6 also embarked on a three-day residential trip to Overstrand, Cromer where they tested their skills, using perseverance, resilience, teamwork and endurance. New experiences included, climbing, archery, team obstacle challenge, aeroball and nightline. Everyone had a brilliant

time and the children were impeccably behaved- well done Team Goble!

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IT CLOSES SEPTEMBER 6th



In supermarkets there is often a sign saying *When it's gone, it's gone.* That doesn't matter too much when it's a tin of baked beans, but when it's part of the history of Wisbech, it is sad and worth keeping. All too often things have been pulled down only for future generations to bemoan it. On September 6th Barclays bank will close it's doors. *When it's gone, it's gone.*

What has that got to do with Wisbech, it's just another bank. It wants you to do online banking rather than going to a bank on the high street. But it's because of the history of this particular bank that we should take notice. This is a bank that actually originated in Wisbech. The very first bank of Wisbech and one that has continued all this time, over two hundred years.

Let's go back to the seventeen hundreds and John Peckover..

His father had opened the very first bank in Fakenham, *The Fakenham Bank* and now John was going to open the very first bank in Wisbech and so in 1792 we have the *The Wisbech and Lincolnshire Bank*.

John ran the bank from Peckover House (then known as Bank House). He had built a special extension for the purpose which stretched out as far as the road. and for seventy years it continued like this.

He kept the bank going even through a major country wide banking crisis in 1825.

In 1833 he died and his sons, William and Algernon, took over the running of the bank. Business was doing so well that they had an underground vault built with massive steel doors which still exists.

After William and Algernon, Alexander who was Algernon's son, took over. He would be the last Peckover to run the bank which had branches in Chatteris, Whittlesey, March, Holbeach, Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge, as well as Wisbech. Like his Grandad he steered the bank through a major banking crisis in 1866. But, when he was 49 he took the decision to move the bank to the Old Market place, it had outgrown it's present home on North Brink. And so in 1878/9 the new bank opened it's doors to the public and at the same time Alexander had a library built on the side of his house. Both were designed by the architect Edward Boardman from Norwich.

If you visit Peckover House you will be able to see this massive library and be amazed by it, but please remember there used to be bookcases on both sides of the walls, not just one. It was a very large private library but other than the books Alexander, a multi-millionaire, lived comparatively simply. Although there was gas lights and then electric lights downstairs in the kitchen, upstairs Alexander still used oil lamps and even the expensive grand piano at one end is new, he had a piano but it was just a small upright one.

Now compare this to the building that was constructed in the Old Market for the new sight of Peckover's bank. It was designed in what they call the Italianate style. It has ornate wooden doors, wrought iron work over arched windows and red bricks with stone trim on either side. Even the back of the building which you can see from Nene Quay looks impressive. And when they were building it they put extra foundations in at the back using concrete and secure piling as it is on the edge of the river Nene. If you get a chance to go inside the building you will see, apart from the modern additions, some of the original panelling, and if you look up to the ceiling, you will see a very fine decorated, painted ceiling. Then in 1894 Alexander retired from the bank and just two years later eighteen banks merged together to form Barclays & Co. Ltd. Two of those banks were the Peckover bank in the Old Market and also that one in Fakenham that John's dad had started many years ago. The new bank controlled deposits of over twenty four and a half million pounds (two billion in today's values). The building is Grade 2 listed so hopefully it will be kept as is but what it will get used for and in what kind of manner we will have to see.

History is always evolving.



Part of the ceiling



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Parson Drove Street Pride



Next meet up dates are 13th and 27th August between 10 -12 at The Cage by The Swan pub. We are always looking for new members. All equipment is provided. Please feel free to come along and see what we do.

Facebook - Parson Drove Street Pride

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Please contact Heather Ballard on 01945 701375 for more information.

Murrow Primary Academy



Summer term has been busy with the children enjoying sports day. The parents came and watched. A fun day was had by all with the blue team being the overall winners. Afterwards the children enjoyed icelollies.

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to the Reading Conference held

at Thomas Clarkson Academy where they met a poet and created their own poem, visited a book stall, took part in a talk and enjoyed a BBQ lunch. The event was organised by the Wisbech Schools Partnership group.



It is guite unbelievable that the children in Zebra Class are in their last half-term of school! This half-term we are going to be enjoying learning to swim in the school swimming pool, as well as splashing the adults!! Towards the end of the term we prepared ourselves ready for the next exciting step of our learning journey as we move into Year 1.

Attenborough has been extremely busy designing moving monsters, using linkages! They have also enjoyed becoming awesome scientists and exploring the micro habitats around the school grounds to see what mini beats they can find. English has been full of 'the dark'- we are looking at the book 'the owl who was afraid of the dark' and then changing it to make the story their own.

Faraday have continued to enjoy swimming this term and are working hard on their swimming skills. We are continuing our English unit; the children are enjoying



inventing their own names for parts of a robot dog! Faraday are continuing to work hard this term and are immersing themselves in our learning.

Darwin class have been busy with year six preparing for their secondary schools by taking part in transition days and assemblies. The children in Darwin class have been swimming daily to achieve their swimming levels.

We wish all the children and parents a well-earned summer break and our Year Six leavers all the best for their future ventures at their new schools.





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Gorefield in the Past Summer Holidays

Summer time for the people of Gorefield in the past mostly meant more work, especially on the land, harvest to get ready for, and livestock always needed attention. Most village folk were involved, in one way or another with these aspects, so life just had to carry on. However there were always exceptions, odd days out could be snatched especially if there was a fine spell. Here the Bailey family are enjoying a visit to their caravan possibly at Hunstanton.



Here a group of young girls were not so lucky with the weather for their outing to Skegness.



But this trip to Hunstanton by the Young family, with Bill Johnson and his family and Ernie Walpole with his, must have been a grand occasion.



Researched by Peter Thatcher



GOREFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a busy end to the term! Penguins have enjoyed learning about minibeasts and have watched the

metamorphosis of their class caterpillars, as they emerged as butterflies; they then released them into

the wild. They are excited for the move into the Year 1 class in September.



Goodall class enjoyed a visit to Wisbech

Reads to participate in the many activities on offer. As part of moving into their new classes in September they wrote a letter to their new teacher.

Anderson class enjoyed learning all about Ancient Greeks. In DT they have enjoyed making their own self-propelled cars, it was a bit tricky but they persevered.

Lovelace have been producing some incredible writing based around The Extreme Earth.

Sadly, as a school, we said goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, we wish them well for their future adventures.

Swimming has continued for the whole school with everyone making great progress, swimming is an essential skill for life.



Hope everyone has a fantastic summer break, see you in September!

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Entries from John Peck's July 1832 Diary

This edition of John's diary now has him in his mid-forties. The cholera is still around the country and smallpox is taking hold too. PCH

July 1. Went to church in the morning, rest of day at home. The wheat may now be said to be well out in ear, begin to reap in 6 weeks. The cholera has made dreadful ravages this week at Well & Whittlesey, and appears spreading in all parts of the country. Smallpox brief at P.D.

The day fine. Making clover in Tydd Fen. Began to July 2. mow the 12a. P. D. Fen. Attended the North Level Meeting at Thorney. Appointed one of the Committee of five to value and let the lands for the use of the Commissioners. A debt of £36,000 to Sir Edward Banks; he will wait for 10 years on security being given to pay the interest, after which time it is expected the land will more than pay off the debt. Contracted for a new drainage sluice for the land near Sutton Wash Bridge. July 3. Began with 4 wagons to get up clover from Tydd Fen; 10 load home, not in very good order. Henry Ulyat's in evening. A gloomy morning. 4 teams to plough 9a. Johnson's July 4. Drove 4th time. Made some clover in the afternoon until put off by rain about 4. Very sultry. Starting to come home, Mr. Reeve, an old and respectable labourer of mine in attempting to get in the cart, the horse snatched on and caught his right leg between the wheel and gatepost, fracturing the bone just above the ankle in a most dreadful manner. The splintered bones tore through the skin in a manner most shocking to behold. As soon as possible, I had two surgeons on the spot, who replaced the bones and splinted them up, when we placed the poor sufferer on a featherbed in a cart and brought him to his home at P.D. (ADDED NOTE; Walked October 10th.) [And even today we recognise farming to be one of the most injurious occupations.]

July 5. Saw poor Reeve in the morning, had the doctors to attend him; they were pleased to find him so bravely. The worst, I fear is yet to come. The day rather fine.

July 7. Stacked 12 load clover in Tydd Fen and brought 2 loads home, making a total on the 18a. of 36 loads. Finished the 9a. and began to plough the 20a. Short Drove. At Wisbech markets dull; the weather fine at this season always makes them so.

July 8. A drizzling rain. The cholera has broke out in Wisbech; some odd cases have appeared in the villages. Well and Whittlesey, it still rages with great violence.

July 9. Began to plough 20a. Short Drove over 4th time. Harrowing 9a. fallows. ploughing the 9a. potatoes 2nd time. Turning and making hay in 12a. P.D. Fen; in Tydd Fen ploughing potatoes.

July 10. Drove the two eldest boys to Peterborough Fair. Bought 58½ feet 6-by-4 at 5d.; 24 harrow bulls 7d.; 12 good 8feet posts 3/3; 14 7-feet ditto 1/8; 2 wagon poles 4/- each; Own & boys' expenses at the Fair 9/8d. Some showers.

July 11. A showery morning. Very heavy rain at 10, rest of day fine. Happy to see the corn not much down.

July 12. A finer morning, the barometer rising. Hands to turn and make hay in 12a. Afternoon wagoned 10 loads home.

July 14. Sold Mr. Life 37c. wheat at 58/-, being the last of last year's growth. Met my friend Mr. F. Beales at Wisbech. The ostler, leading the mare out the White Hart yard at night, run the near wheel on a bench, overturned the gig and let the mare run, dragging the gig on the side until the harness broke. Fortunately the mare was not hurt; the gig is much damaged.

July 16. A glorious day. Got up with 4 wagons 18 loads hay from the 12a., and made the greater part of Bell's Mill ground.

July 17. Another fine day. 14 loads of hay from the 12a., and finished making the Bells' Mill ground. Attended a 4th District Meeting, the great works now in progress, when finished, wind engines will cease to be wanted.

July 18. Wagoned 14 loads of hay from the 12a. and made the 6a. hay Tydd Fen. Rode with Mr. Beales on the line of the new river'; tea with Mr. Culy. Mr. Beales going to Joseph's, to start home by coach tomorrow morning. Windy.

July 19. Wagoning 14 loads hay from the 17a., and stacking hay in Tydd Fen. The day very fine, hay in excellent order.

July 20. Finished wagoning the hay from Bell's Mill ground, in all 36 loads. Sent load of wheat to Wisbech. Some cases of cholera at Parson Drove, but not fatal; the smallpox raging with great violence, and many people otherwise ill. A fine day.

July 21. Finished stacking the hay in Tydd Fen, and the last this season. At Wisbech, great consternation about the cholera, several cases having taken place in the week with some deaths, and this day Dr. Johnson was attacked, with small hopes of his recovery. At Leverington a poor man died this day; coming home I saw the coffin against the door. His wife, large in the family way, with a child by her side, was so lost in grief as not to notice what was going on - poor things, may God protect them.

July 22. A dull cold day with drying wind. Two mornings this week was a rime frost - very unusual for the season.

July 23. <u>At Parson Drove got the foundation in for the Swan</u> <u>Bridge, my son Henry laying the first brick, and a half-crown</u> <u>thereon for the men to drink.</u> Heard that Dr. Johnson died this morning of cholera, a circumstance that will dishearten all the medical men.

July 24. Finished drilling 20a. coleseed. Apprehended and took R. Willson to gaol for stealing a North Level plank. <u>Several fresh cases of cholera; Seems to have seized on all classes of people.</u>

July 25. Took old Smiler to Wisbech Horse Fair, for which I was bid £3; of course took him home again. Began to manure 9a. Johnson's Drove; 5 carts got out 40 loads with 3 fillers.

July 26. Carting manure as yesterday; the 5 carts got out 40 loads. To Tydd Fen; took off the remainder of the lambs and put them in 18a. clover Tydd Fen. Ewes to 15a. and shearlings to the decoy ground.

July 27. Carting 40 loads, making a total of 120 on the 9a. Heard of more cases of cholera in the neighbourhood. Happily Parson Drove is at present free from this dreadful pestilence.

July 29. A fine day spent at home. <u>This week, the cholera has</u> made some progress in the neighbourhood; every person you meet from another village asks with alarm how you are at home. Burning the beds and clothes of persons who have died of the disease is now adopted, and, by order of the Privy Council, burial grounds remote from the towns are to be provided.

July 30. Drove Mr. Wynn, from London, along the line of the new river, who afterwards dined at our house. <u>The day fine, and no fresh accounts of cholera; thank God for it.</u>

July 31. Begun with flails to thrash the 3 $\frac{1}{2}a$. coleseed at Harrold. About 4 I was sent for home; our dear little girl had her arm hurt and was feared broke. When the doctor came, thank God it was found only a sprain.

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Why not join the John Peck Society at their Members AGM Meeting Tuesday 18th October. Our speaker, Alan Wheeldon, subject, "The restoration of the Octagon Cemetery in 2021, with a brief History of the Chapel ease known as The Octagon.

Sit less for health

Although being active is good for us, there is increasing evidence that sitting down for prolonged periods of time can have negative effects on our health, independent of how much exercise we do. Many adults in the UK are inactive for 7 hours or more each day, and this tends to increase as we get older to 10 hours or more. This might include watching TV, sitting at a desk, playing computer games or commuting.



It is thought that excessive sitting slows the metabolism, which affects our ability to regulate blood sugar and blood pressure, and metabolise fat, and may cause weaker muscles and bones. This in turn has been linked to the development of diabetes, some forms of cancer and early death.

Take a break from your desk

It can be difficult during a busy working day to consider taking long breaks from your desk or computer. However, advice suggests that to reduce our risk of ill health from inactivity, you only need to move around for 1 - 2 minutes every half-an-hour. If you can, take a walk to speak to a colleague rather than use the phone, get up to go for a drink, or try standing rather than sitting, if you need to take a telephone call.

Take a break from the TV

In your attempt to sit less, also consider how much time you may spend sitting watching TV or on computer games. This can be a particular problem for children as new evidence suggests that sedentary behaviour in the early years is associated with being overweight, as well as slower mental development. If you have children, the advice is to reduce the time that toddlers spend in front of the TV or strapped into their buggies.

For more advice

For some useful hints and tips on ways to sit less, visit the **<u>NHS Livewell website</u>**.

Luc Woods Registered Osteopath



One of the many favourite activities in scouting is attending a camp away from the regular meeting place. The 15th Wisbech as a group attended their first Fenland District scout camp following a lengthy break. Young people and their leaders (over 200 of them) from the entire Fenland District met for a weekend camp at Two Mile Bottom Activity Centre near Thetford.

Activities on offer included Kayaking, archery, shooting, bouldering, hiking, circus skills and of course the very popular campfire with campfire singing. The weather was fantastic, the food was fantastic and everyone went home happy and tired.

If this sounds like your child's kind of a weekend and they would like to give scouting a go just contact us at the email address below. Visit <u>www.15thwisbechscouts.org</u> to find out more about Scouting at your local group.



Wisbech St Mary Women's Institute



The June meeting was held in Peckover House Gardens. We looked round all the plants, and tried to answer the quiz questions set by Jan and Pam.

Three couples tied for first place.

Afterwards we had refreshments, of fizz and cake, once again supplied by Jan and Pam.

We then played garden games, which was good fun. The next meeting venue is doubtful owing to illness but it will be sorted out and the members informed.

We always welcome new members, just ring – 01945 479764 for details.







MURROW STREET PRIDE GROUP DIARY DATES:

Social Events (Fundraising)

Friday 9th September Prize Bingo with excellent prizes in Murrow Village Hall. Doors open at 6.45 for eyes down at 7.30 pm. Refreshments for sale and a Raffle.

Saturday 15th October Coffee and Cake morning to delight your taste buds in Murrow Village hall from 11.00 - 12.00. Raffle prizes to be won.

Saturday 10th December Carols, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies in Murrow Village Hall from 5.30 – 7.30 pm.

Scheduled activity dates for litter picks:

27th August, 24th September, 29th October and 26th November.

Murrow Street Pride has a friendly bunch of volunteers carrying out litter picks, caring for the planters throughout the village, sign washing, as well as other activities. Not everyone needs to take part in all events. Volunteers choose the activities they like to take part in.

If you are not available to help with environmental enhancements in Murrow Village please join us at the fundraising events.

Contact Diane Cutler to find out more. Email address: <u>murrowstreetpride@gmail.com</u> Facebook: Murrow Street Pride Group

3rd Murrow Lego Show Murrow Village Hall Management



Committee once again brings you its Lego show. It is an event not to be missed because there will be something of interest to delight Lego fans of all age groups.

Held at Murrow village hall on Saturday 22nd October.

From 10.00am until 2.00pm.

Doors open at 8.30 am for stands setting up. Entrance charge is only £1.00 per person. Food and drinks will be available to purchase.

Raffle tickets will be on sale **WIN** some magnificent prizes.

An area with Lego pieces will be set up for the children or adults to play with!

A T Johnson's, Lego retail shop will be there selling new sets.

Anyone wishing to have a stand to display or sell Lego models please get in touch with us for more information and to receive an application form to book your table. There are only a limited number of tables available so don't delay and miss out.

> Display Tables £5 per table. Sales Tables £10 per table. Contact details: Bookings secretary by email: <u>bookingsmvh170@gmail.com</u> FaceBook Page: Murrow Village Hall



GUYHIRN CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Pre-school

Wow what an end to the term we were so pleased we got to have parents in again for sports day and our pre school celebration/graduation.

We've had a really busy term learning lots of different things including different types of animals and their habitats which was rounded off with our visit to church farm in Stow Bardolph, near Downham market. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September ready to start the new term. We have a few spaces so please get in touch via our

email preschool@guyhirn.cambs.sch.uk

Moreton Class

During this last half term of the school year Moreton Class have been practising their PE skills ready for our Sports Day and they have all done amazingly well in their swimming lessons. We have also been ensuring we know our dances really well ready for the School Dance Show. The children have all worked so hard throughout the year and the progress that has been made by all children is immense, Well Done! We still have our class trip to Church Farm to look forward too.

Magdalene Class

Magdalene class have had another busy month as we prepare for the end of year. The children have worked incredibly hard with some amazing work being produced. We have had a super DT day, where the children used their knowledge of circuits to build a steady hand game, the children have all been swimming amazingly well and we are very much looking forward to our end of year production!



As we approach the summer holidays, I hope you all have a well-rested break and have plenty of fun together with families. I

would also like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 6 children the best of luck as they move onto their secondary education.



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GUYHIRN PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION



Guyhirn Playing Fields Association would like to thank everyone who came to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Despite being let down last

minute by the face painter, and the ice cream man not turning up, we received some lovely feedback, and it appears a good time was had by all. Congratulations to all the medal and trophy winners. A huge thank you to Guyhirn Primary school for their efforts in making the bunting and decorations and to everyone that came to help set up on the morning.

Now that this event is over, our coffee mornings will be

resuming. Look out for posters around the Village and notifications on both Guyhirn Facebook sites for upcoming dates.



Our next success story should hopefully be completed by the end of August, the long awaited and very overdue upgrade of the children's playground. We hope the design draws many of our local young people



in to enjoy the area and anticipate the playground to be a huge community
asset. Councillor Sarah Bligh is to be thanked by everyone for making this happen.

Finally, as a reminder, the community hall is available for hire. There is a small charge of $\pounds 10$ per hour. To check availability and book, please call Sharon Mason on 07901 506544.



The next Parish Tea will be held in Wisbech St. Mary & Guyhirn Church on 28th September 2022.

There will not be one in August due to a Summer Break. The September tea will start at 3.30pm, a welcome to all, whichever village you live in.







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THE FENLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Our experienced researchers are never sure what they are going to be asked to research at our sessions. Recently, one of our researchers was asked to find about the gentleman's grandfather. They found a very interesting story. His grandfather had left his wife and baby son. He wanted to move to a city but his wife refused to leave her home in the Fens. The family had no idea where he had gone and what had happened to him. Our researcher found him living in Hull in Yorkshire, he moved around the area finding work. Our research later found both the parents had remarried and had more children. On checking dates, both had married after 7 years, when it is possible to declare a missing husband or wife deceased and therefore free to remarry. Our visitor was able to tell his elderly father, who was the baby boy that had been left behind, what had happened to his missing father. Our team of experienced researchers offer help to anyone interested in researching their family history, no matter where your family originated. Just pop in to our monthly session We are based in Wisbech Library, our sessions are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 - 12.30. Our second session is in the restaurant in Baytree Garden Centre in Hilgay from 11-2.30 in the second Monday of each month.

Our experienced researchers give instructions and/or help with research whichever is required.

The sessions are free, but we do appreciate a donation towards the cost of the room hire.

EVENTS our team often gets asked to put on an interesting display to support events in the area. Recently they attended the Wisbech HUB on Celebrate the Fens Day with a photographic display showing information about those participating in the Wars, tying into the following days Wisbech Forces Day. They will also be at St Augustine Church attending a dedication service of the processional cross honouring the life of Captain Harold Rex NORTON. Our members will have a display celebrating the life of Captain Harold Rex NORTON who was killed in the war in 1945.

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held on the fourth Thursday of the month except August and December.

We meet in the Wisbech Library from 7 - 9p.m. the meeting is open to visitors and we have interesting speakers and activities.

Our July meeting will find us exploring the newly restored Octagon Church graveyard. Please meet in the Chapel Road Car Park at 7p.m Thursday 28th. September will be our short AGM followed by our speaker Janet O'Regan, her talk will be 'Problems tracing families moving from Norfolk to

Lincolnshire'. OUR SPEAKERS are available to attend other groups and clubs to give talks in the local area.

'The Fun of Family History' about a long journey by land, air and sea to find her roots.

'My Naughty Great Aunt Eliza' unravelling a story of lies and deceit.

'The Ups & Downs of Being a Magistrate' a real life experience.

'The Sad Tale of The Blacksmiths Family' the story of a great great grandfather.

For further information on any of the above please phone Bridget HUNTER 01945 587723Society



What's on and When

Date	Times	Event	Location
30th July	1-4pm	WSM Church Fete	The Secret Garden
31st July	12pm	St Pauls Gorefield summer bar-b-que	St Pauls Gorefield
4th Aug	12.30 for 1pm	Guyhirn Lunch Club	Deweys Diner, Wisbech
13th Aug	10am	WSM monthly church mart	WSM Church
13th Aug	10am-12	PD Street Pride Group litter picking etc.	The Cage, Parson Drove.
13th Aug	10.30am	WSM Street Pride Group Litter Pick	WSM School
19th Aug	7pm	Outdoor Theatre- The Prisoner of Zenda	St Johns Church PD.
20th Aug	2pm	Emmanuel Church Summer Fayre	Emmanuel Church, PD.
27th Aug	10am	Murrow Street Pride litter pick	The Bell Inn car park
27th Aug	10am-12	PD Street Pride Group litter picking etc.	The Cage, Parson Drove.
1st Sept	12.30 for 1pm	Guyhirn Lunch Club	Deweys Diner, Wisbech
6th Sept	tba	Barclays Bank Wisbech closes	End of an era
8th Sept	7pm	The Railway Children by This is My Theatre	St Johns Church PD.
9th Sept	6.45 for 7.30	Murrow Street Pride Prize Bingo	Murrow Village Hall
10th Sept	10am-12	PD Street Pride Group litter picking etc.	The Cage, Parson Drove.
10th Sept	10.30am	WSM Street Pride Group Litter Pick	WSM School
17th Sept	tba	70's Disco by PD Amenities	PD Village Hall
20th Sept	7.30 pm	Parson Drove Street Pride meeting	Emmanuel Church, PD.
23,24,25th	tba	Flower Festival at Emmanuel Church	Emmanuel Church, PD.
24th Sept	10am-12	PD Street Pride Group litter picking etc.	The Cage, Parson Drove.
24th Sept	10am	Murrow Street Pride litter pick	The Bell Inn car park
25th Sept	9.30am	Parson Drove Horse Show	PD Playing Field
26th Sept	7.30 pm	WSM Womens Institute meeting	WSM School
28th Sept	3.30pm	Wisbech St Mary Parish Tea	WSM Church
28th Sept	7.30pm	Gorefield Ladies Group meeting	Gorefield Church Hall
30th Sept	tba	MacMillan Coffee Morning	tba
15th Oct	11am	Murrow Street Pride Coffee morning	Murrow Village Hall
22nd Oct	10-2pm	3rd Murrow Lego Show (see ad)	Murrow Village Hall
22nd Oct	10am	PD Street Pride Group litter picking etc.	The Cage, Parson Drove.
5th Nov	10am	PD War Memorial Tidying	The Cage, Parson Drove.
26th Nov	10am	Murrow Street Pride Litter Pick	Murrow Village Hall
29th Oct	10am	Murrow Street Pride litter pick	Murrow Village Hall
10th Dec	10am	PD Street Pride Christmas Tree decorating	The Cage, Parson Drove.
		Murrow Street Pride-Carols, mulled wine &	
10th Dec	5.30pm	pies	Murrow Village Hall
		All events subject to any restrictions at the	
		time	



A shot of one of the scenic charms of the Fens



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