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Editorial Comment

This issue takes us a quarter of the way through our first year. By this time we were hoping that the problems would be reducing but we have had many more problems this time round. Because the Informer has grown from its intended 8 pages we are having serious problems getting it all put together on time. We therefore desperately need some additional help. If you know anyone prepared to do some typing and laying out, then do please contact us. At the moment, if one of us goes on holiday there will be no Informer – it's as simple as that! Of course, it is much easier for us to cut, paste and format from e-mails rather than typing up from scratch. Therefore, where possible please try and e-mail us at:

mail@isleham-informer.org.uk

We have also had serious problems with updating our website due to both a lack of time and also trying to have at least the current and the previous Informer on the site. Dealing with just one is no problem but as soon as a second issue is included, all the images get muddled up. We have so far not been able to sort this out but, somehow, we will eventually find out what the rules are and deal with it.

We are still experiencing some problems on the printing. Everything gets laid out to perfection at this end but then it goes pretty wonky when it's loaded into our printer's system. That should not happen but it does and we are informed that we must thank Bill Gates for this particular problem.

Distribution of the Informer is an ongoing problem but that is slowly being resolved. We are grateful to the people who have agreed to help with the distribution but we need backups for people away, sick or on holiday. Therefore, if there is anyone else prepared to deliver to homes, do please contact Paul Chaplin on 01638 781745.

We are aware that there are still a few people who have not received copies of the Informer. We do have a few back issues. If you want any, please contact Paul Chaplin.

At the moment there is a pretty serious shortfall between the income from advertising and the cost of printing. Therefore, please do your bit to keep us going by persuading likely advertisers to place an advertisement with us.

Finally, we apologise for not sending the £5 prize money to 10 year old **Joseph Jordan** who won our first Spot the Difference competition. Sorry, Joseph, it is simply that there is too much to do and no time to do it. We have not forgotten and you will definitely be rewarded when the next Informer is available.

Smile

And yet another one from Nelly. Doesn't anyone other than a Frenchwoman living in America know any jokes?! This one is just about publishable and Nelly calls it The Vacuum Cleaner. Complaints will not be acknowledged.

The Vacuum Cleaner

A little old lady answered a knock on the door one day, only to be confronted by a well-dressed young man carrying a vacuum cleaner.

"Good morning," said the young man. "If I could take a couple of minutes of your time, I would like to demonstrate the very latest in high-powered vacuum cleaners."

"Go away!" said the old lady. "I haven't got any money!" and she proceeded to close the door.

Quick as a flash, the young man wedged his foot in the door and pushed it wide open. "Don't be too hasty!" he said. "Not until you have at least seen my demonstration."

And with that, he emptied a bucket of horse manure onto her hallway carpet.

"If this vacuum cleaner does not remove all traces of this horse manure from your carpet, Madam, I will personally eat the remainder."

"Well," she said, "I hope you've got a darned good appetite, because the electricity was cut off this morning."

We now need a few amusing jokes and stories because we can't expect Nelly to keep us going forever. Please send us any good ones you know that are suitable for publication. Don't forget those funny quotes, comments and signs.

Complaints

We have received another complaint about our Spot the Difference competition. It has been described as "out and out racist". We do our best to be careful and to not cause offence but it has become clear to us that, whatever we do, we are bound to offend someone or some group within our village.

Although it will seem far from very democratic to lone complainers, we have taken the view that, as editors, we will only publish complaints when several people complain about the same thing. Therefore, if something raises your hackles or makes you angry, get some support for your view and write to us.

ECDC News

We have received the following information from ECDC about the East Cambridgeshire & Fenland NHS PCT Treatment Centre at Ely:

Minor Treatment Centre

Prince of Wales Hospital, Lynn Road, Ely

Opening Hours

Mon-Fri 9.00 am – 7 pm

Sat, Sun & Bank Holidays 10.00 am – 6.00 pm

(No appointment needed)

X-ray facilities

Mon – Fri 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

If you are not sure if you need to attend, please telephone **01353 652162** or NHS Direct on **0845 4647** for advice.

This is a service where Nurse Practitioners see patients. There are no doctors and no appointment is necessary. A nurse will assess all patients who attend the Minor Treatment Centre, but may need to redirect you if the problem requires further specialist care.

You will be **unable** to obtain the following at the Minor Treatment Centre:

Repeat prescriptions
Travel vaccinations
Medicals
Sick certificates

Examples Of What Can Be Assessed

- Wounds – cuts and bruises, risk of tetanus
- Insect bites
- Minor burns and scalds
- Muscle and joint injuries – strains, sprains and limb fractures
- Minor sports injuries
- Emergency contraception
- Eye problems – removal of foreign body, conjunctivitis
- Earache (2 years and over)
- Sore throat (2 years and over)

Those patients with a higher priority requiring urgent attention will be seen first.

As part of their treatment, some patients may return for an X-ray following a weekend or out of hours attendance.

They will be reviewed by a Nurse Practitioner prior to new attendances.

Review Clinics

Some patients, as part of their care, return for review by a Nurse Practitioner, on an appointment basis.

In achieving the goal of holistic care, GP's are informed of all attendances to the Minor Treatment Centre.

In the interest of child protection, Health Visitors are informed of all attendances under the age of 16 years.

Useful Phone Numbers

Emergency for Police, Fire, Ambulance	999
Police (Cams.)	01223 358966
Neighbourhood Watch (Ian Powys)	01638 780519
Accident & Casualty (Addenbrooke's)	01223 217118
Addenbrooke's Hospital (Cambridge)	01223 245151
Newmarket Hospital	01638 665111
West Suffolk (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)	
Appointments	01353 624121
Prescriptions & Dispensary	01353 624122
Enquiries, Home Visits, Emergencies	01353 624123
Minor Treatment Centre, Ely	01353 652162
NHS Direct (for advice)	0845 4647
Electricity Emergencies	0800 7838838
Gas Emergencies	0800 371787
Water & Sewage Emergencies	0345 145145
Social Services - office hours	01733 561370
- out of hours emergency	01733 561370
Refuse Collection	01353 863864
RSPCA	01223 364455
Citizens Advice Bureau - Ely	01353 661416
- Mildenhall	01638 712094
- Newmarket	01638 665999
Isleham Village Hall (Jo Elmer)	01638 780934
Mobile Library	01223 712000
Parish Council (Yvonne Bishop: Clerk)	01638 780256
Member of Parliament (Jim Paice)	01954 211450
Isleham Informer (Paul Chaplin)	01638 781745
(Sam Clifton)	01638 781531
(Tony Ferrige)	01638 780973

Did you know.....

Charles Connor has given us the following most valuable information. If you visit Ireland, please check the loos before you use them!

Did you know that the Irish invented the toilet seat? However, it took the English to put a hole in it!

We apologise in advance to any of our Irish friends.

Contact the Informer

You may contact the Informer and send letters, articles, information, etc. through our website at:

mail@isleham-informer.org.uk

All advertising enquiries should be made to Paul Chaplin, Jay-Jay Lodge (just before the Marina) or call him on 01638 781745.

All articles should be taken to or sent to Tony Ferrige at 9 Church Street (opposite the church), Isleham. Tony may be contacted on 01638 780973.

You may also fax us articles, information, letters, etc. to 01638 780962. Wherever possible, do please try and send material by e-mail to reduce our burden of typing.

In the Garden

I Diggam can't spare the time to continue producing a gardening column. So we are still looking for someone provide us will a regular column. If no one is prepared to do it, then no column!

Time to Harvest

Many crops are now finished unless special, late-maturing varieties have been grown or late plantings and sowings have been made. Most main crops are either ready to harvest or soon will be. Outside tomatoes, cucumbers, courgettes and marrows have been ripening for some time and yielding that special flavour that can only come from freshly harvested fruit and vegetables.

While the weather is still relatively dry, potatoes should be dug as and when you need them. Main crop varieties will continue to develop slowly over the next couple of months but they are now virtually fully grown. Most onions will be going to seed unless they are harvested. Almost all root crops are now ready and the largest should be harvested and stored – to leave them much longer will guarantee that they will go "woody". Virtually all types of bean have been producing for a few weeks but picking must continue to prolong the crop. Therefore, pick them and give them away if you don't need them rather than leave them to starve new growth.

Strawberries are well past their best and raspberries are on their way. Currents are ready and so are gooseberries. Pot strawberry runners and feed them for use next year. Remember that strawberries will only produce a good crop for about three years. Protect late varieties of strawberries and raspberries from birds – it always seems to be the later crops that the birds demolish! If you have space, always grow a blackberry as this will provide a welcome change in the autumn. Properly cultivated, the blackberry is a superb and versatile fruit.

In the garden, keep the lawn cut and keep feeding it. Hedges, bushes and shrubs should be cut back before they take over. Keep those hanging baskets fed and watered to keep the display going into the autumn.

Spring bulbs are now beginning to appear in markets. Now is the time to buy them because they are much cheaper than they will be in another couple of months. Get them planted and plant some in the lawn to give a wonderful spring display.

Keep busy with the maintenance – little and often is always better than a fight with a jungle! Finally, get prepared with the freezer to take all produce that you can't eat that needs to be frozen.

Do Please.....

When you respond to advertisements, do please let the person or business know that you saw their advertisement in the Isleham Informer. This will tell them that their advertisement has had a positive effect and encourage them, and others, to advertise. We need as much advertising as we can get if we are to secure the future of the Informer.



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7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday

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2000 W Honda Accord VTEC SE 2.0 Saloon. Manual in Titan Silver metallic. ABS, Sunroof, Air con., Electric windows, Central locking, Air bag, PAS. Full service history. 30000 miles. **£6995**

1999 T Renault Megane Alize 1.6 hatch in Goodwood Green metallic. Air con., Sunroof, Electric windows, Central locking, Radio cassette, PAS, Air bags. Full service history. 33000 miles. **£4995**

1997 R BMW 316i Touring in Metallic Blue. Electric windows, Sunroof, PAS, Alloy wheels, Central locking with alarm, Radio/CD player, Front fog lamps. Full service history with 86000 miles. **£5995**

1996 N Renault Megane RT 1.6 5dr Hatch in Capsicum Red. Air bag, PAS, Radio cassette, Sunroof, Electric windows and locking. Service history. 92000 miles. **£2295**

1996 N Renault Clio RL Paris in White. Service history. 75000 miles. **£1995**

1994 M Renault Laguna RN 1.8 5dr Hatch in Capsicum Red. Central locking, Electric windows, Front fog lamps, PAS, Air bag. 86000 miles. **£1695**

Commercial Vehicles

1996 N Clio Diesel Van in Red. 125000 miles. **£950+VAT**

1989 F Land Rover 130 Crewcab 2.5 TD. 1 tonne with Truckman Top Tow Pack, Front winch, PAS. **£3595+VAT**

Bikes

1976 P Triumph Bonneville 750cc. Black and Green. MOT and Taxed. Road Usable Classic. **£1995**

2002 Gas Gas EC200 Enduro Bike in Yellow. Road legal. FMF pipe, Ohlins front shocks, New tyres, chain and sprockets. Hand guards. **£1995**

Isleham Gala 2003

In the Village, For the Village, Children First

Emile Radcliffe has sent us the following:

Gala Day was great, lots of people having fun. I hope every body enjoyed it! My memories of the day include

- Linda Ellis falling out of a wheelbarrow slightly wet!
- Emily Farr trying to get revenge with a bucket of water
- The amount of food consumed at various stalls
- The number of people !

A big thank you must go to all those people in the village who make Gala Day possible. We try to mention everyone who has helped or sponsored the day on the program but we do make mistakes. This year we need to give extra thanks to:

Isleham Post office Stores Isleham School and PTA
Isleham Parish Council Village hall Committee
Pound Lane Free Church Isleham Comrades Club
Isleham Informer

Raffle prizes were supplied by:

Riverside Island Marina, Isleham
The Merry Monk, Isleham
Wildtracks Activity Centre, Kennett
Imperial War Museum, Duxford
The Atrium Fitness Centre, Ely
Strikes Bowl Multiplex, Ely
Isleham Comrades Country Kickers
Karma Farm, Isleham. Stainbusters Isleham
Cambridge United FC. Kathy Carver
G's Marketing Isleham Fresh Produce
National Horseracing Museum, Newmarket
Isleham Fish & Chip Shop. Isleham Co-op
Roseanna Allan. JB & SB Fencing, Fordham
Fordham Landscapes and Garden Centre
Jack Hurrell Butchers, Isleham

Over 25 prizes kindly donated by an Isleham resident



Our regular Pipe Band

We have an excellent committee of hard working, committed folk. However, some members will not be standing next year due to other commitments. A big thank you goes to all those people but they must be replaced if the gala is to run smoothly. If you enjoyed Gala Day,

please come along to the AGM and help make next year as good or better than this year.

Please come and join the committee!

The AGM will be held at the Comrades Club on **Monday, 6th October 8 pm.**

LOST PROPERTY

The following items were found on the field at the end of Gala day:

1. Small purple handbag.
2. Silver "Sheen" make-up bag.
3. Small boys "Patrick" top
4. Silver "Eurocamp" bag
5. White beanie Unicorn with an horse cushion cover (found by the small ring).

Please contact Emily Radcliffe at 45 Sun Street or phone 01638 780831.

COMPETITION RESULTS

The full list would have taken more than 1½ pages. We have therefore been forced to include only the first places.

Floats

1st Isleham Under Fives

Best Walking Group

Isleham Brownies

Gala Queen, Princess & Prince

Queen Carla Ogilvie. Princess Maisie Vince. Prince Samuel Clark



Handwriting Competition (Isleham Primary School)

Reception class: Jamie Camman & Kaitlin Brown

Year 1: Sean Ward & Yazmin Beckett

Year 2: Gary Ellis & Kelly Ingham

Year 3: Alistair Staward & Charlotte Seaton

Year 4: James Wilkes & Rosie Dixon

Year 5: Thomas Diver & Emma Diver

Year 6: Aaron Smith & Hannah Ellis

Art Competition

Under 4 – Face on a Plate: 1st Thomas French

Age 4-7 – My Garden: 1st Shannon Jacynka

Age 8-11 – Graffiti Art: 1st James Wilkes

Age 12-16 – Gala Day: 1st Sarah Burbidge

Children's Fancy Dress

Pre-School – 7 years: 1st Rebecca Ogan

8-10 years: 1st Jamila & Leilah Osman

11 years and over: 1st Alice Dominic Jessica & Emily



Some of the "Fancy Dressers"

Baby Show

0-2 years: 1st Stephanie Louise Diver & Oliver Hoskins



Proud dad, Daren, with Stephanie

Mini Mr & Mrs Isleham

2 years to pre-school: 1st Scott Ogan & Megan Forder

Isleham Running

Boys U 16s: 1st Luke Masterton

Girls U 16s: 1st Emily Farr

Boys U 10s: 1st Callum Flinn

Girls U 10s: 1st Libby Milne

Isleham Children's Cycle Races

Boys U 16s: 1st Jack Thompson

Children's Races

Pre-School: 1st Joseph Bell

Under 7s: 1st David Sykes

Under 9s: 1st Dominic Smith

Under 11s: 1st George Cummings & Mark Diver

Under 16s: 1st Richard Leadon & Robert Leigh

Wheelbarrow Races

13-16 years: 1st Alice Ciater & Dominic Bruton

Adults: 1st Linda Ellis & James Miller

Isleham Children's Fun Run

Girls 5-11 years: 1st Emma Driver

Boys 5-11 years: 1st Alex Carpenter

Girls 12-16 years: 1st Rebecca Burbidge

Boys 12-16 years: 1st Jack Larnar



Start of the Fun Run

Vegetable Competition

Adult Best in Show: Joy Brown

Overall points winner: David Aves

Childrens Best in Show: Shannon Jacynka

Overall points winner: Roseanne Shipp

Baking Competition

Best in Show: Richard Radcliffe

Overall points winner: Doreen Rutterford

Flower Competition

Best in Show: Doreen Rutterford

Overall points winner: Meg Clarke

Arts & Crafts Prize

1st Meg Clarke

GALA DAY 2003 SPONSORS

Thanks to our sponsors this year who were:

Mr & Mrs Ellis (Stainbusters) Tenrich Tyres
Pitstop Mr J.Quince, Lidgate Farm Mr I Rich
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Isleham WI Newmarket Caravan Services
Graham & Angela Wells Riverside Island Marina
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GRAND DRAW WINNING TICKET NUMBERS

42, 50, 94, 133, 139, 182, 194, 253, 266, 269, 281, 301,
372, 407, 410, 442, 456, 497, 523, 542, 544, 553, 556,
568, 569, 578, 697, 736, 792, 820, 849, 851, 860, 907,
919, 920, 969, 1000, 1177, 1214, 1238, 1271, 1291, 1308,
1321, 1324, 1467, 1468, 1481, 1506, 1509, 1561, 1565,
1569, 1671, 1688

August Feature

We asked Will Taylor of Karma Farm to write an article about his farm. He has sent us the following but makes no mention about how he crosses the Lark!

Karma Farm

I came to live in Isleham Fen in 1982. I'd been working in France and Jersey on farms and in glasshouses growing vegetables, flowers and plants. As the youngest son of a tenant farmer and with older brothers, I knew the chance of farming on my own land would be very difficult and it is possibly even harder to do it now.

So, 20 years ago, I went to visit Robert Watson's father and asked him and Robert if they would sell me 5 acres of land next to a field my mother had brought at auction a few years earlier. Thankfully they did. I thought that 10 acres would be enough for growing chrysanthemums, cut flowers and my own fruit and vegetables. The Longs at Hall Barn Road grew chrysanthemums and many growers sent flowers to London and the Northern markets from Isleham and West Row, some still do.



I had done the old hippy overland travel to India after leaving college. That experience did change my values and opinions towards agriculture and life. When I started farming organically there were not many of us with the mind set to preserve wildlife and encourage it; growing without high energy chemicals and machinery and choosing to love nettles and rough, native grasses and all the small minibeasts!



I'm no longer registered with the Soil Association but still feel that I'm an organic farmer on the land that I own. I took on a Suffolk County farm across the River Lark about 16 years ago, after I had married my love, Sheila, and needed to expand for our increasing number of children. For 7 years I farmed most of the land organically but the land agent could never see why. He was of the opinion that "high input – high output" chemicals were good and "efficient". A mono-cultural farmer, as most farmers were encouraged to be in the 70's, he is no longer the land agent and I no longer farm this rented land organically. However, I do have stewardship and lots of agri-environment schemes, which to most farmers is now very acceptable and funded by DEFRA.

I grow wheat, barley and hemp and a lot of rough grass on which my cattle graze all year round. The hemp grows 10 foot tall and climbs above the weeds. Hemp is used for horse bedding, paper and insulation material. It used to be a very important crop for canvas sail making, rope and cloth.



If you would like to see some of my animals, then please visit our website at: www.karmafarmisleham.co.uk.

We also have a farm shop that sells our own naturally reared produce. This is open on Saturday mornings and other times by appointment.

Next CMs

The various Committee meetings will be held on the following dates. There is no Gala Committee meeting in August.

Parish Council: Monday, 4th August.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Parishioners may raise any issue between 7.00-7.30 p.m.

Comrades Club: 8.00 p.m. on Monday, 11th June.

Anyone including non-members is welcome to attend the meeting from 8.00-8.30 p.m. to raise any issue.

Gala Committee AGM: Monday, 6th October 8 pm at the Comrades Club. All welcome.

Your Letters

Our policy is that we will print anything that does not get us into trouble. If you wish to make a point, ask a question or share an opinion, please write to us. The only rule is we will not publish anonymous letters, so make sure that you print your name.

The following amusing note is from John King.

Boozy Boat

Some years ago, my wife and I were walking by the river at Henley-on-Thames. You can imagine the size class of the boats. After admiring the first half dozen, we came across a small 4 berth cruiser, some windows were broken, the paint was peeling off the boat, ropes were lying in the aft well, which was half filled with water. All in all, a real mess. Looking at the name of the boat, it was called " CIRRHOSIS OF THE RIVER".

John King

And this one from Mike Brown defending the Informer editors.

Well!

I read every word of the Informer with interest and I congratulate you on an excellent village publication. However, I was very surprised to read the complaint by Geoff Jones about your spot the difference cartoons. In this day and age youngsters of 12 know more about sex than I did when I was in my 20's.

I thought it was very funny and so did my children. Keep up the good work.

Mike Brown

And a thank you from Brenda Morley.

A Big Thank You

A big thank you for the many gifts, flowers and cards received on my retirement from Isleham Pre-school (Playgroup). I enjoyed a wonderful cream tea party and it was so nice to see so many old and new friends who were able to attend.

I met lots of lovely mums, dads and carers and worked with some great people during my many years with the group. I will miss them all. I will miss caring for the children – kissing better all their little knocks and bumps, listening to their fascinating tales and seeing them flourish.

I wish them all every happiness, good health and good luck for the future. Thanks once again.

Brenda Morley

Missed Houses

We have received several notes and phone calls asking if we can set up a collection point for the Informer for out-of-the-way homes. One call came from a person living in Ely!

Paul Chaplin has spoken to Post Office and the Co-op and they will keep a small supply of Informers specifically for those of you that live in virtually inaccessible places.

Ed.

And Russell Milne tells us about The Gala Day Grand Draw. See the Gala Day article for details.

Grand Draw

As you can see from the list we had a tremendous number of prizes to hand out and it would be good if we can publish a thank you to all the people and all the companies who donated prizes for the draw - I have attached a list of businesses as well.

Also the Gala Committee must thank all the people who sold Draw tickets either individually or through the various outlets etc in the village – in particular Priory Garage did a fabulous job for us and sold over 300 tickets. I think it was someone called Jane at the garage who did most if not all of the selling – so a huge thank you should go to her as well.

The Grand Draw is an important way of raising money for the Gala to help cover the ever growing costs of insurance, tent hire, stall hire, prizes and trophies etc and this year, thanks to everybody's efforts, the Grand Draw raised more money than last year.

The only sour note was that someone pinched one of the prizes off the stall on the day – an Elephant Beanie Toy donated on the day by one of the stall holders in the Craft Marquee, which was very disappointing to say the least.

I hope that gives you a flavour of what goes on in organising the Draw.

Russell Milne

Quick One

This outright sexist joke from Amy Hauka.

Question: What do you call a fly in a man's brain?

Answer: A space invader!

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Home cooked food served Tuesday–Sunday

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Disabled Facilities

**Try our Wednesday evening super value
menu in a nice friendly atmosphere**

Regular live music

Church News

Services & Youth Groups

St Andrew's Parish Church

1st Sunday of each month:

8.00 a.m. Prayer book communion
10.00 a.m. Family service

All other Sundays:

10.00 a.m. Common worship communion

If you need to contact the (Church of England) Priest at Isleham, contact Christopher on 01638-780284. You may also call at 102 The Causeway, Isleham. CB7 5ST.

Pound Lane Free Church

Every Sunday:

Sunday Worship: 11.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
Church Night: Weds 7.30-9.00p.m.

Tuesdays: 7.30 p.m. Fellowship

Children and Young People's groups

Kingdom Kids (3-7 yr old) Sunday 10.00-11.15 a.m.
All Stars (8-11 yr old) Sunday 10.00-11.15 a.m.
and Monday Evening Club 7.00-8.00 p.m.
Covies (12-18yr olds) Sunday 9.45-10.45 a.m.
and Thursday Evening Club

There is a hearing loop installed and signing for the deaf is available. We have a comprehensive child protection policy and a CRB check has been made on all children's and young people's workers. Further information on any of the above can be obtained from:

Phone: 01638 781343 (church office)

01638 780002 (anytime)

email: secretary@plfc.co.uk website: plfc.co.uk

High Street Church

Every Sunday:

10.30am. Morning Worship. Creches are available for 0-3 year olds. Junior Church for 3-7 year olds from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Junior Church for 7-11 year olds from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

6.30pm. Evening Service

Tuesdays: "Rendezvous" for the over 50's does not meet in August but will begin again in September.

Fridays: 9.15am. "Little Lambs" for babies to pre-schoolers and their carers.
7.00pm. Prayer Walk & Youth Groups 11-14 and 14-21's.

If you would like to attend any of the above, you would be most welcome, and if you need any more information, or help at any time, please contact the leadership team on

01638 780985 (church office)

islehambap@aol.com (e-mail)

01638 721291 / 07713 465787 (anytime)

News

St Andrew's Events

August Bank Holiday – 23-25th Aug. **Wedding Dress Exhibition** at St Andrew's. 10am – 6pm daily. No more dresses are required as we will have a fantastic display. Over the period of the exhibition there will be **refreshments**, a **raffle**, **tombola** and a **bric-a-brac** stall at the **St Andrew's Social Centre** opposite the church.

On **Sunday 24th August** there will be a special **Songs of Praise** service at the church at **6.30pm**. For full details please contact **Janice Pope** on **01638 780380**.

Pound Lane Free Church

Dave Hall has sent us the following:

As we write this our teenage youth group – **Covies**, are preparing to leave on their annual summer camp on the South Downs near Chichester. This is always a highlight in the year for them with fun on the beaches, visits to local attractions and a chance to hear about the Christian faith each day.

Covies is for any young person in school year 7 upwards. Those who are moving up to Soham Village College this September will be joining the group on **Sunday, August 24th** – any interested teenagers are very welcome to come along either on a Sunday or to the club night (Thursdays 7-9pm) to find out more. Please contact Steve and Helen Neale on 01638 780717 or e-mail covies@plfc.co.uk.

Christianity Explored is a nationally run 12-week course developed by All Souls Church, Langham Place, London. The course has been designed for those interested in knowing more about the Christian faith in an informal setting, and uses video and course booklets together with times for asking questions and discussion. We will be starting a new course in September, the day and times will be chosen as much as possible to suit those who are interested in coming. Please let us know if this is something you might like to consider attending. Please contact Dave Hall on 01638 780636 or e-mail CE@plfc.co.uk.

High Street Church

We have been informed that what most people call the Baptist Church or The Chapel, is now known as the High Street Church. Kathryn has sent us the following:

We would warmly welcome you to any of our services, but it is perhaps worth mentioning that Sunday mornings are quite different to Sunday evenings. Our evening service is much more informal, with open worship and opportunity given for sharing/news from the congregation. Sometimes a member or visitor will go on the "hotspot" and answer questions, which helps to get to know them better. Evening services often have several people sharing about a theme, rather than a sermon as such, and finish around 8pm.

As with our morning service, everyone is invited to stay for tea and coffee.

Luncheon club this month is on **August 13th**. Please phone **Kathryn** on **01638 780652** for details/transport.

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To place your lineage ad., please call Paul Chaplin on 01638 781745 or leave it with Tony at 9 Church Street.

Enough!

There are too many things to do and not enough time to do them. So far, we have not collected money for lineage advertisements. More to the point we are not going to! The time involved in collecting costs a great deal more than the money received. Therefore:

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Spot the Difference

Here's another "Spot the Difference" for you. There are 10 differences between the cartoons below. Mark them on one of the cartoons and send your entry to us by 20th August. The competition is open to anyone up to the age of 14. The winner will and will receive £5.

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2. More grass in the witch doctor's headdress.
3. Fewer pins in the pincushion.
4. Witch doctor has lose a finger.
5. Witch doctor had lost a bangle on left arm.
6. No belly button.
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9. Woman's dress pattern different.
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Twinning News

ISLEHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Diana Jones has sent us the following update about the Twinning Association.

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on **Monday, 15th September at 8.00 pm** in the small room of the village hall.

Everyone in the village who is interested in the twinning, both members and non-members, are welcome to attend. There will be cheese and wine and a raffle.

Our **next visit to Nesles** will take place on the weekend of **4/5th October 2003**. If you are interested in joining us on this visit or would like further information about Isleham Twinning please contact one of the Committee members below:

Committee contacts:

Terry Carter (Chairman): 780800

Diana Jones: 780634

David Styman: 780533

Bryan Wynn: 780802

Website: www.geocities.com/islehamtwinning

COPY DEADLINES

The deadlines for copy are as follows. Anything arriving later than the dates below will be held over to a later issue.

Non-advertisers

Articles, contributions and letters: 14th of the month

Prearranged articles/features: 18th of the month

Advertisers

Changes to regular adverts: 23rd of the month

Your Informer will normally be sent to the printer on the working day nearest to 24th of the month. This will give just sufficient time for it to be distributed within a day or two of the end of each month. By special arrangement changes can be made to advertisements even later but please try to conform to our deadlines.

Please help us by sticking to our above deadlines. We have had articles and information arriving very late this month and that is why your Informer is a few days late again.

Medical Blunder

How about this from Dr. Rebecca St. Clair, Norfolk, VA.

During a patient's two-week follow-up appointment with his cardiologist, he informed me, his doctor, that he was having trouble with one of his medications. "Which one?" I asked. "The patch. The nurse told me to put on a new one every six hours and now I'm running out of places to put them!" I had him quickly undress and discovered what I hoped I wouldn't see. Yes, the man had over fifty patches on his body! Now the instructions include removal of the old patch before applying a new one.

Isleham Comrades Club

Church Street, Isleham. Tel: 01638 780884

Activities & Functions for August

Bar & Regular Functions	Special Functions
Mondays Bar: 9.00-11.00pm	Friday 1st August Quiz Night
Tuesdays Line Dancing: 7.00-10.00 pm Bar: 7.00-11.00pm	Saturday 9th August Rock 'n' Roll night Kenny & The Strollers
Wednesdays Bingo: 8.00-9.30pm Bar: 7.30-11.00pm	Friday 15th August Private Party Business as usual
Thursdays Bar: 7.30-11.00pm	Saturday 16th August Country & Western Ollie Austin
Fridays Bar: 7.30-11.00pm	
Saturdays Bar: 7.30-11.00pm	Friday 22nd August Private Party Business as usual
Sundays Bar: 12.00-3.00pm & 7.00-10.30pm	Saturday 23rd August Country & Western Billy Bubba King
<i>Please note that the Club will open at 9.30pm on 11th Aug</i>	
Sunday 31st August Jazz at Lunchtime	

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ISLEHAM UNDER FIVES

We have received the following from the Under Fives Association.

NEW BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

A quick update on this exciting project taking place in our village!

We have had a very productive visit to the Fordham Playgroup and their advice has proved really helpful. Over the summer we hope to have some architects plans drawn up and we will be looking to apply for a Lottery Grant in the Autumn.

We are planning some interesting and fun events to raise funds for this project, the first of which will hopefully be a Duck Race at Isleham Marina in September. Look out for more information around the village over the summer! Many of you will know Clare Cooper from School, Playgroup and Toddler Group. She has offered to donate her sponsorship from the Great North Run in September, so please help us by sponsoring her.

Thank you again to everybody who has bought our quizzes from the Post Office, Papershop, Comrades Club and Playgroup. These are proving to be extremely popular and of course are raising funds for the new building. The winners so far have been:

Chocolate Quiz: Mrs Ward from Chippenham
Pop Groups Quiz: Mrs Cullen from Newmarket
Numbers Quiz: Alison Marsh from Isleham

Anybody wishing to see the answers can ask at the Papershop, Post Office or Playgroup/Toddlers.

Our Committee is still a very small one. Please consider joining us even if you can only offer a limited amount of help. We really do need as much support as we can get. Contact **Kathy Carver** on 01638 781116 or **Julie Porter** on 01638 781390.

Who tried the Numbers Quiz? We did. It was great fun but so frustrating. Alison must be brilliant. Ed.

UNDER FIVES AGM

Our AGM will be held on **Tuesday, 16th September** in the **Playgroup Unit** at **8 pm**. Everybody is welcome.

If you have a child who will be attending Playgroup in the next school year, please remember that this is a Community Run Playgroup, managed by a Committee of volunteer parents without whom the Pre-school would not run. If a Committee is not elected on the 16th, then unfortunately for legal reasons, Pre-school would not be able to open the following day. Therefore please consider supporting your local Pre-school in any way you can.

There are several positions to be filled on the new committee plus we need volunteers to join our fundraising sub-committee to help raise funds to keep the Pre-school going. Thank you to the two volunteers who have come forward to take on the positions of Toddler Reps.

Please contact **Annette May** (chairperson) on **01638 780249** if you can help.

More Notice

This amusing but rather subtle sign was recently sent to us through the e-mail.

Sign at an electric company

**We would be de-lighted
if you would pay your
bill. However, if you
don't you will be.**

Isleham WI

Brenda Downey has sent us this update. It really sounds as though our ladies have a grand old time!

Thank you for supporting the WI refreshments at Gala Day. I am sure that everyone would agree that a good day was had by all. A pat on the back and thanks to the Gala Committee.

It seems that the WI have this role of tea, jams and cake making. This is not true. Come along and join us and find out what different trips we go on. For example, 9 of us went clay pigeon shooting in June and we went golfing in July. Gliding if you fancy it, ten pin bowling and much more!

There is no August meeting but some of our WI members are off to Bury Gardens and then to the pub for a meal afterwards. We meet again on Thursday, 11th September for our Harvest Supper. The speaker is Miss Oldman. The competition is "Autumn Arrangement in a Teapot. We start at 7.45 pm at Isleham Village Hall.

For further information, please contact **Brenda Downey**, WI Secretary on **01638 780338**.

Please remember that the WI meet at 7.45 p.m. at the Village Hall on the 2nd Thursday of each month except in August when they have their annual outing.

Also, don't forget that you will be welcome to attend a couple of meetings without a commitment to join.

P.T.A.

The last PTA meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th July. The 150 Club Winners names were announced for July and August as follows:

July: 1st Joy Brown; 2nd Ben Paganelli; 3rd Jacki Palmer
August: 1st Jim Cooper; 2nd Jo Elmer; 3rd Joy Brown

The next meeting for the new school year will be on Wednesday, 10th September. The first planned event will be the "Steam Day" at Chippenham on Saturday, 20th September.

This is held in the gardens of Mr & Mrs Blazey and the children enjoy riding on the miniature railway system set out amongst the trees and shrubs. Look out for posters advertising this event.

Parish Council News

Abbreviated notes on the Isleham Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 7th July

Police Report

PC Humble addressed the meeting. Between 2nd June and the 7th July 2003 there were 13 crimes reported in the Isleham area. Three reports of burglary, two of sheds and one the school building. Three reports of theft, two from motor vehicles and one from a house under renovation. There were three assaults, two of the assaults were domestic related, and the third involved a hammer attack on a local youth (a suspect is on Police bail pending further enquiries). There were four reports of criminal damage, two motor vehicles and two residential,

There was a total of 29 calls for Police services from members of the Isleham community or related to the Isleham area.

Cllr R. Sheldrick had concerns regarding the youths who damaged the pavilion last month, who were known by the Parishioners, but they were too afraid to talk for fear of retribution. PC Humble informed Cllr R. Sheldrick that the Police could not act on instinct and that witnesses would have to come forward before any action could be taken on these lads.

Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Clerk had placed the relevant notices around the village to fill the remaining vacancy for Parish Councillor. Only one applicant had filled in an application form (Mr. S. Puckey).

The Clerk had received further notification from Mrs. J. Human, ECDC, that the Council could now proceed to fill the outstanding Councillor vacancy by co-option.

It was proposed by Cllr P. Chaplin and seconded by Cllr L. Neal that Mr. S. Puckey be elected as a Councillor by co-option. Carried.

Maintenance

A letter was received from Mr. David Groom, Divisional Maintenance Engineer, regarding the resurfacing and reconstruction and other works for 2003/2004.

Funds have been made available in the first allocation of works for schemes in the parish. Also listed is the approximate quarter of the year in which these works are likely to take place. Work includes resurfacing and reconstruction schemes for Knaves Acre Drove phase two, to be carried out the 2nd to 3rd quarter. The surface dressing proposals in the area this summer are for Church Lane, Sun Street, East Road and Bowers Lane.

Village Hall

The Clerk informed the Council that there was a Village Hall Committee meeting on the 9th July 2003 at 7.30pm. The vandalism of the Village Hall on the 7th June 2003 had resulted in two windows being broken and some guttering pulled off. The windows had been repaired but the guttering had only been repaired temporarily. It was suggested by the Village Hall Committee that the guttering needed to be fixed permanently, quotes will be obtained for the next Parish Council meeting.

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Joyces's Corner

Joyce Drayton's poetic contribution this month is titled "An Afternoon in the Garden".

An Afternoon in the Garden

*On the hot days of summer I imagine great wealth
Days spent on a lounger sunning myself
Looking young, slim and sexy in a bikini
Sipping a cool drink, like a Martini*

*The reality is quite different of course
I've been young, slim, not sexy, quite the reverse
And the lounger has been in the shed all year
So it smells of mould and is stained with beer*

*The deckchairs are hardly fit to be seen
They've got several holes where the mice have been
Spiders have webs all over the place
They're abseiling down the front of my face*

*A large swarm of bees you now can hear
So you rush inside 'till they disappear
Gnats keep buzzing round your hair
And the smell of a barbeque fills the air*

*Ants try to make their way up your leg
And a gang of starlings have come to beg
Wasps are attracted by a sweet soft drink
There's more hostile pests out there than you think*

*Now that the children are home from school
You get hit on the head with a stray tennis ball
A fly commits suicide in your drink
Now dark clouds are forming, quick as a wink*

*You try to relax, but it's very hard
With a chainsaw working in someone's yard
The sun has gone in, and it's rather dark
And a fleeing starling has left its mark*

*A nice cup of tea would go down a treat
So you go back inside for a comfortable seat
Next time instead of an insect fiesta
I'll stay indoors for my noon siesta*

Re-enactment News

The re-enactors have had a busy period with the Vikings and Saxons going to a major event in Cornwall and the Venta group being involved at a number of local events. Clive Bowen, (otherwise known as Bosi), went on a trip to Denmark to learn to sail a Viking ship. This is his account.

Roskilde Viking Sailing Trip

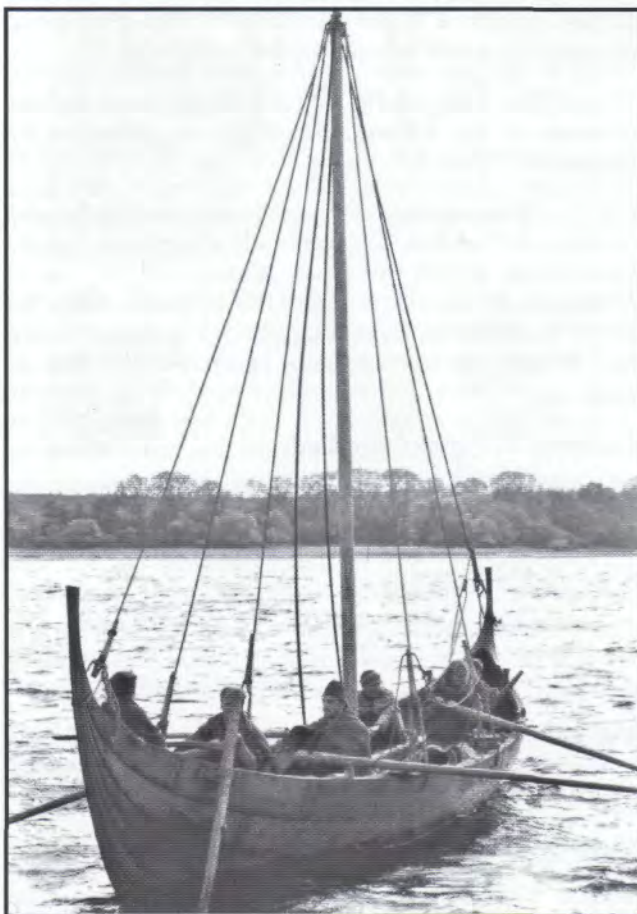
Two of our group went to Denmark for the Roskilde Viking sailing trip on the Kraka Fyr, a replica long ship. Our ship would probably have been a merchant vessel but it would have doubled as a small warship – warships being longer and not quite so wide. Also, warships generally had something fearsome on the prow like a dragon.

In the mornings we were shown how the Skuderlev ships were found and how they were retrieved and preserved. We were also shown how they were built, along with seeing the new 100 foot warship that will be sailed to

Dublin in 2007. The afternoons were reserved for sailing.

The weather was a bit calm on the first day and so we had to learn to row, all 9 of us. The next day the wind was force 5-6 and gusting to force 7. The mast broke and we had to row back to the harbour for a new mast and sail. The following day it was calm again but with the promise of good sailing weather towards the end of the week. Dawn came but not much wind. We set up sail and rowed up the fiord to our campsite. On our last day, Friday, there was still not much wind. We tried to sail back but we made little headway. So, we ROWED!! All in all, a very good voyage.

We bet he has the blisters to prove it! Ed.



Bosi's boat

Venta have extended their period to cover 5-6th century Anglo-Saxon. Their next events are at:

- August 4 Hinchbrook. (Special event)
- August 17 Burwell Museum
- August 23 Ely Museum Children's Day
- August 25 Flag Fen
- September 13 Palace House, Newmarket

***For details and confirmation of the above,
please phone Terri on 01638 605187***

Venta's activities start to reduce after August. Therefore, if you want to see what life was like in Britain way back at the beginning of the last millennium, then do get along with the kids while you have the chance.

Of course, they will not be going into hibernation. The winter months will be used mainly for rebuilding destroyed roundhouses, etc. and preparing for next year. We will keep you updated.

Your Rights

The Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau have sent us the following information.

School of Choice

The way local education authorities consider applications depends on the type of school and local policy. Where a school is over-subscribed, decisions will usually be made on a ranked criteria, such as the special needs requirement of a particular child, whether the child has a sibling already in the school, and the distance from home to school.

If the authority refuses your choice of school, you must be given a reason, how to appeal, and how to secure a place at another school. You can reconsider your choice of school, talk to the authority about the decision, or appeal against the decision. Faith schools can turn down pupils who do not fit the admission rules about religious belief. Some authorities impose a time limit for making an appeal to the LEA Appeals Committee. This is not less than 14 days.

By law infant classes are limited to 30 children only, therefore the appeal process differs. No personal factors are considered by the appeals panel — they can only look at whether the school abided by its own admission policy, or whether it acted unreasonably.

Talking informally to the authority about changing the decision may avoid using the formal appeal procedure, and get the matter resolved more quickly. If however you cannot reach a satisfactory conclusion, you can appeal to the local appeals committee. These are entirely independent of the local education authority and school governing body, and you may wish to seek advice from a specialist organisation or legal specialist. The advisory centre for education publishes 'Appealing for a School', a useful guide to the appeals system. Telephone the free advice line 0808 800 5793.

Working Part Time

From 6 April 2003 parents of children under 6, or of disabled children under 18, have the right to work flexibly, and their employers have a duty to consider these requests seriously. If you have been with your current employer for at least 6 months, you can apply to change the hours you are required to work, or ask to work from home.

You will need to apply in writing, making a clear case for the changes you are requesting. Any changes that result from the request will be permanent, unless you and your boss agree otherwise. You should consider the working pattern most suitable to you and your children, the financial implications, and the effect on your employer's business.

Your boss is then obliged to meet with you within 28 days of receiving your request. You can have a work mate or your Union rep. to accompany you for support. Your boss then has 14 days within which to write to you, either agreeing, or giving clear reasons why your application cannot be accepted. If your request is turned down you have 14 days to appeal. Details of how to do this should be included in the letter from your boss explaining why your

request was rejected. In limited circumstances you may be able to go to a tribunal. Otherwise you may be able to claim sex discrimination.

For more information call at your local Citizens Advice Bureau.

Struggling with your Tax Credits Application?

Don't give up yet, your local Citizens Advice Bureau will help overcome your difficulties, particularly if you bring the relevant information when you visit.

Call their advice line on 08701 264010 and they will tell you what to take along.

Dotty Ditty

Another one from Billie Moore. How about some from the rest of you?

*I had two little goldfish
Their names were Joe and Fred
When I woke up one morning
The poor old things looked dead

Now I read in a book somewhere
To revive them with a drink
So that's exactly what I did
Then poured them down the sink!*

Olde English Feast

16th August at 4 pm

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Sports News

If we have missed your sporting activity, please contact us so that we can include your news.

Badminton

The club meet at the **Primary School** in Maltings Lane every **Thursday evening from 7.30-9.30 p.m.** but **only during term time**. The club is not in any league and all matches are friendly. The club is small and new members looking for a bit of fun are always welcome. For further details please telephone **Pat Houghton** on **01638 780789**.

Bowls

Bowls fixtures for the next few weeks are as follows. All times are p.m. Confirm details with **Pat Houghton** on **01638 780789**. The bowls matches wind down at the end of this month and there are only a few in September.

Date	Opponents	Venue	Time	Key
August				
Sun 3	Invitation Cup Final	H	2.30	
Mon 4	Mildenhall	A	2.15	M
Tue 5	Chippenham	H	6.15	L
Wed 6	Cambs Masonic			
Thur 7	Soham 'A'	H	6.15	L
Fri 8	Depart Manchester			
Sat 9	Heaton Hall	A	2.15	F
Sun 10	Heaton Hall	A	10.30am	F
Mon 11	Fordham 'A'	H	2.15	M
Wed 13	K.O. Cup. S/Final			
Thur 14	Ely City	A	6.15	L
Mon 18	Cottenham	H	2.15	M
Tue 19	Fordham	H	6.15	L
Wed 20	Southery	H	6.15	F
Thur 21	Ely Beet 'B'	A	6.15	L
Fri 22	Milton	A	2.15	M
Tue 26	Stretham	H	6.15	L
Wed 27	Club Singles semis			
Thur 28	Littleport	H	6.15	L
Fri 29	Club Singles semis			
Sun 31	Ely & District League Finals Day			
September				
Sun 7	Club Finals			
Sun 14	Tenrich Trophy			
Sun 21	Cricket Club	H	2.30	F

L = Ely & District evening league;
M = Mixed afternoon league; F = Friendly

Cricket

The village has three cricket teams. There is a 1st and 2nd XI plus a Midweek XI. Fixtures for the next couple of months are shown below. There are still no match reports but they will be included as and when we receive them.

1st XI (all matches start at 2.00 p.m.)

Date	Opponents	Venue
9 Aug	Littleport I	Away
16 Aug	Milton I	Home
23 Aug	Burwell II	Away
30 Aug	Soham I	Away
6 Sep	Chatteris I	Home

Please note that the match on 6th September against Chatteris starts at 1.30pm.

2nd XI (all matches start at 2.00 p.m.)

Date	Opponents	Venue
2 Aug	Wilburton	Away
16 Aug	Fordham II	Away
23 Aug	Ely/Haddenham II	Home
30 Aug	Witcham	Home

Midweek XI (all matches start at 6.00 p.m.)

Date	Opponents	Venue
2 July	Burwell	Away
9 July	MCC Arabs	Away

Football

Not much happens at this time of year but we do have a number of football teams. We will keep you updated with their activities and progress when the new season starts.

Still no results or reports for Bowls or Cricket. If anyone knows how and who to threaten, please do so with our blessing. It would be nice to know how well our teams did before Christmas!

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