

Isleham Informer

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Please Read This!!!!

OK, after missing an issue we are back. However, there is quite a story to tell and it will involve all of you if you want the Isleham Informer to continue.

Following the sad demise of the old Informer and the Comrades Club's Social Focus Newsletter, your Parish Council wanted the Informer resurrected. As a result of pressure from the Parish Council your editorial team of Samantha, Paul and Tony was put together to perform the resurrection miracle and get it off the ground again. It took us two months to get "the word" round and plan the No.1 issue back in June. As you can imagine there were endless problems with the first issue but, in the end, they were conquered, mainly by improvising, and the June issue was published.

At that time we knew little about printing costs and revenue from advertising. Our aim was to produce a village newspaper that would be informative, humorous and reasonably professional. In the last week before going to the printer, we had so much material come in that we had to increase the size from the originally projected 8 pages to 12. The whole Informer had to be reformatted from square one but we felt that we could not leave out any of the information that had been sent to us. When it came back from the printer we all thought that it was something we could be pleased about.

The response from the village was quite remarkable and we were stopped numerous times to be congratulated. It seemed as though we were not too far off the mark in what we had produced. The new-look Informer also stimulated other village groups and individuals to write in and the July and August issues had to be increased to 16 pages. We also started increasing the number of photographs to increase the appeal and this also seemed to be appreciated.

Then came the bombshell. Your Parish Council had no money to pay for the Informer at the size it had reached. To be fair, Paul Chaplin had offered to pay for the first couple of issues to get it started but that was based on an 8 page issue. What has happened is that Paul has paid for the first three issues at a cost of £1100 so that the Parish Council is not embarrassed. Note that it does say at the top of each issue that it is published by the Parish Council!

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was decided that they could afford to support the Informer if it was reduced to the original 8 pages and produced bimonthly. Someone needs lessons in arithmetic. How can 16 pages a month be cut to 8 pages every two months?!!!!

This Informer has therefore been specially produced to conform with the Parish Council requirements.

However, we ask you to consider the implications of this. It means that almost all the space will be taken by Parish Council and ECDC news and, hopefully, some advertising to provide some revenue. There will therefore be no sports news, competitions, Joyce's Corner, Gardening Column, Features or Jokes and almost no village news.

Is this what you want?

Your editorial team would become little more than typists and distributors for the Parish Council and ECDC and that is frankly unacceptable. The incentive for us is to produce a reasonably professional production for the village.

It actually requires a considerable amount of time to put the Informer together and we would be happy to produce a bimonthly publication but we insist on including anything that is relevant and to let the size go up and down according to the amount of village news.

To put all this into context, A 16 page monthly publication costs £400 an issue. Advertising brings in £150 per issue but, so far, no money has been collected because we believe that the Parish Council should do something! The cost of an issue is therefore only about £250 or £3000 a year. To go bimonthly but have more pages will still cost less but that has been assessed as still far too much.

It is particularly saddening because a number of village-minded souls have come forward to offer their help with publication and distribution. If we continue, we will be in the strong position of having cover for any absence.

Therefore, the recommendation of your editors is that the Parish Council fund a bimonthly publication of 16 pages or more. If you agree with this, then we most strongly urge you to sign the petition forms that are to be found at the Co-op, Post Office, Newspaper Shop, Isleham Fish & Chips and Priory Garage.

Hopefully, this short-sightedness is just a blip but the future of the Informer is in *your hands* and, if your response is overwhelmingly in favour, it is a matter of whether your Parish Council will pay attention.

Complaints

Please remember our "autocratic" policy concerning any complaints about your Informer. We have do our best to be careful but we will always offend someone.

We will therefore only publish complaints when several people complain about the same thing. If you have something to complain about, get some support for your view and write to us.

Smile

Just enough space to include this one from an anonymous reader. Hopefully it will cheer you up after the gloom and doom of the front page. Apologies in advance to our Irish friends.

Low Cost Birth Control

After having their 11th child, an Irish couple decided that was enough, as they could not afford a larger family. So the husband went to his doctor and told him that he and his wife didn't want to have any more children. The doctor told him that there was a procedure called a vasectomy that could fix the problem but that it was expensive.

A less costly alternative, said the doctor, was to go home, get a cherry bomb (a large firework banger), light it, put it in a beer can, then hold the can up to your ear and count to 10.

The husband said to the doctor, "I may not be the smartest man in the world, but I don't see how putting a cherry bomb in a beer can next to my ear is going to help me."

Trust me" said the doctor.

So the man went home, lit a cherry bomb and put it in a beer can. He held the can up to his ear and began to count: "1, 2, 3, 4, 5," at which point he paused, placed the beer can between his legs, and resumed counting on his other hand!

We are now out of jokes. If the Informer continues, we need more. Put on your thinking caps and send them to us.

Isleham Vandals

We have been asked to let you know that the Parish Council is considering closing the Village Hall for up to two weeks to repair vandalism damage. The Parish Council regrets any inconvenience to groups that use the hall on a regular basis. We will let you know the propose closure period as soon as we receive it.

We have also been informed of an incident a few weeks ago concerning the bottle bank at the end of Coates Drove where it meets the end of Pound Lane. Because the bank was full, a number of boxes of bottles had been left in front of the bank. Late that particular night, a group of youths started smashing the bottles from the boxes onto the road and the drove and throwing them into the adjacent field. They were recognised by someone passing the scene and one of the delinquents was a relative of one of our Parish Councillors!!!!

As was relayed to us, "If our supposedly worthy Parish Councillors can't control these kids, what chance do the rest of us have?!"

If anyone sees any vandalism taking place they should immediately telephone the police. If they recognise any of the vandals they should not only contact the police but also go to the next Parish Council meeting and make a formal complaint.

Useful Phone Numbers

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| Police (Cams.) | 01223 358966 |
| 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 |

COPY DEADLINES

The deadlines for copy for the *December* issue (assuming there is one!) 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 December
Prearranged articles/features: 18th December

Advertisers

Changes to regular adverts: 23rd December

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.

Regular Advertisers

Paul Chaplin will contact all our regular advertisers over the next few weeks to discuss future advertising and rates. We thank you in advance for your cooperation while the future of the Informer is debated.

Please remember that for non-business advertising **Lineage Advertisements are FREE!** Please contact Paul Chaplin on 01638 781745 to place your ad.

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.

Next CMs

The various Committee meetings will be held on the following dates.

Parish Council: *Monday, 6th October.*
Monday, 3rd November.

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, 13th October.*
8.00 p.m. on *Monday 10th November.*

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. Committee vacancies. All welcome.

Your Letters

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.

The following from John Mitchell.

Informer Website

What has happened to the website? It has not been updated for a long time.

John Mitchell

Sorry about that but we are trying to get someone that knows what they are doing to deal with this! Hopefully it will be sorted if the Informer continues. Ed.

September Informer

A number of notes and e-mails have been received expressing disappointment about the absence of a September Informer. Please read the front page of this issue. If you want the Informer to continue, then please sign one of the petitions at the Co-op, Post Office, Newspaper Shop, Fish & Chip Shop or Priory Garage. Ed.



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1996 N Renault Clio RL 1.2 Paris 3dr in White. Service history. 75000 miles. **£1695**

1994 M Renault Laguna RN 1.8 5dr Hatch in Capsium Red. Central locking, Electric windows, Front fog lamps, PAS, Air bag. 86000 miles. **£1495**

1993 L Volvo 850 GLT 20V Auto Saloon in Green metallic. Alloy wheels, Sunroof, PAS, ABS, Boot spoiler, Radio cassette, Heated seats, Electric windows. Two owners. 92000 miles. **£1995**

Commercial Vehicles

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Village News

Church Services & News

St Andrew's Parish Church

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10.00am Family service

All other Sundays:

10.00am Common worship communion

Junior Church Sundays, 10.00am.

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

Festival of Light: Friday 28th to Sunday 30th November.
Friday 2-8pm plus non-denominational Carol Concert promoted by St Andrew's and Twinning Association.

Saturday 10am-8pm

Sunday 10am-6pm followed by Taize-style service by candlelight at 6.30pm.

Pound Lane Free Church

Every Sunday:

Sunday Worship: 11.00am & 6.30pm
Church Night: Weds 7.30-9.00pm

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Fellowship

Children and Young People's groups

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

A hearing loop installed and signing for the deaf is available. We have a comprehensive child protection policy. 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

Christianity Explored: The 12 week course started on **Monday September 8th, 8.00-9.30pm**. Designed around a video presentation, the course provides an excellent way to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, informal setting. Contact Dave Hall 01638 780636 or email ce@plfc.co.uk for further information. This is not a church service - there are no prayers, singing or any form of worship.

High Street Church

Every Sunday:

10.30am. Morning Worship. Crèches 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.

Evening Service 6.30pm.

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. For further more information, contact:

01638 780985 (church office)
islehambap@aol.com (e-mail)
01638 721291 / 07713 465787 (anytime)

Special Meetings: We run a selection of midweek evening meetings, running mainly during school term times. These include prayer meetings, Bible studies, and courses designed for anyone who would like to find out more about Christianity, or about our Church. "Alpha" is a series of videos about the basic principles of the Christian faith, and includes a meal and a chance to discuss issues. This term it is running at the **Bowl's Club**, and if you would like to come to the next course or would like details of any of the above please phone the Church Office.

Little Lambs is up and running again for the Autumn term. Anyone with a baby or pre-schooler is very welcome to come along to the Chapel on a Friday morning from 9:15 until 11:15. The building is cleared and completely given over to a room full of toys with seating for carers to sit and enjoy a well earned drink. Another room set up for colouring, playdough and later on a craft, followed by drinks and biscuits. It's fun and it's free so do come along! **Luncheon Club** continues on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Phone Kathryn on 780652 for details or transport.

Isleham Broadband

Broadband is now here in Isleham. You can order your service from www.islehamnet.co.uk or contact David Moss on david@islehamnet.co.uk for more information. IslehamNet is a community service. The website includes a forum to share your views on anything from the Parish Council, Informer, or the state of the roads in the area.

Charity News

The collection of whisky to be auctioned by Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity and The Sick Kids Friends Foundation of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children was to take place a few weeks ago at the Savoy Hotel in London. It was a sweltering day and many of the guests cancelled. It is planned to auction the collection at a different event on Saturday, 11th October.

Isleham Under Fives

Arrangements are being made for an architect to draw up plans before getting tenders and applying for a Lottery Grant. In the meantime we are pushing ahead with our fundraising activities. We will be holding a **Race Night** at the **Comrades Club on 10th October**. Look out for details of a General Knowledge Quiz to be held towards the end of November. Look out for the next in our series our **cryptic quizzes** that will be available very soon from the Post Office, Paper Shop, Comrades Club, Playgroup and Toddler Group. We still desperately need new members to join our committee. Please contact Kathy Carver on 01638 781116 or Julie Porter on 01638 781390 if you can help.

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Parish Council News

Abbreviated notes on the Isleham Parish Council Meetings for Monday, 4th August & Monday, 1st September follow:

August Meeting

Police Report

There were three recorded crimes for Isleham in July, one of criminal damage to a property, one of theft of diesel and a third of diesel theft for the second time.

Broadband

D.Beckett informed the Council that the proposed introduction of Broadband throughout the region had been successful in the bid and would be established all over East Cambridgeshire by the beginning of next year.

Highways

The Council expressed their concern that repairs had still not taken place in certain areas of Isleham. For example, Houghtons Lane and Sheldricks Road. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr E.Thornton to find out when the works will be completed.

Village Hall

A quote was received with regards to proposed work to replace the guttering on the Village Hall. The work was required due to part of the guttering being pulled off by vandals. Other quotes will be obtained.

Recreation Ground

The Council asked the Clerk to call ECDC with regard to the replacement of the litter bins that had been taken from the recreation ground car park and the school in Malting Lane.

Isleham Website

A letter from Robin Grant stated that the Isleham website that he manages had between 632 and 1534 visitors a month between August 2002 and July 2003. The Council agreed that the site should continue to run.

Isleham Informer

It was suggested that the Informer be restricted to 8 pages but it may then not be of much interest. It was also suggested that the churches in Isleham could contribute towards the support of the magazine.

September Meeting

Police Report

PC Humble said that there were 8 reported crimes for Isleham between 8th July and 4th August. Two thefts of diesel, two of criminal damage and four assaults. 23 calls were received relating to the Isleham area. From 5th August to 28th August there were 10 reported crimes. Three of theft, two of criminal damage, one assault and three of threatening behaviour. 15 calls were received relating to the Isleham area.

Rubbish

It was mentioned by the Council that the Common Gate Drove had become a dumping ground lately with a lot of building rubbish and garden waste. A car was also in a ditch in that area. D.Cllr Beckett said that he had reported this and will again contact the Environment Department.

Village Hall

The village Hall insurance company had agreed to pay £566.72 towards the cost of replacing the guttering. The Council agreed that more quotes were required both for standard guttering and for vandal proof gutting which would be more expensive.

Recreation Ground

The Chairman suggested that replacement rubbish bins at the school and Village Hall car park should be made of metal. Mr Tickner of ECDC stated that these would be too costly but replacement bins would be more securely fixed.

Cemetery

The Chairman informed the meeting of the deterioration of the old cemetery wall behind the cemetery shed. The particular wall in question actually belongs to the garages and the Council agreed to tidy up the area and put any loose gravestones against the wall.

ECDC News

We have received the following information from ECDC.

New fund for Community Groups in Cambridgeshire

A new fund is available for children and young people aged 0-19 years old. Local community groups are to receive three years funding from the £150 Local Network Fund (LNF) for Children and Young People. The LNF enables local voluntary and community groups to tackle child poverty and provide opportunities for young people.

The LNF is a programme of the Government's Children and Young People's Unit and is administered in Cambs. by Cambridge ACRE. For more information, contact the LNF Development Officer, Jenny Roberts on 01353 860850 or email jenny.roberts@cambsacre.org.uk.

Kerbside Recycling Collections

The Black Box collection of dry recyclables now covers 96% of the properties in the district and averages 230 tonnes of recycle each month.

The more recent Green Waste collecting using brown sacks is proving very successful thanks to the high level of participation and has exceeded 60 tonnes in the last month. All the green waste collected has been made into soil conditioner.

If you need a black box, please contact Martin Stacey at East Cambridgeshire District Council on 01353 616093.

Chill out and save money!

ECDC and npower, the national energy provider, have teamed up to offer East Cambs. residents the chance to trade in their old fridge for a brand new, energy efficient model at a very reduced rate. Called Fridgesavers, the scheme is funded by npower and is available to low-income households. An A-rated refrigerator is just £35 or fridge-freezer for as little as £60. To qualify for the scheme, householders must be using a damaged or faulty appliance (therefore using excess energy) and be in receipt of one or more of qualifying benefits or tax credits. For more information and to request an application form, please contact **Ian Bowers on 01353 616251**.

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| <i>Chicago (18)</i> | <i>Road to Perdition (15)</i> |
| <i>Catch Me if You Can (12)</i> | <i>Unfaithful (15)</i> |
| <i>Gangs of New York (18)</i> | <i>XXX (12)</i> |
| <i>Die Another Day (12)</i> | |

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Competitions

Not this Time

Unfortunately we don't have space for any competitions this time but we feel that we should include the answers to the puzzles in the last issue.

Spot the Difference

We had quite a few entries for the last Spot the Difference competition and we learned a few things. For example, in one cartoon the man was wearing a tie but his arm was across the middle of it and "cement" was spelled correctly. In the other the tie was missing and the 'm' and 'n' of cement were reversed. Some of you saw these two changes as four and so we will be more careful in future. However, Jessica and Kea Haw (age 11 & 6 respectively) got all 10 differences and we promise to send on the £5 and also to our other winners that we truly have not forgotten about. Comparing the bottom cartoon with the top one, the differences were:

1. Extra brick top left.
2. Man's hat black instead of white.
3. Tie missing.
4. Left shoe heel white.
5. Extra skid line behind right leg.
6. Brick outline complete lower left.
7. Less gravel kicked up by right foot.
8. Kerb black.
9. Cement spelt incorrectly.
10. Fewer bars on board support.

Anagrams

Last month we gave you "Soft Fruit". For those that want to know how well they did, there are 123 acceptable words but here are 70 of the most common ones:

Firs, First, Fist, Fits, Foist, Fort, Forts, Four, Fours, Frost, Fruit, Fruits, Furs, Orfs, Ours, Oust, Outfit, Outfits, Rift, Rifts, Riot, Riots, Rots, Rout, Routs, Ruff, Ruffs, Rust, Ruts, Sift, Soffit, Soft, Sort, Sour, Stiff, Stir, Stout, Strut, Stuff, Suit, Sutor, Surf, Tiff, Tiffs, Tits, Toff, Toffs, Tofu, Tors, Torus, Tots, Tour, Tourist, Tours, Tout, Touts, Trio, Trios, Trist, Trot, rots, Trout, Trust, Tuft, Tufts, Turf, Tutor, Tutors, Tuts, Ufos.

Serious Question

In the last issue we asked you how rangers at wildlife parks in South Africa identify individual animals such as lions, zebra and elephants. There are no prizes but here are the answers for the animals in question.

Lions have whiskers, just like domestic cats. However, they grow in distinct rows on the cheeks. But... the number of rows and the number of whiskers in each row is unique to each lion. The growth of hair round each whisker is very clear and so it makes no difference if a whisker or two are missing.

Zebras are easy. There is a unique pattern for each zebra where the vertical stripes on the body meet the horizontal ones on the hind legs.

Elephants are identified from their unique footprints.

Having identified these wonderful game animals, their movements and behaviour can be followed.

House Name Plates

Local artist casts traditional and individual hand painted metal plaques which can feature any design of your choice in high relief.

Three basic shapes in a range of sizes are priced from £36.00

For further details or a leaflet please phone Mervyn Crawford on 01638 712600 after 6.30 p.m.

Isleham Comrades Club

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Activities & Functions for October & November

Bar & Regular Functions

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| Mondays | Bar: | 9.00-11.00pm |
| Tuesdays | Line Dancing: | 7.00-10.00pm |
| | Bar: | 7.00-11.00pm |
| Wednesdays | Bingo: | 8.00- 9.30pm |
| | Bar: | 7.30-11.00pm |
| Thursdays | Bar: | 7.30-11.00pm |
| Fridays | Bar: | 7.30-11.00pm |
| Saturdays | Bar: | 7.30-11.00pm |
| Sundays | Bar: | 12.00- 3.00pm |
| | | 7.00-10.30pm |

Special Functions

| October | November |
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| Friday 3rd October Quiz Night | Friday 7th November Quiz night |
| Saturday 4th October Live Music. Something to suit everyone Ricky & Steve | Saturday 8th November C&W evening Merve & Maria |
| Friday 10th October Race Night | Friday 14th November Private Party <i>Business as usual</i> |
| Isleham Under Fives | Saturday 15th November Rock & Roll night Rocking Revival |
| Saturday 11th October Private Party <i>Business as usual</i> | Saturday 22nd November C&W evening Bar Hoppers |
| Friday 17th October Trivia Quiz | Sunday 30th November Jazz at Lunchtime Barry Tyler |
| Twinning Committee | Always an Excellent Selection of Malt Whiskies & Real Ales for you to enjoy. Come and try them! |
| Saturday 18th October 60's Night Kenny & the Strollers | |
| Saturday 25th October Family Disco Steve Jannaway | |
| Sunday 26th October Jazz at Lunchtime Barry Tyler | |

Support your local village club. Why not have a party at the Club. New members always welcome.