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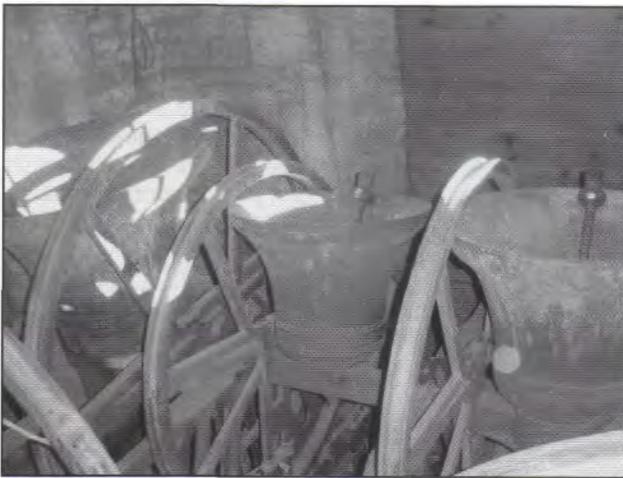
BELLS RING CHRISTMAS CHEER

By Peggy Skye

Dangling from a bell rope in the tower of St. Andrew's Church tethers a person to centuries of village history. Bellringing has not been for the tame of spirit. The history of those who ring the bells is as intriguing as the history of the bells themselves. Suspended from a wooden frame, the bells have the capacity to move through a near 360-degree circle enabling ringers to create sequences of ringing. In the Isleham tower, with its six bells, there is the capacity to ring 720 changes.

At a raucous session of learning the ropes from Master bellringer John Bates, it's easy to feel connected to the past. The walls are lined with plaques celebrating peals – a patterned change that takes about three hours. There are worn out clappers leaning against walls covered in "graffiti" of the scratched names from the past. Names can only go on the walls when someone becomes a full-fledged bellringer.

"You can take up ringing and put it down and come back to it at any time," said John, a Soham resident who has taught more than 200 people since training and qualifying as a teacher. He has been ringing in Isleham since 1998. He willingly teaches anyone who wants to learn and comes to the practise on Friday nights.



Merrily on high

John, who has been ringing since 1968, met his wife, Julie, in a tower where both were ringing. Julie came to the bells with a long family history of ringing. Now that they have taught their sons, Julie has four generations of ringers in her family. Women are a more recent addition to ringing. Excluded in the past because it was not "seemly" company for a woman, it is unlikely children would have been encouraged to spend a lot of time in the company of the ale-



Pull the other one: it's got 18 cwt on it...

guzzling men. Originally, bellringers tended to be the misfits and ruffians hanging about the closest local pub. Over the years the division between the guys in the tower and the clergy became a major problem. The ringers often had no interest in church and the clergy had an allergy to the rowdies in the tower. Most clergy did not approve of the casks that made way to the bell room along with the men.

The casks have disappeared from the ringer's room but those in Isleham make certain practise is over in time for them to arrive for Quiz night at the Comrade's Club. Women are welcomed learners now as are interested young people.

England has between 40,000 and 68,000 bells that can be rung across the countryside. At one time it was thought that if all the bells were rung at once nearly every person in the entire country would be able to hear a bell. Now, bellringing is becoming an art without enough students to carry on what is a unique English tradition.

"My brother started going and I just got into it," said Amber Zitka a 13-year-old who has been learning for about three months. Amber, and her brother, Kendall have lived in Isleham for three years. Their mother, raised in Ipswich, is British, their father an American service member currently deployed to Iraq.

"Bellringing makes me feel connected to history," Amber said. She recently rang the heaviest bell (18 cwt) making her feel "really strong." As the bells ring through the holiday season, remember how they link us to a long tradition of marking the important events in the life of the village. And, of Amber knowing she's strong, a wonderful gift from the village for any young person.

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A Nice Peer...

On Saturday last, I had dinner at a local Chinese restaurant. My fortune read:

"You will gain admiration from your pears."

Comice? Bartlett? Canned? I don't grow or eat them, anyway.

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COPY DEADLINES

The deadlines for copy for the *February* issue 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 January
Prearranged articles/features: 19th January

Advertisers

Changes to regular adverts: 23rd January

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Isleham Sports and Gala Committee needs a Chairperson - without a Chairperson we are unable to function as a Committee.

No Committee means NO GALA DAY

We have a core of dedicated volunteers within the Committee, all have designated jobs or hold an Officer's position. The only position we have been unable to fill is the role of Chairperson. This position will have the support of the whole Committee. If you feel you could help, or would like to know more, please contact either:

Nikki Farr on 01638 780375
or Hayley Fitchett on 01638 780197

The next Committee meeting is 8pm, Monday 24th January 2005 at Isleham Comrades Club. Everyone is welcome. Please help us ensure we have a Gala Day in 2005.

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Quiz for Professionals I

The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and will tell you whether you are qualified to be a "professional".

The questions are not that difficult. But no cheating!

1. How do you put a giraffe into a fridge?
(Answer and next question on page 7)

Informer Staff

After the disappointment of the last issue, I hope you will agree that we have pulled out all the stops for this one and made it the best yet! It's certainly the biggest, extended by eight whole pages, thanks largely to the Herculean efforts of Ian Humphreys in arranging more advertising.

Because of the combined ill-health and frantic life-style of our usual editor and resident astronomer, I have had to take over more of the work on this issue, despite the fact that I am now in full-time employment for the Local Government (need-to-know stuff only, I'm afraid. Something to do with the Freedom of Information Act, but I can say no more) and so need to apologise profusely to my family (whose names I seem to have forgotten) for being so uncommunicative. Nearly done now!

In future it would be much appreciated if contributions (other than advertising) could be emailed to either me (emayall@onetel.com) or Glenda Preece (GJPreece@aol.com). Any contributions that can not be emailed can be dropped at Glenda's house - 94 The Causeway, Isleham - she is more likely to be home than Tony.

If there is anyone out there who would feel willing (or able) to shoulder some of our burden (plus of course a proportion of the fabulous [ahem] salary...), any new (or returning [are there too many brackets in this sentence?]) additions to the Isleham Informer Team would be made wonderfully welcome. Please contact any member of the team.

Ed Mayall

Overdose Victim



This disturbing picture is included as a warning to all to avoid over-indulgence during the holiday season.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

Navigation

On a transatlantic nightflight, an elderly lady called the steward and asked how the pilot was able to find his way at night with no ground to navigate by.

The Steward asked her to look out of her window. She could see a green light. He explained that there is a red light visible from the windows on the other side of the plane. If the pilot stays between those two, he won't go far wrong.

The lady seemed satisfied.



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2001 51 Citroen Saxo VTR 1.6 3dr hatch in Wicked Red metallic. PAS, Air bags, Front fogs, Alloys, Radio/CD player, Sun roof, Central locking, Electric windows. Only 24000 miles with full history. **£5395**

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2000 V Renault Megane Alize 1.6 16v 5dr in Vertigo Green metallic. Air con, Central locking, Electric windows, Sunroof, PAS. Full service history only 46000 miles. **£3595**

1999 T Renault Clio RTD 1.9 5dr in Twilight Grey metallic. Sunroof, Electric windows, Electric mirrors, Central locking, PAS, ABS. Low mileage at 30000 miles. **£4595**

☺ SMILE ☺

Our thanks go to Nelly Viseux in Chicago and Andy Compton from London for the following jokes. The first one is a joke about women but the second one redresses the balance by proving that women have stronger wills.

Never Satisfied

A "Husband Super Store" opened where women could go to choose a husband. It was laid out in five floors, with the men increasing in positive attributes as you ascended. The only rules were that once you opened the door to any floor, you HAD to choose a man from that floor; if you went up a floor and you couldn't go back down except to leave the place, never to return. A couple of girlfriends went to the shopping centre to find some husbands...

First floor: The door had a sign saying, "These men have jobs and love kids." The women read the sign and said, "Well, that's better than not having a job or not loving kids, but I wonder what's further up?" So up they went.

Second floor: The sign read, "These men have high paying jobs, love kids, and are extremely good looking." "Hmmm," said the ladies, "But I wonder what's further up?"

Third floor: This sign read, "These men have high paying jobs, are extremely good looking, love kids and help with the housework." "Wow, very tempting." But there were another couple of floors, so up they went to the next floor.

Fourth floor: This sign said, "These men have high paying jobs, love kids, are extremely good looking, help with the housework and have a strong romantic streak." "Oh, mercy me," they cried, "Just think what must be waiting for us further on! So they went up to the fifth floor."

Fifth floor: The sign on that door said, "This floor is empty and exists only to prove that women are impossible to please. The exit is to your left."

Stronger Wills

The CIA had an opening for an assassin. After all of the background checks, interviews and testing were done there were three finalists: two men and one woman. For the final test, the CIA agent took one of the men to a large metal door and handed him a gun.

"We must know that you will follow your instructions, no matter what the circumstances. Inside this room you will find your wife sitting in a chair. You have to kill her."

The first man said, "You can't be serious. I could never shoot my wife."

The agent replied, "Then you're not the man for this job."

The second man was given the same instructions. He took the gun and went into the room. All was quiet for about five minutes. Then the man came out with tears in his eyes. "I tried, but I can't kill my wife."

The agent replied, "You don't have what it takes. Take your wife and go home."

Finally, it was the woman's turn: she was told to kill her husband. She took the gun and went into the room. Shots were heard, one shot after another. They heard screaming, crashing, banging on the walls. After a few minutes, all was quiet. The door opened slowly and there stood the woman. She wiped the sweat from her brow and said, "You guys didn't tell me the gun was loaded with blanks. I had to beat him to death with the chair."

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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
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- out of hours emergency	01733 561370
Refuse Collection	01353 863864
RSPCA	0870 5555999
Citizens Advice Bureau - Ely	01353 661416
- Mildenhall	01638 712094
- Newmarket	01638 665999
Isleham Village Hall (Paul Chaplin)	01638 781745
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Member of Parliament (Jim Paice)	01954 211450
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(Ed Mayall)	01638 780839
(Glenda Preece)	01638 780734
(Richard Turner)	01638 780965

Next CMs

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

Parish Council: *Monday, 3rd January 2005.*
Monday, 7th February 2005.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Parishioners may raise any issue between **7.00-7.30 p.m.** All meetings take place in the room at the back of the Village Hall.

Comrades Club: 8.00 p.m. on *Monday, 10th January.*
8.00 p.m. on *Monday 14th February.*

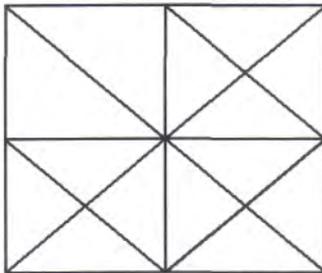
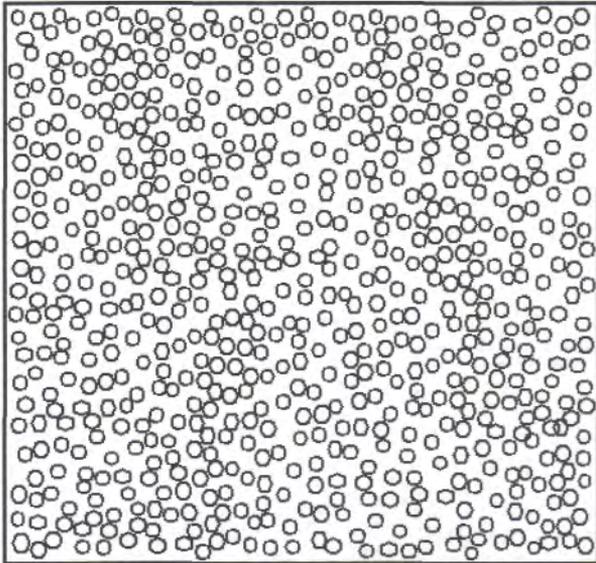
Anyone including non-members is welcome to attend the meeting from **8.00-8.30 p.m.** to raise any issue.

Gala Committee AGM:
8.00 p.m. on *Monday, 24th January.*

All Gala Committee meetings are held at the Comrades Club. Anyone is welcome. Do please come along to our meetings and help us with next year's Gala Day.

A few more Puzzles

Here are a few more puzzles to drive you mad over Christmas. The one below is for the younger ones up to the age of 10. Simply count all the circles and send us your answer to 9 Church Street (next to the Griffin and opposite the church) by 20th January. The winner will receive £5.



No prizes for this one. See how many triangles you can find. There are a lot more than you think and there are a lot more than 25.

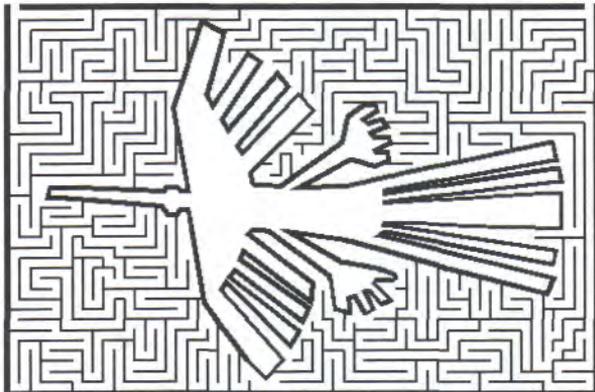
The one below will test your logic and memory. The answer is elsewhere in this Informer.

The Bus Driver

Without using a calculator, work out the following: You are driving a bus from Newmarket to Milford Haven in Wales. At Newmarket, 17 people get on the bus. In Reading, six people get off the bus, and nine people get on. In Swindon, two people get off and four get on. In Cardiff, 11 people get off and 16 people get on. In Swansea, three people get off and five people get on. In Carmarthen, six people get off and three get on. The bus then arrives at Milford Haven.

What was the name of the bus driver? Answer in this issue.

Finally, try this maze. Go in at the top left and pop out at the top right without crossing any lines.



In the Sky

Whenever there is something worth looking at up there in the sky you can pretty much guarantee that there will be a bright Moon killing everything or it will be cloudy or raining. The nights before and after the last full Moon were crystal clear but the night of the total eclipse it was completely clouded over. The night of 16/17th November for the Leonids meteor shower was also no exception and so we don't have a dramatic photo for you. However, if we are pessimistic about seeing the Geminids on 12/13th December (see last Informer for full details) we might be shocked and actually see some. The predicted rate is around 50 per hour so keep everything crossed for clear skies.

By mid December Saturn will be well up in the east by 9 p.m. It is easily identified as the slightly yellow "star" below Gemini. However, we have to wait until April before Jupiter can be seen in the evening but it will not get high in the sky in 2005.

Orion will be a splendid sight by that time in the southeast. On a clear night the great nebula will be visible in the sword as a faint, fuzzy patch. Have a look with binoculars and this distant gas cloud will "hit you in the face".

The Pleiades (The Seven Sisters) are already high in the evening sky and the view through even small binoculars will show dozens of stars. Look high in the sky, up and to the right of Orion. They are an unmistakable close-packed group of stars.

Not everything on the weather front has been gloom and doom and there have been a few reasonably clear nights. Amateur astronomers get their equipment from the most unlikely places and a new Japanese low-light security camera has taken the astronomy world by surprise. It is very sensitive and cheap. With the year coming to a close, we thought you might like to see some images taken from Isleham with it. The Andromeda galaxy was photographed using a standard 56 mm camera lens

and the Pleiades using a 205 mm telephoto lens. The photograph of the Whirlpool galaxy was taken through a 12 inch Meade telescope. You can therefore get some wonderful images using an ordinary camera lens so you don't even need a telescope!



Andromeda galaxy



Whirlpool galaxy



The Pleiades

The bright patches in the Pleiades are gas clouds illuminated by the bright stars.

Tony Ferrige

Seal Matrices

I'm writing concerning the article in the previous Informer about the seal matrix. I hope that I can embellish the story a little. Although I am no great authority on such matters I have done some research on the subject. I hope that the following is a relevant and interesting insight into a piece of village history.



The other side of the coin. The front was shown in the last issue of the Informer

During the medieval period, the use of seals on documents, letters and packages became widespread. The attachment of an impressed wax seal ensured that the letter arrived at its destination unopened and unread. More than just a device to ensure privacy, wax seals also guaranteed authenticity and meant the sender was honour bound to any agreement proposed in the document.

To create such wax seals, each person of sufficient rank owned an individual seal matrix engraved with a design (cut in intaglio). Seal matrices were usually circular, vesica (oval with pointed ends) or shield shaped and frequently provided with a loop so that they could be suspended from a chain. A few seals, mostly lead examples, were double sided.

Every merchant, religious dignitary, official, institution or borough possessed seals. They became symbols of importance and status, with their size and the artistic quality of the engraving indicating the rank and wealth of the owner. The misuse of a seal was a serious offence, and forgery of the royal seal regarded as treason. When the owner of a seal died it was broken up or the face cut so that the design became obliterated and unusable.

Lead seals are the most common examples. Lead was cheap to use and easy to engrave, and from the late 12th century until the end of the 13th century, seals of this type were important possessions among the lower

classes. The lowly nature of the metal and the repetitiveness of the designs used on lead seals are a reflection of their low status. However, the possession of a seal did show that the owner was a "free man" with the right to use one.

After the Norman Conquest, French was widely used and spoken by the middle classes, but was considered to be of lower status than Latin. Saxon English was considered the lowest of the three languages, and is rarely used on medieval seals. It is intriguing to think that in England at this time, three different languages were spoken based on social status. All religious seals carry inscriptions in Latin. The reason for this is that Latin was considered to convey respect and was always used by the Church and its officials in communications.

I have been unable to find out, so far, any information on the owner of this seal or his father (it was 900 years ago) but it is possible to have a guess. The inscription on the seal reads 'This is the seal of William son of Ailric of Isleham'. It is written in Latin possibly showing higher status or religious purpose. Maybe it had connections with the Priory in its infant years. I personally think that it was made soon after the Norman Conquest. Ailric is a Saxon name, this man may have been wealthy or influential but he gave his son a Norman name. This was a popular trend after 1066; any earlier than the Conquest and both father and son would have had Saxon names, much later and they would both have Norman names.

Richard Turner

Quiz for Professionals II

The correct answer is: Open the fridge, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into a fridge?

(Answer and next question on page 11)

Hawaiian Lights

We can heartily recommend a session melting away the stresses of the Christmas season at Hawaiian Lights, with branches in both Mildenhall and Beck Row. As extra encouragement, you will be offered a free 10 minutes of tanning on production of their advert in this issue of the Isleham Informer. But no, I'm not going to tell you where it is: it's not that hard to find.

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The following is a very abbreviated and incomplete version of the IPC minutes for the 4th October. The November minutes have yet to be approved. Any parishioner may request a copy of the full minutes.

PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

There were concerns of one parishioner, of directional signposts that were still missing in the village. The matter will be investigated by the Clerk.

Mr. Ray Sheldrick enquired as to whether progress had been made with regards to the new Recreation Ground grants. Cllr. Garbett informed him, that the ECDC grant had been approved, but the WREN grant had been turned down, The Football Association grant had not yet been submitted.

Mr. Aves enquired about the new metal bus shelter that was to be put in place in Church Street. The Clerk will make enquiries as to when we will be receiving the new one.

PC Humble addressed the meeting. Between the period 4th September and the 4th October 2004 there were eight crimes reported in the Isleham area. Five of thefts - a trailer, two pedal cycles, a pressure washer and a theft from a motor vehicle - two of burglary - of a shed and the school premises, and one criminal damage at the school swimming pool. During this period there were twenty calls received relating to the Isleham area.

A walkabout took place on 20th September 2004, at 7pm to discuss areas of concern by Councillors with regards to antisocial behaviour. One of the problem areas was around the Village Hall. Youths would try to get into the Play Area to retrieve balls by cutting the wire for entry. They would also climb onto the Village Hall roof. The Village Hall windows were continually being broken by youths kicking balls at them. A possible solution is anti-vandal paint.

The Parish Council were also made aware of a 'kick ball wall', which may be available through one of our community organisations. It has to be a local organisation that applies for it, and not the Parish Council. The project is under the Local Network Fund. Mrs. Buck will send us further details.

Problems with youths in cars, and speeding in the village, were also an issue. Unfortunately the Police cannot use lasers in all areas, and all aspects of speeding in the village have to be looked into before anything can be done.

The school was another area of concern, and had been broken into on several occasions. The security here needed improvement.

Air rifles had been used around the Cemetery area, to shoot birds and squirrels. .

Number 2 Church St, was also a problem area, as windows were continually being smashed, which was a danger to passers by, due to the broken glass.

Priory Garage, and the Priory Green was the main congregation of the youths of the village. The litter here was a problem, and because the area is not well lit, often attracted unsocial behaviour, substance misuse etc. It was suggested that enquiries be made to light up the Priory building, making it less of an attraction for youths.

An electricity box outside the Chinese was in need of attention, as the door to it was broken off and needed replacing. The box itself was dangerous to the public so the matter will be looked into as a matter of urgency.

Youths on bikes with no lights during twilight hours was also an issue in the village, which was quite evident during the walkabout. .

Mr. Tulley, (antisocial behaviour representative), informed the Council that any issue involving antisocial behaviour with youths in the village, should be reported to him at Ely Police Station.

Contact has been made with Julia Atkins, Technical Officer, Environmental Services at ECDC with regards to the empty property at 2 Church St. Under health and safety grounds, she has instructed the owner to board up broken windows.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr. Beckett informed the Council, that the proposed roundabout on the A142 Soham bypass was now third on the list of major projects to be assessed. A further assessment will be carried out in April 2004, where the project will go to the top of the list.

LETTER FROM POUND LANE FREE CHURCH RE ROAD SAFETY, POUND LANE

Letter received dated 29th July 2004, with regards to concerns over traffic conditions, and speed, in Pound Lane. The Highways department has previously advised the chapel to contact the PC with a view to submitting an application form for a speed table. The Chapel is fully supportive of this idea, and willing to pay a significant proportion of the costs if the Council was willing to support it. A letter supporting the installation of a speed hump was also received from Mrs. D. Pryke, 35 Pound Lane, Isleham.

LETTER FROM MR. I. RICHARDS, DIVISIONAL MAINTENANCE ENGINEER (EAST) RE BIDDING ROUND 2005/2006

It was the opinion of the Council, that a bid should be put forward again for the extension to the footway/cycleway in East Fen Road. The Council felt that a speed-activated sign on Prickwillow Road on the approach to the village would be much more of a deterrent to speeding vehicles than a speed table. It was therefore agreed that the second bid put forward consists of two speed activated signs, one at Prickwillow Road, and the other at Station road, on the approaches to the village.

LETTER FROM MR. P. VALE, CCC, RE SPEEDING MATTERS dated 1st October 2004, relating to speeding matters in Isleham. Station Road: County's speed limit policy will only allow changes of 40mph speed limits to 30mph if they are within the main village development. Station Road is a smaller area of development not connected to the main development area of Isleham. The PC might consider being placed on the list for soft traffic calming measures to be introduced.

Little London: The 30mph speed limit that has been requested is outside the existing development envelope and therefore against the County's speed limit policy.

Church Lane: It is believed that those that speed along this road are locals, and any form of soft traffic calming measures that might be necessary to lower vehicle speeds would need to be funded from the Jointly Funded Minor Improvements Scheme.

REPORT OF VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING 16th Sept 2004 in the Social Centre

At the meeting, Mr. Sid Cox was appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee, and Mrs. Donna Madgwick as Secretary.

It was agreed by the Committee that a letter be sent to all Village Hall regular hirers, to inform them that moneys due, as of the date of this meeting, should be paid on a monthly basis.

Painting had ceased for the time being

One quote had been received for the replacement heating system. More quotes were needed. The matter of lighting in the Village Hall will be deferred until other works have been completed.

It was agreed by the Committee, that £20 be donated to the Church for the use of the Social Centre. Flowers will also be sent to Jean Fisher, who gave her time to help with the

decorating in the Village Hall. Mr. Garbett generously offered £20 towards this.

TO APPROVE NEW VILLAGE HALL CONSTITUTION

The Clerk had drafted a new model constitution, based on the requirements of the new Village Hall Committee.

This was approved.

REPORT FROM RECREATION GROUND & SPORTS ASSOCIATION (AWSA)

As previously mentioned, ECDC grant had been approved, but the WREN grant had been turned down. Unfortunately, without all the funding initially requested, it would be impossible to proceed with works proposed. Now that one grant had been turned down, we would need to apply for a lot more from the Football Association, at least 70-80% to complete the project.

The Council commented that there had been no drainage works carried out on the old part of the Recreation Ground, and no problems had been experienced. It was therefore agreed by the Council, that subject to the conditions of the ECDC grant, which had been approved, but may be affected by the reduced costs of the original grants and works proposed, to approve the amendment to the grant applications. It was agreed that the grant applications be amended to exclude the drainage works.

A meeting will be arranged with the Football Clubs, Chairman Carter and Cllr. R. Sheldrick, to discuss the football surfaces and amount of pitches, due to the possibility of flooding.

INFORMATION RE LOCAL NETWORK FUND (KICK WALL AND YOUTH SHELTER)

It was agreed that Cllr. Richard Sheldrick be nominated to investigate the kick wall under the Local Network Fund.

CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

It was agreed that the quote for £ 165 plus V A T for the steel security box in the Cemetery Shed be accepted.

ISLEHAM MARINA DEVELOPMENT

Cllrs. Cave & Chaplin declared a personal and pecuniary interest, and left the room.

It appeared that planning approval had not been sought for Extra development at the Marina, and in fact an appeal to build more lodges had actually been turned down at one point in time, with conditions that the Marina had a duty to enforce, (i.e. The 11-Month occupancy rule). It was agreed that that a letter be written to Mr. N. McCurdy, Forest Heath DC, to ask him to investigate the matter.

12. WASH MATTERS-TO REVIEW TENURE OF THE WASH. (Letters received from Mrs. M. Thomson & Cllr. H Cave)

Cllr. Cave declared a personal interest, and left the room.

Letters had been received from Mrs. Thompson and Cllr. Cave, for the tenure of the wash lands.

By a show of hands it was decided that the Thompsons continue to rent the Wash lands for the next year for grazing. This will be reviewed next year, pending an investigation into a nature reserve.

13.1 REPORT OF ALLOTMENT WORKING PARTY MEETING 13.9.2004 at MIDDAY (THREE TREES)

Cllr. Beckett informed the meeting, that he had received feedback from Mr. Ferrier, with regards to the proposed purchase of land by Mr. & Mrs. Gough, (plot no 67 Dunstall - 12 rod). Cllr. Beckett will make further enquires with David Archer, ECDC, as to what possibility there would be, if any, of the land being built on and planning permission granted.

13.2 RENT COLLECTION NIGHT

The rents for the Dunstall and Three Trees allotments will be collected on 18.10.2004 at the Post Office, from 6.30 – 8.30pm.

TO APPOINT FEN OR FIFTY CHARITY TRUSTEES

Cllr. Beckett and Mrs. V. Ellerker were re-elected as Trustees to the Fen or Fifty Charity.

THE GRIFFIN PUBLIC HOUSE

Notification received of the transfer of Licence to be formally applied for on the 7th October 2004 to Samantha Lisa Waslin.

The Council voiced concerns with regards to the Griffin Public House:

1. The door to the front of the building is considered to be a fire exit door, but is used constantly as an entrance and exit, and is often left open, protruding onto the pavement
2. Customers drinking on the pavement, and often causing a disturbance to the public and neighbouring properties.
3. As far as the Council is concerned, planning permission has not been given for signage and use of premises as Indian Takeaway.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Representation of NO OBJECTION was made to:

Erection of 4 new dwellings and garages at Church Farm, Church Lane, Isleham for K & J Carpenter Ltd.

Construction of one detached dwelling at part of garden, 11 West Street, Isleham for Miss E. Human.

Erection of a 4 bedroom detached house with integral garage at land adjacent to 2 Croft Road, Isleham for Mr. N. Carter.

Outline application for erection of bungalow at land to rear of 50 West Street, Isleham for the Executors of the late Mrs. R. Spiers.

It was agreed that COMMENTS be made to the following:

Two-storey rear extension at Pitt Cottage, 1 Station Road, Isleham for Mr. & Mrs. P. Mysom.

NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPROVALS

Two-storey gable end extension at 5 Goodchild Gardens, Isleham for Mrs C. Agnew.

Single storey extension and attached double garage at 25 Sun Street, Isleham for Mr. & Mrs. Sykes.

Single storey side extension at 4 Priory Gardens, Isleham for Mr. & Mrs. Fitchett.

Proposed three/four bedroom dwelling, detached double garage, parking and associated site works at land rear of 39 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mr. & Mrs. B. Howe.

Demolish existing cottage erection of two semi-detached dwellings at 7 Bowers Lane, Isleham for Beauville Properties

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk will report the following Highway matters to Cambridgeshire County Council:

The footpath between Priory Gardens and the Coop, and also the footpath by the old Post Office, round the garage behind the petrol pumps is in need of attention. Also the footpath in front of the Priory up to the Chinese.

The B1104, Isleham to Prickwillow Road, repairs have been carried out, but the cats' eyes need to be replaced.

The pathway on the Cemetery side, Beck Road to Malting Lane corner is in need of repair.

The verges, Pound Lane to Little London, need cutting back.

Various other matters relating to overgrown hedges on private property will be dealt with by the Clerk.

Mrs. N. Place, former Clerk of the Parish Council, had recently passed away. The Council felt it would be appropriate for a plaque of remembrance to be placed somewhere in the village in memory of her. Cllr. Neal will ask Mr. V. Place, her son, if this would be agreeable to him.

The meeting closed at 10.23 pm

Community Support Service



What is the Community Support Service?

The Community Support Service provides respite care within the family environment for children from birth to 19 with learning, physical and/or sensory disabilities. Community Support Workers will come into the home to either care for the child only or with siblings to allow other members of the family free time. They may also take the child out into the local community. In some areas there is access to a monthly befriending club where children as a group will take part in organized activities aimed at promoting independence. Where the child is highly dependant on others the family may benefit with assistance with personal care tasks.

Why the Community Support Service?

All families are different, and families with children who have disabilities all have different needs. Although parents may find caring for their child a rewarding experience, it is also continual hard work. It can be impossible for parents to find time for everyday tasks like going to the shops or being with their other children. The Community Support Service can offer a family a few hours to do this.

What are we looking for in a Community Support Worker?

You need to be flexible, caring and enthusiastic as part of our small, highly committed team providing respite care. You will need plenty of energy, enthusiasm and a definite sense of commitment. Experience with children with disability would be an advantage and flexibility about work availability would be desirable.

What we can offer you as a Home Support Worker.

- Direct work with children and families
- Gaining experience working with children
- Increasing knowledge and skills
- Ongoing training and supervision
- Flexible working hours to suit individual lifestyles
- Hourly pay (£7.23 per hour), holiday pay, business and travel time and expenses
- NVQ level 2 Training

If you would like more information and an application pack, please contact Community Support Co-ordinator on 01480 376494.

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SHOE BOX APPEAL IS WELL UNDERWAY

Operation Christmas Child (OCC), run by Samaritan's Purse – the Christian relief charity, which delivered over 1.3 million gift-filled shoeboxes from the UK and Ireland to needy children in Eastern Europe for Christmas 2003, again has Isleham as its Cambridgeshire base. Taking gifts of love to Children who wouldn't otherwise receive anything for Christmas, and in this, sharing God's love with each of them. A special 'Thank you' must go to Chris Harvey of Wayside Farm, Isleham.

Chris has kindly lent Operation Christmas Child one of his barns in which all of the shoeboxes could be processed and packed into containers ready to go to their destinations. This has certainly made the work of checking, sealing and packing the boxes for shipment so much easier.

Helen Neale, Voluntary Area Representative for OCC said "Because of the help and support of the people of Isleham, and the whole of Cambridgeshire, it will make Christmas a happier time for so many children across Europe and beyond."

Further information on the work of Samaritan's Purse can be obtained from their Website – www.samaritanspurse.uk.com or from Dave Hall (SPI Co-ordinator for Cambs) on 01638 780636.

Shoe boxes from the UK this year are being sent to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, Crimea, Croatia, Hungary, Kyrgyzsan, Mozambique, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia and the Ukraine.

Many thanks and well done to everyone in Isleham who has helped us with boxes, gifts, or processing boxes.

Emily Yellop



These smiles prove that it is better to give than receive

NEWS FROM THE POST OFFICE

We are pleased to announce that the Post Office is now able to issue Bus Passes.

Due to the poor demand of our DVD/video rental package, it is with regret that this facility will be withdrawn at the end of December.

Isleham Twinning Association

Next Year is the tenth anniversary of Isleham's official twinning, which took place in Nesles in 1995. Since then we have exchanged visits twice each year, either hosting or visiting each other's village. It is a good way to get to know and become friends with a French family in a way that cannot be done just by visiting France as a tourist. In the past year Nésles have also twinned with Magdala, a German village, although Isleham have decided not to twin at this stage but to continue on a friendship basis.

The Association is planning a visit to Nesles on the weekend of 21/22 May 2005 where there will be celebrations to commemorate the 10th anniversary and people from Magdala will also be part of this. It should be an excellent weekend as the French are always good hosts and this weekend will be special.

The following year, 2006, will the tenth anniversary of the twinning in Isleham and Nesles will be coming here. The date for this visit is not yet fixed but we are planning similar celebrations to commemorate the event.

If you would like to take part in either of these weekends please contact one of the Committee members below. It is especially important to put your name forward now for the visit to Nesles next year as, hosting Isleham and Magdala, they will need to plan well ahead in finding accommodation for everyone. Forms have been sent out to most people who have previously shown interest in the twinning but if you haven't received one and are interested please contact a Committee member. It is likely that a coach will run for the visit in May 2005 but this is dependent on enough people travelling to make the coach viable.

New members are welcome, especially families with children. Some children in Isleham Primary school who are now learning French will have written to children in the Nesles school and, perhaps, this would be a good chance to meet them in person.

Diana Jones (diana@isleham2.fsnet.co.uk)

André Ciantar	515150	Diana Jones	780634
David Styman	780533	Bryan Wynne	780802

Quiz for Professionals III

Did you say, "Open the fridge, put in the elephant, and close the door?" Wrong Answer.

Correct Answer: Open the fridge, take out the giraffe put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend, except one. Which animal does not attend?

(Answer and next question on page 14)

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DECEMBER PONDERINGS...

I was in two minds whether to have a December 'Ponder' or not, but into my hands came a newsletter from a village in Leicestershire – Kirby Muxloe, a village about twice the size of Isleham with a population reckoned to be a cut above the average, plenty of higher earners etc., nice properties, large gardens – you get the idea. What set me wondering was reading the parish council minutes, they were happy that a second Police Beat Officer had been appointed to the village, making a total of two of them. I don't suppose that the Leicestershire Police Force is better funded than our own, its just that their priorities must be different. They even have a page in the newsletter and have organised themselves with the local brownies and guides to deliver police pamphlets, warnings etc. to the residents. It's not much but it's a lot more than our local force can muster!

It's unfortunate that the Police can be an easy target – often unfairly, but it passes credibility when you can dress up as Batman, carry a ladder on your shoulder, walk past the Policemen on guard at Buckingham Palace and climb over the railings onto the roof of the Palace and make your demonstration! Two demonstrations inside the chamber of Parliament, one of them while thousands of Policemen were outside thwarting a pro-hunting protest only lead to more gloom regarding the efficiency of the Force. It's going to cost more – more Bobbies on the beat, now having to fill in a form every time they stop someone, maybe its bureaucracy gone mad but rest assured, it will cost us more for no obvious improvement next year. Next year – it is coming up very quickly. The Police will have an added burden from February 2005; they will have to check the errant Huntsmen who will probably insist on still chasing foxes – an unenviable task viewed from both sides of the argument! In view of this I would like to wish them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year – the same courtesies are of course offered to all of our readers – may joy and good fortune follow you all in the coming year!

Ian Humphreys

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.

Here's a reply from the IPC to a letter in last month's issue:

In reply to a recent letter from Courtney Bedford, aged 11, the Parish Council would like to inform readers that we took no active part in the initiation or installation of the speed ramp outside the Village Hall. This was the decision of the 'Safer routes to schools' project managers, and was entirely funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, and not the Parish Council.

Isleham Parish Council

The Lost Letter

Towards the end of April I sent a letter to Germany. There was good evidence that two previous letters that I had sent had not arrived and so, this time, I paid £4.50 so that it would be possible to check whether it arrived. Now, **more than 7 months later**, the Post Office still can't tell me if it was delivered or not! I have no complaint with Ian at our village post office. He has been trying for months to get a response from the "powers that be" but without success. Of course, a few months back I had to part with the official receipt so that it could be confirmed that I had actually sent the letter. That has probably been lost as well and that will mean that I will not receive any compensation!

What a pity we don't have a local FedEx office. At least they seem to know what they are doing. Wherever possible I use email or the telephone because our postal service cannot be trusted.

Tony Ferrige

Here's a letter written to the East Cambridgeshire District Council on a subject about which many of us feel strongly:

Dear Sir,

Derelict building – ISLEHAM

You already have a considerable volume of correspondence from the Parish Council over many years, about this building. It is the old shop – a 'listed' building, I believe – at the corner of Sun Street and Church Lane, Isleham, fronting onto the junction of Church Street and The Causeway, opposite the High Street Baptist Church.

The present owner is, I understand, Robin Synko of 29 Duck Lane, Haddenham. As a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator I tried many times to contact him about damage – mainly vandalised windows – but never received any response. He has occasionally been seen replacing window glass – which was shortly afterwards smashed yet again – but no one living nearby has seen any sign of him for the past couple of years, since a futile gesture of a brick wall and gates was erected.

Why is this building allowed to fall into disrepair? Windows smashed, others boarded up, leaking gutters and down pipes and heaps of rubbish and rubble in what passes as a back garden. Not only is it an eyesore in the village conservation area, but the broken glass is also a hazard. If Synko is being paid any subvention to maintain this listed building it is a rather sick joke. He presumably does the absolute minimum to continue as its owner. The place is a complete shambles, inside & out, a disgrace to the village and I and many other nearby residents would like to know what the current situation is?

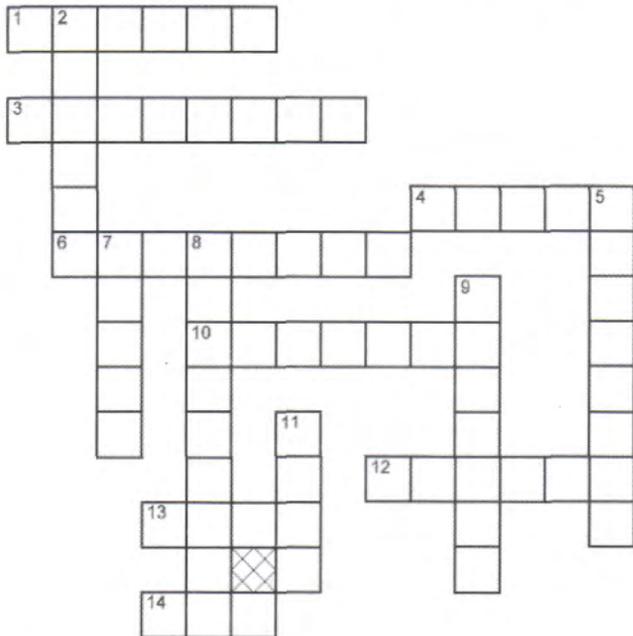
Since two houses were long ago built into the garden of the listed building, plus a couple of garages – one of which, I understand, belongs to the building – its property value must have been severely reduced. What are the Council's powers of compulsory purchase?

Yours faithfully,

I.A. Powys

At the time of publication, no reply had been received from ECDC.

Christmas Crossword for Kids



Across

1. What does Santa ride in on Christmas Eve? (6 letters)
3. What do you hang by the chimney with care? (8)
4. Santa has a long white one. (5)
6. They pull Santa's sleigh. (8)
10. He has a shiny red nose. (7)
12. What sound does Santa's bells make? (6)
13. Something Santa brings to good children. (4)
14. Colour of Santa's suit. (3)

Down

2. What do you write to Santa telling him what you want him to bring? (6)
5. What month does Christmas fall in? (8)
7. Santa's helpers at the Workshop. (5)
8. Where is Santa's Workshop? (5, 4)
9. Santa slides down this Christmas Eve. (7)
11. Santa keeps one with everybody's name on it. (4)

Isleham WI

November 11th saw the lady with the golden tongue back to speak at our meeting - Linda Scoles on "Christmas with a Difference". It was good to see so many of our members and new faces there and I'm sure "bricks" took on a new meaning.

December 9th will once again see us dust down the party hats to enjoy our Christmas Meeting, with the entertainment provided by "Affinity".

All too quick it's January 13th 2005 and our speaker for the first meeting is Carol Harper on "Milton Hospice". Everybody is welcome to come along to any meeting in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of every month at around 7.30 p.m. for 7.45 p.m.

It just leaves me to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Brenda Downey (Tel: 01638 780338)

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Quiz for Professionals IV

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is still in the fridge. You just put him in there. This tests your memory. Okay even if you didn't answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is inhabited by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

(Answer on page 17)

philosophy

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

So the professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes."

The professor then produced two cans of beer from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things – your family, your health, your children, your friends, your favorite passions – things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else – the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house, and fix the waste-disposal. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the beer represented. The professor smiled and replied, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers."

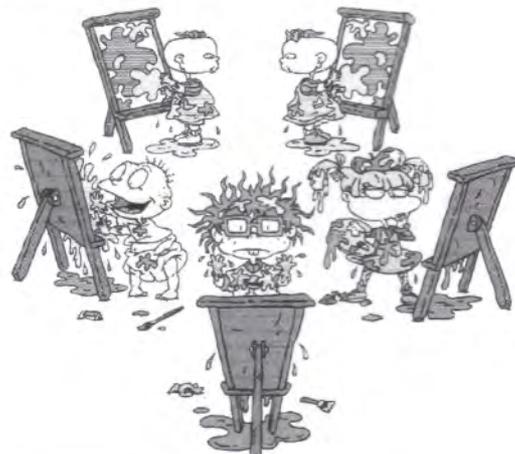
MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP

The Mother and Toddler Group would like to invite you to join us:

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Where	At the Isleham Village Hall
What Time	9:15 to 11:15
Cost	£2 per family

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Joyce's Corner

Some observations in poetic form from Joyce Drayton.

All the things I like

*Waking to a bright new day,
Hearing children out at play.
Sitting near a bright log fire,
Watching birds perch on a wire.*

*Frosty patterns on a window pane,
A nice refreshing shower of rain.
A lovely rainbow in the sky,
Getting all the washing dry.*

*A newborn lamb on wobbly legs,
A robin's nest with tiny eggs.
When you're allowed to have a peep
At a tiny baby fast asleep.*

*The shell of freshly oven-baked bread,
New potatoes in the shed.
My grandsons fishing in the stream
Catching eels and pike and bream.*

*I love the Scottish lochs and glens,
Seeing baby salmon in their pens.
A flock of geese on their way to feed,
Birds pecking hard at the sunflower seed.*

*The taste of lovely fresh cooked ham,
The smell of homemade strawberry jam.
Spotted dick with lots of custard,
Slices of beef with plenty of mustard.*

*Toasting bread by an open fire,
Thick dairy butter is my hearts desire.
The lovely taste of apple pie,
And onions, though they make me cry.*

*I love toffee pudding and toffee sauce,
With plenty of cream on top of course.
I like a glass of Irish coffee,
Chocolate éclairs and brazil nut toffee*

*I like meeting people and having a chat,
On no special subject, just this and that.
As for Jim, Harry and Gordon, I do have to say,
Talking to them always makes my day...*

Joyce Drayton

The Isleham Society

Members of The Isleham Society wish all readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We had a bigger audience than usual to hear Robin Page talk on "Factory Farm or Countryside" in October. We do not meet in December but start the New Year with a talk by Sue Oosthuizen on the "History and Inventory of a 14th Century Manor House" on 20th January. On 24th February the Rev. Derek Billings will talk about "English Coinage".

We invite you all to come - as visitors to individual talks, if you wish, but why not become a Member and enjoy the full year's programme of talks and outings?

For further information about the Society, please contact the Secretary Beryl Powys on 01638 780519.



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Thank You

Tony and Hazel would like to say thank you to all their friends and relations for the lovely cards and presents, and for coming to their party.

A special thank you to those who helped make it such a success.

**Answer to
"Name of bus driver"**

Oh, for crying out loud! Don't you remember? It was:

YOU!

**ISLEHAM'S
CHURCHES**

Services & Youth Groups

St. Andrew's Parish Church

1st Sunday of each month:

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10.00a.m. Family Service
10.00a.m. Youth Church

All other Sundays:

10.00a.m. Common Worship Communion
10.00a.m. Youth Church in Social Centre

Please note there is a crèche every Sunday.

If you need to contact us please call one of our Churchwardens:

Wendy Garbett 16 Croft Road Isleham CB7 5QR 01638 780863	Anna Chataway 7 Docking Lane Isleham CB7 5QW 01638 781486
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Christmas Services:

Christingle Service 4.00pm 24th December
Midnight mass 9.30pm 24th December
(earlier than usual because of Clergy)

2005:

Epiphany Toy Service 10.00am 9th January

Bell Ringers: Please use Richard May 01638 780249 as contact instead of Janice Pope

Quiz Night

7.30pm on Friday 28th January at the Comrades Club
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High Street Church

Every Sunday:

10.30am Morning Worship
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10.30 - 12.30 Junior Church (3 - 7 years)
10.00 - 12.30 Junior Church (7 - 11 years)
6.30pm Evening Service

We would love to have you join us at High Street Church or any of the village churches over the Christmas period.

Sunday 19th December:

10.30am Family Christmas Celebration
6.30pm Carol Service

Christmas Day:

11 - 12 noon Christmas Service

Pound Lane Free Church

Every Sunday:

Sunday Worship: 11.00 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.
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Tuesdays:

7.30 p.m. Fellowship

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and Monday Evening Club 7.00-8.00 p.m.
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and Thursday Evening Club

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We'd like to say a special "thank you" to everyone who gave or helped with this year's Operation Christmas Child appeal. Each box will bring joy to the heart of a needy child in Eastern Europe this Christmas (see separate article). We will be showing the 2004 OCC video during our **Candlelit Carol Service on December 19th at 6.15p.m.** You are all warmly invited to join with us on this occasion as we sing traditional carols and enjoy items from the children's and young people's groups.

On **25th December** we invite you to join with us in celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ at our **Christmas Day Family Service at 10.30a.m.**

Finally, may we wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year - why not use this New Year to discover who Jesus *really* is and what He can do for you? We'd love to see you whenever you are able to visit us.

Quiz for Professionals V

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Meeting. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

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Cycling the Nile

17th - 24th October 2004 (Eejits in Egypt!)

As some of you may be aware, I took part in a charity cycle ride along the river Nile in Egypt in October. This was to raise money for research into genetic defects in babies. Professor Robert Winston, who cycled with us, runs the charity. It was a stunning trip and went something like this...

Sunday 17th October: Left Isleham (me and two friends who were also cycling) at 8am for Heathrow. Arrived at Heathrow too early. Bar not open! Met up with other cycling folk. Checked in, found bar that was open, had beer! Raided the Duty Free shop. Bought Raspberry Vodka and Malt Whisky. Boarded plane for Cairo. Five hours later the plane landed, the doors opened and we walked into an oven! It was 10pm and the temperature was 36°C - Egypt was having a heat wave! Just our luck! We all piled on two buses (there were nearly 100 of us) and headed for a hotel for some sleep. Fat chance! We got to the hotel at 11.30pm only to find they'd laid on dinner for us. Food was great - beer was even better! Got to bed at 1.30am. Alarm call at 4 am...

Monday 18th October: because we had to get back to the airport to check in and get on the plane to fly to Luxor, which departed at 7am. Somehow we managed to get into First Class, which was really nice! Lots of legroom, plus we had a linen tablecloth to go with our plastic wrapped breakfast! Landed in Luxor, unloaded everyone, plus luggage, climbed aboard MORE buses and headed for Esna, which is a small farming town south of Luxor. It took about an hour to get there, and we saw quite a lot of the country on the way. The local transport seemed to consist mainly of donkeys pulling very rough carts with dodgy wheels. On arrival in Esna we were fitted for our bikes, then the boat we were staying on - the River Pioneer - turned up and we all embarked, sorted our rooms out, got changed, had lunch then approached our bikes nervously for the first leg of the ride! This was an easy day - 52 km over fairly flat land. We set off at 1.30pm. The roads were a bit bumpy! No obvious toilets either (apart from the odd convenient bush!). Arrived back at the boat at Edfu about 4.30pm. Had beer! Had more beer! Ate food, went to bed at 8pm.

Tuesday 19th October: Alarm call woke us up at 4.30am. Hauled myself out of bed, guzzled coffee and breakfast, headed for the



*Monument at Aswan
commemorating Treaty between
Egypt and Russia*

bike. Long day today: 110km from Edfu to Aswan via the desert. Temperature: 49°C - no shade! Too many hills, too much sand, too hot! Thankfully our support team was fantastic, always at hand with water and encouragement. Stopped for lunch and rest in a Bedouin camp. Toilet dire! Arrived in Aswan and loaded bikes onto small boats to cross the river and meet up with our boat. Had dinner, beer, shower, bed.

Wednesday 20th October: Had a lie in this morning. We didn't get up until 6am! We had quite an easy day today - only 44km through Aswan to the Low Dam then up to the High Dam. Stunning! Back down across the dams, down the hill to some smaller boats to take us to the island of Phillae to visit the temple. Very interesting! Temperature down to about 42°C today, but still too hot! Back to the bikes, back to our boat for lunch then spent the rest of the day on board and sailed to Kom Ombo for the night.

Thursday 21st October: Longest day today: Kom Ombo to Esna - 122km. Unfortunately 'the bug' struck and many cyclists were unable to wander too far from the bathroom...

Robert Winston rode with us today, and on our return to the boat I initiated a bit of line dancing. Prof Winston is a great scientist but a lousy dancer!



*Professor Lord Robert Winston line dances out of line.
And probably out of time!*

Early night again! Last day of cycling tomorrow! Wahay!

Friday 22nd October: Esna to Luxor. 80km today through the villages up to the Colossi of Memnon, then up to the Valley of the Kings. Spent a couple of hours there, then back down to the finish line. We went on boats to the Movenpick hotel where we had baths, swam, relaxed and had beer! We had a celebration dinner in the evening, plus entertainment!

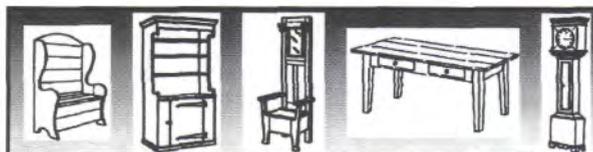
Saturday 23rd October: Sightseeing in Luxor, visit to the Karnak Temple, back to the hotel for foot massage, sunbathing and henna-painting! And of course - beer! Went out for a sail in the afternoon on a Faluca, which is a nice small sailboat. I'm sure it would go better if there was some wind! After dinner we went back to the airport to fly to Cairo. Arrived in Cairo at 1am. Didn't bother going to bed as we had to be up at 4am to get to the airport, so a few of us sat on the balcony and drank the Raspberry Vodka (duty free from Heathrow!).

Sunday 24th October: No vodka left, slept all the way back from Cairo to Heathrow. Woke up a bit vague and out of focus. Got off the plane and decided I should have put more clothes on!

All in all, a fantastic week. Many thanks to all who sponsored me. The total raised by all of us was nearly quarter of a million pounds!

Next year I think I'll lie on a beach somewhere. Sponsorship in advance is very welcome!

Sophie Turner



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We asked the children at Isleham School to tell us something about themselves. Two top reporters, *Kirsten Carver* and *Jamila Osman* sent us this.

"Everybody knows that the pupils in year 6 have the most responsibilities in Isleham School, but just what are they?"

Firstly, one of the biggest responsibilities is looking after the younger children. We asked Rosie what she thought about it. She said this: "I think it's very nice when we play with them. They are lovely children."

Next it is being a House Captain. Every year eight new House Captains are chosen. One of the new House Captains is Jack, so we popped round to ask him a couple of questions. We asked him: "Jack, do you like being a House Captain?"

He replied, "Yes, because it feels like everyone looks up to you!" We also asked him "What sort of responsibilities do you have?" He replied "We have to set a good example to everyone in the school, and look smart at all times."

An opportunity you get in Years 5 and 6 is you are able to go to a place called Aylmerton for a week. You do all sorts of activities including a monster trail, walking on beaches and a complete assault course. Everyone we asked said they had a great time.

Last of all there is the drama club. This is not exactly a responsibility, but an after school club for Year 6. It is a fun time to show off your acting skills with some teachers. Kirsten said, "It is a brilliant club to let out some excitement."

We hope you have enjoyed finding out about Year 6.

Anna Eavis in Year 5 has written a poem about something she enjoys in school.

Maths

*Divide, times, add, subtract
My teacher helps me to get it exact.
Subtract, divide, times, add
All the maths lessons I have had.
Add, subtract, divide, times
I remember all the signs.
Times, add, subtract, divide,
My pickles that my teachers untied.*

Parent-Teacher Association Update

Unfortunately, publication deadlines mean that we miss out on announcing and reporting the Christmas Fayre on 3rd December, but I am sure that its success will equal, if not exceed, that of previous years.

Our first event of next year is the Annual Quiz. The date for this has not yet been decided, but it will be towards the end of January, so look out for posters around the village to keep you updated. As usual Bob Mitchell will be the quizmaster and teams will be of up to four people. The cost of £4.00 per person will include a Ploughman's supper. Bring your own drink and cutlery. If you can't get a team together, tickets will be available separately and on the night there are always spares who can get together and beat all the other teams. Well it worked for Misfits last year. Come and have a go at wiping their grins off their smug faces, if you think you're smart enough!

150 Club

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for another successful year in the '150 Club'. This is a really good way to help us raise funds for the children.

If you would like to take part in the 150 Club, you need to have signed up by Friday 15th January. The Club costs £15 per year to join with half of the money going to the PTA and the other half towards prize money that you can win back; there is a draw every month with three winners. To join, contact the school office, Pauline Wilkes (780640) or any other member of the PTA for an application form.

Panto 2005

We are looking forward to our 21st Panto. This year we have chosen Pinocchio, which is a lovely story that brings home a very important message: "DON'T GO WITH STRANGERS", even if they seem to be very nice.

We have a strong cast and chorus, but if you would like to join us we rehearse, at school, on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. We are a friendly group and are always very welcoming.

Back stage people are needed too for scenery, painting, costumes etc., so if you are talented in any of these directions we need you.

All profits from the panto go to the school, so if you don't want a stage role then please come and support us by watching our performance. The dates of these are Wednesday 16th - Saturday 19th March.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Doreen Speirs

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Bowls Club Report 2004

The bowls club enjoyed a good summer despite the inclement weather that hampered proceedings on more than one occasion.

The ladies' team could not follow their excellent league and cup double from 2003 but gave good performances on behalf of the club. Rebecca Telfer and Sylvia Pinder reached the Cambs County semi finals stages of the ladies National Pairs and Diane Beckett, Diane Burling, Margaret Plested and Heather Munns reached the same stage in the fours competition. One more win for either would have resulted in our club being represented at Royal Leamington Spa for the first time in our clubs history.

The men's team performed much better than recent seasons, eventually finishing joint 4th in the league. Two 'silly' results in the last two weeks of the season cost the team the league. In the Cambs County Club Championship, we performed below par in the semi-final and lost to Chippenham.

In the internal club championships, all matches were played in a good spirit and the finals played over a weekend in September. The winners were:

Men's Singles	Barry Clarke
Runner-Up	Michael Bartlett
Ladies Singles	Sylvia Pinder
Runner-Up	Margaret Plested

Handicap Singles	Diane Burling
Runner-Up	Peter Rix
Pitcher Memorial Singles	Barry Grimwood
Runner-Up	Carol Wells
Mixed Pairs	Brian Houghton & Barry Grimwood
Runner-Up	Doreen Raven & Robert Cole
Mixed Triples	Rowland Wells, Anne Cant & Sylvia Pinder
Runner-Up	Doreen Raven, Celia Clarke & Jeff Marsh
Husband & Wife Pairs	Heather & Keith Munns
Runner-Up	Sylvia & Terry Pinder
Tenrich Trophy	Brian Houghton & Keith Munns
Runner-Up	Sheila King & Terry Pinder
Telfer Trophy	Eric Plested

During the winter months the club has two teams that play in division 2 & 3 of the East Cambs Carpet Bowls League and progress will be reported in the next issue.

The club is open all year round and is always looking for new members both social and bowlers. A social member costs £15 per year and offers carpet bowls, bar facilities and a chance to meet other people of the village and why not try playing lawn bowls for a social evening in the summer? Membership is open to all ages and younger members are more than welcome. For further details please contact the Secretary (Mrs Pat Houghton - 780789) or feel free to visit the club on a Friday evening 7.30 onwards.

Barry Grimwood, Club Captain

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Cricket Club Report 2004

Last month saw the end of a very successful season for Isleham Cricket Club, finishing with the Presentation Dinner and Dance, held at the Bell Hotel, Mildenhall. The evening celebrated one of the club's best seasons for a decade.

The 1st XI return to Senior league next season as champions of the 1st division whilst the 2nd XI finished a strong 4th in their division.

Club Award winners were as follows:

Club Player of the year	David Fitchett
1st Team Batting	Clive Dunbavin
1st Team Bowling	Steve Tuck
1st Team Player of the year	David Fitchett
2nd Team Batting	Tim Shoreman
2nd Team Bowling	Ian Dunbavin
2nd Team Player of the year	Ian Dunbavin
Most Catches	David Fitchett/Greg Cummins
Most Sixes	Jason Sheldrick
Most Improved	Jeremy Paxton
Young Player	Ryan Overton
Club Person of the year	Jo Cant

The club also gave special thanks to the following people all of who gave superb support to the club through the season. Ruth Diver for her superb cricket teas, Ray Sheldrick for the upkeep of the Recreation Field, Tom Long for preparing the wickets and Colin Ellwood for his continued all-round support as Club President.

NEWS FROM THE POOL LEAGUE

It is nearly a third of the way through the Mildenhall and District Pool League season and the newly promoted Griffin 'A' team lead division one by three points. They maintained their 100% league record with a 4-3 win at the Saxon Public House, Weeting. The Rising Sun, who were also promoted to Division One, have won two of their first six games. Meanwhile in division two, the Griffin 'B' find themselves one place from the bottom of the league with all their games finishing 4-3 but unfortunately for them it was four times out of five in the other team's favour!

Division 1	P	W	L	F	A	T/Pts
Griffin 'A'	5	5	0	22	13	32
Jude Ferry	5	4	1	21	14	27
Bell 'A'	5	2	3	20	15	24
L/Legion 'A'	5	3	2	18	17	24
L/Legion 'B'	6	2	4	19	23	23
Rising Sun	6	2	4	18	24	22
FlLegion	6	2	4	16	26	20
L/Legion 'C'	5	1	4	13	22	15

Division 2	P	W	L	F	A	T/Pts
L/Legion 'D'	6	4	2	25	17	33
White Horse 'B'	6	4	2	23	19	31
Bell 'B'	5	3	2	21	14	27
Globe	5	4	1	18	17	26
Saxon 'B'	5	3	2	18	17	24
Red Lodge	5	2	3	18	17	22
White Horse 'A'	5	2	3	15	20	19
Griffin 'B'	5	1	4	17	18	19
Bell Hotel	6	1	5	13	29	15

Youth Football

Isleham United Youth FC was founded in 2002 by the current club chairman Marco Caffarelli and Stephen Wills, consisting of one team. Within their first year Isleham Youth achieved FA charter standard, the High Sheriff award, and a football workforce award was gained for all Marco's work for the club.

Donations from Clarke Farms, John Dyer Auctioneers and Robbie's Vehicle Repairs provided the financial backing to start. A big thank you to all the sponsors, and to Colin and Richard Sheldrick for their valuable input and advice in the first year.

2003 saw an increase of teams to three, all registered to the Cambs and district Mini Soccer league, more sponsors enabled this progress and gave financial backing along with team managers and volunteers giving up their free time to achieve a successful community club.

2004 saw the biggest rise in teams, currently seven, which include two girls' teams for which is a first for Isleham and a team entered in the Cambridge and District U12 Colts League, which is a first for Isleham in 15 years.

Sponsors include Carl Diver Plastering Services, Priory Garage, Stainbusters, AC Steven's Transport, Merry Monk Restaurant, K & J Carpenter, Robbie's Vehicle Repairs, Cambridge Courier Services and Clem Thomsett Farms have provided the financial backing to whom a big thank you is owed.

Currently all team managers have completed their FA level 1 qualification, for which vital knowledge is gained to give the children the best possible training in fitness, safety and techniques.

We have approximately 100 children from the surrounding area actively taking part in training and enjoying every minute that they are there.

A big thanks needs to go to all the parents who relentlessly give up their time and actively get involved in their child's interest whether this be with refreshments, fund-raising or assistance in officiating games, without this it would not be possible to run seven teams. Also due to shortage of space a thank you is owed to Isleham Primary School who have generously let our under 8s and 9s use their football pitch for matches.

We also have training on a Thursday evenings for the under sevens for which starts at 18.00 hrs until 19.00 hrs taking place in the astro turf court, anyone interested in this or any other team please contact the club secretary, Martin Scrivener on 01638 751 539 for further details.

As a club Isleham United Youth are thrilled with the success, enabling children between the ages of 7 - 12 from within the local community to actively take part in safe and structured environment.

Keep an eye out for the clubs newsletter, which will give an update into how the teams are progressing this season.

Martin Scrivener

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