

# Isleham Informer

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## Isleham Gala

Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2005

In the Village, For the Village,  
Children First

The Gala Committee would like to hear from anyone wanting to rent a stall or pitch at this year's Gala. To request a Booking Form and for more information, please contact Barbara Murfitt on 01638 780373.

Barbara would also like to hear from all those people who would like to enter a Float in the Parade. **DID YOU KNOW** the Winning Float receives £100, the runner-up receives £75 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place receives £50, **ALL** other Floats receive £15 just for entering. **WELL WORTH JOINING IN!**

As well as the many main attractions as previous years, **new** for this year will be 'The Gladiator'. Great fun to do and fun to watch.



*The Gladiator: Cotton buds should NOT be inserted into the aural canal.*

**LOOK OUT** for the **2005 Gala Programme** being put through your letterbox to find out about all the Great Competitions and the Timetable for the day. Also look out for notices in shop windows to get further copies of the Programme.

*We look forward to seeing you on the day.*

The Gala is a non-profit making Organisation and the Committee is grateful to all those who help organise the event and give their time on the day. Sponsorship is

always needed so that our Village Gala Day will be a great day out for everyone. If YOU can help with sponsorship, raffle prizes or old books please contact Nikki Farr on 01638 780375 or Russell Milne on 01638 780186.

If you enjoy the Gala this year and want it to continue, PLEASE join the Committee - **2005 COULD BE THE LAST GALA!**

## Gala Queen, Princess and Prince Competition

Friday 10 June

7:30-9:00pm

Judging to begin at 7:45

In the Village Hall  
Refreshments will be available

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## Caretaker Wanted

Applications are invited for the position of caretaker at Isleham Village Hall. For further information, please contact Mrs. J. Malkin, 17 Little London, Isleham. Phone 01638 780283.

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## Informer

Welcome once again to your village magazine. We hope that you enjoy reading as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

One small criticism that I think may be justifiably levelled at this issue is that there isn't actually all that much in here that actually Informs Isleham about what is going on – and has been going on – in Isleham. The blame for this, Dear Reader, must be laid squarely on your shoulders: if there is something happening in the village that you would like others to know about, let us know and it will be included – free of charge of course – in the next issue.

To make those among us who are not completely up with new technology feel slightly less foolish, scattered throughout this issue are (allegedly) genuine calls received by computer help centres. Have fun!

We begin with the first of a hopefully regular column. See you all at the Gala.

## THE COTTAGE GARDENER

"Ne'er cast a clout until May is out", the old saying certainly held true during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May,

when we two nights of sharp ground frost, especially on the Thursday night. If you had purchased your bedding plants over the May Bank Holiday, and planted them out, you may have to go and purchase some more.

When is it safe to plant out? Some say the 25<sup>th</sup> May, whilst others like to wait until the end of the month. So severe were the frosts on Thursday night that it blackened my runner beans, dahlias, potatoes and even the tops of my laurel hedge. Oh well, it will save me trimming it!

In Mid-May I cut back my lavender hard. This will mean that instead of flowering in June, when it would be competing with my show of roses, the first flowers will not appear until late July, and it will flower on until the end of October.

By now you should have sown your half-hardy annuals and stopped your outdoor chrysanthemums by pinching out the centre tip of each plant. Now is also the time to think about putting nets over your strawberries, after laying straw underneath the leaves.

Hoe between rows of vegetables to keep down weeds and promote growth. French and Runner beans should have been sown, but it is not too late if you still haven't done so.

Make sure you deadhead your bulbs, so preventing seeds forming, but do let the foliage die down naturally to help build up the bulbs for a good show next year. Watch out for aphids on young shoots, and keep an eye out for the scarlet lily beetle.

During June stake herbaceous plants and lilies if required. Be watchful for aphids on your roses and keep your grass cut weekly. Plant outdoor tomatoes and stop broad beans. Best of all, early potatoes should now be ready for lifting. Winter flowering pansies should be planted in trays.

Towards the end of the month thin out overcrowded young fruit on your trees, and thin out carrots and beetroots – the small vegetables are very tasty,

To keep your garden in good shape, my maxim is "do a little but often... and never walk past a weed."

*The Happy Hoer*



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# YOUTH NEWS

## Youth Club

Jerry Bendall has now stepped down as club leader and we would like to thank Jerry and the dedicated volunteers for all of the hard work they put into running the Youth Club in Isleham for the past few years on Thursday evenings.

This now means that the club is not running and Youth Manager for the patch Linda Homan would like to hear from any people interested in helping form a committee to look at youth issues in Isleham and seek to find a way forward in providing youth events for young people in the village.

## History Project

Barbara Wooten is running a History project around the villages and in Isleham will be looking at the Bronze Age hoard, and there will be a visit to Moyses Hall Museum and a field walk using metal detectors for young people. Any interested young people aged 11- 15 can contact Barbara to find out more on 01353 724115 or in the Youth Office at Soham Village College on Wednesday lunchtimes.

## Motor Project

We have a motor project at Soham Village College, which cannot yet run, as we need garage space. Currently there is a large hovercraft that needs re-housing so that we can operate the project. So far mainly Isleham young people have signed up for this project which will go through the City and Guilds 3991 in motorbike mechanics with the young people and we could consider using a garage space in Isleham for this venture (if we cannot move the hovercraft!).

## Internet Radio Project

This can be viewed on [www.soham-music.org.uk](http://www.soham-music.org.uk). This project is currently run in Isleham School by Mick Bartlett, and also every second Saturday of the month free of charge to all 9-13 year olds (see details on the site). Any young people in the patch who are producing new music can have their music loaded onto this site, please contact the Youth Office.

Linda Homan, Youth Office (01353) 724115  
Email: [lhoman@soham-college.org.uk](mailto:lhoman@soham-college.org.uk)

## *Don't accept lifts from strangers*

After stopping for drinks at an illegal bar, a Zimbabwean bus driver found that the 20 mental patients he was supposed to be transporting from Harare to Bulawayo had escaped. Not wanting to admit his incompetence, the driver went to a nearby bus stop and offered everyone waiting there a free ride. He then delivered the passengers to the mental hospital, telling the staff that the patients were very excitable and prone to bizarre fantasies. The deception wasn't discovered for 3 days.



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**2003 Renault Clio 1.4 Dynamique Billabong 3dr** in Met Black, A/Wheels, S/R, P.A.S, Radio C/D, E/W, C/L, Only 14000 miles. **£6295.00**

**2003 03 Renault Laguna Dynamique 1.9DCi Sport** Tourer 6 speed manual, in Flame red metallic, A/C, Radio C/D player, A/B, P.A.S, A/Wheels, E/W, Half leather, 13000 miles. **£9995.00**

**2003 03 Renault Laguna Dynamique 1.9 DCi 5dr hatch** in Flame red. A/Wheels, A/C, Half leather interior, P.A.S, A/B, Radio C/D player, 6 speed gear box. E/W, C/L, A.B.S, only 13000 miles **£9195.00**

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**2001 51 Mercedes A160 Avantgarde 1.6** Auto in metallic silver, A/Wheels, A/C, Half leather Radio C/D player, Cr/Control, P/A/S, A/B/S, C/L, E/W, F/S/H, 34000 miles. **£7595.00**

**2001 51 Citroen Saxo VTR 1.6 3dr hatch** in Wicked red metallic, P.A.S, A/B, A/Wheels, Radio C/D player, S/R, C/L, E/W, F/S/H only 24000 miles **£4995.00**

**2001 Y Renault Scenic 1.9DTi Expression +** in metallic silver, A.B.S, P.A.S, A/C, R/Cassette, C/D Multi play, Twin S/R, E/L, F/S/H, Only 45000 miles **£6795.00**

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## GET CREATIVE WITH CREATIVE BALLOONS

If you're having a party, then you're in luck – Isleham has a new small business that has just opened up decorating venues with artistic balloon displays.

Many of you will know Samuel Stamp-Dod as the school caretaker, but before he moved to Isleham he worked at the Grafton Centre in Cambridge and Strikes Bowl Multiplex in Ely using his talents in balloon artistry decorating their centres for them.

After gaining certification from the National Association of Balloon Artists and Suppliers (NABAS) he has set up "Creative Balloons". As well as party and wedding displays, they also offer helium filled foil balloons, balloon animals, balloons on bangles (ideal going home presents for children's parties), face painting and party-ware.

More good news is that readers of the Isleham Informer can receive a **10% discount** on any bookings made before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 simply by showing this edition. So if you've got a celebration lined up, give Samuel a ring on 01638 780171.

Helpdesk: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

## Useful Phone Numbers

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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	0870 5555999
Citizens Advice Bureau - Ely	01353 661416
- Mildenhall	01638 712094
- Newmarket	01638 665999
District Councillor (Derrick Beckett)	01638 780476
Isleham Village Hall (Jeanette Malkin)	01638 780283
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Parish Council (Yvonne Bishop: Clerk)	01638 780256
Member of Parliament (Jim Paice)	01954 211450
Isleham Informer (Tony Ferrige)	01638 780973
(Ian Humphreys)	01638 781796
(Michelle Kilgore)	01638 780936
(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, 4<sup>th</sup> July.*  
*Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> August.*

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 11<sup>th</sup> July.*  
8.00 p.m. on *Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August.*

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, 6<sup>th</sup> June*  
8.00 p.m. on *Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> June.*

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

# Puzzles

## Spot the Difference

We had quite a few entries last time but there was only one correct entry. Everyone except Micheala Farr of East Fen Road treated the moving eyeballs as two differences but Michaela noticed the crow on the wire had become very plump! Michaela wins the £5. The differences last time were: 1. Tree knot smaller; 2. Flower missing; 3. Crow fatter; 4. Extra dust cloud; 5. Moth to a dragon fly; 6. Eyeballs moved; 7. Lizard tail changed; 8. Rushes different; 9. Pond ripples; 10. Bird changed; 11. Weed leaves different; 12. Chimney moved.

Try this new one. It is quite difficult and there are 14 differences. The competition is open to anyone up to the age of 14 and the winner will earn themselves £5.



## Anagrams

See how many words of 4 letters or more you can make from "Pound Lane". There are a lot of words this time and you should get at least 50-60. No plurals or proper nouns.

Last time we asked you to make words from "River Lark". Here are 35 of the most common words. Alike, alive, arrive, earl, evil, kale, lair, lake, lark, larker, leak, liar, like, lira, live, liver, rail, rake, rare, rarer, rave, ravel, raver, real, rear, rile, rival, river, vale, veal, veil, vial, vile, viler, viral.

## Serious Question

Last time we asked why a wet rope is stronger than a dry one. The answer is that when there is that rope is made up of cellulose fibres, just like wood. When it is dry, it

become brittle like a dead twig. When it is wet, it is flexible and pliable and therefore much stronger.

Now to our serious question this time. We still have the occasional opium poppy in our hedgerows. How would you know one if you saw it?

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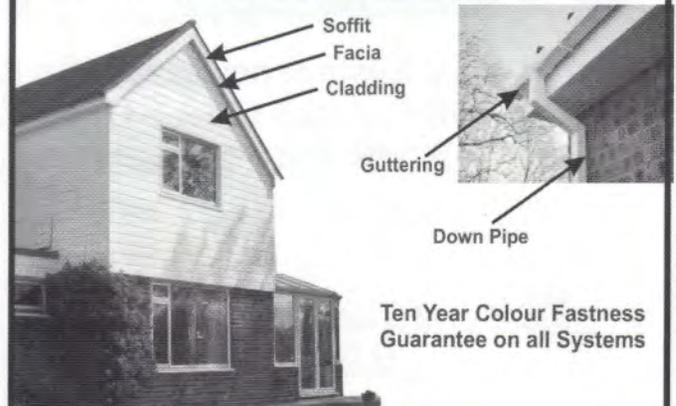
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# Isleham PTA

The Parent-Teacher association would like to announce that we are now a registered charity. And as if that is not enough excitement, here are some events that you really should have in your diaries:

17<sup>th</sup> June: Family Wacky Races at the school. The price will include a supper.

22<sup>nd</sup> June: PTA meeting. 7.30 p.m. at the school.

9<sup>th</sup> July: Murder Mystery. This evening event will be a live performance with actors setting the scene of a murder and you have to guess "who dun it". Again, a supper is included in the price.

5<sup>th</sup> September: PTA meeting. 7.30 p.m. at the school.

28<sup>th</sup> September: PTA AGM.

2<sup>nd</sup> December: Christmas Fair at the School.

A customer couldn't get on the Internet.

Helpdesk: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Helpdesk: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five stars.

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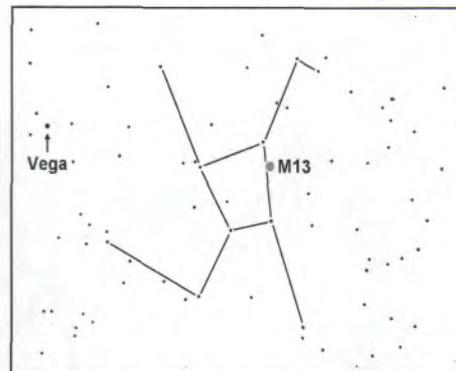
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# In the Sky

It is becoming a little difficult to keep you up to date with what is happening in the sky. This is because our publication dates are somewhat erratic due to copy not being received on time. We therefore missed being able to give you more details about the April meteor shower. However, it made no difference because it was again cloudy! Saturn is now low in the west in the evening but Jupiter is still very bright and unmistakable in Virgo in the south at 10 p.m. It is still a superb object for a small telescope and the moons will be clear in binoculars. Mars will be low in the east by the end of July but it is not a favourable year for observing the Red Planet and it will be the end of August before it is worth observing.

Hercules is now high in the east by 10 p.m. but it will need a darker sky to find it. By midnight it is very high in the south and the Great Globular Cluster (M13) is a fine object for small binoculars.



The map below shows Hercules and the position of the cluster. The very bright star (Vega) will help you find Hercules.

We had hoped to be able to take some photographs of galaxies in Leo but there has not been a suitably clear night. However, we did succeed in getting a good photograph of two galaxies – M81 and M82 – in Ursa Major (The Plough). M81 is the spiral galaxy. The photograph was taken with a standard 205 mm telephoto lens.



M81 (left) and M82 (right)

Mercury will be at its greatest distance from the sun towards the end of the second week of March. Given a clear sky it will be easily visible to the naked eye. The best evening to see Mercury is in the west just after sunset on 11<sup>th</sup> March when it will be a little to the right and slightly below the sickle Moon.

Finally, some advance notice of the Perseid meteor shower. The maximum is expected between the evening of Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August and the morning of Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August. However, it is a broad maximum and some meteors will be seen from 20<sup>th</sup> July right through to 20<sup>th</sup> August. It should be a good year and there will be no Moon near the maximum. More details in the next issue.

# New Training Course For Men!

*Note: due to the complexity and level of difficulty, the course will accept a maximum of eight participants – apply early.*

*The course covers two days, and topics covered in this include:*

## DAY ONE

How To Fill Ice Cube Trays: Step by step guide with slide presentation

Toilet Rolls- Do They Grow On The Holders? Roundtable discussion

Differences Between Laundry Basket and Floor: Practicing with hamper (Pictures and graphics)

Dishes and Silverware; Do They Levitate/Fly To Kitchen Sink Or Dishwasher By Themselves? Debate among a panel of experts.

Loss Of Virility: Losing the remote control to your significant other – Help line and support groups

Learning How To Find Things: Starting with looking in the right place instead of turning the house upside down while screaming – Open forum

## DAY TWO

Empty Milk Cartons; Do They Belong In The Fridge Or The Bin? Group discussion and role play

Health Watch; Bringing Her Flowers Is Not Harmful To Your Health: PowerPoint presentation

Real Men Ask For Directions When Lost: Real life testimonial from the one man who did

Is It Genetically Impossible To Sit Quietly As She Parallel Parks? Driving simulation

Living With Adults; Basic Differences Between Your Mother And Your Partner: Online class and role-playing

How To Be The Ideal Shopping Companion: Relaxation exercises, meditation and breathing techniques

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# Parish Council News

*As a special bonus this issue we have not one but TWO sets of IPC minutes. They are very abbreviated draft versions. Remember that any parishioner may request a copy of the full minutes from the IPC.*

*Firstly, minutes for the 7<sup>th</sup> February meeting:*

Apologies for absence

Cllrs. Powley, Borok, Cave, Chaplin and Puckey

Mr. Sheldrick raised three issues; Church Lane needed sweeping; the Church clock needs repairing; and he considers the AWSA is a danger to the public, due to the excess mud on the pitch.

He was informed that the only roads swept by the road sweeper are those that are kerbside, more repairs to the clock are on the way, and that the AWSA court would be discussed later in the meeting.

A parishioner expressed concern that the new housing development would only be given as first priority to local people currently living in Isleham.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Hereward Housing to invite their chief Executive, or his representative, to the next Council meeting in March, to discuss issues raised about the development.

## Police Report

PC Humble reported that between 7<sup>th</sup> December and 10<sup>th</sup> January four crimes – two burglaries, one theft and one assault – had been reported in Isleham, and during this time 21 calls were received from the Police relating to the Isleham area.

Between 11<sup>th</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February three crimes were reported all relating to domestic disputes. 18 phone calls were received.

## District Councillor report

Cllr. Beckett says that any area or pieces of land in the village that the public want to look for development on should be notified to Katie Childs, ECDC, who will keep the details on record.

The Conservation Officer will revisit 2 Church Lane: re issues raised by the IPC and parishioners.

He reported on the proposals for the changes in rubbish collection. The Council agreed that these were a deterioration in service, and agreed to request that Mr. Clements, Executive Director of Environmental Services, attend a Council meeting to discuss these issues.

The new bus shelter for Church Street has been reordered and should soon be on its way.

## Report from Village Hall Committee

It was agreed that hirers of the Hall should only use the room they hired i.e. Main Hall or Small room.

It was agreed a time switch should be installed for the heating.

A group of volunteers will repaint the toilets

## Letters received

Summer Holidays Activities Road Show for children aged 6-12 years will include games, sports and play activities, to be held from 1pm – 4pm on 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Wicksteed Leisure to carry out the annual inspection of the Play Area.

The Chairman has received notification of the death of John Brown, who had been Chairman of IPC for many years. It was agreed that a donation of £50, in lieu of flowers, be given, to be shared between High St. Baptist Chapel for Rendezvous and Newmarket and District Youth for Christ.

It was agreed that Mrs. Judith Broadway (Parish Clerk of Chippenham) be asked to fill in for Mrs. Bishop during her Maternity Leave.

## Planning Applications

Representation of NO OBJECTION was made to the following:

1. Minor amendments to location of dwelling and double garage on site at rear of 39 Hall Barn Road, for Mr. and Mrs. B. Howe
2. Conservatory to the rear of property at 10 Beech Close, for Mr. and Mrs. Curtis
3. Addition of shop sign for a take-away business at 11 Church Street for Jitu Miao
4. Replacement dwelling at 44 Pound Lane for Mr. and Mrs. Fields.

*And now the minutes for the 4<sup>th</sup> April meeting:*

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Powley, Cave and Neal.

Linda Homan, Youth manager of Soham Village College, addressed the meeting with regards to organising a Youth Club in Isleham. Soham Village College could provide funding for the training of a Youth Worker, if an interested group of volunteers could be formed. She also informed the meeting that a hovercraft was available for use by Isleham School, but a volunteer would need to house it when it was not in use.

P.C. Humble did not attend the meeting and no Police Report was submitted.

Cllr. Garbett said that the grant application has been submitted to the Football Association, and the initial assessment would be undertaken shortly.

## To approve recommendation of Annual Parish Meeting

The Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March was attended by 7 parishioners and 5 Councillors.

The recommendations were:

1. The Apprentice Grant to be increased to £220 for the ensuing year.
2. To ensure the AWSA is cleaned once the weather improves, and then on a regular basis thereafter.
3. To highlight the need for affordable housing in the village through Hereward Housing or ECDC. Mr. Adam Spooner volunteered to place an article in the Isleham Informer, for all those requiring affordable housing to come forward and get their names on the waiting list.
4. To highlight the need for smaller affordable housing in the way of flats or single person accommodation.

5. A letter to be sent to the Base Commander RAF Lakenheath with regards to the nuclear weapons being transported from the base over Isleham to the US for maintenance.

With reference to the new development on the corner of Fordham Road and Station Road the Trustees of the Lady Frances Peyton Hospital Charity put forward the name of Frances Peyton Close for the access road. It was agreed that this name be put forward to the ECDC for consideration.

The Council has received a letter of thanks from the Staploe Transport Association for its donation.

#### **Planning Approvals**

1. Renewal of permission for erection of new bungalow to rear of 18 Hall barn Road for Mr and Mrs Vince
2. Addition of shop sign at 11 Church St. for Jitu Miah
3. Rear ground floor extension at 11 East Fen Rd for Mr and Mrs Lucas
4. Side and rear single story extension including garage at 48 East Fen Road for Andrew Dilley
5. Change of use from kitchen wing to independent Tandoori Takeaway (retrospective) at 'The Griffin Public House' for Jitu Miah

Erection of a four bedroomed detached dwelling with integral garage at land adjacent to 2 Croft Road for Mr. N. Carter.

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#### **Criteria Required For Application For Dunstall Student/Apprenticeship Grants**

1. Applicants must have been resident in Isleham for one year, and submit a letter of application to the Clerk.
2. Applicants must have spent the money first, up to a maximum of £220, and must send in original receipts.
3. Applicants must be serving an apprenticeship, for example chef, mechanic, engineering, or a University student or student of further education at University level studying for a specific career, for example geologist, computing, law.
4. Applicants can only claim for books, uniform, protective clothing, tools, computer accessories etc, but not stationery, office supplies, travel expenses etc.
5. Applicants must have already started the University, College of further education or job,
6. Applicants are required to submit letter from course tutor or employer, stating they are attending the course, or they have commenced employment.

Please note that applications for grant towards apprenticeship/educational expenses shall only be considered for apprenticeships for further education at University level – a future career must have been embarked upon. The expenses to be considered will be for books, tools, protective clothing, instruments and associated necessities, but not for stationery or traveling expenses.

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the organisation that is reputedly on hand to protect us. Whether your experience is good or bad, we want to hear about it. We want to know what you think of policing in our village. What has prompted this article is two recent experiences that happened to one of your editors.

The first goes back a few weeks when a letter was received from a solicitor in Hong Kong claiming that a relative had died and that our editor was the sole beneficiary. Such scams are commonplace on the Internet but it was a new twist to receive something through the post. The supposed solicitor had clearly done his homework because all the details about the relative were correct with the exception of one thing – he was still alive and had moved from Hong Kong back to the UK a few years ago! The letter was taken to Newmarket police for them to investigate. The conversation with Newmarket Police went something like:

"Where do you come from?"

"Isleham."

"This is Suffolk, you will have to go to Ely."

Charming! On pointing out that this was unreasonable over something as serious as potential fraud, two officers took full details and said that the letter would be sent to the appropriate department in London.

The second instance (good police word) occurred on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> May 2005 at approximately 10 a.m. (now that sounds more like it!). On answering a knock at the door, a casually dressed man in a baseball cap and sweatshirt said that he had "...come from the Electricity to replace the fuse box." He had no badge and was carrying a clipboard with a scrap of paper but no official-looking paperwork. On being told that a fuse box was not required, the man tried persuasion, to no avail. He took out a standard mobile phone (nothing like the Powergen phones), consulted it, said that he would arrange that his boss sent a letter of apology and left.

Powergen were telephoned and they confirmed that they had not sent anyone out. Then came the interesting part. Try telephoning the police on the non-emergency number in the Informer. What do you get? No reply. Try again – no reply. And again – no reply. Try a fourth time and keep holding. After *just over 3 minutes of waiting* the phone was answered by a switchboard operator. On stating the problem it was a matter of being transferred to the "Control Room". After more than *another 7 minutes* there was no reply. Hang up and call the main number again. This time the call was answered in just over a minute. Following complaining about the phone not being answered the operator said that she would transfer the call to a colleague. After *just over another 5 minutes*, the call was answered. A complaint about the delay was again made. The response was, "Yes but we are very busy." – as though no one else was.

The incident was reported and a description of the man given. The Police asked if the man was still in the area. The officer was told, "He could be anywhere now as it has taken so long to contact you!" The reply was that the local patrols in the area would be contacted. At least the officer had a sense of humour – how often is there a patrol in Isleham!



## ISLEHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

The Association was born about a year before the official twinning of Isleham with Nesles, which took place in France in 1995. Terry Carter was asked to form a committee by the Parish Council at that time and it has gone on from there. The following year an official twinning ceremony took place in Isleham. This year, therefore, is the tenth anniversary and by the time that this edition of the Informer gets into print 30 people from Isleham will have travelled to Nesles for the weekend of 20/21/22 May to join in the celebrations being held there.

Since Isleham and Nesles have twinned, Nesles have also twinned with a town in what used to be part of East Germany named Magdala. Isleham have decided not to twin officially with this town but continue contact on a friendship basis and some people from Isleham have joined in visits there. People from Magdala will also be present in Nesles this May for the celebrations.

Now that several classes at the Isleham school are learning French with Doreen Speirs and are corresponding with their counterparts in the school in Nesles it is hoped that in future exchange visits the children will meet their pen-friends and families making friendships for the future. If there are parents of schoolchildren who would like more information about these visits just telephone one of the Committee members listed below.

All communal meals and entertainment provided by the Twinning Committee when Nesles visits Isleham and subsidy of the coach when Isleham goes to Nesles is done by fundraising and our next fundraising event is:

### QUIZ NIGHT

Isleham Comrades Club, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2005. Entry for tables of four is £12 per table to include a light supper. Please come along and support us.

*Diana Jones  
Secretary*

### Committee contacts:

Bryan Wynne (Treasurer): 780802  
André Ciantar (Vice-Chairman): 515150  
Diana Jones (Secretary): 780634

## BAD SLEPLING

This played havoc with my spell-checker, but I think it proves a point:

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Customer: I have problems printing in red...

Helpdesk: Do you have a colour printer?

Customer: Aaaaah... Thank you.

Customer: Hi, this is Celine. I can't get my diskette out.

Helpdesk: Have you tried pushing the button?

Customer: Yes, sure, it's really stuck.

Helpdesk: That doesn't sound good; I'll make a note...

Customer: No ... wait a minute... I hadn't inserted it yet... it's still on my desk... Sorry....

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# Isleham WI

June 9<sup>th</sup> is our Summer Outing. We will be floating along the River Cam in style, with the Red Lion at Grantchester as our destination for a bar-b-que.

Isleham WI will once again be serving refreshments for Gala Day, so don't forget to come along for a cup of tea and cakes, all served with a smile.

July 14<sup>th</sup>: Our speaker will be Alison Horsley from the East Anglian Air Ambulance. The competition is 'A favourite holiday souvenir.'

August 11<sup>th</sup>: Our Speaker will be Claire Harris on Health and Beauty, so we should all be walking around with an extra glow afterwards. The competition will be 'A beauty tip' (sounds promising).

Everyone is welcome to join our meetings at the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m.

Brenda Downey Tel: 780338

# Joyce's Corner

*Someone else reminding me that there's always something else to clear out!*

## Letter To a Friend

*I know, yes I know, I freely confess,  
That this house is a tip and a terrible mess.  
I should take things in hand, make a stand, call a stop,  
Have that long postponed trip to a charity shop.*

*Will I ever go back to that book one more time?  
This old clock long since lost its tick and its chime.  
That ornament sits there just gathering dust,  
I must have a clearout, I know that I must.*

*That blouse doesn't fit, and that picture is faded.  
That cushion is split and that plant pot is faded.  
The calendar dates from 1993.  
I never did like it, but still it was free.*

*An old pair of shoes that went "out with the ark".  
A 'kiss-me-quick' hat I bought for a lark.  
A duck ornament with only one eye,  
No wonder my house looks like a pigsty.*

*There's a knitted blanket for "when you are old,  
To put round "your shoulders if you feel the cold".  
It won't go on my shoulders, I'm certain of that,  
But it might make a nice bed for a dog or a cat.*

*As for having a teddy at my time of life,  
With no children around (and it isn't a Steiff)  
Clutter I warn you, you're outlook is bleak.  
You are going today...tomorrow...next week!*

*At last a Jumble Sale has been on.  
All my clutter is packed up and gone.  
At the Sale my will power started to sag,  
I came home with just a few more bits in my bag.*

# The Isleham Society

The Isleham Society is a group of folk interested in Isleham, its history and traditions, its preservation and its development. The new programme for 2005 / 2006 has just been finalised and we look forward to welcoming past and present members as well as finding new (younger!) members, without which the Society cannot continue.

The subscription for the year remains at £10.00. The Society meets on the third Thursday of each month, usually in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

On June 16th we have a talk and a lively basket-making demonstration entitled "The Wonderful World of Willow".

Our first outing on July 21st is to the Greene King Brewery in Bury St Edmunds and another outing, on September 1st is to Bletchley Park, where the Nazi "Enigma" naval and military codes were broken during the war, so saving many Allied lives.

For all details contact the Hon. Secretary: Beryl Powys on 01638 780519 (email: powys169@enterprise.net).

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## To: Technical Support

Subject: **Upgrade Problems**

Last year I upgraded from "Girlfriend 7.0" to "Wife 1.0". I soon noticed that the new program began unexpected child processing that took up a lot of space and valuable resources. In addition, "Wife 1.0" installed itself into all other programs and now monitors all other system activity. Applications such as "Football 5.0", "Loaded Magazine 2.3", "Pub 10.2", and "Grand Prix 7.0", are now all strictly monitored and restricted.

I can't seem to keep "Wife 1.0" in the background while attempting to run any of my favourite applications. I'm thinking about going back to "Girlfriend 7.0", but the uninstall doesn't seem to work on "Wife 1.0". Please help!

Desperately yours,

Troubled User.

**Reply:**

Dear Troubled User,

This is a very common problem.

Many people upgrade from "Girlfriend 7.0" to "Wife 1.0", thinking that it is just a Utilities and Entertainment program. Unfortunately, "Wife 1.0" is an OPERATING SYSTEM and is designed by its Creator to run EVERYTHING!

It is impossible to successfully delete "Wife 1.0" and to return to "Girlfriend 7.0", and it is impossible to uninstall or purge the program files from the system once installed. You cannot go back to "Girlfriend 7.0" because "Wife 1.0" is designed to not allow this. Look in your "Wife

1.0" manual under "Warnings: Alimony and Child Support".

I recommend that you keep "Wife 1.0", and work on improving the situation. I suggest installing the background applications "Yes Dear" and "Of course you're right Love" to alleviate some of the software conflicts, though this may only be a temporary and partial solution.

The best course of action is to enter the command "C:\APOLOGIZE", because ultimately you will have to always run the "APOLOGIZE" command before "Wife 1.0" will allow the system to do anything anyway.

"Wife 1.0" is a great program, but it tends to be quite expensive and very high maintenance. "Wife 1.0" comes with several support programs, such as "Clean and Sweep 3.0", "Cook It Yourself 1.5", "Redecorate 10.0", and "Let's Go Shopping 4.2". However, be very careful how you use these, as improper use will cause the system to launch the program "Nag Nag Nag 11.1.2.78"

Once this happens, the only way to improve the performance of "Wife

1.0" is to purchase additional software. I recommend "Flowers 2.1", "Chocolates 3.5", and if all else fails, "Diamonds 5.0".

WARNING!!! DO NOT, under any circumstances, install "Secretary With Short Skirt 3.3". This application is definitely not supported by "Wife 1.0" and will cause irreversible damage to the operating system.

Best of luck,

Technical Support

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Helpdesk: Good day. How may I help you?

Male customer: Hello... I can't print.

Helpdesk: Would you click on start for me and...

Customer: Listen pal; don't start getting technical on me! I'm not Bill Gates!

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Helpdesk: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Helpdesk: OK, and, what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

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Friday 8.00-11.00pm	Saturday 8.00-11.00pm
Sunday 12.00-3.00pm and	8.00-10.30pm

### Regular Functions

Tuesdays: No **Line Dancing** until further notice  
 Wednesdays: **Bingo** 8.00-9.30pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month: **Quiz** 8.30-9.30pm  
 Last Sunday of each month: **Jazz** 12.00-3.30pm

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# ISLEHAM'S CHURCHES

## Services and Youth Groups

### St. Andrew's Parish Church

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month:

8.00a.m.	Prayer Book Communion
10.00a.m.	Family Service
10.00a.m.	Junior Church

#### All other Sundays:

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

Please note there is a crèche every Sunday.

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

Wenda Garbett 16 Croft Road Isleham CB7 5QR 01638 780863	Anna Chataway 7 Docking Lane Isleham CB7 5QW 01638 781486
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Tuesday Coffee Mornings 2004 raised £2,053.28.

A big thank you to everyone.

July 16<sup>th</sup> Gift day 9.00am – 6.00pm

### Bell Ringers

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

### Open Weekend – Isleham's Talents

August 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>

10.00am – 6pm daily

Come and see our Green man, and lots more.

Dr. Malcolm Guite, Chaplain at Girton College, Cambridge is  
 coming to give a talk on The Green Man in Church on

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm

All welcome

Refreshments, Grand Draw, £1 stall, Tombola

August 29<sup>th</sup> Songs of Praise 6.30pm

The George Hamilton IV Concert on, 5<sup>th</sup> May, was a huge  
 success. Many thanks to all who helped in any way. Thank  
 you also to those who attended, making it the great evening  
 that it was.

£1,400 was raised for Church funds.

## Pound Lane Free Church

#### Every Sunday:

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

#### Tuesdays:

Fellowship	7.30-8.30 p.m.
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#### Children and Young People's groups:

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

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

Phone: 01638 781343 (church office)  
01638 780002 (anytime)  
email: secretary@plfc website: www.plfc.co.uk

You may contact Dave on 01638 780636 or by e-mail at CE@plfc.co.uk.

Fellowship meets every Tuesday evening from 7.30 – 8.30pm and gives an opportunity for people to get together for fellowship and worship. The meeting is particularly popular with older people and transport can be arranged. Why not come along, we'd love to see you there!

On **Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>** we warmly invite you to join with us to worship our great God in our **Fathers' Day Family Service** at 10.30am. The service will last no longer than 1 hour and be followed by refreshments. Being a dad is an incredibly challenging and responsible job, so why not make this a date to remember and give thanks for the men in our lives who are fulfilling that role.

## High Street Church

Every Sunday:

10.30am	Morning Worship <i>(Crèches are available for 0-3 year olds)</i>
10.30 – 12.30	Junior Church (3 – 7 years)
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## Bowls Club Report

The month of April sees the transition from the indoor carpet bowls facilities to the summer pleasures of outdoor lawn bowls. Our interesting climate means that two evenings are never exactly the same.

To keep any piece of lawn or grassed area in good condition requires many hours of dedicated work. Our green keeper, Herbert Beckett together with other male members has been at work all throughout the winter and spring. The green has been 'spiked' on a weekly basis to allow air to penetrate into the root system. A spring feed and weed programme has been followed to ensure the surface is as good as possible.

If you would like to visit the club to see the facilities, listed below are the matches being played at Isleham during June:

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon League	Stretham	2.15 pm
Thur 9 <sup>th</sup>	Evening League	Stretham	6.30 pm
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup		2.30 pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon League	Chippenham	2.15 pm
Thur 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Evening League	Soham 'B'	6.30 pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Afternoon League	Ely Beet	2.15 pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Invitation Cup		2.30 pm
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	Evening League	Newmarket	6.30 pm

Although we are a private members club, anyone is welcome to enquire with regards to membership. Useful contact names are Rowley Wells (780191), Pat Houghton (780789) or Barry Grimwood (01353 722781) to provide more details. An annual membership to play at any level of bowls is £50 per year or for limited bowls as a social member for only £25 per year.

The carpet bowls season has just finished and the club finals were won as follows:

### League

Winners Margaret Marsh, Rowley Wells & Jeff Marsh  
Runners Up Janice Pope, Geoff Powell & Carol Wells

### Fours Championship

Winners Margaret Bowers, Sheila King, Heather Munns & Jeff Marsh  
Runners Up Margaret Marsh, Pat Houghton, Brian Pope & Carol Wells

### Pairs Championship

Winners Doreen Raven & Robert Burling  
Runners Up Pat Houghton & Ivan Hymus

### Singles Championship

Winner Barry Clarke  
Runner Up Herbert Beckett

In the East Cambs Leagues, Team 1 enjoyed a very successful post Christmas period in division 2 and went into the last match of the season requiring maximum points against Little Downham 1 to become divisional champions. However a 6 – 8 reversal meant they were still promoted to division 1 but as runners up. In contrast Team 2 had been in the top two of division 3 since October and went into their last match against second from bottom Exning, requiring 8 points out of 14 to secure promotion. The evening did not go according to the script and a 2 – 12 reversal means another season in that division.

*Barry Grimwood  
Club Captain*

# ISLEHAM PRE-SCHOOL LUNCH CLUB

**Isleham Pre-school are pleased to announce a 16 place lunch-time club**

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