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### Isleham Gala Day 2005

The Gala Day once again proved to be a great success with lots of entertainment for everybody throughout the day.

The afternoon started with a splendid parade of floats and walkers. The Glenmorrison Pipe Band and the Gala Queen, Prince and Princess led them through the village.

Congratulations are due to the WI who won the best float with the theme of 'Calendar Girls'; and also to the Gala Queen Leah Clark, the Prince Connor Bedford and the Princess Leah Markwell.

There were also impressive displays from the Soham Majorettes, the Isleham School of Performing Arts and the Isleham Primary School Brass Band and our thanks go to them.

The children's running races and fun races were as popular as ever and were well organised by Mark Goldsack. The Electric Buggy race made its second appearance at Gala Day and was if anything more successful than last year. The title was retained by Arthur Whitehand with some skilful driving and cornering!

The events on the field were rounded off by the very competitive and very wet Wheelbarrow Races followed by the Children's Fun Run around the village. For many years Dave Sennitt has been 'the voice' of Isleham Gala Day compering and announcing the events over the loudspeakers, and long may it continue.

Elsewhere on the field the Fun Dog Show was well attended by both novices and those more experienced in the dog show world. Our thanks are due to Jackie Riley for organising the event and to all the owners for looking after their dogs so well.



*The winning float: Please don't encourage them or who knows what they'll come up with next year!*

The Craft Stalls are going from strength to strength and we are now able to fill three marquees with a wide and interesting variety of products and produce available.

The Fancy Dress, Baby Show and Mini Mr and Miss Isleham were held in the small ring and were enjoyed by everybody. We would have liked more people from the floats and parade to enter the Fancy Dress, especially the Calendar Girls from the WI!



*Ed Mayall*

*Offie leaves the competition standing*

The various children's competitions on display in the Village Hall were a marvellous demonstration of the skill and imagination of our children here in Isleham and our thanks go to Barbara Murfitt and Pauline Wynne for organising and judging again this year. The displays in the Hall were complemented by the superb food and drink provided by the WI.

The Fruit and Veg Show, the Flower Arranging and the Home Baking Competitions are traditional favourites at our Gala Day and congratulations to all those who entered for maintaining the high standard of entries and also to our judges.

There were a number of new games and stalls this year for a wider age range of children and the jousting, tug of war, mini-assault course and giant slide all proved to be very popular.

We would not be able to hold our Gala Day without the generous support of our many sponsors and of those who donate prizes to our Grand Draw. A list of those people and companies that have helped is on page 10.

There are of course many other people and organisations we need to thank and our apologies to those we have missed.

Our thanks are also due to all those who helped set up and clear away on the day itself and to those on the Gala Committee who have planned and organised the event in the months beforehand. We are always looking for new ideas and new faces on the Committee and if you would like to help with next years Gala then please come along to our AGM in October.

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## After the tsunami...

a poignant story from one of our local residents.

The story behind it is this – ‘Mr Mike & Madam Clare’ are long standing friends of ours from our days together in Africa in the 60s.

Five years ago we arranged a trip for just the four of us around Sri Lanka and Victor was our driver and guide for the whole two weeks. He is a charming and knowledgeable fellow, a Catholic among so many Buddhists and other faiths, and we met his family as well. Victor arranged the whole trip, once we had e-mailed him with what we would like to see and where we particularly wanted to go. His pre-trip advice was invaluable as was his whole arrangement of hotels and itinerary. (Beryl & I have become, to Victor, ‘Mr Beryl & wife.’) This is a recent e-mail from Victor.

Dear Mr Mike

*Thank you very much for the great interest you have about me and my work. Since tsunami we did not get sufficient work. I tell you the truth I had to pawn my wife's jewellery from time to time to pay the leasing. You know all Sri Lankan women like to have more gold jewellery for themselves, but we had to pawn even our wedding rings to save the vehicle, and now no more jewellery left. We hope one day we can start our normal work and get back those things.*

*This is the real fact that I experienced for the last couple of months. We have very little work but that's not enough for every thing. Our cost of living is very high. Kandy procession will be held in two weeks time, but not like previous years the hotels did not receive any reservations yet. We don't have hopes for tourist industry as long as this government stays.*

*How is Mr Beryl and wife  
Give my best regards to madam Clare.  
God bless you all  
Victor*

Since the tsunami all of us have heard and read of the nit-picking bureaucracy - and corruption - which has held up so much of the work of re-building the shattered economy of the island. Tourism is a major contributor and has been very hard hit. Victor is a 'freelance' and works by himself with his own vehicle. We have sent money – but apparently not enough – to help him retain his vehicle – but, of course, a major problem has been the lack of tourists.

We shall be holding a coffee morning later this autumn, with pictures of our trip around a wonderful island, in the hope of raising a bit more cash for Victor. I know the initial feelings of sympathy, and the cash flow, have diminished, since any media coverage now is more likely to be about the failure of funds to get to the people who need the help.

BUT – maybe some of your readers might be considering a holiday in Sri Lanka? We went in February and the weather was lovely. Beryl and I can most strongly recommend the island and its people – as we were introduced to them by Victor. Anyone who wants his contact has only to get in touch with me – and/or come to our coffee morning (date and posters later). Sri Lanka and folk like Victor need tourists!

Ian Powys

## Informer

It seems – although it was never the intention – that the Isleham Informer has slipped from bi-monthly to quarterly. This would appear to be the amount of news that this village can cope with. If you think it could – or should – be more frequent, you know what to do. Contribute! If we are sent more articles we will print more articles.

Having said that, I think you will agree that there is plenty to be going on with in this issue. To the extent that we have not been able to squeeze in as many of those truly awful jokes that we know everyone loves so much...

The Deadline for receipt of articles for the Christmas issue will be 9<sup>th</sup> November.

We were saddened to hear, as we were preparing this issue, of the death of Arthur "Offie" Whitehand. We would like to have a proper tribute to him in the next issue, so if anyone has memories that they would like to share with us, please send them along.



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# THE COTTAGE GARDENER

"You only get out what you put in..." and now you should be enjoying the fruits of all the hard work that you put in during Spring and early Summer, picking your fruit, vegetables and flowers.

Picking flowers like dahlias and sweet peas stimulates growth. Also, deadheading on a regular basis, not only leaves your borders looking better, but encourages new flushes of growth and late flowering. Earwigs can be a nuisance in dahlias that you want to cut and use in the house. Try putting a handful of hay inside a flowerpot resting upside-down on a cane; it makes an excellent earwig trap.

Cuttings from pelargoniums can be taken now, to provide pot plants for the house or conservatory during the winter. Use 3" strong growth tips, which have not flowered, and cut just under a node. Dip in rooting powder and place round the edge of a 3 ½" pot filled with gritty potting compost. They should root in 2 – 3 weeks. Taking the cuttings at this time of year will not disfigure or spoil the appearance of your bedding displays.

Strawberry plants now need some attention. After fruiting, cut back the leaves and weed between plants before feeding them. If beds are three to four years old they should be replaced. I usually plant out the runners that I grew on in a nursery bed last Autumn. When planting out keep them well spaced – a trowel's length between each plant and 12-18 inches between rows. Water them in well, and give a good liquid feed.

Raspberries and loganberries need attention too when they have finished fruiting. Cut out the old canes, and tie in the new ones, which will bear the fruit next year. Weed round the base of the plants, and feed with a general fertiliser.

In the vegetable garden it is time to sow Spring cabbage, Swedes, Japanese onions, beet, winter-hardy spinach and winter lettuce.

At the end of August/early September it is time to cut back your lavender hedges. Cut back this year's growth, but be careful not to cut into the dead wood. You can also take lavender cuttings now with heel roots in a shallow trench with plenty of sharp sand. Cuttings of bedding fuchsias should also be taken.

Early varieties of apples such as Discovery and Grenadier should have been picked by now. A good web site, [www.parkfruitfarm.co.uk](http://www.parkfruitfarm.co.uk), lists many varieties, giving picking and storage details.

This is a very satisfying time of year. In a couple of months you will be looking back over your successes (and maybe a few failures) and planning for next year. As I always say, "Do not over-do it, but keep working!"

*The Happy Hoer*

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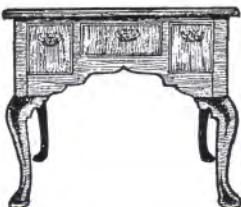
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Staploe Medical Centre (Soham)	
Appointments	01353 624121
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(Richard Turner)	01638 780965

## Next CMs

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

**Parish Council:** *Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September.*  
*Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October.*

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 12<sup>th</sup> September.*  
8.00 p.m. on *Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October.*

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, 17<sup>th</sup> October.*

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.

# Puzzles

## Spot the Difference

We made a mistake counting differences last time. There were in fact 18 differences and not 14. However, the winner from those that found 14 correct differences was Charlotte McGreavy of Sheldricks Road. Congratulations to Charlotte who wins the £5. Now that Ian is back in action, we promise that Michaela Farr will receive her outstanding £5.

The 18 differences last time were: 1. Top corner design; 2. Eyebrows changed colour; 3. Extra restraining band; 4 & 5. Spikes different on crowns; 6. Extra wall brick; 7-10. Three lots of different fur; 11. Nose gone; 12. Eyebrow gone; 13. Extra finger; 14. Nose wart gone; 15. Extra teeth; 16. Cuff colour; 17. Jacket button; 18. Chair leg different.

Try this new one. There are 12 differences this time.



### Anagrams

Last time we asked you to make words from "Pound Lane". Here are 60 of the most common words. Aloe, alone, aloud, anode, dale, deal, dean, dole, done, dope, dual, duel, dune, dupe, eland, laden, land, lead, leap, lend, load, loaned, lode, lone, loped, loud, nape, neap, neon, node, nodule, noel, none, noun, nude, olden, opal, open, pale, paled, pane, panel, panned, peal, pedal, penal, plan, plane, planned, plea, plead, plod, pole, poled, pond, undo, undone, unload, upland, upon.

This time have a go at "Priory Garage".

### Serious Question

Last time we asked how you would recognise an opium poppy if you saw one growing wild. There are several clues and they are: The plant is generally larger and more sturdy than our other common poppies. The flower is a pinkish mauve and up to 5 to 7 inches across. The leaves also have a bluish tinge.

Now to our serious question this time. Why should you store potatoes in the dark and not let them go green?

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Sunday 12.00-3.00pm and

8.00-10.30pm

### Regular Functions

Wednesdays: **Bingo** 8.00-9.30pm

Thursdays: **Line Dancing** 7.45-10.15pm

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month: **Quiz** 8.30-9.30pm

Last Sunday of each month: **Jazz** 12.00-3.30pm

Third Sunday of each month: **Jam Session** 3.00 onwards

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### Country & Western Evenings

Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 8.00pm: **Arizona Flame**

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00pm: **Gary Blackmore**

**Jazz Special:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September: **Charlie Connor's Mississippi Revival**

**Sketch Show:** 1<sup>st</sup> October: **The Phoenix Players**

**Glam Rock:** 21<sup>st</sup> October: **Glam-R-Us**

**Top Covers:** 12<sup>th</sup> November: **Basement Band**

**East Anglia's 70s Cover:** 19<sup>th</sup> November: **B.4s**

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## *Letters to the Editor*

*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. We have had no letters for months, but now, like London buses...*

Dear Isleham Informer,

Just lately I can't seem to get away from adverts promoting the company Whitehall Plastics, reading this month's issue I see again two adverts pages 5 and 14, I thought you might like to know my experience of this lots work undertaken for me in Bowers Lane.

Briefly I employed them to replace soffits and facias but after a whole catalogue of disasters including incompetent fitting and damaging the entire garage roof lining beyond repair nothing was ever replaced or rectified to my satisfaction, ultimately I will now have to pay for these repairs myself. Just wish now I'd got a proper more competent company in the first place, perhaps you should print a hazard warning alongside each advert next time to save anyone else from the time money and hassle I've wasted on this lot especially when things go wrong.

Anyhow it does give me a good laugh when I see the words 'Whitehall Plastics' and 'professional' in the same sentence – it doesn't get any funnier than that!

Thanks for an enjoyable and entertaining magazine, everything else apart from Whitehall Plastics adverts is first rate,

Regards,

*Mr A. McNamara, Bowers Lane, Isleham*

*Here is the response from Whitehall Plastics:*

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to respond to this. It really is disappointing reading.

We have carried out more than 2000 installations throughout Cambridgeshire and in fact more than 12 in Isleham itself. 97% of our customers are fully satisfied with the service we provide and we have the comments to support this, on our Customer Satisfaction Questionnaires, which are sent to all customers following each installation. We would be happy to share these with you.

On this particular occasion, after the installation was completed and payment received, the customer highlighted a problem with their roof, which was not caused by our fitters. However, in the spirit of assisting our customers, a solution was suggested to them. This was not acceptable to them and they remained insistent that the problem was caused by our fitters, which was certainly not the case. Without going in to too much detail, we became conscious at this stage that we needed to protect ourselves and had no alternative but to place the matter in the hands of our solicitors. This was over three years ago and nothing further has been heard from the customer since our solicitors became involved.

We are happy to provide copies of all the papers relating to this installation, which should, I am sure you will agree be included with any article you print in your magazine regarding this matter. Also, if you require any further letters of competency, we would be more than happy to provide them.

Please do let us know if you require any further information.

Kind Regards

*Chris Whitehall*

When doing my family tree history I discovered that my grandfather, Maurice Harbord Gardiner, was married for the first time on February 2 1899 at St Andrews church Isleham to Ida Maud Fleet. I have subsequently discovered from the 1881 census that in 1881 she was an 8-year-old scholar. She is described as a "boarder", living with William Cutworth, an

agricultural labourer of West Street, Isleham. I have found Fleets living in West Street at the time and wonder why she was a boarder? I have also found that she was born in Canada. Is there anyone in Isleham who could explain how an 8-year-old born in Canada came to be a boarder in Isleham in Cambridgeshire. If anyone can assist please e-mail me at - j.harbord@ntlworld.com.

*James Harbord*

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*Unofficial Police Response* \*This is not an official Police response and should not be used as such\*

Dear Sir/ Madame

A job well done here perhaps [see attached news article 'Sword-wielding drunk faces jail' from Cambridge Evening News below]. In the interest of fair and balanced journalism could I ask that you consider mentioning this story in your next edition? I understand many of your concerns regarding local policing. I too share many of your frustrations. I have followed the Informer for nearly two years now and notice that many acts of bravery, compassion and professionalism go unseen. Not to mention a good job done!

I can understand that many people will not write to the Informer to share with the village their good experiences with the Police, after all should we not expect this good service in the first place? Please remember, most of the time our own dealings with the Police are very much our own business!

As I note from your last publication there are only a handful of calls to the Police from Isleham every month. If it is the perception of the Informer that there is more going on in the village than the Police are aware of, or dealing with, then could it be that people are not making enough of an attempt to talk with the Police? The public are the Police's ONLY source of information!

In regards to the issue of contact, I note the recently published Isleham directory shows an incorrect telephone number. Cambs Police now have a new call centre to try and combat the exact problem you highlighted in your last article. 0845 456 4564 is the new number; you can also report crime online at [www.cambs.police.uk/](http://www.cambs.police.uk/). (As usual 999 for emergency.) Perhaps a follow up story might be in order to show that the Informer's opinion along with thousands of others have been listened to, and Cambs. Police are trying to make things better. As you may well note this number has no 9's in it, so it is quite likely you will have to wait in a queue.

So where are all the Policemen? Well since 1950 and I think the early 1900's in the other picture, crime and policing have changed... they have changed remarkably. I do not have the benefit of having lived during the 1950's as many Villagers will have (not wishing to be rude), but I am sure they can tell us all about change. Back in the 1950's the Police service consisted of mainly "Policemen", and maybe a few Female Police officers.

Today the police force is made up of your Day to day "Reactive bobby", Community beat officers, traffic police, a dog section, fire arms officers, licensing officers, hate crime officers, family unit officers, CID, the burglary team, the robbery squad, the helicopter unit, the road policing unit and local investigation teams. And the list goes on, Isleham is entitled to all of these specialist services should it need them, and it receives them without question. Many of these officers go unseen; they do not walk a beat. It is tragic shame that the village does not have a bobby walking the beat any more, but I would ask that the Informer considers that the Police do listen to the Public, but can't always deliver what they want when considering all that they have to provide to the whole of Cambridgeshire.

All I ask of the Informer is that they remember the influence they have over the community as a whole. I can understand why possibly not enough people are talking with the Police. Some readers may conclude, "what's the point". I do not blame the Informer at all; you are reporting what you see. I just ask that you consider what you don't see please.

The Police are not blameless, don't get me wrong but maybe articles in the Informer could concentrate on a constructive focus on how we can all improve the village. An article on protecting your house from burglary, or safer driving? Help educate people as to how the Police works, not how it doesn't work! I can't see anything positive for the community in a series of articles that appear to be aimed at bringing down confidence in the Police. The Police service does not work without the public helping it from the ground upwards!

On a personal note, I hope this email can be viewed as a constructive springboard for better relations between the Informer and Police. If you are interested I may be able to arrange for an Informer representative to spend a day with a policeman... possibly myself, or I am willing help with the suggested above articles!

Three of my very good friends confronted the chap below with the sword. I would hate to think that their efforts went unseen, or unappreciated.

Responding as a local resident, PC Paul Rogerson, feel free to call me or email me back.

Can I also ask that in response to your comments about the bogus Electricity man that you make it clear that this type of incident should be called in on 999. On the face of it this might have been a distraction burglary gone wrong. The person in the article did the right thing challenging him but please call 999 in future. My fear is that having read this article, many elderly or vulnerable persons won't attempt to call in.

[paul@rogerson1668.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:paul@rogerson1668.fsnet.co.uk)

#### Informer Comment

*The Informer is grateful for the above response, albeit unofficial. The Informer has also never doubted the bravery of our police. In addition, Cambs Police have been informed (through Ely) that we will print anything they care to send us to maintain a balance between what we see and the perception of our police. To date, nothing has been received. Putting it bluntly, if we don't receive articles, we can't print them!*

*Having said that, we feel that the main point has been missed. Our village, like many others, suffers from vandalism – damage to the village hall and cricket pavilion and burnt-out cars – and also intoxicated, noisy youths leaving certain public houses in the early hours. In the absence of a "Village Bobby", there is no hope of preventing these incidents.*

#### Sword-wielding drunk faces jail

A 29-year-old man who threatened police with a samurai sword faces jail.

Sean Forder wielded the weapon in a figure of eight to police in a busy street in Isleham, when he was approached last month.

Police had asked Forder to put the sword down but instead he unsheathed it from his left trouser leg and began wildly swinging it in Church Street at 7.08pm on May 18.

Mara Maciejowski, prosecuting, said: "He was asked to place the sword on the ground, he refused to do so. There were lots of members of the public around and police were becoming anxious.

"Mr Forder then started to take the sword from his sheath and brandish it towards police, while making threats and moving it in a figure of eight patter towards officers.

"The police, very afraid for themselves and the public's safety, withdrew to their police vehicle. Forder, of East Fen Road, Isleham, then raised the sword above his head and forced it into the grass before lying down with his hands over his head.

Police then took the sword and Forder, who had been drinking, was arrested after a struggle.

Ely Magistrates' Court heard how Forder, who pleaded guilty to possessing an offensive weapon and affray, had served time in prison for possession of an imitation fire arm.

Magistrates' decided their powers of six months imprisonment were insufficient and committed Forder to Cambridge Crown Court on July 15 for sentence.

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## Parish Council News

The following is a very abbreviated version of the IPC minutes for the June and July meetings. Remember that any parishioner may request a copy of the full minutes from the IPC.

### Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June

#### **Parishioners Question Time**

An enquiry was made regarding the Recreation Ground, it was asked why it is taking so long for the proposed works to be carried out. The parishioner was informed that the application for grants had not yet been approved and that no work could begin until this was the case. The question was also asked whether the hedge could be cut at the top of the rec., however it was felt that this would not be a good use of money as the hedge will be removed when the new recreation ground is complete. It was brought to the councillor's attention once again about the youths kicking footballs against the Village Hall. Mr. Sid Cox mentioned that he has an old goal post, and asked if it would be possible to build a wooden goal/frame for the youngsters to use as a kick board. He is proposing to put this at the bottom of the recreation ground. However, concern was expressed as to whether youngsters would be bothered to go to the other end of the rec to use it. An alternative suggestion was to continue the play area fencing across the back of the Village Hall, incorporating the goal/frame. Again concern was expressed about whether this would create a safety hazard for the play area. It was agreed that Mr. Cox get quotes for the next meeting. Mr. Cox asked if it would be possible to have the Cemetery bins cleared out and some topsoil put in; he agreed to get quotes for this.

There was no **Police Report** submitted at this meeting, and PC Humble did not attend. Cllr Beckett informed the Council that he had witnessed youths climbing on the roof of the Village Hall and kicking balls into the children's play area on 26<sup>th</sup> May. He had reported this to the Police, but as far as he is aware, no police officer came out on that occasion. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Police regarding this matter.

**Councillor Beckett, District Councillor**, reported that at a recent meeting he had objected to a new Park-and-Ride scheme proposed for Angel Drove in Ely as he felt it would not be widely used, and therefore not a good use of public money.

**Bidding Round 2007/08** It was agreed to bid for a flat topped hump in Maltings Lane, a speed activated sign in Pound Lane and a footpath for East Fen Road, this last to have priority over the other two.

It was reported that roads were either not being swept at all, or not being done efficiently. If there is no improvement before the next meeting, Cllr. Beckett will take action.

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Cllr. Garbett mentioned that Cleanaway do not always take all the rubbish away, and often leaves a mess on the roadside.

Cllr. Puckey said that the telephone box on the Causeway has been vandalised. The Clerk will report this to BT.

It was agreed that anti-vandal paint be purchased for use on the Village Hall and on the fence round the play area.

#### **Planning approvals**

Two storey extension and single story extension to 19 Aves Close.

First floor extension to 10 Isleham Road.

Replacement roof to accommodate bedroom and rear extension at ground floor level to 3 Hall Barn Road.

Two story side extension to 1 Dockings Lane.

Change of use of pub outbuilding to 2 no. letting bedroom at The Rising Sun, and to external store to 2 no. letting bedrooms at The Rising Sun.

Erection of boarding cattery and isolation unit at 29 Prickwillow Road.

It was agreed that the oak bench offered to the Council by High Street Baptist Church will be sited in the Old Cemetery.

#### **Any other business**

The urn in the Village Hall needs replacing. It was suggested that a fixed water heater replace it. It will be considered at the Finance Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> June.

The public footpath down at the marina had been roped off leaving no safe place to walk, and there had been an accident involving a car hitting a pram. Cllrs. Beckett and Carter agreed to look at this first thing in the morning.

### Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Parishioners Question Time**

Council was asked why a seat had been erected at the top end of West St. at the junction with Hall Barn Road. Concern was expressed about vandalism and rubbish. The Chairman explained that the Isleham Society had requested that the seat be placed there as a memorial.

There was no **Police Report** submitted at this meeting, and PC Humble did not attend.

The Council had received a letter about the appointment of PSCO's from Cambridge Constabulary. They have declined to take part in the scheme, as they feel there is no guarantee that if we paid for one of these officers they would actually remain in Isleham.

The problem with the drains in Church lane has been noted.

The ramp outside the Village Hall cannot be altered.

The Council advised a resident of Festival Road that dog fouling on the access at the back of her home is the responsibility of Hereward Housing, as this is their land.

It was agreed that Cllr. Garbett be allowed to cut the hedge at the top of the recreation ground.

Cllr. Garbett asked about the possibility of setting up composting facilities on one of the allotments. Assistance may be available to set up this project.

Cllr. Puckey pointed out there was a hole in the barbed wire on the gate to the playground which needs attention.

#### **Village Hall Committee**

Mrs D. Madgwick has been appointed Caretaker. There was concern expressed about the suitability of her being asked to lock up the car park gates, however they do need to be locked after meetings. It was agreed the Clerk write to the Chief Constable to ask if police can be deployed where they should be. PC Humble has been instructed he cannot attend PC meetings unless he is on duty.

BT are proposing to turn payphones in The Causeway and Mill St. in to cashless kiosks.

The Mobile Library timetable will be changed after Christmas. The Clerk will see that the new times will be posted in the Informer and on the PC notice board.

#### **Finance Committee**

Work to empty the Cemetery bins will kindly be carried out by Cllrs. Beckett and Chapman. The top soil can be obtained by the Council free of charge. Thanks to Cllr. Chapman's son for his help.

Repairing the clunch wall at the back of the Cemetery may be prohibitively expensive, so it may be necessary to replace it.

Due to Health and Safety regulations the tea urn cannot be replaced with another. It was agreed to purchase a hot water heater.

## **Isleham Sports & Gala Association**



### **AGM**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October  
8pm at Isleham Comrades Club**

Please come and support this annual event.

## **ISLEHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
Nesles May 20/21/22**

A party of 34 people travelled to Nesles to celebrate this milestone event of our twinning, a small number arrived on the Friday at the same time as the visitors from Magdala (Germany) and enjoyed an evening meal and renewed old friendships. Saturday morning was bright and warm as we headed to the village of St. Joseph, a museum piece similar to the Museum of East Anglian life, where the rest of the Isleham party joined us to tour the museum and enjoy a meal in the large restaurant.

Early Saturday evening we gathered at Nesles Church to enjoy a musical concert with a definite Anglo-French flavour, after which celebrations continued in a large marquee until about midnight.

Sunday morning saw a change in the weather, cold and windy, with the main celebration of this weekend starting at 11am outside the Town Hall with the local band playing the National Anthems followed by speeches and exchange of gifts. The children of Nesles presented a short kaleidoscope of songs and stories to the delight of everybody before the release of ten white doves to mark the occasion.

All the guests and hosts then moved to the reception area to enjoy a celebration toast to the success of the twinning followed by a sumptuous meal during which we were entertained by a splendid trio of musicians, together with a surprise raffle draw with an enormous number of prizes.

For those returning to Isleham on Sunday departure time was 5pm, after a tremendous send off those of us staying on returned to the event to continue enjoying what was a very memorable celebration.

### **Quiz Night**

The quiz night on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June was a successful evening. Thank you for your support. We intend to have another evening possibly in late October, please look out for the posters.

*Diana Jones, Secretary*

Committee contacts:

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# Gala Competition Results

## Fancy dress

Pre-school		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kallum & Aaliyah Mulhall	Spanish couple
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chloe Hensby	Robin
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Freddie Preston	British Summer Time
5 - 7 years		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Cummins	Robin Hood
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caleb Long	St George
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leila Osman	Dalmation
	Nigel Hensby	Batman
8 - 10 years		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lewis Dann & Kieran Fitchett	Princess Leia & Darth Maul
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harry Porter	C3PO
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hanif Osman	Darth Vader

## Baby Show

Girls		Boys
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ella Cummins	Patrick Bond
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Abigail Stafford	Sebastian Holdsworth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Isobel Jack	Christian Dunham
4 <sup>th</sup>	Skye Simmons	
Mini Miss Isleham		Mini Master Isleham
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lucy Halkin	Charlie Cummins
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rose Porter	Nicholas Ogan
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Annabel Riley	Daniel May

## Fun Run

5-11 Girls		Boys
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lydia Vince	Joshua Olgilvy
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Masie Vince	Lewis Dann
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jamila Osman	Robert Radcliffe
12-16		
Girls		Boys
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rebecca Burbage	Mathew Tarver
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bethany Dann	Josh Darley
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Emma Diver	George Cummins

## Flower Arranging

The Sky			
1 <sup>st</sup>	D Rutherford		
My Hobby			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs. Riley	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Clarke
Vase of flowers			
1 <sup>st</sup>	D Rutherford	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Clarke
2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>	W Sadler
Herbs			
1 <sup>st</sup>	W. Sadler	2 <sup>nd</sup>	A McGreavey
2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>	W Sadler
Six Sweet Peas			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mr & Mrs Peachey	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs. Reed
Single Rose			
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Graham	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr & Mrs Peachey
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	G Hawes

## Best in Show

Six sweet peas Mr & Mrs. Peachey

**Overall point winner for this section** Dorreen Rutherford

## Fruit & Veg

Four potatoes			
1 <sup>st</sup>	D Aves	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R Clarke
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mr& Mrs Peachey
Four broad beans			
1 <sup>st</sup>	D. Aves	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr& Mrs. Peachey
		3 <sup>rd</sup>	S. Sadler
Four rhubarb sticks			
1 <sup>st</sup>	K Carver	2 <sup>nd</sup>	D Aves
Four beetroot			
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Clarke		
Raspberries			
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Graham	2 <sup>nd</sup>	unknown
Basket of veg			
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Clarke & A McGreavey		
Best in show			
	Basket of Veg		R Clarke & A McGreavey
<b>Overall point winner for this section</b>			
			David Aves

## Home Baking

Four bread rolls	2 <sup>nd</sup>	R Radcliffe	3 <sup>rd</sup>	A Drinkwater
1 <sup>st</sup>	A McGreavey			
Wholemeal loaf	2 <sup>nd</sup>	K Carver	3 <sup>rd</sup>	R Radcliffe
1 <sup>st</sup>	S Roberts			
Chutney	2 <sup>nd</sup>	E.Radcliffe		
1 <sup>st</sup>	J.Bird			
Scones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	K Carver & Mrs Riley		
1 <sup>st</sup>	J Clarke	3 <sup>rd</sup>	C Haywood	
Stodgy Cake	2 <sup>nd</sup>	C Haywood	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs. Riley
1 <sup>st</sup>	A Drinkwater			
Best in Show	Four bread rolls	A McGreavey		
	Stodgy Cake	A Drinkwater		

**Overall point winner for this section** Alison Drinkwater

## Children

Four chocolate nests	2 <sup>nd</sup>	E Richards	3 <sup>rd</sup>	C McGreavey
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Dixon			
Marzipan animal	2 <sup>nd</sup>	E Richards	3 <sup>rd</sup>	M Germany
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Dixon			
Garden on a plate	2 <sup>nd</sup>	C McGreavey	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harry Porter
1 <sup>st</sup>	R Dixon			
Flowers in a jam jar	2 <sup>nd</sup>	L Smith	3 <sup>rd</sup>	J.Earl
1 <sup>st</sup>	A Thompson			
Best in Show	Marzipan animal	Rosie Dixon		

**Overall point winner for this section** Rosie Dixon

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# Hereward Housing News Release

## Get on the housing ladder with Hereward

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Hereward has just begun building houses and flats for shared ownership in Ely and Isleham and is accepting applications from potential buyers who could not otherwise afford to buy a property outright. The homes are due to be ready in Spring 2006.

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Buyers would own a share of the property, for example 50%, with the remaining share owned by Hereward. Buyers then pay rent to Hereward for the other share.

Amanda Last, Development Officer said, "I'd encourage anyone who's interested in finding out more to get in touch now to see if they are eligible for general shared ownership housing or for Key Worker shared ownership housing. When buying a shared ownership home, there is often the option to increase the share owned when buyers can afford to do so and in some cases they may even able to buy outright. It's a great opportunity for couples or single people to get in early and secure a brand new house for 2006."

Terms and conditions apply to shared ownership sales. For more information about Hereward's shared ownership homes or to find out if you qualify as a Key Worker for the homes available phone 01353 650855 or email amanda.last@herewardhousing.org.uk

### Notes

- Buyers only need to find a mortgage for their share of the home.
- Buyers benefit as they have a lower deposit to find, there is less impact if interest rates increase, and a fixed rent for the other share makes budgeting easier
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## The Isleham Society

In July we had a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the Greene King Brewery in Bury St Edmunds. Our two guides made it a most interesting tour and it was followed by a tasting session - as we had gone by coach we could all partake!

The first talk of the new season will be on October 20th when Michael Gates will talk on the Cambridge to Mildenhall Railway.

On November 17th Tony Brown will talk on Fyson's Steam Engines. There is no meeting in December.

The Society has bought a new bench, in memory of Richard and Margaret Williams. It has been placed at the corner of West Street and Hall Barn Lane.

All are welcome at meetings - 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. We welcome new members and are currently looking for a new Treasurer as well as a new Secretary. If you are interested, or know of someone who might take on either appointment, please contact Beryl Powys 01638 780519.

## Isleham WI

On a lovely summer evening in June our Summer Outing destination saw three punts gliding along the river towards the Red Lion at Grantchester. The countryside views, and the many different water views, were definitely admired by all the ladies. The evening was rounded off by an enjoyable barbecue and drink.

Gala Day saw a well-attended refreshment stall, with many cups of tea served by our WI ladies. We also gained first place in the floats with our own version of Calendar Girls.

At the July meeting members learned all about the local Air Ambulance. Alison Horsley gave an interesting and inspiring talk about the need to keep fund-raising to keep airborne, as there is no funding from the Government or the Lottery for this very good cause. A donation, collection and sale of goodies brought along by Alison made, I am sure, every member feel that they had done a little bit towards another day's flying.

September 8<sup>th</sup> is when we will celebrate our Harvest Supper with a fish and chip supper. Competition: a decorated potato.

We also have a trip going to London on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, leaving Isleham at 9.30am and departing London at 7pm. A deposit of £10 needs to be paid with booking. Everyone is welcome, please contact 6 West Street or telephone 780874.

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Village Hall, at 7.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Brenda Downey Tel: 780338

## Joyce's Corner

Obviously Joyce's poem this month refers to an inferior village. Proper villages have their shows in July!

### The Village Show

*All flowers bright and beautiful,  
All onions large and small,  
Most gardeners try to grow them.  
But Ray's are best of all.*

*Des has big hopes for runner beans,  
But no first prizes yet.  
His parsnips too are looking well,  
He'll enter them I bet.*

*Arthur grows some lovely spuds,  
Good flavour when they're eaten.  
His flowers all look champion too,  
I bet they won't be beaten.*

*Red beet and sweetcorn look divine,  
Cabbage planted with a dibble.  
Alas the slugs came out at night,  
And had a little nibble.*

*Next day was said a few choice words,  
Ones that would shock a vicar.  
He'll have to set more out again,  
And put them in much thicker.*

*Rhubarb is growing really well,  
That will be ready to enter.  
The lettuce will be ready too,  
If snails don't eat the centre.*

*Tony grows some lovely fruit,  
Best blackberries around.  
His carrots and his turnips too  
Are always firm and sound.*

*They enter flowers and fruit and veg  
At the show held every June.  
They've won no prize between them yet,  
But hope to... One day soon.*

*They all will try again next year,  
With stronger muck dug from a reek.  
If their carrots never win a prize,  
They'll have to try a leek.*



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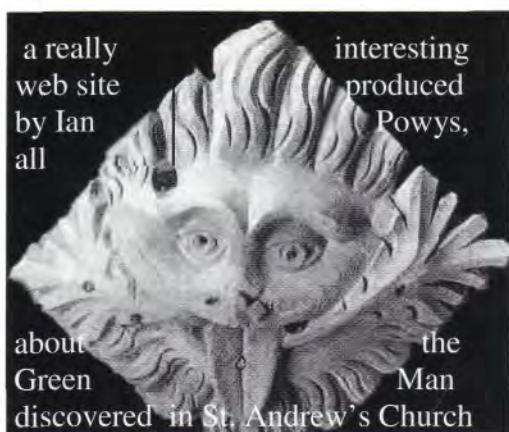
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## More Letters

*Mrs Hazelwood clearly feels strongly about this new bench. The Isleham Society has placed it here in memory of Margaret and Richard Williams, but is this really the best place for such a memorial?*

Dear Sir,

As an Isleham Parishioner residing in Hall Barn Road, I would like to comment on the siting of a new seat at the junction of West Street and Hall Barn Road.

It seems to me that the erection of this seat has not been given sufficient thought by the 'Powers that be' – it is hardly a peaceful spot with the continuous flow of traffic passing in both directions along the two roads. Already the concrete base surrounded by orange netting has been used as a dumping spot for broken beer bottles, and once the seat is erected is the Parish Council planning to have the grass cut around the seat on a regular basis, and also generally maintain it?

I can envisage many problems here – including a target for vandalism. Surely the cost of this project could have been used for a more rewarding cause.

Whilst writing I would like to congratulate you and your team for the collating of the Isleham Directory which is tremendously useful and informative.

*Mrs Joyce Hazelwood*

Dear Sir,

Since writing my last letter to the Informer (copy to the Parish Council) regarding the siting of the above seat, I again write to report an act of vandalism to our property which occurred on the night of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, involving the stealing and breaking of eight solar lights which were situated along the length of our driveway.

Whilst it is not the correct thing to do, nor do we have any direct proof, the finger points towards those on their way back from the 'pub', because in the centre of the main road was an area where someone had been sick.

Where has respect and decency gone from our society in Tony Blair's Britain?

*Joyce Hazelwood*

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## The Phoenix Players

There is a new organization in the village: The Phoenix Players. Based right here in Isleham, this recently formed theatrical group aims to fill a void often expressed by many of the groups members. They feel there just aren't enough opportunities to perform in Isleham and the surrounding villages. They also feel that because Isleham is supportive of the fine arts, it is the ideal location for an amateur theatrical group. Malcolm Speirs, The Phoenix Players' Chairman, and participant in the Isleham PTA Panto, spearheaded the drive to form the group here in Isleham.

Malcolm and his wife Doreen are both long-term members of Soham Village Players. The Soham Village Players have experienced a decline in support for their endeavours and have decided to take a hiatus for a year. Many of the Soham Village players have joined The Phoenix Players and their experience and talents are very welcome. The Phoenix Players is open to anyone, not just Isleham residents.

Membership in the Phoenix Players currently stands twenty-nine strong, all from Isleham and Soham. The group is eager for new members as it improves the quality of productions to have a wide base of talent from which to draw. A particularly exciting aspect of The Phoenix Players is that youngsters are encouraged to participate as junior members. It gives kids a place to showcase their talents and learn the skills of stagecraft. Membership for juniors is £6 per year and £12 per year for adults. If you are interested in joining please contact Doreen Speirs, 780783 or Angela Osborn-Brown 780990.

For their introductory production, the Phoenix Players have chosen to do a review: The Phoenix Players Play Around. It is a light-hearted scamper through many a far field filled with laughter and glee. It is hoped to be the first of many successful, quality productions. The Phoenix Players Play Around will be at the Comrades Club, on 1 October at 7:30pm with tickets available at the door.

For advance tickets contact Glenda Preece 780 734, or Doreen Speirs 780 783. Tickets are £3.

In November The Phoenix Players will be staging Agatha Christie's "Murder at the Vicarage". Stay posted for more details as the time draws closer.

## 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 that 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  
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#### September 4th

Open-Air service

10am

Afternoon Nature Walk with Nigel Cooper and Dr. Alistair Burn  
Events

Coffee Morning

10am – 12 noon at the Social Centre

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Festival of Light

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

Open daily 10am onwards

#### Thank you

To all who contributed to our Gift Day on 16<sup>th</sup> July. We raised a total of £1,525.22.

Thanks also to all who manned the Church on that day.

#### Bell Ringers

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

## Pound Lane Free Church

#### Every Sunday:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| 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. |
|------------|----------------|

#### Children and Young People's groups:

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|---------------------------|--|
| 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               |

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!

The new year for our children's and young people's work starts on August 21<sup>st</sup> with them moving up into new groups. If you have children between the ages of 3 and 19 then they would be very welcome to join with us for weekly Bible teaching, quizzes, singing, and for those over 8, midweek clubs.

And we would love for you to join us on September 18<sup>th</sup> at our annual Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service (10.30am followed by refreshments), when we meet to give thanks for God's goodness and provision over another year.

## High Street Church

Every Sunday:

10.30am	Morning Worship (Crèches are available for 0-3 year olds)
10.30 – 12.30	Junior Church (3 – 7 years)
10.00 – 12.30	Junior Church (7 – 11 years)
6.30pm	Evening Service



### Joke?



The Informer Staff would like to deny all responsibility for this joke. Blame Nick Carver!

Pedro and Miguel are staggering through the Mexican desert, close to dying of thirst when suddenly Pedro says "Miguel, I can smell something. No, now I can see something. It is a tree and it is filled with bacon, all sorts of bacon. There is streaky bacon, back bacon, crispy bacon, gammon, the lot. It's a bacon tree!"

Miguel says "Don't be silly Pedro, this is the desert, it must be a mirage."

Pedro says "Let me have a closer look", so he staggers a bit closer. All of a sudden, shots are heard. Pedro is hit in the chest, he falls to the ground. Miguel drops to the ground and starts whispering, "Pedro, Pedro, are you all right?" Pedro lifts his head and weakly calls to Miguel. "Miguel, Miguel, I was wrong. It isn't a bacon tree.....it's a ham bush".



### Phoenix Players - Junior Section

Are you between the ages of 11 and 17 and interested in joining a village-based drama club?

Samuel Stamp-Dod, Kim Harris-Lobley and Doreen Speirs are aiming to start such a club (which will form the junior section of the Phoenix Players), with meetings taking place on Monday evenings at the Church Social Centre.

The aim of the club is to encourage young people who have interests in any of the varied aspects of theatre - acting, singing, dancing and also back-stage work (e.g. props, make-up, scenery). We will organize workshops and put on productions.

Our first meeting will be on Monday 19th September at the Church Social Centre – 6.30-8.00pm – so please look out for posters in the village detailing times.

I know we have a lot of very talented young people in Isleham - so why not come along and put those talents to good use?

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## Bowls Club Report

The month of August unfortunately means that the outdoors season is only a few weeks from concluding. The evenings loose their light, the long warm days (what long warm days) disappear and no doubt some shops are already selling Christmas items!

Our main league results are published each week in the local papers so I will not dwell too much on these results, apart from saying that with 3 matches left to play, our ladies are once again in contention for the league title. The men have also had some good recent results and are aiming for a creditable top three position.

This season we have had good success in both the men's and ladies' county championships. Terry Sharplin (president) and Barry Grimwood (treasurer) progressed to the final of the HJ Brown Trophy (a pairs competition for club officials) unfortunately losing to March Town in the final at the City of Ely Bowls Club. For Barry it was once again the 'bridesmaid' rather than the 'bride' as this was his 4<sup>th</sup> losing county final in the period of 5 seasons.

In the ladies national competition, our triple comprising of Rebecca Telfer, Carol Wells (sub Ann Cant) and Sylvia Pinder reached the final but on a rain drenched Sunday afternoon at March lost to a triple from City of Ely. However in this competition, the reward for reaching the final is that both teams progress to Leamington Spa to

represent Cambridgeshire in the national championship. This was the first occasion that Isleham Ladies have been represented in one of the 'majors' finals and they certainly performed bravely for the club. In the first round they defeated a triple from Nottinghamshire by 8 shots, before losing on the last end of the match against Surrey in the second round by a small margin of 2 shots. Lets hope this performance 'spurs' on other members and further success can be reported in future seasons.

Rebecca Telfer has once again been a member of the Ladies County under 30's team and Chris Dunkley has played a number of matches for the Men's County under 30's. Barry Grimwood has been picked for an Eastern Counties League match for the full county team against Suffolk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

On the evening of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, we will be hosting a 'Dinner Dance' to present our club trophies. A superb meal is followed by dancing to Leigh Murfet and at a cost of £20 per ticket gives an excellent evenings entertainment. Anyone is welcome to attend this evening and if you require further details, please contact Rowley Wells on 780191.

The season has gone very well and thanks must be made to the committee and officials who give up their time and resources on behalf of the village.

*Barry Grimwood  
Club Captain*

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