

Lack of Rain Fails to Ruin Gala



In the Village, for the Village, Children First

This year's Gala Day was again a very successful event. We were fortunate to have good weather all day and we even had a big screen to show the England World Cup Quarter Final. Shame about the result!

The traditional parade of floats and walkers through the village would not be possible without the considerable effort of all those who entered in creating the costumes and building the floats. Once again we were not disappointed and we had a wonderful parade to start our Gala Day. Congratulations are due to Isleham Cubs for their winning Pirates of the Caribbean float.



The Winning Float: There'll be no shiverin' timbers in this heat!

Congratulations also to the Gala Queen Lilly Coo, the Prince Caleb Long and the Princess Lola Harris. They all looked marvellous and had a great day.

Our guests from Nesles, who were staying with the Isleham Twinning Organisation this weekend, also joined in the fun and entered the parade.



Bet Palmer leaves the opposition standing

There were impressive displays in the Main Ring throughout the afternoon from the Glen Morrison Pipe Band, the Soham Fenlander Majorettes and the Kuk Sool Won Korean Martial Arts display team and our thanks go to them.

The High Street Baptist Church put on a superb experience for children of all ages and fans of the Land of Narnia entitled 'Beyond the Wardrobe'. A treemendous (sorry!) amount of work went into creating the display. Well done.

The children's races and wheelbarrow races were again very popular and well organised by Mark Goldsack. If they seemed to be completed a bit quicker this year it may have had something to do with the organisers wanting to watch the football!

The Electric Buggy Race for the Arthur Whitehand Memorial Trophy was won this year by Bet Palmer.

The Children's Fun Run around the village completed the races. Congratulations to all those who took part and thanks to the marshals and helpers for assisting the runners on a very hot afternoon.

The Fun Dog Show was busy despite the hot conditions for the dogs. Our thanks are due to Jackie Riley for organising the event and to all the owners for looking after their dogs so well in the hot weather.

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Time for Change at the Informer

Firstly, can I forward many apologies to the School PTA for missing their article in the last issue. Sorry!

While I have greatly enjoyed the time I have spent putting together the Isleham Informer over the last two years, I feel that the time has come for me to pass the lion's share of my work onto someone else.

So - you know what's coming next - is there anyone who would be willing to take on at least some of the editing and layout for the Isleham Informer? You would need a computer but experience is unecessary and full training and software would be provided. And the rates of pay are not to be sneezed at. (Or even seen.) Please contact me (Ed Mayall) on 01638 780839 or emayall@ onetel.com if you might be able to help at all.

Contributions for the next issue should arrive by 9th November (Happy Birthday Stephanie!), either at my email, or to 94 The Causeway or 32 East Road.

NEW ADVERTISERS

Contact Ian Humpreys on 01638 781796
for details of the ludicrously reasonable rates for advertising in the Isleham Informer.

Isleham WI

Our Summer Outing on June 8th to the Corn Exchange to see 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' was enjoyed by all members who went. Our thanks go to Denise for again coming up trumps.

The July meeting saw Jean Coxall (Cambridge WI Chairman) joining us to debate the rise in subscriptions next year. The meeting was a little heated, so we were pleased when it was time to invite our speaker, Chloe Aldam, who gave us an insight into the Bowen Technique. After refreshments Chloe judged the competition.

July also saw us gaining 2nd place at Gala Day. Our float was The Royal Garden Party, I hear they are all waiting for their call-up papers. With the weather on our side I understand refreshments went well, so thanks to all of you who helped in any way.

At our August meeting, Paula Dolan spoke on hairdressing.

September 14th is our Harvest Supper when we will have a ploughman's supper of course, with desserts and a cuppa. The competition is 'An unusual shaped vegetable'.

October 12th is Members' Night. Sorry, but the Committee members do not know who the speaker will be; this is the one meeting that members run.

November 9th – yes ladies it's Wayne Bailey but doing 'wrapping with a difference' this time. Just in time for Christmas pressies, hopefully Wayne will show us how to get sellotape in the right place! Competition is 'A decorated small box.

December 14th – it's that time again, ladies, dust off your party hats, bring your singing voices and come and enjoy yourself at our Christmas Party.

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For further details please contact Brenda Downey on 01638 780338.



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Calendar of Events for Isleham 2006

New Community Centre Village Hall (front room) Monday 18th September

Isleham Parish Council Village Hall (back room) Monday 2nd October

Isleham Gala Committee Comrades Club

Monday 9th October

Isleham School Half Term

23rd - 30th October

Isleham Parish Council Village Hall (back room) Monday 6th November

Isleham Parish Council Village Hall (back room)

Monday 4th December

Isleham School Autumn Term closes

Tuesday 19th December

If you have any events already planned for the rest of the year, we would be pleased to include them in the diary.

ISLEHAM PARISH COUNCIL

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND A MEETING ABOUT THE

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on

MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2006 at 8PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL (FRONT ROOM).

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS ABOUT THIS PROJECT.

The Parish Council are hoping to form a steering committee for this project from this meeting so please be there if you are interested in being involved.

Further details from Isleham Parish Clerk Diane Bayliss 01638 781687.

Village Hall Committee

We need some willing people to join the committee and help with organisation and maintenance of the hall. If you would like further information, please contact Jeanette Malkin on 016380 780 283. Thank you.

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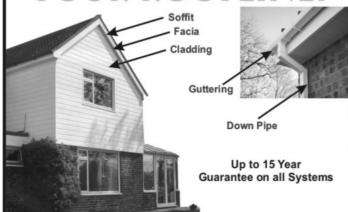
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Sri Lanka Appeal

On Saturday July 15th I had the pleasure of hosting a summer concert in the church given by the Aquarius Singers from Bury St. Edmunds. The evening was organised as a fund raising event for my Sri Lankan, Chaini Tsunami Appeal and, including additional donations I have received from those unable to attend, the final amount raised was a princely £610.44.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended and, in particular, everybody who gave their time so generously to make the evening both highly enjoyable and profitable.

Many of those who attended have asked me to convey my thanks to the Aquarius Singers who entertained us all royally with a programme ranging from Gilbert and Sullivan to West Indian calypsos.

The proceeds of the evening have taken the overall funds raised in the last fifteen months to over £5000, all of which has or will go directly to the refugees of the Boxing Day tsunami in the Galle area of Sri Lanka.

Robert Myson. e-mail address: Roblites@aol.com

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The Fancy Dress Competition, Baby Show for Girls and Boys and Mini Mr and Miss Isleham were held in the Small Ring and were again well attended. More entries in the Fancy Dress from the floats and parade next year please!

The Handwriting Competition for Children at Isleham Primary School and the Art Competition were displayed in the Village Hall and well done to Isleham PTA and to Barbara Murfitt and Pauline Wynne for organising and judging this year. The standard of entries were extremely high.



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The Nesles Contingent, plus a few locals

Once again the WI provided a marvellous selection of home-prepared food and drink in the Village Hall. They provided a welcome relief for everyone on the day.

The Fruit and Veg Show, the Flower Arranging, the Home Baking Competitions and the Scrap Model Challenge were on display in the Competitions Marquee. We had a lot of entries and thanks also to our judges. We did notice that some of the Home Baking entries disappeared during the football match!

The jousting, mini-assault course and giant slide were as popular as ever this year as were the more traditional fairground attractions. The Gala Committee will always welcome suggestions for other events or rides.

There are of course many people and organisations we need to thank and they are mentioned on the attached list. Our apologies to those that we may have missed.

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. The Gala does cost a considerable amount of money to stage and our thanks go to all of those who are involved with the fundraising.

Finally we would like to gratefully acknowledge the help of all those who helped set up and clear away on the day itself and to the members of 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. If you would like to help with next years Gala then please come along to our AGM, which will be held in The Comrades Club at 8pm on Monday 9th October 2006.

The Gala Committee would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their generosity and help in making this year's Gala Day such a success:

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Puzzles

Isleham Wordseach

We have been somewhat underwhelmed by the response to the Wordsearch since the last issue. So here it is again for for to have a go at now that the evenings are beginning to close in. As an extra incentive, the person (under 14) who finds the greatest proportion of the 22 words associated in some way with Isleham will win ten (10) whole English Pounds!



Anaarams

Last time you were asked to see how many words you could make out of **The Griffin**. There are almost 200, but here are 60 of the more common:

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ISLEHAM GALA 2006 RESULTS

FLOWER ARRANGING

An arrangement depicting a TV Show

Hazel Thompson 1st: Meg Clarke 2nd: 3rd: W Sadler

An arrangement entitles 'The Fens'

1st: D Rutherford 2nd: W Sadler 3rd: W Taylor Vase of Mixed Herbs

Richard Clarke 1st:

W Sadler 2nd: Abigail Bailey 3rd:

3 Pansies

1st: Anna and Roseanna Thompson

2nd: Sheila Taylor Ray Graham 3rd: 6 Stems of Sweet Peas 1st: Pauline Wilkes 2nd: Ray Graham Richard Clarke 3rd:

Single Rose Stem

Roseanna Thompson 1st:

2nd: Kea Haw 3rd: Ray Graham

Best in Show: Roseanna Thompson Overall point winner for section: W Sadler

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

4 Potatoes

1st: Ray Graham 2nd: R Clarke 3rd: T Doggett

4 Broad Bean

Very sorry, didn't get a name 1st: 2nd: Very sorry, didn't get a name

D Drayton 3rd:

A basket of produce from my garden or allotment

1st: Tony Dogaett 2nd: R Clarke 4 Sticks of Rhubarb Richard Haw 1st.

2nd: D Drayton 3rd: K Carver

4 Beetroot

1st: Richard Clarke 2nd: D Drayton T Doggett 3rd: A Plate of Raspberries 1st: Ray Graham 2nd: T Doggett Best in Show: Ray Graham

Overall point winner for section: T Doggett

HOME BAKING

6 Malted Bread Rolls

Michelle Haw 1st: 2nd: Sheila Roberts 3rd: Mia Roberts White Loaf of Bread

> Richard Radcliffe 1st: 2nd: Roseanna Thompson

3rd: Will Taylor

6 Jam Tarts

1st: Alison Drinkwater 2nd: Alison Gutteridge 3rd: Ginette Hawes

6 Fairy Cakes

K Carver 1st• 2nd: A Drinkwater 3rd: M Farr

Lemon Cake

1st: D Rutherford

2nd: Very sorry, didn't get a name

3rd: Neil Dyson Best in Show: D Rutherford

Overall point winner for section: Alison Drinkwater

CHILDREN

6 Mini Mud Pies

1st:

1st: Kea Haw 2nd: Phoebe Fallon 3rd: Ellie Richards

6 Biscuits decorated for the Football World Cup

Ellie Richards 1st:

'Sweet' Football Player or Supporter Mike Germany

2nd: **Tim Germany** Martha Germany 3rd: Flowers in a Decorated Jam Jar 1st: Phoebe Fallon 2nd: Anna Thompson 3rd: Annie Radcliffe

Overall point winner for section: Ellie Richards

CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

UNDER 4 on 31/8/06 - A BUS

Best in Show: Phoebe Fallon

Max Blanchard 1st: Martha Bowker 2nd: Niamh Gilbert Annabelle Riley 3rd: Beth Buchan Jacob Daniels

AGED 4-7 on 31/8/06 - A FAST CAR

1st: Thomas French 2nd: Kirstee Delanev 3rd: Magan Forder

AGED 8-11 on 31/8/06 - AN ILLUSTRATED MAP OF

ISLEHAM

1st: Kea Haw Hanif Osman 2nd· SCRAP MODEL CHALLENGE Under 7 years of age on 31/8/06

Jenny Goldsmith 1st: 7-12 years of age on 31/8/06 1st: Jordan Earl

2nd: Jake Hoskins 3rd· Ellie Richards 12-16 years of age on 31/8/06

1st: C Osborn-Brown and K Zitka -

2nd: K Zitka

CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS

Pre-School – Very sorry but didn't get any names

1st: A Pirate

2nd: Baby in a wheelbarrow 3rd: Paddinaton Bear

MINI MR and MISS ISLEHAM

1st: Charlie Cummins Annabelle Riley 2nd: Daniel May Su-Lin Mulgrew 3rd: Connor Forder Ella Cummins

BABY SHOW

	Boys	Girls
1st:	Dylan Hermance	Kezia Martin
2nd:	Owen Jones	Mya Davies
3rd:	Oliver Glen-Halsey	Leah Isaacson

FUN RUN

unaer 16		
1st:	George Cummings	Libby Milne
2nd:	Ben Crowe	Lydia Vince
3rd:	Dillan Webb	M Sabewerld
Under 10		

1st: Jake Bennett Isabella Caffarli 2nd: Charlie Cummins Leah Markwell 3rd: Dillan Webb Lydia Smith

BICYCLE RACES

Under 10		
1st:	Connor Bedford	Lydia Vince
2nd:	Ethan Coulson	Maisie Vince

WHEELBARROW RACES

Kay Evans

1st: James and Chrissy Miller

Jordan Earl

FLOATS

1st:	Isleham Cubs – Pirates
2nd:	WI – Queens 80th birthday

3rd= Isleham Under 5s – Teddy Bears' Picnic

Busy Bees

Under 14

3rd:

ADULT BUGGY RACE

Arthur Whitehand Memorial Trophy for 2006

1st: Bet Palmer 2nd: Ian Humphreys 3rd: Roy Clarke

ISLEHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

HANDWRITING COMPETITION

Reception: Oliver Cowling and Angharad Bell

Year 1: Owen Gilbert and Natasha

Year 2: Daniel Ingham and Jaclyn Ingham Year 3: Benjamin Edwards and Holly Buchan Year 4: Thomas Wade and Charlotte McGreavy

Year 5: Garry Ellis and Kelly Ingham

Year 6: Dominic Smith and Megan Peachey

DOG SHOW

BEST PUPPY 12 MONTHS & UNDER	Rosie
BEST VETERAN 7YRS +	Bess
BEST CROSSBREED	David
BEST PEDIGREE	Shakira
BEST SHORT COAT	Cash
BEST LONG/ROUGH COAT	Hocky
BEST TRICK	Sophie
BEST WAGGY TAIL	Henry
DOG/OWNER MOST ALIKE	Bonny
FANCY DRESS	Wilfe Casy
JUNIOR HANDLING UP TO 16YRS	Indy
ADULT HANDLING	Indy
PRETTY BITCH	Rosie
HANDSOME DOG	Hocky
BEST MOVEMENT	Sammy
HAPPIEST LOOKING DOG	Henry
ALL WINNERS (Best in Show)	Shakira

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9th September **Jacen & the Rockanauts** + Disco Rock 'n' Roll

> 16th September **Country & Western** 9th October **Gala AGM**

14th October **Tequila Sunrise** Country & Western 2nd December **Haydens County** Country & Western 16th December **Little Raymond and the Rockets** Rock 'n' Roll

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5th JUNE

PRESENT Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Neal, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Carter, Cllr Puckey, Cllr Beckett, 7 Parishoners.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE from Cllrs Bishop, Cave, Garbett, Mrs Gannon, C.C. Powley, C.C. Mrs Broadway.

POLICE REPORT – NEWSLETTER – Police Surgery 15th June – The Clerk will contact Mr Ellwood to notify him of this so that he can take his concern about yellow lines and other highway matters to the local police. The parishioners expressed a wish during parishioners' question time for the Parish Council to contact police with regard to action towards those who continue to disregard the double yellow lines around the village.

Cambridgeshire Constabulary – Distraction Burglaries – It was generally felt that a Village Policeman would help in these situations, the Clerk will talk to the PCSO regarding this matter.

REPORT FROM VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE A meeting of the Village Hall Committee was held on 25th May. The Old Time Dance Class has stopped because the gentleman who ran the class was killed in a car accident and there is no one else to run it. The committee are still needing to remind people to pay monthly. A quote for £544 has been received for cleaning and polishing the floor of the hall, this needs doing and will be done in the summer when the hall is less in demand.

Disabled entrances needed at front and back of Hall. Specification for width of door may be a problem at the back door – this will be looked into.

A new urn is to be purchased as soon as possible.

REPORT FROM RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE The hedge has been disposed of and Bleck have started work today A problem has arisen with chalk under the soil, so a 20 tonne 360 machine is coming in tomorrow. Questions need to be asked concerning the original report, and the Football Foundation will be contacted to see if they will release £1280 contingency monies.

Fencing is being brought in for the whole area as per health and safety requirements.

WICKSTEED PLAY AREA REPORT Cllr Puckey and Cllr Mrs Malkin will look at this report and take into consideration the possible repair or replacement of the play area equipment in the near future.

GRASS CUTTING The Clerk will send a letter to Truelink with accompanying photographs making a complaint about the poor grass cutting in the village at West Street/Hall Barn Road, Maltings Lane and the Priory. A request will be made that someone from the

company meet with one or two councillors to discuss the problem.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT AND BUSINESS Information is being gathered and the paperwork is underway regarding 2 Church St, and, although work has been carried out on the property, an order is still to be served to the owner.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS Construction of 3 Bedroom detached bungalow at 8 Hall Barn Road for BJ & AB Bird – It was proposed by Cllr Chaplin and seconded by Cllr Puckey that an objection be made on the grounds of overdevelopment of site, as per previous application. Also the councillors would like to see an up-to-date plan showing all other permissions granted on this site.

Change to siting of isolation unit at Cambria Farm, 29 Prickwillow Road for Ms J Wilton-Clarke – no objection. Illuminated fascia letters at Priory Garage, 8 Church Street, Isleham – Objection on the grounds that this is a conservation area.

Construction of 1st floor link extension over garage at 2 St Andrews Close Isleham for Mr & Mrs Cheal – no objection.

Construction of 1st floor link extension over garage at 4 St Andrews Close Isleham for Mr & Dr Bond – no objection.

PLANNING APPROVALS Change of use from disused shop to residential at 15 Church Street for Mr & Mrs S Newman of Oak framed garden room at 5 Priory Gardens for Dr & Mrs Corbin.

Single storey rear extension at 16 Mill Street for Mr & Mrs D Walsh.

Erection of two bedroom dwelling at land adjacent to 21 Sun Street for Mr J Carpenter.

Outline planning for the erection of a single storey dwelling at site south of 18 Hall Barn Rd for D Harris Esq. Construction of detached dwelling, garage and access at 37 Hall Barn Road For Mrs J Carpenter.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 3rd JULY

PRESENT Cllr Carter, Cllr Puckey, Cllr Beckett, Cllr Mrs Mallkin, 5 Parishoners.

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \textbf{APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE} from Cllr Neal, Cllr Cave, Cllr Bishop, C Cllr Powley. \end{tabular}$

POLICE REPORT – NEWSLETTER - Police Surgery 12th July.

REPORT FROM RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA A meeting was held on 21st June re new play area. Two Parishoners attended the meeting and expressed their concerns about the state of the current play area.

Suggestions for improvement of the play area include having the trees lopped back, Mural on back wall of village hall or on the bins, matting replaced with woodchips, put circular bench seat around central tree and remove three bouncy toys. It was suggested that it might be good to have manufacturers out to advise on play equipment

and to look at more activity type equipment. A kickball wall has been suggested however this has been considered before but not accepted by the recreation committee.

It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for September/October for the village and all clubs that use the recreation ground to discuss what is needed. possibly looking at moving the cricket square and the play area, adding a few picnic tables etc.

WICKSTEED report play equipment covered with algae and bird mess the equipment needs pressure washing, and repair or painting. Works should be carried out over a 12-24 month period. The gate is unsatisfactory. Lots more barbed wire required to keep teenagers out.

The clerk will contact the tree officer and obtain quotes for pressure washing the equipment

HIGHWAYS CCC Heavy Commercial Vehicle Controls – Proposed scheme to get drivers to use route finders, information on GPS will enable lorry drivers to find their required location more easily. Department of Transport will not allow signs for Carrot Factory.

WASH MATTERS Disputes relating to wash matters will be raised at the August PC meeting.

The tenants of the wash land wish to be kept informed of any developments on the wash and do not want a light erected on the wash as this is a nature reserve.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Getting funding for guided bus way the idea being to get traffic off A14
- The amount of new houses allocated for this area is not considered to be enough
- · Double yellow lines in Malting Lane going ahead

Will send an e-mail to PCSO about parking on yellow lines.

PARISH CLERK After interview the council are pleased to offer Mrs Bayliss the position of Clerk to Isleham Parish Council from 1st July 2006 (instead of 1st September).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS Construction of single storey rear extension at 15 Festival Road for Mr M Flatt. First floor side extension at Concord Farm for Mr I Rich. Illuminated fascia letters at Priory Garage, Isleham. 10 Waterside – Query roof height. As long as it is in line with other roofs – no objection.

PLANNING APPROVALS Construction of single storey garage/utility extension at 41 Sun Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs J Woollard.

Problems have been highlighted at Little London Drove, there have been up to 10 cars of an evening, litter is being left and it does not feel safe for anyone wanting to walk their dog. Property has been broken into and although a meeting was arranged with the police nobody attended. The Clerk will write to the police to back up these concerns.

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ISLEHAM SOCIETY RIVER TRIP

Thursday 7th July, 2006-07-30

Every summer the Society arranges an outing or two and this year was no exception. The glorious hot weather in July gave a promise of a very pleasant evening trip on the Cam starting from "The Plough" at Fen Ditton, with something to eat and drink there on ourreturn. As arranged, all 27 members who had 'signed up' for the outing duly turned up to board the "Rosie", a converted narrow boat, for our river trip. We were due to leave at 5.30, but after the heat of the day a spectacular thunderstorm raged and the rain poured down. We all sat in an open marquee in the pub garden, with "Rosie" moored nearby, plastic side screens down to keep out at least some of the rain.

The storm raged spectacularly, one ear-splitting 'crack' right overhead being a strike on the nearby church. This cut the electricity to the pub and – because of their alarm system – the gas was also automatically cut off. So, even if we got away – and returned - our evening meal was seriously in doubt!

By around 6.00 pm the rain had eased off and the thunder had moved on. By then ten of our group had decided to 'jump ship' and just seventeen of us boarded the "Rosie". The side curtains were rolled up, dry cushions were provided for everyone and we set off towards Cambridge. Tea and/or coffee was served and we began what turned out to be a thoroughly

enjoyable 2½ hour trip. It could have been a brighter evening but at least we had no more rain.

Seeing the countryside – and part of Cambridge – from the river was a new experience for many of us, enhanced by an interesting commentary on the history, the people and the wildlife of the places we passed. The wildlife was confined to ducks, moorhens and swans, which we fed with pellets thoughtfully provided, but the kingfishers did not appear. They are nesting in a bank close to the Victoria Bridge, right opposite the new riverside apartments but though they had been seen that morning, they were not around as we passed.

We passed the college and city boat houses and turned at the lock at Jesus Green. Tourist boats can run along The Backs in winter but not, because of the summer trippers in punts, between May & October.

The evening remained dry, but with rumbles of thunder in the distance. The sun did put in a pale appearance as we wended our way back to Fen Ditton. Scullers, the occasional 'four' or 'eight', pedestrians on the banks, boat dwellers all waved cheerfully.

The pub kept in touch by mobile phone. Our suppers – ordered in advance – depended on the gas being restored! The technician who was called out to turn the gas on again had arrived and was working on the problem. He was given a bit of extra time to complete his work, for some eight hundred yards from the pub mooring, the barge motor failed! An electrical fault



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meant that the engine would not start. We drifted slowly and quietly with the current into the reeds. The gallant crew then poled us across to the tow path, which is on the opposite bank to the pub, leapt out and, with the aid of two of our party hauled the "Rosie" back, stopping opposite 'The Plough'.

Passing rowers were highly amused by our predicament – but no one offered a tow. The 'bow thruster' was forced into action – just by using the battery – to help get us across the river and we finally tied up alongside, to find that gas and electricity had been restored and food and drink were available. The pub staff were very welcoming and accommodating and not too put out by the cancellation of ten orders. Those who 'jumped ship' will never know what they missed!

Altogether the evening was a happy—and unforget table – outing, a real taste of "messing about in boats". Our thanks to Angela Stubbins for arranging the trip.

Joyce's Corner: The Boat Trip (Not on the Q.E.2)

Our Society had booked for a river cruise The day was hot and sunny. But alas it turned out differently – The weather changed and turned quite funny.

The thunder roared and the lightening flashed, Heavy rain made big puddles on the grass. We ran for shelter to a big marquee And hoped the storm would soon pass.

After quite a while the sun appeared So we made our way to 'Rosie'. On board they welcomed us with tea, The cruise was comfortable and cosy.

We saw parts of Cambridge, river boats and swans The kingfishers were rather shy, and the light was rather dim.

Just ten minutes from home the boat conked out, We thought now folks it's sink or swim.

Some of our gallant men jumped out to tow the boat along.

They got us back safely – but on the opposite bank. With punting poles and broomsticks they pushed us safely over

We nearly squashed a duck, but at least we never sank.

By now we were all starving hungry.
We knew by phone the storm had cut off the power.
As our trip and breakdown had taken so long
The electrics were back on in an hour.

Safely back in the pub we enjoyed our meal In a nice friendly atmosphere. We all agreed we had had a good laugh, And would do it again next year.



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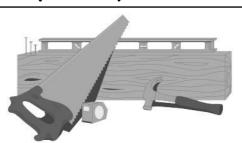
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High Street Church

Il are welcome to our Sunday services throughout the year: 10.30 am morning worship. All ages are very welcome from the very young to the very old. The children have their own activities. **6.30 pm evening fellowship.** A less formal service usually with opportunity for individual sharing. Come and hear about God's goodness! Tea, coffee and good conversation are available after both the morning and evening services!

On Sunday mornings the following children's facilities are available: Crèche is available for babes and tots up to 3 years old: the crèche workers are very experienced and provide a safe, fun playtime for the little ones. Junior Church for those who are aged 3 to 7 is a fun-filled session with singing, crafts, drama and stories. At the Village Hall the older Junior Church meets — children who are 7 to 11 years old. (That's the noise you've heard from the hall on a Sunday morning!) Their morning starts from 10.00 with a craft



followed by a wide range of activities encouraging the children to discover the Christian faith for themselves. We would love to see some new faces and visitors would be made very welcome! Nikao is

the name for the 11 to 14 year olds and on a Sunday morning they receive teaching that is relevant to preteens/teenagers. On a Friday night this group meet socially and have a lot of laughs!

Other Activities during the week:

Our **Rendezvous** group — for the more mature amongst us — meets every Tuesday afternoon at 3 pm. Between 60 and 70 of us enjoy this time together each week but new faces are always welcome.

Luncheon club is for those of retirement age and happens once a month on the second Wednesday from 12-2 pm. An excellent meal for just £1.20 not to

mention the great company! Numbers are limited for this but please contact us if you are interested.

For anybody who would like to come along to either of these groups there is free transport available where necessary.

Perhaps you'd like to be kept informed of any outings we arrange, or you need help to complete some paperwork such as benefit forms, or perhaps you don't know who to ask for help with transport for hospital visiting. Please don't hesitate to ring - we'd love to help if we can. Contact Kathryn 01638 780652 or the church office.

Little Lambs caters for the other end of the age range. This mums' and toddlers' group takes place

on Friday mornings during school terms. (9.15–11.15 am). All are welcome and it's free! Mums/carers come and chat over

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a coffee while the children play. New mums/dads/ grandparents/carers are always welcome — come along and join in the fun. If you'd like to know more

Alpha is well known throughout the country as an excellent



course for those wishing to learn about the Christian faith and we plan to have a new course starting on Tuesday September 12th. The first session is an introductory meal with a brief presentation on the theme 'Christianity: Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?' This is the perfect

opportunity to ask all the questions you've wanted to ask but have never dared - the evening sessions are relaxed and open with conversation over a good meal as well as discussion groups. Why not give it a try? Contact Steve in the church office for more info.

Thanks to all those who visited Narnia on Gala Day – we hope that it brought the film to life for you.

For more information about any of the events at High Street Church or general advice call Steve in the church office on 01638 780985 or Paul Hedger (Church leader) on 01638 721291.

St Andrew's Parish Church

Services

3rd Sunday of each month:

8.00 am **Prayer Book Communion** 10.00 am Family Service 10.00 am Junior Church

All other Sundays

Common Worship Communion 10.00 am 10.00 am 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:

> Robert Savage Nick Carver 38 Sun Street 15 Jubilee Close Isleham CB7 5RU Isleham CB7 5RW 01638 780218 01638 781116

7th October Coffee Morning 10-12 am Social Centre 14th October Singing Practice 10.30 am 1st-3rd December Festival of Light

Gift Day, 15th July

A fantastic sum of £2,000 was raised. Grateful thanks to everyone who contributed. At last, after 5 years of fund raising, we have new heating and lighting in the church. Do come and try it out!

The Rev Anne Haselhurst, Priest-in-Charge for the past year, has now moved, and a new priest in the team of Ministers will be sought. In the meantime the Curate, the Rev Mike Banyard, who lives in Chippenham, is available to all in the village for a listening ear, for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals. His telephone number is 01638 721616.

An Induction Loop Amplifier is now installed in the church. Please switch you hearing aid to T.

If anyone in the village is interested in tracing their family history, do get in touch with Nick Carver, who will be pleased to help.

Pound Lane Free Church

We would like to invite you all to join us in thanking God for His provision for us over the past year in our Harvest Thanksgiving Family Service on Sunday 17th September at 10.30 a.m. Refreshments will follow the service.

We would also be pleased to see you at our Church and Pastor's Anniversary Services led by Mr. Malcolm Laver, on Sunday 22nd October 11.00 am and 6.30pm.

Once again we will be involved in collecting and processing gift filled shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Project. We will be delivering leaflets for this in the near future.

Opening of PLFC Church extension

21st October 2006 6pm

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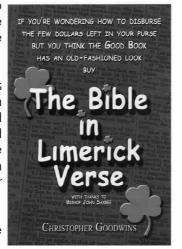
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The new season will have begun by the time you read this, with training having started on 26th July, always in the rain, it seems! For those who have not yet attended, Training is 7 pm every Wednesday at Isleham Recreation ground. All need to improve their current fitness levels.

PLEASE SIGN ON AT TRAINING.

The **AGM** was on Monday 24th July in the Rising Sun and was well supported. The committee this year is as follows: Chairman, Richard Sheldrick; Vice Chairman, Russell Boneham; President, Patrick Piercey; Secretary, Colin Sheldrick; Treasurer, Cynthia Sheldrick; Committee members, Jon Marks, Jason Timmins and Leighton Sheldrick. **Main issues:**

- Signing on fee for players remains at £5.00.
- Match fees remain at £5.00.
- The Reserves will be getting a new kit kindly sponsored by Geoff Hobbs Transport.

- The Rising Sun remains as the Club's headquarters.
- **Fundraising** is a hot topic and there will be social events, such as a Car Trasure Hunt and a Race Night this season that will hopefully aid team bonding and provide vital funds for the club.

Fixtures

Both sides will be facing some different teams this year and will thus have some new pubs to visit!

The **First Team** will welcome Hemingford Untied, Newmarket White Lion, Wisbech St Mary and Witchford 96 to Isleham this season.

The **Second Team** will play more games than last term, with 15 sides in Division 5b, leading to 28 league games to play in addition to any cup games. So not many weeks off this season! There are a few new sides to face, including the Reserve sides of two teams the first team will play: Lode and Longstanton. After having to endure two tough games atainst March Rangers last season, they will come up against the March Reserves, following their first team's promotion. Dataracks Elite who also play at Cottenham and resume battle against near neighbours Wicken who have dramatically dropped from 1b to 5b in a very short time.

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