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New Parish Council elected



Back row L to R: Terry Carter, Geoff Garbett, Hazel Thompson, Elaine Hobbs, Steven Puckey, Derrick Beckett. **Front row L to R:** Lionel Neal, Pauline Wilkes, Roseanna Thompson, Jeanette Malkin, Diane Bayliss (Parish Clerk). Ian Bishop absent.

Many thanks to all of those who cast their votes in the Parish Council Election and we hope that the new Council will meet your expectations.

Derrick Beckett takes over as Chair, Terry Carter is Vice Chair, Steve Puckey is in charge of Health and Safety, Jeanette Malkin heads the Village Hall Sub-Committee and Geoff Garbett the Recreation Ground Sub-Committee.

In addition, Derrick Beckett was elected to the District Council. He thanks those who voted for him and states that he will do his best to serve the village both as District Councillor and Chair of the Parish Council.

Isleham Parish Council

Parish of Isleham election results

Candidate	Votes	Result
BECKETT Derrick Sidney	453	Elected
BISHOP Ian	341	Elected
BOROK Victor	58	Not elected
CAFFARELLI Marco	179	Not elected*
CARTER Terence William	179	Elected*
CAVE Henry	67	Not elected
CHAPLIN Paul	114	Not elected
GARBETT Geoffrey Stephen	251	Elected
HOBBS Elaine Mary	224	Elected
MALKIN Jeanette Margaret	318	Elected
NEAL Lionel Walter	272	Elected
PUCKEY Steven	198	Elected
THOMPSON Hazel	292	Elected
THOMPSON Roseanna	287	Elected
WILKES Pauline Ann	379	Elected

* These Candidates had the same number of votes; one only was needed to fill the last vacancy, and so lots were drawn. T W Carter's name was selected.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, NEW GALA QUEEN CHOSEN: see page 6

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From the Editor

When the Isleham Informer was started four whole years ago, it was a bimonthly publication. Later, the paucity of contributions received necessitated its downgrading to a quarterly. Now, however, we are struggling to fit everything in and are therefore happy to announce that once again, there will be six issues each year. Hopefully this will result in Isleham being Informed of village news and events more quickly than previously. The annual cost to advertisers will obviously increase by 50%, but so will their visibility. We will still, of course, require villagers to help us keep everything up to date.

The deadline for contributions to the August issue will be 9th July and we will be giving special emphasis to the Gala, so if you have any reflections or stories, please send them in: email ed@islehaminformer.org.uk or to Glenda Preece at 94 The Causeway. ■

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Next issue

The next issue will be published 1st August 2007. The copy deadline for all editorial and advertising is 9th July 2007.

Erratum

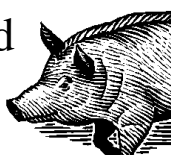
In the March 2007 issue of the Isleham Informer, it was stated on page 4 that because of the extension to the Recreation Ground, the short cut through the area was closed. We have since learned that there has never been an official short cut to Hall Barn Road here and (quite probably) never will be: anyone who does cut through the field is trespassing. We apologise for any confusion that the statement may have caused.

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VILLAGE NOTES

Busy Bees Baby & Toddler Group

Thanks to everyone who helped with the 'Sponsored Bounce'. The next important date in the diary is Gala Day on Saturday 7th July. Busy Bees will have a float, and this is a great way to have fun, raise money and advertise our group, all at the same time. Last year we came joint third, and this year we will be trying our hardest to improve that position. We need to find someone who can get us some straw, and someone who is good at face painting. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

Staploe Medical Centre News

Village Benefits Advice Service

In a scheme run by Cambridgeshire County Council, the Village Benefits stand is manned on the first Thursday of every month in the reception foyer of the Staploe Medical Centre in Soham, to provide details of benefits that are available to people living in rural villages. Next dates are June 7th and July 5th.

Baby Clinic

The Isleham baby clinic is held every Thursday 11.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Village Hall back room.

Freckenham Open Gardens

On Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June, 10 am to 6 pm, there will be thirteen gardens open in Freckenham. Tickets are £3 per adult, available on the days from the Village Hall, Fordham Road, Freckenham where there will also be teas, local photographs and a plant stall. The village church will be open on Sunday 17th from 11 am to 5 pm. ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHS

DILLEY Twin daughters, Georgia and Faith, for Sian and Andrew. Born 27th January 2007 at the Rosie Maternity Hospital.

TODD A son, George Ronald, for Kelly and Gary. Born 3rd March 2007 at the Rosie Maternity Hospital, weighing 6lb 13oz.

DEATH

WIGHTMAN: May, passed away 5th May 2007, at her home in New Zealand, aged 88. Beloved wife of Bob, mother of Robert and Leslie, grandmother to four and great grandmother to eight. May and Bob ran Wightman's Shop on Church Street from 1963 to 1984.

If you would like a birth, marriage, anniversary or death announcement included please telephone or email the Editor or any of the other Informer staff members (see Contacts on page 2). We are happy to print information about Isleham residents or people with relevant Isleham connections.



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2001 Y Toyota Landcruiser Amazon VX Active TD auto, metallic silver, full leather, 7 seats, A/W, radio/cassette/CD multi, full electrics pack, alarm, S/R, A/W, climate control, F/S/H, 50000 miles£17695.00

2001 51 Renault Megane Dynamique 1.4, metallic blue, radio/cassette/CD multi, A/C, A/W, 20000 miles..... £3995.00

2000 X Citroen Saxo VTR 1.6 metallic silver, A/W, P/A/S, radio/CD, S/R, E/W,C/L, 48000 miles, F/S/H £3295.00

Community Centre Update

Considerable progress has been made since my last report, three months ago. Of massive positive impact has been the foresight shown by the Parish Council in the proposed sale of land adjoining the cemetery (as announced in the last Informer) and allocation of some of the proceeds to the Community Centre. This great news, together with an encouraging verbal response from a representative of one major grant source, has given us sufficient confidence to instruct our architects to start drawing up plans for an impressive multi-purpose complex that we truly believe would prove to be an enormous asset to the village. I must stress the word 'would' – we still face obstacles.

To whet your appetite... the centre being planned is about 1100 square metres, and would hopefully provide at least the following:

- Superb changing facilities to accommodate the ever-increasing sporting activities in the village
- A large, impressive, sub-dividable function hall for wedding receptions, drama productions etc., with a stage, lighting, and access to a well-equipped kitchen and to a bar
- Multi-purpose meeting/conference rooms
- A bar/coffee lounge with access to indoor and outdoor children's play-areas
- Two offices (one for the Parish Clerk)
- Toilets and cloakrooms
- Internal and external storage
- Patio areas, landscaping, car parking, lighting, security systems etc.

The centre will cater for the disabled and address environmental issues.

It is hoped that initial drawings will be available by Gala Day. As far as siting, design etc. of the Centre is concerned, we await suggestions from the architects.

Now I must refer to some of the more major remaining challenges. In addition to likely sources of income referred to above, we need at least one more 'substantial' grant to more or less guarantee our

ultimate Centre. Over the coming weeks and months we will be making many applications, but arguably the Big Lottery is our best chance for a substantial grant. Unfortunately, because of the 2012 Olympic Games, grants from this source are stopping in the near future. To even stand a chance with the Big Lottery in the next two years we had to make an application by the end of April. Ian Thorburn in particular 'burned the midnight oil' to achieve this deadline – the amount and diversity of supportive information required is beyond belief!

I have named Ian, but thanks are also due to the many others have also stepped forward to offer their help, and the individuals and organisations who supplied some of the supportive information.

Incidentally, this also includes a Business Plan that covers many areas, including how the Centre would be run and how it would be financed post construction. Our calculations are that it would, at least, break even financially from Year 1 onwards. We also have a vision as to how it would be managed, but need to discuss these ideas with the Parish Council before giving further details.

Time is on our side, as we have now to wait patiently for a decision from the Big Lottery. In fact, it will be well over a year, even if our Stage 1 application is successful, before we learn whether or not we are to be granted money.

Another major challenge is to be placed on you, me and all other residents of Isleham. All major grant providers, before giving us money, require evidence of what they describe as matched funding. Basically this means that we have to show them that we have committed some of our monies to the project before they will commit theirs. Back in 1952, when the Village Hall was built, the residents had to contribute 50% of the cost – and they did. Thanks mainly to the proposed monies from the Parish Council, the contribution required from us is only about 5% – but this still equates to many thousands of pounds. We will be seeking corporate and other business sponsorship as well as organising various fund-raising events, but, when called upon we will need a generous response from you also. In the meantime if you would like to organise a fund-raising event then please contact Diane Bayliss (01638 781687): we can help publicise it.

We are in the process of establishing a charitable trust, to be known as the Isleham Community Association. When this, with its own bank account, is in place we will be requesting donations by cheque, standing orders etc. As I stated in the last edition of the Informer, the time is coming for us to stand up and be counted. Residents did this in 1952 – are we prepared to make similar sacrifices? With your help, and one more substantial grant, Isleham should have its multi-purpose Community Centre which we, and the vast majority of the respondents to our questionnaire, believe will be of immeasurable benefit to the village.

Philip Aspland, Chair, Steering Committee.

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Twinning Society

The next visit to Nesles occurs as you read this, the first weekend in June. For those of you who have never visited Nesles, the village is less than an hour's easy drive south of Calais. Most of us are arriving on the afternoon/evening of Friday 1st June and will be returning late in the afternoon of Sunday 3rd June. We stay with host families, many of whom speak English, who usually take us out and about the French countryside to see and experience things that most tourists and visitors didn't know existed! There is often an evening of entertainment and/or a group meal. As some of our regulars are unable to go this year owing to prior engagements, we are all going by car instead of by coach, and a contribution towards crossing expenses has been made available. We, and the village of Nesles, would love to see more children, families and young people attend in the future, as there are several youngsters involved in Nesles' society. Further details are available from members of the committee.

Finally, our thanks to all those who donated prizes etc. and attended our Bingo in March, and do watch out for news of a coffee morning at Gill Styman's, and a paper quiz, in the near future.

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Isleham Gala Day

25TH ANNIVERSARY • SATURDAY 7TH JULY

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2007 Gala Queen, Prince and Princess competition results

The final of the Competition to find the 2007 Gala Queen, Prince and Princess was held on Friday 11th May at Isleham Village Hall. 24 children entered the competition and more than 100 parents and children thoroughly enjoyed the disco.

Congratulations to Holly Hermance, aged 9, who was crowned the 2007 Gala Queen, to Heidi Gatter, aged 8, the Gala Princess and to Jake Hoskins, aged 9, the Prince. All the children attend Isleham Primary School. The winners will lead the procession of floats through the village to the recreation ground at the Gala which will be held on Saturday 7th July from 1 pm.

Thank you to our independent judges Pauline Cooke and Ian Shooter of the Garden Design Centre at Scotsdales Garden Centre, Great Shelford, Cambridge. Also thank you to Graeme and Angela Wells who generously sponsor the prize money presented to the winners, JM & MA Thompson & Sons (farmers in the village) for sponsoring the disco and Isleham Guides for supplying the refreshments for the children.

New Scarecrow Competition and much more on the day

Once again there will be plenty to do on Gala Day: events include the new Scarecrow Competition, Punch & Judy, balloon modelling, stalls, craft marquee, barbecue and a Real Ale bar, dog show, children's fun run and other races, displays, amusements and much more.

See page 7 (right) and look for posters around the village and in shop windows for details of the competitions, and keep your copy of the Gala Programme that you should find inside this issue of the *Informer*. Programmes are also available from Roseanna Thompson.

If you are able to help during the day or evening of Gala Day please contact Roseanna. See you there!

- Further details about the Gala are available from Roseanna Thompson on 01638 780994.
- To book a stall or a table in the craft marquee please contact Barbara Murfitt on 01638 780373.
- For details about the dog show please contact Jackie Riley on 07939003681.

Can you help?

To help commemorate 25 years of the new Gala, the Gala Committee are trying to find the albums that contained photos from 1982 to 1995. We know these were kept, but do you have any idea where they might be?

The Committee also need a large rope suitable for a tug-o'-war, 10 cm diameter, 35 m long.

If you can help please contact committee member Fred Preece on 01638 780734.



Gala Queen
Holly Hermance, right;
Gala Princess
Heidi Gatter, left;
and Gala Prince
Jake Hoskins, centre.

GALA DAY COMPETITIONS

ART COMPETITION

To be displayed in the Village Hall.

Kindly sponsored by Bryan and Pauline Wynne.

Entry forms will be distributed through the Playgroup, the Post Office and the Paper Shop.

Closing date: Friday 29th June

Entries to the Playgroup before 3.30 pm on the day

Eligibility: under 5 years of age on 31st August 2007

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The following competitions must all be entered on the day between 11 am and 12 noon and will be displayed in the Fruit and Vegetable Tent

1. Rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places

2. Best in Section prize

3. Overall Section Winner (points tally) prize

4. Entry 50p per item or 3 for £1.00

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NEW SCARECROW COMPETITION

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1. 5 to 7 years of age on 31st August 2007

2. 8 to 11 years of age on 31st August 2007

3. 12 to 16 years of age and over on 31st August 2007

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE COMPETITION

1. Four potatoes

2. Four broad beans

3. Four courgettes

4. Four carrots

5. A basket of produce from your garden or allotment

6. Four sticks of rhubarb

7. A bowl of mixed soft fruit

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FLOWER ARRANGING COMPETITION

Rules:

A. Staging 2'6".

B. Accessories may be used.

C. Fresh flowers and foliage must predominate.

D. No silk, artificial or dried.

E. Drapes, stands etc to be provided by exhibitor.

1. An arrangement entitled 'Gala Day'

2. A vase of flowers from your garden

3. Vase of mixed herbs

4. Six stems of sweet peas

5. Single rose stem

6. Three pansies

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GROWN-UPS HOME BAKING

1. Six wholemeal bread rolls

2. 1lb loaf of white bread (breadmakers permitted)

3. Six fairy cakes

4. Apple crumble

5. Chocolate cake to this recipe: 7oz self-raising flour,

8oz caster sugar, 3/4 tsp salt, 2 tbsp cocoa powder,

4oz margarine/butter, 2 eggs beaten with 5 tbsp

evaporated milk, 5 tbsp water, 1 tsp vanilla essence. Sift

together the dry ingredients then rub in the margarine.

Next, stir in the liquid ingredients and beat well. Pour into two 8" cake tins – this mixture is quite runny. Cook at 180°C, 325/350°F or gas mark 3 or 4. When cool, sandwich together with chocolate butter icing.

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CHILDRENS HOME BAKING

Under 12 years of age on 31st August 2007.

1. Six decorated fairy cakes

2. A biscuit face

3. A small plate/container of cress grown from seed

4. A country garden on a plate

5. A flower arrangement in a decorated jam jar

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ENTRY ON THE DAY

• Children's Fancy Dress

• Mini Mr and Miss Isleham: age 2 years to pre-school (open to Isleham Residents – please complete entry form on the day)

• Baby Show: up to 23 months (open to all), boys and girls

• Boys and Girls Under 16 Running Race

• Boys and Girls Under 10 Running Race

• Boys and Girls Under 16 Cycling Race

• Children's Fun Races

• Wheelbarrow Races

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• 4pm Adult Electric Buggy Race

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Parish Council News

The following are the abbreviated and incomplete versions of the IPC minutes for the February and March meetings. Please remember that any parishioner may request a copy of the full minutes from the IPC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2007

PRESENT Cllrs. Carter, Neal, Beckett, Puckey, Cave, Garbett, Mrs Malkin, nine parishioners.

Apologies for absence Mrs Gannon, Chaplin, Bishop, C.C. Powley.

POLICE MATTERS Police Report

- PCSO Gaynor Foster now only working three days per week, is Kieran covering for her? Can we have a phone number for him? Can the council write to the police saying that we are getting very little contact or information?

Neighbourhood Panel

- Unfortunately no one from Isleham attended the meeting, as people don't seem to know it is on. This is an opportunity for members of the public to express their views about the Police, District Council and County Council.
- After the November meeting police were asked to take action at Thirwall Drive in Fordham – there has been a bigger police presence, Hereward Housing are also taking action. Speeding has been and continues to be addressed in all villages.
- The next meeting will be held on 21st March at Soham Pavilion. This will be attended by representatives from District Council and Environmental Services to discuss the refuse collection trials.

Antisocial Behaviour

- District Council have set aside money to deal with antisocial behaviour problems.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Report from Village Hall Committee

- Conditions of hire almost ready to be sent out.
- New strip light diffusers put on.
- Need to keep standards up at the village hall until the new community centre is built.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

Report from Recreation Ground Committee

- Blec have finished works to New Recreation Ground extra area has all been seeded.
- Football Foundation must have signage erecting three signs centre of each side. Will there be signs for ECDC as they contributed as well?
- Next payment date from Football Foundation 14th February.
- New Recreation Ground needs rolling.
- The Council need to be looking for a tractor with turf tyres before the grass cutting season.
- To appoint architect for New Community Centre. Several practices interviewed. Johns Practice selected from these. It was agreed that they be appointed subject to contract.
- Resurfacing Play Area: It was agreed that the chairman and Mrs Malkin make the decision about the resurfacing of the Play Area.
- Mr Cox and Mrs Malkin have tried to pressure wash the play area but with no success, Chris Harvey is willing to pressure wash the algae off the rubber surfacing at a charge £250 per day however there will be no charge if it does not work. It was agreed that the chairman and Mrs Malkin make a decision regarding this problem.

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- CCC RE: East Fen Drove - It is not possible to widen this road at present. However, the council would like to write to the County Council and County Councillor Powley about the roundabout that is overdue on the Soham By-pass.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read and duly noted by the council:

- Mr Irfan Yasan – It was agreed that the P.C. refuse the application for a burger van to be placed on the Priory Green.
- Staploe Transport Association: there is £400 allocated in the budget for this service. It was agreed that the donation be paid.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- East Fen Drove improvements involves a land purchase.

- Possible cut to Mobile Library services to Isleham – a budget amendment has been put forward to try and see if the service can be retained. The service could be cut by 25%. If possible urge every one who uses the service write to the county councillors.
- Neighbourhood Panel well attended.
- Police budget – no cut in numbers of police 1410 police in county
- Cllr Mrs Malkin: East Fen Drove – can reflective tape be placed on passing place posts and blue passing place signs be replaced? This will be included in the letters to the County Council and County Councillor Powley.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Transport and Access Group to look at Isleham and Fordham parishes – nobody in Isleham can get public transport to a doctor's surgery. This needs to be pursued. County Council should do a traffic survey on the road to Soham at peak periods.

APPRENTICE GRANT

- It was agreed that the grant be paid to Carla Ogilvie.

PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

- Insertion of windows and internal alterations at Industrial Unit 22 Hall Barn Road, Isleham – no objection.
- Erection of Car Port (Retrospective) at 48 Pound Lane, Isleham for Mr D Rutterford – no objection.

Planning Approvals

- Log Cabin for recreational games room at The Crown, Isleham for Mr P Davis and Mrs E Palmius
- 06/01241/FUL Construction of detached garage at 11 West Street, Isleham for Mr M Capp
- Proposed chalet bungalow and detached garage at 50 West Street, Isleham for Essencehomes Ltd.
- 06/01165/FUL Change of use from residential to annexe at 7 Mill Street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Bryson-Hill

Planning Refusals

- Erection of two dwellings and replacement parking for 48 West street, Isleham for Mr & Mrs Fleet

Allotment Roadway

- Has been improved; however, there is overusage of the roadway that needs to be looked into. It was agreed that the shed for Mr Thorburn be approved.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD

MONDAY 5 MARCH 2007

Present Cllrs. Carter Neal, Cave, Garbett, Bishop, Chaplin, Beckett, Puckey, nine parishoners

Apologies Cllr Mrs Malkin, Borok, C Cllr Powley,

MATTERS ARISING (for information only)

- Mr Cox had a different pressure washer and made a good job of cleaning the play area. It will need re-doing when the weather is drier. ➡➡

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POLICE MATTERS

Police Report

- There was no police report given at this meeting.
- Letter from Inspector Adam Gallop.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

Report from Village Hall Committee

- There was no report from the village hall committee
- It was agreed that a notice board be attached to the side wall of the village hall.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

Report from Recreation Ground Committee

- Received £15,955 from the Football Foundation.
- The ground is a little rutted and needs to be rolled, use of a roller has been procured and also the finance committee has agreed to the purchase of a tractor with grass tyres.
- A note of thanks has been sent to Mr Thompsett.
- ECDC received a grant from The Big Lottery Fund, £200,000. Isleham picked out of one of the first – grant £11,250. PC need to match fund up to £3,750

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Transport & Access County & District: Isleham comes out top of the black spots for lack of any public transport whatsoever; anything said is always responded to with 'we have no money'. The vicar of the Three Rivers parishes, Rev Mike Banyard, is working as coordinator for a car sharing scheme.
- East Cambs are trailing alternate week rubbish collection, they seem to think it works quite well, two councillors head of environment services will be at neighbourhood panel. Food waste can go every week either in the black bag or brown bag, they also do a nappy collection.

Finance Working Party

- Agreed to purchase a tractor.
- Grant for Play Area: noted that an amount had been set aside to match fund the grant.
- Lloyds TSB – Garbett/Cave
- Youth Bus _ small amount of funding available for youth club: £150

ALLOTMENT MATTERS

Dunstall Allotment Working Party

- Cllr Beckett contacted as district councillor.
- The use of tractors needs to be restricted.
- Chalk that has been removed from the cemetery could be used in the roadway.
- Conditions of hire of allotments – could this be reviewed?

LATE SUBMISSIONS

- Mobile Library – timetable
- Sheldricks Road: the grips not been dug out – Highways
- Brand new tractor: £7,000 + VAT. Can the council investigate it? Should be investigated. It was agreed that if the tractor is suitable it be purchased.■

Parish Councillors address list

Derrick Beckett (Chairman)	Appleyard Farm, 1 Houghtons Lane, Isleham CB7 5SR Tel: 01638 780476
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Lionel Neal	104 Beck Road, Isleham CB7 5QP Tel: 01638 781066
Geoff Garbett	16 Croft Road, Isleham CB7 5QR Tel: 01638 780863
Ian Bishop	17 Sun Street, Isleham CB7 5RT Tel: 01638 780256
Elaine Hobbs	49 Hall Barn Road, Isleham, CB7 5QZ Tel: 01638 781681
Hazel Thompson	9 Limestone Close, Isleham CB7 5RP Tel: 01638 780633
Roseanna Thompson	1 Fen Bank, Isleham CB7 5SL Tel: 01638 780994
Pauline Wilkes	6 Limestone Close, Isleham CB7 5RP Tel: 01638 780640
Diane Bayliss (Parish Clerk)	37 Croft Road, Isleham CB7 5QR Tel: 01638 781687

Neighbourhood Panel meeting

The next Neighbourhood Panel meeting will take place at Victoria Hall in Fordham on Wednesday 20th June at 7 pm.

The Panel is made up of Parish, District and County Councillors and local representatives from Chippenham, Snailwell, Soham, Isleham, Fordham, Kennett and Wicken.

The role of the panel is to discuss concerns in the area such as policing, health, housing and children and young people and the panel aims to work with the relevant agencies such as the Police, District Council, Hereward Housing and the County Council to tackle these issues. The meeting gives members of the public the opportunity to raise issues and to witness the decision making process. Everyone is welcome and teas and coffees are available at 6.45 pm when the doors open.

If you would like any further information please feel free to contact Jane or Annette on 01353 616352 or email isp2@eastcambs.gov.uk ■

Dial-a-Ride

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Ely Maltings cinema listings for June

Sunday 3rd: 7.30 pm **Amazing Grace** (PG)
Starring: Rufus Sewell, Ioan Gruffudd, Ciarán Hinds.
118 minutes.

Sunday 10th, 7.30 pm **Blades of Glory** (12A)
Starring: Will Ferrell, Will Arnett, Amy Poehler.
93 minutes.

Thursday 14th, 7.30 pm **Curse of the Golden Flower** (15)
Starring: Chow Yun-Fat, Ye Liu, Gong Li. Subtitled.
114 minutes

Sunday 17th, 7.30 pm **Becoming Jane** (PG)
Starring: Maggie Smith, Anne Hathaway, James McAvoy, Julie Walters. 120 minutes.

Thursday 21st, 7.30 pm **Fast Food Nation** (15)
Starring: Bruce Willis, Greg Kinnear, Catalina Moreno.
113 minutes.

Thursday 28th, 7.30 pm **Fracture** (15) Starring:
David Strathairn, Ryan Gosling, Anthony Hopkins.
114 minutes.

More details at www.adec.org.uk/what/cinema.html

Stops for Mobile Library

Stops alternate Thursdays.

Next visits: 14th June, 28th June, 12th July, 26th July.

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- Newmarket	01638 665999
District Councillor (Derrick Beckett)	01638 780476
Isleham Village Hall (Jeanette Malkin)	01638 780283
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The Phoenix Players present...

'Whodidit?' in Isleham!

Our local drama group gave two performances of their latest production 'The Fat Lady Sings in Little Grimley' at the Lodge Hotel in Soham on 2nd May and at the Comrades Club in Isleham on the 4th May. Both audiences obviously enjoyed this hilarious comedy, which starred Roy and Anne Pallett, Carolyn Bird and John Bedford.

Our next production is a zany spoof whodunnit called 'Whodidit?' that we intend to perform in the Village Hall around the middle of July. Exact dates for performances will be announced nearer to the time. Some people have questioned whether Isleham is really ready for an off-beat show like this. Well, we're not going to let the doubters win – so come along, enjoy the show and prove them wrong!

Phoenix Juniors drama workshops

We also have decided to reorganise the way that our Junior section is run. For the past two years, the Juniors have met on Monday evenings during term-times. However, we find the problem with this is that it is difficult to put on productions when the group only meets once a week. Experience shows that any production needs to be rehearsed at least twice a week in order to attain the necessary standard for public performance. However we are well aware that during term-time

children have many conflicting pressures on their time – including homework of course! We do not think it is realistic to expect any child to be able to spare the time to attend Phoenix Juniors twice weekly during term-time on a regular basis.

Consequently we have decided to concentrate activities by the Phoenix Juniors into various workshops during the spring and summer holidays and also at half-term holidays. Typically a workshop would last for three days and we would aim to give the children instruction on many aspects of amateur theatre, including acting, prompting, make-up, set design, sound effects, dance and choreography. Workshops would almost certainly be held in the Village Hall, and would last about seven hours per day. At the end of most workshops, there would be a short performance by the children, to which parents would be invited. We do not aim to make money out of this, but simply to give sound tuition on drama and to cover our costs. Provided that there is sufficient interest, the cost of a typical three-day workshop should be no more than about £20.

We hope to encourage more of the village children to take part in amateur drama. If you are interested, please contact Doreen Speirs on 01638 780783. Doreen will shortly be making arrangements for our first workshop to be held during the summer holidays. ■

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I haven't been on holiday
I've never been to Spain,
Nor seen the sights of Paris
Or sailed the River Seine.

I've never been to Florida
To see Donald Duck's retreat.
I see lots of 'Mickey Mouses'
When I cycle up the street.

I have no desire for India,
It looks bad enough on telly.
What's the good of going there
Just to get the 'Delhi Belly!'

I haven't been to Egypt,
Or travelled down the Nile.
The Sphinx looks much too serious.
I like someone with a smile.

Hazel went to Portugal.
'It's lovely here', she said.
Then fell backwards off a chair
And had six stitches in her head.

I love sitting in my garden
Watching birds feed from a dish.
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High Street Church

Sunday Services

All 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 am 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 pre-teens/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 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 contact Sharon on 01353 720399.

Alpha is well known throughout the country as an excellent course for those wishing to learn about the Christian faith: it provides the perfect opportunity to ask all the questions you've wanted to ask but have never dared! If you are interested in joining an Alpha course please contact Steve in the church office for more info. Tel: 01638 780985

There is a host of other midweek activities taking place. Contact us on the number below for more information.

Many thanks to those who came along to our consultation evening regarding the proposed plans for a new building. We valued your comments and support.

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

Priest The Rev'd Mike Banyard, who lives in Chippenham, is available to all in the village as a listening ear and for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Tel: 01638 721616 or email: mike.banyard@threeivers.org.uk

Mike is assisted by the Rev'd Kate Peacock (shortly to join us), the Rev'd Dr Peter Debenham, the Rev'd Nigel Cooper (Chaplain of Anglia Ruskin University), Canon Tim Elbourne (Diocesan Director of Education) and the Rev'd Christopher Goodwins (formerly priest-in-charge at Isleham, and author of *The Bible in Limerick Verse*).

For more information on St Andrew's Church please visit our website at www.islehamchurch.org.uk

Weekly activities

Sundays 10 am Junior Church in Social Centre (in church 3rd Sunday).

The Junior Church needs teachers/helpers, please contact us if you can offer your services.

Tuesdays 9 am to 12 noon: Coffee Morning in Social Centre. Everyone welcome!

A short (15 to 30 minutes) Evening Prayer service will be held every Tuesday at 4.30 pm in the Limestone Close community room.

Wednesdays 7.30 pm Bible reading and discussion group at the home of Georgina and Bob Freestone, 103 Lakeside, The Marina.

Fridays 7 pm Bell ringing practice - beginners welcomed! Please email Ruth Ogden, the Tower Captain, for more information: ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk

Future events and activities

June 13 10-12 noon Coffee Morning at 5 Church Lane.

July 7 Gala Day Stall theme: Pink & Purple.

July 14 Gift Day 10 am – 6 pm.

July 26 7.30 pm Licensing of Rev'd Mike Banyard and Rev'd Kate Peacock at Fordham Church.

You must be on the Church Electoral Roll to vote for, or to be a member of the PCC. A new Roll is required this year; if you wish to join or remain on the Roll you must complete a registration form. Forms are available at the back of the Church. Please hand completed forms to Nick Carver or Robert Savage.

Church wardens

Robert Savage tel: 01638 780218 or email:

robsav@oneservice.co.uk

Nick Carver email: nick@carverfamily.org.uk ■

Pound Lane Free Church

Pastor Mr. Dave Hall tel: 01638 781343 or 01638 780636

Elder Mr. David Brown tel: 01638 780410

Secretary Sue Hall

Sunday School Hazel Fleet tel: 01638 780677

All Stars John and Abby Martin tel: 01638 780662

Covies Steve and Helen Neale tel: 01638 780717

For more information on Pound Lane Free Church please visit our website at www.plfc.org.uk

Sunday worship 11 am and 6.30 pm.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper First Sunday following evening service and third Sunday following morning service.

A crèche is available for babies to Year 3 during the morning service.

Refreshments are served after the evening services, except the first Sunday of the month.

Fellowship Lunches are served after the morning service on the third Sunday of the month.

Kingdom Kids 3 years – Year 3: 10 am – 11.15 am Mr. Karl Yellop tel: 01638 780637

All Stars Year 4 – Year 6: 10 am – 11.15 am Mr. John Martin tel: 01638 781747

Covies Year 7 – 19 years: 9.30 am – 10.30 am Mr. Steve Neale tel: 01638 780717

There is a hearing loop installed and signing for the deaf is available as well as Braille songbooks. We have a comprehensive Child Protection Policy and a CRB check has been carried out on all children's and young people's workers.

Monday All Stars Fun Night: 6.45 pm – 8.15 pm.

Tuesday Fellowship: 7.30 pm – 8.45 pm.

Wednesday Church Night: 7.40 pm – 9 pm

Thursday Covies Club Night: 7 pm – 9 pm

Friday fortnightly in members' homes:

Women's Meeting 2.15 pm- 3.30 pm

Christianity Explored courses are run regularly – please ask for dates of next course

For further information on any of the above or if you would like to speak to Pastor Dave tel: 01638 781343 (Church Office) or 01638 780636 (Pastor's home), email pastor@plfc.org.uk or visit the website at www.plfc.org.uk

Our **Father's Day Family Service** on Sunday June 17th at 10.30 am is a good time to come and say 'thank you' to God for those incredibly special people – our dads. You will be made very welcome at this service, which lasts about an hour, and is followed by refreshments and a small gift for the men.

plfc Brazil

As you will probably remember plfc has had the privilege of sending out Michael and Janice Gee, together with Daniel and Miriam to serve God amongst the Street Kids of Brazil. God willing, the family will be returning home for a short break in July and we are not only looking forward to seeing them but also to hearing all their news. Watch this space for a detailed report in the next issue of the Informer, or if you see them around the village why not stop and ask them how things are going? ■



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Three Rivers Group Church News



**From the Rev'd Mike Banyard,
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Isleham, Kennett & Snailwell)**

On 17th June, a new priest, the Rev'd Kate Peacock, will be joining the ministry team in these five villages. I am delighted that she is joining us and will start her ministry here. Kate has been Curate in one of the largest parishes in Cambridge for the past four years, and has now felt duly called to minister here. Kate and her family will live in the Vicarage in Fordham, though she will be fully involved in all five churches and in the three schools, here in Isleham, at Fordham and Kennett too. I'm going to let her tell her own story!

Kate writes:

"I must begin by saying how delighted I am that I am coming to Isleham to be the Associate Priest in the Three Rivers Group, and how much I am looking forward to working with you all. For me and my family there seems to be a real sense of 'rightness' about this move and real sense of God's calling to me to minister alongside you. But first a little about myself!

I have felt a call to be a priest since I was about 14 years old, and I can honestly and thankfully say that this

initial sense of call has not diminished over the years, but only strengthened. I can remember the moment well, I was with my Grandparents and they were asking me what it was I wanted to do when I grew up (as they do!) I, never having entertained this thought in my life before, replied that I wished to be a vicar. Well, you can perhaps imagine the stunned silence in the room, and I was more stunned than anyone. This was a new thought entirely, but deep down and in my heart I knew that this was what I was going to do – a real sense of call and joy filled me – and I haven't looked back!

From then followed confirmation (I did do all this in the wrong order!), being a server in church, continuing my education and finally the selection process. Thankfully I was selected by the Church and I went on after my undergraduate degree in Durham to Westcott House in 2001 to begin training for Ordination. And somewhere along the way Daniel and I were married! It was a busy few years! Daniel was also training while I was, but in the very different field of accountancy (an absolute blessing when it is tax return time!) He is currently the Financial Controller for a technology company on the Science Park in Cambridge.

It was at Westcott House, one of the theological colleges in Cambridge, that I met Mike and we trained and were Ordained together in Ely Cathedral. Since then I have been the Assistant Curate at the Parish of the Ascension in Cambridge, and during this four years I have had our two children, Emma (two and a half) and Alice (nearly one). This is a very busy parish of about 20,000 people with schools, colleges, businesses and residential homes – as well as the three churches. I have loved being there and it will be sad leaving, having enjoyed the privilege of getting to know people and ministering with them.

But, leave I must and I am filled with excitement and enthusiasm for my next post and I very much look forward to getting to know you all in the coming months."

So please do welcome her when she arrives, and I know that her ministry will make a great difference. God bless.

Rev'd Mike Banyard

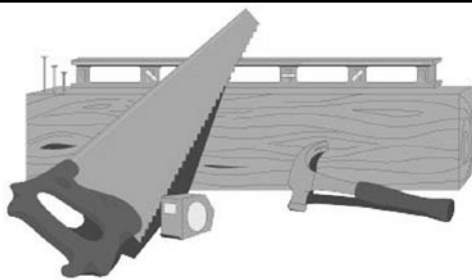
The Church Porch

We have tried! We've left the south porch of the Church open at night and left the light on. We've spoken at times with some of the youngsters who have gathered there – out of the weather if it's raining – and all we have asked has been that they leave the place tidy and dump any rubbish in the bin just outside.

Last month it was decided that it was time to lock up again when we found a pile of excrement – human not canine! – in the porch entrance. For those who have used the porch as a meeting place, and left it tidy, we are sorry that the experiment has come to an end. Maybe someone knows who the thoughtless idiot was?

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St. Andrews Church News

August Bank Holiday

The theme for this year's event over August Bank Holiday weekend at St Andrew's is 'Collections' and we plan to have a wide range of collections on display in the church. We still have room for more – please contact Janice Pope on 780380 for details. The display is open Saturday 25 to Monday 27th August. On Sunday it will be followed by a Songs of Praise service. Come along and enjoy the collections and sample our refreshments, Grand Draw, Tombola and Bric a Brac stalls.

Family Histories

Anybody researching their family history in Isleham will now be able to make a great start thanks to the efforts of parishioners of St Andrew's. Over 30,000 records including baptisms, marriages, burials and banns dating from 1566 onwards have been carefully transcribed and are now available on a CD ROM. This has aroused great interest around the world, as in the early 19th century about 50 villagers were given assisted passages to Australia by the Church and more were helped to emigrate to the United States. They were driven to leave by the impact of the industrial revolution, which led to abject poverty for many people working on the land. Many of their descendants have traced their family trees back to Isleham and now have the chance to do their own further research. The CD ROM is £12.00 (plus p&p) from Nick Carver on 01638 781116.

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Isleham Women's Institute

Spring 2007 report



In March we welcomed The Edinburgh Wool Shop to our meeting for a Fashion Show of their new spring lines. Several of our members acted as models, and very attractive they looked – a good advert for the W.I.

In April we welcomed the return of Paula Dolan, who entertained us with a selection of poems she has written about her life. Members found her very entertaining, as many of her memories echoed their own. The competition was 'Your Own Poem'. The winner was Monica Howe's 'Memories of School Days'. This and the other entries were read out to the meeting, and were much appreciated.

Professor John Savill and his Punch and Judy came to the May meeting. John gave us a history of this well remembered sea-side entertainment, accompanied by slides. He then showed us the puppets – many of which he had carved himself, and others he had collected, some of which were more than seventy years old. Then the highlight of the evening – our own Punch & Judy show! It is many years since most of us have seen it, but the story is still the same, as was the laughter that came from all corners of the room. Thank you, John, for a truly entertaining evening.

Also in May ten members visited Sandringham, a very pleasant day.

There will be no meeting in June, as we have our Summer Outing, but in July the Citizen's Advice Bureau are coming. I am sure it will be interesting to hear about the invaluable work they do.

If you would like to come along, new members are very welcome. We meet on the second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm.

For further details, please contact Glenda Preece on 01638 780734. ■

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2007 Fixtures

1st XI

CCA SENIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 1N

Saturdays

2 June	Somersham	Away
9 June	Newmarket	Home
16 June	Fordham II.	Away
23 June	Willingham	Home
30 June	Needingworth	Away
7 July	Littleport	Away
14 July	Longstanton	Away
21 July	Somersham	Home
28 July	Milton	Home
4 August	Willingham	Away
11 August	Newmarket	Away
18 August	Fordham II.	Home
25 August	Burwell II.	Home
1 September	Needingworth	Home

JUNIOR CUP

Sunday 13 MayCoton Home

Following rounds TBA

2nd XI

CCA JUNIOR LEAGUE DIVISION 4NB

Saturdays

2 June	Fordham III	Home
9 June	Burwell IV	Away
16 June	Cambridge NCI IV	Away
23 June	Witchan II	Away
30 June	Milton III.	Home
14 July	Wimblington II	Home
21 July	Fordham III	Away
28 July	Milton III.	Away
4 August	Burwell IV	Home
11 August	Newmarket II	Home
8 September	Witcham II.	Home

LOWER JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION

Sunday 10 June.. Cambridge Granta V Home

Following rounds TBA

FORDHAM & DISTRICT MIDWEEK LEAGUE

Wednesdays

6 June	Bye	
13 June	Gazeley	Away
20 June	Ely/Haddenham	Home
27 June	Tuddenham	Home

Under 12s

Thursday 10 May	Burwell	Home
Tuesday 15 May	Chatteris	Away
Friday 25 May	Fordham	Away
Thursday 7 June	Burwell	Away
Thursday 14 June	Chatteris	Home
Thursday 21 June	Fordham	Home
Thursday 28 June	Burwell	Home
Tuesday 3 July	Chatteris	Away
Friday 13 July	Fordham	Home

Matches start at 6 pm

Under 11s

Tuesday 8 May	Bottisham	Home
Tuesday 19 June	Ely/Haddenham	Home
Tuesday 15 May	Burwell	Away
Tuesday 26 June	Bottisham	Home
Friday 25 May	Ely/Haddenham	Away
Tuesday 3 July	Burwell	Away
Wednesday 6 June	Bottisham	Away
Friday 13 July	Ely/Haddenham	Away

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Don't dress up, just come

as you are, kitted out for rain or sun, and get down on the farm! Bring suitable footwear, binoculars and fishing nets. (Strictly no pets allowed.) Refreshments will be available.

Entry is free, and there will be something for all the family: you will all have a great time, and you may even learn something too, almost without noticing! Come along to see how farmers make the most of the countryside, producing wholesome, affordable food and making sure wildlife thrives too.

For directions and more information about Farm Sunday please contact Roseanna Thompson on 01638 780994. ■



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