

# Isleham Informer

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## It's all kicking off!



Boys, girls and ladies' teams playing on the Recreation Ground extension

Photos: Zoe French

### Jon Marks writes:

**P**assers-by walking or driving by Isleham Recreation Ground may wonder what so many children are doing kicking a ball around. Well, they are all part of Isleham United Youth Football Club, which now has a total of ten teams of boys, girls and ladies playing in various local leagues.

The fact that a village the size of Isleham has any teams at all is a credit, but to have ten teams is a fantastic asset for the village. The club has been driven forward by a dedicated group of committee members and coaching staff who deserve much praise for the work they have put in to get the club into its strong current position in local sport.

We do, however, need all the help and support we can get to keep things going: so, if you're ever going by the Rec

and see a team playing, why not stop and give the children some encouragement? I'm sure any parent would like to see their child involved in team sport and spending their time wisely rather than, say, just hanging around the streets. I keep mentioning children but we also have established ladies' teams, who have perhaps been inspired by *Bend It Like Beckham* at some point. Children can attend training from the time they start school so it's not unusual to see five-year-olds learning the game and getting ready to start playing in their first league season aged seven. This season we have mixed teams at Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 11, playing in the local Mini Soccer League. We have two Under 15 boys' and Under 13 mixed teams playing in the Cambridge Colts League, and girls Under 14 and Under 15 and ladies' teams all playing in local leagues. The teams

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## From the Editor

In August I mentioned that the now two-monthly *Informer* would require even more contributions from readers to fill the extra issues. This may have been a little premature: for the first time, I have had to hold back an article that was received before the deadline just so that we could fit everything in. (Apologies to Barry Grimwood and the Bowls Club – you were chosen for this dubious honour on the grounds that the Club is unlikely to have much new news before the December issue, now that the season is over.)

The glut of material we have received for October has two further results. The first was a serious headache for our designer, who got back from a well-earned break in Portugal just as production was nearing completion; this explains the later-than-intended delivery of your *Informer*. The second outcome is that we have taken the decision – pending confirmation from the Parish Council who foot the printing bill – to expand the magazine to 24 pages with effect from December. This of course means that there will be space for anything that you feel the village must know – so keep those pieces coming!

A quick request from Richard Turner, the *Informer's* distribution manager: help would very much be appreciated with deliveries in Station Road and Festival Road. If you are able to assist with this, please call Richard on 780965. ■

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### Next issue

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

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## VILLAGE NOTES

### Festival of Light

**S**t Andrew's Church annual Festival of Light takes place over the weekend of Friday 30th November to Sunday 2nd December, so don't forget to make a note of this very popular event in your diary. The number of organisations from the village exhibiting at the Festival has risen steadily over recent years and we hope that this year will set another yet another record. Highlights include:

- Festival opening on Friday 30th November at 2 pm.
- Carol Concert Friday 30th November 6.30 pm for 7 pm start.
- Taize service Sunday 2nd December at 6.30 pm.
- Refreshments, Tombola, Grand Draw and Bric-A-Brac stall at the Church Social Centre all three days.
- Mince pies and mulled wine available throughout in the church.

The Festival will be open on Friday 30th November from 2 pm to 6 pm, Saturday 1st December from 11 am to 7 pm, and Sunday 2nd December from 11 am to 6 pm.

If you are interested in exhibiting, please contact Janice Pope on 780380.

### Headteacher retires

**V**alerie Ellerker, headteacher of Isleham Primary School, has retired. If you would like to make a contribution to her leaving present, please send it to the school in an envelope marked 'Headteacher' by Friday 19th October. Cash is acceptable, but if you wish to send a cheque, please make this payable to Isleham Primary School and deliver or post it to: Isleham Church of England Primary School, Malting Lane, Isleham, Cambs CB7 5RZ. ■

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTH

**TAYLOR:** Suzanne and Denys are delighted to announce the birth of their son Ewan Thomas, born 8th July 2007, weighing 8lb 2oz; a grandson for Sandy and Howard Thomas.

### ANNIVERSARIES

**AVES** Maureen and David celebrate their Golden wedding anniversary on 19th October 2007. They are hosting an 'open house' party for friends and family on Saturday 20th October from 11.30 am.

**POPE** Brian and Janice celebrated their Ruby wedding anniversary on 30th September 2007.

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



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Girls U14s



Isleham Ladies



Boys U13s



Girls U15s



Isleham Ladies



The Girls U14s warm up



Isleham Ladies and their manager Mark Goldsack

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There are of course also men's football teams and anyone over 16 years interested in playing should attend training at the Recreation Ground on Thursdays at 6.30 pm. Even though the season has started, new players are always welcome and much needed to form the two teams that play on a Saturday afternoon.

All these teams need players, coaches, administrators, sponsors and general helpers so if there is anything you can do to support this wonderful asset to Isleham's youth and sport please contact me on 07900 268817 or visit [www.iuyfc.co.uk](http://www.iuyfc.co.uk)

*Jon Marks*





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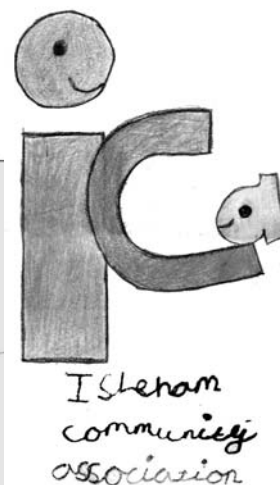
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# Community Centre Update



The Big Lottery had intended to decide upon successful grant applications by late August or early September. For whatever reason, their decision has now been postponed until the end of the year... and the suspense continues! Nevertheless, we are still in with a 50:50 chance of proceeding to Stage 2 in our search for half a million pounds.

There were always going to be frustrations associated with this project, and this is one of them. To put things in perspective though, it is still only 10 months since our committee first met and we are told by our advisors that the progress of this project has been rapid. Even

so, we believe the time has now been reached when you would prefer more than words. This we understand, so shown above is the sketch of our architect's first plan for the Centre. This will almost certainly undergo some modification, but hopefully it whets your appetite for what we believe is achievable in Isleham.

Our Community Association now has both a bank account and a logo. Congratulations to 7 year old Tom French who designed the logo, and thank you to the many schoolchildren who took part in our competition.

In addition to the Big Lottery, and other grant sources that should provide a further half a million pounds, we have identified two other sources of potentially large grants. We have made an application to one of these, the East of England Development Agency (EEDA), initially for a £15,000 bursary award. Whilst we must be prepared for disappointments along the way, you can't win it if you're not in it. Certainly if all the aforementioned applications were successful, together with a substantial donation from the Parish Council, a multi-function Centre would be assured.

I will conclude this snapshot of latest developments by referring to probably the most significant, which is a change of mindset. Many of us had retained in our minds a 'get-out clause' i.e. that if sufficient funds are not fairly immediately forthcoming then we could opt to build only a new Sports Pavilion. The fact is that Isleham needs a Community Centre, and, with your help to come, that is what you will get, and nothing less – even if we have to delay by seeking grants/finance elsewhere, if some of the current efforts fail.

As soon as we are able to produce amended plans we will be making our recommendations to the Parish Council, and thereafter to you via a public meeting. We will be stressing that with sufficient facilities the Centre will be self-funding, without them it will not. Following these meetings we will provide full details to all, probably via a brochure and via the *Informer*. By this time our Big Lottery fate will hopefully have been determined and our chance with EEDA more clearly defined. Planning Consent will be sought, and is valid for five years, during which time we are determined to raise the required finances.

*Philip Aspland*

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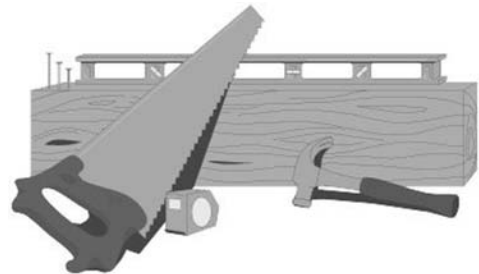
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A big thank you to all those people who helped us over our Collections weekend by letting us display their treasured possessions in the church. We would also like to thank all those people who prepared cakes and sandwiches, and who worked so hard serving refreshments over the course of the weekend; also the people who manned the church. We are delighted to announce that the weekend produced a grand total of £1900 thanks to your very generous efforts. *Janice Pope*

## JOYCE'S CORNER In Reply To Your Invitation

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No stamping off across the floor  
If we should choose to doze and snore.

No snide remarks about my hair  
A compliment would be more fair.  
Though we've got thirsts, your dad and me,  
No need to make such poor, weak tea.

If to these conditions you agree  
We'd love to stay at yours for tea.  
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So we'll put on our Sunday best.

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## Robert Myson in Sri Lanka

Two and a half or so years ago, on Boxing Day 2004, as we were recovering from Christmas Day and its associated excesses, news was filtering through of a natural disaster that would monopolise our televisions and newspapers for weeks to come. An massive earthquake in the Indian Ocean triggered a tidal wave that would claim the lives of over a quarter of a million people in the ensuing months and leave more than four million homeless.

The Boxing Day tsunami claimed the lives of men, women and children from 11 countries: from 140,000 in Indonesia to a single death in Kenya, 3000 miles from the earthquake's epicentre. Citizens of more than 50 different countries, many of them holidaymakers, were killed in the initial surge, including more than 60 Britons.

The following May I travelled to Galle on the southern tip of Sri Lanka. I stayed for a month and helped on a house rebuilding project; I also worked independently in one of the many tented refugee camps. Here I met the 'lucky' survivors who, in most cases, had lost close members of their families and were now having to fend for themselves having lost everything they owned. Few, if any, Sri Lankan fishermen had a bank account so whatever money they had was also washed away. Over 35,000 died in Sri Lanka and nearly a quarter of a million were made homeless.

I took about £1500 with me that had been raised and donated before I left and which I intended to hand over to the rebuilding project. Unfortunately the culture of corruption was so blatantly obvious that I decided to use this money for the refugee camp. With the help of the camp leader, a woman of 21 named Chaini Patabandige, I was able to help provide various necessities around the camp, including clean drinking water, food, medicines and disinfectant, all urgently needed. And remember this was five months after the tsunami! I was not alone, there were many volunteers helping the camps as best they could – such a shame that the authorities could not find a way through their self-imposed bureaucratic maze to do the same!

Since then I have been able to send, in the name of the Chaini Tsunami Appeal, nearly £8000 directly to Sri Lanka. None of this money passes through 'official' hands (as I believe that they would find a way to extract their 'percentage') but is deposited in a private bank account accessible only to myself and Chaini. In this time we have bought and equipped a fishing boat for the use of two families, bought tools for builders and bicycles for them to get to the rebuilding sites, bought furniture and cooking utensils, and also paid for the



medical care of injuries received in the tsunami. We have sponsored the education of a number of children who had lost one or both parents, and bought sewing machines and lace looms so that the women can make money to aid their struggle back to a dignified existence. The lace is sent to me, which I now sell; I aim to set up a self-sustaining outlet for this.

Two and a half years after the disaster one would think that life is returning to a semblance of normality, but I quote from an e-mail from a friend who visited Galle this July: 'There are still so many people who do not have a proper home yet. They are still living in the wooden huts we saw last year (January 2006).'

In March of this year I was able to help finance the building of a new home for a refugee family, and a friend I met in Sri Lanka supervised the building of a home for the family of Ramani and her three children. Her husband had died from his injuries sustained in the tsunami. My hope now is to raise enough money to help towards building a home for another family before I visit Galle again in mid-October.

At the time of writing (early September) I have almost £900 collected or pledged to me but I need at least £800 more. That will give me a total of £1700 which is adequate to build a home for a refugee family that has been living in either a tent or a 'transitional home' (a wooden hut) for over two years. To find such a family will not be at all difficult.

This is all leading inevitably to a punch line: I am asking for help from anyone who can make a donation to the Chaini Tsunami Appeal, however small.

My promise is that all donations will be spent at the point of need. My trip in October will be financed out of my own pocket and I shall meet any other extra expenses. **Donations may be made to the 'Chaini Tsunami Appeal' via myself at 21 Beck Road, Isleham, Ely, Cambs CB7 5SA.**

For more information about the Appeal please contact me on 07801 966979 or e-mail Roblites@aol.com. I look forward to submitting a follow-up article upon my return.

*Robert Myson*

# Parish Council News

The following are the abbreviated and incomplete versions of the IPC minutes for the May and June meetings. Any parishioner may request a copy of the full minutes from the IPC.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 2ND JULY 2007

**Present:** Cllrs Carter, Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Neal, Puckey, Mrs Malkin, Mrs Hobbs, Mrs R Thompson, four Parishioners  
**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Beckett, Garbett, Bishop, County Cllr Powley.

### HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- Letters regarding traffic/parking situation at Limestone Close/ Mill Street: as the PCSOs were at the meeting this problem was brought to their attention. They will find out who the car owners are and have a word with them; if they don't comply with parking regulations they will be issued with a ticket.
- Dog fouling: A notice will be placed in the *Informer* hopefully on the front page making it known that ordinary bins can be used.
- Application for Dunstall Apprentice grant: It was agreed that the apprentice grant be paid to Chloe McNamara.
- School Governors: It was agreed that Cllr Mrs Wilkes be nominated to represent the Parish Council on the Board of Governors at Isleham Primary School.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Construction of 500 mm diameter potable watermain at Water Services Depot, Fordham Road, Isleham: no objection.
- Proposed vehicular access, internal alteration to house and annexe, new window at first floor and new double garage at 12 West Street, Isleham for Mr B Corke: council still concerned about the access as said in the previous application.
- Replacement dwelling for detached two-bedroomed bungalow at Trelander, 18 Prickwillow Road for Mr & Mrs Mitchell: no objection.

### PLANNING APPROVALS

- First floor side extension at 12 Waterside: Mr and Mrs Hall.
- Single storey side extension at 2 Elderberry Farm Cottages, 5 Prickwillow Road for Margaret Jackson and Derek Martin.
- No official Parish Council response will be made regarding the Gypsy and Traveller Consultation.

## MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING HELD MONDAY 9TH JULY 2007

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Construction of new church building and ancillary attached buildings, including car park, access road and manse at land opposite 104 and 106 Beck Road for High Street Baptist Church: objection. Concerns about access, being opposite existing dwellings, enquiries to be made about possible light pollution from floodlights and/or glass spire and whether this will affect the air base. What Section 106 monies will be realised and what they can be spent on.
- Conversion of existing barn at 5A West Street for Mr and Mrs Henderson: no objection.
- Single storey agricultural shed (retrospective) at 1 Fen Bank for J M and M A Thompson & Sons: no objection.
- Two storey and single storey side and rear extension at 4 Dockings Lane for Mr and Mrs G Kemp: no objection.

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD MONDAY 6TH AUGUST 2007

**Present:** Cllrs Beckett, Carter, Neal, Mrs R Thompson, Garbett, Bishop, County Cllr Broadway  
**Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Mrs Hobbs, Mrs Malkin, Puckey, County Cllr Powley.

### POLICE MATTERS

- Comrades Club was broken into and the safe stolen last week.

### COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Work going on in Malting Lane during the school holidays.
- Jointly funded minor highways: Fordham Road footpath and flashing sign have been asked for this year.
- Neighbourhood panel meeting moved to 3rd October 2007.
- County Council Congestion Charges in Cambridge: one estimate suggests this charge may raise £40 million per

year; the money could be spent on other traffic schemes in the area, e.g. Ely bypass.

- Fenland Flyer bus service due to cease at the end of 2007 (Cllr Neal declared an interest in this matter) because funding streams are due to end during 2007/8. The bus is full and students have to pay; however, it is subsidised. Mrs Broadway will look into this.
- There is no East Cambs representative on the County Council Cabinet. It was proposed by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the council write to the Leader of the County Council about this matter.

### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No 2 Church Street: this matter is still being pursued. ECDC has applied to court for an entry order to see what work has been carried out inside before a compulsory purchase order is placed on it.

### CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the cemetery fees be increased by 5% (rounding up or down accordingly).
- Cllrs Hobbs, Neal, Carter and Beckett met with legal, planning and housing representatives from ECDC and then with Jane Hollingsworth at ECDC to talk through the various options regarding the sale of the cemetery land. Affordable housing on the cemetery land could be under the control of Isleham Parish Council for the benefit of local people who meet the criteria.
- It was proposed by Cllr Garbett and seconded by Cllr Bishop that the council proceed with the sale of the cemetery land with the caveat that the affordable housing be transferred back to Isleham Parish Council.

### NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE MATTERS

- It was proposed by Cllr Bishop and seconded by Cllr Carter that the council commit to give £500,000 towards the cost of the new Community Centre from the aforementioned proceeds of the sale of the cemetery land.

### ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- It was proposed by Cllr Neal and seconded by Cllr Garbett that the council would be willing to, when the money is available, put water on at the Dunstall allotment subject to agreement with allotment holders, which would include an increase in allotment rents, probably double initially with a review after the first year.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- Conversion of existing barn 5a West Street for Mr and Mrs Henderson: no objection.
- Proposed new vehicular access, internal alteration to house and annexe, new window at first floor double garage at 12 West Street for Mr B Corke: concerns that it would not be in keeping with street scene, new wall would need to be demolished, poor visibility, conservation area, there is already existing access.
- Two storey extension at 1 Fordham Road for Mr and Mrs Wells: no objection.
- Single storey rear extension at 5 Little London for Mr and Mrs R Wells: no objection.
- Construction of two chalet bungalows with single garage attached to each at land rear of 16 Hall Barn Road for Mr and Mrs P Vince: no objection.

### PLANNING APPROVALS

- New vehicular access, hardening surface of existing drove and provision of lorry hardstanding and change of use of land for parking of lorries at Trelander, 18 Prickwillow Road for Messrs Mitchell and Mayle.
- Two storey extension to rear of house and extend conservatory at 7 Robins Close for Mr & Mrs Ainge.

### PLANNING REFUSALS

- Certificate of lawfulness for proposed use: single storey rear extension at The Old Maltings, Malting Lane, Isleham for Mr J French and Miss A Marsh.

### PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Single storey rear extension at 18 Little London has been withdrawn. ■



# Your Isleham!

**H**ow do you want to see the village develop and change? Thanks to the Parish Council, all Isleham parishioners are to be given the opportunity to raise their concerns and air their views on the way they would like to see the village develop. Over the next 12 months a steering group of volunteers will be asking for the views of as many of you as possible before drawing up a questionnaire which will be distributed to every household. The information acquired will:

- Identify which features and local characteristics people value
- Identify local problems and opportunities
- Demonstrate how residents want the Community to develop in the future
- Influence local housing and land management strategies
- Contribute to the way local services are managed and delivered.

The Government's November 2000 Rural White Paper stated that Parish Plans should 'identify key facilities and services, set out the problems that need to be tackled and demonstrate how distinctive character and features can be preserved'. They should also set out a vision for the community in the future and identify the action needed to tackle issues of concern in addition to everything relevant to the people who live and work in the community, from employment needs to playgrounds. The Parish Plan should consult everyone and give them a chance to say what they think about the social, economic and environmental issues affecting them and how they'd like to see their community improved during the next five, 10 or even 15 years. The whole community should be involved, not just those who come along to Parish Council meetings.

Parish planning has led to direct action by communities and is improving the way local areas and services are managed. Concrete benefits resulting from Parish Plans are varied: so far the top issues emerging nationally in Parish Plans are:

- Road traffic
- Housing
- Facilities for young people
- Policing, law and order
- Inadequate public transport
- Local environmental concerns
- Inadequacy of specific village services.

However, all Plans are individual, and respond to the needs of the local community. If you have concerns or ideas you would like debated, we do want to hear from you: please contact Diane Bayliss, Parish Clerk, on Isleham 781687.

If you are interested in joining the group, meetings are to be held monthly at the Village Hall. ■

## Parish Councillors address list

<b>Derrick Beckett</b> (Chairman)	Appleyard Farm, 1 Houghtons Lane, Isleham CB7 5SR Tel: 01638 780476
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<b>Pauline Wilkes</b>	6 Limestone Close, Isleham CB7 5RP Tel: 01638 780640
<b>Diane Bayliss</b> (Parish Clerk)	37 Croft Road, Isleham CB7 5QR Tel: 01638 781687

## Ely Citizens Advice Bureau

### Benefits Drop-in Session in Soham

**Wednesdays 9.30 am to 12.30 pm,  
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Voicemail: 0844 8487981 – please leave a message and we will return your call.



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## KARAOKE NIGHTS

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Friday 23rd November

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## The Two Sides of Hallowe'en

Most people see Hallowe'en as good-humoured fun for children dressing up as ghosts, witches and monsters, and most householders are happy to hand over treats.

However, sometimes there are gangs of children knocking at every door and demanding some sort of gift or payment. For the vulnerable or elderly this can be intimidating, with strangers hammering on the door or windows. If they are unprepared or unwilling to respond, they can be targets for anti-social behaviour.

East Cambs ASB Co-ordinator Brian Tully says: 'Hallowe'en is about having fun, as children accompanied by their parents or responsible adults call at houses where they know they will be made welcome for some good-natured trick or treating. However some

people want their privacy respected, and have a right not to be accosted on their own doorstep by aggressive behaviour. If this happened at any other time of year, it could be viewed as a potentially criminal activity.

'We are not being killjoys as

we don't want to stop harmless fun, but it ceases to be fun for some residents who are genuinely fearful. To help, the East Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership is encouraging people who do not want a visit to display the "No Trick or Treat" poster.

'The message to parents is to take responsibility for and accompany their children. Explain how an unwanted and unexpected group calling on a dark evening can frighten vulnerable people. Tell them to visit only where they know they will be welcome, and to respect people's privacy when there is a 'No Trick or Treat' poster on display.'

The 'No Trick or Treat' A4-size poster is available online at [www.eastcambs.gov.uk](http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk) – click on 'Community and Living', then 'Crime Prevention', where you will find a section on Hallowe'en. The poster will also be available from Ely Police Station and the District Council Office in Nutholt Lane, Ely from mid-October.

**Note from the editor:** If you would like a copy of the poster, but are unable to download it or visit Ely, let me know and I will arrange for you to get one. Tel: Ed Mayall 01638 780839.

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## Ely Mallings cinema listings: October

Thursday 4th: 7.30 pm **The Simpsons Movie (PG)** Starring: Julie Kavner, Dan Castellaneta, Yeardley Smith, Nancy Cartwright. 87 minutes.

Sunday 7th & Thursday 11th: 7.30 pm **The Bourne Ultimatum (12A)** Starring: Julia Stiles, Joan Allen, Matt Damon, Paddy Considine. 115 minutes.

Sunday 14th: 7.30 pm **Transformers (12A)** Starring: Tyrese Gibson, Jon Voight, Josh Duhamel, John Turturro. 143 minutes.

Thursday 18th: 7.30 pm **Tell No One (15)** Starring: Kristin Thomas, Francois Cluzet, Marie-Josée Croze. 131 minutes. French with English subtitles.

Sunday 21st: 7.30 pm, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th: 3pm **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (12A)** Starring: Helena Bonham Carter, Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Ralph Fiennes. 138 minutes. Come dressed up as your favourite Harry Potter character, treats and prizes on offer. (Fancy dress not compulsory!)

Sunday 21st: 3 pm, Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th: 7.30pm **Atonement (15)** Starring: Romola Garai, James McAvoy, Keira Knightley. 125 minutes.

Sunday 28th: 6.45 pm for 8pm screening **Charity regional premiere – Elizabeth : The Golden Age (12A)** Starring: Cate Blanchett, Geoffrey Rush, Clive Owen. 114 minutes. Tickets £28 include a champagne reception and authentic Elizabethan entertainment. Tickets on sale Monday 17 September, 9 am from ADeC, Babylon Gallery, Waterside, Ely. All seating reserved, advance booking highly recommended. Proceeds shared by Ely Cinema & Sue Ryder Care, Ely. Tel: 01353 616991 [www.adec.org.uk](http://www.adec.org.uk)

Tickets on sale now. For more details and September listings go to [www.adec.org.uk/what/cinema.html](http://www.adec.org.uk/what/cinema.html)

## Mobile Library

Stops alternate Thursdays. Next visits: 4th and 18th October, 1st, 15th and 29th November.

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# The Phoenix Players



**T**he Phoenix Players are now a well-established group within Isleham. We are gaining new members and are providing live theatre for a variety of audiences.

In June we put together a number of sketches and poems to entertain at the fund-raising event for the Isleham Under Fives Association. We gave two performances, both well-received. Some of the younger members of the group were included in the performance.

Our aim during the holidays was to provide a summer school for the children aged 11 and over. This proved very successful and everyone enjoyed it. We ran it over three days and children had the opportunity to work on lighting, sound, dance, singing as well as acting and set-construction. Towards the end of the workshop we asked the children for comments. Here are a few (of the printable ones!):

*'After doing drama for years at school it was really great to get on a real stage and put everything together.'*

*'It was good to get away from mum and dad for three days!'*

*'Tim let us mess around with his £2000 keyboard and our group almost broke it...'*

*'It's been a great experience.'*

All who came to watch the performance of *Grease* the children gave at the end of the workshop commented on their enthusiasm. A truly worthwhile venture, and one that we aim to repeat in other school holidays.

We are now starting rehearsals for our winter production of *'The Snow Queen'*. Our production dates are Friday 7th

and Saturday 8th December, with two performances on the Saturday. It will be good family entertainment, suitable for all, and we hope for large audiences. You won't find a finer show for miles around, and we have many famous names in the cast – well, famous in Isleham anyway! Please look out for posters in the village nearer the time.

If there are any more people who still want to join us, do get in touch. Please phone myself or Malcolm on 780783 or simply come along to the Comrades Club on Monday and Thursday evenings, where we will be rehearsing.

*Doreen Spiers*





# Isleham Primary School PTA

**W**e hope you all had a chance to enjoy *Aladdin* just before the Easter Holidays. The annual pantomime is the biggest fundraiser for the PTA and this year raised over £1350. The PTA would like to thank everyone from the cast and crew who worked so hard to make this such an enjoyable evening.

This year's Trivia Quiz Night was the most successful we have had for a long time. There were 20 teams taking part and for the first time the supper provided was a barbecue. So many people complimented the food that we hope to do this again next year. Congratulations to the 'Fat Cat Four', the winning team. A big thank you also to Graham Marshall, who generously donated his winnings from 'Pluck It From The Bucket' back to the PTA. The evening raised £243 for PTA funds.

We are already starting to think ahead to our Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December, and would like to put out a plea to all of you jam/chutney makers: please would you consider making some extra jars this year and donating them to us to sell on our produce stall? We also know that many people in the village make their own greeting cards. We would really appreciate any cards that you are able to donate for us to sell, even if you can only donate one or two. If you are able to help us in this way, please contact me via the School Office.

A big thank you to everyone in the village who collects sports vouchers and computer vouchers for us. The latest Sports Voucher scheme enabled us to purchase lots of equipment for use at playtime including bats, balls, skipping ropes and ankle skips.

## Isleham School goes green

The school has been focusing on recycling by introducing two 'Recycling Rangers' for each class. They work with Mr Stamp-Dod to recycle all the paper, cardboard and fruit waste. Since starting, the children have helped to reduce the 20 bags of rubbish previously put out each week to just four bags of non-recycled rubbish! The PTA thinks this is a great initiative and to support the children in their recycling efforts we have joined a scheme called 'Recyclool'. You can support us by donating empty printer cartridges, mobile phones and PDAs. We have a collection box at school. Instead of ending up in landfill sites and harming the environment, all your old phones will be sent to developing countries to help provide people with much-needed communication links. In addition, for every phone or cartridge you donate, we will receive a cash donation, so please support us in this very worthwhile initiative. More information about the scheme can be found at [www.recyclool.org](http://www.recyclool.org).

*Julie Porter*

Isleham Primary School Registered Charity Number: 110937

## Women's Institute Late summer 2007 report



**I**n August we welcomed Edward Chivers, from Soham. Mr Chivers gives painting lessons in Soham, and he talked to us about these, and about some of his own paintings, before giving us a very interesting demonstration of how he paints with wax. It was fascinating to watch him working, and the result was amazing.

Mr Chivers had a selection of his work for us to look at, and at the end of the evening he was kind enough to donate a small picture for us to raffle at our next meeting.

In September we celebrated the season with a traditional Harvest Supper. Salads and puddings were provided by members, and we all enjoyed a very sociable evening; thanks to the Committee who organised it all.

The October meeting is Members' Night, when the Committee takes a back seat and members organise the night. If you would like to come along, new members are very welcome. We meet on the second Thursday in 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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# High Street Church

Following Kate Germany's departure for Zambia, Julie Porter will be the new correspondent for the *Informer*, bringing you all the usual details of what's on at High Street in addition to any other news we may have for you.

**New church:** This is our BIG NEWS for this edition! As many will know we are planning to build new church premises along Beck Road, just outside of the village. We have now been granted planning permission and I hope you will enjoy reading Paul Claringbold's separate article in this edition of the *Informer*.

**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 numbers below for more information.

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

**Priests** The Rev'd Mike Banyard: Mike is the Rector of the Three Rivers Group of Parishes; he lives in Chippenham with his wife, Helen, who is training as a Lay Minister. Mike is available to all in the village for a listening ear, and for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Telephone: 01638 721616. Email: mike.banyard@threerivers.org.uk

The Revd Kate Peacock: Kate is the Associate Priest in the Three Rivers Group of Parishes; she lives in Fordham with her husband, Daniel, and their two young daughters. Telephone: 01638 723960. Email: kate.peacock@threerivers.org.uk

Mike and Kate are assisted by the Revd Dr Peter Debenham, the Revd Nigel Cooper (Chaplain of Anglia Ruskin University), Canon Tim Elbourne (Diocesan Director of Education) and the Revd Christopher Goodwins (formerly priest-in-charge at Isleham, author of *The Bible in Limerick Verse*).

**Church wardens** Rob Savage Tel 01638-780218 Email robertsavage@islehamchurch.org.uk; Nick Carver Tel 01638 781116 Email nick.carver@islehamchurch.org.uk  
Tower captain: Ruth Ogden Tel 01638 780646 Email: ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk

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**Service sheet editor** Rob Savage Tel 01638 780218 Email robert.savage@islehamchurch.org.uk

For more information on St Andrew's Church please visit our website at [www.islehamchurch.org.uk](http://www.islehamchurch.org.uk)

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.

## 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** 6.30pm Choir practice – all welcome. Contact Mark Liversidge Tel 01638 781696.

7.30 pm Bell ringing practice – beginners welcomed! Email Ruth Ogden, the Tower Captain, for more information: ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk

#### Future events and activities

**Thursday October 4th** Deanery Synod.

**Sunday October 7th** 10 am Harvest Festival.

**Saturday October 20th** 10 am to 12 noon Coffee Morning at the Social Centre. 6 pm Harvest Supper in the Church.

**Monday November 12th** 7.30 pm PCC Meeting in the Social Centre.

**Friday November 30th** Festival of Light 2 pm to 6 pm. Carol Concert 6.30 pm for 7 pm start.

**Saturday December 1st** Festival of Light 11 am to 7 pm.

**Sunday December 2nd** Festival of Light 11 am to 6 pm. Taize service 6.30 pm. ■

## 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](http://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 and children 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.

#### Upcoming events

Saturday 27th October 2007: Mission Evening – An Evening with Abraham and Ruth 6 pm – 9 pm

Monday 5th November 2007: Operation Christmas Child – Processing Shoeboxes ■

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## St Andrew's Church Choir sings at King's

The choir at St. Andrew's has recently restarted, and is looking for singers to join its growing ranks. Practice is at 6.30 pm every Friday in the church, and the choir is already singing again at the 10 am Sunday morning services.

No experience of choral singing or reading music is necessary, as all levels can be catered for. Anyone wishing to explore further is welcome to join us at Friday practice, and is more than welcome to listen on their first visit if not wishing to rush things!

The choir has already sung at its first event outside the church, joining almost 100 other singers at a choral evensong for the Archdeaconery of Cambridge in King's College chapel in Cambridge in September. The choir will be looking to find similar opportunities whenever possible in the future.

Anyone wishing for further details should contact the choir's organiser, Mark Liversidge, either on 01638 781696 or at [elandmark@btinternet.com](mailto:elandmark@btinternet.com) ■

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# Planning permission for new Baptist church accepted

**W**e are grateful and thrilled that on the afternoon of Wednesday 5th September, East Cambs District Council unanimously passed our plans for a new church centre. We are a church that has developed from a Baptist tradition: when we think of church we think of people, not buildings; but those people need a building to meet in. We are thankful for sustained growth and committed numbers since the late 70s. The church has supported the equivalent of four full-time members of staff for many years now, out of its own resources. Our church is made up of every age group and sees itself as one family. Barely a day passes without our current church building being used for some activity.

We have a membership of 254 adults and, with other regular attenders and children, we can host more than 350 people on a Sunday morning. The present chapel is nearly 200 years old and has many advantages: it was paid for years ago; it is in the centre of the village; its existence is unchallenged; and to most of us, it has always been there. But it also has many disadvantages: it is old and crumbling, although endearing; it was designed before the car and is thus without parking; and was designed before modern PA systems. Its balcony, which seats a considerable number, was deemed unfit for use by a structural engineer two years ago, seriously limiting what we do. At present the children meet in the Village Hall – some distance away – while adults fill the church and the overflow room, where relay of the service is rather unsuitable.

Isleham was never designed to provide the sort of parking needed for its residents today let alone for those that travel in, be it for church or any other village activity. We will all be pleased to have off-road parking to hand.

We have a long history of serving the community. It would be easy to draw attention to the obvious activities (meals for the elderly, the widows' group or our youth work), but we believe there are benefits to the wider community that are difficult to quantify. The silent help, support and counselling: that immeasurable part of what we do that makes a difference in people's lives.

Although we are a church in a village we are probably more than a village church. We draw people from a wider area than just Isleham and want to serve the wider community as well as the village.

We want our building to be shared in partnership with other churches and organisations that don't compromise our convictions.

Modern church life differs from the past. Just one example: catering is a fundamental part of what we do and current hygiene rules create difficulties such that to build new is easier than to adjust the old.

The existing building is crowded and strained. We are grateful for the donation of the land we have and for the support we have received from both the Parish and the wider district and want to thank you the village for your support. We look forward with anticipation and a little trepidation to moving the project forward.

*Paul Claringbold*



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