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Gala day spectacular again!



Above: The Gala Parade's winning float, 'Wild About Isleham Pre-School' featuring all the children and teachers Below: The Gala Queen Ellie Richards, and the two Princesses, Leilah Osman and Aimee Cooper

The annual Gala took place on Saturday 4th July, and once again the sun shone and a good crowd attended despite our clashing with Newmarket. The parade started at 1pm with floats, walking groups, bicycles, The Soham Majorettes and the outstanding Glen Moriston Pipe Band, together with our Gala Queen, Ellie Richards, and our two Princesses, Leilah Osman and Aimee Cooper; all three looked delightful and carried out their duties superbly. We had two princesses this year as we had no entries from the boys at the Gala Disco.

The field was a buzz of activity all afternoon, with displays from the Pipe Band and dancing from the Soham Fenland Majorettes. Thanks to Dave

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HOLLYWOOD IS HERE! LITTLE DORRIT AND ATONEMENT STARS FILM IN ISLEHAM see p8



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From the Editor

The August issue of the Isleham Informer is normally devoted (apart from the regular stuff) to the Gala. This year, while the major regular event in the village's year dominates, there is also the massive story that Isleham is becoming the new Hollywood! Well that might be going a little far, but it is gratifying to learn that someone at least considered our piece of the fens sufficiently idyllic to want cast it as co-star in her feature film. See: it's not such a bad place!

And everyone will soon get another chance to see just how idyllic Isleham is: the Google Streetview camera van was spotted in the village on several occasions from 20th–23rd June. So, soon (I have been unable to find out how soon) there will be 360° street-level views of the whole of the village available for anyone with access to the Internet.

While it is unlikely to show up on Google Streetview, the menace of dog mess is something that concerns all of us who have to make use of village pavements and paths. Until pets can be persuaded to poo in the proper place, it is down to owners to clear up after them. To aid with this, the Parish Council have installed several dog bins around the village for your convenience. Please make use of them.

Gala normally signals the start of the summer. This year, however, it almost seems like it was the end. The weather since has been a mixture of April showers and autumnal gales. The sunblock has remained resolutely unneeded. Billy Connolly once said, "There's no such thing as bad weather: just the wrong choice of clothes." While I concede that he has a point who would not agree that we need a little sun in the summer time? And I'm sure the Met Office promised us a 'barbecue summer' this year! Two weeks at the end of June just does not cut it for me. People are lighting barbecues, but only to huddle round to keep warm... ■

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VILLAGE NOTES



Priory Garage

St Andrew's trees

Trees in St Andrew's churchyard overlooking Church Street will be cut back by ECDC this autumn. The trees, a lime tree and several sycamores, are top heavy and a fungus growth has been found on at least one of them which would (if untreated) severely weaken the tree.

St Andrew's Church Open Weekend

St Andrew's Church will be having an Open Weekend with the theme of Crafts & Collections over the August Bank Holiday weekend: Saturday 29th, Sunday 30th and Monday 31st August, from 10am – 5pm each day. If you would like to exhibit your craft or collection please contact Janice Pope on 01638 780380.

Isleham website

Have you visited the Isleham website? Take a look: www.isleham-village.co.uk.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTH

Bornshin-Smith Sonia Bornshin and Mark Smith are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Anya Madeleine, a sister for Solomon, on 16th July 2009 at the Rosie, Cambridge, weighing 8lbs 12oz.

DEATH

Mrs Mary Wells Passed away at Fairhaven, Soham on May 19th 2009, aged 105. Mother of Rodney and Laurence Wells. Born Isleham Fen 8th February 1904.

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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Above: the wheelbarrow race, won by Liza Patterson and Luke Fretwell
 Left the Moriston Pipers, Above right: the start of the Fun Run
 Below right: the Tug of War, won by The Bears
 Thanks to Vernon Place for the photos, which are available to buy in the Post Office.

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Sinnett, our Field Announcer, for his work.

The Competitions Marquee attracted a lot of very good entries for the Fruit and Veg, Flower Arranging, and Home Baking and we had three entries in the Best Dressed Spade competition.

The Dog Show was again well attended, and thanks are due to Jackie Riley for organising the event so successfully, and to the owners for looking after their dogs on the field.

The Small Ring held the Baby Show, Mini Mr & Miss Isleham and Fancy Dress competitions and was very busy whilst the competitions were being judged. Thanks go to all our judges.

The running and cycling races took place, along with the ever popular children's races ably organised by Ivan Cox. He would have gone on all afternoon, but we had to drag him away to other events. The Electric Buggy Race was again won by Roy Clarke. There were four teams in the Tug-of-War which was again won by the Bears, a local team of lads. A list of the results of all races

and competitions is included elsewhere in the *Informer*.
 It is with regret that I have to mention a couple of incidents on the field during the afternoon, of swearing and behaviour not fitting for a family based event. Happily such occurrences are few and far between.

The refreshments were provided this year by the Newmarket and District 'Youth for Christ'. They provided an excellent spread. People in the village Hall were entertained by the Isleham School Brass Band. Thanks go to both groups.

There was a record number of entries in the Art Competition, and the standard was of the highest quality. The PTA Handwriting competition was also excellent.

The Gala Committee would like to thank the many local companies and individuals who donate their time and money in sponsorship and draw prizes. A list of the many people and companies who have helped is published elsewhere in the *Informer*. Thanks also to the helpers on the day who set up and take down the field layout, and the marshals on the Parade and Fun Run. We would also like to thank the Parish Council for the use of the field and Village Hall during the day

We do not aim to make a profit out of the day,



but to provide an opportunity for local groups and organisations to promote themselves and raise funds for their causes. However, for the second year running we have made a small profit. Last December we were able to donate £600 in total, to three local groups: the Isleham Community Association, Isleham School PTA and Isleham Under 5s.

Photographs were taken by Vernon Place and a comprehensive display is in the Post Office window and may be ordered and purchased. Our thanks go to Vernon for attending.

We are in need of volunteers to join our Committee. We meet monthly from January to July on a Monday night, at the Comrades Club. Our AGM is on Monday

19th October at 8pm at the Comrades Club. If you are interested come along and join us, or contact me on 780734.

I hope that an enjoyable day was had by all.

Fred Preece, Chair

Found on the rec after the Gala...

...one black and grey Umbro fabric wallet, one pair of designer prescription sunglasses.

Another pair of designer sunglasses, not prescription, was lost, so if you think your sight has improved or worsened since Gala Day, you may have the wrong glasses! Phone Fred Preece on 01638 780734. ■

Isleham Gala 2009 Competition results

Floats

1st Isleham Under Fives **2nd** Isleham Swimming Pool
3rd Isleham Cubs

Fun Run 1.3 miles

Girls U12s 1st Olivia Caffarelli **2nd** Lydia Smith **3rd** Kirstee Dalaney

Boys U12s 1st Rowan Taylor **2nd** Nigel Hensby

3rd Thomas Griffin

Girls U16s 1st Annie Radcliffe **2nd** Kea Haw **3rd** Maisie Vince

Boys U16s 1st Josh Darley **2nd** Xavin Taylor **3rd** Jordan Weal

Running Race

Girls U10s 1st Kirstee Delaney **2nd** Lydia Smith
3rd Leah Markwell

Boys U10s 1st Ronan Kerr **2nd** Will Hurst

Girls U16s 1st Maisie Vince **2nd** Hannah Graham
3rd Lauren Taylor

Boys U16s 1st Chris Avis **2nd** Jordan Lee

Girls 3 yrs 1st Mya Davis **2nd** Chelsea Cross **3rd** Sofia Osborne

Boys 3 yrs 1st Charlie Boneham **2nd** Dylan Hermance
3rd Kyle Markwell

Girls 4 yrs 1st Elizabeth Acheson **2nd** Katie Barnes
3rd Ellie Boston-Dick

Boys 4 yrs 1st Edward Carter **2nd** Ethan Flack
3rd Luke Scally

Sponge Race

Girls 5 yrs 1st Ellie Cummins **2nd** Su Lin Mulgrew
3rd Keira Quinn

Boys 5 yrs 1st Lucas Fishlook **2nd** Harry Kempton
3rd Dylan Stafford

Girls 6 yrs 1st Niamh Gilbert **2nd** Maddie Trowman

Girls 6 yrs 1st Ruby Chrisie **2nd** Lauren Sidebottom
3rd Molly Harvey

Boys 6 yrs 1st Alfie Guy-Pinkie **2nd** Jacob Robinson
3rd Callum Bond

Girls 7 yrs 1st Isabella Caffarelli **2nd** Imagine Lyson
3rd Rebecca Graham

Boys 7 yrs 1st Luke Smith **2nd** Charlie Cummins
3rd Izaiah Izzy

Girls 8 yrs 1st Danica Peacock **2nd** Chloe Hensby
3rd Grace Baker

Boys 8 yrs 1st Tom Holloway **2nd** Kallum Mulhall

Buggy Race

1st Mr Roy Clarke **2nd** Yvonne Palmer
3rd Bonnie Bruce



Wheelbarrow Race – ‘In Memory of Andrew Palmer’

Children

1st Jonny Clarke & Josh Darley **2nd** William Ellis & Dom Smith **3rd** Xavin Taylor & Annie Radcliffe

Adults

1st Liza Patterson & Luke Fretwell **2nd** Chrissie Warden & Adam Smith **3rd** Laura Palmer & Tom Sidebottom

Tug of War

Winners The Bears **Runners Up** The Tigers

Cycling Races

Boys U16s 1st Kyle Brighty **2nd** Robert Radcliffe
3rd David Sykes

Girls U16s 1st Holly Hermance

Children’s Fancy Dress

Pre-school 1st James Hoskins **2nd** Mya Davies **3rd** Theo Mulhall

5 to 7yrs 1st Izaiah Izzy **2nd** Oliver Hoskins

Baby Show

Girls 1st Mia Rayner **2nd** Elizabeth Okasinski **3rd** Poppy Downey and Evie Anderson

Boys 1st Josef James Cooper-Waszkiewski **2nd** Theo Jacklin
3rd Harrison Ogilvie

Mini Mr & Mrs Isleham

Girls 1st Mya Davies

Boys 1st Kieran Jakes **2nd** Scott Greenwood

Children’s Art Competition

Under 5 yrs 1st Alexander Goodchild **2nd** Ayla Waterfield-Scrambler **3rd** Annalise French

Reception 1st Isobel Bedford **2nd** Jayden Rattle
Commended Sulin Mulgrew, Ethan Rattle, Tom Bercouici, Kristianna O’Hare, Finn Robinson, Finlay Welsh, Vinnie Jakes, Taylor Bird, Ella Cummins

Year 1 1st Carmen Young **2nd** Jacob Robinson
Commended Annabelle Riley, Lottie White, Harry Oliver, Callum Bond, Noel Wells, Ryan Hewitt, Sadie Doran, Chloe Boneham, Macie Hill, Jayden Dunsmuir, Connor Bird



Year 2 1st Joseph Boneham **2nd** Beth Buchan
Commended Isabella ?, Molly Lansdale
 Charlie Cumming, Max Blanchard, Adam Fowler
 Jessica Bell, Jake, Eve White, Caden, Zoe Ainge
Year 3 1st Jenny Goldsmith **2nd** Jessica Cheal
Commended Audrey Bailey, Jacob Smith, Tazmin
 Rattle, Amber Coverdale, Kallum Mulhall, Matilda
 Thompson, Leigh Richardson, Kaila Hoxah
Year 4 1st Becky Todd **2nd** Bryony ?
Commended Chloe Plunkett, Toby Lynn, Leah,
 Natasha Malkin, Lydia Smith, Tom, Bradley, Malachy
 Daniels, Carl Allitt, Harry Bedford, Lola ?
Year 5 1st Jaclyn Ingram, **2nd** Caleb Long
Commended Bethany Garbett, Callum Hill, Paul
 Barber, Dominic Mulgrew, Daniel Ingham, Ted Millar,
 Lily Barber, Zoe Blanchard, Edward Venables,
 Helena Grant, Leticia Martin
Year 6 1st Benjamin, **2nd** Daniel Compton
Commended James Camerson, Will Webb, Storm
 Fleming, Holly Buchan, Ophelia Alexander-Neal
 Graham, Emma Doran, Will Hurst, Nina ?, James Sykes

Best Dressed Spade Competition

1st Cathy Carver **2nd** Megan and Robert Radcliffe
3rd Emily Radcliffe

Children's Baking Competition

4 Meringues 1st Emily Goodchild **2nd** Phoebe Fallon
3rd Kea Haw
4 Choc Chip Brownies 1st Harry Trushell **2nd** Jenna
3rd Scarlett Newsham
A Vegetable Animal 1st Eleanor Stamp-Dod **2nd** Lotte
 Stamp-Dod
A Country Garden on a Plate 1st Phoebe Fallon
Flower Arrangement in a Decorated Jam Jar
1st and Best in Show Ben
2nd Phoebe Fallon **3rd** Jenny

Home Baking

6 Wholemeal Bread Rolls 1st
 ? **2nd** Kathy Carver **3rd** Sheila
 Roberts
1lb White Loaf of Bread 1st and
Best in Show Emily Radcliffe **2nd**
 Sheila Roberts **3rd** Will Taylor
4 Fruit Scones 1st Ginette Hawes
2nd Hannah White **3rd** Harry
 Porter
Quiche Lorraine 1st Elaine Riley
2nd Jill Stacey
Pineapple Upside Down Pudding
1st Glenda Preece, **2nd** Emma
 Downey **3rd** Elaine Riley

Fruit & Veg Competition

4 Potatoes 1st Victoria Beckett
2nd David Aves,
3rd Tony Doggett
4 Broad Beans 1st Paul Mulgrew **2nd** Glenda Preece
3rd Jean Peachy
4 Radishes 1st Samuel Stamp-Dod
4 Carrots 1st Victoria Beckett **2nd** Samuel Stamp-Dod
A basket of produce from my garden/allotment
1st Peach Winnington **2nd** Victoria Beckett
3rd Tony Doggett
4 Sticks of Rhubarb 1st Jenny Bradley
2nd Victoria Beckett
A Bowl Of Mixed Soft Fruit 1st Tony Doggett
2nd Paul Mulgrew

Flower Arranging

An arrangement entitled 'My Flag' 1st Hazel Thompson
2nd Elaine Riley
A Vase Of Flowers From My Garden 1st Glenda
 Preece **2nd** Eve Graham **3rd** Emily Radcliffe
Vase of Mixed Herbs 1st Jean Peachey **2nd** Emily
 Radcliffe
6 Stems of Sweet Peas 1st, 2nd & 3rd Adrian Leeson
Single Rose Stem 1st Ginette Hawes **2nd** Maureen
 Aves, **3rd** Jessica Haw
3 Pansies 1st Ray Graham **2nd** Jessica Haw

DOG SHOW

Best Puppy 12 months and under Nala
Best Veteran 7 years plus Jake
Best Crossbred Fynn
Best Pedigree Bentley
Best Short Coat Macy
Best Long/rough Coat Poppy
Best Rescue/re-homed Becky
Best Waggy Tail Henry
Loveliest Eyes Weasle
Mr & Miss Isleham Molly & Bobby
Best Trick Bobby
Pretty Bitch Cassy
Handsome Dog Chewie .
Best Local Dog (10 Miles Radius) Bobby
Dog Judge Would Like To Take Home Henry ■

'Idyllic' location for major feature film

Isleham proved to be the perfect location for the film 'Wreckers' earlier this summer, reports Mark Stevens



Above: Shooting 'Wreckers' – advancing along Sun Street having filmed a scene in the Post Office.

Left: A still from the film 'Wreckers': in The Griffin, left to right: Shaun Evans (Nick) on left, Claire Foy (Dawn) in middle and Benedict Cumberbatch (David).

Thanks to Guy Bettley-Cooke (above) and Dictynna Hood (left) for the photos.

Unless they were hermetically welded to their TV sets for Wimbledon, village residents will have witnessed the troop of lorries, actors and technicians in the centre of the village that fortnight. 'Idyllic' Isleham has been singled out by award-winning director Dictynna Hood as the backdrop to her new film which is due for release in the New Year.

Dictynna said that finding an appropriate setting had proven extremely frustrating, and she had visited numerous villages throughout southern England, but could not find the right atmosphere. 'Isleham is a working village; it is virtually self-sufficient and owns all the hallmarks of a genuine community. It is perfect'.

The film, which was three years in the writing, was shot against the backdrop of village features such as the Griffin pub, Priors Garage, the Priors itself, the Post Office and the surrounding countryside. About 35 technicians and

five central actors, as well as a number of local 'extras' completed the Isleham filming in ten days, with another 11 days filming in London and other locations. Shot in Super 16, the storyline is broadly described as a 'moody psychological love story'. Actors include Claire Foy (Little Dorrit), Benedict Cumberbatch (Atonement) and Shaun Evans (Telstar). Sightings of Johnny Depp proved, alas, to be unfounded (or at least unrelated).

Speaking to local residents I sensed not only the genuine excitement (and attendant gossip), but also a quiet sense of community pride, and that is how I wanted to record those two weeks.

Speaking to Dictynna last week, it seems that the film is attracting commercial interest. She also promises to make available DVD copies of the production that I know would be treasured by many. Watch this space... ■



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Parish Council News

The following are the abbreviated and incomplete versions of the IPC minutes for the May and June 2009 meetings. Any parishioner may request a copy of the full minutes from the IPC.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD TUESDAY MAY 5th 2009

Present Cllrs Beckett, Carter, Earl, Neal, Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Mrs Hobbs, Mrs R Thompson, Mrs Malkin, Mrs Broadway, the Clerk, one Parishioner

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Baines, Cllr Garbett, C Cllr Powely.

Cllr Beckett is elected as the Chairman of Isleham Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Carter is elected as Vice-Chairman of Isleham Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

- The Cemetery keeper is unable to cut the hedge along where the land has been sold. (Cemetery Matters)
- Two queries were raised about the grass cutting in the village; the verge by the Cemetery is not being cut properly and the grass is not being cut around the Astro-turf. (The Clerk will contact Truelink to discuss these issues.)

APPOINTMENTS

- **Village Hall Committee** Chairman: Cllr Mrs Malkin; Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Cllr Earl, Sid Cox, Glenda Preece.
- **Planning Committee** It was agreed that the whole council would remain on the planning committee, which will meet on the third Monday of the month subject to plans having been submitted to the Clerk.
- **New Community Centre Committee Representatives** Cllr Garbett, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs R Thompson, Cllr Beckett, Cllr Carter.
- **Recreation Ground Working Party** Leader: Cllr Beckett; Cllr Earl, Cllr Mrs Malkin.
- **Cemetery Working Party** Leader: Cllr Carter; Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs Malkin.
- **Wash Working Party** Leader: Cllr Beckett; Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs H Thompson.
- **Finance Working Party** Leader: Cllr Beckett; Cllr Carter, Cllr Baines, Cllr Garbett, Cllr Mrs Hobbs. All members of the Parish Council are welcome to attend the finance committee meetings if they so wish.
- **Allotment Working Party** Leader: Cllr Mrs R Thompson; Cllr Carter, Cllr Mrs Malkin, Cllr Earl.
- **Parish Plan** Cllr Mrs Wilkes, Cllr Mrs Thompson.
- **Policy Review Working Party** Leader: Cllr Baines; Cllr Garbett, Cllr Neal, Cllr Mrs Hobbs, Cllr Mrs R Thompson.
- **First Aider** Cllr Mrs Hobbs.
- **Child Protection Officer** Cllr Baines. Cllr Mrs Wilkes reported that she has attended 14 meetings over the last year as the Council Representative to the School Governors. On behalf of Council the Chairman offered his thanks to Cllr Mrs Wilkes for her commitment to this important work.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- Waiting restrictions on Maltings Lane
- Sign for Isleham Fresh Produce
- CCllr Broadway no longer eligible to stand for the CC elections as she is no longer resident in the county. Chairman offered thanks to CCllr Broadway for all her work on behalf of IPC.

ICA

- The plans for the community centre have been amended slightly to take into account planning regulations i.e. children's toilets; larger kitchen; kitchen changing room; first aid room. The pavilion area would be included in phase two of the project.
- Renewable energy: Government regulations require 10% energy by renewable sources. The most cost effective way of doing this for the centre would be a combination of solar panels and a wind turbine. It was proposed by Cllr Earl and seconded by Cllr Mrs Malkin that just solar panels be used for renewable energy.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- Mr R Sheldrick has been collecting the rubbish from the top of the recreation ground.
- A meeting of the recreation ground committee will be held during the next month with the clubs.

CEMETERY & CHURCHYARD MATTERS

- The Cemetery Keeper is unable to cut the hedge alongside the cemetery because of the fence erected by Bellway. The Council will contact Bellway to find a solution to the problem.

CORRESPONDENCE

- An e-mail has been received from Mr Challis about the waste collections in the village.
- A letter has been received from Mr and Mrs Barlow pertaining to traffic safety on the junction of Church Street and Sun Street. The Council will give due consideration to any safety measures proposed at this junction in the future.

HIGHWAYS/FOOTPATH MATTERS

- All Councillors were in favour of the proposal from the County Council re Maltings Lane waiting regulations; yellow lines will be put in from the school to the junction with Mill Street.
- The Council will contact the occupant of the property on Hall Barn Road to see if they would be willing to trim the trees overhanging the road.
- The Council will contact the Highways department about the trees growing behind the bus stop on Sun Street at the top of Waterside.
- The footpath from Little London Drove to Knaves Acre Drove has been sprayed and cut.
- Parking on Malting Lane at school times is still proving to be a problem with several 4x4s parking on the grass verges. The Council will write to the school asking them to write to parents asking them to be considerate of where they are parking. A notice will also be put in the Informer.
- Parking on Fordham Road and Mill Street on Saturdays is also dangerous and needs addressing. There is little

that can be done about this although obviously if a vehicle is causing an obstruction then it becomes a police matter.

WASH MATTERS

- The PC objection to the application for title to the area known as the Luggar Bank was accepted by the Land Registry. Further to this notification the application to change the title was withdrawn. Notice will be given to the angling club that they can re-instate their pegs along this piece of land. Thanks go to Mr Flatt and members of the Angling Society for their support in this matter.

PLANNING MATTERS

- An amendment to the application for 21 homes on the site at Beck Road has been received from Bellway Homes – no objection.
- Two storey extension at 9a Mill Street, Isleham for Mr and Mrs Darley has been approved.
- Single storey bedroom extension at 13a Station Road, Isleham for Mrs Davies has been approved.
- Conversion of barn to provide two residential dwellings. Conversion of Blacksmiths shop to provide covered parking at 36 East Road, Isleham for Mr and Mrs Brook has been approved.
- The appeal for Mr T Wells at 92 The Causeway, Isleham, has been dismissed.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2009

Present Cllrs Beckett, Earl, Carter, Neal, Baines, Mrs Wilkes, Mrs Malkin, two Parishioners

Apologies for absence Cllr Mrs H Thompson, Mrs R Thompson, Mrs Hobbs.

PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

- The grass needs cutting at the front of the village hall.
- Public waste bins are not being emptied on a regular basis.
- A parishioner has complained that the grave digger is waiting in the cemetery while the committal is taking place and would like to know if it is possible for the him to wait in Jubilee Close during the funeral.
- Mr Houghton thanked the council for the work to protect the Luggar Bank. The fishing club would like to have an invalid gate installed on the Little Wash by the slipway. Can the Council contact the Environment Agency?
- The latest police report was read to the Council.
- The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Panel is to be held on 1st July; the chairman encouraged as many members as possible to attend.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

- There are problems with the gents toilets; Mr Woollard will be asked to increase the flow of water.
- The sewerage problem has been resolved but a new manhole cover needs to be fitted at the front of the hall.
- The area around the outside of the hall needs to be weeded.

RECREATION GROUND MATTERS

- Recreation Ground Committee Meeting will need to be held the second week of July.
- Play Area does not look cared for; it was agreed that the Council employ someone for two hours per week to clean up the recreation ground/play area keeping it free from glass and debris. It was agreed that Mr Cox take on this job.
- The Council will contact ECDC about keeping the Priory tidy.
- The Council will look into having solid inserts put into the bins in the play area.
- New goal nets are needed for the Astro Turf.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Pound Lane Church have written about the parking situation in Pound Lane; they feel they are doing all they can to alleviate the problem.
- A reply to be sent to Lucie Farmer thanking her for telling us about her success at university and in finding a job. However, with regard to her forthcoming trip to Ghana, the Council do not feel they are able to commit parish funds to the project but encourage her to write to individual councillors for support.

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

- There was no report from the County Council
- The County Council Elections will take place on Thursday 4th June. There are 6 candidates for election.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

- Transport and Access – funding for Fenland Flier runs out August 2010. Sixth form colleges are being approached to see if they can help with funding. Write to Mr Paice about this problem and the need for transport in rural areas.
- The future of the Transport & Access group is to be considered as part of an attempt to cut down on meetings and to make them more effective.
- It was agreed that the Dial-a-Ride service be continued for a further 6 months using one bus only. This will be reviewed at the November meeting.
- The Council have been awarded a P3 grant of £300 for the year 2009-10 towards maintaining the village footpaths.
- A meeting of the Finance Committee will be arranged to discuss the procedures for using the capital from the sale of the cemetery land. Enquiries will be made about updating the software programme to cope with the extra funds and new bank account. The Council will also investigate the account facilities at Abbey in the light of current changes.
- It was agreed that the Council would not place a no parking sign on the grass verge at the junction of Croft Road and Maltings Lane.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Creation of 21 three and four bedroom houses, plus associated roads, paths, car parking, garages and public open space at land to North of 21 Beck Road, Isleham for Bellway Homes Essex – no objection.
- Raising roof of existing cottage by 250 mm and addition of 2 dormer windows; reproofing of 2 existing side

extensions with pitched roofs at 7 Coates Drove, Isleham for Mr Chris Tombes – no objection.

- Rear single storey extension to provide kitchen and conservatory at 5 Pound Lane for Mrs L Camplin.
- Demolition of existing summer house and construction of new summer house at Stone House, 18 Mill Street, Isleham for Ms Malfitano – no objection.
- Removal of existing temporary portakabin building and erection of new purpose built facility to form pre-school nursery at Isleham Pre-School 3a Malting Lane.
- The appeal for 1 Goodchilds Gardens, Isleham has been dismissed.
- Permission has been granted to fell a walnut tree at The Pits.

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY 22ND JUNE 2009

Present Cllrs Carter, Earl, Mrs H Thompson, Baines, Mrs Wilkes, Mrs H Thompson, Mrs R Thompson Mrs Hobbs, Mrs Malkin. 11 Parishioners, one member of the press.

Apologies CCllr Powley, Cllrs Neal, Beckett.

PARISHIONERS' QUESTION TIME

- Several points were raised regarding the planning approval for the land on Beck Road. These issues will be addressed by the next meeting.

VILLAGE HALL MATTERS

- Following the recent Village Hall Committee meeting it was decided that the urinals in the gents' toilets need to be replaced as a matter of urgency. After seeking

3 quotations it was agreed that the quote from Mr Woollard for the new urinals is approved and that Mr Billet is asked to carry out the remedial works.

ALLOTMENT MATTERS

- The Three Tree allotment needs to be maintained as it is getting overgrown
- The Council will notify tenants on the Dunstall Allotment that works need to be carried out immediately to clean up their plots, if they do not do so the council will order the works to be carried out and invoice the tenants. Two plots have been vacated and these need to be ploughed and kept clean for future tenants.

PLANNING MATTERS

- Creation of 21 no. three and four bedroom houses, plus associated roads, paths, car parking, garages and public open space at land to North of 21 Beck Road, Isleham for Bellway Homes Essex – no objection
- Proposed new conservatory to rear of existing bungalow at 3 Hall Barn Road, Isleham for Mrs Gould – no objection.
- Replacement windows to two storey Reception/Offices and single storey link passage at Isleham C of E Primary School, 3 Maltings Lane, Isleham – no objection.
- Change of use of part of agricultural land to commercial (Resubmission) at Chalk Farm, Temple Road, Isleham for SP Landscapes - noted. ■



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Our farmer friends Philip and Michelle Boon from Fordham and Peter Clark, Clark Farms, Isleham kindly came along again with their farm machinery to add to our display. Isleham Fresh Produce also gave up their Sunday afternoon to come along and speak to our visitors about their produce.

New to the Open Day this year was our Saddleback Pig Race, which was great fun to watch, and our Connemara Ponies were in the yard so people could see the mares and foals close up.

Alastair Burn guided groups of visitors to the main Wash to pond dip and hear about the Defra Environmental Stewardship Scheme the Washes are in and how we help protect this important area and encourage the wildlife.

When parents were able to entice their children off the toy farm machinery they were able to sit down (out of the rain) and try our home-grown produce of burgers and sausages from the BBQ (which were also available to purchase from our shop on the farm). Tea, coffee and squash was available and home-made cakes, which were very kindly baked and donated by our friends.

We had a few '50p a go' competitions and raised a total of £250 to go to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, the RSPB and LEAF (Linking Farming and the Environment – who organise Open Farm Sunday).

Competition winners:

John Paice won the 'Guess the Weight of the Pig' competition, the pig weighed 87.5 kg and Meg Graeme won the 'Guess of Weight of Billy the Bull' competition. Billy weighed 1120 kg.



Visitors go wild for the much awaited pig race



George Boon and friends admire the piglets



Charlie and Ella Cummins enjoying Thompsons burgers and sausages

A Duck Race was held again by the Isleham Community Association (ICA) on the River Lark which raised £264. This money will be added to

funds being raised for a new Community Centre in the Village. The winner was Maddie Parr who received £50.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE who gave up their weekend to help, we would not be able to achieve such a successful day without your help. Also, thank you to all the companies we work with who contributed prizes for the competitions and raffle.

Our claim to fame is an interview by Anglia TV and our Open Day was shown on Anglia News at 6.30pm that evening.

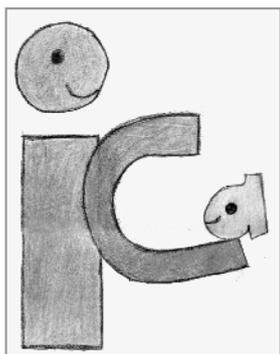
Date for Open Farm Sunday next year – 13th June 2010. We hope to see you all again next year!

The Thompson Family

Photographs courtesy of Vernon Place and Michelle Boon

ICA Community Centre News

First grant received



Good news on two fronts – we have applied for planning permission and also received our first grant.

As reported previously, to site the Centre in its optimum position the all-weather surface has to be relocated. Including the provision of a new surface, the cost of the relocation will be £50k+. WREN (a landfill company with a base

in Grunty Fen) provides grants of up to £50k for worthy causes that fulfil certain criteria. As their base is due to close we had to make a relatively hasty grant application, and I am delighted to report that they have awarded the full £50k – thank you WREN!

Patience and resolve are but two of the virtues necessary for this project. After a long consultation process we believe that, as far as the plans are concerned, we have got them right at last, and planning permission was finally sought on 22nd June. Hopefully you will have seen the plans on display on Gala Day. If not they are to appear shortly in what may be a special edition of the *Informer*.

Now that the plans have been submitted we can press ahead with the other grant applications; in fact

one other has already been made. Applications for the Sport England Rural Communities Fund had to be made by 30th June, but to be eligible one had to have applied for planning permission; our application was made with one whole day to spare! The outcome of the Stage 1 process should be known by mid-August.

In possession of the final plans (subject to any revisions resulting from our planning application), our Project Management Team (boosted by a few additional 'volunteers') are also getting busy. We now have estimates from our Quantity Surveyor of the likely maximum cost of the project and our team will look at these costs in detail in order to identify possible savings. For the remainder of the year, therefore, we will be trying to raise the maximum amount of money, with your help and that of our Fundraising team, whilst planning to complete the project at least cost.

Finally, we want to approach personally any individuals or organisations that you think may consider making particularly generous donations to the Centre. If you have suggestions of any such people please contact me by phone on 01638 780874 or email me faspland@sky.com. Rest assured we will then investigate in a diplomatic manner.

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Cattle-rustling

It seems there has been an increase in cattle rustling in and around the Kings Lynn area. I have spoken to Norfolk Constabulary who have confirmed that in May a number of farm animals were stolen. The thefts occurred between the hours of 9pm and 6am, and, due to the quantity and size of the cattle stolen, it is thought that large

machinery would have needed to be used to transport the livestock, which was ready to be slaughtered. I have been informed that without the right paperwork and passports, legitimate abattoirs will not process the animals, and that slaughter would then be illegal. We need your help! I am asking for your assistance in this matter by the following: do you know any one that is trying to sell large quantities of meat? Do you know anyone that has suddenly acquired a large number of live stock? Have you seen any cattle without ID ear tags? Have you seen suspicious vehicles or anyone acting suspiciously around farm lands and fields? If you can answer any of the above or have any other information please contact me or 0345 456 456 4 or Norfolk Police 0345 456 456 7. Please pass this information onto anyone you know that keeps live stock – spread the word!

Catflaps and letterboxes

Act now and avoid a cat-astrophe! Surely not that old trick: that died out years ago! I hear you say. Not so, it's very much alive and well and in the past few days we have seen a number of homes entered using cat flaps and letter boxes. How? Walking sticks, fishing rods, long arms, in fact anything that can be used, will be used to grab hold of those precious items we leave around our homes. What are they stealing? Handbags, phones, house keys, car keys, jewelry have all gone missing. Why break in when you can help yourself? If your keys are on display life is made even easier. Not only will they be able to open your door, they may well take your car from the drive, loading it up before they go! What can you do? Think like a burglar. Look through your letter boxes and animal flaps. What you can see they see they can see. What you can grasp they may take, and remember, if you can get in without forcing entry so can they. Also, let your neighbours know and report any suspicious activity straight away. Please don't make it easy for burglars. Take action today and help us all to stay safer.

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Isleham Cricket Club 2009 season report



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Now that we are half way through the 2009 season I thought it was a good time to update all of you on the current progress of the Cricket Club.

1st XI – CCA Junior Division 1A

Once again the first team are under the captaincy of Jason Sheldrick and so far have performed reasonably well. However, consistency has been the problem again this season; on our day we are capable of beating any team but we don't always live up to our promise. This can be seen by our league position of mid table. The league is very close though and moving into the second half of the season we are looking to improve our position. We have also attracted some new players to the team this season.

Statistics P 10; W 5; L 5; BP 33; PTS 133; AVE 13.3

2nd XI – CCA Junior Division 5A

Having lost every game in the 2008 season the reserve team have had a remarkable turnaround under the captaincy of Adrian Sheldrick. To date we have lost only two games and are currently sitting in third position in the league. If we can beat Haddenham or Little Thetford in the return games we should get promoted. The team has had a good balance of youth and experience with many of the under 14s playing regularly. Unfortunately we lost the semi-final of the Lower Junior Cup against Granta IV at the Recreation Ground on Sunday 26 July but we are grateful for your support on the day and have high hopes for next year!

Statistics P 8; W 6; L 2; BP 8; PTS 128; AVE 16

Under 14s – CYCA Under 14A

The under 14s have had a fantastic season so far this year. They have improved every year since we started the team as under 11s and are currently joint top of their league with Cambridge St Giles.

Statistics P 9; W 6; L 2; WCN 1; PTS 28

Under 12s – CYCA Under 12A

The under 12s have continued to improve this year and we have some very promising youngsters coming through. In fact several of the under 12s have appeared for the under 14s. They are currently sitting sixth in their league.

Statistics P 7; W 2; L 4; WCN 1; PTS 12

For the future

The youth section of the club has grown over the years and we currently have between 30 and 40 children training on the recreation ground on a Friday evening. Our aim is to have a further three qualified coaches in place for the 2010 season and we hope to see many new players next year. Please contact me if you are a young cricketer or parent interested in youth cricket.

Twenty20 Cup

On Saturday 5 September 2009 we have the showpiece Twenty20 tournament for the cricket club on the recreation ground. This will double up as our presentation day; there will be refreshments available and we are having a barbecue at the Rising Sun in the evening – we look forward to seeing you. We will also be having our grand draw that day to raise much needed funds for the club so please support us by buying some tickets.

If you currently play senior cricket for any team, or would like to start playing cricket, and would be interested in playing for Isleham either this season or next season please contact me.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all the unsung heroes of the club. Without these people the club would not continue to run and the time and effort you all put into the club is tremendous.

In no particular order: A Sheldrick, P Pearce, D Cant, P Aspland, J Sheldrick, R Sheldrick, L Sheldrick, S Goff, L Ellis, A Webber, M Kill, D Fitchett, G Cowling, R Diver, R Staward.

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Brownies	Annette May	01 638 780934	Thursdays	6-7.15pm	Village Hall
Busy Bees	Mel Jones	01 638 780902	Tuesdays	9.30-11.30am	Village Hall
Cubs	Angela Dann	01 638 781947	Tuesdays	6.30-8pm	Village Hall
Isleham Society	Vernon Place	01 638 780449	3rd Thursday	7.45pm	Village Hall
Line Dancing	Andrew Palmer	01354 696063	Mondays	7.45-10.15pm	Village Hall
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Ruth Bendall School of Dance	Ruth Bendall	01 638 780260	Wednesdays Saturdays	4.30pm 9am	Village Hall Village Hall
Tapestry	Pauline Wynne	01 638 780802	Tuesdays from 8th Sept	1.30-3.30pm	Village Hall
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W.I.	Glenda Preece	01 638 780734	2nd Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall

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This service is financially supported by Isleham Parish Council, who have agreed to continue funding for one bus. This will be reviewed in November.

Mobile Library

Stops alternate Thursdays. Next visits: 6th and 20th August, 3rd and 17th September. For more information phone 08450 455 225.

Stop

Arrive Depart

Church Street	10:25	12:05
Beck Road (near Malting Lane)	12:10	13:05
Mill Street (corner of Limestone Close)	14:15	16:00

Child Health Clinic

Soham Child and Family Team Child Health Clinic will be in Isleham Village Hall with the Tea & Toast group on the second and fourth Thursdays every month from 10–11am. For more information phone Naomi Greener on 01353 624411.

Useful phone numbers

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West Suffolk Hospital (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
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- Prescriptions & Dispensary	01353 624122
- Enquiries, Home Visits, Emergencies	01353 624123
Minor Treatment Centre, Ely	01353 652162
NHS Direct (for advice)	0845 4647
Electricity Emergencies	0800 7838838
Gas Emergencies	0800 371787
Water & Sewage Emergencies	0345 145145
Social Services - office hours	01733 561370
- out of hours emergency	01733 561370
Refuse Collection	01353 863864
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	Mildenhall 01638 712094
	Newmarket 01638 665999
District Councillor (Derrick Beckett)	01638 780476
Isleham Village Hall (Jeanette Malkin)	01638 780283
Parish Council (Diane Bayliss: Clerk)	01638 781687
Member of Parliament (Jim Paice)	01954 211450

Women's Institute

June/July 09 report



Our summer outing this year was on 11th June, when we visited Chilford Hall, home to one of the largest vineyards in East Anglia and one of the region's most respected wine producers. We had a tour of the buildings, which are used to hold a variety of events,

before being introduced to the wines made there, in a wine tasting session. We were told that Chilford Hall wine is characterised by clean flavour, fragrant nose, fruity body and good acidity. After the tastings, we had a meal that was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Eve Graham who organised the evening.

In July Nigel Cole the Area Fundraising Manager for Sue Ryder Care came to tell us about the work done in Sue Ryder Homes, both nationally and internationally. It was a very interesting talk on behalf of a very worthy charity.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 13th August at the Village Hall, when Rodney Tibbs will be speaking about 'Gardening Now and Then'.

If you would like to join the W.I. or simply come along to see what we are all about, you would be very welcome. The W.I. is a friendly group and we always welcome new members. We meet in the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month. Doors open at 7.30pm.

For further information contact Glenda Preece on 01638 780734, or email gjpreece@aol.com. ■

Charity cycle ride

Allan Ashley and Michael Kelly (pictured) did a 35 mile sponsored cycle ride on 17th May in aid of East Anglian Childrens Hospices. This is the seventh and eighth year respectively that they have done this; this year they have raised about £800 for this worthy charity. A big thank you to everyone who supported them. ■



ISLEHAM BOWLS CLUB

LICENSING ACT 2003 APPLICATION FOR A NEW PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for a new Premises Licence under the above mentioned legislation has been made by ISLEHAM BOWLS CLUB to East Cambridgeshire District Council in respect of premises known as ISLEHAM BOWLS CLUB which are situated at JUBILEE CLOSE, ISLEHAM, ELY, CAMBS, CB7 5RW. The details of the proposed licensable activities and times of operation are as follows: Provision of regulated entertainment & entertainment facilities for: Plays, Films, Indoor Sporting Events, Lawn Bowls, Boxing or Wrestling, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performance of Dance, Entertainment of a Similar description, Late night refreshments and sale of alcohol between the times of Monday to Sunday : 8:00 & 24:00 Christmas Eve : 8:00 & 1:00 New Years Eve : 8:00 & 1:00 All outdoor entertainment to have ended no later than 22:00. You may inspect the application at the offices of the Licensing Section, East Cambridgeshire District Council, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE during normal office hours (by appointment only). Any representative by interested parties or responsible authorities regarding the application must be made in writing to the Licensing Section, East Cambridgeshire District Council at the above address by 20th August 2009. It is an offence, liable to summary conviction to a fine up to level 5 (£5000) on the standard scale, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with the application.

After discussions with the new licensing officer of East Cambridgeshire District Council, Lyn Bagwell, it was suggested that we made some amendments to our first application. This is with a view of making our facilities more convenient to be used by the residents of the village. If anyone would like to discuss this further, please contact Rowland Wells (Vice-Chairman) on 01638 780191 ■

The Isleham Society

May/June 09 report

In May, John Drake MA, a former Chelsea Flower Show judge and an expert on aquilegias, gave an illustrated talk entitled 'Cambridgeshire Gardens'. He showed many pictures of gardens in our county, talked of their ownership, history and development, plus what their state is at present. A very knowledgeable and informative speaker who whetted our appetite to visit some of the gardens he showed us.

In June Betty Ashley, our programme organiser, arranged a coach visit to the USAF Base at RAF Lakenheath. We were given a tour of the Base before visiting the Fire Fighting unit, who demonstrated some of their capabilities, using some of their latest and impressive pieces of equipment. We went on to look at one of the aircraft in a hangar and were given the opportunity to climb a ladder to look in the cockpit and we were allowed to take photos of the outside of the plane; a member of the aircrew was present to answer the many questions we put to him. Throughout the tour we were ably hosted by a Staff Sergeant from the Public Affairs Department, he made our tour both interesting and informative.

Vernon Place, Chairman of the Isleham Society

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FOOD SERVED

Friday and Saturday 12 noon to 2pm
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Sunday Lunchtime Roast (advisable to book)

ENTERTAINMENT

AUGUST

Friday 7th: Winner Takes All Quiz
Friday 21st: Jacen & The Rocknavts
Friday 28th: Karaoke with Chas

SEPTEMBER

Friday 18th: Karaoke with Clive
Quiz TBA

Saturday 3rd October
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Letters to the Editor

From Geoffrey Dabrowa of 22 Beck Road, Isleham on behalf of Beck Road action group:

Dear Editor, May we, through the pages of the Informer, say thank you to all those who signed the petitions for a reduction in number of the now 'approved' plans for 21 three- and four-bedroom dwellings next to the cemetery in Beck Road. We only canvassed the area around the land: Beck Road, Jubilee Close, half of the Causeway and Festival Rd. Petitions were also in Pattersons, the Post Office, the hairdressers and the Garage. Of those residents who were in when we canvassed a very high percentage signed and would like to see the development scaled down. Almost 240 Isleham residents and business people plus a few from outside the village signed in a little over a week, we did not canvas the whole village. The plans do look "very nice" but after you study them, problems become apparent; two of the District Planning Officers agreed with us and voted against. We had a meeting with a solicitor and are collating information. We feel strongly that this development raises several issues, is crammed and not good for the village or the people who would live on the new development. Only through a judicial review can we ask the District Council Planning Officers to look again at the plans, the support of all the Petitioners would then hopefully help to support our claims. **Geoffrey Dabrowa**

From Ian A. Powys of 5 Church Lane - Isleham: thanks from 'beyond the grave'!

Dear Editor, You will – maybe - have heard that I dropped dead on 14th June! I did actually have a heart fibrillation as I was walking along a towpath on the Norfolk Broads, visiting my granddaughter, who has been living on a barge while at Norwich University. By great good fortune there were two paramedics on a nearby boat and – to cut a long story short – they kept me going until an ambulance and helicopter arrived.

I have spent the last three weeks in Norwich Hospital who seem proud of the fact that I have made an excellent recovery. The day before yesterday an ICD (Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator) was fitted and I'm now home with a load of pills and potions – must get one of those boxes with days of the week and am/pm to get the daily dose sorted out.

Thanks – to all who were informed – for your cards and good wishes. They worked! Like Her Majesty, I shall now celebrate two birthdays each year: 14th June now being my summer 'birthday'. **Ian A. Powys**

Someone would like to say 'Well done, Sid!'

Dear Editor, Sid (Cox) deserves to be congratulated on the superb way that he maintains the Parish cemeteries! **Anon**

Please send your letter to the Editor by email: ed@islehaminformer.org.uk or post: Ed Mayall, 32 East Road, Isleham ■

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Sunday Services: All are welcome to our Sunday services throughout the year.

Morning worship: 10.30am All ages are very welcome from the very young to the very old. The children have their own activities.

Evening fellowship: 6.30pm 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 10am 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 meets socially and has a lot of laughs!

Weekly Activities

Are you interested in how to stay active in later life?

We are running an exercise class for the more mature on Monday afternoons at 2pm at the Chapel. If you would like to know more then please contact Kathryn Kyte 01638 780652.

Our **Rendezvous** group – for the more mature amongst us – meets every Tuesday afternoon at 3pm. Around 60 to 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 12–2pm. An excellent meal for just £2.00 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.

Little Lambs is our parent/carer and toddler group which runs term time Fridays from 9.15–11.15am. Parents/carers can relax with a coffee while the children play. Each week we have a craft activity, juice time and end the morning with singing. All welcome!

- 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 on 01638 780652 or the church office.

- There are also lots of other midweek activities taking place, so whether it be on a Sunday or midweek we would love to see you. Why not come along or give us a call to find out more.

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He and his wife and family moved to Isleham in April 1965 when he became the minister of High Street Baptist Church. He was only taken on initially for 5 years as was the custom in those days, but God had different plans and he remained as the Church Leader until 1986 when he resigned from his role as Lead Elder in order to have input into Churches throughout East Anglia and beyond.

As a Church and as a Village, we are grateful for the part he has played in the life of our community. He has lived his life as a man of God both in word and action and many, many people are thankful for the help he has been to them.

In the Bible it says, "We give thanks for every remembrance of him." We most certainly do.

Remembered with love and affection.
Paul Claringbold.



strengthen marriages and includes teaching on significant topics such as the art of communication, resolving conflict and having fun together. Each couple's privacy is respected and there are no group discussions.

There are also lots of other midweek activities taking place so whether it be on a Sunday or midweek, we would love to see you. Why not come along or give us a call to find out more.

For more information about any of the events at High Street Church or general advice, call Jane or Sharon in the Church Office on 01638 780985 or Paul Hedger (Church leader) on 01638 721291 or go to www.highst.org.uk.

St Andrew's Parish Church

Regular Church services

Sundays The main service is now at 9.30am. Junior Church is in the Social Centre, and in church the third Sunday of each month for the family service.

Midweek services

Monday – Friday: 8.15am Fordham – Morning Prayer

Tuesday: 4.30pm Isleham – Evening Prayer at Limestone Close Community Centre

Wednesday: 4pm Snailwell – Evening Prayer; 5pm Chippenham – Holy Communion

Thursday: 4pm Kennett – Evening Prayer

Weekly activities

Tuesdays 9am to noon: Coffee Morning in Social Centre. Everyone welcome! 4.30pm: Short Evening Prayer service every Tuesday in the Limestone Close community room.

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

Fridays Choir practice 6.30pm: – all welcome. Contact Mark Liversidge Tel: 01638 781696. Bell ringing practice 7.30pm – beginners welcome! Contact Ruth Ogden, the Tower Captain, for more information: email ruth.ogden@islehamchurch.org.uk

Sundays@7

Our youth group meets once a month at the Old Vicarage in Isleham and we hope that many other young people will join us. Details from Rev. Kate (01638 723960) or Rev. Mike (01638 721616).

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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 a Lay Minister. Mike is available to all in the village for a listening ear, and for baptisms, weddings and funerals. Tel: 01638 721616, email: mike.banyard@threerivers.org.uk

The Rev'd 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. Tel: 01638 723960, email: kate.peacock@threerivers.org.uk Mike and Kate are assisted by the Rev'd Sandie Butler and Canon Tim Elbourne (Diocesan Director of Education).

The Rev'd Nigel Cooper

The Rev'd Nigel Cooper Chaplain at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, Nigel has been assisting in the Three Rivers Group, mainly at Isleham, but sometimes in the other churches too, since he and Bridget arrived here some years ago.

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 **Choirmaster** Mark Liversidge Tel: 01638 781696, email: mark.liversidge@islehamchurch.org.uk **Webmaster** Andrew Stephens Tel: 01638 781468/780229, email: andrew.stephens@islehamchurch.org.uk **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

Pound Lane Free Church

Pastor Dave Hall Tel: 01638 781343 or 780636, email pastor@plfc.org.uk **Elder** David Brown (01638 780410)

Every Sunday Sunday worship: 11.00am and 6.30pm Celebration of the Lord's Supper: first Sunday, following evening service, 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: 10–11.15am. Karl Yellop 01638 780637.

All Stars 8–11s (Year 4–6). 10–11.15am. John Martin 01638 781747.

Covies Year 7–early 20s: 9.30–10.30am. Steve Neale 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.

Weekly Activities

Monday Music Mayhem 1.45–2.45pm for pre-school children during term-time.

All Stars Fun Night 6.45–8.15pm

Wednesday: Fellowship: 2.15–3.15pm, Mrs Sandra Rampley 01353 624733. Church Night: 7.40–9pm

Thursday Coffee morning 10–11.30am

Covies Club Night: 7–9pm

Friday (fortnightly in members' homes): Women's Meeting 10.30–11.45am. For more information contact Sue Hall on 01638 780636.

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: phone 01638 781343 (Church Office) or 01638 780636 (Pastor's home), email pastor@plfc.org.uk or secretary@plfc.org.uk. Web site: www.plfc.org.uk ■

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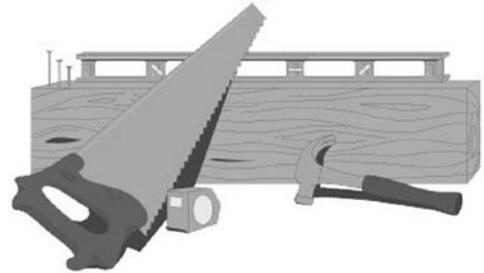
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